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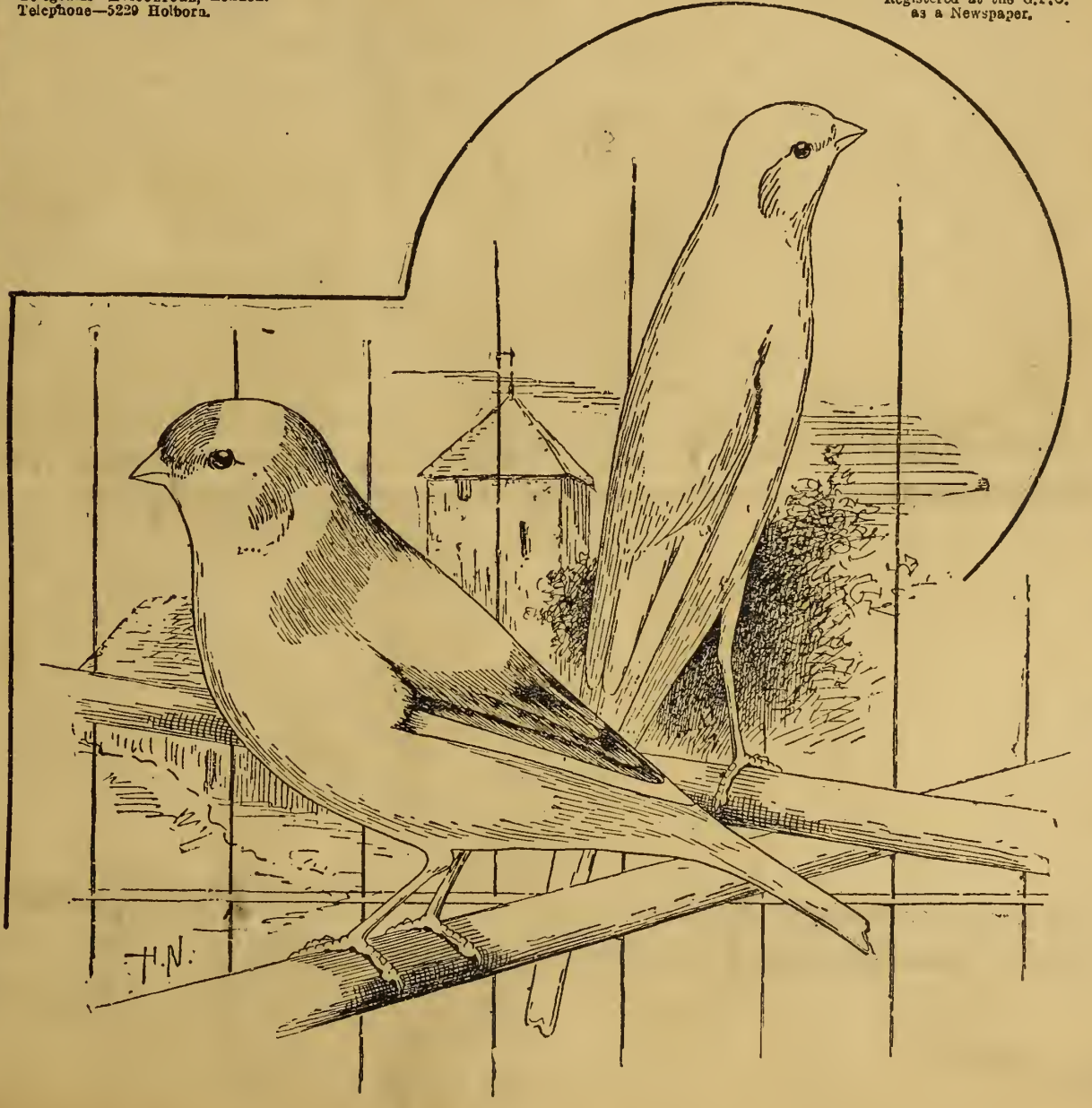
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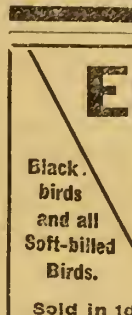
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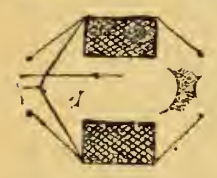
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CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Annual F.F. Show, held in City Cafe, on July 5th. Some of the birds were very promising, and altogether were a very good collection. Mr. James Dougall judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Borrie. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Forrest. CREST and C.B.: 1, 2, McDonald; 3, Blythe; spl for best in show, Forrest.—JAMES KERR, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

F.F. Show held July 10, at Bull's Head Hotel. There were about fifty entries. Mr. W. W. Speak gave every satisfaction as judge.

SECTION I.—CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Townsend; 4, Haigh; hc, c, Robertshaw. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Townsend; 4, vhc, Haigh; hc, c, Crossley Bros. SECTION II.—CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Stobart; 2, Lumb; vhc, hc, Wild; c, Willy. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, Lumb; 4, vhc, Radcliffe; hc, Willy; c, Greenwood.—A. E. MORTON, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Third Nest Feather Show held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, July 6th, when thirty-two young birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Shepherd. Yorkshire fanciers were present from Blaydon, Gateshead, Jarrow, and Wallsend.

CL.: 1, Hutler; 2, Davison; 3, vhc, Wigglesworth; 4, J. Curry; hc, Cockburn; c, Tomlinson. TICKS, ETC.: 1, c, Wigglesworth; 2, Crawhall; 3, Hutler; 4, Davison; vhc, hc, Cockburn. Next show July 28th, when Mr. Cockburn (Wallsend) will make his debut at judging. Now, fanciers, give him a tough job.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

BEDLINGTON STATION C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held at the Workmen's Club, Bedlington Station, July 10th. The classes were not large, but some grand birds were shown. Mr. Griffiths won special for best in show, with a graud buff ticked Nor. that will be heard of again. Mr. Dixon's yellow marked Border, and Mr. Douglas's buff were good birds, also Mr. Handcock's Yorkshire. Mr. H. Seely (of Seely Bros., Choppington) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Paxton. BUFF: 1, 2, Griffiths; 3, Scott. YELL. BORDER: 1, Dixon; 2, Douglas; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, Douglas; 2, 3, Dixon. A.O.V.: 1, Handcock; 2, 3, Griffiths.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First Feather Show held in the Trades Halls, Partick, 10th July. Although the season has not been a good one, there was a nice turn-out, entries numbering 77. The quality, too, was up to the average. Mr. John Ferguson (Glasgow) judged, and his awards were well received.

CRESTS (3): 1, spl., 2, 3, Griffiths. C.-B.: 1, 2, spl., 3, 4, Griffiths. PLAINHEADS CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl., Griffiths; 2, Miller; 3, Maccrobbie; 4, Kidd; vhc, Roy; hc, Sberriden; c, Henry. BUFF (15): 1, Maxwell; 2, Miller; 3, hc, Fairweather; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Henry; c, Maccrobbie. VAR. YELL. (4): 1, Maxwell; 2, Miller; 3, Muir; 4, Roy. BUFF (12): 1, 2, spl., Miller; 3, Griffitbs; 4, Henry; vhc, Webster; hc, Sherriden; c, Muir. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Henderson. BUFF (6): 1, Webster; 2, scpl., 4, Walker; 3, Henderson; vhc, Priest; hc, Fairweather. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, spl., c, Walker; 2, Miller; 3, Henderson; 4, Priest; vhc, Webster; hc, Fairweather. BUFF (2): 1, Miller; 2, Walker. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, 4, Maccrobbie; 2, Webster. BUFF (5): 1, spl., 3, Maccrobbie; 2, spl., hc, Webster; 4, Priest. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Hamilton; 3, Priest. Winners of point specials for mouthly and F.F. shows—Canary section: 1, A. Miller; 2, A. Walker; 3, G. Maccrobbie. Brit. Birds, etc: 1, D. F. Webster; 2, W. Priest; 3, G. Maccrobbie.—JOHN HENDERSON, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

First Feather Show held at the Scientific Society's Rooms, Fishergate, on July 10tb. Mr. A. Hirst judged and gave every satisfaction. Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor won tbe Society's cup for the champion section; Messrs. J. Nicholson and A. Williams tied for the novice cup. The Secretary, Mr. R. Taylor, deserves praise for his careful management of affairs.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, 4, Cleminson and Taylor; 3, vhc, Marsh; hc, Leeming Bros. BUFF (6): 1, Marsh; 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor; 4, vhc, Anderton; hc, Leeming Bros. NOR. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, Marsh. BUFF (4): 1, Leeming Bros.; 2, 4, Marsh; 3, Cleminson and Taylor. Classes 5 to 13 cancelled. MULE AND HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Walsh. GOLDFINCH (1): Curwen. LINNET (5): 1, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, vhc, Marsh; 3, Walsh; 4, Mapp. REDPOLL, ETC.: (2) 1, Mapp; 2, Atkinson and Taylor. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor; 3, vhc, Mapp; 4, Walsh. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Walsh. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Walsh. NOVICE SECTION—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Nickson; 2, Bannister; 3, Mapp; 4, Mrs. Knight; vhc, hc, Winders; c, Knowles. BUFF (14): 1, 2, A. Williams; 3, Knowles; 4, Bannister; vhc, hc, Nickson; c, Metcalf. YELL. VARIEG. (5): 1, Knowles; 2, Mapp; 3, 4, vhc, Anderton. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Mrs. Knight; 2, Moon; 3, Winders; vhc, Mapp; hc, Nickson. Classes 26 to 30 cancelled.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Held in Spencer Hall on July 10th. This first-feather show was the greatest success the Society has yet scored in its continued march of progress. The membership shows a well-sustained advance, and as things are going at present the only fear is lest the hall may not prove adequate to the requirements. The stewards—Messrs. Bush, Knight, and Hall—worked zealously and well, being assisted on Saturday by the chairman, Mr. Geo. Gardner, and everything was in apple-pie order at the appointed time for judging to commence (12 o'clock). There was some delay, however, owing to the non-arrival of the judge until between one and two o'clock, but catalogues were on sale by five o'clock. The capable hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Neal, is ever willing, and had the prize-money ready for the successful competitors before the close of the show. Mr. Knight, with his customary good taste, superintended the floral decorations, which added much to the effect of the show. During the evening the show was visited by a large number of fanciers, and the universal verdict was one of approval and congratulation. Mrs. Giddy had out a fine team, and won the £5 5s. points' cup with 137 points; Mr. W. Knight coming a good second with 112 points. Mrs. G. E. Weston showed a splendid team of British and Foreign birds, their condition and manner of staging eliciting admiration. This lady took special for best bird in the show, the valuable special presented by Mrs. Giddy for best bird shown by a lady, with a very attractive Yellow-winged Sugar Bird. Mr. W. Dewbury won Mr. Dickson's teapot for most points in Roller classes. In the Norwich sections, some birds of really good quality were shown, and this remark is applicable in an even more pronounced degree to the Yorksbires; while Crests and Borders were A1. Both Mr. Bush's splendid Greenfinch-Mule and Mr. Sparke's lovely Goldie-Mule were "snapped up" at the low catalogue figures of 15s. and 10s. respectively. They will be heard of again. We hear from the secretary that all things point to the show being a financial success. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION.—NORWICH OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Lovegroove and Lovegroove; 2, 3, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, spl, Lovegroove and Lovegroove; 2, spl, Daun; 3, Armstrong; hc, c, spl, Bell; vhc, spl, Sparke. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Lovegroove and Lovegroove. BUFF: 1, 2, Lovegroove and Lovegroove. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Simpson. MULES: 1, Sparke. MULES (OLD BIRDS): 1, spl, Sparke; 2, Dann; 3, Bell. AMATEUR.—NOR. CL. OR TKD. YEL.: 1, Neal. BUFF: f, spl, 2, spl, Pile; 3, Neal. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Pile. BUFF: 1, 2, Neal. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Pile. BORDERS: 1, spl, 2, Pile. ROLLERS: 1, 2, 3, Dickson. NOVICE.—NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, A. Knight; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, hc, Byne; c, spl, Mrs. Woods. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Martin; 3, Street; vhc, hc, Byne; c, Hyde. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Mrs. Woods. BUFF: 1, 2, Hyde; 3, Ward. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, c, W. Knight; 2, Winter; vhc, two spls, Bush; hc, Turner. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Knight; 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Ward; c, Miss Nickel. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2 spls, 3, Bush; 2, W. Knight; vhc, Wilson; hc, Turner; c, Winter. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, W. Knight; 3, Mrs. Giddy; hc, Milson; c, spl, Winter. CRESTS AND C.B.: 1, spl, 3, Penny; 2, vhc, Gill; hc, c, Ward. BORDER: 1, spl, 2, 3, vbc, hc, c, spl, Hall. MULES, ETC.: 1, spl, Bush; 2, vhc, Street; 3, Ward; hc, Hyde; c, Rawlinson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, 2, Milson; 3, vhc, hc, Dickinson; c, Ward. ROLLERS: 1, 2, 3, Dickson; vhc, Dewsbury. CHAMPION.—GOLDIE: 1, Mrs. Weston. LINNET: 1, spl, Mrs. Weston; 2, Simpson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Weston. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Mrs. Weston. FOR. FINCHES: 1, Mrs. Weston. A.O.V.: 1, spl best in show, spl best lady's exhibit, Mrs. Weston. AMATEUR. — GOLDIE: 1, spl, Street; 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Abrams; vhc, A. Knight; hc, c, spl, Mound. GREEN: 1, Street; 2, vhc, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Mound; hc, Ward. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Martin; vhc, Dewbury; hc, Mound. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Street; 2, c, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Mound; vhc, A. Knight; hc, Dewbury. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, spl, A. Knight. FOR.: 1, Mound. SELL.: 1, W. Knight; 2, Milson; 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, c, Dickson. SELL. FOR.: 1, Pile.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

The fourth annual F.F. Show was held in the club room at the Leeds Hotel, on July 1st, when 40 birds faced the judge, Mr. Marwood (Thornaby), who gave great satisfaction. Judging by the exhibits, the members have had a good breeding season.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Burton; 2, 3, Freeman; vhc, Walker; hc, c, Acbeson. BUFF: 1, Freeman; 2, 3, vhc, Grigg; 4, Ducas and Angel; hc, Walker; c, Acheson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Achcson. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Acheson. CREST or C.B.: 1, Freeman; 2, 3, Shepherd. A.O.V.: 1, Ducas and Angel. —J. W. LOWES, Sec.

PENDLEBURY, SWINTON & DIS. F.A

First show held July 3rd. It proved in every way a success. Mr. Hopkins (Bolton) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL., YOUNG: 1, spl, Holt; 2, Gibson; 3, Fish; 4, Lloyd. BUFF: 1, 4, Fish; 2, Lloyd; 3, Holt; 5, Gibson. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL., YOUNG: 1, spl, Howard. BUFF: 1, Howard; 2, Donnelly. A.O.V., YOUNG: 1, Clayton; 2, Howard. LANCS. COPPY ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Donnelly. YORKS., OLD, YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, 2, Fish; 3, Gibson. BUFF: 1, Fish. NOR. YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, Donnelly. BUFF: 1, Lloyd. NOVICE YORKS. CL. ETC.: 1, spl, Holt; 2, Seddon; 3, Gibson. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Howard; 2, Wallwork; 3, Holt. MULE: 1, Fish; 2, 4, Wallwork; 3, Clayton. BRIT.: 1, Fish; 2, 4, Lloyd; 3, Clayton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Donnelly; 2, Collier; 3, Fisb.—ALEX. DONNELLY, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Second members' Show at the Railway Hotel. Mr. W. Richmond judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Oddy; 3, hc, Bottomley; 4, c, Padgett; vhc, Hiles. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, Oddy; 4, Hiles; vhc, Padgett; hc, S. Elsegood; c, Shoesmith. CLASS 3: 1, Oddy; 2, Hiles; 3, Shoesmitb. CLASS 4: 1, Langford; 2, Padgett. CLASS 5: 1, Langford; 2, vhc, Swaine; 3, 4, Parker. CLASS 6: 1, Padgett; 2, c, Bottomley; 3, hc, Elsegood; 4, vhc, Child. CLASS 8: 1, Craven. NOVICE, CLASS 9: 1, Taylor; 2, Danby; 3, Stubbs; 4, Kitson; vhc, Greenough; hc, Webster. CLASS 10: 1, Taylor; 2, Danby; 3, 4, Studds; vhc, Greenough; hc Webster; c, Kitson. CLASS 11: 1, 3, Danby; 2, Studds; 4, Taylor; vhc, c, Pryah; hc, Kitson. CLASS 12: 1, 3, Pryah; 2, 4, Marshall. Class 13: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Kitson.—A. BOTTOMLEY, Sec.

CATERHAM.

Held on July 7th at Caterham Valley. Several of the members of this old-established society are determined to increase the popularity and increase the status of the cage bird section. The task is an uphill one, but Mr. A. J. Kilby, son of the hon. secretary, is taking the lead, and eventually success will crown his efforts. On this occasion there was an improvement—decidedly in the matter of quality if not of numbers—over the show last year. Mr. A. J. Kilby staged a splendid team of Norwich. He won special for best in show with a very sweet yellow. Mr. J. Gorringe, who has taken up Borders in earnest, put down a very nice team, ono or two of the birds being very typical, of lovely feather, and easy and jaunty in carriage. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and spoke a few words on the Border Fancies after judging.

NOR. (6): 1, spl best in show, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, A. J. Kilby. BORD. (3): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. Gorringe. BRIT.: 1, J. Gorringe.

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WINDSOR AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

First Feather Show held at "Star and Garter" on July 8th, when a very fair number of young birds were staged. Mr. H. Burfoot (Eton Wick) acted as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, 3, Hutson; 2, Wilkins. BUFF: 1, 2, Simms, jun.; 3, Baldwin. YELL. NOR.: 1, c, Griffin; 2, 3, Kearsley. BUFF: 1, 3, Kearsley; 2, Griffin. LINNET: 1, Hutson; 2, 3, Collyer.—A. P. ROBINSON, Sec.

FORFAR AND DISTRICT C.B.I.S.

F.F. Show held on July 3rd, in a room kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. J. Bowman. The entries were far below last year's in number owing to the bad season. Mr. J. Byars (Brechin) judged Norwich, Mr. W. Grewar Borders and British. Messrs. J. Grewar and W. Grewar were the winners in Norwich; Messrs. J. Campbell, P. Falconer, and C. Kennedy in Borders; Mr. J. Fyfe in Mules; and Messrs. J. Laird and J. Fyfe in British.—W. GREWAR, Sec.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The first of the year's nest feather shows was held on July 7th at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough-place. Entries numbered 21, and some nice quality birds were staged, competition being very keen. Mr. H. Frost won special for best in show. Mr. W. Swaysland placed the cards, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Frost; 3, Roast. YORKS.: 1, Dandridge; 2, Rodgers; 3, Pearson. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, Gravett; 3, Dean. A.O.V.: 1, Absalom; 2, 3, Riddles.—A. RIDDLES, Assist.-Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Second of three young bird shows held on July 10th. Entries were not numerous, being about same as the previous show. Borders fell off considerably, and Mr. A. Walker, after his great success at the previous show, had on this occasion the class to himself. British made a fine show, the winning Linnet of Mr. A. Walker's being much admired. Mr. Waters won the Mule class with a splendid dark Linnet-Canary. Yorkshires came up very well, the number being slightly in excess of that at the previous show. No commendation cards are given at these shows, only the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birds being awarded prizes. Mr. J. T. Clark (Sunderland) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, J. M. Walker. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, A. Walker. LIZARD: 1, 2, Jeffreys. BRIT.: 1, A. Walker; 2, 3, Waters. MULES: 1, 2, Waters; 3, A. Walker.—W. REID, Sec.

NORWICH AMATEUR C.B.A.

Fourteenth annual First Feather Show held at Boar's Head, Norwich, on June 26th, when 229 exhibits, about the same number as last year, were brought under the notice of the judges, Messrs. A. Woollard and R. J. Mackley. This was a much larger number than was anticipated in consequence of the very fickle weather breeders have had to contend with, and promises well for the annual show in October. The champion prize for best Plainbead was taken by F. Harcourt, and the champion for Crests by W. Thompson. Mr. E. Fox was again responsible for the secretarial duties.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Harl; 2, Hardingham; 3, vhc, Baker; 4, Laccohec; hc, Freeman; c, Alden. BUFF: 1, Laccohee; 2, hc, Whitmore; 3, Pell; 4, Perowne; vhc, Page; c, Alden. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Cutmore; 2, Vines; 3, Harl; 4, Miles; vhc, Killingback. TKD. YELL.: 1, Harcourt; 2, Freeman; 3, Harl; 4, Alden; vhc, Page; hc, Perowne; c, Cutmore. BUFF: 1, 3, Harl; 2, Harcourt; 4, Laccohee; vhc, Woodcock; hc, Hall; c, Turner. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Selom; 2, Schulen; 3, Thompson; 4, Durrant; vhc, Freeman; hc, Gidney; c, Perowne. BUFF: 1, Page; 2, Schulen; 3, Whitmore; 4, Edwards; vhc, Freeman; hc, Chaloner; c, Vines. TWO PLAINHEADS: 1, Page; 2, Howard; 3, hc, Harl; 4, Gibbs; vhc, Able; c, Laccohee. YELL. CREST: 1, 2, Wbitlock; 3, Baker; 4, Potter. BUFF CL. CREST: 1, Pauling; 2, Carlton; 3, Whitlock; 4, Philpott; vhc, Dunham; hc, Gidney; c, Pell. VARIEG. CREST BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, Carlton; 3, Howard; 4, Able; vhc, Pauling; hc, Potter; c, Philpott. C.-B. YELL.: 1, Thompson; 2, Baker; 3, Potter. BUFF: 1, W. Thompson; 2, Durrant; 3, Carlton; 4, Whitlock; vhc, Pauling; hc, Chaloner; c, Philpott. TWO CRESTS: 1, Durrant. A.O.V. CAN. (Mules included): 1, vhc, Smith; 2, hc, c, Chaloner; 3, 4, Widdows. SELL.: 1, vhc, Skipper; 2, Eagleton; 3, Ebbage; 4, Paternoster; hc, Howard; c, Able.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Despite the many ups and down experienced recently by the society "Forward!" would appear to be its motto. On July 1st it held a most successful Young Bird Show at the Peckham Public Hall, this being the sixth of the series. If the entries were not quite so strong numerically as in previous years, this was amply atoned for by the high-class quality of the specimens shown. The hall is an ideal one for tbe purpose, and the birds were well set out on the society's splendid, up-to-date staging. Mr. W. Hodson, the ever-courteous hon. secretary, is a past master in the art of conducting a show, and he was ably assisted by an excellent committee in Messrs. A. Jay (assistant secretary), F. Cole, E. S. Lugg, H. W. Tomsett, Jno. Cranfield, A. Goodwin, W. B. Cracknell, S. H. Stephens, Allan Cunningham, J. W. Norris, L. J. Richardson, and F. Johnson. Mr. J. Robson (in the absence, through illness, of Mr. Crisp) judged Canaries, whilst Mr. Maxwell placed the awards in the British and Foreign bird sections. Many well-known fanciers visited the show, among whom we noticed Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Thyne, Mr. and Mrs. Tomsett, Mrs. Kearney, Messrs. "Bob" Pretty, F. S. Matthes, J. Perkins, H. Welch, C. W. Mabey, F. W. Hamer, C. Botting, H. S. Graham, John B. Waterman, and H. Waterman. The society's gold medallion for best bird in show was won by Messrs. Lee and Kearney. Other specials were secured by Messrs. L. J. Richardson, F. W. Baker, John B. Waterman, F. Cole, F. Putner, H. S. Graham, C. Botting, and J. Holloway. At the close Mr. E. S. Lugg, in a neat speech, thanked the exhibitors for their support, and a vote of thanks to the judges was unanimously accorded.

CHAMP. NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Lee and Kearney; 4, Baker. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Lee and Kearney. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, B. Waterman; 2, Baker. MKD., ETC.: 1, Baker; 2, J. B. Waterman. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, Johnson. CHAMP. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, F. Cole; 2, hc, Welch; 4, Jay; vhc, c, Mrs. Litchfield. NOVICE: NOR. MKD., ETC., or VARIEG.: 1, A. R. Jay; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, 4, F. Cole; vhc, Tomsett; hc, Hamer; c, Bowman. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, Putner; 2, Perkins; 3, hc, Holloway; 4, vhc, Howard. MKD., ETC.: 1, Putner; 2, H. Welch; 3, vhc, Holloway; 4, hc, Goodwin; c, Perkins. CREST: 1, Mrs. Litchfield. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Cunningham. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hamer; 2, Howard. GOLDFINCH: 1, Graham; 2, Richardson. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Jay. LINNET: 1, Botting; 2, Grahame. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, Botting. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Grahame; 2, Botting. SEED-EATING: 1, Botting. FOR.: 1, 2, Lugg. SELL.: 1, Richardson.

MIDDLETON O.S.

Tenth annual young bird show held July 10th in the Assembly Rooms adjoining "Old Boar's Head," Long-street. The entries were not quite up to expectation in number, but in quality they were good, especially the Lancashires. Mr. Adams took special for best bird in show with a tkd. yell. Plainhead; also most points for cup. Mr. Hardy (Oldham) officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

LANCS. COPPY: 1, 4, Adams; 2, 3, 6, Taylor; 5, Oldham. PLAINHEAD: 1, 3, 4, 5, Adams; 2, Oldham. LIZ., GOLD: 1, Taylor. SILVER: 1, 2, Taylor. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Wagstaff. BUFF: 1, Banks; 2, 3, Wagstaff. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Banks; 3, 4, Wagstaff. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wagstaff. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Banks. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Craighill. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Craighill. BRIT.: 1, 3, Craighill; 2, 4, 5, Wagstaff. £1 SELL.: 1, 3, 4, 5, Craighill; 2, 6, Whipp.—JOS. OLDHAM, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH ALL-ENGLAND C.B.A.

Second annual F.F. Show, held July 10th at the Fanciers' Hall, Pitt-street, and attracted an entry of 150 cages, against 130 last year, the increase being mainly in the Plainhead classes. The judges were Messrs. W. W. Freestone and E. P. Gilbert, and they had brought under their notice a wonderful show of young stock. The Norwich classes were extremely well filled, and contained many specimens of good size, stamina, and feather. Mr. R. Roll, the secretary, had everything well in hand.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Stark; 2, Bales; 4, Brundell; vhc, Daynes; hc, c, Baker. BUFF: 1, Sewell; 2, Revell; 3, Baker; 4, Pattingale; vhc, hc, Lacohee; c, Daynes. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, Page; 2, c, Freeman; 3, Sewell; 4, Bales; vhc, Pattingale; hc, Revell. BUFF: 1, vhc, Sewell; 2, Stark; 3, Eagleton; 4, Page; hc, Miles; c, Pattingale. YELL. CREST: 1, Whitlock; 2, Baker. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Carlton; 2, hc, Whitlock; vhc, Pauling. YELL. C.B.: 1, Cutmore; 2, Baker. Buff: 1, Pauling; 2, Whitlock; 3, 4, vhc, Carlton. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Cutmore; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Cooper; hc, Daynes. SELL.: 1, 4, Carlton; 2, c, Alpe; 3, Baker; vhc, Stark; hc, Smith.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

The 33rd annual First Feather Show was held on June 26th, in the Parish Church Schools, in a splendid room well lighted, free from draughts, with good facilities for judging. The entries numbered close upon 90, and it is gratifying to know the growth this society is making. There was a record attendance for a first feather show, and as the Secretary (Mr. H. Smith) informed us, this is largely due to the never-tiring efforts of the members. Some very promising youngsters were exhibited both in Lancasbires, Yorkshires, Norwich, and Crests. Messrs. Harrison and Raynor took tbe cup for the next 12 months, with a nice team of Norwich. The three prizes given for most points in show were won by Messrs. F. Fish, Harrison and Raynor, and Smith and Sellars. Special for best bird in show was won by Messrs. Smith and Sellars. The Rev. R. P. Hudson (Bury) judged and gave general satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY: 1, Crossley; 2, Fish. BUFF: 1, Woodhead; 2, Hardy; 3, Fish. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H.: 1, Hardy; 2, Fish; 3, Woodhead. BUFF: 1, Fish; 2, Hollows and Son; 3, Hardy. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Fish; 3, Crossley. BUFF: 1, Webster; 2, Smith and Sellars; 3, Harrison and Raynor. TKD. YELL.: 1, Crossley; 2, Harrison and Raynor. BUFF: 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Harrison and Raynor; 3, Mayers. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Harrison and Raynor; 2, Brooks; 3, Smith and Sellars. BUFF: 1, Harrison and Raynor; 2, 3, Brooks. TKD. YELL: 1, Brooks; 2, Harrison and Raynor; 3, Smith and Sellars. BUFF: 1, Harrison and Raynor; 2, Mayers; 3, Smith and Sellars. VARIETY: 1, 2, 3, Hardy. 12s. 6d. SELL: 1, Fish; 2, Mayers; 3, Smith and Sellars. 7s. 6d.: 1, Fish; 2, Crossley; 3, Mayers. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, 2, Hollows and Son; 3, Webster.

SITTINGBOURNE.

Open only to Kent, and being a two days' show (held in a tent), this fixture, which took place in connection with the show of the East Kent A.S., on July 7th and 8th, drew a very fair entry. The birds were nicely staged and well looked after by the stewards, Messrs. Whatford, Chandler and Attwood, whilst Messrs. Coupland and Arnold, the hon. secs., were most attentive and courteous in the discharge of their duties. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CL. (7): 1, hc, Taylor, grand quality buff, capital shape and colour; 2, r, members' spl, Whatford, bouncing yell., rare shape and colour, had damaged flights and tail or would have won; 3, Patterson, another shapely buff, grand quality, but very wild; vhc, c, Attwood. TKD. (4): 1, Patterson, varieg. buff, as tight as wax, nice colour and shape; 2, Taylor, thigh tkd. buff, good shape and colour; 3, r, Attwood, wing mkd. yell., good type and feather, promising youngster. CREST, ETC. (5): 1, Hood, varieg. Crest, fair amount of headgear, nice droop and quality; 2, 3, r, vhc, Millen, stout-headed, well-feathered C.B., and a neat wing mkd. young Crest. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, r, Millen, natural colour Silver Liz., nice shape and size, and a trio of varieg. Borders. MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, very handsome wing mkd. yell. Can.-Goldfinch, rare shape, colour and feather, very stylish, very fine five-pointed buff, grand shape of feather, and a real red-hot dark jonque, full of quality, rare style; r, second members' spl, Monday, another nice dark Goldie-Can. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Patterson, nice bright face, well cut, capital body colour and feather; 2, Monday, nicely mkd., good feather; 3, Whatford; r, Monday, two useful looking black-legged birds, all Goldfinches. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, Whatford, rich-coloured, well-spangled Brambe, grandly feathered, shows well; 2, vbc, Attwood, very steady, rich coloured, close feathered Chaffinch; 3, Neale, best Chaffinch as far as colour and markings are concerned, but would not show himself; 2, Millen. LINNET (5): 1, 2, r, vhc, Millen, a nice team of good-coloured, well-marked birds, the leader the best in size, shape and steadiness; 3, Whatford, capital colour and marking. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, r, Goodhew, nice team of Budgerigars, good in colour and marking, two cocks and two hens.

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CROOK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Adult and Nest Feather Show, held on July 10th, at Royal Oak. The entries only came up moderately, owing to an unsuccessful breeding season. Messrs. Siddle and Dawson judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. ADULT: 1, Rutherford; 2, Bright; 3, Crowther; 4, Clough. NEST FEATHER: 1, Clough; 2, 3, 4, Rutherford. YORKS. ADULT: 1, 2, 3, Bright. NEST FEATHER: 1, 2, Bright. CREST OR C.B. ADULT: 1, Clough. LINNET BRIT.: 1, Rutherford; 2, Clough. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Rutherford. CAGE BIRD, A.O.V.: 1, Winter; 2, Rutherford; 3, Clough. CAN. NOVICE, ADULT: 1, Crowther; 2, Clough. NEST FEATHER: 1, Clough; 2, Crowther. —WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

F.F. Show held July 3rd at Robin Hood Hotel, Yeadon. Some good birds were staged. Mr. H. Laughey won special for best bird in show; Mr. H. Hardaker for second best. Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Laughey; vhc, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, Laughey; 2, Bolton; 3, he, Long; vhc, c, Wheatley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Laughey; 3, vhc, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, 2, Wheatley; 3, Bolton. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Bolton; 2, Hardaker; 3, vhc, Wheatley. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Long; vhc, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, Wheatley; 2, Hardaker. FOUL MKD.: 1, Bolton; 2, Laughey; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Wheatley.—H. HARDAKER, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.F.A.

Annual F.F. Show held on July 3rd at Lello's. Mr. J. T. Greenwood judged. Mr. S. B. King won the cup, and Mr. S. H. Jeffreys was runner-up.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, cup, S. B. King; 2, S. H. Jeffreys; 3, vhc, Simpson and Son; vhc, Simpson and Son; hc, c, W. E. King. BUFF: 1, 2, E. King; 3, c, Simpson and Son; vhc, S. B. King; hc, W. E. King. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, S. H. Jeffreys; 2, vhc, S. B. King; 3, W. E. King. BUFF: 1, S. H. Jeffreys; 2, Roberts. CINN. MKD.: 1, E. King; 2, W. E. King. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Simpson and Son. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Roberts; 2, S. H. Jeffreys. SELL. (10/-): 1, E. King. BRIT.: 1, 2, Spencer; 3, Parrett; vhc, Barnes; hc, Bowe; c, S. B. King.—WM. SIMPSON, Sec.

DIPTON C.B.S.

Second show of young cage birds held in the Co-operative Hall on July 3rd. There was a good entry, and the exhibition was well attended.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, J. Williams; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Gowland and Crosby. BUFF: 1, 3, Stubbs; 2, Williams; vhc, Smith. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Forster; vhc, Turnbull. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Collins; vhc, Slater. CREST: 1, Turnhull. C.B.: 1, Turnbull. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, vhc, Snell. BUFF: 1, 3, J. H. Elliott; 2, vhc, Snell. CINN.: 1, 2, Smith. MULE: 1, Snaith. BRIT., LINNET: 1, Humphrey; 2, vhc, Snell; 3, Piper. BULLFINCH: 1, Boyd; 2, Turnbull; 3, W. Elliott. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gowland and Crosby; 2, W. Elliott; 3, Boyd; vhc, Snaith. HARDBILL: 1, Boyd; 2, Gowland and Crosby; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Slater. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Boyd; 2, vhc, Slater. FOR.: 1, vhc, Piper; 2, W. Elliott; 3, Williams. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, McGurk; 3, Smith.—M. MASON, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Annual F.F. Show, held in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, on July 3rd. The entries were very far down, as most of the members have had a poor season so far. The quality was fairly good, and some of the birds will be heard of again. Mr. G. McPhail judged all classes, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CREST: 1, spl, McFarlane. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Rennie; 2, 3, Hutcheson; 4, Gentles. BUFF: 1, Hunter; 2, spl, Rennie; 3, 4, McGregor; 5, Hutcheson; c, McFarlane. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Hunter; 2, McGregor; 3, Hutcheson; 4, Gentles. BUFF: 1, Gentles; 2, 4, Rennie; 3, Hutcheson. YELL. BORD.: 1, 3, Hutcheson; 2, 4, Lappin. BUFF: 1, spl, Lappin; 2, 3, 4, Hutcheson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Lappin. BUFF: 1, Lappin. GREEN or Cinn.: 1, 2, spl, Lappin. Medal for most points, and spl for most entries were won by J. Lappin.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

WEST BROMWICH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second annual Nest Feather Show held at headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel. The classification consisted of 21 classes, two being added for novices, but not a single entry turned up in those two classes. Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton) judged the Norwich and British, and Mr. Paddock (Birmingham) the Yorkshire classes, both gentlemen giving the best of satisfaction. There were 43 entries; also four honorary exhibits shown by Mr. Green—a Cockatoo, two pairs of Mannikins, and a pair of Green Singing Finches, which were very attractive. The patronage was not as good as in former years.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl (2/6) given by Mr. Cooper for best cl. (young) yell. Nor., Collier, grand bird, short flights and tail, good head; 2, vhc, Carter, another very fine bird, in grand condition; 3, Beck, lovely-headed bird, fine substance. BUFF (16): 1, two spls, Collier, 5/- for best young bird (given by Mr. Beck), and cage for best young Nor. (given by Mr. Green), splendid bird, good quality and condition, well packed tail; 2, Key, wonderful substance, grand bird; 3, vhc, Carter, fine body; hc, Beck; c, Cooper. TKD. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Cooper, 1st tkd. on rump, splendid head and flights, good quality, wins easily; 2nd, neck mkd.; 3, Capewell, mkd. both eyes. BUFF (2): 1, Collier, wing and eye mkd., grand type, wonderful head and flights, one of the most typical in show; 2, Andrews, foul mkd. cinn. CREST (1): 1, spl, Carter, silver medal for best Crest or C.B. 1909 (given by Mr. Viles), wing mkd. D.C. CINN. (1): 1, spl, Collier, cage for best young cinn. (given by Mr. Green), large bird. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Beck, winner good length, splendid position; 2nd, grand position and quality, been plucked or might have won; 3, Green, on the young side, best bird in class for quality; vhc, Green. BUFF (1): 1, two spls, Collier, 2/6 for best young Yorks. (given by Mr. Carter), also 2/6 for second best young bird (given by Mr. Andrews), typical youngster, nice head and neck, good piped tail, splendid quality. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Beck, 1st nice typical bird, very good quality, splendid head and neck; 2nd, cap mkd., will be heard of again; 3, Collier, wing and head mkd. BUFF (1): Beck, nice quality, good position. MULES (1): 1, Capewell, dark Greenfinch Can., nice bird. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, Key, grand Bullie, good cap and colour, liked by all; 2, 3, Capewell, 2nd Yellowhammer, nice markings, shown well; 3rd, another Bullie, very large; vhc, Viles; hc, Green; c, Andrews; three Goldfinches. NOVICE NOR. (2): 1, spl, 2, Jennings, 2/6 for best bird shown by a novice (given by Mr. Collier). SELL. (£1) (3): 1, Viles; 2, 3, Green. GIFT (5): 1, Beck; 2, Cooper; 3, Andrews; vhc, Carter; hc, Russell.—DUFFIELD AND JENNINGS, Hon. Secs.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual F.F. Show, held on July 10th, at headquarters, "Blacksmith's Arms," Viaduct-street. There was a capital attendance, and everything passed off splendidly. Taking into consideration the moderate breeding season experienced, and the fact that this was the first venture of the society, there was a fair number of entries, 65 birds being staged. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Belton won first in a class of 20, and Mr. Robinson first in a class of 10. The latter also won a handsome flower vase given by the President for most entries. One great attraction was Mr. Hudson's Nightingale, shown in the pink of condition.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (1): Stirrup. BUFF (1): Stirrup. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Stirrup. NOR. CL. YELL. (1): Coulson. BUFF (1): Coulson. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Coulson; 3, 4, Spencer. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hudson; 2, Parker; 3, Fryer; 4, Simpson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 4, Parker; 3, Fryer. SOFTBILL: Hudson. FOR.: 1, Mitchell. NOVICE — YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Valentine. BUFF: 1, Simpson; 2, 3, Valentine. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Valentine; 4, Banks. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Annison. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Belton. TKD., ETC.: 1, Belton; 2, 3, 4, Robinson.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD AND DISTRICT F.A.

Annual Nest Feather Show held July 10th in the Co-operative Hall, Catherine-street. The hall is an ideal one for a show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The secretary, Mr. J. Richardson, assisted by Mr. Morton, had everything well in hand in good time, and there was a capital entry of over 100. The Yorkshires mustered strongly, and there were some very promising exhibits. Norwich and British did not turn up so well as usual. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Corbett, long, racy, good quality; 2, Morton, well drawn, nice quality; 3, vhc, Joynson; hc, Goode; c, Miller. BUFF (11): 1, Porter, well drawn, lovely quality and position; 2, Joynson, another good bird; 3, Morton, nice quality; vhc, hc, H. T. Hawkes; c, Joynson. TICK YELL. (11): 1, 2, Jones, long racy pair; 3, vhc, Morton, ciun. marked, good quality; hc, Corbett; c, Joynson. BUFF (14): 1, spl for best bird in show, fine length, good quality and position; 2, Goode, long racy; 3, vhc, Greatrex; hc, Jones; c, Morton. GREEN SELF YELL. (6): 1, Richardson, smart, good colour and feather; 2, 3, vhc, H. T. Hawkes, lovely colour; hc, Richardson; c, Corbett. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Richardson, well drawn, fine colour; 3, Corbett; hc, Hawkes; c, Jones. FOUL YELL. (5): 1, H. T. Hawkes, nice shape, good colour; 2, Porter, long racy; 3, Corbett, again good colour; vhc, Greatrex; hc, H. T. Hawkes. BUFF (5): 1, H. T. Hawkes, wonderful quality and colour; 2, F. E. Hawkes; 3, H. T. Hawkes; vhc, Jones; hc, Corbett. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Rowlands, very shapely, nice quality; 2, Goode, another nice quality bird; 3, Lewis. BUFF (5): 1, Rowlands, cobby, lovely quality; 2, Lewis, nice exhibit; 3, Porter; vhc, hc, Watson. NOR. GREENS cancelled. CREST (5): 1, 2, Cory, yell. leading, neat crest, nice centre, buff grizzled Crest; 3, Porter; vhc, hc, Darlington. CREST-BREDS (4): 1, 2, Cory, leader good one, well browed; 3, vhc, Darlington. A.O.V. (3): 1, Richardson, very neat yell. green Bord.; 2, Corbett; 3, H. T. Hawkes; two good quality Yorks. cinn. MULES: Cancelled. SELL. (9): 1, 2, H. T. Hawkes; 3, Morton; vhc, c, Corbett; hc, H. T. Hawkes. BRIT. GOLDIE (3): 1, Richardson, grand blaze and condition; 2, Moss, good colour; 3, Goode. LINNET (5): 1, Richardson, grand colour and condition; 2, Porter, well marked; 3, Moss, good colour; vhc, Morton.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show held at the Buck i' th' Vine Hotel, July 10th. Owing to other attractions in the district there was only a moderate attendance. Although several members have had only a poor season, over 100 birds were forward. Norwich were exceptionally strong. Borders and Yorkshires were a nice level lot, the winners being very difficult to separate. The British bird section was the chief attraction. The Bunting and Softbill classes would have done credit to any open show, all the exhibits being staged in the pink of condition.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Williams; 3, c, Johnson; hc, Tasker; c, W. Lewis. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Williams, rare team; hc, Tasker; c, W. Lewis. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, vhc, Bullough; 2, Mawdsley; 3, Davenport; c, W. Lewis. BUFF: 1, spl, Walker; 2, W. Lewis; 3, vhc, Bullough. GREEN: 1, spl, 2, Walker; 3, Weston; vhc, c, Leatherbarrow; hc, Davenport. FOUL GREEN: 1, spl, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Leatherbarrow. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Bullough; 2, Tiffen. BUFF: 1, spl, hc, Tiffen; 2, vhc, Bullough; 3, Blundell; c, Leatherbarrow. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, J. Lewis; 2, Crompton; 3, Bullough; vhc, c, Johnson. SELL. (7/6): 1, spl, Mawdsley; 2, Bullough; 3, vhc, Walker; hc, Johnson; c, W. Lewis. BRAMBLE: 1, spl, Johnson Bros.; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Bullough. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, spl, vhc, c, Johnson Bros.; 2, Hesketh; 3, J. Lewis; hc, Johnson. GREENIE: 1, spl, 3, Johnson Bros.; 2, Moss; vhc, Johnson; hc, Birch and Son. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, Bullough; 2, Birch and Son; 3, vhc, hc, Hunter; c, Johnson Bros. LINNET: 1, spl, Tiffen; 2, 3, Johnson Bros.; vhc, Moss; hc, Birch and Son. BUNTING: 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, c, Johnson Bros., well-known Yellow leading; 2nd, Girl Bunting; 3, Moss, Meadow Buuting. A.O.S. HARD.: 1, spl (White Sparrow), 2, vhc, Johnson Bros.; 3, Bullough. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Walker; 3, Hunter; hc, Moss; 1st and 2nd noted Nightingales, often described; 3rd, Wheatear, nice exhibit. FOR.: 1, spl, Walker, Budgerigars; 2, 3, Moss, Zebra Finch and Japanese Hawfinches.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held at the Central Hall, on July 3rd. The room (which has plenty of floor space and light) is most suitable for the purpose. The entry was excellent, numbering 90 birds in nine classes, which is a credit to this new society. Mr. C. Pickering (chairman) and Mr. O. Heath (the secretary) and his committee, all of one mind in making the show a success, carried out the arrangements in a first-class manner. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. (12): 1, Boucher, buff, grand shape and colour, beautiful quality of feather, promising youngster; 2, Willerton, buff, good colour and size; 3, Bucheor, buff, good colour, shape and feather; 4, Dillamoro, nice size and shape; r, Hawkius; vhc, Willerton; hc, c, Lawson. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Willerton, yell. tkd. on left wing, grand type and colour, good broad chest, well over perch, wins easy; 2, Lawson, nearly even mkd. wings, nice type, useful bird; 3, 4, vhc, Heath, 3rd yell. hen, mkd. eyes, grand shape and colour, lovely quality feather, well placed; 4th, tkd. buff, plenty of size, good shape and quality of feather; r, hc, Johnson; c, North. CINN., SELF, ETC. (1): 1, Pickering, buff.

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YORKS. CL. (22): Good class; 1, spl, 4, vhc, Sindell, 1st buff ck., grand shape and position, lovely colour, plenty of length; 4th, buff ck., plenty of length; 2, 3, Heath, two grand buff hens, lovely type, shape and quality of feather, promising youngsters; vhc, Moore; hc, Priestley; c, Johnson. TKD., ETC. (18): 1, 2, c, Johnson, 1st buff, extra type and position, grand quality of feather, stands like a guardsman; 2nd, varieg. yell., grand colour and shape; 3, 4, Heath, varieg. buff, fine quality, type and size, lovely position and feather; 4th, tkd. buff, good position, excellent quality feather; r, Priestley; vhc, Jeffery; hc, Thornton. CINN. SELF, ETC. (2): 1, Heath, mkd. head and wings, grand type and position, extra quality of feather, fine youngster; 2, Ellis, tkd. buff. A.O.V. CAN (6): 1, spl, r, Pickering, heavily mkd. buff Nor., nice type, shape and quality of feather; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hawkins, 2nd similar; 3rd, mkd. buff Nor., nice size, good quality feather; 4th, lovely quality and colour. MULES AND HYB. (3): The first four all dark Goldfinch and Can.; 1, 3, r, vhc, 1st dark buff, good size; 3rd, nice type and colour; 2, 4, Smith, 2nd very rich colour; hc, c, Dillamore. SELL. (12/6): 1, Hawkins; 2, Willerton; 3, Lawson; 4, r, Pickering; vhc, Thornton; hc, Priestley; c, Dann.

LONGTON, HANLEY & LEEK SOCS.

Second annual combined Nest Feather Show, held July 10th, at Portland Hotel, Longton. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. There was a grand entry of fine birds. Mr. S. Pygott, of the Hanley Society won spl for most points in show, and also that for most points by a novice. There was a good gate. The secretary of the Longton Society, Mr. Enoch Tams, had the arrangements well in hand, and is to be congratulated on his successful management.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Hall; 2, 3, Fowler; vhc, Roberts. BUFF (6): 1, Whetstone; 2, Tams; 3, Williamson; vhc, Roberts. TKD. YELL. (1): Toplass. BUFF (2): 1, Roberts; 2, Whetstone. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Hall; 2, Whetstone; vhc, Roberts; hc, Williamson. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Williamson; 2, Hall; 3, Whetstone; hc, Toplass. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Hawley; 2, Robinson; 3, Pygott; vhc, Plant; hc, Lawton; c, Perrins. BUFF (7): 1, Pygott; 2, hc, Plant; 3, Robinson; vhc, Goodall; c, Hawley. YELL. TKD. (5): 1, Hawley; 2, Pygott; 3, Peake; vhc, Lawton. BUFF (4): 1, Perrins; 2, 3, Pygott; vhc, Hawley. YELL. UNEVEN MKD. (2): 1, Goodall. SELL (7/6) (3): 1, Tams; 2, Leedbeater; 3, Oliver. GOLDIE (1): Hallam. LINNET (4): 1, Hallam; 2, Tams; 3, Hawley; vhc, Perkin.—A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Plant; 2, Tams; 3, Leedbeater. MULE OR HYB. (OLD) (3): 1, 3, Hallam; 2, Tams. YOUNG (3): 1, 3, Hallam; 2, Plant. LINNET—LOCAL (6): 1, 3, hc, Johnson; 2, Allerton; vhc, c, Woolridge. GOLDIE—LOCAL (4): 1, Barker; 2, Plant; 3, Woolridge. NOR. YELL. NOVICE (2): 1, Oliver; 2, Rowley. BUFF (10): 1, Rowley; 2, vhc, Morris; 3, hc, Lovatt; c, Perkin. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Perrins. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Tams and Son.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual half-day Nest Feather Show held July 10th, at the Oddfellows' Hall, when an entry of 108 faced the judges, which number, considering the poor breeding season, must be considered very satisfactory. Mr. W. Clews (Grimsby) judged the Norwich and A.O.V., and Mr. Harland (Hull) the Yorkshire and British. Points gained at this show were placed to the champion and novice cup competition respectively, the following being the position of parties up to date:—Champion cup: 112 Calam, 81 Stamford, 50 Stones, 33 Harland, 27 Barwick, 18 Brumby, 8 Oliver, and 4 Prentice, 21 Perkins (last year's winner) retired from the competition. Novice cup: 70 Riley, 63 F. E. Potter, 60 Precious, 48 L. Hope, 42 Hogg, 30 Frith, 24 Bray, 20 W. Potter, 16 Calvard, 15 Constable, 12 Mason.

NOR. YELL., CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, Harland; vhc, c, Barwick; hc, Calam. BUFF: 1, Harland; 2, 3, vhc, Calam; hc, c, Barwick. NOR. YELL., NOVICE: 1, Mason; 2, McKay; 3, hc, Bray; vhc, Riley; c, Hogg. BUFF: 1, 3, Bray; 2, c, Riley; vhc, c, Mason. A.O.V. CAN., NOVICE: 1, Riley; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Clayton. YORKS. YELL., CHAMP.: 1, 2, vhc, Stones; 3, hc, Barwick; c, Oliver. BUFF, CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, Stones; vhc, hc, c, Stamford. YELL., NOVICE: 1, 2, hc, Precious; 3, vhc, c, Frith. BUFF: 1, 2, Precious; 3, Clayton; vhc, Potter; hc, Briggs; c, Marshall. MULE OR HYB. (bred 1909), OPEN: 1, 2, Hogg. BRED PREVIOUS TO 1909): 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Stamford; 2, Riley. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (OPEN): 1, vhc, Calam; 2, Frith; 3, c, Potter; hc, Stamford. BRAMBLE-FINCH, ETC. (OPEN): 1, Stamford; 2, Riley; 3, c, Brumby; hc, Hogg. A.O.S. BRIT. (OPEN): 1, F. F. Potter; 2, Riley; 3, hc, Stamford; c, Calam.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

BRISBANE (Australia).

At the request of several fanciers in and around Brisbane, I am sending you a note *re* their show, namely, the Poultry Club of Queensland. This season they introduced Canarics, in the hope of furthering this particular branch of their hobby In all thirty cutries came forward, of which ten belonged to one fancier. The quality of the exhibits, I regret, was very much behind the high-class standard to be seen in the shows of England and Scotland, and such a thing as colour feeding is practically unknown, and is never, so far as I could learn, ever practised. They are very much behind in show cages, too, Yorkshires being staged in a wooden back cage of about the same dimensions as the Y.C.C. standard cage and painted blue inside, but with only one perch. The longest bird did not exceed five inches. Norwich Plainheads and Crests were much behind in size and type, and were shown in cages about fourteen inches long, six inches deep, and twelve inches high; some of these, too, had only one perch, although all were nicely made, stained, and varnished outside, and painted sky-blue inside. I got in conversation with a few of the fanciers, who were very enthusiastic and anxious to learn more of their fascinating hobby, but who, unfortunately for them, had never heard of CAGE BIRDS, although they had heard from time to time of the great English shows through settlers coming from various parts of the old country. The Canary Club Show, which comes off about July 19th, should prove more interesting, entries averaging from 100 to 180, a report of which I will send, if at all possible. It is just six weeks since I arrived here from Keith, Scotland, so that I have scarcely got properly settled down yet. My copy of CAGE BIRDS has not arrived yet, but I am expecting it soon, when I shall again get into touch with the doings of fanciers at home and the Fancy in general. In the meantime, success to "C.B.," and a good season to all fanciers in the dear old land.—GEORGE MILNE.

[We are sure readers will welcome gladly any news items Mr. Milne can find time to send them. That he may do the Fancy in Australia good will be the wish of all.—EDITOR.]

YORKS. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Durston; 2, Day. BUFF: 1, Bettany; 2, Day; 3, Lyle; 4, Soden. VARIEG.: 1, Bettany; 2, Day. PAIRS: 1, Bettany; 2, Day. CINN. (Nor. type): 1, Day; 2, Soden. PAIRS: 1, Day; 2, Bettany. NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Bettany. BUFF: 1, Bettany. VARIEG.: 1, Bettany; 2, Day; 3, Lyle. PAIRS: 1, Bettany; 2, Soden. CRESTS AND C.B.'S (2 classes): All exhibits by, and all prizes to, G. Durston.

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Mr. Peter Wareing, of Preston, is engaged to judge at our Nest Feather Show on July 31st, writes Mr. Benj. Bullough, secretary, Southport C.B.S.

Will secretaries and fanciers kindly note the change of my address from Fairfield Terrace, to 4, Albion Hill, Newton Abbot, Devon, writes Mr. H. Nosworthy.

We hear that a Linnet Singing Club has been successfully started at West Croydon, the secretary being Mr. H. Walton, "The Dairy Inn," St. James's Road.

The Laisterdyke Society invites friends to join in a country ramble to be held to-morrow, July 18th. Meet at bottom of Sunbridge Road at 2 p.m., the objective being Harden.

The Tideswell C.B.I.S. will hold their First Feather Show at the Star Inn, on July 24th, when Mr. P. Harris (Eckington), has consented to judge, writes Mr. A. Flint, the hon. sec.

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All fanciers and friends are heartily invited to come and hear Mr. Geo. Gardner lecture on "Breeding and Feeding for Colour," at the Trinity Schools on July 20th, at 8.30, writes Mr. W. Pawley, secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

The Inverness O.A. are holding a First Feather Show (7 classes), on July 31st, in the Crown Mission Hall, writes Mr. A. Urquhart, the secretary. Entries will be received up to 10 p.m. at the Hall, on July 30th. The judge is Mr. A. Jenkins.

The Gloucester C.B.S., writes Mr. J. R. Houghton, the secretary, are holding their second First Feather Show on July 17th, at Saracen's Head Hotel. All birds to be staged by 3.30. The judge is Mr. J. H. Payne. Fanciers are invited.

Messrs. Kendal and Dent, the well-known jewellers of 106, Cheapside, London, have kindly presented to the Grand United Metropolitan Show a handsome silver-plated challenge cup of substantial value, writes Mr. A. Watson, hon. secretary, of the Grand United Metropolitan Show.

We have had to alter our show date from November 4th to October 14th, writes Mr. T. G. Jeffery, hon. secretary of the Southall and Dis. C.B.S., on account of not being able to get a judge to suit us on that date. We have now fixed up with Mr. C. A. House for October 14th.

I wish to thank all who answered my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, re eight young Yorkshires, writes Mr. Starck (W. Norwood). I could only send answers to those who sent a stamp for reply, as I had so many inquiries. The birds were sold the next day.

It may interest some of our readers to know that free leaflets dealing with stem eelworm and the frit fly (two insect pests which are very destructive to grasses, wheat, hops, etc.), have been issued by the Board of Agriculture (4, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.). Letters applying for them need not be stamped.

Mr. G. A. Charles having resigned the post of secretary to the Reading and Dis. C.B.S., Mr. G. H. Acton, of "Bytham," Kidmore Road, Caversham, Oxon, has, we are informed, been appointed, and has accepted the same. The next meeting of the society will be held in September at headquarters.

Owing to business pressure I regret I am unable to undertake the duties appertaining to our open show, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Cheltenham C.B.S. Mr. W. Pounsett, of 5, White Cross Square, has been appointed show manager, and all communications should be addressed to him.

Owing to the fair here, writes Mr. Joseph Smith, secretary pro tem for the new cage-bird society for Mansfield and District, we could not get a meeting at the Charter Arms on July 10th, but I have arranged a meeting for July 24th, at 7 o'clock, when I hope fanciers will turn up so that we may get to work. We have an excellent room for show purposes, and a table show could be held every month.

A sample of a new glass bird sprayer has been sent us by Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich. This he is advertising in our columns this week, along with three other very useful articles for the bird-room. The sprayer is excellent; with a very small effort a fine spray of water—almost like escaping steam—can be sent over the bird. This little article should find a ready sale amongst bird-keepers.

Insurance against loss of birds (and other livestock) by robbery and fire can be effected at moderate premiums through Mr. H. W. Mathias, "Lucerne," Stubbington, near Fareham, Hants. The risks incidental to birds being at shows, or sent on approval, may also be covered. Particulars will be sent if application is made to Mr. Mathias.

We learn that £1 from the CAGE BIRDS prizes for the amateurs of Yorkshire has been allotted to the newly-formed National Green-marked Yorksbire C.C., for competition amongst its members. This has been made possible by the fact that the Yorkshire Union shows number 16 this year against 18 last, thus leaving in hand the surplus above for the committee to deal with.

OBITUARY.

Mr. T. BRISBANE (St. Ninians).

It is with feelings of deep regret, writes Mr. W. Bishop, that I report the death of Mr. Thos. Brisbane, of St. Ninians, Stirling, who passed away on Saturday, July 10th, at noon, after a lingering illness of 36 weeks. Of a quiet and kindly disposition, be was a very enthusiastic exhibitor of British birds at the principal Scottish shows. He was but a young man, 33 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn bis loss, and to them every sympathy will be extended in their sad bereavement.

Kindly note that I have moved from Merton to 14, Claremont Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, writes Mr. H. Dixon. I should be pleased if secretaries will please note when sending out schedules. I bave had a very good season, having reared 50 Norwich and Yorkshires, several of which have won at Wimbledon and other young bird shows. Needless to add, I am a regular reader and advertiser in your splendid paper. CAGE BIRDS.

I note with great pleasure that the Gravesend Fanciers' Society promises us another open show this year, writes Mr. E. Rogers (Gravesend). The show held last December was a very excellent one. I bave attended their shows every year, and they bave always struck me as being as well managed and arranged as any it has been my pleasure to see. May these wholehearted fanciers have what they dearly hope for, a record show, at the next attempt.

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's handbook for 1909 reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. E. S. Matthes (34, Rotherhithe New Road, London, S.E.), and contains full particulars of the patronage allotted to the various shows for the coming season. The members should have a good time, cash specials being plentiful; the novices, too, are very well catered for. All Southern Plainhead breeders should communicate with the secretary at once, if desirous of joining.

Permit me to say how pleased I was to see my unflighted Yellow Norwich depicted in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of July 10th date. It is a splendid drawing of him, and reflects great credit on your artist, Mr. Norman. I may say it was bred by a friend of mine, Mr. Venables, of Ewood, Blackburn, for whom the bird won many honours—1st Burnley, 1st Bolton, 1st Manchester, and a few others in the novice section. He was first at Bristol, first at Sunderland, and won others for me in the champion section. My unflighted Cinnamon, which was depicted in CAGE BIRDS on June 12th, has since, I regret to say, gone over to the majority.—W. E. SEED (Blackburn).

That the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. is progressing marvellously is evidenced by the handbook for 1909-10. This is growing into quite a bulky volume, and in its production reflects the greatest credit on the esteemed secretary, Mr. H. Hill (31, St. Stephen's Road, West Bowling, Bradford), the late secretary, Mr. S. Dean, and the other officials. It contains a full list of the members of the twenty-eight societies comprised in the Union, and a mass of advertising matter interesting to fanciers, together with particulars of the various competitions and rules governing them. Both novices and champions are well catered for. The Hints to Secretaries and Members are very useful. The balance-sheet shows the Union to be in a splendidly satisfactory condition financially, the £17 4s. 1d. balance of 1908 having been swelled to a sum of £26 17s. 7d.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. have arranged for an outing to Birch Vale, Derbyshire, on July 25th, writes Mr. H. Foden, the hon. sec. The party will be conveyed in wagonettes. Fanciers or friends wishing to go will be welcomed, and should give in their names at our show on July 17th.

In connection with the recent loss by a well-known crest breeder of a number of valuable birds through septic fever, we are asked to state on behalf of a number of prominent crest breeders in the West of England, that their birds were never in so healthy a state as now, or so free from any suspicion of this fell disease. It is to be greatly regretted if any impression to the contrary has been circulated by the publication of the individual instance referred to in our issue of July 3rd.

The Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S. Table Show will be held on July 17th, at 2 p.m., in the Coffee Tavern, Corn Market Street, writes Mr. H. F. Middleton. Entries will be received up to the judging. We hope all members will stage some young birds. After the judging, there will be a "musical entertainment" and addresses. Mr. Alf. Hayhurst will speak on "Breeding and Colour Feeding of Yorkshires"; there will also be an address by Mr. T. Fisher on "Hybrid Breeding," which promises to be very interesting. Both these members intend to relate "own experience." By the kind invitation of the generous treasurer, the members will partake of a "potatoe pie supper," and songs, etc., by members. The committee are earnestly requested to attend to consider the 25 guinea "All England Challenge Cup," which is being subscribed for. All members of the Morecambe Society are cordially invited.

Swallows Evicted.

Swallows have for some years nested in the infant school at Billingborough (Lincs.), and have shown no fear of the children, who took the greatest interest in them. This year the school medical officer condemned the Swallows on hygienic grounds, and ordered their eviction, but when measures were taken to prevent their entering through the windows they got in through the ventilators. Their perseverance was, however, without avail, for the managers were obdurate, and finally had all apertures covered with wire netting.

A Choir of Canaries.

In Cincinnati (Ohio) on Sunday, July 11th, says the "Daily Telegraph," forty Canaries were installed in the Lincoln Baptist Church to aid the regular choir in the religious service, and the effect of combining the birds' voices with the pipe organ and the vocalists was declared by members of the congregation to be a success. The text was "Who are these that come flying through the air like Doves?" The pastor had requested the members of the congregation to bring as many Canaries as they could, and the gilded cages were hung all about the building. The birds began chirping with the first strains of the organ, and continued as long as the choir sang.

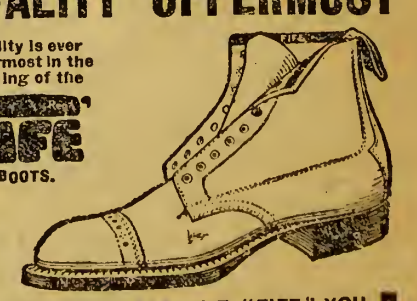
Cock Canaries & Very Low Prices

A large number of common young hens are at this time of the year sent into England from Germany, and from complaints which reach us we have reason to think that they are offered to customers by unscrupulous dealers as "cocks" just coming on to song (most healthy young hens "twitter" and look sufficiently like "singing" to deceive anyone except the experienced fancier). These pseudo "cocks" are usually priced at a very tempting figure—lower, in fact, than genuine cocks could honestly be sold at; that is, to leave the seller a margin of profit. Of course, it is only fair to say that a high price affords no absolute guarantee of sex; nevertheless, cock birds have always a certain market value below which it is extremely improbable they would be offered for sale. We receive a very considerable number of small advertisements each week, into the bona-fides of the senders of which it is not possible for us to inquire—there is no possible system by which the genuine bargains amongst them can be sifted from low-priced offers deliberately designed as "catches." Therefore when readers come across advertisements, especially if temptingly worded, which offer "cock" birds for an exceedingly low sum, they should take every precaution to ensure themselves getting birds according to description, and not hens masquerading as "cocks."

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THE CARE OF BIRDS IN GENERAL.

A Discussion before the Green Canary Association.

At the Green Canary Association's meeting on June 24th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair, a lively discussion arose on the above-named subject. Mr. Shepherd (late chairman Newcastle Society) was present.

Mr. Metcalfe: Is there anything better than bread and milk after the young birds leave their parents?

The Chairman: Perhaps Mr. Shepherd would give us his views on feeding, and also tell us how the Northern breeders feed?—I have not bred much myself lately, said Mr. Shepherd, but I have exchanged opinions with most of the Northern breeders, and have come to the conclusion that the greatest difficulty is experienced at from 7 to 8 days old. At first I feed on yolk of egg and biscuits; afterwards the whole of the egg is used with home-made bread. Boiled rape is also largely used, but I think boiled rape is sometimes very relaxing. Bread and milk I like after leaving the parents, and crushed hemp, but no water till after the birds are six weeks old, and then I give it very gradually, and only for a little while each day, until the birds are thoroughly used to it.

Mr. Hadwin strongly objected to bread and milk, except in cases of inflammation and other stomach troubles, being of opinion that bread and milk had a very lowering tendency, and that it was impossible to get birds into show condition, on it. He sometimes gave his birds a little rice pudding after Sunday's dinner, but this was different to feeding on bread and milk for a length of time. He had over 60 young ones doing well, and it was a very rare thing for him to lose one after the birds had left the parents.

Mr. Nimmo: I have 50 young ones on perches, and I feed on bread and milk alternately with egg-food and a little hemp, giving the hemp whole to the hens whilst feeding, and crushed after the young leave the parents.

Mr. Haudley: How does Mr. Metcalfe make his bread and milk?—Before answering Mr. Handley's question, I should like to say that I use plenty of green food, watercress for choice. As regards bread and milk, I think it very nourishing. Doctors recommend it very largely. I use no water. I boil the milk and pour on to the bread with plenty of sugar, making it very sloppy, so that the birds can get a good drink. The first water my young birds get is when they get their first bath. I gradually reduce the sloppiness of the bread and milk, eventually getting it as dry as possible, gradually introducing water after birds are six weeks old.

Mr. Handley: Some fanciers boil the bread, and then add milk.—Mr. Metcalfe: I prefer to make it as stated.

Mr. Handley: I do not agree with Mr. Hadwin. I think bread and milk is a fine tonic and conditioner.

Mr. Walker: I think young birds after leaving the parents should be fed on the same food as when with the parents. Sudden changes of any kind are bad. I agree with Mr. Hadwin that bread and milk should only be given as a medicine.

Mr. Nelson: I don't like bread and milk. I prefer Mr. Hadwin's style; only give bread and milk when birds are bad. But I have never been able to save a bird with it.

Mr. Metcalfe: I think egg-food very binding.—Mr. Hadwin. I only use one egg a day with plenty of bread, crushed hemp and groats, and watercress, twice daily, the water being always on the cages.

Mr. Walker: I feed very similarly to Mr. Hadwin, and I only use one egg a day, having about 40 young ones doing well.

Mr. Handley: I can't understand Messrs. Hadwin and Walker only using one egg a day. I like to make my egg-food much stronger.—Mr. Hadwin: I have been accused very often of making bread and egg, not egg and bread, but I find the young ones are strong and well nourished, and take this to be the best guide.

Mr. Green: I have had an unfortunate experience with bread and milk, having lost the young ones I gave it to. I am having good results with egg-food made with bread.

Mr. Bretherton: I never had any use for bread and milk. The Germans don't feed on egg-food; they use only rape seed and bread. I don't use much egg-food. Some of my birds have had none at all. Neither do I use green food. I prefer toast. Athletes train very largely on toast. A friend of mine has been using dog biscuits, but has been disgusted.

Mr. Handley: How does Mr. Hadwin make his egg-food?—To one egg I add a thick slice of bread (grated), a tablespoonful of maw seed, and two tablespoonfuls of sugar, making about a pint altogether.

Mr. Shepherd: I consider bread very nourishing. I use 8ozs. of bread to one egg after the first few days, when feeding young.—Mr. Brenner: Some years ago I used very strong egg-food, with bad results. Now I use one egg a day with biscuits, and find it sufficient for 40 birds without waste. I use watercress because it is more easily got fresh in a town than any other green food; I put the stalks only in water, and find the water does not get stale as when the whole green food is put in water.

Mr. Hadwin said he liked to keep his watercress under the tap with a constant drip. Mr. Shepherd spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be once more amongst the Liverpool fanciers, and he would tell the Northerners how he had got on. The chairman very regretfully moved the closure on account of time.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

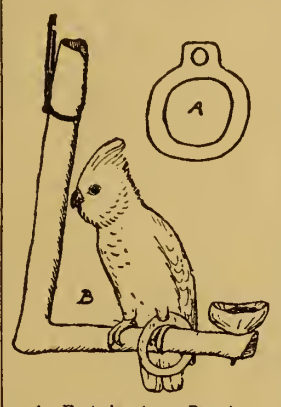
Author of "The World's Birds."

Anchoring a Parrot.

The other day there arrived at the Zoo a rare Lory, still wearing on its foot the rudely-cut wooden ring by which its primitive owners had kept it fastened to a perch. This ring was of the form shown in the sketch; the bird's foot is pressed through the small hole at the top—which can be done by pressing the back-toes up against the shank and working the whole foot through the hole in this way—and the larger circle which forms most of the ring plays round the perch. In another drawing of a Cockatoo thus fastened I have tried to show how the thing works, but the Cockatoo is wearing, as I have seen them wear in the East, the whole circumference of a cocoa-nut shell as a ring, while his foot is pressed through a small hole made in the breadth of the hoop itself, not in a projecting flange, as on the Lory's ring.

A Clever Device.

Like so many dodges of primitive man, this is an excellent plan for attaining its object—that of keeping the parrot attached. That the poor bird can take but little exercise does not trouble the savage fancier any more than it does those among ourselves who keep Linnets in six by four inch cages. All the fettered parrot can do is to move along its perch, or turn round under it, this being allowed by the play of the big ring on the perch, while the foot can turn freely in the little hole, and so allows the bird to turn round from back to front. A forked branch is selected for the perch, so that the bird sits on one arm, while to the other arm a cord is tied, out of reach of the captive's bill, by which the whole concern can be suspended. A half cocoanut shell, pegged on to the end of the bird's arm of the perch, secured the ring from slipping off at that end, and serves as a receptacle for food.



A: Foot-ring for a Parrot.
B: Polly at anchor.

Sometimes a T-shaped perch is used, and a bird "anchored" to each arm of the inverted T, which is hung up by the centre stem. In this way hundreds of Lories and Cockatoos are brought to Calcutta from the isles of the Far East, even down as far as New Guinea; in fact, I think Calcutta is one of the best places in the world for picking up rare specimens of this favourite tribe of cage birds.

A Cage Bird Census.

The recent voting competition in CAGE BIRDS as to the most popular cage bird interested me very much, but I don't think the results, though they showed how the various species may stand in fanciers' estimation, give one altogether a correct idea of the estimation of our various cage birds by the public at large. Judging from what one sees in walking about most towns and observing the cages in windows, or hung outside, I should say the most popular cage birds with the "man in the street" are as follows:—Canary, an easy first; Linnets, a good second; Parrot—grey African or blue-fronted Amazon, as a rule—third; Skylark, fourth: Chaffinch, fifth; Thrush or Blackbird, sixth; all others are quite rare by comparison, though a good many Goldfinches are kept. The Chaffinch might, perhaps, stand next to the Linnet in London, but not in most other places I have been in; and the Linnet itself is not usually so popular outside the metropolis as within it, though no doubt in the big manufacturing towns a great many are kept, as it is certainly the working man's favourite.

British Talkers Barred.

It is curious how our native talking birds have dropped out; comparatively seldom does one see a caged Jay, Magpie, or Jackdaw, and hardly ever a Starling. Yet once these were all common pets; I suppose the reason why Parrots have taken their place is because they are the easiest of all cage birds to keep—if we had a British Parrot there would not be much chance for the wide sale of many foreign kinds. In India the native ring-necked Parrakeet is certainly far the commonest of cage birds, though it is in many cases not a cage bird in the literal sense, being as often chained to a swing as kept in a cage. The commonest ring-neck kept is the ordinary small one, which is the most widely-distributed kind; but the large "rock parrot"—the bigger ring-neck with the red patch on the wing—is also often seen.

Getting Indian Parrots.

The other day I saw at a dealer's one of these "rock parrots," which was quite young, as shown by its dark eye, the eye not becoming white till the bird is full-grown. Yet these young dark-eyed birds are very rarely imported, although cages full of young birds of both the small and large species are constantly to be seen in the Calcutta market at this time of the year, and it would be quite easy for a dealer to import quantities of them. Being tame and teachable, they ought to command a very fair price, and well repay the outlay for their importation. The name "Rock-parrot," by the way, gives rather a misleading impression, as the bird is not a rock-frequenting species; it does, however, frequent the mountainous or hilly parts of India more than the common species, so that the name is really meant for "Mountain-Parret" probably.

Australian Favourites.

A friend of mine who has recently returned from Australia tells me that the favourite talking birds there are the Rose-breasted Cockatoo—or "Galah," to give it its Australian name—and the Cockatiel. We certainly do not hear much of these birds as talkers over here, but this is no doubt because they are imported as adult wild-caught birds, while in their own country they naturally can be got hand-reared.

It would be quite easy for anyone who bred Cockatiels and had the time to hand-rear a few, to start a profitable line in this way. I fancy a pet Cockatiel would be looked upon with extra pride by its owner if he could inform his friends that it had been bred in England, for few people outside the Fancy know that any kind of Parrot ever breeds in this country. The Cockatiel, too, possesses the rare—one may perhaps say unique—character among Parrots of being usually harmless to smaller birds confined along with it, so that it may be kept by those who are fond of the finches and other ordinary cage birds, without upsetting the peace of an aviary.

THE BIRD LOVER'S LIBRARY.

British Birds for Cages, Aviaries and Exhibition.

By S. W. Birchley, Manchester: Sherratt and Hughes. 2 vols. 25s. net.

The latest British bird book by S. W. Birchley is published in two rather bulky volumes. It deals with all the birds met with upon the show bench, including such rarieties as the Woodchat, Shrike, Golden Oriole (for some reason here spelt "Oriel"), Hoopoe, and others, in all seventy-two species. A very useful reference list of summer migrants with their winter quarters and times of arrival in this country is added, among which is by error included the Stonechat, a bird that may frequently be met with upon our commons and fields in the dead of winter.

The first volume contains a very exhaustive chapter upon seeds and foods, the breeding of mealworms and the collecting of insect life generally. The feeding of each bird is dealt with in the chapter devoted to the species, and we notice the author greatly favours barley meal in many cases as a stock food; which is somewhat contrary to the methods of most bird-keepers, who consider this meal too heating and inclined to turn sour.

A full chapter is given upon each bird, and is arranged in the following manner: Description of parent birds, habitation, nest and eggs, country side notes, catching, steadying, "meteing" off (generally, and surely correctly, written "meating" off), and general feeding, hand-rearing, exhibition, and attractive qualities. The paragraphs upon meating off and general feeding will be most useful to bird-keepers, being written by one who has had the majority of the species through his hands.

The countryside notes are attractive reading, and show that the author has used both his eyes and ears in his rambles through fields and woods. Some idea of his style may be gathered from the following, taken from the chapter on the Wheatear:—"See him as he sits on a fence or gate post, with his tail for ever partly spread and waving up and down, showing distinctly his pure white rump, at the same time his intelligent eye ever on the look out for passing fly or insect, which for the most part are what he exists on."

The soft-bill section is handled better than that devoted to the Finches and Buntings, some of the hints given upon hand-rearing being worthy the attention of experienced bird-keepers. The author does not recommend the hand-rearing of any of the Finches and Buntings, but as many of these birds are annually reared by hand, and under Canaries, we think a few hints should have been included in a book purporting to deal with the subject in an exhaustive manner. The same remark applies to the best methods of moulting birds intended for exhibition, as different species require different treatment, and experts in this direction are generally found in the list of successful exhibitors.

The bird-room, cages, aviaries, and bird-room requisites form a considerable portion of the second volume, which is profusely illustrated by full-page line drawings of cages, drinkers, perches, etc. Some of them are so well known that they hardly required the prominence afforded them. A whole page, for instance, for a single perch or a tin drinker appears to be somewhat overdoing it.

A full-page illustration in line and wash, or photograph, is given of every species of bird dealt with. These vary much in excellence, the best in the book probably being the photograph of Mr. Maxwell's Tree Creeper.

To the amateurs and novices who can afford the work, it will be of great assistance, as on account of its method of arrangement it is rendered easy for reference purposes; and should a strange specimen of a bird come to hand they would at once know how to treat it. The best method of getting such a bird steady; the proper shape and size of cage for it; these he will learn, and he will gather from the description given if his capture is likely to win honours upon the show bench.

The Making of Species.

By Douglas Dewar, I.C.S., and Frank Finn. London: John Lane, 7s. 6d.

The present year being the Darwin centenary is certain to produce a full crop of books on the evolution theory, and among these the present work will certainly not be the least talked-of, for it is the result of the efforts of a very strong combination, both authors being well-known naturalists, and fully accustomed to putting their ideas and observations into popular form.

The work opens with a fearlessly critical exposition of the state of the evolution hypothesis to-day, and many venerable text-book theories of mimicry, protective colouration, etc., find themselves very roughly handled by the authors who have had the advantage of studying nature at first hand in India, where wild life is so much more abundant and varied than it is here. Aviculturists will find the volume of peculiar interest, for while most books on evolution since Darwin's great works have dealt largely with insects and other comparatively unfamiliar creatures, Messrs. Dewar and Finn have selected birds as their main sources of argument and example, and hence their views are far more readily understood than would otherwise have been the case.

The chapter on the Mendelian theory, which has been so much before the public of late, and that on the theory of mutations, are well worthy of careful study by breeders, who should also pay attention to the new hypotheses of "biological molecules" as explaining variation, set forth in the book. A very full account is given of the phenomena of hybridism, which ought to lay finally to rest some venerable fallacies on this subject

Very important also is the chapter which deals with correlation, showing how certain colours go along with definite mental constitutional pecularities, a branch of the subject which has received very little study since Darwin's day, though of the highest scientific and practical interest.

The book is written in a remarkably clear and incisive style, and the authors are unsparing in their condemnation of theorising cabinet naturalists, who endeavour to frame interpretations of nature's ways and wonder from imagination rather than investigation of the facts. One special point they aim at making is that neither domestic breeds nor wild species arise by the adding up of minute variations indefinitely occurring in every direction, but by well-defined "mutations," or sports, and with this no breeder of experience is likely to quarrel; they support, in fact, the views of Professor Bateson on this subject, and at the same time they point out that natural selection is not so simple as it looks—that creatures have to contend more against climate than against enemies, and that a good constitution or a versatile intelligence is probably a far more useful asset in the struggle for existence than much of the "protective colouration" of which we are always hearing. It is also pointed out that there are serious difficulties in accepting fully the theory of the improvement of male birds' colours by sexual selection; in many cases the evidence tends to show that sex-difference may occur from quite other causes, and that male birds may at times be in the happy position of being able to select the hens.

So wide, indeed, is the field covered by the book that it is impossible to give a fair idea of its scope and contents without extending this review to an undue length, so we must content ourselves with here saying that it is one which ought to be in the library of every fancier who aims to find out a scientific reason for the phenomena of bird-life which he makes it his business or recreation to study.

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The Shows.

BUCKHAVEN AND DISTRICT O.S.

Table show of young birds held in Free Gardeners' Hall on July 3rd. Mr. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOVICE YELL. A.V. (1): 1, Foster; 2, W. Peters; 3, Kilpatrick; 4, Fraser. BUFF (13): 1, Kilpatrick; 2, 3, spl, Foster; 4, J. Peters; 5, Burt. OPEN CLASS (16): 1, 4, spl best bird in show, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, 3, Baird; 5, J. Peters; 6, A. Peters.—J. LAURIE, Sec.

DALTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

First annual nest feather show held at Mr. Quintan's auction rooms, July 3rd. In spite of the very bad season, it proved a great success, much interest being taken in it by the general public. Over forty entries were well staged, and judged by Mr. Parker Robinson. A splendid silver cup, kindly given by Mr. Quinlan for competition for most points, was won by Mr. W. H. Johnson, who also won the silver medal given by Mr. J. Furguson for best bird.—E. SHELLY.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' Show held in the Baptist School on July 3rd, when 68 birds faced the judge, Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, who gave every satisfaction.

CV. YELL.: 1, Myers; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Thomas; 4, Stocks and Fowle; vhc, Grundy; hc, Kirk; c, Jowett. BUFF: 1, McDonald; 2, Stocks and Fowle; 3, Allen; 4, Smith; vhc, Jowett; hc, Alderson; c, Kirk. TKD. YELL.: 1, Briggs and Jagger; 2, Pratt Bros.; 3, Kirk; 4, Stocks and Fowles; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Thomas. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Thomas; 3, S. Dawson; 4, Alderson; vhc, Nichol; hc, Fowle; c, Lumb. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Fowle; 2, McDonald; 3, c, Pratt Bros.; 4, Brook; hc, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, Jowett; 3, Smith; 4, Allen; vhc, Briggs and Jagger; hc, Kirk; c, Nichol. A.O.V.: 1, Thomas.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow).

Annual First Feather Show, held in Marie Stuart Hall, Crosshill, June 26th. Mr. Smeaton, Prestonpans, judged, and gave general satisfaction. The entries, for a club, a few months old, came up exceedingly well, totalling nearly 100 birds, and the opinion of the many experienced fanciers who visited the show was that the birds were of all-round creditable quality. The only drawback the show had was the smallness of hall, visitors being more numerous than was anticipated. The prize for best bird in hall was won by Mr. Rennie, Catheart, with yellow hen.

NOR. CK. CL., ETC. (17): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Thomson; 3, Gentles; 4, Powell. HEN (20): 1, spl., Rennie; 2, 3, Powell; 4, Millar. VARIEG. (31): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Thomson; 3, Mitchell; 4, Hall. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, Millar; 2, 3, spl., Powell; 4, Edwards. BORD. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl., Thomson. Eight specials in all were given.—GEO. N. THOMSON, Treas. and Sec., 328, Allison Street, Crosshill, Glasgow.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

The 3rd annual First Feather Show was held at Chopwell on June 26th, when 136 birds were judged by Mr. J. Grieves. Mr. W. Curry won the cup for 1st most points; this makes it his own property, as he has now won it twice. Mr. H. Cowman won cup for 2nd most points, Mr. H. Griffiths was third, Mr. T. Fetcher 4th, Messrs. Marsh and Telford 5th, Mr. R. Forster 6th, and Mr. T. Betton 7th.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Simpson; 2, hc, Fletcher; 3, Forster; vhc, Barkas. BUFF (26): 1, Forster; 2, hc, Barkas; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Marsh and Telford. YORKS YELL. (2): 1, 2, Cowman. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Cowman; 2, Brown; 3, Charlton; vhc, Ross. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc Betton; hc Forster. BUFF (6): 1, 3, vhc, Lindsay; 2, hc, Forster. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Barkas; 2, 3, March. SELL. (10s.) (4): 1, 2, Betton; 3, Forster; vhc Moore. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, vhc, Curry; 3, Brown; hc, Armstrong. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Ross; 2, 3, vbc, hc, Curry. LINNET (7): 1, Griffiths; 2, vhc, Marsh and Telford; 3, Curry; hc, Ross. GREENFINCH: 1, Curry; 2, vhc, hc, Griffiths; 3, Armstrong. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Griffiths; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Curry. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Griffiths; 2, Brown. OLD BIRD CLASSES—NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Marsh and Telford; 2, Barkas; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Forster. BUFF (8): 1, Fletcher; 2, Marsh and Telford; 3, vhc, Barkas; hc, Moore. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, vbc, Cowman; 2, 3, Brown; hc, Marsh and Telford. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Cowman; 3, March; vhc, Brown; hc, Moore. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, Betton; 2, Forster; 3, vhc, Brown. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Brown; 2, Forster; 3, Ross.—J. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

The 29th annual Nest Feather Show was held on July 3rd, at headquarters, Sydenham Palace. The entries were in advance of those of previous years, and the birds exhibited, taken as a whole, were of nice average quality. A few good birds, which formed an attraction, were shown in the British bird and Mule classes. Mr, C. H. Walton (Leicester) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL., BRED 1909 (12): 1, Swift, good colour and quality, nice type and bloom; 2, Gilbert, typical nice even wings, short tail, a little too old for the occasion; 3, Shaddock, splendid colour and quality; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Aston; c, Rowley. BUFF (14): 1, Gilbert, large bird, good type, bead and neck nice quality; 2, 3, W. Lucas, both large birds, nice colour; vhc, Swift; hc, Chillingsworth; c, Davis. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Lawrance, good thick-set bird, nice short wings and tail, easy win; 2, vhc, Turrell, varieg., good colour and quality; 3, hc, Gilbert, five-pointed bird, with cheek mark, nice bird; vhc, A. Lucas; c, Symonds and Son. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Swift, former varieg., good type, nice head, short flights, latter ticked on head, similar bird; 2, Symonds and Son, ticked wing, good colour and quality; vhc, Butler and Waring; hc, Shaddock; c, Barratt. CREST: 1, Gilbert; 2, Tipping. C.B.: 1, Gilbert. A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert, even-marked Nor.; 2, Tipping, green Nor.; 3, Shaddock, green Nor. MULE: 1, Barratt, dark Goldfinch Can.; 2, 3, Chillingsworth, varieg. Goldfinch and Can., and Greenfinch and Can. NOR. CK., ANY AGE: 1, Symonds and Son, even mkd. buff, good colour and quality; 2, Corrall, cap and wing-marked buff, fine colour and quality; 3, Swift, cl. yellow, nice colour and quality; vhc, A. Lucas; hc, Harris; c, Aston. HEN: 1, 3, Corrall, bull, excellent colour, nice quality, and varieg. buff; 2, Gilbert, nice type bull. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, Tipping. A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, c, Lawrance, Can. Bullfinch, Linnet Bullfinch; 3, Chillingsworth, Can. Bullfinch; vhc, Barratt; hc, Gilbert. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, A. Lucas, nice Goldfinch; 2, 3, Peters, Goldfinch and Bullfinch. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Gilbert, Meadow Bunting, in good condition; 2, hc, A. Lucas, Siskin, nice colour, well marked; 3, Barratt, Greenfinch, large bird, fine colour. LARGE: 1, Gilbert, Blackbird; 2, A. Lucas, Thrush. SELL. (10/-): 1, Corrall; 2, Gilbert. [Please write on one side of the paper only.—EDITOR.]

LEAMINGTON SPA.

The first members' show took place at the Golden Lion Hotel on June 23rd. Some very fine promising youngsters were on view. Mr. W. Treadwell judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR: 1, 2, 3, Hall. NOR. BRED 1909: 1, 3, spl., Hall; 2, spl., Soden. BRIT.: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Wildsmith.—E. PRITCHARD, Sec.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Annual First Feather Show held at the George Hotel, on July 3rd. There was only a moderate entry owing to the unfavourable breeding season. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged.

NOR.: 1, O'Connor; 2, Black. YORKS: 1, Lawson; 2, vhc, Stephenson; 3, Carter. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, O'Connor; 2, Carter. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Lawson; 2, hc, Robinson; vhc, Wilcock. BRIT. HARD: 1, 2, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, vhc, Robinson.—R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec.

CROOK (Original) C.B. & F. & F.S.

Half-yearly First Feather and Young Stock Show held in the Mechanic Hall, July 3rd. The quality and entries were good. There was a very nice company, although the wet afternoon prevented many from attending. Mr. Wm. Rutherford judged cage birds.

NOR. (bred 1909): 1, spl., Cuthbertson; 2, Siddle and Dawson; 3, Cuthbertson; 4, F. Brown. YORKS: 1, spl., Nattrass; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Ridley; res., vhc, Elliott. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, Siddle and Dawson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, W. Brown; 3, F. Brown. BROWN OR GREY LINNET: 1, Siddle and Dawson. BRIT.: 1, W. Brown; 2, Heslop; 3, F. Brown. NOVICE A.V.: 1, 2, spl., Nattrass; 3, R. Brown; 4, Ridley. 10s. SELL.: 1, res., Siddle and Dawson; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, W. Brown; 4, F. Brown. At our open and members' shows a splendid cup will be competed for most points in members' classes.—BIRD and SIDDLE, Hon. Secs.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show of Canaries and Mules and of British birds was held on July 3rd. Mr. Webster judged. It was the best show held for years. There were not a large number of entries, but some grand birds were put down.

CLASS 1: 1, 3, Bagnell; 2, 4, Cakes. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Bagnell, both good ones, should be heard of again; 3, Cakes, grand young bird, well shown. CLASS 3: 1, Cakes, smart and long; 2, 3, Waker, good type. CLASS 4: 1, 3, Brotherton, both nice birds; 2, Waker, very smart, and all a Yorkie. CLASS 5: 1, 3, Pickup; 2, 4, Kirk. CLASS 6, NOR.: 1, Turner, good substance; 2, Hunt, very close up, presses hard; 3, 4, Bagnell. CLASS 7: 1, Bagnell, good head and body; 2, 3, Turner, both look like making good birds; 4, Barley, looks a little gem. CLASS 8: 1, Turner, good one; 2, Bagnell; 3, Hunt, a good class this. CLASS 9: 1, 2, Brotherton; 3, 4, Walker. CLASS 10: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, 4, Stafford. CLASS 11: 1, 3, 4, Bagnell; 2, Waker.—W. BROTHERTON.

DULWICH O.S.

Young Bird Show held at headquarters, July 1st. The members on the whole have had poor breeding results, and it was not, therefore, surprising that the entry was not a large one, especially as on this occasion the fixture was only for Canarics and Mules. The number of entries was over 30, however, Norwich being the strongest section. Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni won special for best bird in show in this section. The judge was Mr. J. Robson. The runner-up for the special was Mr. A. Rees, a novice. Yorks were not strong, but the winning yellow, who won special for best in novice section (bred by Mr. H. Pallett), was a typical specimen and ran third in show. Mules were a grand class. The winner was a large Goldfinch-Canary, quite a baby, and was bred by Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni. The other prize winners were Messrs. Pallett, Rees, and Woolhouse. The medal for most points in champions was won by Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, and that for novice section by Mr. Pallett. There was a good attendance, and altogether a very fine show was seen. The show managers were Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, who carried out their duties to the satisfaction of all. —S. J. KENT, Hon. Sec.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show held July 3rd, in the St. Matthew's Parochial Hall. Over 100 birds turned up, and among these were to be seen some very smart Yorkshires and Yorkshire Greens, most of the exhibits being above average merit. The novices put down some fine young birds, and the ticked buff Yorkshire which won the cup for best Canary bred by exhibitor is a really smart one, and the novice, Mr. J. Young, is to be complimented upon being able to win the cup over all sections, beating all the older hands to-day. Mr. A. Holden's ticked buff Yorks. in the champion section was runner-up. The yellows, both Yorkshires and Yorkshire Greens, apart from these two outstanding buffs, were far stronger in numbers and quality than the buffs, and Bootle are strong in yellows in both sections. Norwich, Mules, etc., were few in number, but nice in quality. A very good list of cash and other specials, including the cup, made competition well worth entering into. Mr. J. Hunt, the secretary, is backed up by a strong body of officials and members, and carries out his duties in a most able manner. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and appeared to give great satisfaction. We understand the Bootle members are eagerly looking forward to the next "Amalgamated" show, which they hope to conduct and make a great success.

YORKS. CL. YEL. (14): Really fine lot of young yellows; 1, vhc, Tulloch, very finely drawn, well up on leg, good position, neatly feathered, nice carriage and condition; 2, Rimmer, real good young bird when drawn tight up; 3, Button, fine position and style, neat feather, well posted; hc, McDermott; c, McNulty. BUFF (9): 1, R. Algie, fine, well-proportioned bird, level, and good all round contour, in sound condition; 2, McDermott, long and slim, of fine colour, bit plucked in nape of neck, which handicapped it; 3, Chorley, nicely drawn out, good on legs; vhc, Button; hc, Bullock; c, Smith. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Algie, tick on ears, fine neat bird, neat head, well filled, rounded right through, good position and condition; 2, McNulty, ticked nape of neck, also finely drawn, full of colour and quality, nice position; 3, Plunkett, varieg., fine bird when drawn tight up and keeps so; vhc, J. Hunt; hc, Bell; c, Larkin. BUFFS (10): 1, Holden, smart ticked buff, ran up for cup, just a little looseness in breast feather, making it give way for the cup; 2, Chorley, very slim, fine feather; 3, hc, Algie, rare good type and stand; vhc, Larkin; c, Bell. CINN., TICK., ETC. (2): 1, Button; 2, Davies. BUFF (2): 1, Bell; 2, Hunt. YELL. GREEN, SELF (9): Very good level lot; 1, Plunkett, fine deep colour, well tanned beak and legs, good Yorks., type, fine feather, tight condition; 2, Rimmer, fine feather, type and condition, nice size; 3, c, Tulloch, also fine colour, good shape, nice quality, neat; vhc, McNulty; hc, Algie. BUFF (5): 1, McNulty, good all-round bird, level soft colour, fine quality and condition; 2, Rimmer, also nice level colour, very pretty type and condition, close up; 3, McDermott, good colour; vhc, Algie; hc, Leatherbarrow. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Rimmer, very smart bird, in colour and shape, neat beak, legs, and carriage all through; 2, McNulty, foul tail, A1 colour; 3, c, Leatherbarrow, fine type, bit slack in feather on back; vhc, Schrimshaw; hc, Hunt. BUFF (3): 1, McNulty, foul tail, good level colour, deep beak and legs, nice feather and condition; 2, Hunt, lovely colour, foul wing, tail and sides; 3, Schrimshaw, nice foul. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Chorley, 1st fine type, good size, rare head and colour, nice condition; 2nd, small and neat, like a hen; 3, Schrimshaw, heavy varieg., rich colour, nice feather. MULE: 1, Schrimshaw, good sized, well-shaped Linnet-Can.; 2, Horne, nat. ed. yell. Greenfinch-Can. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, hc, Horne, Yell. Bunting, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and a Bullfinch, former three all in rare good form, Yell. Bunting takes special over Mules and British; vhc, Schrimshaw, very fine Goldie, just out of breast feather and condition, or might have won. NOVICE YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Spargo; 2, Hamilton. BUFFS: 1, Hamilton, fine bull all over; 2, Holden, very breedy, fine feather; 3, Young, nice, but just beaten in feather to-day; vhc, Roberts; hc, Spargo. TKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Spargo, rare quality and fine condition; 2, 3, Young, ticked breast, A1 feather and shape, 3rd beaten in wings and tail, good type, etc.; vhc, Roberts. BUFF (7): 1, Young, takes cup, ticked buff, already commented upon, really good youngster; 2, c, Roberts, varieg., fine quality and shape; 3, hc, Spargo, varieg., also good, and very like 2nd; vhc, Holden. YELL. GREEN YORKS. (5): 1, Roberts; 2, Holden, both full of colour and quality, nice shape, etc.; 3, Young, fine colour; vhc, Spargo; hc, Davies. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Hughes; 2, Holden. Special prize winners:—Best Nor., F. Chorley; best novice, green foul, A. Holden; best Mule or Brit., A. Horne; best green, fed on Blackledge's seeds, J. Rimmer; cup, best Canary, J. Young.

SOUTHALL C.B.S.

This newly-formed society held its initial First Feather Show at the Church Schools on July 5th, and the members are to be congratulated upon the quality of the exhibits staged. The winning Yorkshires were all birds of distinct promise, being very shapely and of good style; the Norwich also were a typical lot. In the British the Goldfinches were a grand feathered lot, whilst the Bramblefinch who led the way in the A.O.S. class was a gem for marking, colour, and feather; a grand-coloured Greenfinch came second. The birds were nicely staged, and much interest was shown in the fixture by the members. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr. H. J. Hireson, the treasurer, in the absence of Mr. T. G. Jeffrey, who was away on his holidays. The society has made a good start, and should do much to increase the interest felt in cage bird matters in West Middlesex. Mr. C. A. House judged, and afterwards lectured to the members and visitors upon the birds shown.

YORKS. CL.: 1, 3, Phipps; 2, vhc, Huxley. TKD.: 1, 2, vhc, c, Neal; 3, hc, Phipps. NOR. CL.: The entries in this class did not turn up. TKD.: 1, 2, Phipps; 3, Kidd. BRIT. GOLD.: 1, 2, 3, Hireson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Hireson; 2, Phipps.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held at headquarters, the Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw-road, on July 3rd. The entries did not come quite up to expectations, as the breeding season in this district has not been very satisfactory. Still, there were some promising youngsters staged in the Norwich, Yorkshires and Lizard sections. Mr. F. Steeple took honours for best bird in show, Mr. E. Lowe the 2nd, and Mr. J. S. Addisson the 3rd. The attendance at the show was a record one. Mr. W. Hardy, of Oldham, placed the awards, which gave every satisfaction.

LANCS. COPPY YELL (1): Lowe. BUFF (1): Ogden. P.H. BUFF (2): 1, Lowe; 2, Ogden. LIZ. C.C. GOLD (2): 1, 2, Lowe. SILVER (1): Hampshire. B.C. GOLD (1): Hampshire. SILVER (2): 1, Hampshire; 2, Steeple. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Steeple; 2, Sharples; 3, Dalzell; 4, Taylor; vhc, Cope. BUFF (5): 1, Dalzell; 2, Holmes; 3, Taylor; 4, Sharples; vhc, Whyatt. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 3, Steeple; 2, Sharples. BUFF (4): 1, Sherrington; 2, Sharples; 3, Taylor; 4, Holmes. YORKS CL. YELL. (2): 1, Addison; 2, Baxter. BUFF (4): 1, Addison; 2, Baxter; 3, Chadderton; 4, Holmes. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Addison; 2, Baxter. BUFF (1): Addison. A.O.V. OR MULE (1): Cope. BRIT. (2): Ogden; 2, Cocker. SELL. (£1) (4): 1, Chadderton; 2, Hampshire; 3, 4, Steeple.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The First Feather Show was held July 3rd. Although the society has only been in existence since March last, the membership has grown rapidly. Unfortunately, owing to the terrible weather experienced during the early part of the breeding season, the number of birds staged (65) was rather low, but the standard of excellence in several exhibits showed that, given a good moult, the Stocksbridge birds will be heard of later. Mr. Morgan Gregory judged and gave every satisfaction. The winners of 1, 2, 3, most points respectively, were Alf Jarvis, Messrs. Micklethwaite and Wormleighton, and R. Howe. Messrs. Micklethwaite and Wormleighton won special for best Yorkshire in show.

YELL. YORKS CL.: 1, spl., 2, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Jarvis; 3, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton; hc, c, Hewson. BUFF TKD.: 1, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton; 2, Clixby; 3, Howe; vhc, c, Jarvis; hc, Wilkinson. YELL. NOR. CL.: 1, vhc, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Howe; hc, c, Thompson. YELL. TKD.: 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton; vhc, Howe; hc, Jennings. BUFF CL.: 1, vhc, Howe; 2, 3, Jarvis. TICK: 1, hc, c, Wilkinson; 2, vhc, Jarvis; 3, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Howe; 2, vhc, M. Howe; 3, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, M. Howe; 2, Steel. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton.—H. E. WILKINSON, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Second show of Canaries in first feather was held at headquarters, Victoria Hotel, on July 3rd. Mr. C. Whiting, of Bradford, placed the cards. There were 7 classes, and 40 birds staged, of splendid type and quality. Dykes was again to the front with the highest number of points, making 16 cup points, 3 highest birds only to count. The first 3 in running for the challenge cup are as follows: L. Dykes, 35 points; W. C. Broomfield, 27 points; and M. Skirrow, 23 points.

CL. YELL.: 1, C. Whittaker; 2, J. Boocock; 3, H. Bryant; 4, E. Shepherd; vhc, E. Goodwin; hc, L. Dykes; c, J. Hutton: a very keen class, all exceptionally good birds. BUFF: 1, Broomfield; 2, Goodwin; 3, 4, L. Dykes; vhc, Atkinson. TICK. YELL.: 1, Firth, grand bird, won last show, kept up well; 2, Dykes; 3, Broomfield; 4, vhc, Skirrow; hc, Hutton. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, Dykes; 2, Bryant; 3, Hutton; vhc, Atkinson; c, Broomfield. CINN. TK. YELL.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Hutton; 3, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Goodwin. HEAVILY VARIEG., GREEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, 4, hc, Skirrow; vhc, Broomfield.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec. [Please write on one side of the paper only.]

KINCORN C.B.S.

A successful Nest Feather Table Show was held at the headquarters (Lea's Temperance Hotel) on 2nd July. Mr. W. H. Cawley judged, and the placing of the awards, without exception, satisfied the most critical. A good attendance put in an appearance. Upwards of 40 exhibits were on view, and but for the bad luck experienced by some members during the early part of the season, more would have been on view. The quality and type were good throughout.

YORKS YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Ditchfield, cl., easy winner; 2, Ratcliffe, good bird; 3, Ditchfield, nice bird. BUFF: 1, Ditchfield, grand bird, beautiful quality, stands to perfection; 2, Ditchfield; 3, Baxter, lovely quality. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Baxter, grand cl. yel., A1 quality, nice type, with a good moult will be seen again; 2, Guy, big bird, but beginning to break up; 3, Guy, another big one. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Guy, 1st grand bird, 2nd good type and quality, 3rd big buff hen. A.O.V.: 1, Baxter, nice typical buff green hen, A1 quality and grass green colour. NOVICE YORKS YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Bradbury, well-drawn bird, rich quality; 2, Inglesfield, grand typical bird; 3, Inglesfield, another typical bird. BUFF: 1, Bradbury, very nice bird. NOR. YELL.: 1, Waterworth, good typical yell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Jones, three very nice birds.

CARLISLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first of a series of three nest feather shows was held in the stock room of Viaduct Temperance Hotel, on July 1st, when about 60 exhibits were put down for exhibition, competition being keen in some of the classes, in the Borders especially. There was a good muster of fanciers, some even attending from Wigton 12 miles distant. Everything passed off very satisfactorily, so the committee had every right to be pleased with themselves. Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton) judged, and all were satisfied with his awards.

CL., ETC., BORD. YELL. (7): 1, McGuffie; 2, Hyslop; 3, J. H. Nixon; 4, 6, Wright; 5, Hyslop; 7, Johnstone. BUFF (11): 1, McGuffie; 2, 7, Herring; 3, 5, Hyslop; 4, J. H. Nixon; 6, McGuffie. UNEVEN (7): 1, Herring; 2, J. Nixon; 3, 4, McGuffie; 5, Wright; 6, G. Johnstone; 7, Dockerty. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, Wright; 2, 3, Dockerty; 4, G. Johnstone. A.O.V. BORD. (5): 1, Wright; 2, G. Johnstone; 3, Herring. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Lawson; 4, Reay. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 4, Lawson; 3, Reay. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Lawson; 4, Reay. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Lawson; 4, Reay. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, J. Nixon. LINNET (3): 1, Dockerty; 2, J. Nixon. BULLFINCH (2): 1, McGuffie. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): -, McGuffie; 2, 3, 4, Cranston. FOR., LARGE: 1, Cranston.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held on July 3rd, in Wycliffe Hall, Hillsboro'. Considering the complaints received from members as regards their having so poor a season, a goodly number of young birds (over 200) were staged. Mr. G. Browning adjudicated and his awards were received with satisfaction. Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, the secretaries, assisted by Messrs. Furness, C. Bradhaw, G. Drabble, G. Binge, and C. E. Booth conducted the show satisfactorily. Mr. Walsh's Softbills were a very pleasing feature of the show.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Slipped Hind Toe.

"**Anxious.**"—In putting the bird into a cage with no perches, and compelling it to remain on floor continually, you have done the worst possible thing for remedying the slipped hind toe. Had you put it in a cage with thin round perches it would have been a far more effectual remedy, and might have quite cured the condition without further interference. Now, you had better put on a rubber ring, as frequently described here, for a fortnight or three weeks. At the same time, put it in a moderate-sized cage with ordinary-sized perches. When you remove the ring, take out the perches, and put in thin ones, almost round, and about the size of an ordinary lead pencil. You will doubtless find that the bird will not settle down to rest on these perches until the hind toe is over the back of the perch, for the simple reason that it cannot comfortably settle down with it otherwise, whilst a few efforts almost invariably enable it to get the claw in its proper position. The cure then takes place automatically, so to speak. It is not necessary or advisable to lash the hind toe close up to the back of leg. If you use a bit of rubber tubing off a feeding bottle, as advised, you will find it leaves a little space between the toe and the leg, which is much better than binding them close together.

Moulting and Feeding.

Kilda.—The marks you describe are simply due to soiled plumage, and when the dirt gets in the feathers in this way nothing short of proper hand-washing will remove it. You say the bird bathes daily. Does it do this by bathing in its drinker? If so, this will only intensify the condition, and you must give it a proper bath inside its cage or hung on the doorway. The slight improvement recently noticeable is due to the bird moulting. The marks will disappear altogether by the end of the moult, but will soon re-appear unless you see that it bathes properly, and is not exposed to dirt, or in a soiled cage. Colour feeding would have no effect whatever upon this soiled condition, and as the bird has already made some progress with its moult, it is too late to commence feeding, with any chance of seeing the bird properly fed this year. Still, if you wish to try, you will find full particulars for doing so in another reply this week. It is not necessary to buy a pound of colour for one bird. You should get enough for sixpence for your purpose anywhere, or the egg and colour food would do. I cannot advise you to add cayenne to the egg food for the purpose. It would accomplish your object without doubt; but think of the bird.

Proposed Aviary.

"**Beginner.**"—I'm afraid I cannot hold out much hope of your succeeding any better in your plans as they stand than you have done with breeding in cages. Indeed, unless you give up the idea of keeping a mixture of foreign birds and Canaries in an aviary of the size you name, failure is practically certain. You would stand the best chance by turning in two or three hen Canaries and one cock, and allowing them to fly loose, hanging at least half a dozen nesting boxes about. The only other scheme I would advise would be to put in three or four hen Canaries, and two or three cock Finches say, a Linnet, Siskin, and Goldfinch, but not a Greenfinch—and throw your chances in with Mule breeding. There appears no door in the aviary large enough to admit even a person's head and shoulders, which would be quite necessary to enable anyone to reach all parts of it for cleaning, whitewashing, etc. I therefore suggest that you dispense with the two small doors at one end, and the proposed floor between them to enable you to make a door treble the size of those shown and occupying the same position as these two and the intervening space. Then you could insert a small door in the centre of the larger one for regular use in feeding, etc., leaving you with the larger door for use only on special occasions. Each end should be boarded, and a group of about six half-inch holes bored at each end near the ridge of the roof to ventilate, or let off the foul air, from the top. Board the front for two feet at one end, and omit the boarding from the opposite end.

Preparing for the Future.

"**Undaunted.**"—Am sorry to hear of your failure, but trust your determination to make a good try for success next year will be amply rewarded. Had you given an account of your present stock, and said in what respect that had failed, I should have been the better able to help you. As it is, I can only ignore the existence of your present stock, and advise you to start with either one or two trios, each consisting of a cock and two hens, the cock to be worked with each hen alternately next breeding season. Whether you begin with one or with two trios must depend upon the class of birds you desire, and the amount you are willing to expend. If you want a fairly good class of show bird you would do best to start with one trio if your funds are limited, and put all you can into that, which might run to anything from £3 upwards. If, however, you are not particular about breeding show birds, two trios of very decent birds might be had for 30s. per trio. From the beginning of December to end of January would be a very good time to buy, when the moult is well past, and many breeders are clearing out surplus stock. If you have only one trio, let the hens be 1909 bred, early hatched, if possible, and the cock 1908 or 1907, but not older than 1907, as you may perhaps require his services for a few years. If you have two trios, let one be composed as above, and the other of a 1909 cock and two 1908 hens, or one 1909 and one 1908. I would not advise you to begin with hens any older than 1908.

Feeding on Saffron.

J. Brown.—Your friends who told you to feed your birds on saffron in order to obtain that deep yellow colour you so much admire and want to see on your birds, are a few decades behind the times. Years ago, when colour-feeding was in its infancy and little understood, this substance was sometimes employed, but its colour-producing powers are weak, and the results obtained very unstable. As colour-feeding goes in these days, it would be quite impossible to feed with saffron to compete with it. In order to carry out your purpose, get a pound of the best tasteless red pepper from any vendor whose advertisements you see in our columns, add three ounces of soft sugar, and if you so desire you may also add one or two ounces of the best hot Natal and thoroughly mix and blend all together. This is the colour-food. Just before you expect the birds to drop into moult, begin to give a little egg food daily, in each half teacupful of which you have previously well mixed a good teaspoonful of the colour-food. As soon as the birds begin to drop feathers gradually increase the proportion of colour-feed in the egg food to double the above quantity, and use it regularly every day at this strength until the birds are nearly through the moult, when you again decrease the colour to the original proportion, and continue giving it at that strength for a week or two after the birds appear to be perfectly fine in feather again. You will then have the satisfaction of seeing your birds come out of the moult with that richness of colour you desire.

Improving Crest.

A Constant Reader.—It is not unlikely your young birds will improve considerably during the moult, and ultimately make up into quite different looking specimens as regards quality and substance of feather. Indeed, judging from all you say, I should rather expect this to be the case. For next year's breeding operations you should get about one-third of your stock yellow, as you appear to have got a little too far away from this colour. This will enable you roughly to have two-thirds of your breeding pairs composed of yellow to buff, and the remainder double buffs. Get all the cocks with plenty of size and substance, and do not mind if the hens are only of moderate size so long as they are good in other typical points, and have as much feather as possible. Pay particular attention to getting the Crestbreds with plenty of dense headgear and correctly-shaped heads, that is,. large dome-shaped skulls, short thick beaks, and a good wide entrance at base of beak. You would have done better to have used a half-bred Lancashire cock this year instead of a quarter-bred one. As you still complain of want of size in the progeny, I should imagine this bird was not a well-selected one for your purpose. Next season mate him with a heavily variegated or green Crest of the same strain as your other Crests, and the greatest amount of crest and body feather as you can command, and the year following mate the progeny up with your other Crests and Crestbreds, and also in this year go back to double-buffing the majority of your breeding stock.

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Yorkshire in Bad Plumage.

F. F. Amos.—Your description leaves no room for doubt as to the cause of the bird's poor condition, which is the worrying attacks of red mite. You should well clean the cage whilst the bird is removed to a temporary one, then thoroughly saturate it with paraffin, using a paint brush for the purpose, and working it well into every joint and crevice, and place the cage outdoors to dry. As it is an all-wire cage, I expect it would bear being dried in the sun without injury, in which case this mode of drying will prove far more deadly to the "livestock" than drying in the shade. Repeat this operation two or three times, allowing an interval of one or two days between each. Then paint, or lacquer, and re-varnish, if necessary. Treat the place where the cage has hung in the same thorough manner. Whilst the bird is in the temporary cage, encourage it to bathe freely each day and add a few quassia chips to the water for the bath. As regards the food, an occasional scrap of fat boiled bacon for it to peck at would do no harm, but the less of such things it has, the better. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Give a little crushed biscuit, sponge cake, or egg food, once or twice a week, and a few grains of hemp, linseed, inga, or a pinch of maw about as often, and a little green food in variety daily. Treated in this way, the bird should moult out in perfect feather. Glad to hear of your success through reading our paper.

About Borders.

Eye Marks.—If required as an improver of natural colour, I do not think there is very much to be gained by the use of saffron during the moult, because in my experience it is far too relaxing to be used in such strength as would be really serviceable for such a length of time. To help to break a bird into moult when it appears to require such assistance, a few shreds in the water for a week or so at a time, then missing a few days, is very useful, and a few drops of whisky added at the same time will help to counteract the laxative effect, and also stimulate the bird. To make the most of its natural colour, give plenty of nasturtium and marigold blooms, and a free supply of green food in variety throughout the moult, and about three times a week either add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water or give a little egg food or crushed sponge cake, to which add a slight dusting of saccharated carbonate of iron. Do not expose the bird to strong sunlight. I suspect its present condition is largely due to constipation. Give a pinch or rape every day, and half a teaspoonful of maw three times a week from now until the moult is well in progress. Give a spray of chickweed or groundsel daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops whisky and as much Epsom salts, two days in every three for a week, as will cover a sixpence, and for once only put two drops of warmed olive or castor oil in the vent.

Cinnamon Mysteries.

A. S.—You give me little idea in what direction you require help or enlightenment. The pink eye is a characteristic of the pure Cinnamon, and the Cinnamon possesses unique powers of reproducing its own peculiarities, and leaving traces of its influence on any variety with which it is crossed, which traces are apt to crop up unexpectedly in a variety of ways, even after all external trace of any cross has disappeared for a year or two. In such as the Yorkshire and Norwich, which have a fair amount of Cinnamon blood infused in them, either to build up the varieties marked with Cinnamon colour instead of the usual dark markings, or to improve feather, very unexpected results may often be looked for in breeding, and in these varieties a pink-eyed bird, even though it shows nothing but dark or green markings, has a greater or less proportion of cinnamon blood in its veins, and in all probability will breed birds with more or less cinnamon marked plumage. If you want to know what colour the pure cinnamon is, our manager could doubtless send you a coloured plate that would show you, and the standard of perfection in our ANNUAL would further elucidate it. As regards Cinnamon markings in other varieties, the standard of the variety in question remains quite unaltered, and you have only to imagine the usual dark markings replaced by the correct cinnamon colour. In the case of the Yorkshire, you will find the question of breeding and mating for Cinnamon marks dealt with in Mr. Battye's book on the "Yorkshire Canary." If this does not quite answer what you wish to know, write again and say just what it is you want to know.

Called Him Back Again.

A Novice Again.—Am glad to hear that CAGE BIRDS, which was given you, has rekindled the dormant fire and set you going again after 40 years' absence from its ranks. The best time to buy a trained Roller to ensure having a thoroughly well trained bird, would be about December; anyway, not earlier than November, as previous to this the young birds of the year can have but little testing and selection to weed out those whose quality and purity of song, are not firmly established. Of course, if you stipulate for a low-priced bird, you will, of a certainty, get one of these discarded specimens, no matter what time of the year you buy, or, on the other hand, a discarded tutor, that is of little or no further use for a schoolmaster, but which would still be a very nice songster for some time. It is just as well to remember that there is plenty of demand for the real cream of trained songsters at high prices in their native country, so there is little chance of such birds coming over here to be retailed at a cheap rate. As regards the cages, the birds will certainly sing more in an open wire cage, or one open at front and sides, than in a darkened one, but there is a risk of vigorous young birds putting too much energy into their song and assuming faulty notes when given too much light. This is the sole object of keeping the cage covered, or in a closed song box at times. As a go-between, I prefer a back cage open in front and sides only, and if the bird appears to be getting too high notes, cover the front over with a light cloth, which may be removed or drawn aside as occasion requires. The same treatment as frequently advised here for singing birds will suit them well, except that the staple mixture should consist of two parts Canary to one part summer rape.

Brevities.

Effect of Colour Feeding (J.H.).—No, certainly not. If you colour feed a pair intended for breeding with next season, provided you do it properly with sweet pepper, or mainly so, the process will not have the slightest detrimental effect upon the success of their breeding operations next year.

What Class? (H.D.).—Unless a class is provided for "foul or broken Cinnamons," you could only enter the bird in the Cinnamon class proper, and the foul feathers in wing will tell against it in competition with birds not having such blemishes. You cannot enter such a bird in a class for "Any other variety" so long as there is a Cinnamon class provided.

What Are They? (W. L. Westerman).—I can only guess from your remarks that you expected the young ones to be Linnets, and the fact that they have yellow in the wings instead of white makes it tolerably certain they are Greenfinches. As to whether they are worth keeping to breed with depends upon whether you are interested at all in Mule breeding. For this purpose they should prove useful on account of being so much tamer and steadier than wild caught specimens. If you are not interested in this branch of the hobby, why not offer the birds for sale in our advertisement columns instead of turning them adrift, which is scarcely a kind thing to do with birds reared in this way?

What are its Prospects? (A.B.C Boy).—I should say the bird is a lightly variegated one rather than uneven marked. Certainly, it would stand a chance of winning if good enough in other respects when exhibited in its proper class, which, without seeing the bird, I should say would be the one called "ticked or variegated," or any class which expressly includes these varieties. It is quite possible for such a bird to possess highly-developed typical points and to be, in a sense, a valuable bird, especially for breeding purposes, but as these ticks and patches of variegation are simply proof of the bird's failure to reach the ideal of clear or even-marks, other points being equal, the latter birds would naturally take precedence, and from an exhibition point of view would be the most valuable.

To Bring in Song (Novice).—The moulting season is now so close upon us that I think it very little use trying any special treatment to bring him into song. There is very little the matter with your feeding, but you should drop the inga and substitute a half teaspoonful of maw three times a week to help break the bird into moult. Give only a very few grains of hemp and not more than twice a week, and occasionally give a few grains of linseed when the moult is well in progress. Give a small piece of sponge cake moistened with sherry three times a week for the next two or three weeks. Are you sure the bird is a cock, or did it not sing before it was mated? Add half ripe plantain stalks and chickweed to the green food given.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Greenfinch Ailing.

Green Bird.—Your letter does not help me. Many things may make a bird go "puffy." He may have a cold, in which case you should withhold the bath, keep him in a cosy corner indoors, out of draughts, and give a cough mixture. On the other hand, it is quite likely he looks a little out of sorts owing to being about to drop into the moult. In this case there is nothing to worry about, for it is quite natural. You might stir a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into its drinking water daily (two tablespoonfuls) using only a glass or pot vessel. Is he dropping any feathers about the cage? Again, he might merely be constipated, in which case a dose of sulphate of soda, or of Epsom salts, in his water (as much as will lie on a shilling) will put that right. Give him plenty of green food, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, and flowering groundsel tops. Give a little mixed niger and maw seeds daily, as a "tit-bit." But you will have to decide for yourself what it is that ails him; you give no particulars which assist me to form an opinion.

A Woodlark's Management.

W. Hobbs.—The Lark food should answer with the addition of the hard-boiled egg and some good quality ants' eggs. I can better recommend the mixture advised below, however. Woodlarks need to be well (generously) fed. A good stock cage can be made out of the usual type of Skylark cage (bow-fronted), one perch being placed in same (the bird likes a turf; and must also have a dust bath). The cage I myself like best is one of the pattern known as the "Lark runner" (only longer, and wider from front to back), with doors at each end, and a canvas ("false") roof. A large turf fits in at one end, a perch over the other (the "dust bath" end), and the food and water vessels hang on the front. Try this stock food: Powdered Osborne biscuit, five parts; best ants' eggs, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. Woodlarks ought certainly to have a regular supply of live food—many droop for want of it. Many real good insectivorous stock foods are advertised in CAGE BIRDS every week. A little seed (especially Canary) should be given now and again; while crushed groats and coarse oatmeal are relished.

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A Good, Cheap Thrush Food.

Mrs. Throup.—The very cheapest satisfactory way of feeding Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., is to get a bag of some good brand of chicken meal (without grit), or puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, and use this softened with hot water, then mixed into some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be fresh daily), and find it very cheap, too. Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Blackbeetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush tribe.

Colour-feeding Finches.

J. Cowans.—Respecting the colour-feeding of the Goldfinches, note the reply given "T. Brooks" this week. It is not easy, as I have often explained, to get Finches (Bramblefinches and Chaffinches, of course, included) to eat colour food made in the usual way—viz., with egg-bread. Most have to be "judiciously starved" on to it. There is a risk, of course, of their being upset and succumbing during the process. Some fanciers get over this difficulty by gradually accustoming the birds to eating ground-up seeds (canary, linseed, and maw, generally). Then, about the beginning or middle of July, they commence adding a little colour-feed, working up the strength by degrees. One or two large firms in the seed line sell seeds with the shells removed (some, I fancy, terming these "cooked seeds"), which, of course, can readily be treated with colour food. Both crushed and shelled seeds absorb the colouring agent quite well. A certain successful fancier of my acquaintance, with a liking for colour feeding Britishers (especially Bullfinches), uses crushed linseed only as a vehicle for conveying the pepper. You must experiment and find out which way, or ways, best meet your own case—there is no "royal road" as with Canaries, unless it be with hand-reared British birds. Most fanciers use red-feed (tasteless pepper). The quantity of colour food depends on the bird—a rich yellow Greenfinch would naturally need less than a dingier-coloured one. One in four ought to be the outside strength necessary; one in six or seven might suffice. Use your own judgment. In my opinion, an overfed British Finch is spoiled; and some birds, buffs, it is almost waste of time to try to colour-feed. They don't "take it" (the colour). If you keep insectivorous birds I can give you a good "tip"—cage one with your Finches. I have a Wagtail in my flight cage with some Finches I am giving a little colour-feed. Seeing the Wagtail feed, they soon go down to sample what he is eating, and are not long before they acquire a liking for insectivorous food; the rest is then easy. I put the food on a "feeding board," and mix some crushed seed with it. They pick up quite sufficient colour. Siskins come out quite "warm."

Feeding a Greenfinch.

L. H. Gibson.—You are quite right in dropping feeding the bird on hemp seed alone. Give a little only for a time (daily), but in a dish separate from the stock mixture. For the food of an adult Greenfinch the really important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower (or half sunflower, half safflower) seed. This can either be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed half a pint each. To this a pint each of sunflower and safflower could be added. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. Your Greenfinch should flourish if fed in this way. Don't forget the bath.

Brevities.

Greenfinch Ailing (Greenie).—Give the bird a dose of saline medicine as advised "Greenbird" this week, adding a half-teaspoouful of brandy. It should have plenty of seeding green food to eat. Note reply given "L. H. Gibson."

Thistle and Teazle (Four Years' Reader).—The teazle is a wild plant, but not anything like so common as the thistle. It is cultivated commercially in some parts of England. Respecting the thistle seed, note reply given to "Beginner" last week.

Hawfinches in Aviary (H.J.).—Hawfinches have been bred in an outdoor aviary, but are not easy subjects. A fairly large and secluded place, well stocked with thick evergreens and bundles of pearsticks, would be likely to induce a couple to nest.

Preserving Ants' Eggs (A.G.F.).—Answered last week in the reply given to "Initials."

How Many Bullfinch-Canaries? (G. E. Jones).—I do not know that any Bullfinch-Canary Hybrids have been bred (that is, from cock Bullfinch and hen Canary). If you mean from the other way of mating, cock Canary to hen Bullfinch, then I should say that from 14 to 18 examples have been seen on the show bench; exactly how many have been bred, I cannot, of course, say.

Mule or Canary? (J.H.P.).—It certainly hardly seems possible for the bird to be a Cauary; but, really, so many of these "clear" Mules turn out to be actually Canaries that I am somewhat dubious. If you care to arrange to send it up to London for me to look at, I shall be pleased to give you a candid and disinterested opinion. It is curious the other fanciers should say that it is a Canary.

Blackbirds and Thrushes (J.H.H.).—The only sure way of sexing Thrushes is by the song; cock and hen are alike in plumage. In young Blackbirds the cocks are of a darker cast than the hens (by comparison), especially being blacker in the wing and tail feathers. The beak turns yellow towards the Spring. Young birds commence to "warble" soon after they can feed themselves, but rarely sing out well before the Spring-time.

A Mixture (In Doubt).—The mixture sent would answer very well for Linnets if a portion of teazle seed were added to it. Personally, however, I do not give them hemp as a regular thing, except when moulting. An aviary 5 by 3 by 2½ feet, would answer very well indeed for Hybrid breeding, providing the number of birds put in was strictly limited, and that no two individuals of the same species were included (an exception could be made in favour of hen Canaries, if you are thinking of using them).

Egg Food and Colour Food (T. Brooks).—I could not pass an opinion on the egg-food you mention. Judging by the reports one reads and hears about it, however, it ought to be entirely satisfactory. Personally, I believe in sticking to the bridge which has carried one over safely in the past. Whether Bullfinches should be colour-fed is a matter of taste, which the owner must decide. I certainly do not believe in colour-feeding Goldfinches; if pepper is given at all, it should be given after the moult—when they are "coming up in colour." See reply to "J. H." last week; and that given "J. Cowans" this week.

Feeding Young Chaffinch (Only a Novice).—The Canary-reared Chaffinches will eat practically any seed, but should be fed plainly. Hemp is not good for them, and should be given occasionally only; hence the Goldie mixture is not correct. All they want is Canary, rape, charlock, and teazle, and a little linseed and sunflower. Other seeds now and again as a treat. Live foods are appreciated, and good to give, especially during the moult—say, two or three mealworms daily, or a few flies, or live ants' eggs.

Young Blackbirds (Suffragette).—A method of well and cheaply feeding Thrushes and Blackbirds is given this week in another answer. Don't listen to people who advocate hemp seed, etc. I do not recommend keeping birds outdoors in a cage during all weathers; in my opinion it is cruel. The cage for a Blackbird should be of box pattern, about 30 inches long, 20 high, and 12 wide. If the roof is made slanting, and covered with some rainproof material (such as linoleum) showers in warm weather will do no harm.

Mr. Weston regrets to say that he has mislaid or lost a bundle of letters, etc., amongst them being several queries. Would the senders kindly repeat the latter?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

About Cardinals.

W.S., jun.—(1) The Grey Cardinal is hardy and fairly ready to nest. They are very unreliable as to rearing young. It is very improbable they would attempt to breed in a cage. (2) The distinctions are almost infinitesmal, but the hen has a narrower and more pointed beak than the male, and the grey plumage on the nape of her neck is slightly mottled or scaled with white. (3) A matter of opinion. The Green, Yellow-billed, Virginian, and Pope are all very handsome; it is a matter of individual taste to say which is the most handsome. Their principal diet is seed—Canary, millet, hemp, wheat, and sunflower seeds; they must have in addition liberal supplies of green food (lettuce, etc.), ripe fruit, and one or two mealworms or other insects per bird daily. (4) The cocks have a fair song (Grey, Pope, and Virginian are best), but it can hardly be called sustained. The song is not a lengthy one, but is rapidly repeated again and again. (5) Very difficult to rear in captivity, as the old birds in 99 cases out of 100 refuse to feed the young on anything but live food. But, situated as you are, you should be able to get a good supply of live ants' eggs (cocoons), gentles, beetles, caterpillars, spiders, etc., and if you can spare the time to supply these every hour, you will have a good prospect of rearing some young Cardinals.

Pulling Out His Feathers.

Parrot Lover.—These birds are mostly in the moult now, and this may be the case with yours. But the listlessness points, at any rate, to some slight indisposition. Every other day for a fortnight, providing its voidings do not become watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit daily, such as banana, apple, orange, grapes, etc., according to taste, nuts and plain biscuit. Mix a little grit with its seed mixture and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in cage. Spray it twice a week with quassia solution to make sure there are no parasites; if you have evidence or good grounds for suspecting these, rub in a little pyrethrum powder into the plumage, wherever the irritation seems greatest, and this should soon clear it of these pests. When you cease giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Do not give slops, messes, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Parrot Still Pulling Feathers.

Nurse L.B.—I have carefully considered my former reply and cannot materially add thereto, save merely to emphasise the necessity of continuing the supply of Chemical Food and Dinneford's Magnesia as near the directions given as circumstances will permit. I would also draw attention again to the fact that ripe fruit should be given daily and such salads (green food) as it will readily take. Keep up also the use of the quassia solution and rub in (when the plumage is dry) a little pyretbrum powder, so as to get rid of any parasites there may be. The weather is now warm and genial and I should advise this bird being kept out of doors a good part of the day, choosing some position where it will be screened from a direct wind blowing through the cage. Feather pulling, when it once becomes a confirmed habit, is most difficult and tiresome to eradicate, but with perseverance, conditions can be very much improved even if a complete cure cannot be effected. However, I hope with your bird the cure will be complete, but improvement is mostly slow and will not be very noticeable I expect till after the moult, which is about due.

A Grey Laying Eggs in Cage.

J.A.R.—Such cases are not uncommon, but at the same time they are a great strain on captive birds, and the danger is egg binding. The indisposition of your bird is the result of this, but now the second egg has been laid there should be no further trouble. It would be a wise precaution to keep a lump of old mortar, in the cage of this bird, and also cuttlefish continuously. Its bowels should be kept well regulated. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery, will suffice for this. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till she is in condition again. I anticipate her indisposition will be but temporary; in the meantime, let her have all the fresh air possible without draught. You are rather fortunate to have escaped loss, as from your details she has evidently had difficulty in exuding the eggs, but I don't think you now need anticipate any further trouble. In case of similar symptoms in future, keep warm, supply as much green food and ripe fruit as it will take and promptly give a dose or two or the magnesia, which is very mild and cooling, and will leave no ill effects.

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Brevities.

What Bird? ("Quong Sing").—1. This is either a Military Troupial or a Hangnest. 3. Troupial, Hangnest, or Tyrant; will give you a definite reply in next issue. 2 and 4. Supply Canary, millet, and a little hemp, green-food, and some good soft food mixture, and ripe fruit, also three or four mealworms or other insects per bird daily. I should be pleased to correspond with "Quong Sing" if he will write me, c/o Editor of this paper.

About Budgerigars (F.C.).—(1) I should not anticipate any ill effects from hops on the wires of aviary. Budgerigars, though destructive to plant life, are, as a rule, very dainty in the way of green food, favouring nothing to any extent save grass in flower and lettuce. They will strip a bush of leaves in a few hours and eat none of it, simply pull the leaves off and drop them to the ground. (2) The cere at the base of the upper mandible is blue in the male and brown in the female when they are in breeding condition. Apart from this, the distinctions are infinitesmal. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful. 1/1 post free from "C. B." office.

What Cockatoo? (X.Y.Z.)—It is a Leadbeater, an Australian species, handsome and hardy. It is not one of the least attractive of the varied and gorgeous avifauna of the Antipodes. Diet: Seed mixture (see below), ripe fruit, nuts, boiled maize, plain biscuit, and green food, with regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean; boil the maize till the grain is soft; drain off all water and supply to the bird when cold. Seed mixture: Equal parts of rice in the husk, maize, hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a continuous supply in cage. Do not be tempted into giving tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. A little boiled potato (without fat or grease of any kind) is appreciated by most, as is also a little plain sweet cake; but the latter should be given in strictly limited quantities.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Turtle Doves and Jays.

R. E. Watson.—Turtle Doves—the British wild species—seem not to be shown, and are not provided for at shows, which, I think, is a pity. Feed them on small grain, such as wheat, canary, and hemp, with a turf and some old mortar and rock-salt to pick at. Jays, at large shows, are classed along with Magpies and Choughs; at small ones, they have to take their chance with a mixed lot of Softbills in an A.O.V. class.

Quail Queries.

A.N.—1. Yes, an adult Quail is the size of a Thrush. 2. They are easy to sex; the hen's throat is plain white, and her breast speckled like a Lark's, while the cock's breast is plain cinnamon and his throat either all reddish brown, or, more commonly, has an anchor-shaped dark mark on a white or brown ground—it is never plain white. 3. This is equally easy; give Canary and millet, a turf to pick at, and insects when convenient; grit and some sand to dust in should not be forgotten. They drink, but do not bathe. 4. They have bred in captivity; but this is rare with the common Quail, though its foreign relatives breed readily enough. 5. If you are buying a cage, get a "lark runner," or take the perches out of a Canary breeding cage; they do not perch. But it is easy to extemporise a cage out of a box for these birds; it need not be high, but should be long, and have a good deep tray for plenty of sand.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Alteration of Date (T. G. Jeffery).—Yes; the notice came too late, reaching us Thursday morning, whereas we go to press Wednesday morning. It shall have due attention this week.

Illustrated Ideas (A. T. Horrill).—We have already illustrated this food-vessel holder. (C. Palfreyman).—This perch-holder has been given.

Crest Show Cages (J. Arnold).—The Crested Canary Club has not, we believe, adopted a "standard" show cage. The usual size of a Crest show cage is 12 inches long by 10½ high by 5 wide, with ½-gauge wires. The front is bowed at the top. The Norwich Plainhead show cage is 12 long, 11 high, and 5 wide, with ½-inch gauge wires. Illustrations of them would be found in any cage-maker's catalogue.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—July 20, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. Presentation of special prizes; half-year balance sheet.—J. Spencer.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 20, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 17, Bird Inn, 6. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Stanger; and general business. Fanciers welcome.—M. Crosby.

Bolton O.S.—July 21, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. Table show of Young Stock, two classes each: Nor., Yorks., and A.O.V. Can. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Parkinson.

Birkenhead C.F.A. — July 20, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Lecture on Moulting and Colour Feeding, by Mr. Hadwin, and syllabus for 1909 and 1910. Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

City of Bradford. — July 17, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show: 8 Yorks., 2 Nor., 1 Brit. classes; judge, Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax). Birds must be staged at 2.—F. Rhodes.

Clapham C.B.A.—5.30. Young Bird Show, Avondale Hall, Landor Road, July 17th.—A. C. Askew.

Crook C.B.S.—July 17, Royal Oak, 7.30. Reconsider open show.—W. Rutherford.

Crewe O.S.—July 20, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Ticket money, young stock show.—L. Hancocks.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—July 17, Little Saddle Inn. F.F. show; birds staged 3 o'clock. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill).—G. G. Stafford.

Dipton C.B.S.—July 17, Council Schools, 7.30. F.F. prize money, and other business.—M. Mason.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 21, Half Moon Hotel, 8.—W. Underwood.

East Ham F.S. — July 19, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8.—H. Rutter.

Grimsby O.S.—July 19, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Nest feather show, and general business. Judge, Mr. Pepper (Hull). Fanciers invited.—H. Harding.

Green Canary Assn.—July 22, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Allotting patronage and other very important matters.—S. Hadwin.

Heywood O.S.—July 20, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To receive ticket money, and pay prize money for F.F. show; also balance sheet for same.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Inverness O.A.—July 21, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Final arrangements for F.F. show, July 31st.—A. Urquhart.

Kirkstall C.B.S.—July 17, Abbey Inn, Abbey Road, 2.45. Young bird show. Judge, Mr. Richmond (Rodley). Fanciers invited; admission free.—W. Hornby.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 20, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—W. Wright.

Lancashire C.A.—July 17, Rochdale O.C. Rooms, 6.30. Show patronage; subscriptions are now due.—W. Adams.

Lancaster C.B.S.—July 17, Market Hall Coffee Tavern. Table show: Yorks., A.O.V. Nor., A.V. and Brit.; to be staged at 6 p.m. Judge, Mr. G. Winn; will members bring as many birds as possible.—C. J. Cafferty.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 18, meet 2 p.m., at bottom of Tunbridge Road. To ramble to Harden. All friends invited.—A. Bottomley.

Liverpool O.S.—July 20, headquarters. Half-yearly statement syllabus; open show correspondence.—J. W. Metcalfe.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—July 24, Co-op. Class Room, 7.30. Table show, Brit. Bird, Seedeater; judge, Mr. E. Wilcox. A.V. Can. Novice Young Birds; judge, Mr. E. Fox. Usual fees.—A. Wigginton.

London and Counties O.S. — July 19, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8.30. Balance sheet for half year, and other business; visitors welcomed.—W. Gilbert.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—July 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Draw; please bring in tickets; open show business. Ramble.—E. Jones.

Morley C.B.S.—July 17, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Committee meeting, 7.30.—R. H. Turner.

Mansfield C.B.S.—July 24, Charter Arms, 7. All fanciers invited.—Jos. Smith.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 22, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 2. F.F. show.—E. Box.

Midland Roller C.C.—July 22, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. General discussion on tones the birds sing, brought by several members.—J. H. Willows.

North London C.B.A.—July 21, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Discussion, and payment of prize money, young stock show.—R. P. Harper.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—July 21, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30.—J. Bertram.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of judge and other important business for back-end show.—F. Steeple.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—July 20, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Lecture on Breeding and Feeding for Colour, by Mr. G. Gardner. All welcome.—W. Pawley.

Pendlebury, Swinton C.B.A.—July 22, 8.—A. Doncelly.

St. Helens O.S. — July 19, George Inn, Water Street, 8.15. Voting for one or two new members. Having meeting instead of on Bank Holiday.—A. Goodall.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Mr. T. H. Harrison, the well-known expert, will give a lecture, entitled "Chats About Breeding," at 8 p.m., on July 22nd, at headquarters, Workman's Hall, Romford Road, E., two minutes from Stratford Church. Visitors cordially invited; admission free. — W. Maxey.

Stockport B.F.A.—July 20, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 24, Fawcett Street Cafe, Young bird show, 8 classes. Judging commences 6.—W. Reid.

Swindon C.B.A.—July 17, Mechanics Institution, 7. Members' F.F. show.—W. Dale.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 19, Commercial, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton), "Colour Feeding and Preparing for Exhibition." Friends cordially invited.—J. Lewis.

South and North Shields C.B.S.—July 21, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Entries for F.F. show; open show schedule, etc.—J. Barrass.

South Metropolitan F.A.—July 21, Stockwell Social Club, Jefferies Road, Clapham Road, S.W., 8. Table show of cage birds. As these are the new headquarters, will members please make effort to attend?—G. W. Milledge.

Tong C.B.S.—July 17, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley). J. Smith.

West Stanley F. and F.S.—July 18, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. To draw up and confirm schedule for next annual show, Nov. 27th; intending members please attend.—J. G. Cousins.

Wandsworth F.S.—July 22, headquarters, 8. Annual show, and other business.—W. Summers.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—July 22, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 6.30. F.F. show: Canaries, British, and Mules.—J. Gibbons.

Windsor C.B.A. July 22, Star and Garter, Peacock Street, Windsor, 8.—A. P. Robinson.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Clapham C.B.A. (Young Bird), July 17th, "Landor" Hotel, Landor-rd., S.W.—11 Canary classes, 2 Mule, 9 Brit., 2 Hybrid, and For. Open to public at 5.30 p.m.—Sec., A. C. ASKEW, 152, Manor-street, Clapham.

Weston H.S.—July 29th. Manor Park.—1 open Canary class, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close July 15th (last post) to F. H. GRAY, F.R.H.S., Vine House, Weston, Bath.

Thornbury.—Aug. 13th.—Judge, Mr. A. de Winton. 3 local classes. Can. 2, Brit. 1. Prizes, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6. Fee, 3d. Ent. close July 31st to E. J. UNDERHILL, High-st., Thornbury, Glos.

Downend (C.B.U.)—Aug. 3rd, Clive Hall.—Mr. J. H. Payne.—10 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Bred 1909 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 1, and 1 members' class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close July 27th to PEARSE AND RATHBONE, Institute, Staple Hill, nr. Bristol.

Headington.—Aug. 2nd, Manor House Grounds.—Judge, Mr. F. C. Levett.—7 open classes: Brit. 2, Nor. 1, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, and 1 local class. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close July 27th to WILLIAM JACOBS, 48, Highfield, New Headington, Oxford.

Hallam and Ecclesall (C.B.U.)—Aug. 19th, Endcliffe Park, Sheffield.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.—10 open classes: Yorks 3, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- Fee 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 9th to EDWIN C. JOB, Wincobank, Sheffield.

Oundle.—Aug. 2nd, grounds of Brainston House.—Judge, Mr. A. Watts.—20 open classes: Yorks 5, Nor. 5, Crest 2, Mules 2, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close July 22nd to A. HOWITT, Rock House, Oundle.

North Gower (Penclawdd).—August 3rd.—3 local classes: Can. 1, Finch 1, and Mule 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, and 1/6. Fee, 3d. Entries close July 29th, to RICHARD LEWIS, West End, Penclawdd, Wales.

Largs.—August 14th, Artillery Hall, Brisbane-road.—Judge, Mr. J. Allison. 19 open classes: Scots. 10, Nor. 1, Crest 1, Bord. 2, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, and 1 local Can. class. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, and 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close August 10th, to DUGALD HENDRY, School House, Largs, Ayrshire.

Green Can. Association (Nest Feather).—July 24th, 4, Oldham-street, Renshaw-street, Liverpool.—29 Can., 1 Mule, 1 Sell., and 6 British Bird classes. Open from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Entries close July 21st to S. HADWIN, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

Epworth.—August 2nd.—Judge, Mr. E. Boyes. 4 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 1, and For. 1. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close July 24th, to W. E. BURROWS, Epworth, Doncaster.

Runcorn (Nest Feather).—August 7th, Plantation Pleasure Grounds, Higher Runcorn. Judge, Mr. C. Houlton; 22 open classes; Yorks 2 and 1 Novice, Nor. 2 and 1 Novice, Crest 1, Greens 4, A.O.V. 1 and 1 Novice, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 4, For. 4, Gift 1. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Fees, 1s. 3d. Ent. close Aug. 4th (first post) to C. HARDY, 10, Arthur-st., Runcorn.

Singing Contests.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, July 10th, when 16 birds competed. Result: 1, Oxberry; 2, Moor; 3, Stothard; 4, Gurden. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Carbrook, July 10th, when 21 birds contested. Winners: Brown 69, Wilson 62, Fenn 56. Also on July 11th contest at same hotel, when 20 birds sang. Winners: Booker 62, Baker 61, Jack 42.—BROWN.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, July 10th, when Messrs. A. Jennings and W. Naylor judged: 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Stead. Also on July 11th: 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. J. Mclia, A. Jennings, and W. Naylor.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end quality Linnet singing contests held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane. On July 10th, Mr. A. Kendall gave three grand prizes, and there were 12 entries. 1st, S. Hardcastle's wonderful "Chivvy"; 2, Solomon; 3rd divided between S. Hardcastle and J. Chippendale. Judges, Messrs. T. Nicholson and P. Madden. Also on July 11th, when 15 birds sang. S. Hardcastle's bird again came out on top; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Solomon; 4th divided between Stead and Pickersgill. Judges, Messrs. P. Madden, T. Nicholson, and A. Lorriman.—J. W. HARGREAVES, Secretary.

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Correspondence.

Some Hints to Would-be Hybrid Breeders.

SIR,—In reply to "Colonist" as to what breed of Canary to use, I should advise him to use Norwich or German, or a Norwich-German cross, as he would find them good sitters and feeders. As to pairing them up, don't do this before April or the beginning of May, as that is soon enough to catch the British pairs.

WILLIAM LOVATT.

Should Unflighted Birds Have their Tails Drawn?

SIR,—May I trouble you for space to ask the above question? During the last show season or so we have found classes for unflighted birds. In the Norwich the birds have their nest tails; in the Yorkshires the greatest number do not have their nest tails in, and some have the long wing flights (not nest feathers). Should they be shown in the Unflighted or not? I hope to have the feeling of some of the Yorkshire fanciers on the subject.

A. W. P.

Noted for Singing and Breeding.

Some Rearing Feats.

SIR,—I think Canary breeders will agree that the German Canary is noted for two things, singing and prolific breeding. I have seen it stated in CAGE BIRDS that the little German is of no use as a feeder except for small varieties. I beg to differ, as I think the German has no equal, as the two following cases will show. Last year I had five young in one nest and four in the other, and they were 12 and 14 days old respectively. Now, the hen with four had a quarrel with the hen in the next compartment and injured herself between the wires so badly that I gave her up for lost. I have no chance to hand feed birds, and this is how I saved them. I got one of the old-fashioned wood nest boxes, put in a little hay and the nine young. The other hen was only 9 months old at the time, but she fed them until they got on milk-sop, and bonny birds they were. This year one of my hens died when she had three young four days old. I put them with another hen, and she has brought them up grand. The other week I visited a noted Hybrid breeder's bird-room, and the first thing I saw was four Goldfinch-Canary Mules being fed (on the perch) by a German hen. I remarked that this hen was the right bird in the right place. He agreed, and said that a Hybrid breeder without German hens was like a ship without a rudder. My advice to the novice who goes in for Mules is: Always have a few German hens on hand, then if you have luck to get fertile eggs you will have a good chance to rear them. Don't think because the German is a small bird she can't feed. The Titlark is a very small bird, yet can easily bring up a Cuckoo. The Cuckoo knows this, and selects the Titlark's nest before any other bird's.

JOHN CANNING.

A Word in Praise of the Goldfinch.

SIR,—The Goldfinch, or, as some call it, the Thistlefinch, is too well-known to need description. It is an elegantly formed and beautifully coloured bird, with a very sweet, natural song, and great power of imitation, and is therefore a universal favourite. No aviary would be at all complete without Master Goldie, and where only two or three birds are kept he is pretty sure to be one of the species. He is the great rival of the Canary in the affections of most bird fanciers, and it is difficult to decide which has the advantage as regard vocal powers. For tractability and the facility with it may be taught sundry amusing tricks, the Goldfinch, I imagine, is the superior bird. In its wild state its usual resorts are gardens, shrubberies and plantations. It builds a nest beautifully round and compact of moss, lichens, grass and other materials, and lines it with the down of thistle, seed, etc. The eggs, about five in number, are of a greyish blue, sparingly spotted with purplish grey or brown. The nest is placed at a considerable height from the ground, often in an apple or elder tree. Goldfinches do not feed their young on insects, but, like the purely granivorous birds, upon grain and seed moistened in the crop. When taken to be brought up by the hand young Goldies should be fed on white breadcrumbs soaked in milk and squeezed dry to a stiff paste; thus formed, let a little poppy or well-soaked rape seed be added. They require great attention. The full-grown birds may be fed on Canary, rape, poppy and other seeds. Some hemp seed may be given when the birds are breeding, and green food occasionally; at all times lettuce or cabbage leaves. Groundsel and watercress are most relished by them. I had one that would freely eat whatever came to the table, both meat and vegetable. The Goldfinch is a great eater, and will drive from the feeding trough other birds which attempt to approach it. Bird dealers divide Goldfinches into several varieties in this country, the chief being the speckled birds, which have a white spot under the throat. The Bastard White Throats have a streak of white half-way down, and the Whitethroats, or Cheverals, have the streak down to the breast. Before their first moult Goldies do not get the bright crimson hue on the face; they are therefore called Greypates, and these are the best birds to purchase if you have a good songster to place them under. These birds should not be kept in a bell-shaped cage, nor in any other in which the perches are very high, as they are apt to become giddy, or, as it is generally called, they get the "noddles." The best habitation for them is one about ten inches long and seven or eight wide, and the same height. They are not, generally speaking, very healthy, although I have seen them live from fourteen to eighteen years in confinement. Epilepsy is the disorder to which they are liable. They are often affected with inflamed and swollen eyes, which may be cured by an application of fresh butter. If allowed to indulge too freely in hemp seed, stupor and giddiness are sometimes the result. A diet of soaked lettuce and thistle seed will generally remove this. An occasional supply of this food will always contribute to the health of a Goldie which in old age becomes blind, and loses the bright red and yellow colour of its plumage. Of their attractive qualities I have perhaps said enough, yet another word on this subject. They may be taught to come and go at command, ring a bell, feign death, and do anything which a feathered performer can accomplish. They are exceedingly lively, and sing at all seasons of the year, except during the period of moulting.

P. HOPE.

A One-legged Yorkshire the Father of Six Youngsters.

SIR,—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS for the past two years, I must say I have had very good luck, which I attribute to following the advice in "Questions and Answers." Last year was my first year as a breeder, and I had 22 young from one cock and two hens, and reared them all. This year, up to date, I have 14 young, six of these being from a Green Yorkshire cock with only one leg. I have never at any time seen such a thing mentioned in your paper, and I thought that if any readers possess such a bird (with one leg only), they may learn that it may be of some use to them. I have spoken to an old fancier friend of mine, and he says he would not have credited that it could have been of any use to put him up for breeding. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

F. C. COLLETT.

Trouble in the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

SIR,—A committee meeting was held on July 8 at the Douglas Hotel. In the absence of Mr. Cloke, Mr. Sholedice occupied the chair. There were eight members present. A letter was read and considered satisfactory from Mr. Mundell, *re* judging our show. The Hon. Secretary was directed in future to send short reports of committee meetings to Fancy Press for the benefit of the country members. With reference to the requisition which appeared in last week's columns, the following resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried: "That inasmuch as the committee, who are entrusted by the rules with the management of the club, have, after mature consideration, already decided by a majority of six to two, on the very matters referred to, it is unreasonable, and even frivolous, to take up the time of the committee with further discussion, or the time of the members by a general meeting as suggested; and furthermore, the requisition is hereby rejected on the ground that this matter was dealt with at the annual general meeting and adopted." Some correspondence was held over till next meeting. This concluded the business.

J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec. Pro. Tem.

From the Egg to the Show Bench.

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Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—I was instructed by the Committee of the Warrington C.B.S. to write to the Secretary of the Dulwich O.S. concerning the prize money and special won by one of our members at their show held last November, he having wrote several times without receiving an acknowledgment. I have received no reply to my letter of June 26. If this is the way exhibitors are to be treated, there is little wonder that novices leave the Fancy. I notice that the Dulwich O.S. held a show on July 1st, and that it is said the prize money and specials were paid to the winners during the show. I think that before such reports appear in the Fancy Press, their old debts should be cleared up.

C. DUKES,
Sec., Warrington C.B.S.

A Singing Skylark which Laid an Egg.

SIR,—As a lover of birds, may I ask your many readers through CAGE BIRDS if the following is a common occurrence? In the middle of November, 1908, I called upon a friend of mine and began talking about birds as usual. He asked me if I could find him a purchaser for a cock Lark and cage. Eventually I bought it. I may say that the Lark was hand-reared last season. It was a rather peculiar bird; it had white flights and a white tail, and a beautiful "top-knot." It was whistling when I bought it, and whistled through the winter. About a fortnight ago it stopped whistling, and I was wondering what was the matter. On June 29th I fetched it down to feed as usual, and what should I see but an egg lying on the sand in the cage! It has not laid since. I am wondering if any of your readers have ever had this occur with them. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, all the success it deserves.

HAROLD HOPKINS.

Bloxwich.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—In answer to the Leeds, Blackburn, and Yorkshire Linnet fanciers, I think I am right in my statement as regards a pure Linnet song, which you can see. The Bristol fanciers have the same class of song as we have in London, and I don't see much to laugh at in that. If you read my mention of the song which I gave on July 3, you will see it consists of "weeting," "chowing," and "fearing," and I don't think anyone can find a better Linnet song than that. I have been in various parts of the country bird catching, but have never heard the Linnets do "peeing," "feeing," and "water blubber," which it is stated I might have done if I had gone to the Hartz mountains. I should think the proper name for this song in London would be "scriggleing" and "squirking." Of course, this class of song is used for bird catching by Londoners, but it is of no use for contest singing. I have no doubt but what they are good singers. There is one question I should like to ask: whether these birds have got their own wild song, or whether they are trained by some artificial instrument?

LONDON FANCIER.

The Allotting of the Southern Norwich P.C. Patronage.

SIR,—I am in receipt of the S.N.P.C. rule book for 1909, which also contains a list of the societies favoured with the club's patronage for the forthcoming season. In a very friendly way may I be allowed a little criticism on the method adopted by the committee in allotting the same? I am sure my fellow members will take it in this spirit. The society I am joint show manager of this year, the Dulwich O.S., has not been favoured. I do hope this will not be put down as the pith of my argument, or be considered the proverbial "sour grapes." I can assure them it is not the case, for I, in common with the other 14 members who belong to the D.O.S., bow to the decision of the committee, although, if numbers are taken into account, the D.O.S. must have had strong claims. I am afraid figures are, however, not considered, and this will be found to be my strong point. I do not mean to suggest unfairness on the part of the committee, but rather of over-anxiety to please everyone. To my mind the idea of distributing the patronage to towns which have no other claim except that they are in the limit restricted to the membership of the S.N.P.C. is entirely wrong. Would it not be more fair to give preference to those towns or district which show the best percentage of members? Then we should be conforming to rule 2 (a), viz., to advance the interests of members. London, I see by the list of names, supplies to the club quite two-thirds of its members. Therefore, my contention is that the metropolitan area should have two-thirds of the patronage. Next in number, I believe, come Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Plymouth and district and Essex in the order named. Following my line of argument, it is quite in order that Plymouth and Hastings should be favoured, and that also Surrey and the other counties mentioned should have chosen a show central for them. But what claims have Cheltenham and Swansea, for instance? Neither of these towns provides a single member of our club, nor does it support it in any way—in fact, we have only one member in all Wales. Now, this cannot be a case of if we help you we expect you to help us (although admittedly our good friends in these towns often do figure in the list of exhibitors at other shows, and I hope London fanciers will always support them). But I am now, of course, referring to the S.N.P.C. competitions. Perhaps the Secretary or a member of the Committee will enlighten me by stating the object of asking the members to send all these miles to towns which do not provide their quota of members. I quite understand that we want to advertise our favourite variety, the Norwich Plainhead, and it is well, say, to choose a district annually for working up the interests of the breed where it is little known (though methinks it will be hard to find one). The Border Specialist Clubs have done good service to their variety by adopting this course, but they would not dream of allotting their patronage haphazard. There is only one way, to my thinking, to endeavour to give satisfaction all round, and that is to obtain all applications for the club's support, and send them by circular to each member, stating how many London and Provincial clubs the committee require, and a recommendation for a centre like I mentioned above. A natural result would follow: Members would vote for their local society, and those shows it would be convenient for them to patronise. We should then get the proper feeling of our members, and it would be an incentive for those societies behind the times to induce their members to join the S.N.P.C. and help along the good work. I may be wrong, and if some more enlightened spirit of intelligence could expand the narrow limits for my feeble reasoning powers, I should feel grateful. At any rate, should my proposal meet with any favour I shall be pleased to make a proposition to this effect at the next annual general meeting. My object in writing now is to give members time to think it over, to enable me to reach them through the medium of your valuable columns, and, above all, in the best interests of the S.N.P.C., to which I have belonged since its formation.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

A New Cage Bird Society for Bradford, Yorks.

SIR,—A new society has been formed in Bradford (Yorks) and will be known as the Bankfoot and District C.B.S. Meetings will be held at the Bankfoot Schools. Over 30 members were enrolled at our first meeting, and several prizes were promised.

F. GELDER, Sec.
14, Centre-street, Little Horton, Bradford.

Linnet Singing at Leeds.

Unvarnished Reports versus Bluff and Bounce.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in CAGE BIRDS as regards the Whit-Monday contest held at the "King's Head," Shannon Street, Leeds. I asked if any one could enter a bird in that contest, and I was told only those who joined the club and paid up a week or two before the time could do so. I asked how much it was and they told me "8s. 6d. per bird." So, Mr. Secretary, I want you to answer me these questions: Supposing I had asked for you on Whit-Monday, and wanted to pay 8s. 6d. to be able to hang my bird, could I have hung my bird in that contest? Who, then, is in the right; and who is in the wrong? I will take the first gentleman he refers me to, viz., Mr. Topping, of Blackburn. I would like Mr. Topping's opinion on that contest. Supposing a gentleman had come 60 or 70 miles, could he hang his bird in the contest on Whit-Monday if he had not paid anything before, and was wanting to pay 8s. 6d. that day? Would he be allowed to sing his bird that day? I hope Mr Secretary and Mr. Topping will oblige by letting the readers of this paper know.

A VISITOR.

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How to Moult Canary-reared Linnets.

SIR,—Could any of the readers of CAGE BIRDS give me any hints as to the best way of moulting Canary reared Linnets? I have a nest of four—three cocks and one hen—which have done exceptionally well up to now. I have heard such birds were very difficult to moult, so if anyone can help me over the trouble I shall feel very much obliged. Any other knowledge I possess about Canaries is almost entirely due to the perusal of your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

BRITISHER.

Turtle Doves in Yorkshire.

SIR,—The following is a copy of a cutting taken from the "York Herald":—Having read with much interest the correspondence in your columns *re* Turtle Doves in Scotland, I venture to send you these few notes, which (if you will kindly publish) will be highly interesting to many lovers of natural history. About a month ago the gamekeeper here noticed a bird shoot out from among some bushes overhanging a rocky place, and thinking it to be a Jay, shot at it and brought it down. On picking it up he discovered it was a bird of unusual beauty, but could not tell what it was, and gave it to Mr. Wm. Hutchinson (the noted rose grower), who brought it to me for identification. It turned out to be a very beautiful specimen (male) of the Turtle Dove. Mr. Hutchinson placed it in the hands of Mr. Allen, of York, taxidermist, and I learn that that gentleman has preserved and mounted the bird. Another instance of their presence in this neighbourhood may be recorded. A friend of mine, and a lover of birds, went for a ramble in a neighbouring wood, and on approaching a small spruce noticed a strange bird fly from a small nest made of twigs, but the flight was so rapid that he could not identify the bird. He took the trouble to return an hour later to the nest hoping to see the bird sitting, but discovered that the nest was forsaken, and contained two young birds, probably about eight days old, and quite cold. He took them home and placed them under a pair of Ring Doves, and the following day asked me to tell him what they were (as he took them to be the common wood pigeon or stock Dove); but I soon found out they were a pair of young Turtle Doves, and I am glad to say they are going on well under their foster parents. I have been a keen observer of birds and their habits all my life, but this is the first instance I have known of the Turtle Dove being found in this neighbourhood, and I trust this splendid specimen of the Dove species will multiply and escape the wiles of the collector and his gun, although no doubt this grand specimen was shot through ignorance and not through wantonness.

ALF. RUTTER.

The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR,—In answer to the writer who uses the nom de plume "Member of the L. and P.O.S.," I wish to say that if, by producing the official receipts, he is able to satisfy you, sir, that his subscriptions to the L.P.O.S. for the years 1908 and 1909, were paid prior to the appearance of his letter, then the questions contained therein will be readily answered by

H. E. TRINGHAM,
Hon. Sec. L.P.O.S.

SIR,—Your correspondent dismisses the whole of the remarks made by saying that they are "mere sentiment." If a request for straightforwardness and fair dealing is "mere sentiment," then I can assure your correspondent that the Fancy is built up on it, and that what he calls "sentiment," other men call "honesty." His request for a business-like statement is, in my opinion, a piece of confounded impudence. Here is a man who, after throwing mud from behind a fence, complains that he is not treated as a gentleman. If he wants his questions answered, let him go to his own committee and stop writing foolish letters. I say that he is ashamed to sign his name because it would expose his reason for writing these letters. If he will sign his next letter I will withdraw my remarks and apologise; if he does not, I do not think it is worth while replying to any more of his letters.

S. STEPHENS.

SIR,—The "Member of the L. and P.O.S." does not understand the ordinary courtesy expected from a member towards the officials of his society. Not being a member of the society mentioned myself, he surely did not expect me to answer questions that were obviously those that should be directed to his secretary and committee? If he reads my letter again he will note that I referred him to those gentlemen who, I am sure, will gratify his wishes. In the "Twitterings" columns of CAGE BIRDS, of July 10, he will read all that is necessary in regard to bowing oto the inevitable. Why not attend the next L. and P.O.S. meeting, which, to my mind, is the most straightforward thing to do? It will show, at any rate, some regard for the society, as his correspondence tends to show some incapacity on the part of the management. This means will secure for him the pleasure of not becoming notorious, in other words, still being able to hide his identity. He did not answer my question, which he alone can do, whether he is a member or not.

H. W. TOMSETT, D. and P. C.B.S.

SIR,—I readily admit that sentiment did enter largely into my letter of a fortnight ago. But then, I would respectfully submit that the Fancy, after all, is but a hobby—or at least it should be—and that as such it would naturally, like most other hobbies, be governed very largely by what your correspondent calls "sentiment." I would again state that I believe the gentlemen concerned in the movement for the proposed amalgamated show were actuated by better motives than mere mercenary ones; but at the same I feel convinced the officials of both the L. and P.O.S. and Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., as shrewd business men, would see to it that neither society suffered pecuniarily or otherwise in the matter. I would only add that from the fact that your correspondent states I am a member of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. (while I myself made no such statement in my communication), seems pretty conclusive proof to me of the source of your correspondent's letter, and I cannot help feeling very greatly surprised that a body of gentlemen who profess to take such a very deep interest in birdy matters should be in any way opposed to a movement which is believed by its promoters to be conceived in the best interests of the Fancy.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

The Golden Oriole in Scotland.

SIR,—In looking over my weekly copy of your interesting and valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I read with great interest the letter of Mr. R. G. Jolliffe, *re* the Golden Oriole in Scotland. I have very much pleasure in informing you that a fine specimen of this rare bird was caught at Giffordtown, parish of Collusie, Fife, in June of last year. This specimen is set up, and is in the possession of Mr. John Dewar, Balbirnie Square, Markinch, Fife. Interested parties can view same any week day at any reasonable hour.

GEORGE THOMSON.

SIR,—I am sorry to see that another of the pests who occasionally disgust bird lovers has been permitted to ventilate his prowess in the columns of your excellent paper. From what I glean he is a native of "Glasgie," and that he, or a friend, lately "obtained" a Golden Oriole in beautiful plumage, and that it is now on view in a shop window somewhere. I would gladly undertake the pilgrimage if the sportsman (!) was also to be seen alongside the unfortunate Oriole.

A BIRD LOVER.

[Our correspondent allows his feelings to run away with him and put a quite unjustifiable construction upon Mr. Jolliffe's letter. This gentleman merely sent us a record of the happening, and we think would be the last person to try his "prowess" in the shooting of Golden Orioles.—EDITOR.]

Should Our Canary Shows be Reorganised?

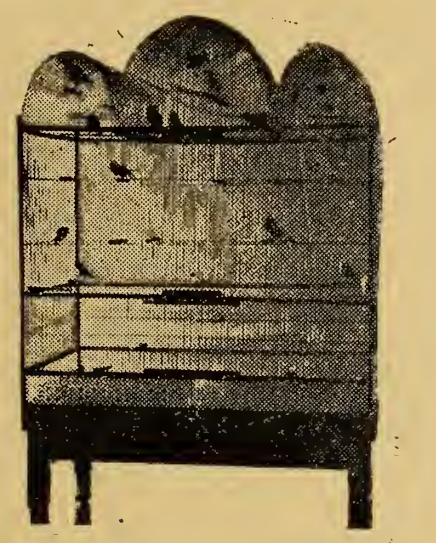
Suggestions to Secretaries.

SIR,—I should be very glad to be allowed a space in your valuable paper with reference to Canary shows. I have visited shows for nearly 20 years from time to time, and one idea has always rested in my mind after leaving them. Many times I have thought that secretaries and judges would do well to alter the system slightly, namely, that all breeders with first-class and high-priced birds who have obtained one or more first prizes in any class, should be allowed to show only in a stand styled "the Premier Section" at all times. The rest of the show might then be styled "the General Section," and be allotted to all those who have not won a first prize. I have often been in conversation with exhibitors and fanciers who have been disappointed to a certain extent, after their efforts in outlay, etc., to obtain fairly good type, etc.; no doubt their hopes have been a little below zero when entering their birds, as they were aware that So-and-So would certainly have birds showing, and that their chances were light in competing, and no doubt this may be quite correct in every sense. I should also suggest that rather larger rooms be obtained, and that the shows be advertised a little more to the public, the admission to be 2d. to 3d., as may be desired. I think it would help secretaries in the matter of funds greatly in course of time. It would be quite easy for two or three of the staff to supervise the care of the birds during public inspection. At present it is rare that any people other than exhibitors and a few of their friends know there has been, or that there is going to be a show. I feel certain that a few extra shillings in printing would help every society, etc., with these shows, as they are really worth seeing for a copper or two during the few hours' stay by the public. I hope my suggestions may be thought over, and I wish every success to my paper, CAGE BIRDS.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

A Much-admired Home-made Aviary and Its Inmates.

SIR,—I am taking the liberty of sending you a photo of my home-made bird aviary. I made every particle of it myself, and the total expense was, including table casters for legs, glass panels, and all complete, 15s. It is of tinned wire and American white wood stained. It has 15lbs. of wire on it, and its occupants are one pair of Bullfinches, one pair of Redpolls, one pair of Goldfinches, three Linnets, one Chaffinch, and one Siskin—eleven birds all told. Everybody here is in love with the aviary. I have lately taken one Goldfinch (that I have had for six years) out to pair with a Canary. I had two young ones, but the hen refused to feed after 11 days, so I was very disappointed; but better luck next time. I may say that I followed all instructions given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John, so I don't think it was my fault they died. I have also got one pair of Yorkshire Canaries. They had one clutch of four eggs. The hen refused to sit. Then she had another three eggs; one proved clear and two addled. And now, to



Dr. Herbert's Indoor Aviary.

crown the lot, the cock bird is moulting, so no luck this season for me. But I'll do as the soldier says, "Stick it." I have another 18 months to do to complete my 21 years, so I hope to go in for birds for all I am worth. I may say I am pretty handy at making all kinds of cages; but still it is not my trade, so I hope you will let me know what you think of my birds, as they all seem very happy in there. I have lately put in two Canaries which you will see depicted on the right of the photograph. You will also see there are no cumbersome, long perches, but only short ones, which are attached to the wires, and which can be easily scraped or taken out occasionally by putting the hand in the bottom door. I have no sand-trays, but a small trap-door fitted just behind the large door at the bottom of the cage (there being no top to the table), enables me to brush the cage out easily into a tray when necessary. I also have a large glass bath of the ordinary kind—glass top and sides and open ends—which I put right inside. The glass saves a lot of splashing. I put cuttlefish in the bottom right-hand corner of the cage. I trust the photograph and these notes will interest some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS.

DR. A. HERBERT, R.F.A.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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Under the White Rose.

THE various specialist clubs are now very busy arranging for next season's competitions. The Y.C.C., all will be pleased to hear, will again offer valuable prizes, and more particularly so in regard to the money specials; this has been extended to all shows held under their patronage, the amount being as usual, 5s. for most points gained by birds holding third position, 3s. for most points gained by fourth position birds, and 2s. for fifth birds, a total of 10s. at each show. Surely the membership will now advance when such prizes are offered. And please note, ye amateurs and novices, that any member standing first in Yorkshire classes does not compete for these specials, so you have a good chance.

NATIONAL Green Marked Y.C.C. is making good headway; 75 members are now on the books, and a fine list of specials is to be provided, six substantial prizes for the champion section, two for amateurs (CAGE BIRDS specials), and four for novices (and there may be more) The first in the champion section (promised by Mr. W. H. Shackleton), value £5 5s., is open to be doubled by the donor on one condition, viz., should the club be successful in raising £5 for specials, etc., over and above subscriptions, then the trophy offered will be valued £10 10s. Truly a good offer, and no doubt the conditions will be fulfilled.

YORKSHIRE Union of Cage Bird Societies year-book for 1909-1910 is now out, and all members should make sure that they obtain their copy, as all rules for shows, competitions, etc., are contained therein, and show rules will not be sent out with schedules as previously. The book contains several new items, viz., last year's balance-sheet, so that all members may see how their money has been spent, secretaries' memoranda for meetings, to enable them to see at a glance when business connected with the Union should be transacted, giving dates such business should be in the hands of the Union secretary, and last, but not least, all the novices are distinguished by being marked N.

HOW many arguments there have been during the last few years on the question of the "backbone of the Fancy" (novices), it is impossible to tell, but they have been very numerous, and now that the proportion is made known, many will be "staggered." There are 1,192 members' names and addresses, and of these 836 are novices and 356 champions. About 70 out of each hundred novices! My word, what a backbone! Strong enough to carry the Union through anything.

SOCIETIES taken individually present some peculiarities. Several contain only one champion member, only three societies have a preponderance of champions, and in one they are exactly equal, the remaining twenty-four societies comprising the Union having a very large percentage of novice members.

STILL another new cage-bird society for the Bradford district. This is to be known as the Bankfoot and District C.B.S., headquarters at the Bankfoot Schools. Over 30 members have been enrolled at the first meeting, and a good list of specials is already promised for the few shows to be held this season. Full particulars can be had from the secretary, Mr. F. Gelder, 14, Centre Street, Little Horton, Bradford. "STRAIGHT-'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**A Companionable Robin.

A Robin always visits a kitchen at Endon, where lives a girl named Jennie. The Robin waits on the wall each morning to be let in, just like a cat. When he has warmed and fed himself, he retires to a plant which stands on a cupboard, while Jennie does her work.—(Sent by Aline Lycett, Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.)

*A Boot that Became a Home.

At a certain church which was in repair a boot was found, fixed between two pipes. This was the home of two birds. It contained two eggs and two little birds. The nest was removed until the repairing was completed and was returned to its original position, seed and water being placed for the birds each day.—(Sent by H. Walker, 10, Bedford Street, Walworth, S.E.)

*A Nest Lined with Confetti.

A pied Finch which built its nest in a tree near Crewe Church decorated the same both inside and out with confetti, and the various colours have given the nest a very pretty appearance. The confetti, no doubt, was got from outside the church, where many weddings take place.—(Sent by Hilda Boyd (age 11), 99, Huskisson Street, Liverpool.)

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Country Rambles

City of Bradford and Bingley Societies (Combined).

A ramble took place on July 3rd, previously arranged between the City of Bradford O.S. and the Bingley and Dis. O.S. There was a fine turn up of fanciers and their wives, and I feel sure every one of us enjoyed the outing immensely. The day was not as bright as it might have been, but it kept dry until we landed at Bingley for our tea. We from Bingley met our Bradford friends (who came by car to Nab Wood end), on Cottingley Bridge. Then we went into the fields and through the woods round by what is known as Black Hills, and Goit Stock, into the village of Harden, coming along through the Bingley Woods (which were looking at their best). At this juncture I heard some of our friends complaining about being tired, and wanting to refresh "the inner man." However, they had not long to be anxious, as we were then nearing our much needed tea-room. On our arrival we had not long to wait, as our president had tea all ready for us, and I can assure your readers that we were all ready to partake of the good things which he had in plenty. After tea we had intended looking round the park at Bingley, but the weather (which had held out well during the afternoon) spoiled that part of our programme. So we went our different ways, satisfied, I believe, that we had spent a really good half-day's outing. I can recommend these joint rambles, and I feel sure they are a step in the right direction. They have a tendency to cultivate that spirit of fraternity which is essential to the general wellbeing of the Fancy.—A. LIVESEY, hon. secretary Bingley and Dis. O. S.

Club Reports.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

I send the list of societies which have up to date applied for the Lancashire Canary Association patronage for this season's open shows. We are holding a meeting on July 17th at the rooms of the R.O.C. at 6.30 p.m. (they are holding their annual First Feather Show on this date), and the committee requests that a good attendance of members be present. Shows:—Oct. 22nd and 23rd, Rochdale O.C.; Oct. 29th and 30th, Manchester and N.C.O.S.; Nov. 6th, Rochdale Good Intent; Nov. 13th to 15th, Nottingham; Dec. 4th, Middleton O.S.; Dec. 2nd, Frome; Dec. 2nd, St. Helens; Nov. 26th, 27th and 28th, L.C.B.A.; Feb. 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th, Crystal Palace.—WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

At the meeting of the committee, held on July 3rd, it was resolved that the selection of shows for club patronage be left over until August, in order to give more societies a chance of applying for same. Will societies therefore who have not applied kindly do so as soon as possible, giving the necessary particulars as to judge and classification? I may say that there will be a grand lot of specials to be competed for this season by both champion and amateurs, including the £1 1s. cash or value for most points gained by a new member. Fanciers desirous of competing for same should join at once. I shall be glad to send full particulars to anyone applying to me for same.—JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec., 126 Bury New-road, Bolton, Lancs.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Special meeting to revise rules held at headquarters, June 24th, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. The committee had carefully gone into the rules and filled in all amendments that had been carried since the rules were last printed. No very great changes were made, most of the alterations being with a view to make things read more clearly. In future, all new rules and amendments to old rules will have to be sent to the Secretary by February in each year, and will then be put on voting papers so that all members will have a voice in the matter. The new rules and standards when printed will be enclosed in a stiff-backed card case, so that they can be carried easily. The following applications for patronage have been received, and any member wishing to vote on same and not being able to get to the meeting on July 22nd, must send his vote in writing to the Secretary by July 21st. October 22nd and 23rd, Rochdale and Newcastle; October 29th and 30th, Manchester; November 5th and 6th, Liverpool; November 12th and 13th, Preston; November 19th and 20th, Pendleton; November 26th and 27th, Sale and L.C.B.A.; December 3rd and 4th, Altrincham and Harrogate; January, 1910, Scottish National, Feb. 1910, Palace. Will members please note that patronage is given to only one show in one week. Any other society wishing to apply for patronage must do so before July 21st to me.—S. HADWIN, Sec., 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held July 10th, at Market Tavern, Bradford. Mr. W. H. Shackleton (President) occupied the chair, and some very important business was transacted. Nineteen new members were elected, these having been enrolled since last meeting. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) was unanimously elected on committee as one of the outside Yorkshire representatives. The committee have been fortunate in having some very valuable specials presented for competition during the ensuing season. The President very generously offered a trophy valued at £5 5s., which will be further increased to £10 10s. on condition that the members subscribe £5 5s. to the prize fund. He also offered two boxes of 50 cigars and a gold-centre silver medal. Messrs. Ogden Bros. also presented a £2 2s. trophy, Mr. J Sandiford (Preston) a £2 2s. cup, Mr. F. Carl £1 for amateur competition through the committee, of which Mr. F. Hammond is the hon. secretary. Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle), a gold-centre silver medal, and the Secretary a 10s. 6d. special. These, together with specials value £3 3s., presented by the club, should induce many more fanciers of this variety to join and clubs to apply for our patronage on or before July 24th. We are also preparing a handbook, containing rules, lists of members, competitions, and judges, which will be forwarded to the members as early as possible. The committee passed an unanimous vote of thanks to the donors for their generosity. The competition and specials were divided into three sections: Open competition—(1) The Shackleton trophy, value £5 5s. to £10 10s., as above, £1 1s. club medal to winner; (2) Ogden trophy, value £2 2s., presented by Messrs. Ogden Bros.; (3) club special, value £1 1s.; (4) special, value 10/6 presented by Sec.; (5) box of 50 cigars, presented by President; (6) gold-centre silver medal, also by President. Novice competition—(1) Sandiford's cup, value £2 2s., presented by Mr. J. Sandiford; (2) special, value £1 1s., presented by the club; (3) one box of 50 cigars, presented by the President; (4) a gold-centre silver medal, presented by Mr. T. C. Crawhall. A novice is one who has not won a first prize in open competition previous to the current season. Amateur competition—CAGE BIRDS prizes for amateurs: The Editor of CAGE BIRDS will give two prizes (not cash), first value 12s. 6d., second value 7s. 6d. Members and friends desiring to contribute to the special fund would greatly oblige by notifying any member of the committee or myself.—F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 78, Pear-street, Halifax.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The club patronage for season 1909-10 is given to:—Oct. 19th and 20th, Plymouth Show, ten guinea cup and specials (1-6); Oct. 22nd and 23rd, Battersea, one guinea cup or cash; Oct. 27th and 28th, Clapham C.B.A., ten guinea cup and specials (1-6); Nov. 3rd, Cheltenham, ten guinea cup and specials (1-6); Nov. 9th and 10th, Hastings, ten guinea cup and specials (1-6); Nov. 10th and 11th, Swansea, one guinea cup or cash, 10s. 6d. for member gaining most points with four birds; Nov. 23rd and 24th, Bournemouth, one guinea cup or cash; Dec. 2nd, L.C.B.A., ten guinea cup or specials (1-6); Feb. 4th, L.P.O.S. Crystal Palace Show, ten guinea cup or specials (1-6). Novice Section: Oct. 27th and 28th, Clapham; Nov. 10th, Southend; Nov. 17th, Wimbledon; Nov. 23rd, Bournemouth; Dec. 2nd, L.C.B.A.; Feb. 4th, Crystal Palace. Our membership now is over 150. Will members kindly read Rule 3 and take same as a notification from myself?—F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, on July 3rd. Mr. Joy found us a fine room and the only thing to spoil matters was that there was not a bigger meeting, owing to Manchester and Oldham First Feather Shows being on the same day. We got through a good evening's work, as we had a large number of applications for patronage. Provisional patronage was given to six societies, subject to same being confirmed at next meeting, which will be held at Glossop in early August. We are trying to make this meeting a very attractive one, and an effort will be made to secure one or other of our prominent fanciers to give an address on one or other of our special varieties. Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of colour-food fame, generously offered us a plated cruet for competition for next season, the same to be offered for colour only. Needless to say, the offer was accepted, many flattering remarks being passed whilst we were discussing the subject. I am pleased to say we had another member proposed for the Lancashire section in Mr. A. Hordern (Shaw), so that things are still on the move.—JOHN RUKIN, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held July 6th, Mr. J. Davison in the chair. It was carried that the Secretary get the cup for most points over table shows (Mr. Davison has a long lead for this), and that the balance he used to provide for a second prize. It was also decided that last year's cup winner he depicted on the front page of Rule Book this year. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Shepherd for so kindly judging. The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. J. Bright (Stanhope) and G. Shackley (Harrington). It was decided that we allot patronage at next meeting, July 28th. Will secretaries who wish for same please apply before that date? The following societies have applied: Newcastle, October 22nd and 23rd; Harrington, October 28th and 29th; South Shields, October 29th and 30th; Blaydon, November 5th and 6th; Wallsend, November 12th and 13th; Sunderland, November 19th and 20th; Darlington, November 27th; Gateshead, December 10th and 11th. For open competition we require five classes for Yorkshires, and for novice competition, two classes. A full attendance of members is requested when we allot patronage, so that we may have a thoroughly satisfactory selection of shows.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held July 1st, at headquarters, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-street, the chairman (Mr. Currah) presiding. Amongst those present was Mr. Birchley, who, I am glad to say, has promised to attend our next meeting, August 5th, and give us a lecture on the Romanees of British Bird Life. We hope there will be a large attendance, and non-members will be heartily welcomed. The report on our late social was read; after all expenses had been paid a balance of £1 5s. 6d. was seen to be left, and we decided that if our next social proves a success, we use the balance in buying another cup to be competed for by members at our annual Nest Feather Show. Mr. R. Young is to read us, at our September meeting, a paper on the Border and the Scotch Fancy, kindly written by Mr. Alexandra. The next item was the novice question, whether he be allowed to show in the members' section, as well as the novice members' section. After a heated discussion it was decided to leave it over until the August meeting. Mr. Shepherd, whom we were glad to see again, said a few words on his trip to Liverpool. —CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Secs.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

During the Young Bird Show held July 10th, the ordinary business was proceeded with, Mr. J. Farrar in the chair. It was decided when drawing up the schedule to give the number of classes required by the various specialist clubs to whom we have applied for patronage, in the event of such patronage being granted. Will the secretaries of the specialist clubs please note this? The Secretary informed the members that Mr. P. Hunter, of Bombay, India (one of our Colonial members) had kindly forwarded a cash special of £1 for our annual Open Show, November 19th and 20th, whereupon Mr. A. Walker kindly gave a 2nd special of 10/-, and Mr. J. Riseborough a 3rd special of 5/-. As we already have a special of £1 to be given to the best bird in the show, the above three specials will probably be given for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points throughout show, besides the usual specials of 2/6 for most points in each class. With the above specials and good prize money, it will be seen that our members intend making our next show the most successful on record, and we trust fanciers will rally round us. Further subscriptions or specials will be thankfully received and acknowledged through the Fancy Press. We were very pleased to have our old friend Dr. O'Neal amongst us at our last meeting, and he kindly gave us a cash special for the most entries at the next young bird show, which will be held at the same time and place (6 p.m., Fawcett-street Cafe) on July 24th.—W. Reid, Hon. Sec.

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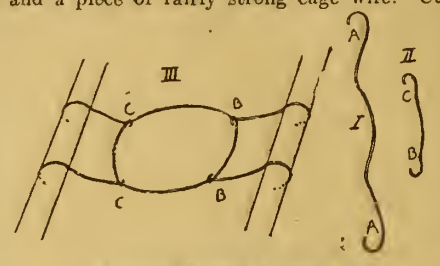
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No. 326.

An Easily-made Nest-pan Holder.

Sent by Mr. J. Cairns, New Double Row, Choppington Colliery, Morpeth, Northumberland.

The accompanying sketch represents a simple device for making nest-pan holders for breeding cages. The holder fixes perches so that there is no need for the nest-pan to touch the back of cage. Fanciers who have their perches fitted with red-mite traps may therefore ensure the nests being free from this pest. All one requires is a pair of pliers and a piece of fairly strong cage wire. Cut



A Novel Nestpan Holder.

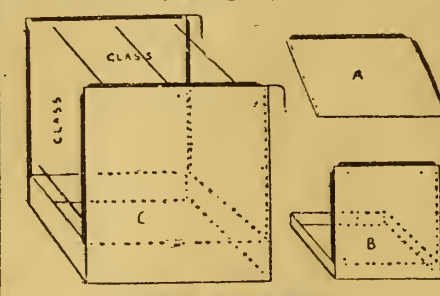
the latter into four pieces—two large (say about eight or nine inch) pieces, and two small (about one and half inches). Bend the larger pieces as shown in Fig. 1, and the small pieces as in Fig. 2. The loops marked A in Fig. 1 must be large enough for the perch to pass through. The small pieces marked CC and BB must be fixed across as indicated,, and nipped tight with the pliers or soldered. The holder then is ready for use. The finished article ought to somewhat resemble Fig. 3.—JAMES CAIRNS.

No. 327.

An Anti-splash Bath.

Sent by Mr. Arthur M. Rees, 36, Silvester Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

I send a sketch of an anti-spash bath. I have had the pleasuro of making a good number for the members of my society, all of whom speak highly of it. To make, take two ordinary one-pound tobacco boxes, remove the lids, and cut off the edges where the hinges are (see Fig. A). Now solder one



An Anti-splash Bath.

lid on to the long side of box (see Fig. B), and the other lid on opposite side, these forming the sides of bath. Drill four holes (just big enough to take pieces of cage wire, leaving enough room under the edges of lids to allow window glass to slide under. Put four pieces of wire through holes from side to side, and solder in position as indicated. Get two pieces of glass cut to fit tight, one for the top and one for the back; solder on two wire hooks where shown in the sketch; enamel all the tin inside and out, and fill with water—and you have an ideal anti-splash bath.—A. M. REES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Members' annual Nest Feather Show, held July 10th, in the Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook. Entries totalled 119, being 30 less than at last year's, many of our members doing badly this season. Norwich were a fine lot, and some of the novices quite held their own with the champions. Crests and Crest-bred only counted six in two classes, but the winner of the cup was found among this lot, a nice Crest of Messrs. Dobson and Son's. Cinnamons were a level lot, showing great improvement in size and colour. Yorkshires were a fine section. The "Wee Gems" were one of the strongest sections—23 in two classes; our friends across the border will have to look to their laurels when the show season comes round. Scotch Fancies were a poor turn-out—only four in two classes. In the British bird section the entries were only small, but some will be heard of again. In the Foreign bird class there were eight entries, and the birds were shown in beautiful condition. There was a capital attendance. The judges were Messrs. Thos. Robson (Canaries) and J. Maddison (Mules, British and Foreign); their awards met with approval.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Macdonald; 2, hc, R. W. Smith; 3, Seely Bros.; vhc, Lowther; c, Park. BUFF (19): 1, J. W. Reid; 2, Lowther; 3, vhc, Holden and Todd; hc, Harrison; c, Park. CREST (2): 1, Dobson and Son (cup winners); 2, Macdonald. C.B.: 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Macdonald; 3, Peel; vhc, W. Smith. CINN., YELL. (3): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Kirkpatrick; 3, Coutts. BUFF (4): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Mather; 3, Kirkpatrick; vhc, Coutts. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Tomlinson; 2, hc, Wigglesworth; 3, Tindale; c, Curry. BUFF (10): 1, Hutler; 2, vhc, Tomlinson; 3, Tindale; hc, Curry; c, Wigglesworth. BORD., YELL (10): 1, c, Chapman; 2, vhc, Dixon; 3, W. Smith; c, Hawkins. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Chapman; 2 c Jones; 3, W. Smith; hc, Lowther. SCOT. FCY., YELL. (1): Little. BUFF (3): 1, Little; 2, Harvey; 3, Craig. DK. MULE (1): Park (Linnet-Canary). A.O.V. (1): Petterson. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Taylor; 2, Curry; 3, Fryer. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, c. McKay; vhc, G. Taylor. LINNET (5): 1, Bertram and Storey; 2, Coltman; 3, Johnson; vhc, Blore; hc, Atkinson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, 3, G. Taylor. SISKIN, ETC. (1): McKay. A.O.S., SMALL (1): Bertram and Storey. LARGE (2): 1, Blore; 2, Bates Bros. FOR. (8): 1, hc, c, Mackenzie; 2, 3, Petterson; vhc, G. Taylor.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Secs.

GRIMSBY.

This fixture, organised to aid the local charities, was favoured with fine weather on July 8th. The day after opened dull and gusty, but turned out beautifully fine, and a huge crowd of people patronised the show. The cage birds were staged in the live stock tent, and were carefully tended. The unsuitable time of the year prevented the Canary classes from filling as the committee desired, and these were cut out. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

BRIT. A.V. (10): 1, vhc, Axe, Yellow Bunting, A1 colour, nice feather, well marked; 2, hc, Bell, Hawfinch, good size, nice colour and markings; 3, r, Forster, Bunting and Stonechat, both in good feather; c, Sadler. PARROT OR COCKATOO (6): I, H. S. Davies, gorgeous coloured Parrot, in grand plumage; 2, Lowery, Grey Parrot, beautiful soft colour, nicely marked; 3, A. Davies, another Grey, loses colour and feather; r, Bell; vhc, Mrs. Markham; hc, Welbourne. A.O.S. FOR. (9): 1, H. S. Davies, Golden-fronted Honey-sucker, grand colour, in fine plumage, well shown; 2, 3, r, vhc, Towl, nice team; 2nd, Red-crested Cardinal; 3rd, Saffron Finch, in nice feather.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The annual Young Bird Show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., held July 3rd, in the fine club-room at the Church Institute, Marylebone, W., was a tremendous success, the entry (234) easily surpassing all previous records, and entitling it to rank as about the best fixture of its kind ever held in the Metropolis. We should think there was, too, about a record gathering of fanciers during the afternoon and evening, a fact which must have given the officials considerable pleasure, and no doubt accounted for the "all smiles" of the genial Secretary, Mr. V. Wynn. The admirable arrangements testified to the care and foresight of this gentleman, and to the energy of the stewards, Messrs. Shepherd, Wyse, Page, Curtis, Daintry, and others. The Chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn) was also in evidence, and we were pleased to note an improvement in his health. Coming to the birds, we unhesitatingly say that the quality among the Canaries was fully equal to anything we have seen this season, while the display of British and Foreign stood out alone—a simply wonderful show, many Palace and other winners being on view, and in really splendid condition. They almost eclipsed the imposing case of shining cups and other trophies which occupied the centre of the room—testimony to the financial strength of the Association. The cup for the best young bird in the show went to a capital clear yellow Yorkshire belonging to Messrs. Hawes Bros., a very stylish bird. Other specials were secured by Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Shephard, and Messrs. Botting, Curtis, Dickinson, Graham, Hawes Bros., Menhennett, Monger, Marley, Page, Quantrell, Saytch, Watts and Wynn. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. ETC. CHAMP. (8): I, 2, Curtis; 3, vhc, hc, Marley; c, Mrs. Cooper. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, Curtis; 2, 3, hc, Marley; vhc, c, Wynn. NOVICE CL. ETC. (11): 1, 2 spls for best Nor., 2, 3, hc, Hart; vhc, Parr; c, Baker. A.O.V. (10): I, Parr; 2, 3, vhc, Warwick; hc, c, Baker. CREST, AMAT.: 1, Offord. CREST-BRED, AMAT.: 1, spl, Offord. NOVICE: 1, 2, Dickinson; 3, Pickard. YORKS. CL. ETC. CHAMP. (6): I, spl, cup for best in show, 2, 3, vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, c, Burton. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hawes Bros.; 2, c, Burton. AMAT. CL. ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Menhennett. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Menhennett. NOVICE CL. ETC. (12): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Lowe; ex. 3, hc, King; vhc (2), c, Tebbs; w.c., No. 77, Lloyd. A.O.V. (18): 1, spl, Monger; 2, 3, ex. 3, vhc, spl, Hills; vhc, Tebbs; hc, Vale; c, Walker. BORDER CL. ETC. NOVICE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Saytch. A.O.V. (3): I, 2, 3, Saytch. A.O.V. CAN. CHAMP. (6): I, spl, 2, Curtis; 3, vhc, hc, c, Wynn. HYB. 1909 (7): I, spl, 2, 3, Mrs. Morrison; vhc, c, Thorpe; hc, Parrington. HYB., ANY AGE: 1, Large. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, 3, Curry; 2, c, Wyse; hc, Quantrell; hc, Grahame. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Watts; 2, Wyse; 3, Vincent; vhc, Morrison; hc, Easterling; c, Menhennett. BRIT. LINNET (14): 1, 2, 3, Marley; vhc, spl, Page; hc, Curry; c, Botting. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 2, Marley; 3, Page; vhc, Quantrell; hc, Morrison; c, Wyse. SISKIN (9): I, Marley; 2, vhc, Grahame; 3, Easterling; hc, Mrs. Maher; c, Botting. REDPOLL (6): 1, Grahame; 2, Easterling; 3, hc, Wyse; vhc, Marley; c, Mrs. Maher. TWITE (8): 1, spl, Botting; 2, Quantrell; 3, Curry; vhc, Grahame; hc, c, Marley. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): I, 2, Botting; 3, Thorpe; vhc, Grahame; hc, Page; c, Marley. A.O.S. FINCH (3): 1, Botting; 2, Marley; 3, Mrs. Maher. YELLOW BUNTING (9): I, spl, Curry; 2, Marley; 3, hc, Prior; vhc, c, Wynn. HEN BULLFINCH (3): I, 2, Wyse; 3, Offord. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): I, 2, hc, Wynn; 3, Marley; vhc, spl, Grahame; c, Mrs. Morrison. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Quantrell. LARGE: 1, spl, Page; 2, Vincent. FOR., LOVEBIRDS, ETC.: I, Watts; 2, Mrs. Morrison. AVADAVATS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Morrison; 3, Mrs. Maher. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (3): I, Watts; 2, Mrs. Page; 3, Mrs. Maher. BULBULS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Miss Shephard; 2, Watts. A.O.S. FRUIT OR INSECTIV. (4): 1, spl, spl for best For. hird. vhc, Miss Shephard; 2, Watts; 3, W. Shephard. SELL. (30/-): I, Vincent.

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THE McQUISTON MYSTERY.

STILL NO WORD FROM GEMMELL!

McQUISTON CONTENT TO LEAVE MATTERS AS THEY STAND.

Some Views of Bathgate and Edinburgh Fanciers.

Last week we commented upon the fact that up to the time of going to press no letter from Mr. McQuiston, as mentioned in his telegram of July 6th, had been delivered. On Friday, July 9th, however, a letter arrived which contained the following statements bearing upon the case:

July 8th, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your kind favour of 3rd, and also your wire, for which please accept my thanks. I may say that I have not yet seen Gemmell, although I have been at Dalmellington both on Saturday and Monday. I got a thorough drenching on Saturday in my endeavours to hunt him up, but was never able to catch him up. He left word with his Mrs. on Monday that he would be down to Ayr to see me the very first day he had an hour or two to spare, which he expected would be early this week, but up till time of writing he has not turned up. You will understand, therefore, the reason I have not written sooner. I have put off from one mail to another, always thinking I would have matters clinched for next mail sure. This is the season of the year that shopkeepers in Ayr have in a large measure to depend on for making up for the dull trade at the coast in winter, and it is a very difficult matter for me to get away so often from the shop, otherwise I would have stayed in Dalmellington till he came home. Then I wrote to Mr. Smith for the copy of the letter he received from Gemmell, but he only gave me an extract from the letter, in which he (Gemmell) admits his guilt in staining the bird. It is, I think, on mature consideration, not a wise thing on my part to enter into a newspaper correspondence with the clique from the East. In the meantime I think my case is quite safe in the hands of the members of the National B.B. and M.C., and I am sure I will receive full justice from them, which is much more than I have got from my "friends" in Scotland. You will, I hope, leave matters as they stand until I have had an interview with Gemmell, and I will advise you immediately after I have seen him, how matters stand. But, candidly, I do not see how I can spare the time to thrash out matters in the papers. As I have already said, at this season of the year we are so specially busy I cannot really see how I could find time. During the winter, when the coast season is very dull, I could have plenty of time on hand, but not in the height of the holiday season. I do think and hope matters will come out alright in the end.

P. McQUISTON.

Judging by this letter, it is Mr. McQuiston's intention to let matters rest where they are until after he has seen the "elusive Gemmell." Of course, when penning it, he had had no opportunity of reading the matter contained in our last issue anent the case, consequently, we presume, was unaware of the fact that others—"the clique from the East"—openly threw doubts upon the genuineness of his case. He, however, has not written us since our last number came out. Anyway, a man's honour and good name should be safe in his own keeping, so we take it that Mr. McQuiston will leave no stone unturned to confute the aspersions cast upon his explanation of the incidents leading up to the disqualification of his Bullfinch at Bathgate show.

Proof that is Needed.

As Mr. Gemmell refers to "sending along" the Bullfinch, and Mr. McQuiston to the fact of the bird "reaching him," we presume it would be sent by rail from Dalmellington to Ayr—on, say, January 13th or 14th last. Therefore, of this railway journey there should be no difficulty in obtaining convincing proof from the books of the railway company. Thus the all-important affidavit from Mr. Gemmell could, when obtained, be backed up in no uncertain manner. We take it, too, that there must be fanciers who can substantiate the fact that Mr. Gemmell actually had in his possession a British Bullfinch which was good enough to exhibit at shows of repute—"class" enough to catch the eye of a judge and keen exhibitor of this species. And we take it that the discrepancy between the statement made both by Mr. McQuiston and Mr. Gemmell that the latter exhibited a Bullfinch at Ayr show, held November 21st, which won second prize, and the fact that the catalogue of the said show does not give Mr. Gemmell as an exhibitor of a Bullfinch at all—we suppose that this discrepancy can be explained. We need hardly, we take it, impress upon the parties concerned the vital necessity for the clearing up of this latter point. We have examined the catalogue of the Ayr show referred to, and find that a Mr. Gemmell, of Main Street, Dalmellington, is given therein as an exhibitor, but as an exhibitor solely, apparently, of pigeons. We cannot trace a single entry to his name in the cage-bird section. As both Mr. McQuiston and Mr. Gemmell have committed to writing the statement that the Bullfinch in question took second prize at the Ayr show at which the former gentleman judged, there can surely be no mistake.

To continue the account of our representative's pilgrimage across Scotland in search of information, he journeyed from Ayr to Glasgow, and thence to Bathgate, the scene of the disqualification. At the latter place he was very courteously received by the secretary of the local society, Mr. R. Bald, himself well-known as an exhibitor of Hybrids and British birds. Naturally, the meeting took him very much by surprise. He well remembered the incident of the disqualification of Mr. McQuiston's Bullfinch, though of the actual details surrounding the examination of the bird he had little personal knowledge, being engaged in his secretarial duties at the time. But that the examination was both fair and conclusive is not disputed. (Mr. McQuiston acknowledged to us that he himself removed colouring matter from the breast of the bird after he had got it home.) He strongly denied that Mr. McQuiston had anything to complain of in the way of "unfairness" from the show officials. Nor did he think that there was any particular "scene" when the disqualification became known. (We learned that the trouble mentioned by Mr. McQuiston occurred between himself and a certain Glasgow fancier who was living up to his reputation for over-indulging in the "strong waters" of the land.) He had no recollection of hearing it mentioned at the show that Mr. McQuiston had stated that the Bullfinch disqualified was a bird he had only just bought.

"Preparing" Birds in Scotland.

Afterwards certain other prominent local fanciers were seen, and these were highly interested in, and seemed very astonished at, the latest developments in the case. None appeared to have any recollection of the recent purchase of the Bullfinch being mentioned in the showroom. One or two seemed to agree with the suggestion that the Edinburgh fanciers present were delighted to find Mr. McQuiston "bowled out." They had said that there was over-much "faking and staining" going on in Scotland, and that the case would be a warning to others. With the former part of this opinion the men of Bathgate seemed to fall in; as one of them humorously put it, "many of us do too much, and a little is done by too many." They said that it was stated at the show by the "men from the East," that the judge had used a new preparation for testing the Bullfinch—a very potent chemical which came from a fancier away in the far North who was skilled in such things—a chemical guaranteed to "move anything." It was further pointed out that Mr. McQuiston could not know who was likely to judge the Bullfinch—or any other—class, as this was only decided on the morning of the show. The two judges—in this case Messrs. John Brown and Sam Ward—spin a coin, and the one who calls correctly takes the classes with odd numbers, and the other those with even numbers. Thus, that Mr. Brown had the Bullfinch under him was entirely a matter of chance. And this gentleman said when he took the bird out of its cage—he had it at the top of the class—that it was either "first or nothing."

Mr. J. Livingstone, one of the fanciers talked with, and who is also a member of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club Committee, strongly repudiated the suggestion that Mr. McQuiston did not receive "fair play" at the committee meeting at which he was sentenced. He pointed out that Mr. McQuiston was convicted of "showing a stained Bullfinch," which was not denied; that the letter he produced contained a repudiation of the allegation that the writer of it was responsible for the staining; and that the rules of the S.B.B. and M.C. allowed of no sentence other than one of expulsion being passed. Mr. Livingstone readily admitted, though, that if the statements Mr. McQuiston now made (as told to him by our representative) could be substantiated, a great wrong had been done, a wrong which he personally would certainly do his utmost to get put right. He pointed out, incidentally, that if Mr. McQuiston intended the Bullfinch to compete in the trophy competition (it was marked to do so, he believed), then he was breaking a rule of the S.B.B. and M.C. which stated that all birds competing in the said competition must have been the property of the exhibitor for a certain period prior to the show.

Do they Emulate the Fair Sex?

The Bathgate fanciers made some caustic comments on the "jealousy" existing between the Scottish fanciers in different localities. They said that the fanciers in the East were, as a body, certainly jealous of the fanciers in the West. But, they added, we poor "country" fanciers are the worst off of any; we come in between, and get the benefit of the jealousy of both! The allusion to a party who "egged on" Gemmell to do so great an injury to McQuiston filled them with astonishment and speculation—but with speculations as to the identity of the person we can here have nothing to do. Most of the fanciers, however, seemed to find the story very difficult to credit.

Edinburgh—most beautiful of cities—is but an easy stage from Bathgate. Here the latest news of the McQuiston disqualification case was received with even greater astonishment than in Bathgate; and in most quarters with emphatic expressions of disbelief.

The idea that there was any "jealousy" of Mr. McQuiston, beyond the legitimate rivalry due to keen competition at the shows, was scouted on all hands, and as to the Edinburgh (or other) fancier who, presumably, was at the back of Gemmell's action—well, they would like to know his name. Until then they should regard the insinuation as too far-fetched for credence—some bluntly said: as "bluff." Those who were in a position to speak upon the point were all agreed in the opinion that the disqualified Bullfinch was the bird which Mr. McQuiston had been exhibiting so successfully through the season, unless, as they admitted, their eyes had deceived them. This bird had naturally become well known, and at Bathgate they said they saw nothing to lead them to think they were looking at any other bird than this, the most noted winning Bullfinch of the season.

A Pertinent Enquiry.

Our representative enquired why, if there was any question about Mr. McQuiston's birds, they were not protested against and tested at the great Edinburgh show (the Scottish National), where practically all of them stood high up in the prize list? The only explanation seemed to be the obvious one that nobody wanted to have them tested. It was pointed out that the fact of Mr. McQuiston fearlessly showing his birds in Edinburgh, where, according to his own account, he could not expect to find any favour shown him, was a fact which on the face of it supported his version of the affair. Well, came the reply, he simply had to show if he wished to keep his place in the trophy competition, as the runner-up, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, was very close behind him in the matter of points.

Our representative was fortunate enough to catch Mr. Arrighi, and have a short conversation with him. This gentleman is very well known as an exhibitor and lover of birds in Scotland, and probably almost as well known (by name, at least) this side of the border. He won the S.B.B. and M.C. trophy in consequence of the disqualification sustained by Mr. McQuiston. Very few points would have separated them in any case, while the third on the list was a very long way in the rear. The latest details of the case caused Mr. Arrighi evident surprise. He said that so far as he was concerned he strongly repudiated any suggestion of "jealousy" or animosity towards Mr. McQuiston—if, of course, the suggestion applied, as the second in the competition, to him. He knew nothing of any Edinburgh "clique" aiming at the downfall of Mr. McQuiston, and did not believe that such a thing ever existed, except, perhaps, in Mr. McQuiston's own imagination. He agreed, in the main, with the views expressed by the other Bathgate and Edinburgh fanciers, and said emphatically that no injustice was knowingly done. He was not aware that Mr. McQuiston's birds had been previously tested—by a judge from Edinburgh, or anywhere else—and he should be inclined to doubt this. He gave it as his opinion that there was certainly too much staining and "faking" of birds done in Scotland, and that it wanted putting down with a firm hand.

(To be continued.)

Wild Bird Life.

Jackdaws and Wood Owls.

Although the Jackdaws have safely reared their young in one of the big elm trees in the park, they are still as watchful and jealous of their nesting site as when the young were first hatched. The elms are favourite perches for the larger birds, but the two or three where the 'daws have nested have been quite unused during the spring, these dusky rascals having kept all birds at bay. No Rook dare settle down within fifty yards, and even the fierce Sparrow-Hawk keeps at a respectable distance. The Blackbirds, Thrushes and Starlings, too, have had a sorry time of it, few having managed this summer to successfully rear broods. More than one nest we have located showed evidence of destruction.

Owls were at one time plentiful here, and even now a few remain. In the early part of the year a fine Wood Owl was seen in the middle of the village of Carshalton flying across the road from one large garden to another. Where wild creatures are undisturbed it is astonishing what rare and interesting birds will take advantage of the seclusion, and nest and rear young close to inhabited houses. I have seen it stated that the Wood Owl is a thorough bird of the night, and never wanders abroad until the sun has dropped behind the western horizon; but this bird must be an exception to the rule, as he has been seen quite early in the afternoon. The Owl measures about eighteen inches in length, and yet when he moves not the slightest sound is heard. A dead branch of one of the old trees is a favourite perch. He sits quietly, and then hoots loudly, gliding into the gathering darkness and returning again in a few minutes. He drops like a shadow to the ground, and is quickly away with his prey to the nesting site. These birds are more noisy in the early spring months than when the young are hatched; but these in turn are very noisy in the nest, which is not difficult to locate.

Game Birds and Carrion Crows.

In the spring numbers of Carrion Crows fly to the moors, and are very destructive to game. When a nest is discovered, they dally round and round until they provoke the brooding bird to leave her eggs. They then rush in, seize one, and fly straight to the nearest stone wall, to suck the contents at leisure.

The Wood Warbler's Nest.

One of the most difficult nests to locate is that of the tiny Wood Wren. It is invariably placed on the ground, often in a little hollow, or it may be upon a bank well covered with rank vegetation. It is semi-domed and made principally of dry grasses, moss and dead leaves, and is lined with horse hair. This well concealed nest is generally found by accident, but by careful watching one may see the parent birds attending to the tiny nestlings.

The Crossbill and the Apples.

Here is a quaintly written account of the visit of Crossbills to this country many years ago: "The yeere 1593 was a greate and exceeding yeere of apples, and there were greate plenty of strange birds, that showed themselves at the time the apples were full ripe, who fedde upon the kernells onely of those apples, and haveinge a bill with one beake wrythinge over the other, which would presently bore a greater hole in one of the apples, and make way to the kernells: They were of the bigness of a Bullfinch; the henne right like the henne of the Bullfinch in colour; the cocke a glorious bird, in a manner al redde or yellowe on the brest, backe, and head. The oldest man living never heard or reade of any such like bird; and the thinge most to be noted was that it seemed they came out of some country not inhabited, for they at first would abide shooting at them, either with pellets, bowe, or other engine, and not remove until they were stricken down; moreover, they would abide the throweing at them with apples. They came when the apples were full rype, and went away when the apples were clean fallen. They were good meat."

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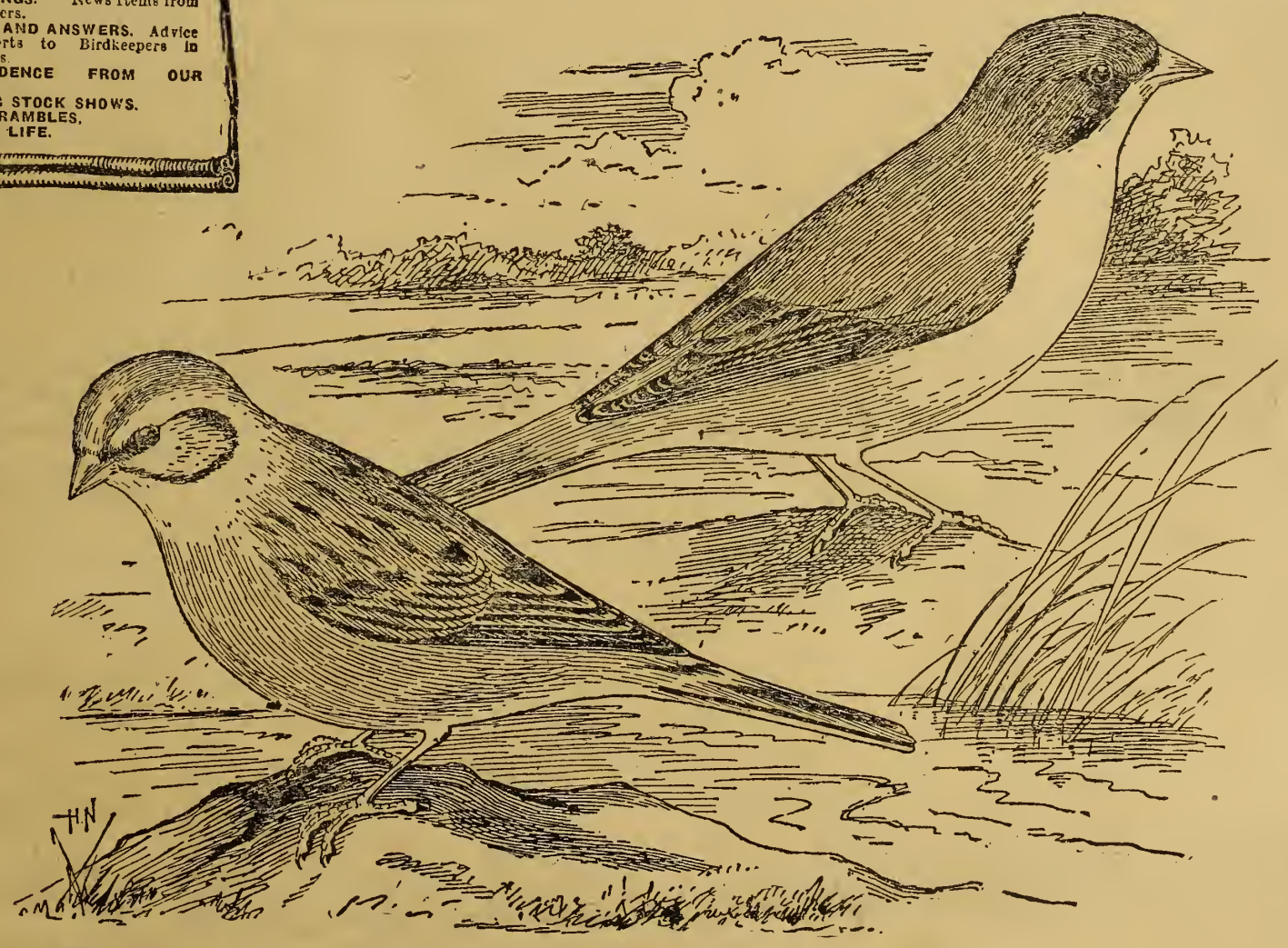
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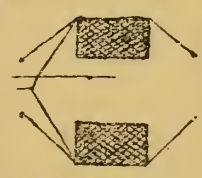
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Club Reports.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting held July 10th, there was a large turn-out of members to hear an address by Mr. Blaylock on his experiences as a Canary Fancier, for which he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.—Geo. Harver, Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our meeting on July 13th, occasion was taken to give to Mr. B. Worsman, one of our Vice-Presidents and a very active worker in the society, our heartiest good wishes for his future success in the United States of America. He sails on July 27th from Liverpool on the "Saxonia." I am sure that all fanciers along with us will wish Mr. and Mrs. B. Worsman God-speed.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Nag's Head Cocoa House, July 6th. Mr. Crane presided over a capital attendance. The schedule for annual show, December 4th, was discussed, and an extended classification in Norwich and Yorkshires was agreed upon. On the proposition of Mr. Whally, seconded by Mr. Morris, it was decided to add three classes for field-moulted British birds, viz, Goldfinch, Bullfinch and Linnet; also two classes for Mules, and Hybrids, yellow and buff, as our last entries were very good in numbers, one class only being provided. The society is making good headway, and fanciers from North Wales are making enquiries as to membership. All present reported good results, good clutches, and good, strong birds.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

THE SOUTHERN YORKS. C.C.

The patronage of the club has been given to the following shows: cup competition: Battersea, Gloucester, Weybridge, Swansea, L.C.B.A., and the Palace. Trophy: Plymouth, Gloucester, Southend, Wimbledon, L.C.B.A. and L. and P.O.S., and Dulwich and Peekham (joint). Novice: L.C.B.A., Battersea, Wimbledon, Southend, and Weybridge. 10/6 specials (champion): Cardiff, Maesteg, and Frome. 10/6 specials (novice): Cardiff and Barnstaple. The novice support is yet to be given to one or more show (in the West of England or South Wales, if possible. Will any Society desirous of this please make application to me at once? The club will also give another 10/6 special to a novice show in South Wales; application for this can also be made. —J. W. Rennie, Hon. Sec., The Junction Hotel, Andover.

GRAVESEND, NORTHFLEET F.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Anglo-Saxons' Hall on July 6th. Mr. A. H. Terry occupied the chair, supported by a large number of members. The judges for the open show to be held November 3rd and 4th were appointed, these being Messrs. Broomhead, Billett, North, Waters and Coupland. It was arranged to make the classes still more popular, and with an up-to-date fee and prizes it was hoped that the show entry would prove a record. As on former occasions the committee appointed have always done their utmost, and given exhibitors unbounded satisfaction, so it is hoped that this year will prove no exception to the rule. It was decided to hold a members' show at a date to be fixed at the next meeting. Several other items were discussed, including an outing, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—E. R. Fox, Hon. Sec.

GRAND UNITED METROPOLITAN.

Meeting of delegates, held on July 14th, at the "Raglan," Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Messrs. Aslin (in the chair), Heppel, Milledge, and Walton (South Met. F.A.), Bird, Kendal, Skey and Thursby (Ealing F.S.), Amery, King and Clarke (Islington F.A.), Ager, Moss, Smalley and Watson (Civil Service F.A.), Smith, Freer, Butler and Vickers (East Ham F.S.). Correspondence was read from Messrs. Kendal and Dent, offering a challenge cup to the management of the show. The secretary was instructed to write and thank donors for the cup, which was viewed by the delegates present. The reply to the legal query re binding the societies to the rules was read, and finally dealt with. The secretary reported that the final number of societies joining the Grand United Metropolitan Show was five, viz., those named above. It was agreed that 500 copies of the rules be printed and distributed among the members of each society. The following were elected officers for 1909: Chairman, Mr. Aslin; vice-chairman, Mr. Skey; treasurer, M. Smalley; assist. secretary, M. Ager; secretary, A. Watson, 116, Maurice-avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, N. A very lengthy discussion ensued on the question of entry fee, prize money, and the number in a class to constitute a guarantee. Several suggestions were put forward, and in the end it was resolved that the matter be deferred till next meeting. A sub-committee was formed to find a suitable hall for the show, and report result to next meeting. The usual vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.—A. Watson, Hon. Sec.

DUNDALK C.B.A.

Annual meeting, held July 9th, Dr. Lavery presiding. A statement of accounts was presented, and officers for the coming year were elected. The accounts showed that 76 members paid their subscriptions last year, a fact which redounds to the credit of the popular hon. treasurer. Owing to pressure of business Mr. Niblock was obliged to resign the position of hon. sec. His resignation was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks was given that gentleman for the services he rendered during the past season. The officers for the coming year are: President, Mr. J. D. Rowe; vice-presidents, Dr. Lavery and S. H. Moynagh, Esq., solicitor; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Keating; committee, Messrs. M. Byrne, J. Murray, P. McArdle, P. Grimes, Thos. McKitterick, L. Goodman, H. J. Niblock, G. Twibill, A. Murgatroyd, and M. Kirk.—P. J. Gaskin, Hon. Sec.

LANCASTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Kindly allow me to thank Mr. H. F. Middleton for the invitation given to all cage bird fanciers in this district to attend the potatoe pie supper and entertainment provided by the treasurer of the Society. The supper, lectures, and entertainment that followed were a great success. Mr. Middleton, through pressure of business, was unable to attend, but thoughtfully provided several vases of artificial flowers (made, I believe, by his mother), which were used for table decorations, and after the entertainment were sold for the benefit of the Society. The handsome 25 guinea All-England Challenge Cup and 4-guinea electro-plated tea and coffee service were on view, and many envious eyes were fastened upon them. The members present seemed to think that competition for such handsome prizes ought not to be confined to all England, but open to the other three countries. It was decided, after a rather heated discussion, that the cup be awarded for most points for four nominated birds, the entries to be opened by the committee, as the members have a keen recollection of how the last cup was won. The meeting was the best attended, and the proceedings the most enthusiastic in the history of the Society. The absence of Mr. Middleton was regretted by all present, but he is assured of a very warm welcome when he can arrange to appear amongst us.—John Vic.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C.

The following new members have joined the club this year. We should be obliged if any who have been overlooked will communicate with Mr. Towers, 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, Crosshills, near Keighley, at once, as we shall go to print on July 31. The new members are: Messrs. E. Armstead, W. Batty, Hartley Drake, H. Martin, B. Padgett, and T. Tillotson (Shipley); P. H. Audsley, T. Blakley, E. Clegg, W. Hinchliffe, P. Imeson, W. Lee, C. Shaw, E. G. Stafford, A. Senior (Dewsbury); J. Bracewell (Bramley); T. Booth (Brantcliffe); J. Bateman, T. Brown, L. Briggs, T. Budson, J. Crowther, T. Elsegood, E. Field, W. Firth, F. Grange, A. Gill, Squire Gamble, A. Huddleston, H. Hill, F. Hodgson, J. Horsfield, W. Helliwell, J. Lane, C. Mortimer, J. Moore, J. Pownall, W. Plowright, A. Procter, T. H. Parker, J. Rhodes, F. Rhodes, J. Reynolds, H. Shaw, W. Shoesmith, F. Smith, H. Simms, W. Swaine, W. Taylor, D. Thornton, W. Webster, G. Wellock, J. W. Whitworth, A. Whitley, A. Whitaker, W. Waite, B. Worsman, J. Gregson, and F. Worsman (Bradford); F. Burdekin, F. Townend, E. Lumb, and H. W. Walsh (Halifax); H. Bradshaw, J. Fieldhouse, and C. Smith (Saltaire); J. W. Barrett, W. Ferguson and W. Richmond (Harrogate); E. B. Brown and B. Brown (Yeadon); G. Chambers (Liverpool); J. Dean (Adwalton); F. Ellis (Brighouse); B. E. Garhutt and W. J. Hartley (Bingley); W. Hillas (Wibsey); W. Jones (Wakefield); W. Kershaw and J. Marten (Birstall); H. Lord (Rodley); E. Marsh and J. Towler (Pudsey); H. Myers (Queensbury); E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe); G. Toulman (Gildersome); C. Thornton (Otley); A. Wright and T. Wright (Gomersall). Applications for patronage have been received from the following Societies:—Sandy Lane and District, Judge, Mr. P. Mason, Oct. 2nd; Queensbury, C. A. House, Oct. 9th; Bradford City, A. Hirst, Oct. 16th; Shipley O.S., W. H. Shackleton, Oct. 23rd; Manchester and N.C.O.S., H. W. Batty, Oct. 29-30th; Huddersfield O.S., R. Carr, Nov. 13th; St. Helens and District, Mr. Barnes (Grantham), Nov. 19-20th; Manningham, R. Halliday, Nov. 20th; Eccleshill, J. Greaves, Nov. 26th; Harrogate, A. Hirst, Dec. 4th; Halifax, W. A. Cowgill, Dec. 17-18th; Bradford East, R. Radley, Jan. 1st, 1910; Crystal Palace; Laisterdyke B.F.A., J. Bailey; Bradford West, Nov. 6th; Great Horton O.S., H. W. Batty, Dec. 4th; Accrington and District C.B.S., J. H. Roe, Oct. 8th; Pendleton and Salford A. Wellings and J. C. Barnes, Nov. 19-20th.—Garnett and Towers, Hon. Secs.

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The Shows.

WOOD GREEN F.F.A.

First Young Stock Show held on July 13th, at Parish Hall, Station-road. We had a good entry and the show was voted a success by everyone. We had a great number of visitors, and ought to make some new members as a result. The medal for best in show was won by Mr. C. W. Penuy with a Crest-bred. Other prize winners were: Messrs. Brooks, Ayling, Pettit, Callegari, Griffin, Boston, Clarke, Pledger and Clay. Mr. J. Robson judged.—T. CALLEGARI, Sec.

DOVER & DIS. P.P., ETC., & C.B.S.

Very successful F.F. Show held in the Barton-road Boys' School, June 30th, when some very fine Yorkshires were staged. Mr. E. Birch judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS CL. (17): 1, 3, Leaver; 2, hc, Johnson; 4, Sanderson; vhc, Eade; c, Dlack. MKD. (15): 1, 2, c, Johnson; 3, 4, Leaver; vhc, Rayner; hc, Dlack. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 3, Lockett. BORD. FANCY: 2, 4, Eade. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Leaver; 2, Austen; 3, Rayner. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Heritage, BULLFINCH and HAWFINCH: 3, 4, Lockett (Buntings). —ABBOTT AND AUSTEN, Hon Secs.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show of Canaries and Foreign birds, held July 14th, at headquarters, Y.M.C.A. The entries were hardly up to expectations, but the quality of the birds was good. Some very nice Yorkshires were staged, and the Norwich were a success, whilst the Foreign birds exhibited by Mr. Ward had many admirers. A good number of fanciers and visitors attended. Mr. B. Evans judged and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS: 1, Woodhead; 2, vhc, Miss E. Bennett; 3, Ratcl. BUFF: 1, 2, Woodhead; 3, Miss Bennett; vhc, Willyman. YELL. NOR.: 1, Papple; 2, Pillar; 3, vhc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Pillar; vhc, Booth; hc, Papple. CAN.: 1, 2, Miss E. Bennett. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ward.—J. W. POPPLE, Hon. Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held on July 17th, at the Holme-lane Hotel, 57 birds being staged. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. L. Hodgson gained most points in show, followed by Messrs. B. Worsman and Son, A. Gledhill, and W. Dawson. Mr. L. Hodgson also won Mr. H. H. Towers' special for most points in Clun. marked classes.

CL. YELL. (9): 1, Ogden; 2, Dawson; 3, Smith; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Worsman and Son; hc, Pacey; c, Mitchell. BUFF (12): 1, Mitchell ;2, vhc, Gledhill; 3, hc, Pacey; 4, Dawson; c, Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL. GREEN: 1, c, Hodgson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Dawson; 4, Wilson; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Tidswell. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Wilson; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Worsman and Son; hc, Shaw. TKD., ETC., YELL. CINN. (6): 1, 2, Worsman and Son; 3, hc, Hodgson; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Shaw. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Tidswell; 4, vhc, Atkinson. SELL. (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Gledhill; 3, Tidswell; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Atkinson.—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

PELTON FELL DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth Young Bird show held July 10, when Mr. Thomas Dixon (Bedlington) judged, his awards giving every satisfaction

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Stanger; 2, W. Foster; 3, R. Foster; vhc, hc, Elliott. BUFF: 1, Herdman; 2, A. Foster; 3, R. Foster; vhc, Redpath; hc, c, Elliott. CREST: 1, 2, Elliott. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Elliott. BUFF: 1, Elliott. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Stanger; 2, hc, J. H. Elliott; 3, Hall; c, Snell. BUFF: 1, Herdman; 2, vhc, J. H. Elliott; 3, Snell; hc, Redpath; c, Elliott. NOVICE, NOR. CINN. CREST OR C.B.: 1, A. Foster; 2, R. Foster; 3, Redpath. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, Redpath. MULE, 1909: 1, Redpath. LINNET, BROWN, ETC.: 1, Davidson; 2, Herdman; 3, vhc, Snell; hc, Elliott; c, Boyd. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Boyd; 2, Stanger; 3, Davidson; vhc, W. Elliott. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Redpath. FOR.: 1, McDowell; 2, 3, vhc, W. Elliott. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Davidson. LINNETS ONLY (open): 1, Davidson; 2, Herdman; 3, h, Snell; vhc, c, S. Elliott.—LANCE HALL, Sec.

BEDFORD C.B.S.

July 15th was Regatta day, and in the evening the members held a regatta amongst the birds, the competition between them being quite as keen as the competition on the river, no less than 59 entries being made in the four Norwich classes for young birds. Mr. Martin (Wellingboro') made the awards, and must have found some difficulty in separating some of the birds. He, however, succeeded in giving entire satisfaction. The type and quality of most of the birds were all that could be desired,and gave promise of a capital entry at the annual show on October 28th.

CL. YELL. (10): 1, Notley, beautifully moulded, rich colour; 2, hc, Gentle, choice quality, shade longer than winner; 3, Osborne, excels in head and body properties; res., Goodman; vhc, Keech; c, Livermore. BUFF (15): 1, Markham, nicely moulded, excellent type, good colour; 2, res., Gentle, very nice quality; 3, Smith, well-made bird; vhc, Corrie; hc, c, Keech. MKD. YELL. (16): 1, Osborne, very choice, marked on wing, full of quality; 2, vhc, Millard, another well-made bird, of rare quality, lightly marked on chalk; 3, res., vhc, Keech, trio of good ones, will be heard of again; c, Goodman. BUFF (19): a wonderful class, containing several gems. 1, Mortimer, rare size, lovely quallty feather, ticked on eye; 2, vhc, Notley, smaller bird, looks like a hen, very choice specimen, rich quality, marked on wing; 3, Keech, another rare quality bird; res., Wiggins; hc, Millard; c, Garrod.

WATFORD C.B.S.

Bad though the breeding season has been in Watford, the entries at the annual F.F. Show, held at the Conservative Hall, July 17th, totalled within half-a-dozen of last year's figure. In champion Norwich and Yorkshires, Mr. Buckingham was easily ahead with nice, typical, close-feathered specimens. Messrs. Wright and Perkins also showed some smart exhibits. Mr. Pratty had matters all his own way in Crests and A.O.V. champions, but the best Crest in the show was that shown by Mr. Youens in the Novice class. Amongst the Norwich and Yorkshire Novices some grand birds were shown. The British bird section, as is usual at Watford, contained a lot of very high-class and well-known exhibits, whilst the Foreigners were the centre of much attraction. Special for best Hardbill British fell to a well-marked, rich-coloured Chaffinch of Mr. Goodall's, Mr. Shirley's handsome Meadow Pipit taking that for Softbills. In the Foreign bird section, special for best exhibit went to a gorgeous superb Tanager of Mr. Watts'.

NOR. CL. (5): 1, spl., vhc, Buckingham; 2, 3, Wright; hc, Goodall. NOVICE (9): 1, 3, Fox; 2, vhc, Glover; hc, Swain; c, Freeman. YORKS CL. (8): 1, spl., vhc, c, Buckingham; 2, 3, hc, Perkins. NOVICE (11): 1, Lear; 2, vhc, hc, c, Cox; 3, Rockley. CRESTS CL. (2): 1, 2, Pretty. NOVICE (1): 1, two spls., Youens. C.-B. (2): 1, 2, Youens. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pretty. YORKS, ANY AGE: 1, Sears; 2, 3, Buckingham. NOR. (7): 1, spl., E. Wright; 2, T. Wright; 3, Goodall; vhc, hc, Shirley; c, Hale. MULES, GOLDFIE, ETC. 1909 (3): 1, Quantrell; 2, Farren; 3, Goodall. A.O.V. (1): 1, spl., Watts. HPB. ANY AGE (3): 1, spl., Goodall; 2, Quantrell; 3, Sparrowe. BRIT. GOLDFIE (8): 1, Goodall; 2, Buckingham; 3, c, Quantrell; vhc, Groves; hc, Temple. BULLIE (6): 1, spl., 3, vhc, hc, Quantrell; 2, Buckingham; c, Groves. LINNET (2): 1, Watts; 2, Sears. GREENIE: 1, 2, spl., Quantrell; 3, Watts; vhc, Wright. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Quantrell; 2, Goodall; 3, Sears; vhc, Freeman; hc, Parrish. CHAFFIE, ETC. (4): 1, spl., Goodall; 2, 3, Withers Bros.; vbc, Quantrell. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Pretty; 2, Shirley. HEN (1): 1, Goodall. SOFTBILL SMALL (2): 1, spl., Shirley; 2, Withers Bros. LARGE: 1, 2, Quantrell; 3, Goodall. FOR. GOLDFIE, ETC. (2): 1, Buckingham; 2, Sparrowe. WAXBILLS, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, spl., Goodall; 2, Fox; 3, Quantrell. ?A.O.S. (1): 1, Watts. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, two spls., Watts. SELL (10s.) (8): 1, Sears; 2, Watts; 3, Wright; vbc, Brandon; hc, Swain; c, Parrish. (20s.) (6): 1, Shirley; 2, Watts; 3, Wright; vhc, Goodall; hc, Brandon; c, Withers Bros.

EAST HAM AND DISTRICT F.S.

A very nice lot of cage birds faced the judge at the last monthly show, held at headquarters, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield-street.

CAN.: 1, Paxman, very fine Cinnamon marked; 2, c, Gillingham and Wooff, nice pair; 3, vhc, Rout; hc, Hines. YORKS.: 1, Bowley. MULES: 1, spl, Greenfinch-Can., Freer; also 2, Goldfinch-Can. BRIT.: 1, Hines; 2, Rout.—H. RUTTER, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held at the Adelphi Inn, Harrogate-street, on July 10th. Some very nice birds of the different varieties were staged, and the prizes were very evenly distributed among the various competitors. Mr. W. Dyer won silver medal given by Mr. Jas. Ball for most entries, and also the special given by a Friend for best bird in show. Mr. S. Andrews (Widnes) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.—W. RIDGE, Hon. Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Very successful Nest Feather Show, held in the Cloak Room, Town Hall, on July 3rd. Messrs. Morrison and Brownlie judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Cant; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Drysdale. BUFF, 1, 3, Braidwood; 2, 5, Drysdale; 4, Cant; 6, Malcolmson. Variog.: 1, 5, Malcolmson; 2, Braidwood; 3, 4, Cant; 6, Drysdale. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Haddow. BUFF: 1, Wallace; 2, 4, Vicar; 3, Williams. VARIEG.: 1, Haddow; 2, Williams. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, Haddow. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, (1st Greenfinch Mule, 3rd Greenfinch Mule) Williams; 2, 4, (2nd Linnet Mule, 4th Linnet Mule) Hamilton.

BROXBURN AND DISTSICT C.B.S.

First annual F.F. Show held in Public Hall, July 10th. Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh) judged and gave entire satisfaction. There was a large turnout of young birds, and some promising youngsters were staged, especially in the Border Fancy section.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Richardson; 2, Rogers; 3, Finlayson. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Sharp; 3, Rogers. BORD. FANCY YELL.: 1, Crighton; 2, Sharp; 3, Boag. BUFF: 1, 2, Boag; 3, Sharp. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Boag; 2, Anderson; 3, Finlayson. BUFF: 1, Crighton; 2, Boag; 3, Rogers. MULES: 1, Finlayson. BRIT.: 1, 3, Workman; 2, McLaren. OLD MULES: 1, 3, Sharp; 2, Finlayson.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING & DIS. C.B.S

F.F. Show, held in the White Lion Hotel, on July 17th. Entries totalled 85. There was a very nice show of Canaries, considering the bad season which some of our members have had. The Norwich were A1 in quality, and type. Mr. A. Brown judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Lawson; 2, Vipond; 3, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, 3, Vipond; 2, Wilson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Lawson. BUFF: 1, Vipond; 2, Lawson; 3, Fenwick. BUFF CREST: 1, 2, Widdowfield; 3, Stables. C.B.: 1, 2, Widdowfield; 3, Passmoor. YORKS. YELL: 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, 2, Fenwick; 3, Dixon. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Stables; 3, Passmoor. BUFF: 1, 3, Passmoor; 3, Stables. CINN. YELL.: 1, 3, Fenwick; 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Fenwick; 3, Robinson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Dover; 2, Allen; 3, Robinson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Fenwick; 2, Dixon. BRIT. (except Linnets): 1, Wilson; 2, Dover; 3, Widdowfield. BROWN LINNET: 1, Dover; 2, Robinson; 3, Marshall.—A. WIDDOWFIELD, Sec.

HUNWICK (Durham).

Annual show held July 17th, when five classes were added for cage birds, of which there was a good entry. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. J. H. Tennick. The judge, Mr. T. Foggett (Seaton Delaval) gave great satisfaction.

CAN. YELL. (8): 1, Rutherford, tkd. ycll. Nor., good head, nicc quality and shape; 2, Bright, tkd. yell. Yorks., grand shape and quality; 3, Stanger and Stewart, buff tkd. Nor., good front; r, Brownson; vhc, Natrass. CAN., BRED 1909 (15): 1, Bright, cl. yell. Yorks., grand shape and quality, will be heard of again; 2, Stanger and Stewart, good bird; 3, Rutherford, tkd. yell. Nor., good head and chest, had tail damaged or might have been higher; r, Burn; vhc, hc, Natrass. LINNET, BRIT. (10): 1, 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nice team, good size and quality, wins well; 3, Davinson, nice bird, good colour; r, Foster; vhc, Davinson. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S. (7): 1, 3, Boyd, nice Goldfinch, good size and blaze, well tanned; 3rd, Bramble, fine colour and condition; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, good colour and condition; r, Rutherford. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Foster, leader Yellowhammer, good size, well marked, in capital condition; 2nd, Wheatear, not looking in the best of health; 3, Hurst, nice Thrush; r, Davinson; hc, Boyd.

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BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second F.F. Show held July 17th, when there was a good entry. Mr. A. Dearden judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Walker; 2, Morrison; 3, Hirst and Cawthra. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Sykes; 3, Stake. TICKED, ETC.: 1, Hirst and Cawthra; 2, Walker; 3, Stake. CINN., TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Fielding; 2, Gill; 3, Morrison. BUFF: 1, Briggs; 2, Morrison; 3, Hirst and Cawthra. VARIEG. CINN. ETC. YORKS.: 1, 3, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; 2, Cardwell. BRIT.: 1, Sandiford; 2, 3, Tattersall. Special for best Canary was won by Hirst and Cawthra; for best British, J. Sandiford; for most points in even number classes, C. Morrison; in odd number classes, W. Walker.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

First Feather Show held July 15th, in the club-room, "Black Dog Inn," Watergate. The entries totalled fifty. Messrs. W. P. Barnes and F. Lockton judged, and gave every satisfaction. The Secretaries worked hard and well to make the show the success it was. Six new members were, we heard, added to the roll.

NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Bond; 3, vhc, hc, Ratcliff. YELL: 1, Bond. YORKS BUFF: 1, 2, Allen. YELL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Allen. NOVICE NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Kettle; 3, hc, Mann. YELL, 1, 2, Clarke; 3, Maun. YORKS: 1, 2, Lincoln. BRIT.: 1, Ratcliff, Goldfinch; 2, 3, Allen, Greenfinch and Bullfinch. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Parsons. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Eldred; 3, vhc, Drake.

OLD SHILDON (Norwich) WORKMENS' CLUB C.B.S.

First Feather Show held recently. There were some capital birds shown in good style. Yorkshires were plentiful, but Crests were very scarce, only five being entered. Breeding results, however, have been bad, some breeders not averaging one young bird per nest. The judges were Messrs. Gray Bros., whose awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Cuthbertson. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Cuthbertson. CRESTS: 1, Orton; 2, Trench; 3, Webb. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Orton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Parnaby; 3, Charlton. BROWN OR GREY LINNET: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Ridley; 3, Thwaite. A.O.S. SEED-EATER: 1, Smith; 2, Elwell; 3 Moore.—BODDY AND ELWELL, Secs.

REIGATE AND DISTRICT F.A.

Third annual young bird show held at Mutton's Hotel, High-street, Redbill, on July 12th, when a good number of birds were staged, 77 entries being made. The quality was better than in previous years. Mr. Robson judged.

NOR. (7): 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, A. J. Kilby; 2, 3, Cosier and Crisp. CLASS 2 (16): 1, spl, 4, Baldock; 2, 3, vhc, F. J. Green; hc, Whitmore; c, Harris. CLASS 3 (8): 1, spl, 2, Hooper; 3, vhc, hc, c, Gorringe. CLASS 4 (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, F. J. Green; vhc, Cosier and Crisp. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl for best bird in show, 2, F. J. Green; vhc, Montague. SELL. CAN.: 1, vhc, F. J. Green; 2, Montague; hc, Gorringe; c, Weller. MULE OR HYB. (1909): 1, Weller; 2, vhc, F. J. Green; hc, Terry. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, 2, Terry; 3, Bignall; vhc, Weller; hc, Amos; c, Bacon. BULLFINCH: 1, Bacon. GREENFINCH (6): 1, spl, 3, Terry; 2, Weller; vhc, Ashby; hc, Baldock. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Ashby; 2, Weller; 3, Penfold; vhc, Bignall; hc, Gorringe. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Bacon, Chaffinch; 2, Potter, Bramblefinch; vhc, Amos, Chaffinch; hc, Weller, Chaffinch. SELL. (15/-) BRIT.: 1, vhc, F. J. Green; 2, Bacon. FOR.: 1, Whitmore, Indian Rock Parrot. —T. W. BALDOCK, Hon. Sec.

LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show held in club room at Fox and Hounds on July 10th. Through the energy of the secretary, Mr. W. Lang, jun., with that of that veteran of Canarydom in Lowestoft, Mr. H. Hart, and a genuine committee, a most creditable lot of youngsters were staged. We understand, speaking generally, that the season in the district has not been a good one, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. The winning Norwich were good, typical specimens, and had the appearance of making fine birds. Mr. W. E. Greaves judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, Lang, jun., fine typical bird, splendid quality and colour; 2, Hart, fine quality; 3, Wigg, similar. BUFF: 1, Catchpole, first-rate bird all round; 2, Hatch, quite a youngster, A1 type, head and back, with a good moult will be heard of later on; 3, Rickards, well shown, good quality, type and colour; vhc, Cooper, Hart; hc, Mumford. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hart, marked left wing, well-made youngster, very promising. BUFF: 1, vhc, Cooper, dark tail, another good Nor. type, fine in feather, nice colour and quality; 2, vhc, Castleton, very similar, marked neck and wings; 3, Clarke, cap and wing marked, nice quality, well shown; hc, Hart; c, Hatch; a good class. CREST: 1, Hart, buff, neat crest, good body, marked wings; 2, Rickards, close up; 3, Lowe, nearly green, crest neat. C.B.: 1, Hart, green, well shaped head, good body, heavily feathered; 2, 3, Lowe; vhc, Rickards. CINN.: 1, Cooper, nice youngster, well moulted and fed, will make a good bird. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Kemp, Goldfinch and Can. Mules, 1st evenly marked, 2nd marked eyes, wings and saddle, well shown; 3, Blackburn. Prize money is paid on the sliding scale. In addition to this a special of 2s. to given to each 1st prize, and 1s. each for every 2nd and 3rd prize.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Young Bird Show held at St. Luke's Schools, North-street, on July 10th. The entries numbered 175 in 23 classes. The judging was over, and the show opened at 5 p.m. prompt, but the attendance was only moderate, owing no doubt to the heavy showers. The members scoring most points with six highest birds at this show were: Mr. D. Duncan, jun., 38; Mr. W. Harland, 35; and Messrs. Chew and Stokoe, 33. The points scored with birds nominated for the Leeds cup and president's cup were: Mr. F. Farrer, 19.31; Mr. G. Stead, 19.29; and Mr. W. Johnson, 18.29, respectively; these being closely followed by several other members, which leaves the competition in an interesting position. Specials were won in the Novice Norwich Section by Messrs. W. Harland and D. McMillan, and in the Novice Yorks. by Mr. Buckley. Mr. M. Broadley judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Farrer; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Chow and Stokoe. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Farrer; 2, 4, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, Duncan. CL. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Chew and Stokoo; 2, Farrer; hc, c, Hall. TKD. (14): 1, Johnson; 2, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 3, c, Duncan; 4, Hall. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Trifitt; 2, vhc, Mennard; 3, Stead; 4, Johnson. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Stead; 2, Mennard; 4, Johnson; vhc, Chambers; hc, Trifitt; c, Hall. CL. BUFF (7): 1, Chambers; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Mennard; 4, Stead; hc, c, Trifitt. TKD. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Stead; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, hc, Chambers; c, Trifitt. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, L. Smith. LINNET ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Duncan; 4, hc, c, J. Owen. GOLDFIE ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Duncan; vhc, Benge; hc, c, J. Owen. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 2, Duncan; 3, 4, vhc, hc, J. Owen. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, Duncan; 3, 4, hc, J. Owen; vhc, R. Owen. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Buckley. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Wilkins. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Buckley; 4, W. H. Norton; hc, Sturdy. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Whiteley; 2, 3, 4, hc, Buckley; vhc, W. H. Norton. CL. BUFF (7): 1, Harland; 2, 3, 4, hc, Buckley; vhc, Brusby; c, Sturdy. TKD. BUFF (11): 1, Whiteley; 2, 4, Harland; 3, Brusby; vhc, hc, Buckley; c, W. H. Norton. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Tose; 2, McMillan; 3, Benge; vhc, hc, Guest; c, R. Owen. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Harland; 4, vhc, Guest; hc, McMillan; c, Wilkins. CL. BUFF (11): 1, McMillan; 2, Brusby; 3, Benge; 4, Ainsworth; vhc, Middleton; hc, Whiteley; c, Tose. TKD. BUFF (11): 1, McMillan; 2, Guest; 3, hc, Brusby; 4, Tose; vhc, Ainsworth; c, Middleton.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

First Feather Show, held June 26th. Judge, Mr. Megson (Bramley), who gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Hanson. TKD.: 1, Hanson; 2, Tate; 3, vhc, Maltby. CL. BUFF: 1, Hanson; 2, Maltby; 3, Tate. TKD.: 1, Hanson. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Johnson; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Wilson; vhc. TKD.: 1, Wilson; 2, Wilson; 3, Johnson; vhc, A. H. Craven. CL. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Johnson; 3, E. Craven; vhc, Walker; hc, Maltby; c, Johnson. TKD. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Wilkinson; 3, A. Craven. FOUL GREENS: 1, Benson; 2, A. H. Craven; 3, Benson. NOVICE—YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL: 1, 2, Baldwinson; 3, Silson; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Firth; c, Pawson. BUFF: 1, Silson; 2, 3, Pawson; vhc, Firth; hc, Baldwinson; c, Pawson. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Tate; 3, Wilson; vhc, Johnson.—A. H. CRAVEN, Hon. Sec.

WATH AND DISTRICT C.S.A.

Nest feather Show held on June 26th. Mr. H. Watson, hon. sec., won medal for most points. Mr. H. Charlesworth that for secoud most points; Mr. C. Scrivener won the Yorkshire show cage for next points; and Mr. P. Cheetham that for next. Mr. W. Humphries won medal for best bird in show. Mr. W. Brotherton judged, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Watson. BUFF: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Scrivener. TKD., ETC.: 1, Cheetham; 2, Watson; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Scrivener. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Scrivener. BUFF: 1, Cheetham; 2, Scrivener. TKD., ETC.: 1, Cheetham. YORKS. OLD: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Scrivener; hc, c, Humphries. NOR. OLD; 1, Charlesworth. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Humphries; 2, Tose. BRIT.: 1, Watson. LINNET, BROWN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Watson; 2, hc, Humphries; 3, Scrivener. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Watson.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' Nest Feather Show (also five classes for old birds) held July 17th in the Town Hall, a splendid room for a cage bird show. The entries for a club so young came up exceedingly well, totalling nearly 100 birds. There was a good muster of fanciers, and everything passed off satisfactorily, so the committee had every right to be pleased with themselves. Prize for best Canary was won by Mr. Straughan, and that for best British by Mr. Staig. Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) judged, and all were satisfied with his awards.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Dixon; 3, Forster and Thain. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Dixon; 2, vhc, Staig. BORD. YELL.: 1, Rogerson; 2, 3, Swan; vhc, Forster and Thain. BUFF: 1, Swan; 2, hc, Rogerson; 3, vhc, Forster and Thain; c, Landers. A.O.V.: 1, Staig; 2, Landers; 3, Staig. NOR. YELL., OLD: 1, spl, Straughan; 2, Tate. BUFF: 1, Tate; 2, vhc, Landers; 3, Tate. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Tate; 3, Forster and Thain. BUFF: 1, Swan; 2, Rogerson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Beswick; 3, Staig. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Swan; 2, Wake; 3, Straughan. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wake; 2, Staig; 3, Straughan; vhc, Baxter; hc, Landers. LINNET: 1, Baxter; 2, Beswick; 3, Straughan; vhc, Wake; hc, c, Forster and Thain. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Staig; 2, Forster and Thain; 3, Baxter. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Forster and Thain; 2, Staig; 3, Beswick. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Forster and Thain; 3, Staig.

HETTON-LE-HOLE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Young Bird (Nest Feather) Show held in the Crown Inn, July 10th, when they had a record entry, having 110 entries in 17 classes. Quality, as well as quantity, was very conspicuous, some grand young birds making their debut on the show bench; with a good moult they will be heard of again. The attendance was only moderate, owing probably to there being so many counter attractions in the district. Mrs. Hy. Fenwick won silver medal for most entries, also special for most points, Mr. Hy. Wilson winning special for second most points. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) ably officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Lawson; 2, hc, Mrs. Fenwick; 3, Wilson; vhc, Kilner; c, Allen. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Vipond; vhc, Mrs. Fenwick; hc, Lawson; c, Gowland. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Vipond; 2, Lawson; 3, Allen; vhc, hc, Mrs. Fenwick; c, Stables. BUFF (17): 1, Lawson; 2, Kilner; 3, Wilson; vhc, hc, Mrs. Fenwick; c, Gowland. GREEN OR NEARLY (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Fenwick; 3, Kilner; vhc, Allen; hc, R. H. Dixon; c, Hann. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, M. Dixon; 2, 3, Mrs. Fenwick. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, M. Dixon. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, R. H. Dixon. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, R H. Dixon. CREST (4): 1, 2, Widdowfield; 3, Wood; vhc, Hann. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Widdowfield; 3, Wood; vhc, Hann. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, M. Dixon; 2, Stables; 3, Passmoor. MULE OR HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT. BROWN LINNET (10): 1, Geo. Brown; 2, 3, Mrs. Fenwick; vhc, J. Brown; hc, R. H. Dixon; c, Kilner. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Dover; vhc, R. H. Dixon; hc, Mrs. Fenwick; c, G. Brown. GREENFINCH (3: 1, Wilson; 2, Dover; 3, Passmoor. BRIT. A.O.S. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Dover; 2, Widdowfield; hc, Stables; c, Wilson. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Rowell; 3, Wilson.—A. J. NOTLEY, Sec.

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FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held in Oddfellows' Hall, 10th July. Mr. James Jeans (Cameleu) judged. There was not a large entry, but owing to the holidays in our district we had not much room to complain, young birds also being scarce this season. However, the numbers came quite up to last year's, the entry being 46.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Marshall; 2, Hemp. BUFF: 1, spl., and 4, Millar and Eadie; 2, Marshall; 3, Hemp; 5, Hamilton and Wallace. YELL. BORD. F.: 1, Herd. BUFF: spl., 1, Conner; 2, Herd; 3, Proudfoot. CREST: 1, Moreland. C. B.: 1, Moreland. SOFTBILL: 1, Kirkwood; 2, 3, Millar and Eadie. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 3, spl., Millar and Eadie; 2, Baird; 4, Morris; 5, Kirkwood. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Robertson; 2, Morris; 3, Kirkwood; 4, 5, Millar and Eadie. FOR.: 1, Kirkwood; 2, Millar and Eadie.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Chorus room of the Mechanics' Institution, July 17th, when a members' F.F. Show took place. Mr. T. Poole kindly placed the awards, giving every satisfaction. Mr. H. Smith had on view three fine specimens of the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, their condition being the subject of much favourable comment. In answer to questions, he stated that he fed them on bananas, ants' eggs, flies, mealworms and Pheasants' meat. They fed themselves before they were a month old, and were very frugal eaters. They had a bath every day, and were kept in a flight three feet square, lined with bark and tin. He said they were very rare in this district, and the few pairs found here could generally be located near the same spots

NOR. YELL.: 1, Loveday; 2, res, vhc, Bywater; 3, Sprules. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Greenwood and Burson; res, Dale; vhc, Sprules; hc, Bywater; c, Pinnell. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Greenwood and Burson; vhc, Pinnell. BRIT.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Pinnell.—WM. DALE.

CARDIFF AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual First Feather show (including British birds) held on July 7th, at Naishes Royal Stores, the Hayes. Between 70 and 80 birds were staged, and the winners generally were of great merit, particularly in the Yorkshires. Mr. W. C. Flyn won special for best bird in this variety with a most typical variegated, which was closely pressed by his clear yellow. Special for best Norwich was won by Mr. F. Slocombe. Mr. P. Murray won special for best Norwich in uovice class, and Mr. S. E. Tonkin that for best Yorkshire in novice class. Mr. F. D. Jones won special for best British bird with a charming Willow Warbler, also that for most points in British bird classes, and the special for most points in Yorkshire classes fell to Mr. Banks. Mr. E. A. Lovell (Bristol) made the awards and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, F. Slocombe; 2, Thomas; 3, G. Slocombe. BUFF: F. Slocombe; 2, 3, G. Slocombe. MKD., ETC.: 1, F. Slocombe; 2, Maggs; 3, G. Slocombe. NOR. NOVICE CL.: 1, 2, 3, Murray. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Pole. YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Flyn; 3, Banks. BUFF: 1, Banks; 2, James; 3, Owen. MKD., ETC.: 1, Flyn; 2, Brown; 3, Banks. NOVICE CL.: 1, Whetton; 2, James; 3, Wilson. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Tonkin. A.O.V.: 1, Maggs. GOLDFINCH: 1, Jones. BULLFINCH: 1, Jones. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Jones. SOFTBILL: 1, Jones; 2, Ford.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Annual young bird show held on July 17th, when about 80 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. H. Drakeley (Derby), who gave every satisfactory. Canaries were well up to the standard, competition being very keen. The Foreign bird sectiou was a sight not likely to be forgotten, many birds of great rarity standing cardless.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Dr. Docherty; 2, Emery, very tight race for premier honours: 3, Hówkins. BUFF: 1, Elliott, wins well; 2, Wood, very bonny; 3, Emery; vhc, Howkins. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Elliott, ticked on neck, favourite of the champion section; 2, 3, Cameron, two smart exhibits, grand colour; vhc, Emery. BUFF: 1, vhc, Elliott, wing mkd., very stylish; 2, 3, Emery, very cobby, grand quality; hc, Ford; c, Cameron. HEAVY VARIEG. ETC.: 1, Dr. Docherty; 2, Cameron; 3, Emery; vhc, Howkins; this class was very fine, and subjected to a lot of argument. A.O.V.: Cancelled. NOVICE YELL., ETC.: 1, Ford, cl. yell.; 2, Wood, very short, marked; 3, Freeman, another cl.; vhc, England. BUFF: 1, 2, England, 1st wins, bird of tremendous size; 2nd, pressed hard by; 3, Ford, clear; vhc, Wood; hc, Morris; c, Lane. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Ford; 2, Docherty; 3, Hadley; all Goldies. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Wood, Greenfinch, hero of many engagements; 2, Dr. Docherty; 3, Lane; vhc, Kirkland. SOFTBILL: 1, Street, Starling of first water. MULES AND HYBS.: 1, Howkins, Siskin Can.; 2, Kirkland, Goldie-Can.; 3, Hadley. FOR. LARGE: 1, Street, Glossy Starling, the colour and bloom of which it is impossible to describe; 2, gar; 3, Hadley, Rufus-bellied Tanager; vhc, Hadley, Tricoloured Tanager; 2, Street, Yell. Budgerigar; 3, Hadley, Rufous-bellied Tanager; vhc, Hadley; hc, Street; c, Lane.

SWANSEA.

F.F. Show held July 17th in the Stock Room of Mackworth Hotel, kindly placed at the Society's disposal by Mr. R. E. Jones. Success crowned the efforts of the hard-working officials, headed by the well-known Mr. Alf. Hitchings, Hon. Sec. The gate was far above the average, and many fresh faces were seen. The show was nicely laid out and made quite a pretty spectacle. Norwich and Borders were the best. The exhibits totalled over 100. Messrs. G. J. Rees and B. Prosser were down for judging, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Mr. Rees could not be present. His place was kindly taken by Mr. D. A. S. Longden. Both gentlemen gave highest satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl., Vyse; 2, Stock; 3, Kirby; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Stock; hc, Phil Jenkins; c, Mabbett. BUFF: 1, spl., Vyse; 2, Kirby; 3, George; 4, R. Mabbett; vhc hc, Hyett; c, F. Mabbett. UNEV., ETC.: 1, spl., Stock; 2, Kirby; 3, Vanstone; 4, R. Mabbett; vhc, J. Jenkins; hc, F. Mabbett; c, Vanston. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl., Hyett. BUFF: 1, spl., Hyett. UNEV., ETC.: 1, spl., Hyett. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl., 3, hc, Hocking; 2, Richards; 4, W. J. Jenkins; vhc, c, Williams. BUFF: 1, spl., 2, D. Williams; 3, W. J. Jenkins; 4, Phil Jenkins; vhc, hc, Richards; c, Cronin. BORD. GREEN: 1, spl., vhc, Richards; 2, hc, Hocking; 3, 4, Williams. EVEN MKD. OR CINN.: 1, spl., Hocking. MULE: 1, spl., R. Mabbett; 2, Kirby; 3, Balsh; 4, W. J. Jenkins. NOR. OLD BIRD: 1, Kirby; 2, Vanstone; 3, J. Jenkins. BORD. F. OLD: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, J. Hocking; 4, vhc, Richards. MULE OLD: 1, Hocking; 2, W. J. Jenkins. HYB. OLD: 1, H. Jenkins. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Balsh; 2, Heal; 3, Ford and Son; 4, Fear. GREENFINCH: 1, Balsh; 2, W. J. Jenkins; 3, Phil Jenkins; 4, H. Jenkins. LINNET: 1, Balsh; 2, Williams; 3, George. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, W. J. Jenkins; 2, H. Jenkins. CHAFFINCH: 1, 3, H. Jenkins; 2, Ford and Son. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, Phil Jenkins; 2, B. George; 3, Ford and Son. FOR.: 1, B. J. Evans. SELL: 1, Kirby. A.O.S.: 1, 8, Ford and Son; 2, Phil Jenkins.

TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Next Feather Show held at Town Hall, July 17th. Mr. Clempson put down a grand team of birds, winning four firsts, two seconds, and four thirds. Mr. Roe judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Clempsou; 3, vhc, Colloby and Brown. MKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Colloby and Brown; 2, Clempson. NOR. CL. BUFF (12): 1, 3, vhc, c, Clempson; 2, Colloby and Brown; hc, Allsopp. MKD., ETC. BUFF (5): 1, 3, vhc, Colloby and Brown; 2, Smith; hc, Clempson. YELL. YORKS (6): 1, Hatton and Kitchen; 2, Spencer; 3, hc, Clempson; vhc, Barber; c, Colloby and Brown. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Clempson; 2, vhc, hc, Hatton and Kitchen; 2, Colloby and Brown. MKD., ETC., YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Clempson; 2, Barber. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Barber. BUFF YELL. BORD.: 3, Hatton and Kitchen; vhc, c, Bingham; hc, Allsopp. MULES (4): 1, Hatton and Kitchen; 2, 3, vhc, Colloby and Brown. BRIT. (3): 1, 3, Hatton and Kitchen; 2, Allsopp.—G. E. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual Young Bird Show held July 17th in the Dalton-road School. Two silver cups and special prizes were competed for. Seventy-four birds were staged, their quality being good all round. Challenge cup for best Canary (for Border Fancy) or Mule, won by R. Willison; winner Scotch Fancy Yell. Cup for best Border Fancy, won by A. Hudson, yellow. Mr. Percy Davies judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, c, Henderson; 2, Higgin; vhc, Willison; hc, Higman. BUFF: 1, c, Henderson; 2, 3, hc, Currie; vhc, Higman. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hudson; vhc, Willison; hc, Large; c, Wagstaff. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Hudson; 2, c, Willison; vhc, Large. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Cherry; vhc, Fryer. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Cherry; 3, Fleming. SCOT FCY.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Willison. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Willison; 2, Cherry. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Fleming; 2, vhc, Hudson; 3, c, Large. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, 3, hc, Large; 2, vhc, Wagstaff. A.O.S. HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Wagstaff; 2, Fleuning. A.O.S. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, 2, Fryer; 3, vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Large; c, Higgin. —J. HIGMAN, Sec.

YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show, held July 15th, in Town Hall. Considering the rather disappointing breeding season, a goodly number of youngsters were staged, with a few classes for British birds. The winning Yorkshires were birds of great promise. Norwich were also a typical lot. The exhibits were well staged, and the awards well placed by Mr. J. Wilkinson, who gave every satisfaction. There is keen competition among the novices this year, they having a section to themselves, which does much to increase the interest among young fanciers.

YORKS. YELL, fine lot of young yellows: 1, 2, Hansom; 3, 4, Johnson. BUFFS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Johnson; vhc, Henderson Bros. NOR. YELL,: Hansom. BUFFS: 1, 3, Hansom; 2, 4, Henderson Bros. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Garbutt and Clement (both Linnet-Can. Mules) leader big, typical bird, well laced, good colour, in faultless condition. 2nd smaller bird, and cannot compare with winner, but very good for all that. BRIT. BIRD: 1, 2, Garbutt and Clement. NOVICE—NOR.: 1, Honeyman and Willis. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Smith; 2, Wallenger; 3, Honeyman and Willis; 4, Danby and Wilford. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Danby and Wilford; 2, 4, Wallenger. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 4, Wallenger; 3, Honeyman and Willis; vhc, Danby and Wilford. SOFTBILL: 1, Smith, Starling, in faultless condition.—WILKINSON and DANBY, Hon. Secs.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual Young Stock Show held on July 17th. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Thanks to the generous support of the committee and stewards, everything went off successfully. The Hon. Sec., Mr. H. W. Cook, is a capital worker and knows well how to manage a show.

NOVICE SECTION—NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl., Teasdale; 2, vhc, Ash; 3, Francis; hc, Braithwaite; c, Lawes. BUFF (10): 1, spl., for best Nor. and spl. for best bird in show, Thomasson; 2, Ash; 3, Lawes; vhc, Teasdale; hc, c, Francis. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Thomasson; 2, Boyson; 3, Braithwaite. BUFF (4): 1, Braithwaite; 2, Francis; w.c., Ash and Thomasson. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Thomasson; 2, Ash; 3, vhc, Barber. BUFF (5): 1, Francis; 2, Teasdale; 3, hc, Barber; vhc, Ash. YORKS CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl., Lowrie; 2, Dearing; 3, Depradines; vhc, Wyatt; hc, w.c., Thurling; c, Spink. BUFF (8): 1, Wyatt; 2, Spink; 3, Depradines; vhc, Thurling; hc, Dearing; c, Lowrie; w.c., Spink; abs. Spink. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Wyatt; 2, Bastable; 3, Dearing; vhc, Depradines. BUFF (4): 1, spl., Bastable; 2, Wyatt; 3, vhc, Thurling. VARIEG. BUFF (5): 1, Depradines; 2, vhc, Dearing; 3, Wyatt; hc, Spiuk. CREST OR C.-B. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lawes. AMATEUR SECTION—YORKS YELL. (7): 1, spl., best Yorks, 2, c, Cook; 3, vhc, hc, Mottram. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Mottram; vhc, Cook. CREST OR C.-B. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cook. A.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl., 2, 3, Francis; vhc, Stockwell; hc, Barber. MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Pine. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Pine; 2, Boyson; 3, Braithwaite; abs., Thurling. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (4): 1, spl., 3, Kidman; 2, Pine; vhc, Braithwaite.

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In the Courts.

Killing a Swift with a Whip.

Frank Green, a young labourer, of Glastonbury, was recently summoned, under the Protection of Wild Birds Act, for unlawfully snaring and killing a Swift during the close season.—The defendant, according to the "Central Somerset Gazette," pleaded guilty, but said that he killed the bird accidentally.

P.C. Hillman deposed that on Tuesday, June 8th, he saw the defendant in Chillwell Street, and told him that he (witness) was making inquiries about a bird that the defendant had cruelly ill-treated the night before. The defendant said, "I don't know that I cruelly illtreated it. I knocked the bird down with a whip, and Wilfrid King, who was with me, had nothing to do with it." Witness accompanied the defendant to the garden of the house where he lived, and he dug up the bird and showed it to him. He said that he had no intent to hurt it, and was sure that the bird was dead when it reached the ground.

Inspector Robert Rigg said that the defendant might have been proceeded against on a charge of cruelty, as he brought the bird down with a whip and then killed it by tramping upon it. When witness saw the defendant he said that he had been able to bring a bird down before. It was a serious offence, as the Swift was one of the most harmless and useful birds we had.

The Chairman admonished the defendant, and warned him against breaking the law, besides killing useful birds. He was then allowed to go on payment of the costs of the summons.

Country Rambles

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.

A party of about 30 members and their friends, wives and children set out on July 10th for Guiseley by train, leaving Mid. Station by the 2.2 p.m., and then on to Menstone, via fields, woods and hedgerows. We had both sunshine and rain. We kept the train waiting five minutes for us in Bradford Station; in fact, there was such a to-do over it when our secretary came chasing on to the platform and then jumped into a luggage van, he looked as if he'd just dropped into t' soft-moult. But coming back, the train kept us waiting, for revenge. Of course, t' railway company hed odd t' brass then, do you see. Arriving at Menstone a splendid tea was soon put out of sight by the hunger-marchers at our old friend's (Joe Kay'e, "Swallow Nest Cottage"). Nah for it. "Hello, Joe, lad, owt fresh?" "Nah," he said, "nowt partick; only I hevn't a nod hen 'ats browt a deead young un up this time." Then we had another shower. Joe ses t'ut t' wimmen follow me; and he jumped ower some railings abaat 10 foot high. I kept mi E on, but I didn't see noa wimmen foller. After tea, we had another shower. Well, yer can't say 'at it wor a dry do. Meeting in a shed in Menstone schoolyard; lecture by Joe Kay, subject, "Big Buff Hens." Then we had a ramble raand some fields and sludge and dirt, and then were sailing towards t' station, where we arrived threequarters of an hour too sooin. Lucky, for yer owt to a seen t' raids they made on shops. Well, we did very well considering what sort of a day it was. Better luck next time.—H. CHUBB, assistant secretary.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Forfar and District C.B.I.S.

The breeding season so far has not been very encouraging in this district. The first round was practically a failure, owing to the changeable weather, it being quite mild throughout the day and exceptionally cold at night. Some had plenty of young birds, and the hens feed well for a week, but after that they would not sit at nights, with the result that the young were found dead full of food next morning. But things seem to be shaping better now. As far as I can gather, the fanciers of Montrose, Brechin and Arbroath are having a bad time of it also. Our results up to now are: Messrs. J. Bowman 20, D. Kydd 19, P. Taylor 15, W. Brown 16, Js. Grewar 8, Jn. Grewar 9, W. Grewar 50; the foregoing are all Norwich. Messrs. C. Kenned 30, and J. Campbell 21. Messrs. P. Falconer, J. Stevenson, D. Lawson are all doing fairly well, all with Borders. Mr. J. Fyfe has got a number of Greenie and Linnet Mules. I have four hens yet to rise, when I will be finished for the season, which has been a record for me.—W. GREWAR, sec.

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J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

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Messrs. Rutherford and Bright have dissolved partnership by mutual arrangement, writes Mr. Wm. Rutherford (West Roddymoor).

Whitchaven C.B.S., writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. secretary of the Northern Y.C.C., have also applied for our patronage.

Owing to the entries being small, write Messrs. Bohn and Welch, hon. secretaries of the Stratton, Bude Show, August 2nd, we are compelled to extend the date for the closing of same to July 28th (1st post).

Mr. James Johnston (Kilmarnock), has been appointed to judge Norwich and Border sections of our open show on November 6th next, writes Mr. J. Robertson, jun., secretary of the Darvel O.S.

Should any fanciers be visiting Grantham, writes Mr. W. Ratcliff (Grantham), if they will drop a postcard to Mr. Allen, 82, Alexandria Road, they will receive a welcome to have a look at our birds.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, re-exchange, writes Mr. T. Sherratt (Burton). I could only send answers to those who sent a stamp for reply, as I had so many inquiries.

I have very reluctantly had to discontinue my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, as I find I cannot cope with the orders I have got through same, writes Mr. H. Orford (Manchester). I am getting now a great many repeat orders.

Will the fancier who bought a Yorkshire Canary from the gift class at Wood Green Show, writes Mr. T. Callegari, hon. secretary of the Wood Green F.F.A., please communicate with me at 17, Gladstone Avenue, Wood Green?

Mr. Chas. Houlton has been appointed, write Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby, hon. secretaries of the Yarm, Eaglescliffe and Dis. C.B.S., to judge at our open show on January 8th, 1910, when there will be a treat in store for exhibitors.

I was pleased to see your remarks about hens being passed off for cocks, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. secretary of the British Roller C.C. Something ought to be done to protect the public, but the only thing is, I suppose, to warn them.

The list of members of the Border Fancy Canary Club, writes Mr. M. Jamieson, the hon. secretary, 3, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B., will be sent to the printers in a few days' time. Intending members should therefore send in their names at once.

Kindly notify secretaries of societies of my change of address to 132, Chapel Lane, Wigan, where I am opening a shop for the sale of birds and seeds, and all kinds of fanciers' appliances, cages, etc., writes Mr. W. Dyer, assistant secretary of the Wigan and Dis. Cage Bird Society.

J. Gostling, the well-known bird specialist, Bolton, writes to say that he is giving a gold medal and a silver medal at the annual show, October 16th and 17th, of the Bolton and Dis. Ornithological Society, for the two hottest fed birds fed on his colour feeds. Open to all. See advertisement.—(ADVT.)

Kentish societies desirous of availing themselves of the patronage of the Kent County Cage Bird Association, writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, the hon. secretary, are reminded that applications must be made to me at 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover, not later than August 4th, as on that day the committee will proceed to allot same.

The British Roller C.C. book of rules, etc., for 1909, reveals the fact that the club is "going very strong" with a membership of over 150. The 1908 balance-sheet shows cash in hand of £7 1s. 6d. which, considering the amount brought into the accounts from the previous year (£2 18s. 8d.), is highly satisfactory. The secretary is Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.

I am only newly home from New Zealand, writes Mr. Peter Wylie, of Kelty (late of Paisley), after being away for two years. I have been a British bird fancier for 17 years, and could not sacrifice my hobby; that is what brought me home again. I am sending three CAGE BIRDS away to New Zealand this week. They are very far behind with the bird hobby there. I send my best wishes for every success to CAGE BIRDS.

Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford), will judge at our annual open show, writes Mr. N. Peake, secretary of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.

We note that Mr. James Dewar, the respected Edinburgh fancier and judge, is again to officiate as a judge at the great show of Belgian Canaries to be held on August 8th, at Antwerp.

A homing pigeon, No. Derby 19910 ('06) and 556, landed on our boat coming from Bordeaux, writes Mr. Thomas Hoey, 43, Rockingham Street, Liverpool. I have same at above address.

We hear that a new Linnet Club has been started at South Moor, West Stanley, S.O., and that Mr. Wm. Barrass, of 24, Poulton Terrace, West Stanley, R.S.O., is the hon. secretary.

The Millom and Dis. C.B.A. have engaged Mr. J. H. Roe to judge at their forthcoming show, to be held on November 19th and 20th, writes Mr. Wm. J. Thomas, the hon. secretary, when we expect the fanciers to give us a bumper. We are providing a good classification.

The Sale O.S. have engaged Mr. A. Wellings to judge at their Open Show on November 26th and 27th, with Mr. Barnes, writes Mr. J. Irlam, the secretary. The next meeting will be held on August 2nd, when it is hoped the members will have finished their hand-rearing and attend.

CAGE BIRDS, has done much towards raising the standard of the Fancy all the world over, writes Mr. G. T. Jones, secretary of the Welsh C.B.C. Personally I owe a great deal to CAGE BIRDS, for all the knowledge I possess has been derived from same. I shall always do my best to extend its circulation.

On picking up last week's CAGE BIRDS I was agreeably surprised to see your illustration of my Norwich birds on your front cover. I must congratulate your Mr. Norman on his sketches, which I consider lifelike. You will be pleased to hear that the hen has already reared seven young birds, and is again sitting on five eggs.—A. HUMPHRIES (York).

We learn that the Exeter and Dis. C.B.S. are having a drawing competition among the lads in three of the large schools in Exeter, with the sanction of the Education authority. These drawings will be done in connection with the society's November exhibition, and silver and gold medals will be presented to the most successful eight boys of the three schools.

"Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—for July is a profusely illustrated issue, and contains several interesting articles including those by Mr. H. Willford ("My Birds and their Doings—nesting notes for 1909"), Mr. E. J. Brook ("My Birds of Paradise"), and Mr. R. Suggitt ("Nesting of Blackcaps and Snow-buntings"). There are also several book reviews and a number of editorial notes.

Allow me to thank you for my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I am only a working man, and had never advertised before, and I did not know what to expect from it. But I soon had a reply to it on Saturday morning, and a genuine deal too. I had other offers as well. One came on the Sunday, and the replies keep rolling in. I shall not forget when I want to sell or exchange anything to send an advertisement to good old CAGE BIRDS, of which I have been a reader for three years.—W. J. STAGG (Birmingham).

We learn that the society known as the Strathnaver Fairy Circle has just concluded a busy winter's work in London's hospitals and poorer districts, where they have cheered over 15,000 old and young folk with their flowers and pipe music, Highland dancing, and Scottish and other songs. The S.F.C. has just presented to the Royal Caledonian Asylum Schools at Bushey, Herts, a fine set of 27 glass cases of British birds and animals, to adorn the walls of that excellent Scottish Institution's large hall. The society is arranging to move into more commodious headquarters in the autumn, in view of the growth of the work. The hon. secretary is Miss A. C. M. Sutherland, 7, Balcorry Arcade, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

The following appeared in a recent "Yorkshire Observer," and will doubtless interest readers:—A correspondent sends a remarkable story of a Robin which struck up a warm friendship with the owner of a residence near Shipley Glen. The bird used to come through a small opening into his greenhouse and sing to him as he worked at his potting, etc., he talking to it at the same time. By-and-by it brought a mate and they made a nest in one of the corners. All went well until the eggs were hatched, when somehow or other only the male bird was left to look after the chicks himself. Right well he fulfilled the "mothering." Unfortunately, one day last week the bird found its way into the bath-room of the house, and was accidentally shut up there all night. When the owner of the house went in the morning for his bath he found it there, and immediately let it out. He himself as soon as he was dressed followed to the greenhouse, and to his great regret he found two of the chicks dead, and a third nearly so—presumably with exposure. Then to his amazement the bird flew at him, pecking him in the neck quite savagely. It then went out, and after a short absence came back and carried the whole of the five chicks, dead and alive, away, he knew not where, and they are friends no longer.

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I have been very successful with my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Barrett (Thame). I am certain "C.B." is the best paper to advertise in, and I wish it every success, which it really deserves.

We have engaged Mr. R. J. Howe, of Wellingboro', to judge the British, Hybrid and foreign bird classes at our Open Show, on December 1st, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary of Birmingham C.B.S.

The judges for our Open Show, to be held October 30th, are Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), all Canary classes, and Mr. J. Clark (Rothsey), all Mule, British, and foreign bird classes, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, secretary of Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.

I have taken in CAGE BIRDS since its first appearance, writes Mr. Richard Moore (Ballinasloe). I am delighted to see its great and worthy success. It is in my humble opinion the best and most instructive pennyworth of bird news that has ever come amongst bird lovers. I heartily wish it the greatest possible success.

The following gentlemen will judge at Airdrie and Coatbridge Annual Show, to be held on Saturday, November 6th, writes Mr. A. Murdock, the secretary: Scotch Fancies, Mr. Menzies (Edinburgh) and Mr. Smith (Glasgow); Norwich, Mr. Watson (Kilmarnock).

Intending exhibitors from afar, writes Mr. R. Lolestrong, hon. secretary of the Harleeh Sports and Cage Bird Show, can rest assured that their birds will have every attention, and that I shall be happy to take care of them over the Sunday, and return them on the Monday morning. They will all be quite safe in my bird-room.

I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. Walker (Gloucester), for about three years. I was first introduced to CAGE BIRDS by having a specimen copy given me at our local show, and I have kept up an acquaintance with the journal ever since. I am a British bird fancier, and if I am ever in a fix about anything I require to know I simply have to refer to my scrap book, for I make it a practice to cut out replies to querists that I think are of service to me, and stick them in a scrap book for reference.

I regret that through business changes, writes Mr. W. Nichols, I have to part with all my birds, and leave my friends at Norwich. Since I have been in the Fancy I have always found your paper, CAGE BIRDS, a great help. In leaving Norwich I have had to resign the honorable post of chairman to the Norwich Hand-in-Hand Society, and auditor for the Norwich All-England Society, and you can imagine I leave them with regret. But one day I hope to return to the Fancy. I thank you and your staff for the treats given us from time to time in good old CAGE BIRDS.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Will societies desirous of the patronage of the Y.C.C., and who have not already done so, please send in their applications for same before July 31st, along with date of show and judge appointed?—J. GREAVES, hon. secretary, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

Southern Norwich P.C.

Several members have written as to the balance-sheet not being issued with rule book. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Heath and Simpson, and passed as correct, also accepted by committee, but as I want to put several items in my report as treasurer, which have not been quite settled, I beg the indulgence of members until the first week of August. Then I will post on (with a full detail of the work), the financial position of the club.—F. S. MATTHES, hon. secretary.

The Parrot Burglar Alarm.

People who object to having burglars about the house, and yet do not see their way to sleeping with a dagger, a sword, or a revolver by their pillow, might (suggests the "Evening Standard") well imitate the example set by the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, and keep a Cockatoo in the pantry, a Parrot in the dining-room, and a Parroquet in their bed-room. These birds are nothing if not intelligent, and would make excellent watch-dogs. Their value also came out in the earthquake at Messina, when a young lady's life was saved by her Parrot keeping on calling out among the ruins, "Maria! Maria!" until she was discovered by the exploring party. If silly (proverbially silly) geese saved the invested Capitol from the marauding Gauls, how much more might a Parrot save our invested capital from the burglar?

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Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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Chapter XXXII.—My African Crimson Finches.

If the wish were granted, would not the love in many hearts—not in yours or mine, but in the case of the inferior person—be endangered by familiarity and become first tepid and then cold? It is a perilous temptation even to those who love birds the best, not only to exaggerate the importance of colour but also to deprecate the worth of common things. When we find ourselves among the lords and ladies, we cannot be expected to retain all our former veneration for the squire and the clergyman. "How can you keep these common little birds," I was once asked; "everybody has them?" And why should not everyone have them? May not the eye of the poor and humble be gladened by things beautiful, merely because they are so common? If you and I were valued by our looks, how much should we fetch?

Every spring little African Finches come over in tens of thousands, packed in low box cages like herrings in a barrel. They can literally just hop on and off the perch to feed, and then fight their way back to a roosting place. These cages are about 10ins. high, very deep in width, with perches gradually rising from the front to the rear. What the heat on the top-perch must be I should not like to say; it must be well on to tropical. A nasty musty smell comes from the cage, as, of course, there is no proper ventilation, and besides, the cages are never cleaned out; as a matter of fact, to do so would be impossible.

Strange to say, when these cages first arrive, containing, I believe, about 400 little Finches, the birds are generally in very good condition. The time to buy is immediately they reach the dealers from the Continent—Marseilles usually. They arrive as a rule on a Tuesday, and I have often hovered around the East End bird shops on that day to have first pick.

After the birds have been picked over two or three times, they get flustered and worried, and then they begin to go wrong, and besides, they have, in addition to the great heat of the cage, to breathe the "air" of the bird shop, in which birds have been stored from time immemorial, and where probably the only ventilation comes from the occasional opening of the shop door.

A Wholesale Order.

I often thought I would buy a whole box and turn them out in a bird-room and watch their gradual improvement; but my dream has never been realised. If two or three friends would join at a box, the little birds would come very cheap, and probably with care there would be very few losses. Of course the great thing to remember would be to lower the temperature very gradually. To buy a box of these little Finches, and, with the best intentions in the world to turn them straight out into a bird-room, would be to invite endless deaths. In fact, probably the whole lot would die. The way to go to work would be to put the birds by fifties into box cages, and so gradually harden them off.

In these dealers' cages all sorts of little Finches come over, and amongst them there is always a large proportion of African Fire Finches. In the minds of most people African Firefinches and Death are synonymous terms. I don't know why, because if only healthy to start with, I do not consider African Firefinches any more delicate than others of their kind. So many are afflicted with bird fever, a species of bird typhus, and if this is the case, they are doomed, and not only they, but all that may be placed with them.

The majority of the Firefinches that arrive each spring are young birds in the nesting feathers, little snuff-coloured things with here and there a dash of crimson. Now and then you will find an old cock in all the glory of claret plumage.

There is no more lovely little creature than a cock Crimson Finch in full plumage and good tight feather, but how many can boast of such? And yet there is no reason why they should not. I do not pretend to be anything out of the way, and I have often had a dozen Firefinches darting about in lovely condition. Of course we must expect failures, and they come to teach us the way to success. Time is the best of all teachers. He not only exposes our mistakes, but shows us how to correct them, and so to learn to bear any disappointments, like the Irishman, who said that his pig had not weighed as much as he expected, but then he never thought it would.

Cheap, if Healthy.

One good thing about Firefinches is this: they are well within the reach of all. Three-and-sixpence a pair is not ruinous, but still, three-and-sixpence soon mounts up into a respectable sum, if your Firefinches die at the usual rate.

The best plan is to wait before buying until you can go and pick the birds yourself. Firefinches newly come over will not stand a lot of throwing about by porters, and delays at draughty stations. Railway clerks are horribly curious, and they think nothing of tearing off the paper to see what is inside. The consequence is that the birds get a chill, and on arrival they appear to suggest the old gladiatorial song, "Morituri te Salutant."

Well, then, possess your soul in patience, and wait for the annual holiday. Picture the joy of rushing round from one East End bird-shop to another. Then you need not be seriously alarmed that you will not be able to get any. There are some birds of which it is now or never; but Firefinches, like the poor, are always with us—at any rate, up to July. If you are making a stay, put off buying till the day before you leave. Then go to the shop you most favour, and pick out a dozen Firefinches and put them in a small box cage and spend an hour in watching them when they have settled down.

The "stirring up" caused by catching will make the most moribund just a bit lively; but the spryness will not last. In a quarter of an hour the "doomed" will be sitting all puffed out, and with their heads under their wings. Mark these and put them back in the dealer's cage, until you think you have got, say, half a dozen healthy ones. Never mind broken tails or damaged plumage, if only they look tight and sleek in body. Pack the cage up in thick brown paper, taking care to put in plenty of seed and a water tin with a sponge in it; and then do not open them any more till you get home, even if it makes you nearly burst.

On reaching home, take off the paper and have a peep. If it is as I think, you will find your birds in good fettle and quite lively. Now, if you have such a thing, give them some fresh ants' eggs or rose aphides, and see how they will go for them. Let them stop in the little cage for a few days in a nice, sunny room. If they seem to be going on alright, don't be in too great a hurry to move them, especially if the weather is at all English. When you think they are fairly fit, put them into a big box cage with plenty of nice sleeping boxes and let them stay there for a month.

I know it all sounds very tedious, but it is the only way. When summer is far advanced, put them into a bird-room facing due south, and let them enjoy themselves. It is wonderful to see how quickly they will get into proper plumage, and there is nothing handsomer than a pair of Firefinches in full feather; but how few have ever seen them? The cock is like a little ball of deepest crimson, with queer little white spectacles, whilst his partner in her snuff-coloured gown reminds you of a little demure Quakeress.

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The Breeding & Management of the Green Canary.

By S. HADWIN.

A lecture given before the Sale O.S. on April 26th.

(Concluded form page 635)

Sand is an important thing in connection with the moult, and should be of a sharp, flinty character. The iron contained in flint grit is very beneficial to the new feather, and is also a tonic, whilst the sharp particles grind the food, and so assist digestion. This last item is particularly applicable to young birds, and there is no fear of their choking themselves, even if the particles are on the large side.

Baths are very beneficial at all seasons of the year, and especially during breeding and moulting. They are the finest conditioner we have at any season, and should be given at least twice a week all the year round. They should be given betwixt 10 and 12 o'clock in the morning, providing the weather is bright, and they must not be given when hens are sitting until after the tenth day, as in the early stages of incubation it is not advisable to risk chilling the eggs. After the tenth day they will help to hatch the eggs.

During moult the paradoxical thing happens. Baths help to get the old feathers off, and they also bind the new. The show season follows the moult very closely; in fact, it frequently happens that one's birds are not through the moult when the season starts. Some birds are very slow in getting rid of the pen feathers about the head. In such case if the bird is gently caught and the head well brushed from the beak backwards with a soft tooth brush, the fining down process will be much assisted.

Training Birds for Show.

All show birds should be trained to run backwards and forwards from the stock cage to the show cage, and this training should commence as soon as the young are a month old. At this stage they are very easily taught to follow the guidance of the running stick, and once having been taught they never seem to lose the knack of things. At the same time, it is advisable to keep it upright through the moult, as it teaches the birds to steady down in the show cages, and does away with a lot of that proverbial nervousness during moult.

A very good plan is to slightly damp them in the spraying cage, and then run them into the show cages for a little while. In most cases when damped the birds will concern themselves with pluming operations, and so forget to sample the wires of the cage, a thing they are fond of doing unless otherwise occupied. In all cases where possible this spraying should be done early in the morning of the day it is intended to send the birds off to a show. Just sufficiently spray them to make them plume themselves, and get thoroughly dry before being packed up.

Show cages should be got ready the night before and the labels attached. It is a bad plan to start fixing labels on the cages after the birds are in them. A frightened dash about a show cage will often account for a broken flight or tail feather, thus discounting the bird's chance on the show bench.

If a little crushed oats is sprinkled on the top of the sand in the stock cages, and frequent baths are given, Greens will seldom require washing; all they will want is to be clean when they are being got ready for sending to the show. Glycerine is frequently recommended added to the spraying water; but it is a dangerous thing in the hands of a novice on account of its stickiness. A far better and a perfectly safe agent is bay rhum. A teaspoonful of this to a pint of water is sufficient. This is very cleansing, very refreshing, and puts a nice sheen on the feather.

Show cages should be of the standard pattern of the specialist clubs. They should be as clean as a new pin, and the best plan is to put nothing on the bottom of cages but plain white Canary seed. Nothing looks cleaner, and the expense is slight when the advantage is considered.

Half a teaspoonful of maw seed put on top of seed box when packing up is a good thing when the birds are unpacked; they get this little tit bit, and it pulls them together after the journey. A dose of the iron mixture when they come back from a show will also very often be found beneficial.

Travelling cases should be just large enough to receive the cases, not so that they fit tight, as then the birds are upset when one is taking the cages out. At the same time, room for the cages to rock about in is not desirable.

A Little but Important Point.

There is just one more point in connection with showing that I should like to draw attention to. It may seem a little thing, but it is most important; that is the way to tie the address labels on the travelling cases. All show secretaries send out with cage labels a large address label with a hole at each end. Two holes corresponding with the address label should be bored in the top of the travelling cases, and a piece of string run through them and under and over the top of the case. This string should be tied lightly, so that the show stewards can turn it over after unpacking the birds without tearing the labels. If labels are only tied at one end railway companies often make the mistake of sending birds back home instead of to the show, not being able to differentiate betwixt the outward and homeward addresses. So you see a simple little thing like the tying on of a label may mean the difference betwixt getting to the show or not.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I would suggest sending entries along early. Send your birds in good trim, and do everything possible to assist the show authorities. You must remember that you have only your own little lot to consider, whilst show stewards have the whole show to handle; so that any little thing you can do to help makes it better for the show people, and infinitely better for yourself.

I have to thank you for your kind attention, and if there are any points overlooked I shall do my best to answer them.

The Discussion.

Questions were then asked, which Mr. Hadwin replied to, to the satisfaction of all. The following were the chief among the questions put and answered.

Mr. Fields: What is the difference betwixt Liverpool Greens and the Bronze Greens?—Ans.: There is only one kind of Green, whether it is in Liverpool or elsewhere. The Bronze Greens are coarse specimens merely.

Questioner: For colour-feeding the ordinary Norwich, does Mr. Hadwin recommend the saffron and ammoniated citrate of iron?—No; I should use cochineal in place of saffron and red carbonate of iron in place of the ammoniated citrate. The saffron and citrate of iron are used in Greens because they are both green colouring agents.

Mr. Hurst produced a pair of birds, and Mr. Hadwin pointed out from them the various things illustrating the lecture.

Mr. Tom Harrison: Should the best pair be self Greens?—Yes, if not too dark and having some previous light blood bred into them.

Mr. Hurst: Are marigolds and nasturtiums good for Greens when moulting,—No. These are red colouring agents, and would spoil the green colour.

Double Buffing.

Mr. Harrison: Will double-buffing increase size of head?—Yes. Anything that broadens the feathers gives more covering properties, and by these means gives the head a broader appearance. Another advantage of this broadened feather is that it does away with horns or skimpiness behind the skull; in fact, it gives the poll a well filled-in appearance.

The Questioner: Does double-buffing increase body bulk?—Yes. Buffs are naturally heavier in body substance, and have more stamina than Yellows; hence the mating of two heavy-bodied birds is bound to increase body bulk.

Mr. Irlam: Would Mr. Hadwin use the bronze green from the cock or the hen side for colour purposes in clear Norwich?—From the cock side. By this means you get advantage of colour. If used from the hen side you would get the disadvantage of harsh feather without gaining much in the way of colour.

Mr. Royle: How does Mr. Hadwin account for the bluey tinge so often seen in the Norwich Greens?—This blueness is probably set up by the different crossings used in the making of this variety, but in the best strains colour is getting more fixed, and consequently the blue tinge is being eliminated.

Mr. Raynes (C.B.U.): Did I understand Mr. Hadwin to say that Liverpool Greens are made from Norwich Greens?—There is no such variety as Liverpool Greens. The present-day Norwich Greens have certainly been largely made from pairing heavily variegated Norwich Plainheads together, and the use of the Green Crestbred occasionally.

Mr. Fields, the chairman, asked if there were any more questions. Several members remarked that Mr. Hadwin had gone so fully into the subject that there was nothing to ask. Messrs. Fields and Irlam then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. Hadwin suitably replying, which brought the meeting to a close.

The Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 570.)

The foster parents have not only to be procured, but should have every attention bestowed on them day in and day out, and should be paired off as they are to be bred. They may be kept in a large cage with others, but they may suffer from the persecution of a vicious neighbour, and it may be injured physically; so that when the season comes round the peaceable member is not in condition. Speaking generally, the foster parents that are kept in pairs do well. A little extra labour in keeping stock brings compensation.

Some males will do nothing in the way of bringing up the young. They (the males) take a fair share of the good things, and may feed the hen; but they are of no use in feeding the young. It is well-known that hens stop feeding when the young are eight or ten days old, and the feeding should be taken up by the cock-birds. So that it is double safety to have a male that takes a share of the work.

Dividing the Labour.

I have had an old hen that reared by herself as well as any pair could have done, but the strain was too much, and so she has broken down. There is nothing like a fair division of labour. I have heard it maintained that Buff hens are preferable to Yellow hens on the plea that they are stronger. Where does the strength come in? They are coarser in feather, but that is the only difference. Yellow hens feed as well as buffs.

There is a practice in vogue of clearing out all the feeding stock at the close of the breeding season, to make room for the class stock, and to save work. Bad feeders should be got rid of at any time. The first failure to bring up may be due to their being out of condition, and should not be taken as a final test. Every hen should have a fair trial. A bad feeder passed on to another has proved itself an extra good rearer.

There is a bird which can be secured for 1s., and is not regarded as being of much use. I refer to the Goldfinch-Canary hen mule. She has been found to be a superior foster parent, and both smart and alert. She is well adapted for rearing. Mule hens are not all equally good and bad feeders, among them are those which could be described as commonplace. But when a feeder has been picked up, stick to her.

When Buying.

In the month of December the fancier who has visited the exhibitions and taken an interest in the exhibits, ought to have a grasp of the characteristics of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, as they are for the time being; and if he has a wish to advance a comparison should be made between his own stock and the winners. Where a wide difference exists an effort should be made to strengthen the weakness.

In bygone years, nearly every Scotch Fancy Canary, with pretentions to having the recognised qualities, appeared at shows, but all that is changed. So soon as the two or three leading birds in each class have come to be known, the major number are kept at home, and after a defeat or two are never seen at open shows. Many ordinary birds, which would be of service to breeders, and which would be smartly picked up, can only be seen by visiting the owner.

Those who require to purchase, and have waited till December, may be very fortunate. The birds being in a forward state then, they display their qualities more correctly, and the purchaser can form a better estimate of their various properties. An exhibitor who is not very keen, should his exhibit not get a place, runs it into a flight and may pay little attention to it. That same bird may be purchased, and may found a thoroughly reliable strain.

We have far too little of this visiting of one another's bird-rooms, and too much of the running-down of each other's stock. Frequently breeders would find it an advantage to move about, take a mental survey, and think for themselves. The fancier who has to be guided in every move by others seldom makes progress. Self reliance in everything pertaining to the Fancy is of great importance.

Keeping the Stock Well.

The use of the bath in cold, sunless weather is not to be recommended. The day is too short, and the atmosphere, especially about a town, is foul, both of which factors are against a bird's feathers drying, and reaching normal condition before they settle down for the night. Further, the bird that has freely indulged in a plunge is apt to contract a cold, which may end in an attack of asthma, pneumonia, or some other dangerous malady.

When stock are well they can stand the cold, but Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries are, of course, liable to the vicissitudes of life. The average fancier is apt to content himself at this time with giving seed and water. It is dark when he gets up in the morning, and dark when he returns home from business. He may not manage to get home for dinner, and thus has no opportunity during the week of seeing the birds in daylight, and keeping a watchful eye on the ups and downs of the birds.

It is of vast importance to successfully winter one's birds. The stock that are intended for breeding should be kept in the best of health in the winter months, and should every second or third day be supplied with sound mixed seeds, and daily with a limited supply of hemp, in addition to the ordinary fare of wholesome Canary seed and a pinch of rape seed.

Sand, Cages and Perches.

Seedsmen and grocers realizing the demand for suitable sand, keep a supply which can be had at a moderate price, so that fanciers are without excuse in not having a supply of sand. I recommend it in the cleaning of the cages, and fresh sand daily sweetens the bird's surroundings and materially assists in keeping them in the pink of condition.

The spare evenings can be taken advantage of to tighten up and repair defects in the cages. Loose wires should be soldered or fastened up with light flexible wire. Every cage, in other words, should have a thorough overhaul to guard one against losing the inmates. A stray member flying about a bird-room may permanently injure a Scotch Fancy or a Belgian Canary, which, being birds of position, have more at stake than the ordinary Canary.

If the Scotch Fancy Canary is to retain its upright, steady position, it must have suitable perches firmly fastened. With the wear and tear they get they become loose. Fresh perches are therefore necessary, and a few evenings can be well spent in making new perches. It is pitiful to go into a room and see a Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary trying to steady itself on a well-worn, slackly-fastened perch. It gives the bird the appearance of being top heavy. Keep the birds cool and steady.

Procuring Nest Boxes.

The disposition is to leave the making of nest boxes over till they are required in March and April. But then everything has to be done with a rush. It would be an advantage to have the nest-boxes made, and those that are in need of repair put right at one's leisure.

It is pleasing to the eye to go into a room in the early spring and see everything spick and span. One cannot then help feeling that a fancier, who has everything in a forward condition, is sure to succeed.

The claws and beaks of the birds should be carefully attended to, and kept short, so that the birds can move about freely and not run the risk of being hung on the perches or the wires.

The weather usually is changeable and the temperature variable in December, causing risk to the general health of the birds. Special care should be taken from this time onward (and, in fact, at all times) to see that the stock is not in draughts. Never keep a bird at the window, as very few windows are free from draughts. The birds should be kept in a cosy and comfortable part of the house, with plenty of light.

The Use of Flights.

Flights are very handy at this time of the year, one for cocks and one for hens. By their use the work is simplified. In place of having, say, a dozen cages, the cleaning may be confined to two cages. They are also of great advantage in enabling the birds to get plenty of exercise by taking a long jump and flying from end to end. Nothing is more detrimental to the health of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries than to be cribbed up in a small cage, which renders exercise impossible.

A spray of millet seed may be fastened inside the cage. The seed is good for the birds, and it induces them to jump on the spray and move about it.

Cuttle-fish bone also should be available. In a flight cage a large piece can be fastened; it keeps the bills of the birds in a normal condition, and is also good for the birds. It is frequently overlooked at the end of the year. It should be available, in fact, all the year round.

(*To be continued.*)

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The male Cockateel is slate-grey, with a white bar on his wings, and a long tail. His head is pale yellow, with a tall upstanding crest, and there is a brick-red patch on each cheek. The hen is duller in colour, and has very little yellow on the head. The red patches on the cheeks are also duller. The tail is long and barred with darker grey. A small mustard barrel makes a good nest for these birds. They are extremely hardy and may be kept out of doors all the year round.

Hardy and Easily Kept Species.

I will now mention one or two other birds, which, though not of the Parrot tribe, are well able to take care of themselves, and may be kept with any of the preceding birds.

The White Java Sparrow is a handsome bird with his snow-white body, bright red beak, and pink legs. Many specimens are mottled with grey, and are then of no use for breeding or exhibition purposes. The sexes are alike, though the hen is a trifle slimmer, but the cock has a curious little song which distinguishes him. They should be treated the same as the others, with the addition of paddy rice to the Canary and millet. The price varies from 6s. 6d. to 12s. 6d., according to the birds. They breed freely in an aviary or cage, and are fairly hardy, but it is best to bring them into the house if very cold. These birds are fond of bathing, and should also be supplied with green-food, such as grounsel or lettuce.

The Red-Crested Cardinal is another suitable bird for the beginner, being handsome and hardy, while the cock has quite a nice song. These birds are grey on the back, white breast, and red head, with a bold upstanding crest. Male and female are alike, except that the hen has a smaller crest of a duller red, and she does not sing. In addition to seed, give the Cardinal a few mealworms, caterpillars, or earwigs, now and then. He is also very fond of blackbeetles.

The Pope or Dominican Cardinal is rather smaller than the Crested, and has a red head, but no crest. He is a very handsome bird, and is very prettily marked with grey and white; black on the back and wings. As the Cardinals are very pugnacious while breeding it is best to keep single specimens, or else give them a place to themselves.

All these birds together, or some of them, make a capital mixed collection for the beginner, and if he keeps to these birds I do not think he will be troubled with many deaths.

In case my reader should wish to keep a greater variety of birds, a simple way of dividing the aviary will be seen in the accompanying sketch. In the largest half at the far end the Budgerigars, Lovebirds, etc., may be kept, and in the two smaller side divisions, some hardy smaller Finches, or insectivorous birds, such as Pekin Nightingales. It will be found useful, however, to have only one side division, and in the remainder of the space have a narrow table or tables on which should be some smaller cages in which any bird that is seedy or needs separating from the rest may be kept. A curtain should be hung from the table, behind which the tins of seed, travelling cages, husks, etc., may be kept.

For the small division I advise the following birds:— Zebra Finches, Saffron Finches and Pekin Nightingales. But there are many other small birds which would do equally well. The Zebra Finches are very small, pretty, and hardy. They can be bought for as little as 2s. 6d. a pair, and they breed freely. Small cocoanut husks make cosy nests for them.

The Saffron Finch is a handsome bird, hardy and will breed in an aviary. They are bright yellow, marked with greenish black. The cock has a bright orange patch on the head. The Pekin Nightingale is a very lively, pretty bird, and soon becomes quite tame. It is much larger than either of the two preceding species, but will not molest them. Both sexes are alike, and it is rather difficult to get cocks. The latter sing, while the hen has only a monotonous call. They should be fed on a good insect food, such as those advertised in Cage Birds. Also supply ripe fruit, such as bananas, pears, grapes, and give them insects, such as spiders, flies, earwigs and mealworms, of which they are very fond. If these birds are kept with smaller ones, put the seed for the latter into a small box-cage, with one bar taken out. This will allow the smaller birds to enter, but not the Pekin. They should not be allowed to have free access to the seed dishes, or they will eat too much of it and die of indigestion. Supply plenty of water for drinking and bathing for the birds. The price of the cock varies from 3s. 6d. to 6s., while the hen can be bought for 1s. 6d.

THE SISKIN-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

Many attempts have been made to produce a cross between the lovely cock Siskin and the British hen Bullfinch, but none of my acquaintances have brought young ones to the perch. It is quite as probable a cross as the other Hybrids were considered ten years ago. The Siskin and Bullfinch are put together; they mate without trouble and settle down to domestic life with every indication that they mean to have a family. The Siskin is about the same as the Redpoll in point of size, and his rich green colour and his black cap will no doubt blend admirably with the Bullfinch colours.

A small British Bullfinch hen is most suitable. Care should be taken to select a hen that is in excellent health. The Siskin frisks about the cage, so that the nest should be placed in a far corner of it. A plentiful supply of dried grass or hay should be available; it is preferable with the Bullfinches to moss. The birds should be kept together throughout the winter and spring. They seldom start building before the month of June. June raises the hopes of the Hybrid breeder, but these hopes may not be realized till July or August.

Should a Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid be hatched it should be placed in the charge of a gentle and good-feeding pair of Canaries. The eggs should be left alone and not handled, as they are very apt to become addled. The Siskin cock and Bullfinch hen should produce a charming show bird. As to whether or not it should be colour-fed, I think it would not do any harm, and might help the colour, and make the plumage more brilliant.—T.S.

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*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.) J.M. & T.D.
Oct. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Ferry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea,Opcn.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Dary, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street).
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Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Wcybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idaboe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
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*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
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*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 19, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
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*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton. 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
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Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
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Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
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Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
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Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
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Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D.L.
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Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tolleross, Glasgow).
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Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.)
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
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*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.)
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(V. J. Gaslein, The Crescent.)
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

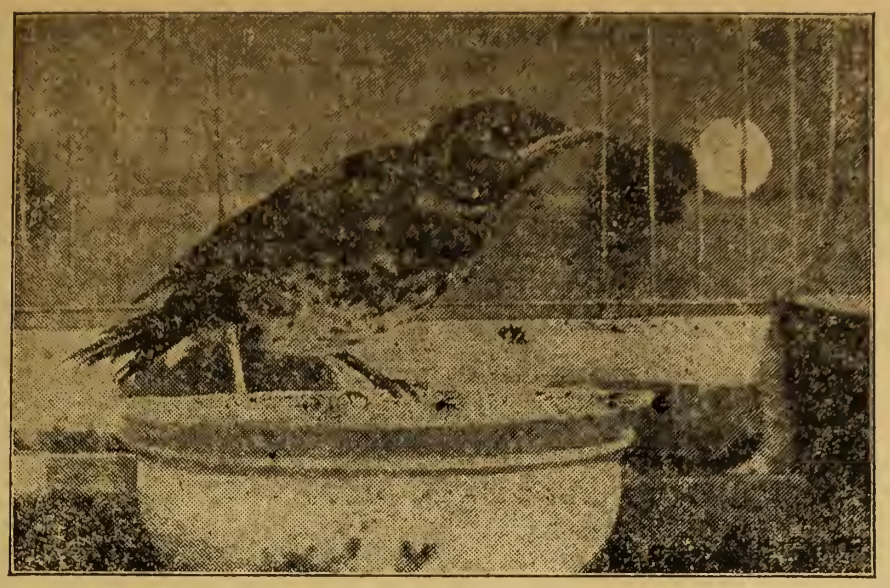


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A Pet Hand-reared Song Thrush.

This photograph shows a delightfully tame Song Thrush, which was hand-reared this season by Mr. J. Brighty, a well-known Clapham fancier, and is in the habit of coming out of its cage for a bath, and for dainties in the way of food.

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July 24.—Green Can. Association (Liverpool).
July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
July 24.—South and North Shields and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.
July 24.—Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.
July 24.—Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—City of Wakefield O.S.
July 24.—Staveley and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Bramley and Dis. O.S.
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July 31.—Darlington C.B.S.
July 31.—Inverness O.A.
August 2.—Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S.
August 7.—Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Oakengates, Aug 9th.—Judge, Mr. A. G. Gladwin.—4 open classes; Nor. 1, Yorks 1, Brit. 1, Mule 1, and 2 local classes. Prizes 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close July 28th to BROTHWOOD AND WARD, Okengates.

Llanelly, Aug. 2nd, Cwmbach Buildings, Vaughan-street.—Judge, Mr. T. Hay.—8 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Bord. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/- Fee, 1/-. Entries close July 29th to GRIFFITHS AND THOMAS, Rosemount House, Llanelly.

Dawley, Aug. 4th, Vicarage Grounds.—Judge, Mr. P. Proud.—5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close July 24th to GOUGH, BOWEN AND CALLEAR, King-st., Dawley.

Batheaston, Aug. 12th.—Judge, Mr. W. L. Langley.—1 open Brit. class and 1 local Canary class. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close July 31st to F. GERRISH, Batheaston.

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Altrincham C.B.S. July 27, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. Question night. T. Harrison.
Bristol F.A.—July 26, headquarters. Special general meeting, 8, important business re open show.—G. T. H. Magg.
Bramley O.S.—July 24, Carnival Rooms, 3. F.F. show, and meeting during judging.—A. H. Craven.
Bonnyrigg C.B.S. July 31, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. —G. Harper.
Bradford East.—July 24, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill). Birds to be staged by 2.30.—H. Hill.
City of Wakefield.— July 24, Crown and Anchor Hotel. F.F. show, birds to be staged at 3. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford).—Parker and Parkes.
Cinn. Mkd. Y.C.C.—July 24, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7. Allotting of patronage. Prize list. Yearbook, etc.—Garnett and Towers.
Coventry O.S.—July 28, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Nest feather show, accounts, etc.—G. Peters.
Derby C.B.C.—July 31, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Communication from C.B.U.—W. Stevens.
Dewsbury O.F.S.—July 24, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. S. Dean. Fanciers invited.—G. G. Stafford.
Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. — July 28, George Hotel, 8.30. Annual show business.—R. S. Black.
East Ham F.S.—July 26, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, E. Ham, E., 8. Young stock show, and other business.—H. Rutter.
East Bowling B.F.A.—F.F. show, Barley Mow Hotel, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. T. Ogden (Tong).—L. Booth. (No date given.—Ed.)
Gateshead C.B.S.—July 28, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead), on Colour Feeding.—G. Buck and H. Johnson.
Grand United Metropolitan Show. —Meeting of delegates, 28th July, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7.30.—A. Watson.
Great Horton O.S.—July 24, Butchers' Arms, Members' show; birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. A. Jowett. Show closes a t6.—J. Hoyroyd.
Hanley C.B.S.—July 28, Albion Hotel, 8. Open show.—B. Peake.
Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—July 27, Leilos, 7.30.—W. Simpson.
Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.—July 24, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Details of Ramble to Calderwood, on July 31st.—A. Cant.
Leigh C.B.S.—July 28, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To decide whether Society sinks or swims. — R. H. Davies.
Llanelly C.B.S.—July 24, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To prepare schedule for next coming show; hope members will line up well.—D. John.
Larkhall C.B.A.—July 31, Miners' Hall. Table show, young Canaries; one class each Nor., Bor., Com., and British. Mr. Hamilton (Eddlewood) judge.—J. Pollock.
Longton C.B.S.—July 27, Castle Inn, 8. Young stock show, to receive report of Federation meeting. —E. Tams.
Maesteg C.B.S.—July 26, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7. show business.—W. Jenkins.
Musselburgh C.B.S.—July 31, 7. Special meeting.—W. R. Dunn.
National British B. and M.C.—July 29, Feathers, Great Chapel-street, Westminster, 8. Allotting of medals.
Northern Yorks C.C.—July 28, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 8. Last nest-feather show, judge Mr. W. Cockburn; allotting patronage; full attendance requested. Fanciers welcome.—T. C. Crawhall.
Poplar C.B.S.—July 29, 147, East India Dock-rd., Poplar, 8. Lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. W. Morris. Fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—H. W. Cook.
Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun F.F.S.—July 26, 26, Pantygraigwen-rd., 7.30. To consider patronage from different specialist clubs, etc.—McLucas and James.
Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 26, Chapel-st. Hall, Salford, 8. Table show; Yorks, 2 classes, Nor. 2; entry 3d.; all money returned in prizes.—H. Clayton.
Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—July 30, Marie Stuart Hall, 8. Annual show.—G. N. Thomson.
Rochdale Good Intent.—July 28, Temperance Club, 8. Committee.—W. Adams.
South Manchester.—July 26, headquarters, 8. Entries F.F. show. Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis.—J. C. Spilsbury.
Uddingston O.S.—July 24, reading rooms, 6.30. Final arrangements young bird show; entries taken. Fanciers invited to attend.—J. Kilpatrick.
Windhill Shipley O.S.—July 24, Blue Bell Hotel. 2. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey.—E. Broadley.
Warrington C.B.S.—July 22, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30.—C. Dukes.
West Stanley C.B.S.—July 24, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. To arrange classes for annual show on October 30.—W. Elliott.
Wood Green F.F.A.—July 27.—T. Callegari.

The Young Cuckoo Again.

A young Cuckoo, says a correspondent to a daily contemporary, was esconced in a cosy nest within six yards of our kitchen window, and being fed by its foster parent—a Robin that built its nest in an old cracked flower-pot which had been fixed to a low wall under a branch of ivy, a spray of which is cleverly interwoven with its nest. A large bird was noticed not long ago apparently peering into the nest, and was frightened away, but in spite of that the usual tragedy took place. Four little Robins were ruthlessly tumbled out, and lay dead on the floor. This is, no doubt, an unusual occurrence, continues the writer, as we live just within the precincts of the borough.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Design for Aviary.

"Beginner."—Considering you have never seen an open wire aviary I think the design previously sent very good for the purpose you have in view, and this, with the modification pointed out, would answer very well. If you would prefer seeing a few varied designs I don't think you could do better than look through a few back volumes of CAGE BIRDS, if available, in which you would find lots of designs in the shape of photographic illustrations of different fanciers' aviaries, as well as many building plans and erection designs. Then you might get the handbook on "Aviaries, Cages, etc.," from our Manager, which you will see advertised every week. This will give you a very good insight into the methods of making aviaries. Had the aviary been ready, the present time would have done well to stock it. As regards foreign birds, you should address a separate query to our Foreign Bird Expert.

Young Dead in Shell.

Beginner, P.H., Sheffield.—There are quite a variety of causes, and without having some knowledge of how and where the birds are kept, and some idea as to the period of incubation at which the young died, it is impossible to say definitely what was the cause. It might have been due to the eggs getting chilled by the hen remaining off them too long at a time, to weakness of the germ, or, if the young were fully grown, it might have been owing to lack of sufficient moisture. In the latter case you ought to have allowed the hen to bathe the last few days of incubation, and it would also have helped matters had you immersed the eggs in warm water for a few seconds morning and night on the thirteenth and fourteenth days. Then, had you watched these replies you must have seen details of other assistance in several replies during the season. The thunder would not be likely to affect the eggs in any way whatever.

Details of Feeding.

I. Hunter.—The information asked for has been given repeately during the breeding season, so you might easily have saved some of your young had your feeding been the cause. As you do not now say how you have been feeding, I cannot tell whether this is the probable cause or not. It is almost too late now to allow birds to begin nesting, but in case you have any more near hatching treat as follows:—During the last few days of incubation let the hens bathe freely each day if they so desire. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, with just a scrap of egg food once a week, and a pinch of rape on two other days, whilst the hens are sitting. When due to hatch give about half a teaspoonful of egg food, perfectly sweet and fresh, night and morning. On the second and third day repeat the quantity three times morning, mid-day, and evening. On the fourth day slightly increase the quantity given each time, and give a little freshly-gathered green food. After this gradually increase the quantity of egg food as the young grow older, always trying to give just as much as the birds will clear up shortly before the next serving is due and no more, and give as much fresh green food as they care for twice each day. Also add a proportion of summer rape to the Cannary in the hopper, and when the young are about ten days old add a supply of slightly cracked hemp. If the hens have refused to feed whilst the cocks were with them, try removing the cocks next time if the hens show signs of repeating the former behaviour. Observe the utmost cleanliness in all food and water vessels, and wash out the egg drawers every time a fresh supply of egg is given.

Various.

X Rays.—(1) The youngsters will probably begin to moult at the end of August or very early in September, when from seven to eight weeks old. You should begin to give a little weak colour food two or three times a week as soon as they are turned six weeks' old, and about a week later increase it to half-strength, and continue giving until they begin to cast feathers, when you must increase it to full strength and give regularly each day. (2) When mating yellow to buff in the usual way the young produced are both yellows and buffs in varying proportions. Some pairs will breed a majority of yellows, and vice-versa. Yellows in their nest feathers are generally a paler tint than when they get their adult plumage, even without colour food, so perhaps you are confusing some pale yellows with buffs. (3) Quite probably these are cinnamon-marked ones. Judging from your description, I should say they are. (4) The specimen of weed is a nice seedy example of chickweed, which is one of the very best green foods you could use. Thanks for kind remarks.

Age and Perches.

Novice.—It is quite possible to breed successfully with a cock and hen, both of which are only ten to twelve months old. But, as we frequently point out, although it is not really essential, one of the birds should be over a year old; it is most advisable to arrange so for several reasons, particularly in the larger breeds, which make up perceptibly in their second year so that there are good grounds for believing that they are not quite fully matured in their first year. By mating a bird of last season with one that is older, one of the pair is fully matured, and I believe, more robust young are reared in this way than by mating together two birds under a year old. The best kind of perches for Yorkshires, or indeed any other medium-sized Canary, is made of a strip of soft deal half-inch by five-eighths of an inch, with just the sharp edges planed off, so as to make it into a kind of flattened oval. Do not be particular to plane them very smooth. They do not want to be glassy smooth, or they will not give a secure foothold. If too smooth, rub them lengthwise with a bit of very coarse sandpaper.

A Yorkshire Hen.

W. Widdows.—Am strongly of opinion the primary cause is the worrying attacks of red mites, with which you will probably find the cage swarmed if you examine it carefully, especially in the joints of door, and any cracks, joints, or small nail-holes, and ends of perches. The wheezing is simply the result of the hareness, aided, perhaps, by a draughty or changeable position, being too chilly for it to withstand in its weakened state. First of all, thoroughly free the cage and its surroundings from this pest, as advised to one or two last week. Then see the bird is kept free from draughts, and is in a pure atmosphere—that is, not hung up against the ceiling or over a burning lamp or gas jet—and add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give twelve drops glycerine, twenty of whisky, and six of oxymel of squills. Before starting to give this, however, add a pineb of Epsom Salts and six drops of lemon juice to the water for two days. If this does not stop the irritation, give a small piece of bread and milk twice each week, and slightly dust it over with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkle lastly with maw seed. The bareness should disappear when the bird moults, but will not at this time do so earlier.

Eggs Drying Up.

"A Novice."—I can add little to my last reply beyond saying the eggs you send plainly showed the imperfect condition of shell to which I referred. Had you put one aside for a day or two without allowing it to be sat upon, it would almost certainly have become covered with moisture, which I believe is drawn from the egg substance. As the trouble has been so persistent with this hen it is exceedingly probable the lower portion of the oviduct lacks strength and tone, so that the final stages of egg production are imperfectly performed. Do not allow her to nest again this season. If she seems in too fat a condition put her on a diet of plain Canary, with plenty of green food, and add a pinch of Epsom Salts to the water every second day until sufficiently reduced. After this give a dose of five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid once or twice a week for a few weeks, and for a few weeks before mating her next spring give twenty drops of chemical food in the water three times a week, and let her have free access to cuttlefish and a little crushed old mortar, with a slight sprinkling of common table salt mixed in it. During the winter allow her plenty of space for exercise, and occasionally give a pinch of small rolled oats, crushed groats, or coarse oatmeal, and once a week give a scrap of butter and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it.

A Doubtful Ailment.

T.N., W.B.—I should feel inclined to doubt the correctness of the diagnosis that your birds died from heart disease and liver complaint, although it is certainly comprehensive enough to cover a good deal. I know several medical experts who consider it doubtful whether heart disease is at all a common ailment among caged birds, but to suppose you should lose over fifty old and young birds in one season from such a complaint seems quite ridiculous. Some form of liver complaint might, of course, be the real cause. But I am strongly of opinion improper food is at the root. The hemp alone, on which you say you have fed freely, is sufficient to account for the condition of the birds. It is a very poor sample, a large number of the grains being damaged, the kernels stale and rancid, and a lot of light grains in it. Worse still, judging from the sample, I should say the hulk is terribly dirty. The Canary, although of fair size and substance, and fairly sweet, appears to have been badly harvested, contains quite an appreciable proportion of linseed, and is probably kiln-dried. I should regard either samples as unfit for use. The rape is very fair, and quite good enough. Get some better seeds of the other kinds. Stop breeding for this season, and feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape as a staple. Twice a week give a little bread and milk, three times a week half a teaspoonful of maw seed, and a little green food daily. Limit diet solely to these, and give no hemp for the next month. In drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and during the following week give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice every second day, and five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid on the alternate days. Let them have free opportunities for bathing if they are so disposed, plenty of space for exercise, and, above all else, fresh, pure air, but avoid direct draughts.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Not Feeding Young.

"Nemo."—As you omit to say how you fed them after the young were hatched, I have no idea whether this might have had anything to do with the hen's refusal to feed. As regards the feeding during incubation, I do not care for hemp. Unless the weather should happen be cold and unfavourable, I think it is best omitted, and should prefer giving a little dry summer rape instead. It does not necessarily follow that such behaviour on her part this year will be repeated next season, but if you discovered that she acted in the same way last year, then I should hold out but little hope of her reforming for another year; that is, of course, providing she has been treated fairly correctly hitherto. Good, plain, wholesome feeding through the winter months, with plenty of fresh air, and vigorous exercise, such as she would get in your outdoor aviary, is certainly the very best preparation she can have to make her "fit" for next year, but if she has not hitherto been accustomed to cold-room treatment, it may not be quite wise to compel her to remain out all the winter. Put her out at once, and when winter is closely approaching keep an eye on her, and if she seems to mope and suffer from the cold and wet, take her indoors and keep in a cold, dry, and draught-proof room in a good, large flight cage. But as long as she remains bright and active outdoors, let her stay there. When mating her next season, mate a common German hen at same time, so as to be provided with a foster parent should the necessity arise.

To Assist Moulting.

R.S.—I have very little data upon which to found an opinion as to the cause of the green hen's death. Had she started to cast her feathers, and how were you feeding and treating her generally? If in fairly good normal health, birds should require little artificial assistance to help them through the moult. The chief point is to avoid exposing them to any draught or chills during the moulting season, and especially just as they are about beginning to shed feathers. If they do not seem to break into moult satisfactorily, but appear to sicken and not commence to drop feathers, add fifteen drops of whisky, five of sweet spirits of nitre, and a few shreds of saffron to the water daily for three or four days; keep rather warm; add half a teaspoonful of maw seed to the diet every second day, and on the alternate days a similiar quantity of egg food or crushed biscuit, over which sprinkle a slight dusting of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash two or three times a week for a fortnight. Of course, if you are colour-feeding, the soft food must be given daily as a vehicle for the colour agent; but you must still adhere to the above-mentioned frequency of giving the sulphur which will be quite often enough for all cases. Allow them to bathe freely during the moult in suitable weather, providing they remain fairly active after doing so. If your birds are not in good health, send fuller particulars about the condition they are in and the symptoms exhibited, and I will do my best to help.

Three in Charge.

G.C.L.—The crosshred cock probably has a kind of warty excrescence beginning to appear on beak, which is not very unusual with Canaries that are getting old. In the majority of cases they seem to be no trouble or hindrance to the bird, so that in a pet bird I scarcely think it worth worrying over as long as the bird seemed all right. Moisten the spot four times in a fortnight with a small feather—such as a bird's moulted flight or tail feather—dipped in Friar's Balsam. If this does not remove the unhealthy appearance, write again in two or three weeks and mention this reply. As you have two hens both suffering from diarrhœa since being egg-bound some weeks ago, I should suspect the treatment for that complaint or subsequent has upset them. Your present feeding is not a very good one. Put them on a staple diet of two parts Canary to one summer rape, and give separately half a teaspoonful of maw seed twice a week, and every second day the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it each time. Twice a week give a few grains only of hemp. Discontinue all other foods, and give no green food until birds are quite well. In a fortnight or so you should be able to revert to the usual diet frequently given here. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of glycerine, for two consecutive days. After this give twenty drops whisky and five tincture of opium every second day until the diarrhœa is stopped. Five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid may be given for a few days afterwards to help to tone up the system.

Brevities.

Age for Removing Young (A. E. Storey).—Young are usually quite able to leave parents when a month old, or a little earlier in the case of small broods which have been well cared for. Before removing them, however, satisfy yourself they are feeding with some amount of freedom on the soft food supplied, and are also able to crack seed fairly well. At this time of year, when it is scarcely advisable to allow the parents to start nesting again, it is as well to remove the hen into a flight cage and leave the cock with the young to continue feeding them as long as he likes and they like to let him.

Bleeding Under Wings (Spartie).—I suspect the cause is indirectly due to red mites worrying the bird, which has to peck itself until it has either wounded sprouting feathers in quill or made the skin "raw." Thoroughly cleanse cage as advised "W. Widdows." Give a bath frequently, in which dissolve a crystal or two of permanganate of potash, two or three times a week until wings are well, and see the bath is large enough for it to bathe properly, and not merely a drinker full of water (a tea saucer half filled with water makes a good bath if it will go into the cage; if not, put it in a small cage that is minus one end and hang this cage on the open doorway of the bird's dwelling cage). Give a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with maw twice a week, and add twenty drops chemical food to water every second day for a fortnight.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Birds for Exhibition.

"Enquirer."—(1) This is certainly a difficult question to answer, as you give me no idea as to what amount you wish to spend. The real answer is: The rarest and most brilliantly-coloured species you can obtain, and, of course, the names of such are continually changing; the rarity of to-day is often comparatively common to-morrow. Speaking generally, a King Parrakeet or a Ceram Lory stands a very good chance of being in the money, if in perfect condition. Stanley and also Crimson-wing Parrakeets are both good exhibition species. (2) As to Red-headed Gouldian Finches or Diamond Sparrows, all other things (condition, etc.) being equal, the Gouldians ought to score over the Diamond Sparrows; but I very much doubt if you will be able to get a pair of Red-heads at the present time, or Black-heads either for that matter; there are very few in the country, and it would have to be a good figure to tempt their owners to part with them. I may say this, that good large specimens of Diamond Sparrows, in finest condition, have always more than a passing chance of catching the judge's eye. Hope you'll have a successful season.

What Birds are they?

"Quong Sing."—The scarlet and black bird is the Scarlet-headed Mask Bird. The yellow and brown one is undoubtedly the Sulphury Tyrant. Am of opinion you will find both correctly named. The difficulty lies in the fact that unless each part of the bird is minutely described there are perhaps six or more species to which a description will apply—many species of a given genus only differ from one another in minor details. The dietary already given will apply to the above, but in each instance you can hardly supply too much live food—grasshoppers, cockroaches, beetles, spiders, caterpillars, mealworms, etc. A little minced, cooked, or raw meat will do no harm, but I never use it myself, preferring instead to supply plenty of live insects. Damp, raw cold would affect these birds more than frost and during the winter they should be housed indoors.

Parrot Destroying its Perch.

P.H.—It is natural for a Parrot to cut up wood; more, this assists in preventing the beak becoming overgrown. Provide it with one or two stray pieces of wood to cut up. Far from being a vice, it is a decidedly healthy sign (though annoying) that it should use its beak in a natural way. Short of a metal perch, you cannot prevent it cutting its perch, and a metal perch should never be given—it is too cold for the feet. Of course, a mahogany one (hard as you can get it) would offer some resistance, but I do not like the formal round perches. A bundle of pea sticks last a long time, and are far better for the birds; they have the bark on, are of variable thickness, and easily renewed. They need not fit between the wires; simply push a piece through the bars of the cage, and let it protrude three or four inches at either side. The twiggy ends can be put in for the bird to cut up and amuse itself with.

Bishops and Songsters.

H.H.: Canary, white and spray millet, with green food, and a few ants' eggs, will suffice for these birds; but if you want to keep them in finest condition, each bird should have two or three mealworms or other insects daily. At this time of year you cannot give too much flowering (seeding) grass, also lettuce, chickweed, etc. Foreign Seed-eaters are not remarkable for song, though all the Serins are more than passable in this respect. A good male Grey Singing Finch is a very sustained and sweet songster, though only a plain grey bird, but there is a good bit of variableness as to merit of individuals. The Green Singing Finch is a brighter coloured bird, also the Grey-necked Serin and the Alario Finch, and they are all sweet songsters, with the same proviso as to individual merit as given with the Grey Singing Finch. The Bishops, especially when in full colour, make a considerable amount of chattering noise, which by courtesy is called song!

Unheated Greenhouse Aviary.

F. Taylor.—Your birds should do well providing you can keep down the damp. I expect the hens died from the effects of importation; there are always some losses from this cause with new purchases. Your dietary should suffice for the birds you have, but you should also supply green food, such as grass in flower (seeding grass), lettuce, groundsel heads, chickweed, etc. A turf put in occasionally is very wholesome for these birds to pick over, as also are blighty sprays from rose and fruit trees, or any other non-poisonous herbage. Your aviary will only accommodate four breeding pairs, but will accommodate about a score merely as a flight. Get half a dozen assorted nesting receptacles, such as rush, cocoanut shells, and a couple of small box nests. You would find a pair of Zebra Finches do well with your present stock; they are pretty, hardy, and almost certain breeders. Well cover the back of the aviary with twigy branches, supply long grass, hay, and a little moss as nesting material. Zebra Waxbills are also hardy and beautiful, but are rather doubtful breeders, but they certainly are probable breeders.

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Parrots Dying.

Fancier.—There is no doubt your friend's birds have been contaminated by the unsanitary conditions of the voyage; they both undoubtedly died from septicæmia, which is contagious; the cage is not safe to use for another bird till it has been thoroughly sterilised. I should suggest painting the cage with hoat paraffin; after a few hours well swill with boiling water, finally swilling with cold water and leaving in the open to dry. During each operation all crevices should be well swilled. As regards treatment: Boiled maize can be given to a young bird, and also to others which are accustomed to it, but it only keeps fresh one day, and you must see that stale grains are not left about. Confine your diet to the following:—Seed mixture, Canary, millet, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts, well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hangiug in the cage and supply water either in the cage or let it satisfy its thirst two or three times a day. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kinds of animal food. Dry potato (without fat) is harmless, and a little may be given if the bird fancies it.

Saffron Finches and Budgerigars.

M.L.G.—(1) At time of writing I have not a copy of "F.B. for B." to hand; there is not a chapter devoted to this species, but I think you will find it mentioned as one of group which can be treated similarly to those already dealt with. However, I will make it quite clear. The principal thing to keep them fit is plenty of cage room, canary, millet, a little hemp, and sunflower seeds, green food (lettuce, etc.), fruit occasionally, a little of some good soft food mixture, or merely ants' cocoons and dried flies slightly moistened, would meet the case. They also require a little live food occasionally—mealworm, beetle, spider, etc., as obtainable. Choose large and fine-coloured birds for exhibition, with the saffron cap in the male of good area and rich in colour. They should be in a show cage at least seven days before the show takes place—they can easily at the last moment be run from a soiled cage to the one they have to face the judge in. (2) Budgerigars: Providing the sexes are equal, I do not

think the bickering you speak of will materially interfere with results, and as soon as the other pairs settle down to nesting most of the bickering will cease. (3) Providing they have plenty of space, it is not necessary to separate the young from their parents; with this species, leaving them together does not interfere with breeding results, as the male looks after the young when the hen commences sitting again. (4) The flight aviary, as a flight only, has accommodation for 40 birds not larger than Budgerigars. Hope you will have a good season.

Brevities.

What Parrakeet? ("Recipitant").—Your birds seem to be Green Conures, though in two instances the descriptions do not quite fit in; but this is only on account of their immaturity, I expect. If you have a copy of your first query by you, you will see it materially differs from the one now sent. I carefully compared yours with the description of the Green Conure, but could not make it fit in; so during a visit to the Zoo I carefully compared your former description with the birds there, and came to the conclusion that they were immature Tovi Parrakeets. However, taking into consideration that your friend has seen the birds, in conjunction with the amended description, I have no doubt they have been correctly named (Green Conures). I have a near species, and find it quite an interesting pet.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding Linnet Mules.

Lintie.—You certainly need not express contrition for "troubling" me. Glad to be of use. As the young Mules get well on to seed, they should be fed more plainly than when they are just leaving "mother." At the same time they want to have a good proportion of seeds rich in frame-building elements. It is not necessary to give soft food of any kind if colour feeding is not being indulged in; a little once or twice a week does no harm, however. A few sunflower seeds daily (cracked only if necessary) are real good for growing Mules; likewise a few groats. They can be thrown on the sand-tray. The stock seed mixture should be: Canary and teazle two parts each, summer rape one part, linseed a half-part, by measure. A little of the other seeds occasionally as "tit-bits" (especially maw). Seeding green food (not coarse leaves), such as shepherd's-purse, chickweed and groundsel tops, is excellent. I use them freely.

Feeding a Young Cuckoo.

J.S.M.—Your account of the young Cuckoo is very interesting, but you have, I am afraid, got hold of a more or less unsatisfactory pet. I know I soon got tired of the nestling Cuckoo I took home with me in my younger days. Its voracious appetite and constant calls for food amused mightily at first, but soon began to be tiring, especially as the bird seemed determined to make no attempt to attend to its own wants. Then it was listless, and lazy, with no interesting traits, and, worst of all, very dirty in its habits, its cage becoming offensive unless constantly attended to. It is curious that your Song Thrush should have taken pity on the poor orphan, and have made himself responsible for feeding it—that must be a comical sight. His kindness of heart does him credit. But he will live to regret it; he will find he has taken on a boarder for life! When the Cuckoo commences to feed itself, it will thrive on a good insectivorous food, made up in the usual way with finely-minced green food. Give all the live food you can, in addition. My own bird had a little minced lean meat now and again, and some chopped-up ripe fruit, too. A fair supply of live food regularly is essential if they are to thrive for any length of time. As regards their food when wild, see the reply given "Tom-tit."

Getting Young on Seed.

Novice.—It ought to be quite an easy matter for you to get the young Canary-reared Goldfinches on to hard seed. They do not require any "getting," in fact, strictly speaking, for like young Mules and young Canaries, they naturally begin to pick up for themselves when at the right age. The main point to observe is not to separate them from their mothers so long as they "call" to be fed (a wired slide may be between them, of course, if desirable). Often the young will be picking up a little on their own account, yet not sufficient to satisfy all bodily demands, in which case they "call" for an occasional "packing" from their mother. When they hop out of the nest, the food

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should be given in a shallow, good-sized pan placed on the cage floor, and should consist of lightly-cracked Canary, hemp, and summer rape seeds, with some maw seed and a few cracked groats (or very coarse oatmeal), mixed among the egg food. The proportion of seed should not be too high at first; but gradually increase it in quantity. When you see the young taking the seed freely, stop cracking the hemp. Of course, you will gradually reduce the quantity of soft food until you can leave it out altogether. I also give seeding tops of shepherd's purse, and chickweed freely; they are the first things young birds will "nibble" at.

A Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.

Mentone.—It is not necessary to colour-feed a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. If given, then the pepper should not be added to the food until the moult is practically finished; it may help the bird, then, to "come up" in colour. If the injury to your bird's wing is one that shows, then it will spoil the bird for exhibition purposes. I hope you will succeed in keeping it alive. I have not found them exceptionally difficult to manage; but, then, I am generally in the position of being able to provide plenty of live food. Woodpeckers are insectivorous birds, and require as a daily food the stock mixture of ants' eggs, powdered biscuit, etc., made as recommended at length to "W. Hobbs" in our issue of last week. A supply of live insect food is, of course, essential; and mealworms must be at hand to assist in the "meating off" process. The bird must at first have a free supply of the latter, and some should be cut into pieces (halves will do) and be well mixed among the soft food. In picking out the said pieces the bird will take up some of the food adhering to them, and in this way gradually get to eating it freely. Lessen by degrees the number of live mealworms offered; some, however, should always be given daily. The two large Woodpeckers need nuts, sunflower and hemp seeds (the former cracked where necessary). In addition to the soft and live foods; and plenty of black beetles should be supplied all three, while it is advisable to scrape a little raw meat (beef or mutton) among their food occasionally. The Lesser I have not found so fond of nuts and seeds. All of them greatly relish ripe, sweet fruit, pecled grapes being especial favourites. A Woodpecker's cage must be lined with bark, for the bird to cling to, and climb about on. It must be remembered, too, that their strong beaks can soon knock a hole through a wood plank, therefore the cage also needs to be lined with tin.

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

Treatment of Young Mules.

Full Up.—I cannot understand your troubles, seeing that you acknowledge to five years' successful breeding with Canaries. I think they must be in some measure due to your treatment—possibly brought about by over-anxiety, and being too "fussy." Mules are very strong and easy to rear, in my opinion; I have bred a rare lot this year, and not lost a single bird that has got out of the nest. A "sweating" hen has been the only bird to bring me misfortune of any kind. And I have found it equally easy in previous years. I tell you and other readers every week that I give the seeding green foods, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, very freely, and with the best of results. Yet you write that you are "afraid of giving them to the young ones," and ask me if I will "kindly advise." What more can I say? It really looks as though you do not put much faith in my statements; that is, if you have read them. Anyway, as regards the feeding of young seed-eaters (whether Mules or Finches), I can only refer you to the replies given "Lintie" and "Novice" this week. Young Mules should not be given "Linnet mixture"; they pick out the niger, etc., and neglect the seeds which would do them more good.

Moulting a Goldfinch.

H. Hibbard.—I dealt very fully with the colour-feeding of Finches last week in the reply given "J. Cowans." The sweet (tasteless) pepper should be well mixed amongst their seed, the latter being cracked, if necessary; or make a mixture daily of colour food, soft food, and cracked seed, and let them eat this. Personally, I do not consider it necessary to colour-feed a Goldfinch. Let the stock food be good, sound teazle seed three parts, Canary and linseed one part each. In a separate dish give a teaspoonful of good old hemp seed one day, and a dessert-spoonful of cracked sunflower seed the next day; with a pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again as a further change. Don't give hemp freely until the moult is drawing to a close. Above all, however, the bird must have a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk-thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's-purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. He should have a good-sized cage, with provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important. Failing this he must be sprayed on all suitable days; but spraying is at best but a poor substitute for a bath taken of the bird's own free will.

Brevities.

Thrush's Throat Trouble (Thrush).—If the bird is not looking "soft" (that is, with plumage "blown out"), you cannot do better than try a course of Condy's Fluid in the drinking water—a small teaspoonful to a teacupful of water would be a quite sufficient strength. Use only a glass or pot drinking vessel.

Cuckoo in Wild State (Tom-tit).—As regards the food of the Cuckoo when in a wild state, Mr. W. H. Hudson writes that it is "exclusively insectivorous, and consists in large part of hairy caterpillars, which most birds refuse to touch. The indigestible portions of the food it swallows are cast up in small pellets."

Green Foods (Ajax).—No. 1 is sorrel, which I have heard called "sour dock." It is all right to throw into aviaries, but I cannot say that I have used it much with birds in cages. No. 2 is chickweed right enough, but of somewhat coarse growth. The seeding tops are very valuable for use with all birds.

Canary-Greenfinch Mule (J. C. Hart).—Sorry if the information causes you any disappointment, but the Mule you have bred from cock Canary and hen Greenfinch is most certainly not the "first of its kind ever bred." As a matter of fact, the hen Greenfinch is about the easiest of all hen British birds to get to breed in captivity. To mate them with cock Canaries is somewhat unusual, it is true, the reverse way of the sexes being considered the best.

Rearing Green Woodpeckers (J. Hnoke).—The soft food you mention will answer well if mixed with finely-minced hard-boiled egg. Give a fair supply of live food in addition—such as mealworms which have had their heads pinched, or well-scoured gentles killed by steaming. See reply given "Mentone." The Bramblefinch has several local names; you will find them all given in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. The most common is Mountain Finch.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (B. Dumfermline).—A form of bird fever, in which inflammation of the lungs is the cause of death. Break up your breeding pairs and endeavour, by disinfecting, to preserve remainder of your stock, giving them plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

Canary (S. R., Keighley).—Bird fever.

Canary (E. Young).—Bird fever. In such cases a perusal of Dr. Clarke's book on this disease is recommended. It can be obtained from office of CAGE BIRDS.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Mealworm Breeding (E. T.).—An article which dealt (among other things) with mealworm breeding appeared in our issue of March 13th last, written by Mr. C. Houlton.

British Birds (Peter Wylie).—The magazine you mention deals only with the wild life of British birds, and is published at 1/- monthly by Messrs. Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn, London. The July number is "Vol. III., No. 2," so we take it that twenty numbers have been issued to date.

Report (K.A.L.).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

A Tame Heron (J. Hooke).—Many thanks for the photograph, which we shall hope to publish in the near future.

Matters of Fact (J. G., Hyde Park).—The first number of CAGE BIRDS was dated January 18th, 1902. It has never had any connection whatever with the other journal you mention.

First and Cup (P. H. Harris).—Under the circumstances you relate, we think the Secretary should offer you an explanation of the matter. The reports, of course, might have been published as the result of an error. If the judge really awarded the cup to your bird and the said bird was entitled to compete under the published conditions, then you certainly have your remedy elsewhere.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, held July 17th. The entry was only moderate, owing to a number of young birds commencing to moult. The exhibits were up to the standard in quality and style. Yorkshires were the chief feature. Norwich were few. British birds included some very rare ones, and a very fine Nightingale. Mr. S. Dean, Gt. Horton, judged. CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Barnwell; 3, hc, Ireland; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Barfe; c, Duncan, Jr. BUFF: 1, Barnwell; 2, Fergusson; 3, Brown; 4, Gill; vhc, Barfe; hc, Ireland. MKD. ETC.: 1, Fergusson; 2, 3, 4, Gill; vhc, hc, Duncan, Junr. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Barnwell. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 2, Ingleson; 3, 4, Gent. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Duncan, Junr. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Bousfield.—GEO. HY. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER C.B.S.

Second young bird show of the season held at headquarters, "The Saracen's Head Hotel," on July 17th, when some nice exhibits were staged. In clear Norwich, Mr. J. Houghton did the hat trick, taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, and was at the top in marked yellows. In the marked buffs a novice, Mr. H. Barnes, romped home with a clinking youngster, and took special for best in show, a decision which seemed to please all, and we heartily congratulate him on breeding such a typical specimen, which we think should do well at the autumn shows. Mr. J. Houghton, the hon. sec., had everything in good order. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Houghton; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Wasley; c, Duggan. MKD. YELL.: 1, Houghton; 2, hc, Stephenson; 3, Wasley; vhc, Barnes. BUFF: 1, spl, c, Barnes; 2, vhc, hc, Houghton; 3, Stephenson.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

First feather show, held July 10th, in Club Room of the Bull Hotel. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged. The birds were well staged by the hon. sec., Mr. John England, who was backed up by a hard-working committee. Sixty-two birds faced the judge, and some good specimens were benched. Mr. J. Lingard put down a fine team of Nor.; Mr. J. England's ticked yell. Yorks. was much admired, being a real gem. Some good British birds were benched, the winning Goldfinch taking special for best in show.

YELL. YORKS (12): 1, spl, England; 2, vhc, Anderson; 3, Gill and Smith; hc, Wilkinson; c, Gregson. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Hartley; 2, Anderson; 3, hc, Gregson; vhc, Bell; c, Spencer. CINN. MARK (4): 1, spl, Hartley. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, spl, 2, hc, T. Lingard; 3, Hardman; vhc, J. Lingard; c, Bell. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 3, vhc, T. Lingard; 2, Bell; hc, Hardman; c, J. Lingard. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Bell; 2, England. SELL 10/6) (6): 1, spl, Wilkinson; 2, Roberts; 3, hc, Gregson; vhc, c, J. Lingard. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, best bird in show, vhc, Holden; 2, 3, hc, c, J. England. FOR. (6): 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, J. England; 2, 3, J. Holden. Mr. John England won special for most points in show.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Third annual nest feather show, held July 17th, at Station Hotel. There were only 48 entries, but all were good, and Mr. Shepherd, judge for the second year in succession, was highly pleased with the birds. His awards gave great satisfaction. Excitement was great during judging, as it was found that three competitors were tie-ing for the members' cup, having two firsts and a second each. It was decided to put the three teams on the table for Mr. Shepherd to judge in teams. The competitors were: Messrs. Cox, McQuillan, and Montgomery. Mr. Shepherd decided on Mr. McQuillan's three Borders, which were two good greens and a yellow marked, and I think we will hear more about them at the open shows. Mr. Cox's team was a mixed one, a good buff Norwich, a buff Border, and a large Siskin Mule; while Mr. Montgomery had three Yorkshires. The honour of the best bird in show bred by a member, was enjoyed by Mr. Macdonald's yellow marked Nor., first the week before at Newcastle. Before leaving, Mr. Shepherd made a speech, in which he remarked on the grand quality of the exhibits and prophesied great things in store for some of the winners. In the evening a "Smoker" was held, Mr. Ronald in the chair, and Mr. Macdonald as vice-chairman. Mr. Ronald presented the members' cup, and a gold medal to Mr. McQuillan, and hoped Mr. McQuillan would have luck in moulting his birds. After a few songs, Mr. Macdonald made a few choice remarks on the good fellowship that existed in the society, and hoped everyone would do his best. With so many experienced fanciers putting their shoulders to the wheel, no one need be afraid that their birds at the annual show would not have the best care and attention. With a few more songs, a very sociable evening was brought to a close with all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

NOR. CL. YELL (2): 1, G. Bell; 2, Evans. BUFF (3): 1, Ronald; 2, Cox; 3, Macdonald. MARKED (3): 1, Macdonald; 2, Ronald; 3, Bell. YORKS. YELL. CL. (4): 1, 2, Montgomery; 3, Cockburn. BUFF (3): 1, Montgomery, 2, Cockburn; 3, Heddon. MARKED (2): 1, Heddon; 2, Cockburn. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL: 1, 2, Cox. BUFF (3): 1, Cox; 2, Ronald; 3, Allock. MARKED (4): 1, McQuillan; 2, Johnston; 3, Allock. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, 2, McQuillan; 3, Johnston. CREST AND C.B. AMALGAMATED: 1, 2, Macdonald. CINN.: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Hyslop, three good Liz. MULES, LIGHT, ETC.: Cancelled. DARK OR HYB. (2): 1, J. Cox; 2, J. Johnston, Siskin Mules. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Evans; 2, Grainger; 3, Appleby. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Johnston; 2, Greenwell; 3, Appleby. LINNETS (2): 1, McQuillan; 2, Waugh. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, c, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.V. SOFTBILLS: Mr. Wilson sent a nice Lark, but there was no competition.

NORTHAMPTON HAND-IN-HAND.

Annual Young Bird Show held at Mr. J. Nason's, Forester's Arms, Wellingborough, recently. Mr. C. Winstone (Kettering) took great pains in judging, and pronounced the Yorkshires (a new class) very good. Excellent arrangements were made by the Committee of Management, consisting of Messrs. A. Burrows (chairman), W. E. Allen (vice-chairman), G. Brown (treasurer), A. G. Brown, W. Munday, W. Tabor, W. Jeyes, and H. Barren, with the capable Secretary (Mr. A. W. Law).

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Jeyes; 2, Bretenfield; 3, Nason; vhc, Brooks; hc, Martin; c, Allen. BUFF: 1, vhc, Stockwin; 2, Bretenfield; 3, Burrows; hc, Nason; c, Barron. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Law; 2, Brooks; 3, Jeyes. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Jeyes; 3, Bretenfield; vhc, Allen; hc, Stockwin. C.B.: 1, Foreman; 2, Fisher; 3, Law; vhc, hc, Foreman. CINN. JONQUE BUFF SELF: 1, Nason; vhc, 2, Brown; hc, 3, Nason. BROKEN: 1, 2, 3, Brown; vhc, Ketchley. YORK: 1, 2, vhc, Allen; 3, hc, Fisher. A.O.V.: 1, Allen; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, Jayes; hc, Ketchley; c, Burrows. SELL. YOUNG: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Hobbs; vhc, Stockwin. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Ketchley; 2, vhc, Nason; hc, Burrows. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Brown; 2, Barron; 3, Ketchley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Ketchley; 3, Nason; vhc, Hobbs; c, Tabor. Special prizes for best birds in the show were won by J. Martin, J. Nason, and A. Bretenfield. There was also a gift class for the benefit of Mr. C Barwell.

PRAZE.

Annual show, held July 15th, in Recreation Ground, in ideal weather. There was a good entry and attendance. Taking into consideration that the moulting season is close at hand, the exhibits were in good condition, and looked well. Special for best bird in show fell to Mr. Collins, with his six-point Goldy Mule, shown in the pink of condition. The secretary, Mr. Edwards, had everything well in hand. The judge was Mr. T. Rickard (Redruth), this being his first venture, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS: 1, spl, hc, Oatey, yell. leading, good length, well drawn, nice quality; hc, tick buff, another good bird, fine wings and tail; 2, c, Hosking, yell, good colour and quality, nice length and position; 3, vhc, Ellis, two good buffs, full of quality, nice wings, well drawn. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Collins, tick yell., lovely shape and quality, good colour; 2, buff tick, typical, short flights and fail; 3, Rowe and Richards, yell., good shape and quality; vhc, hc, buff, very shapely, good wings; hc, wing marked, lovely colour. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Rowe and Richards, lovely breast, grand blaze, fine moons and buttons, good colour, both nice birds; 3, Hosking, fine breast colour, good wings; vhc, Allen, grand blaze, excellent wings and breast colour. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Rowe and Richards, cl, body, dark crest, good body, nice feather; 2nd, Scotch, fine head and shoulders, carries tail well under, in excellent condition. 3, Collins, buff cinn., good colour and condition; vhc, c, Benney. 2 Scotch, yellow and green, two nice birds: hc, Oatey, yell. cinn., good colour and size. A.O.V.: 1, spls, 2, hc, Collins, well-known six-point Mule, and Linnet Bully, looking well; hc, Bully, good colour; 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, dark Goldy Mule, lovely blaze and wings; vhc, yell, Greeny Mule, good colour and condition; c, Dale, well spotted Thrush, lost its tail or would have been higher.

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Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, July 10th, when 20 birds competed for three prizes. Result: 1, 3, McQuirck; 2, Adams. Judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon); timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout. This is the 81st contest at which Mr. Reed has judged, and it will be his last, as he is giving up Linnet judging altogether.—WM. FAIRLESS.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest, held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 20 birds competed. Some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1st Stothard, 2nd Weaver, 3rd, Skelton, 4th Granger, 5th Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper, J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A., usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-street, July 17th. 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. Also on July 18th, when some very good singing was heard. 1, Sissons; 2, 3, Bland. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Johnson.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Castleford and District Linnet Society held their week-end contest on July 18th at the Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, when 16 birds competed for time singing. Mr. Harry Allen, the "Original Linnet King," judged, and the large room was "packed" to give Mr. Allen a regular Yorkshire reception. Mr. Allen has been known in Castleford for many years, not only as a fancier, but as a comedian of repute, and on several occasions, when we have had benefit concerts, he has always been ready and willing to give a helping hand. 1st prize, Stonelink, whose bird scored 53 in four minutes; 2nd, Iron Hague, 63. When the winner of the 3rd prize (one too many with 49) was announced, there was wild applause and laughter. Mr. Allen said he was highly satisfied with the singing, but hoped they would try their best to copy their friends at Sheffield, as, in his opinion, for time singing the Sheffield men (who were heart and soul in the Fancy) without a doubt could beat the world. Mr. Allen also gave us many points in Linnet singing, and training, especially field training. He further advised us to be sure to purchase the best seed in the market, as no bird could be successfully trained on common seed.—C. HOLMES, Sec.

Correspondence.

Broken Legs & their Treatment.

SIR,—I have been a reader of our favourite paper CAGE BIRDS for over two years, and I have never seen the following advice for setting and curing a broken leg in Canaries, etc. First, get the tail feather of a cock (fowl) and cut the thick end of the quill so that it is nearly the length of the bird's leg. Then cut the round end of the quill and slit it down the centre. Put the quill round the affected part, and you will find it set a broken leg quicker than all splints, and it makes a sure cure.

J. HUMPHRIES.

Successful Breeding with One-legged Yorkshires.

SIR,—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS for the past four years, and a breeder of Canaries for the same period, I must say it is through your valuable paper that I have had every success since I started. Having seen in CAGE BIRDS of July 17 the correspondence of Mr. F. C. Collett on breeding with a Yorkshire Canary having only one leg, I wish to tell you and Mr. Collett that I have in my possession a Yorkshire Yellow cock bird with only one leg. This is the father of eight youngsters. I wish your valuable paper every success.

JOHN WALSH.

A New Society for Radford and District.

SIR,—A very successful meeting was held on July 16th at the Pheasant Inn, Radford, Notts., for the purpose of forming a new Cage Bird Society. The following were elected: President, Mr. T. Shipstone; vice-presidents, Mr. E. Hampston, Mr. G. Lee, Mr. R. Rhodes; committee, J. Birch, J. Breffit, A. Birch, A. Bexon, W. Elsey, G. Hill, G. Lawrance, T. Oliver, G. Sharp; secretary, F. Walters, 14, Haven Street, Radford, Notts. The headquarters are the Pheasant Inn, kept by an old fancier, Mr. T. Oliver, who is giving a marble clock for most points in three shows; also 1s. on each class for Young Bird Show held on July 31st. Meeting nights are every Friday till further notice; subscriptions 3s. per year. New members welcomed.

F. WALTERS, Sec.

The Blackbird's White Brother.

SIR,—The following is a copy of an account of a Blackbird's nest which appeared in an Irish contemporary of yours on June 30. "A few weeks ago a Blackbird's nest containing a young brood of three was "robbed" in the neighbourhood of Westcourt. Two of the young birds were of the natural colour, black, but the other has beautiful white plumage, unbroken by the slightest trace of any colour. The assistant clerk of Callan Union secured two of the young brood, the white one, which doubtless is a male, and one of the black ones, which, to all appearance, is a female. Both birds occupy a cage in a silent little room at the entrance to the Workhouse, unconscious of the interest with which they are regarded locally." I have the two birds as stated above. The white Blackbird is a cock, and has not a speck of any colour; it is all white, except the bill, which is a bright yellow. Both were reared by me since they were twelve days old. A representative of the journal quoted examined the birds one day, and fed the birds, as also did a Justice of the Peace!

JOSEPH DWYER.

The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR,—I note the various replies in your last issue, and as the drill instructors say in the Army, I am still "as you were"—cleverly fenced by the hon. secretary, and the others endeavour to place me hors-de-combat. I do not agree in the first place with our ever-courteous friend, Mr. John B. Waterman, that it will be in the best interests of the Fancy; but I do agree it will be in the best interests of the weaker society, of which he is generally known to be a member. Why? Because everyone knows that the D. and P. C.B.S. unfortunately have been, and I believe are now, financially embarrassed. By no stretch of imagination can they be compared to the L. and P.O.S. as regards status in the Fancy. So again I ask, why this amalgamation? It is most uneven. Here we have the L. and P.O.S., the premier Cage Bird Society, with all its glorious traditions, and its snug banking account, swelled by its membership, condescending to hold a joint show with the D. and P.C.B.S. I am informed, and supposed to swallow, that it was actuated by lofty motives. Allow me to warn them of such-like motives, for, in my opinion, it is paramount to cliquism, and that, not once or twice, but many times, has caused strife and even splits. If it is not so why has the D. and P.C.B.S. been preferred for amalgamation without obtaining the consent of the whole body of the members of the L. and P. O.S.? And why has this society been selected in preference to many another one that could do with a helping hand? Is it not favouritism? If they once start this kind of thing, then I say that any society which has members in the L. and P. O.S. has a claim upon these noble impulses that are at work in sheltering the weakened ones. Our other friend, Mr. S. Stephens, seems to think if he does not reply it will trouble me. I don't. I did not expect Mr. Tomsett to answer my questions, so he is quite right. In fact, I never wanted to hear from him at all. But I did want to hear from our hon. secretary, Mr. Tringham, for doubtless he can, above all others, answer the string of questions I asked last week, without evading them on the ground of subscriptions. I can assure him there will be no difficulty in producing last year's receipt, and I hope this year's in due course. There are other members wanting to know in addition to myself. Now, Mr. Tringham, please answer my last week's questions, and I will forward my subscriptions shortly. I can assure him and L. and P. O.S. members that the same interest I have for them to warn them of these ideas is the same that I had when I received a memento (which I shall always value) in recognition of the practical help and interest I showed for them a year or two back.

MEMBER OF THE L. AND P. O.S.

Successful Mule Breeding with a Young Goldfinch.

SIR,—Seeing that I read CAGE BIRDS every week, I am just dropping you a note to let you know that I have a grey-pate cock Goldfinch, caught October 19th, 1908, from which I have had a sitting of five eggs, with a Norwich Crest hen Canary. This British Finch, though only caged nine months, has bred three Mules, one with a yellow crown, the other two light brown so far. I have got the little Finch with a Sib. bred hen at present, and they have three eggs, some of them fertile. The three Mules are coming on grand. They will be a fortnight old on the 20th July (hatched July 6th). I shall let you know later on about the Sib. hen and her eggs. Please put this in CAGE BIRDS for young Mule breeders and fanciers to see. I hope it will do good for some fancier, and show that Mules can be bred from young Finches.

ALEX. LEWIS.

Further News from New Zealand

SIR,—Many thanks for so kindly sending me the number of CAGE BIRDS containing my letter about my fertile Mule's eggs. I have been wondering whether there were any replies to it from any one. I had more nests from my Mule and hen Canary, but not again any fertile eggs, the little chick in spirits being my only success. I shall try again next year. Thank you also for the Crystal Palace Show catalogue. I was very interested to see there the notice of Mr. W. Kiesel's pure white Canary, as I have myself got one, a hen, hatched this year in Martinborough by a young friend of mine (in fact, I started her in Canary breeding). I think she wrote to you about it before we knew of the one in the Crystal Palace Show, and I bought it from her. I see by a notice in one of the London newspapers that the one shown at the Crystal Palace is spoken of as "unique," as it is the first pure white Canary ever seen—could you tell me if this is so? Mino is pure white (as a Java Sparrow), with black eyes, silvery legs, but unfortunately a grey (not green or yellow) mark on the cheek about the size of half a threepenny piece. I should be much obliged if you could arrange to have CAGE BIRDS sent out to me regularly. I was very much interested in the copy of CAGE BIRDS, and in the Crystal Palace Show catalogue.

(MRS.) M. S. MARTIN.

Wairarapa, New Zealand.

(The above letter was sent to Mr. J. W. Ramsden (the show manager of the Crystal Palace Exhibition), who kindly forwards it to us. It was in our issue of January 16th last that Mrs. Martin's communication appeared, saying that she had been successful in obtaining a young bird from the matter of a Goldfinch Mule to a hen Canary.—EDITOR.)

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Cockatiels and Budgerigars as Pets.

SIR,—In "Ornithological Oddments" last week I notice Mr. Finn mentions Cockatiels as pets. I should like to say that if these birds are properly tamed they make charming pets. I have two at present in training, also some young Budgerigars. I have had a fair amount of success in taming both Cockatiels and Budgerigars. A gentleman to whom I sold a tame Cockatiel last year, would not part with it now for £5. My Cockatiels and Budgerigars are bred in a large outdoor garden aviary 35ft. long and 13ft. wide. I find that neither Budgerigars nor Cockatiels interfere with the small Finches in this long place, although the Budgerigars broke two of the Finches' wings in a smaller place (8ft. by 8ft.) last year. I have had five or six nests of Cutthroat Finches, but the young always die at about a fortnight old. Although these birds are, I believe, very easy to rear, I have never been successful. A pair of Green Linnets have a nest and five eggs in the large aviary amongst the Parrakeets. These should be hatched out before this is in print. I think these birds can hold their own in any company.

H. LEWIS.

Linnet Singing at Leeds.

Unvarnished Reports versus Bluff and Bounce.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to answer "A Visitor" to the King's Head, Leeds, on Whit-Monday. I was a visitor myself for five years. But as years went on, and I could see that I was amongst the best of men, and the best of birds, I decided to become a member, and I have now been one for five years; also a member of the Blackburn Club for 25 years. Of all the contests I like the Whit-Monday contest at the King's Head the best, as I look upon it as an English Derby for Linnets. With regard to your question of "paying up" on the day of the contest, how could the committee arrange all the prizes if there were a lot like you wanting to be members at the last minute? You must bear in mind that a club is not kept up by men like you; it is kept up by men who have their heart and soul in the Fancy, and when they have the time they go down to the King's Head and listen to the Linnets that are there. Now, I live 50 miles away, but I go down when I get the chance on a Saturday afternoon, and if I let them know I am coming they will put their match off for an hour to allow me time to arrive. If you want to be a member, you must apply to the Secretary, and come out of your shell, and if you will let me know when you are going down on a Saturday I shall be only too glad to go with you.

W. HY. TOPPING.

SIR,—"A Visitor" in his first letter took certain exceptions to the manner in which our contests are carried out at Leeds. In reference to the £20 and the amount given in prizes, I hope to have satisfied him and all other readers on that point. Secondly, to the manner in which our members conduct themselves, he has admitted that he was courteously received, and that he did not refer to the King's Head. Thirdly, Mr. "Visitor," you say you came to our club house, and was not allowed to enter your bird, it being a club contest. As I have said in a previous letter, all our contests are open to all comers. By the tone of your previous letter, you are no stranger to the rules of the East Leeds Club and its members, and you will be aware that a contest run on the lines of our annual contest could not be carried out successfully without a certain amount of time being given for the fixing up of the same. Hence, the rule reads that all members shall be paid up two clear weeks previous to Whit-Monday. It seems rather strange that "A Visitor" should come on this particular day. In conclusion, I would again ask him to come and bring his birds, as neither our members nor their birds are perfect. Any good advice that "A Visitor" could give us would be gladly received. Fault-finders should be fault-menders.

WILSON NAYLOR, Sec.

This correspondence must now close.—ED.

Success at the First Venture.

The Policy of Non-Interference.

SIR,—I feel I must write and say how thankful I am for the information I obtain from CAGE BIRDS. I am only a novice, yet success has come to me at the first venture. Some folk call it luck, but I don't. I put it down to proper treatment. My birds are my little friends. Shall I say I love them? I only speak the truth. To begin with, I am a great believer in variety as regards foods. My Britishers are never without wild seeds, etc., as well as a stock mixture. They also get plenty of bathing, and have good, roomy cages, which I made myself. These are my Britishers: One cock Bullfinch and one hen, three cock Linnets, one cock Greenfinch, one lesser Redpoll cock. My Canaries are: Two Roller hens and one marked cock Norwich. These also have varieties in foods. I attend to them, too, like a family doctor. My Britishers once a week regularly have a few drops of tincture of rhubarb and gentian in their drinking water, which keeps them and their "tummies" in nice trim. My Canarics have Parrish's Chemical Food and Epsom salts. And for all the attention I give them they show their appreciation in every possible way. Now for my "luck." I paired up a Linnet and Roller hen—my first attempt at breeding. Result, four clear eggs. Why clear? What was the cause? I put on my studying cap and found it out on this wise: The hen was in a cold room, and was cold-room bred. The Linnet I had kept in a warm kitchen, and in transferring him to a cold room he broke into a moult, and was just getting over it when the eggs were laid. I allowed the hen to sit for 15 days, when—for the first time—I interfered, and tested the eggs, only to find them clear. So I took his lordship away for six days, and then introduced him again when both were in fine condition; and on the fifth day (June 2nd) she laid an egg, and each day afterwards came another, until five were laid. Mind you, I never touched them. I have a small peep-hole over the nest, in the top of cage, through which I can see how things progress without being seen. How splendidly she sat! Oh, how grandly did he attend her! and oh! joy of joys, on the morning of June 16, there was a chick. On the 17th there was another, and each day a chick came forth until the five hatched out. My excitement knew no bounds. I could have hugged the pair of parents. What hungry little rascals these chicks are, and what an education to watch things! Neither the hen nor the cock is in the least nervous, and both feed the family. I am told that I have two birds in a thousand, all considered. How proud, too, the father is! He stands erect, as much as to say, "Behold, my household." And the mother looks equally proud. As they look at me so, and he sings lustily, something reminds me of the Scriptures, "Blessed is he that hath his quiver full," etc. As I write all five young ones look in splendid health, and there is no sign of red-mite or any parasites. I have seen in CAGE BIRDS an idea of placing a tin lid underneath nest-pan with flowers of sulphur on it, which I find excellent. Now, upon telling a friend (who has been a breeder for four or five years) of my success, he would not believe it, and almost his first words were "how old are they" (the chicks)? I told him one was hatched out on such and such a day, etc. He said, "I had done wrong, and that I ought to have taken the eggs away as laid, so that they might hatch out all at once, etc." But I wanted to know if the farmers or country policemen or others did so in the case of the wild birds. But, of course, I was talking foolishly. My opinion is this, that some folk do too much of this interfering business; at least common sense seems to say so. Again, I consider it positively cruel to impose upon the parents—as in my case—the task of filling five hungry mouths all at once, considering how it is achieved; and it will be a long time, I think, before I attempt it. I may say that I am only a railway signalman, having a family of five children, myself and wife making seven in all; and my children think that my Muling pair have just had a family of five to be the same. "We are seven!" What a coincidence. The birdie family are all doing well in flight cages. The parents are on again. In conclusion, let me say that I owe all to CAGE BIRDS, and I don't forget to tell people about it either; in fact, I lend it, and I am often asked questions concerning birds, etc., as though I were an authority. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, and thank you and your staff for such a grand pennyworth.

HARRY H. WOOD.

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The Mystery of Cinnamon Blood.

SIR,—As a searcher after truth, and as an expert in Cinnamon breeding, may I respectfully demur with regard to the statement made on page 12 of last week's CAGE BIRDS in column 3, and the paragraph headed "Cinnamon Mysteries," that a pink-eyed bird may be dark plimmaged. This is contrary to Nature, for every pink-eyed bird that has any marking at all, it must be cinnamon colour, although it is possible for a pink-eyed bird to be free from marking when it is either a clear yellow or a clear buff.

J. NORTH.

The Allotting of the Southern Norwich P.C. Patronage.

SIR,—In last week's letter from Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, regarding the S.N.P. Club's patronage, I notice that the name of Swansea was mentioned as one of the places selected, and that the Dulwich O.S. has not been favoured. I hope the writer is not begrudging the Swansea and District C.B.S. the patronage it has secured, because the town does not provide a single member in the S.N.P.C. I think that is his reason. If the proposition he intends to make at the next annual general meeting is carried, the club will not be able to call itself the S.N.P.C., because it will only embrace London and a few surrounding counties, leaving out the Midlands, West of England and the whole of Wales. Our friend states "that London contains two-thirds of the members of the society, and that the Metropolitan area should have two-thirds of its patronage." Is that the way the society is going to flourish outside the restricted area? Is that going to increase the membership in Wales and the provinces, with only one-third? Wouldn't the society better advertise itself by coming into the provinces and letting the fanciers know that there is such an organisation? By the patronage coming to Swansea, will it not make the Swansea fanciers take a little interest in the competitions for the club's specials? At some future time may they not want to become members? Another point: by the patronage coming here the visitors and members at Swansea attending the show will have the privilege of seeing some of the leading breeders' best birds, and I think for this reason alone the S.N.P.C. is doing a great work for the Fancy. Most of the Swansea fanciers are working men, and therefore not in a position to travel to London to see some of the cream of the Fancy which are exhibited at the leading shows held there. But we hope this year (thanks to the S.N.P.C.) to be able to see them. We have given every encouragement to the Norwich exhibitors to come here and compete. Last year we gave six cups, to be won outright, valued at ten guineas, and yet we did not receive any support from the leading Norwich fanciers. This year (having the S.N.P.C. and other patronage), we are going one better than last year to get the leading exhibitors to send their birds to Swansea. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse remarks: "Admittedly our good friends in these towns often do figure in the list of exhibitors at open shows, and I hope London fanciers will support them whenever possible." We hope they will follow his advice and do so this year. For that portion of the letter I thank Mr. Woolhouse, and trust to see some of his birds competing here. Mr. Woolhouse also writes: "Perhaps the secretary or a member of the committee will enlighten me by stating the object of asking the members to send all these miles." What does Mr. Woolhouse mean by "all these miles?" Surely he doesn't think the distance from London to Swansea a long one for the birds to travel? It is only four hours' and seven minutes' journey by the Great Western Railway! The Swansea fanciers do not think so, for they have sent their birds to the Crystal Palace, Dulwich and Peckham, Cambridge, and Gateshead shows, and even to the far-away north to the Scottish National, without a word of complaint about the "long distances," and then to compete only for the ordinary prizes. I hope, Mr. Woolhouse, you will not move your proposition at the general meeting without seeing what fruits come from the club's visit to Swansea this year. Let the members of different societies see what benefits they will receive by belonging to the S.N.P.C., and I hope that Swansea and West Wales will not be backward in responding to the patronage the club has given us this year.

S. H. GEORGE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Woolhouse, I can only say that the club would be pleased to have any member taking an interest in its working arrangements. If the clubs were to have votes for patronage from members it would be just the ideal thing for all, and will make those that have benefited by our specials send a big list of new members each year, and so secure that which would be theirs by right of votes. Of course, even then I am afraid the committee would have to step in and arrange some workable scheme to fix dates, for if two clubs clashed, and both got to the top of the voting, it would hardly be fair to split the patronage. In reference to C.B.U. shows in Kent, may I point out to Mr. Woolhouse that, though we are not governed by the Union, our exhibiting members are, so it would hardly be consistent to patronise any club without Union rules; but any member not belonging to the Union has no restraint placed upon him as regards to our specials. Now, if the writer from Dulwich will secure his friends, he might next year be on the London Committee, for a fancier of his pushing nature, with a little "hustle" can make the S.N.P. Club "hum" yet a bit more. The reason for patronising Swansea and Cheltenham is from a desire to be as broad and liberal as we can afford, so I hope that clubs and fanciers will appreciate our efforts by joining our Specialist Club, saving us (the committee) from getting narrow-minded and selfish, as there is quite enough of that sort of stuff knocking about in outside circles. I trust Mr. Woolhouse will take these remarks, not as from an official, but as from one who looks upon specialist clubs as the only means of getting at the ideal model of whatever variety it is founded for, and though it is a means of getting a good entry, that is not its prime object, though it is the desire of every show manager.

F. S. MATTHES.

A Visit to the Halifax Zoo.

Some Interesting Inmates.

SIR,—A few days ago I paid a visit to Halifax Zoo and Amusement Park. Being so much taken up with the sights, I thought it might interest your readers to know what we have got in Yorkshire in the shape of a fine instructive park for both old and young. The estate, an ideal spot, stands well up on one of the Halifax hills, bordering the town. Arriving at the L. and Y. Station, I took tram (1d. stage) to within a few yards of the entrance. On entering the temporary gates straight in front is a den of two fine bears, and near this is a pigmy farm (animals and poultry of the small pigmy type). Turning to the right is a fine run amongst the trees, containing six splendid deer and pea fowls. Coming to an aviary, I saw some splendid specimens of British and foreign birds, from Cordon Bleus to Cherry-headed Parrakeets. In this aviary is a Hawfinch which no doubt will make some of the British enthusiasts round Halifax wish they had it in their bird rooms. I also noticed here a cock Goldie and buff hen Canary very friendly. The fine gorgeous colours of the small foreigners came in for a lot of admiration from the visitors. Nobody could pass this aviary without spending a few minutes there, and during my stay I heard some fine remarks concerning the birds, "Sitha at Poll Parrots" being very common. One old gent said to his old lady: "Sitha, lass, thou wouldn't ha thought they would put a Sparrow amongst this fine lot of birds." The Sparrows referred to were Orange Bishops out of colour. Continuing my walk, I came to a pen of Pheasants (gold, silver, etc.); further on were Pigeons, Doves, Quails, Rose-breasted Cockatoos, Raven, Falcon, Hawks, Owls and other birds. At suitable distances between the aviaries were dens of different specimens of animals, viz., lions, bears, wild boar, buffalo, zebra, etc. In the centre is a beautiful pond, with a fountain continually playing, and alive with different species of Water-fowl, viz., Geese, Ducks, Swans, Pelicans, Seagulls, also Seals, etc. Here, too, is a fine mansion, used as a refreshment place for visitors. I noticed some lovely coloured plates, which had been given by CAGE BIRDS, in neat frames on the walls. Looking from the windows the lawn is in front, laid out in finished style, with flower beds, a band-stand and fountain in the centre, surrounded by white buildings containing animals and birds. I should mention here that all the Zoo buildings are of white glazed bricks, which give it a splendid appearance, spotlessly clean. At the side of the mansion is a fine playground, known as "the children's corner." Leading to the children's corner is the monkey house, at one side some small animals, and near them stands a large cage containing a Macaw and Cockatoo, two fine specimens. The inmates of this house provide plenty of fun for the children (and big children also were enjoying it). I heard of the arrangement to make a Zoo in Halifax, and being brought up amongst birds since birth (my father being a well-known breeder, exhibitor and judge of Scotch Fancies across the Border) it has always been my delight to see a collection. I was surprised to see such a show in so short a while at Halifax. I went to London last January and spent a full day in the Zoo there. Of course, I am bound to admit there are more stock at the latter, but not finer specimens. There are some fine birds, which will no doubt look well after the moult. In conclusion, I may say that it is worth anybody's while to spend a day at the Zoo if he is in or near Halifax, and from what I can learn visitors will nearly always be provided with fresh amusements in the Amusement Park.

J. BEATTIE.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. C. Dukes' letter of last week, the reason he received no answer to his communication of June 26th was because he forwarded it to us instead of the secretary. We, however, placed the same before our committee meeting held Tuesday, July 13th (previous to the appearance of his letter), and they decided to forward an amount to the member he mentions. We are unaware of any special won by him. All specials have been sent to the winners. No doubt he has heard from our secretary by this. We think your readers will give the present committee credit for having done well. They started the year with a deficit of £32, chiefly due to their last year's generosity in the way of classification and prizes at their open show. They have almost succeeded in wiping this out; only three small amounts now to pay to open exhibitors, our members kindly foregoing their claims till this was done. As a great number of these have presented their moiety to the society, it will not be long before our books are perfectly clear, especially if members will hurry up with their subscriptions. Affairs look particularly promising for the forthcoming venture in October. The five judges' fees have already been subscribed, and we have heaps of promises of support from last year's exhibitors. Although a few perhaps waited a little while for their dues, they took it in a sporting spirit. So, together with, we trust, a host of new friends, we hope to clear all the obstacle hurdles this year. We feel sure Mr. Dukes and his members will help us with the well-known Lancashire spirit.

WOOLHOUSE AND ROGERS,
Show Managers.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

"Racing" versus "Singing."

SIR,—I have read with great interest the recent letters on the song of the Linnet, and I note that the Northern men claim theirs as having the best quality song, and that they say the London Linnet's notes are useless; while the London men claim that their own Linnet song is correct, and that the Leeds, etc., song is rubbish. I must say I think the Northern birds have much the best song in them, for this reason: Take out, say, six birds as call birds, *i.e.*, five London birds and one good Leeds bird; put the five down in one place and the Leeds bird, say, 20 or 30 yards away, among plenty of wild Linnets. Nearly all the wild birds will draw around the Leeds bird, and entirely ignore the five London birds, unless these five were singing, and the Leeds bird remained silent, which, of course, entirely alters the matter. "London Fancier" asks if these Northern birds have their own song, or whether they are trained by some artificial instrument. Their best birds are caught very young, and trained under a good schoolmaster, not a German Roller Canary, but a good quality singing Linnet. No sooner a Northern man mentions one of his birds doing a "run" or "roll" similar to a Roller Canary, than some London chap at once asserts the Northern birds have been kept in the same room as Roller Canaries, and has been trained under these. It is no such thing, for what Linnet fancier living in the country has not heard occasional cock Linnets (especially in the breeding season), "running" their notes, as they fly, nearly as long as a Roller Canary? And it stands to reason these Linnets flying wild have heard no Canary. Another way to prove the "run" or "roll" in a good quality Linnet is different to a Roller Canary's is this: The Linnet with a "run" will draw the wild Linnets all around him speedily; but put a German Canary, or a dozen, in a field, either covered up or exposed to view, and how many Linnets would drop to them? The answer is—none, or very few. It is as the Leeds men say, if a London man took one of his best birds to Leeds he would get quickly beaten and well laughed at. On the other hand, if a Leeds or Blackburn man took the best bird to sing at London, he would be simply "not in it"; and for this reason: the Northern and London birds are bred for entirely different singing; thus the Northern quality singers want a bird with as many changes of song as possible, while the London birds are really racers not quality singers, *i.e.*, they play on a few good notes and repeat them fast, and for each correct song they get a chalk. So that if he sang "Tollic, tollic, hic, hic, quay, ter wheet" (or any other good song) twenty times in succession, he could get twenty chalks, provided he made no mistakes, just the same as if he had sung a dozen and different songs. I quite agree with Mr. George Rostron that "London Fancier," if he heard a Northern bird doing its song, especially the heavy water blubber, he would say their birds in the south were far behind the Northern birds, and he would hasten to let the "racers" fly and go in for quality singing proper, the same as is indulged in at Leeds, Blackburn, Gateshead-on-Tyne, and at dozens of other towns. Of course, I know even in a place like Leeds there are two styles of singing, viz., quality and time (or quantity) singing, but then in London it is just the same, *i.e.*, racing, one style, and the other style time singing. The former has to sing good songs, while the latter can sing anything so long as he does not stop. Now, why cannot they have three styles in London, Leeds, Blackburn, etc., viz., quality singing, racing and time singing? Why cannot quality song be written out in words, and the birds coming nearest to getting all the words, or notes in correctly, win? It has often surprised me that no man has yet written out the Linnet's song, and published it. I know hundreds who would gladly read it, especially if it contained particulars of all three styles, viz., quality, racing, and time-singing. We can get lectures and books and paper on every other subject under the sun; why not one on the Linnet song and Linnet singing? It is the most popular British bird. I have long noticed that the London men never speak of peeing, chattering, whinnying, blubbering, etc.; and simply because they don't know it, and don't require it in racing. Still, a good many London singing men would go in for quality singing if they once learnt it. It is 50 years in advance of "racing." I trust to hear more of this Linnet singing, as it is a matter intensely interesting to thousands, and especially to me.

LINNET FANCIER.

Birds and their Parental Duties.

SIR,—Birds' eggs are laid in a nest more or less artificial, according as the nestling is more or less capable of gathering its own food at the time of its exclusion from the egg. Of those birds whose young possess this capability in the highest degree, the male is for the most part polygamous, and does not pair; but among those whose young depend for some time on the parents for their sustenance, one male confines his attentions to one female, as long, at least, as the seasons of love, incubation and parental anxiety endure. To the first and second of these seasons we, in great measure, owe that outpouring of melody which renders our groves and gardens so musical in Spring. There is every reason to believe it is necessary there should be native notes peculiar to each species, or the sexes might have some difficulty in discovering each other, for we cannot suppose birds discriminate colours by which they know their species, because some distinct species are so exactly alike that a "mixture" might take place. The males of song birds, and many others, do not in general search for the female; but, on the contrary, their business in the Spring is to perch on some conspicuous spot, breathing out their amorous notes, which by instinct the female knows, and repairs to the spot to choose her mate. I think almost every one will agree that "'Tis love creates their melody," and that the ear is a guide to the hen bird in her choice of a mate; but we cannot entirely exclude the eye when we remember what pains have been taken in most instances to distinguish the sexes by the colour of their feathered garb, and even in many cases to prepare a nuptial dress for the male, which fades when the season of love has passed away. I must not here dwell upon the wonders of bird's nests, their admirable structure as places of comfort and concealment, and the exquisite workmanship of some of them—that of the Goldfinch, for instance. In those snug receptacles the eggs are deposited and hatched. Then the old birds feel all the parent within them, and entirely forget their own safety and wants in protecting and providing for their helpless nestlings. This parental love changes the timid at once to the brave; for birds of prey, cats, dogs, and sometimes man when he approaches the sanctuary, are attacked and followed with angry cries. For some time after quitting the nest this care continues, till the nestling is able to provide for itself. Then the whole scene changes. The young bird still lingers about the old one, and approaches it when it finds a worm or insect, expectant of the morsel. At first the young bird is unheeded and treated coldly; but if it does not take the hint, and perseveres in its solicitations, the parent which but a few days before would have braved a Hawk or a cat in its defence, and would have been content to suffer hunger rather than have seen it without food, gives it a buffet, and thus compels it to rely on its own resources.

WILLIAM R. HARDIE.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

I write to wish CAGE BIRDS every success. I have been taking it in ever since it first came out, and I have advised all the fanciers I know to take it in too, because I think it is full of information, and at one time and another there have been some really beautiful plates issued with it.—W. SANDERS (Bishop Auckland).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS in for the last two years, and am very proud of it, as I think it is a nice paper to have. I said to a workmate last week, he must not forget to procure "my paper," as for my own part I would rather go without my dinner on a Saturday afternoon than be without it.—J. BIRCHALL (Skelmersdale).

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

Oven Birds Imported.

Recently one of our leading dealers imported and sold to a well-known aviculturist some specimens of the celebrated Oven-bird (*Furnarius rufus*) of South America, which has been made so familiar to lovers of natural history by the writings of Mr. W. H. Hudson, with whom this species is a favourite. Although it has been possessed by the Zoo, and has also been in private hands, this species is rare in aviculture, and its advent deserves notice. About the size of a Song-Thrush, it has, as I have endeavoured to show in the rough sketch of the bird standing on its nest, much of the form of the Wheatear. Its gait, however, differs from that of the above birds, being a strutting walk, and its colour is exactly like our Nightingale's. As the style of bill it possesses shows, it is an insect-eater, and it seems usually to seek its prey on the ground. Its cry is a repeated scream, very like the call of our Kestrel.

A Desirable Residence.

It is as a nest-builder that the Oven-bird particularly shines. Its nest, placed on a bough or post, is a wonderful domed, round structure of clay, with the entrance-porch partly shut off from the nesting-chamber by a partition wall, so that the hand cannot be got into the nest. It is very durable, and altogether so desirable a possession from the birdy point of view that the Oven-birds' feathered neighbours are fairly dancing with anxiety to possess it as soon as it is finished; indeed, the large Swallow of South America (*Progne tapera*) sometimes succeeds in ousting the industrious builders from their cosy home. Another species which has a keen desire to occupy this eligible residence is the Argentine Saffron-Finch, but he has to wait till the owners have done with it.



Oven Bird on nest.

Oven-birds always live in pairs, and are regarded with affection by the people of Argentina, on account of their interesting ways. I hope that the gentleman who has succeeded in getting the present specimens can induce them to breed here, as such a species as this is really worth breeding, which is more than can be said for a good many rarities, some of which would never be looked at except for being foreigners.

Queer Fruit-eaters.

Only recently the green Woodpecker has been reported in the "Field" as a pest to strawberry-growers—it is not the sort of bird one would expect to eat fruit, but really so many birds have been recorded as occasionally consumers of this article of diet that it is very difficult to generalise on the subject nowadays. Thus, the Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron perenopterus*) has been seen to eat dates from the tree and spoilt figs from a heap on the ground; the White Tern (*Gygis candida*) of the Pacific Islands will feed on the large melon-like fruit of the Papaya tree (*Carica papaya*) hovering before it and feeding on the wing; the American Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) has been observed to fill the aching void with berries when thick water prevented him from catching fish; and the New Zealand Kingfisher (*Halcyon vagans*) which is very like the Sacred Kingfisher of Australia recently described in this paper, has been known to feed its young partly on bits pecked out of unripe peaches! Shelley, who believed in vegetarianism, talks of the "azure halcyons" feeding on berries as part of his idea of the millenium; but I doubt if fruit-growers would see anything millenial, if I may coin the expression, in Kingfishers taking to peaches!

A Hint to Aviculturists.

The idea of fruit appealing to such a variety of bird palates, however, is one that should be seriously considered by aviculturists; it would seem one could hardly go wrong in giving fruit to any bird that would eat it—it can't very well do any harm if ripe and sound, and may do good. Even if a bird is not known to eat fruit or green food in a wild state, I believe it would be advisable to cultivate a taste for this edible in captive specimens. Insect-eaters, for instance, are constantly swallowing quantities of minced green-stuff in the insides of the caterpillars they devour; and who is to say that they don't digest any of this? Even if it is not digestible, it serves to dilute the nutritive matter, and hence an admixture of minced fruit or green food might make more wholesome a mixture, which would otherwise be too rich, in the case of a bird which digests or passes everything, or form materials for "castings" in the case of species which reject indigestible matter in this form. During years of acquaintance with the beautiful Indian Roller in a wild state, I never saw it eat fruit or leaves; yet in the London Zoo I have observed it devouring huge mouthfuls of lettuce, and if I kept one now I should certainly supply it with green food, mixing this with its meat if it refused to eat the stuff alone.

Feeding Young Softbills.

I know well that the main difficulty in breeding soft-billed birds is to get the parents to feed them on something else besides live food, but, as I remarked before, they have been reared successfully without unlimited live-bait. Just now there is a nest-box in the western aviary at the Zoo a young House-Mynah, which had been hatched about a fortnight before the keepers knew it was there, and so the parents had got to rear it without any live insects; and when this species bred at the Zoo some time ago the old ones fed the young partly on bits of green ivy-leaves, of all things in the world! Also, I have seen wild English Starlings carrying bits of unripe cherries to their nest for the young, so it is evident that non-living food is sometimes used.

With regard to Blue Robins, a contributor to that valuable collection of information, edited by the late Dr. Greene, and entitled "Notes on Cage Birds" (second series, p. 119), speaks of rearing these birds chiefly on meat and egg, though it is elsewhere said that they often fail to rear young. Very likely if egg is omitted from the mixture supplied, the old birds may not relish it sufficiently to feed the young well on it, and this point should be borne in mind.

It is thus evident that the experiment of rearing Soft-bills without an unlimited supply of insect food is at least worth trying. Success is to the aviculturist of an experimental turn of mind; the kind of expert who is always telling us that things are impossible, always reminds me of the platelayer who had settled as a rancher on the Argentine pampas, and when the neighbouring colonists in that flat but fertile land appealed to him as an expert in railway construction, as to the possibility of making a line, replied, "Can't be done; where's the hills to drive your tunnels through?"

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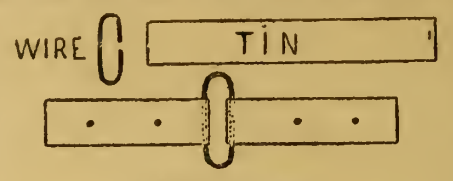
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Sent by Mr. John Beddows, 134, Short Row, Pond Road, Dudley Road, Wolverhampton.

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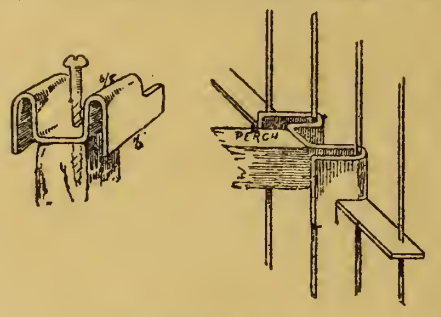
any length or width you require, and a piece of strong wire, bent as also shown in figure. Pass the two pieces of tin through the wire loop, and then bend it in the middle. You then have a hinge that will last a long time, and cheap.—J. Beddows.

No. 329.

A Novel Perch-holder.

Sent by Mr. T. Wood, 7, Campbell Road, Stratford, London, E.

Here is a sketch of a perch-holder, which is easily withdrawn and replaced with the minimum of time and trouble, besides taking up very little room. It can either be shaped up



A Moveable Perch.

out of brass or out of stout zinc, with a 1½ size 6-in. screw through the centre, soldered to it, and the perch then run on the rest of the screw. The sketch will, I think, explain the idea.—T. Wood.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Instinct of Birds.

It is recorded that a certain traveller, hearing some cries from a tree, climbed it and found a serpent slowly winding itself up towards a nest of unfledged birds. The male parent bird was watching. Suddenly it flew away and returned with a certain leaf, which it instantly placed over the nest. As soon as the serpent reached the nest it started back, descended, and was soon lost in the undergrowth. The traveller learned that the leaf used was deadly poison to the serpent, but how the bird came to know it remained a mystery. —Sent by Lewis Wells (age 12), 118, Queen's Road, East Grinstead.

*Nesting in an Old Kettle.

My father once found a Blackbird's nest in an iron kettle, which had no bottom to it, and which lay on its side, the spout being directly over the eggs. An old, strong shoe leaned against the kettle which was fixed in a bush.—Sent by Sydney Bennett (age 9), 115, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

*Nest of the Long-tailed Tit.

'Twas in the early spring; the branches were all bare,
There was no sound of Cuckoo yet,
No daffodil, nor violet;
But Long-tailed Mag began her mansion to prepare.

Safe in a quickset hedge, where yet no leaves were seen,
She brought her moss, and wool and hair,
And wove them all with tender care;
And spiders'-webs, and stuck them o'er with lichens green.

And thus at last she made a dainty woven nest
With rounded roof, near the top,
A tiny hole through which to pop;
A feather-bed within; on which her twelve eggs rest.

—(Cutting sent by Cissy Burgess (age 12), 99, St. George's Road, Reading.)

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Under the White Rose.

HARROGATE C.B.S. held a Members' First Feather Show on Saturday last, but in consequence of the rather poor season experienced by the members, the entries did not come up so very well, only about 40 or 50 birds facing the judge, Mr. S. Dean (from Bradford). Some nice Yorkshires were on view, many of them being quite in the moult. The Yellows in particular were a fine class, containing a few birds of great merit.

LEEDS Society held a very nice show a fortnight ago, close on 200 birds being staged for Mr. Matt. Broadley, of Windhill, to adjudicate upon, which found him a warm job. The classes comprised Yorkshire, Norwich, British, etc., the society catering for all varieties. The competition at these shows is keen, some valuable trophies being up for points specials throughout the season.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. hold a meeting to-day, Saturday, to allocate the patronage for the winter shows, and no less than 18 societies have applied for it, so that a few must be disappointed. The number of applications is rather a surprise; it was thought by some that the inclusion of two classes extra for novices would stop societies from applying. But this is not so; in fact it proves the great faith societies have in novice classes. This will be the case more particularly after last week's enlightenment in regard to the number of novices in the Fancy.

BRITISH Bird and Mule Club (Yorkshire County) will hold a meeting to consider applications for patronage on August 26th, and therefore all societies who wish to obtain such must acquaint the secretary before that date. Qualification: 5 classes for British, Mules, and Hybrids. Will those interested please note and bring the matter before their respective societies?

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

The Colour-Feeding of Yorkshire Canaries.

Lecture by Mr. C. DUKES before the Stockton Heath and District O.S.

In opening this discussion on colour-feeding, I hope the "old hands" will let me down lightly if they do not see exactly eye to eye with me. The first birds to drop into the moult are the young ones from the first round. When these have reached the age of nine weeks, I look out for the first signs, and directly I see them slacken feather I remove them to the flight. I may here say that some fanciers prefer moulting the birds in pairs in single breeding cages, but I do not think the birds come out so strong as those that have been moulted in the flight.

We now come to the pepper and how to use it. I mix with 8lbs. of Cold or Tasteless Pepper 2lbs. of Hot Natal (Pepper) and 1lb. of the best linseed meal. I start with two teaspoonfuls of this to one egg, and a thick slice of bread, and I gradually increase the quantity till I get them on full strength—five teaspoonfuls to each lot of egg and bread. I always put the feed in at night, as I find they eat it up much quicker than if it is given in the morning. As soon as I see the colour showing on the breast, I draw the youngsters' tails, and find that by the time their tails are full grown again the birds are getting finished off.

Most of the old birds drop into the moult at about the end of July or as soon as they have finished breeding, and no time should be lost in getting them on to colour-food, or else you will run a big risk of the birds coming out patchy in colour.

I do not sheet the cages down as I think it makes them too stuffy, but I darken the window instead. If you omit to do this the sun bleaches them. If I find any of the birds have a difficulty in shedding their feathers, I give them saffron in their drinking water, prepared as follows: I get 3d. of hay of saffron and boil it in a quart of water for five minutes. I give a teaspoonful of this in the drinking water every other day. If this does not start them off I give them cochineal tea about the colour of wine every third day, and have never known this to fail.

When the birds start showing the colour on the head, the colour-food should not be given quite so strong, or they will come out too hot in colour about the head. About this time I give them sulphate of iron in the drinking water. The iron not only acts as a tonic but helps to fix the colour. Birds should be kept as clean as possible during the moult, then they do not need washing for the first show or two. This should not be overlooked, as every time a bird is washed it comes out paler in colour, which tells against it towards the end of the show season. As soon as the birds have got all their new feathers, I give them a slice of boiled carrot every other day and a spoonful of mixed seed to harden them off. On warm and bright days I let the birds have free use of the bath, as this assists the growth of the feather and helps to tighten them up. The secret of obtaining a good colour lies not in the feeding but in the breeding, as no amount of pepper will make a poor-coloured bird a good colour.

I asked a friend of mine recently who keeps Linnets if he took in a Fancy paper, and was told that he did not. So I handed him my copy of good old Cage Birds. I think he is now a regular reader.—Wm. Hornby (Beeston, Leeds).

THE INSURANCE SCHEME OF THE LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

THE PRESENT POSITION CONSIDERED.

Some Knotty Points Concerning the Definitions of Novices and Amateurs.

There was a good attendance of delegates at the meeting of the Council of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, held on July 15th, at headquarters, "The Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, W. The chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham, presided, and those present included Messrs. H. W. Cook, F. W. Thorpe, A. C. Burn, J. Dewhurst, J. C. Birch, W. Penton, R. P. Harper, R. L. Crisp, J. Wyatt, H. Churchard, J. Turner, T. Miller, W. H. Mugford, H. W. Tomsett, A. Cunningham, W. Clark, E. Meades, J. Carson, F. P. Found, W. J. Honeysett, E. S. Lugg, and P. Adamthwaite (hon. secretary).

After the minutes had been read and adopted, a proposition was moved by Mr. A. C. Burn, "that the Press be excluded from the meeting, and anything it be desired to publish be sent them by the secretary." At this point we retired, but were informed at the expiration of some 15 minutes that the proposition had not been carried.

THE CHAIRMAN announced that no doubt the delegates would be aware that the meeting was called to consider the present position of the scheme the Federation had adopted to cover the insurance of birds.

THE SECRETARY (Mr. Adamthwaite) reported that he had been in communication with the Inland Revenue officials of Somerset House, and that they had referred the question as to the stamp duty on their insurance coupons to the Crown solicitor, but that up to the present he was without a reply from that official, though three weeks had elapsed since the matter was put before him. He (the secretary) said that a friend who had an inside acquaintance with insurance business had pointed out several things in the scheme which he considered unworkable, and had specially mentioned the matter of stamp duty. Then this point, amongst others, was brought out in the Fancy Press (CAGE BIRDS). He went to Somerset House to make inquiries, and related a humorous story of his experiences there in arriving at the right official to hear his story; then all he got was the advice to "write and state his case." He learned that the best thing would be for the Federation to be registered as a friendly society; then it would be quite safe. As at present constituted, however, he was given to understand that the society was not one which would be entertained for registration under the Friendly Societies Act, which stipulated for certain rules and certain procedure. He had learned, too, that no insurance scheme could legally be run by a managing body comprising more than 20 persons. Under the circumstances he had thought it best not to issue any books of coupons until he had obtained the opinion of that meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN said that if they were liable for 1d. stamp duty on each coupon, that knocked the bottom out of their scheme. He though it iniquitous they should be charged a penny for each pound, whereas a "floating policy" for £20,000 was only liable for a penny stamp—he had such a one (a marine policy) in his pocket.

MR. CRISP said he thought that 1d. would cover a whole book of coupons, if they were liable at all; he considered the same in the nature of a floating policy. He did not agree with stopping the sale of the books of coupons, as he saw no reason to anticipate "punishment." He was in favour of going ahead and chancing what happened. If they were fined, well, they could find the money to pay. He could not believe that anyone would so interfere with a scheme which was of a philanthropic character, designed to help brother fanciers in distress.

MR. THORPE said that the shortest cut would be to register the society, if that were possible. In a powerful speech he, too, laid stress on the fact that the Federation was a "brotherhood," banded together to assist friends.— MR. A. C. BURN and MR. CUNNINGHAM also spoke, and MR. HONEYSETT moved that the Council take steps to secure a legal adviser to help them work out the details. He thought it time they did this.—After considerable discussion, this motion found no seconder, and so fell through.

The question of the secretary's action then arose, and MR. BURN moved a vote of confidence, endorsing the procedure adopted by the secretary. This was carried enthusiastically, 20 voting in favour and 1 against.

The discussion then reverted to the question of registration, the SECRETARY speaking in its favour, saying it would be greatly to their advantage, and give them a tremendous lot of power; further, they would be protected by law, and exempt from all fees.

MR. LUGG said that in his opinion the society was not one which would be accepted for registration. In any case they would have to show financial stability, have registered offices, and were liable to be called upon to have the books audited twice a year.

Eventually MR. BURN said he should move that they adjourn the whole question until the next meeting; that they instruct a committee of three (the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary) to wait upon the registrar and get his views as to registration; if necessary to formulate another scheme which would make it possible for them to secure registration. There must be some way to achieve the latter end, he said, for a body of fanciers such as they were, banded together for mutual help.—MR. MILLER seconded, and the meeting generally endorsed the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

A Man of Parts.

Then arose some knotty points concerning the definition of a novice and an amateur at the various shows held by federated societies. MR. FOUND wrote asking whether the Federation rules governed both members' and open shows. In the Battersea Society, of which he was a member, he was a novice, according to their rules; in the Wimbledon Society, of which he was also a member, he was a champion; yet according to the Federation rules he was an amateur!

This created considerable amusement, and a heated argument followed. THE CHAIRMAN said that obviously Mr. Found could not be three things at once, and he pointed out that the Federation rules superseded all others, and that they had been accepted by all federated societies.

MR. CRISP respectfully begged to differ. He pointed out that the rules distinctly said that their definition did not apply to pair and young bird shows, but to annual shows only. Therefore a member was bound by the rules of his society at pair and young bird shows. If he was an amateur according to the Federation rules, he must show as such at the annual show, but was entitled to go back to the novice section at the other shows mentioned if he was a novice according to the rules of the particular society holding them.

MR. CARSON said the Wimbledon rules were purposely made somewhat drastic. When the society started, they had no "champions," so they made the rules drastic with a view to getting some quickly! (This explanation drew hearty laughter.)

MR. FOUND said that according to Mr. Crisp he could show at the Wimbledon young bird show as a champion, and go back to the amateur section at the annual show.—MR. CRISP: Yes; we have no jurisdiction over young bird shows.—THE CHAIRMAN said he differed from that view. It was never intended that a man should go back from a high class into a lower.

THE SECRETARY read extracts from the minute-book re resolutions previously passed, which said that any member winning in champion classes should not return to lower ones, and that all shows were intended to be covered. —MR. CRISP said that evidently they had passed resolutions which were contrary to what they laid down in big type on their show rules, which distinctly said that the latter did not apply to young bird and pair shows.—THE CHAIRMAN, in conclusion, said that Mr. Found must show in the amateur classes.

Then arose the point as to how societies were affected which did not provide amateur classes, but sections for novices and champions only?—MR. CRISP pointed out that it was obviously to the advantage of societies to provide amateur classes, else they would lose members, for it was not imperative that they should go up into the champions. They could either please themselves whether they showed at all, or leave and join another society which catered for amateur members.

Something Like a Dilemma.

MR. COOK next claimed the ear of the meeting, and said that he had won three 1sts at Poplar, which by the rules of the society made him an amateur, yet as the Federation rules required the three first prizes to be won at three separate shows (pair and young bird not to count), he was still a novice according to Federation rules. He considered it unfair that he should be compelled to go back.

MR. DEWHURST pointed out that there was no compulsion at all. If he thought it "unfair" he could certainly show in the amateur section. There was nothing in the rules, in fact, which prevented him showing as a champion if he thought well to do so.—THE CHAIRMAN said that the Poplar Society had no rules; they were governed by the Federation rules. He could, under the latter, exhibit as a novice at the annual show. But if he thought it unfair to do so, then he was quite at liberty to go up into the amateur section.

MR. COOK here elicited a burst of uproarious laughter by naively admitting that he didn't want to go forward, but at the same time he objected to being "compelled" to go back!—He was humorously twitted by MR. CRISP who, to the accompaniment of more laughter, said that he could heartily sympathise with Mr. Cook; he was obviously in a very awkward position—he didn't want to go back, he didn't want to go forward, and he didn't want to stand still. He himself didn't see what they could do for him!

The position of exhibitors of British and foreign birds was then dealt with. MR. THORPE said that though he had won 27 first prizes with one bird in British classes, he knew nothing about Canaries, and very seldom looked over that section at a show. Obviously, it would be unfair to make him go up in a Canary section because of his wins in the British. Eventually it was decided: "that wins in British and foreign classes shall not count as affecting the exhibitor's status in the Canary section." Further, it was decided that in the event of a society giving novice British bird classes, three wins (1st prizes) in the same should make the exhibitor a champion.

The thanks of the meeting to the Chairman brought a full evening's work to a close.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

July 26.—**Hawarden.**—Messrs. Ratcliffe and Butler.
July 24.—**Dawley.** Urban Callear. The Shrubbery.
July 27.—**Downend.** Secretaries, Staple Hill, Bristol.

THE SCOTTISH DISQUALIFICATION CASE.

THE MYSTERY STILL A MYSTERY.

We have heard no explanation of any of the circumstances surrounding the disqualification of Mr. McQuiston's Bullfinch at Bathgate Show, and of the statements contained in the letters purporting to have been written by Mr. W. Gemmell, in which was acknowledged the authorship of the staining, and which led the National British Bird and Mule Club to exonerate Mr. McQuiston of the charge.

It will be remembered that in the letters of both Mr. McQuiston and Mr. Gemmell it was stated that the Bullfinch in question was exhibited at the Ayr show of last year at which Mr. McQuiston officiated as a judge, winning second prize, whereas the catalogue of the said show does not give Mr. Gemmell at all as an exhibitor of cage birds; his name appears in the pigeon section.

No one has come forward to say that Mr. Gemmell possessed to their knowledge a Bullfinch capable of winning in good competition —to secure first at a show of the size of Bathgate; for we have the judge's statement that it would have been first there had its colour stood the test.

Mr. McQuiston has not produced the affidavit which he expressed his intention of compelling Mr. Gemmell to swear—at least, he has not produced it publicly.

Therefore, it can only be concluded that the intention he expressed in his letter printed last week of not "thrashing out" the matter in the Press, still stands good; that he is content to rest upon the resolution exonerating him which was passed by the N.B.B. and M.C. upon the letters then before its committee—letters which contain one statement of importance of which the records of the Fancy appear to afford no confirmation. In any case, Mr. McQuiston, of course, is entitled to decide upon how best to act in his own interests.

Two Letters.

We have received two letters bearing upon the case. The first is from a writer who adopts a nom-de-plume, and states that, "it is common knowledge here (Glasgow) that certain fanciers from Edinburgh did their utmost to get the Crystal Palace Show management to refuse Mr. McQuiston's entries at the Jubilee Show, because of the Bathgate disqualification, and notwithstanding the fact that he had not then been tried by the club (the Scottish British Bird and M.C.)."

The second letter comes from Mr. R. Farmer, who up to the season 1906-7 was the secretary and treasurer of the Scottish B.B. and M.C. We give this in full:—

SIR,—I have been interested in the report of the McQuiston disqualification case, and note in your last issue a few lines which, to me, seem a bit misleading. They are in the third column, lines 19 to 27. I think if you compare the rules of the S.B.B. and B.C. (revised), which I enclose, you will not find in them anything debarring an exhibitor of the club from showing a bird which he may have bought a day or two before any show. There used to be a rule that members must have a bird in their possession for a month, but it was deleted; and this now allows a member to purchase big winners for the trophy, but he must nominate his birds for the competition. As to jealousy existing, I think you will find it no matter wherever one goes; it is a part of human nature. I am inclined to think the S.B.B. and M.C. are rather hasty in expelling members at their annual meetings (not a committee meeting, as stated). A sub-committee elected at the first meeting might be a means of finding out whether the party stained the bird or not; and until they prove that, he is an innocent man, in my opinion.

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Wild Bird Life.

Young Bird Life.

Although the high roads and footpaths are replete with bird life, it is in the out of the way corners one finds the most interesting species. In spite of the bad conditions, wild birds are just now plentiful everywhere. If you should get caught in the rain there is plenty to interest even when you are standing for shelter under the thickest part of the hedgerow. The rain may fall, but it does not prevent the birds from moving from place to place in search of food. The Thrushes and Blackbirds must be surfeited with a diet of worms and slugs, but the conditions which suit the propagation of these cannot be quite so favourable for winged insects, and possibly the agile Flycatchers, Swallows and Martins do not fare quite so well as the larger ground feeders. While standing for a short time under the hedge one marvels at the numbers of young Thrushes and Blackbirds reared this season; in couples and small lots they seem to be continually leaving the shelter of the hedgerow, and dropping into the growing crop in the fields, and if one walks along, many of them go before, fluttering and scrambling among the thick leaves. The young Thrushes give one the impression of being isolated specimens, whereas the Blackbirds form groups or family parties. What will eventually be the fate of these hundreds of young lives it is difficult to conjecture. Not a tithe of them will be required to keep up the race. Like the grass seeds by the wayside few of them will ever arrive at maturity. Nature is prodigal, and allows a big margin for waste. Flocks of young Finches already roam the fields, and yet the old birds are still busy adding other broods to the community; but what chance can the August-hatched birds have of seeing the following spring? The trying period of the moult, trying under the most favourable conditions, must be fatal to many during the sudden changes of late autumn and early winter.

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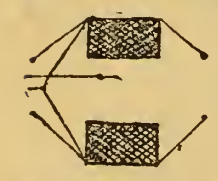
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LONGTON, LEEK & HANLEY.

Meeting held at Albion Hotel, Hanley, on July 15th. Present: Messrs. Hall, Clewes and Fowler from Leek, Messrs. Robinson and Peake from Hanley, and Messrs. E. Tams, Birks and Davis from Longton. It was decided to hold three Open-to-all-England shows, and that each society guarantee 20 entries for each show. Further decided, that each society give £1 towards a special prize fund for members of the three societies. All three societies are to have the same classification; 33 open classes at each show and eight novice classes.—Enoch Tams, Sec. for Federated Societies.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held July 24th, Mr. J. Farrar presiding. The preliminary details in connection with our forthcoming annual show (November 19th and 20th) were gone into, and several items were decided upon. The secretary informed the members he had received a visit from Mr. S. W. Birchley, the author of "British Birds," who is arranging a series of lectures. After hearing the terms of these lectures the members instructed the secretary to write for full particulars of same, and to invite Mr. Birchley to attend our next meeting if possible. The chairman then presented the prizes to the winners of the points specials at the young bird shows in the following order: 1st prize, C. Waters; 2nd, A. Walker; 3rd, J. M. Walker; 4th, J. Jeffreys; 5th, H. Taylor. We made another new member—Mr. J. Machin, of Ryhope, who was accorded a hearty welcome to our ranks. Although our young bird shows are over for the season, all fanciers are still invited to attend our meetings.—W. Reid, Hon. Sec

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

At a meeting held at headquarters, on July 12th, the members were given a splendid opportunity of studying the different ways of washing birds for exhibition, and the proper way to stage them; the event being a washing match between our worthy President, Mr. Washbourne, and Mr. Parker (of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.). A very handsome flower vase was given for the best-washed bird. The two gentlemen had to wash two birds each After the wash the birds were judged by Mr. Coulson, who found on examining the birds that he had to tackle a stiff job, for each bird was washed by an expert, and took some judging; but he was equal to the occasion, and after a very close examination he awarded the prize to Mr. Parker on points. The judge, in his remarks, stated that the birds were washed to perfection, and that there was little to choose between them. No one was more surprised than the winner himself, that the prize had fallen to him, as he had met in Mr. Washbourne an expert in the art of washing, and he, Mr. Parker, felt proud he had beaten such an able opponent.—Jno. C. Spilsbury, Hon. Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held in the Cloak Room, Town Hall, July 24th, Mr. D. Johnston (Vice-President) in the chair. The date of closing membership was extended to next meeting in August. The following new members were proposed and accepted:—Messrs. Reid (Glasgow), Miller (New Stevenston), Dun'op (Uddingston), Neilson and Forrest (Hamilton), C. Douglas (Tarbert), and McIntyre (North Johnston Station). The ramble to Calderwood next came before the meeting. After a deal of discussion it was finally decided to leave Hamilton Central Station by the 1.50 p.m. train for High Blantyre, on July 31st. Will Hamilton members kindly catch this train? We assemble at High Blantyre Station at 2 p.m., on arrival of the train from Hamilton. Any fancier desirous of joining in the ramble will be heartily welcomed. Mr. T. Morrison (Burnbank) has kindly consented to act as guide, and as he is well acquainted with Calderwood Estate, we expect to have a very enjoyable day. Teas can be obtained at the Pavilion on the Estate. It was moved that the show rules (at present under revision by the working committee) classification, entry fees, prize money, subscription sheets, etc., in connection with our annual show on December 25th, 1909, be brought up for revision at our September meeting.—A. Cant, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Committee meeting, held on July 24th, at Market Tavern, Bradford, when a good attendance was recorded, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (President) in the chair. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected members: Messrs. T. W. Wilson (Halifax), Shaw Bros. (Sandy Lane), H. Simonett (Gt. Horton), S. S. Rigg (Mytholmroyd), T. Slater (Keighley), and J. Thomas (Ambler Thorn). Decided: "That the allocation of the club's patronage be deferred until next meeting, August 21st, on account of judges not complying with Rule 16, and that our secretary write societies concerned, and try to arrange matters." "That this club grant specials of £1 1s. and 10s. 6d. to be competed for by novice members of the club in the Green Marked Yorks. classes (novice) at Yorks. Union Shows during the coming season." "That the club make the same offer for novices for competition at outside Yorks. Union shows, providing we obtain at least 12 outside novice members of the club." "That providing an outside novice competition can be arranged, the club is prepared to grant its patronage for this competition alone to such societies as provide green-marked classes on application." This club has enrolled 83 members up to date of meeting, and since then three other applications have been made. Almost all of these are exhibiting fanciers, and not honorary members, so that the competition is likely to be keen, and not a "walk-over" for any exhibitor. The club is quite up-to-date in every respect, as fanciers will see. We are catering for the greatest novices. We shall be pleased to enrol any fancier, novice or otherwise. We set out to obtain a membership of at least three figures before the show season, and we have every prospect of exceeding it. Now, novices, rally round us, and even better offers may be made; join early as I wish to get out the bandbook as early as possible.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 78, Pear-street, Halifax.

NORTH LONDON C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at beadquarters on July 21st, Br. Sweetman in the chair. A good muster of members was present. After the usual business was gone through, the secretary, as one of the delegates, explained to the members the result of last meeting of the London Federation, and the position of insurance scheme, assuring them that the Council were confident of surmounting all the difficulties. Prize money and specials for recent Young Stock Show were distributed. Next item on the agenda was a lecture on British Birds, but the chairman explained that we unfortunately had been disappointed in our lecturer; the secretary had also approached several other well-known experts, but without success. But to avoid a final disappointment, Mr. S. Williams had kindly offered to open a discussion on British Birds, the notice being too short to allow a paper to be prepared. The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Williams was a fellow of the Zoological Society, and also a well-known exhibitor of both British and Foreign Birds, and no doubt his remarks would prove interesting. This certainly was the case, and Mr. Williams was soon kept busy answering the many queries put to him. The principal item discussed was the question as to whether it was necessary to colour-feed British Birds. This subject was discussed at great length, Mr. Williams maintaining that it was quite unnecessary, as he had always been able to get good colour into his birds without it, and had been able to win with them in good company; whereas several members said they had proved from experience that great benefits were derived by colour feeding such birds as the Siskin, Yellowhammer, Blackbird, and also the Goldfinch, but with the last-named it was not given until the birds were three parts through the moult, for if given earlier, it would most likely spoil the ring marking, and it was only intended to make the blaze denser in colour. All seemed agreed that it was essential to colour-feed Bullfinches, but only with the natural berries, such as privet and blackberries—the latter either in a green, red, or ripe state. Mr. Williams stated that the stain derived by soaking a few black sunflower seeds in the drinkers was a good colouring agent for Britishers. In the course of the discussion, one of our members stated that he had a pair of Chaffinches which had built, laid, and hatched three youngsters; they were allowed to fly loose in a room with other Britishers and Canaries, but at three days' old the cock killed the youngsters. He had also succeeded in rearing 20 young Canaries in the same room, all the birds being allowed to fly loose in the room. Mr. Williams also said a few words as to the keeping of Foreign birds with the object of increasing the number of our exhibitors in these species which at present are very few. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Williams, which concluded a most interesting and enjoyable meeting.—R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S

First Feather Show held July 24th, when some good specimens were on view. Mr. F. Self judged, and his awards were well received. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Kirk; 2, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Holroyd; 2, 3, Clayton. CLASS 3: 1, Kirk; 2, Mitchell; 3, Clayton. CLASS 4: 1, Holroyd; 2, Bates; 3, Kirk.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First Feather Show held July 24th at Crown and Anchor Hotel. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) judged and gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Atkinson gained most points in both F.F. shows, 32 points; Mr. H. Taylor, 25 points; Mr. Oldroyd, 22 points.

CL. ETC. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, Oldroyd; 3, Rothwell; 4, Parkes; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Crowther. MKD. ETC. VARIEG. (4): 1, Parkes; 2, Taylor; 3, Crowther; 4, Mellor. CL. ETC. NOR. (11): 1, Rothwell; 2, 3, 4, hc, Atkinson; vhc, Taylor; c, Midgley. MKD. ETC. (2): 1, Atkinson; 2, Oldroyd.—PARKER and PARKES, Secs.

KIRKSTALL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, held at Abbey Inn, Abbey-road, July 17th, in a nice room kindly lent by the proprietor. Entries did not come up quite as well as was expected, but some very nice birds were staged. Specials for best Yorkshire and Norwich, were carried off by Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hornby respectively. Mr. Buckley scored most points throughout show, and also for cup. Mr. Richmond judged to the satisfaction of all.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, 3, Buckley; vhc, Hutton. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, c, Chew; vhc, hc, Greaves. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, Chew. TKD. BUFF: 1, vhc, Buckley; 2, 3, Chew; hc, c, Bennett. NOR. TKD. YELL.: 1, Oakley. CL. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Hornby. TKD. BUFF.: 1, Oakley; 2, 3, vhc, Hornby; hc, c, Stammers. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Bennett. GREEN A.V.: 1, 2, Greaves; 3, Chew.—W. HORNBY, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Second annual F.F. Show, held at Swan and Peacock Hotel, on July 22nd. Through the energy of the secretary, Mr. J. Gibbons, with that of that veteran, Mr. F. J. Weaver, and a genuine lot of fanciers, 50 of the most creditable youngsters were staged, and the merit was of such a high standard that the judges, Messrs. E. Crundell and R. Willoughby, had a difficult task to place the winners. The team of Norwich shown by Mr. F. Garfield, were a grand lot; so were the Yorkshires of Mr. I. Jones, and the British shown by Mr. Rowley. A meeting of members followed the show, Mr. F. J. Weaver presided, and another four new members were elected.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, Garfield, 1st yell., fine typical bird, splendid quality and colour, 2nd buff, first-rate bird, good all-round, 3rd something similar; vhc, Weaver; hc, Willoughby. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Garfie'd, 1st buff, well-made youngster, very promising, with a good moult will be heard of again, 2nd well shown, lovely quality, type and colour; 3, hc, Weaver, 3rd quite a youngster, but big, bouncing bird, with A1 type head and neck; vhc, Hyde; c, Gibbons. YORKS. CL.: 1, Jones, good head, nice quality and type; 2, 3, Weeks, 2nd very choice, full of quality, 3rd lovely shape and quality; vhc, Walton; hc, c, Evans VARIEG.: 1, Jones, topping bird, full of nerve; 2, Walton, very good quality, bird, needs a little more training; 3, hc, Johnson, lovely quality and type; vhc, Evans. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, 3, Weaver. BRIT. GREENFINCH: 1, Weaver, very large; 2, Rowley, very well shown; 3, Gibbons, splendid wing bar. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Rowley, noted Chaffinch, in splendid condition, 2nd Goldie, good blaze and buttons, 3rd Twite, wonderfully pencilled; vhc, Evans; hc, c, Weeks.

LLANDUDNO.

The Vale of Conway and Dis. F.A. held an open show July 21st in rather unfavourable weather. The cage birds mustered fairly well for this time of the year, the total entries being about 150, although six classes were cancelled. The gate was "thin," the attendance of the visitors, however, being better later in the day. The association has for its president Lord Mostyn, and the chairman of the general committee is Colonel Sandbach, while Mr. A. T. Johnson is an excellent, courteous sec. The show was held under C.B.U. rules. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged. Norwich were well represented, being the best for quality and numbers, Mr. Sheldon winning both cups with his well-known birds in extra good form. Yorkshires lost ground in entries; still, a few good birds were shown. The Mule and Goldfinch classes were excellent in quality. Messrs. Tams and Son exhibited a nice clear Mule. Also there was a good Goldfinch of Mr. Harris's, all the way from London.

NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, Sheldon, right type, good quality and colour, put down very fit; 2nd, larger, good all over; 3, Winnard, big bird, rare substance, nice type and quality; vhc, hc, E. D. Owen; c, Collins. DITTO 1909 BRED (11): 1, vhc, Griffiths, wing mkd., good size and quality; 2, 3, Unwin, both nice type, former looking a bit slack to-day; vhc, Griffiths; hc, E. Nolan; c, Sheldon. BUFF (8): 1, spl, cup best in show, 3, Sheldon, clear and popular win, one of the right sort, ideal type, excellent quality, well shown, 2nd Palace winner this season; 3rd, nice sort, shade long; 2, E. D. Owen, plenty of size, will improve yet; vhc, Winnard; hc, Roberts; c, Brown. 1909 BRED (9): 1, cup best bred 1909, 2, 3, vhc, Sheldon, 1st rare type and quality for a youngster, variegd., will be heard of again; 2nd, equal in all points, looks from same nest; 3rd, extra big, showing signs of moult; vhc, Walker; hc, c, J. Williams. YORKS. YELL.: Cancelled. YELL. CL. ETC. BRED 1909: 1, Walker and Alcock, cl., rare length, nice wings and tail, showing plenty of leg; 2, Williams, close up, not quite ready, yet will improve; 3, Hughes, nice length and type; vhc, Thompson; hc, Thomas. BUFF CL. ETC. (8): 1, two spls, Roberts, nice type, best of feather, medium size, in good form, rightly won; 2, Evans, cl. nat. col., very fair bird all through; 3, vhc, Thomas, good length, would be improved by being washed; hc, Owen; c, Jones. BRED 1909 (10): 1, Walker and Alcock, cl. buff, good bird, nice length and shape; 2, Williams, very fine youngster, good quality; 3, Evans, nice quality; vhc, Walker and Alcock; hc, Thomas; c, Thompson, took spl for best novice. A.O.V. (8): 1, Winnard, well known four-pointed Nor., exceptional merit, looking well; 2, Miss Davies (Llandilo), good high shouldered buff Belgian, well known; 3, vhc, spl, Evans, wing-marked dark Crest; hc, Williams; c, Beard. MULE, DARK, ETC. (6): 1, Tams and Son, cl. buff Goldfinch-Can., looked like a hen, easy win; 2, E. I. Jones, dark Jonque Goldie-Can., rare size and colour; 3, Robins, dark buff Goldie-Can., in good condition; vhc, Jones; hc, Aitken; c, Roberts. HYB. (5): 1, Enoch Williams, well-known Goldie-Bullie, looking well; 2, Tams and Son, fine Goldie-Greenie, showing parentage to perfection; 3, Winnard, another well-known exhibit, best colour in class, Goldie-Bullie, but not the size of winner. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, D. H. Harris, nice size, in good colour, rare good blaze and tanning; 2, vhc, Roberts, square cut blaze, nice tan and bars; 3, Jackson, equal to any in class, already moulted, wants a little time to be up in colour yet; hc, Tams and Son; c, Speed. BULLFINCH (8): 1, spl, Winnard, old winner, good size and colour, in fine form; 2, Bell, Salop, best of colours; 3, Miss Elphick, good size, loses colour; vhc, Master and Williams; hc, Stewart; c, Roberts. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Harris, two fine Linnets, well pencilled, in fine form; 3, Tams and Son, nice bird, not quite so well pencilled as winners; vhc, Bird; hc, Nolan; c, Oare. BRIT. A.O.S. (6): 1, Bell, real good Hawfinch, in nice form; 2, Brotherhood, the well-known Waxwing, pressed winner hard, unfortunately tail slightly damaged; 3, Griffiths, Pied Blackbird, well known; vhc, Hughes; hc, E. Nolan; c, Relf. FOR.: Cancelled. SELL. (10/6): 1, W. and R. Jones, cl. buff Yorks., non-fed; 2, W. H. Williams, cl. yell. Nor., nice colour; 3, Nolan, head mkd. yell. Yorks., splendid quality; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Jones; c, Williams. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. (5): 1, spl, Griffiths, buff mkd., nice size, good quality and colour; 2, 3, Winnard, cl. yell., A1 quality; 3rd, heavily variegd. buff, rare size; hc, c, E. Nolan. YORKS. (9): 1, G. Jones, very typical, good length and quality; 2, T. Owen, cl. yell., nice shape and colour, size small; 3, vhc, Roberts, tkd. yell.; hc, Nolan, really good yell., rare length and quality; c, O. Williams, foul green, good quality. MULE (6): 1, Jackson, well known dark buff Linnet Mule, in good form, an easy win; 2, Ll. Williams, dark Linnet-Can., good colour and condition; 3, Roberts, variegd. Goldie-Can., very fit; vhc, Walker.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Third and last of the series of table shows for young birds held July 24th at Fawcett-street Cafe. Entries totalled 31, and the quality of the exhibits was quite up to the standard of the two previous shows. Dr. O'Neal's special for most entries was won by Mr. J. M. Walker. Mr. J. T. Clark (Sunderland) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. (11): 1, 2, 3, J. M. Walker. BORD. (8): 1, 2, 3, A. Walker. CREST-BRED (2): 1, 2, J. M. Walker. LIZ. (2): 1, 2, Jeffreys. BRIT. (5): 1, Waters; 2, 3, J. M. Walker. MULES (3): 1, 2, Waters; 3, A. Walker.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK C.B.S.

Annual young bird show held July 17th, when some nice young birds were exhibited. Mr. J. W. Baker, with a fine clear yellow Norwich, won special for best in show, and Mr. E. Clle special for best ticked yellow.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Baker; 2, Cook; vhc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, Baker; 3, Harriss; vhc, Clarke. TKD. YELL.: 1, Clle; 2, Baker; 3, Schofield; vhc, Clarke; hc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, Clle; 3, Clarke; vhc, Baker. YELL. CINN.: 1, Cook. SEED-EATING BRIT.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Schofield; hc, Mouser. The birds were again judged by Mr. C. Simpson.—W. BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

GWENNAP.

Annual show of the Horticultural and Cage Bird Society was held at Trevince, kindly lent by E. B. Beauchamp, Esq., on July 22nd, in rather disappointing weather; but the cage birds were well looked after by a good number of fanciers. The Norwich classes came up well, and were in grand form, also the group class for birds bred 1909, the winners being a splendid lot of Norwich, well shown. The small British class was good, the winner being a fine Yellow Bunting. Mr. Medlyn (Falmouth) judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Tippett, fine, typical bird, good colour and quality; 2, Ferrill, lovely type and quality, well shown, close race; 3, vhc, Coad, excellent type, wings and tail; 4, Rickard; c, Collins. YELL. TKD.: 1, Ferrill, tick eye, nice bird; 2, Trevena, variegd. good type, grand quality and colour; 3, Collins, tick thigh, shapely, nice colour and quality; vhc, Coad; hc, Sherman; c, Rickard. BUFF: 1, Trevena, good type and quality, nice set wings; 2, Ferrill, another well-made bird, grand colour; 3, Coad, slimmer than winners, lovely quality; vhc, Sherman; hc, Collins; c, Kemp. TICK. BUFF: 1, spl, Rickard, eye and wing mkd., grand type, looking well; 2, Ferrill, tick head, fine size, shape and colour; 3, hc, Coad, lovely type and quality; v, Sherman; c, Collins. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, Rowe and Richards, cl. body D.C., good type and quality, neat crest; 2, Ferrill, variegd. D.C., well-shaped head, good body. CINN.: 1, 2, vhc, Burton, 1st yellow, inclined to be rough, 2nd grand type buff, good quality feather, vhc, some thought an easy 1st; 3, Ferrill, buff, good type and colour, nice wings; hc, Wilkinson; c, Clemo. GROUP 1909: 1, spl, Coad, Nor. grand type and feather, good colour, easy 1st; 2, Richards, Scotch, fine lot, good head and shoulders, carries tail well under; 3, Tippett, Nor., good quality, nice shape; v, Pascoe, Nor.; hc, Oatey and Son, Yorks; c, Webb. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Webb, good colour, nice wings and tail, 3rd nice size; 2, hc, Oatey and Son, two yell., good colour, nice wing carriage. BUFF: 1, 2, Oatey and Son, two grand typical clears, good quality and colour. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Richards, tick. yell. Scots, grand head and shoulders, carries tail well under; 2, West, Liz., nicely spangled; 3, Rowe and Richards, excellent buff Scots, good head and shoulders, moulting. MULE: 1, spl, 2, Collins, six-point, grand eye and wing marks, good colour, 2nd Linnet-Bullie, good cap and breast colour, in lovely condition; 3, Rowe and Richards, dark yell., lovely blaze, fine colour and size. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Rowe and Richards, two grand birds, good blazes, well tanned chests, looking well. SMALL BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, Yellowbunting, good V-mark on head, very steady, 2nd sweet Siskin, lovely colour, nice bib, 3rd fine Bullie, excellent cap and breast; vhc, Clift, Yellowbunting; hc, Oatey and Son, Bullie; c, Ferrill. LARGE: 1, spl, Strout, Starling, nicely mkd., good back; 2, Teague, Lark, fine marks, nice condition. FOR. SMALL: 1, Strout; 2, 3, Woolcock. LARGE: 1, spl, 2, 3, Woolcock. SELL.: 1, Ferrill; 2, Oatey and Son; 3, Rowe and Richards.

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STAVELEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual Nest Feather Show held at Speedwell Inn, Lowgates, July 24th, and great interest was shown in the event. Messrs. G. and A. Dodd showed some grand Yorkies, and Mr. Smith some good Norwich. Mr. Champion (Sheffield) judged, and gave great satisfaction. There was also on view a white Sparrow, which drew great attraction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, G. Dodd; 2, A. Dodd; 3, Globe. BUFF: 1, G. Dodd; 2, 3, Globe. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Weeks; 2, Smith; 3, Brammall; 4, A. Dodd. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Brammall; 3, G. Dodd. MKD. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Smith; 4, G. Dodd; vhc, Weeks.—C. BRAMMALL, Sec.

BOLTON O.S.

Second Table Show of the season for Young Birds, held July 21st, at Joiners' Arms Hotel, when 40 exhibits faced the judge, Mr. James Hopkins, whose awards were favourably received.

YELL. NOR. (9): 1, J. Smith; 2, Allen; 3, Gerrard; vhc, Parkinson; hc, Whittaker; c, Lawton. BUFF (11): 1, c, J. Smith; 2, Allen; 3, Sims and Taylor; vhc, Haslam; hc, Gerrard. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Tootell; 2, Mitchell; 3, Barlow; vhc, c, Brooks; hc, S. Smith. BUFF (7): 1, Mitchell; 2, Barlow; 3, hc, Brooks; vhc, Hatton; c, Tootell. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Parkinson; 2, Hollis. BUFF: 1, Haslam; 2, Hollis; 3, Parkinson. Messrs. J. Smith, J. Grundy, J. Hopkins, and J. Lomax also had a class for the smallest Norwich, the winner to take lot, which proved to be Mr. Grundy, with a green about the size of a Redpoll, much to the satisfaction of the exhibitors present.—H. PARKINSON, Hon. Sec.

MANSFIELD, WOODHOUSE.

Annual show held on the Cricket Ground, July 13th, when Mr. W. Vardy judged the cage bird section to the satisfaction of all. The secretary, Mr. P. L. Farrar, is to be congratulated on a successful show, for the arrangements of which he was mainly responsible.

NOR., YELL., OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, spl, Smith, yell. variegd, leading, good size, type and colour, 2nd yell. tick, grand quality and colour; 3, Barwise, large, but lacking a little in quality; vhc, Hare. BUFF: 1, 3, spl, Smith, 1st cl. buff, grand type, quality, extra good head, 3rd variegd., large; 2, Hare, good cl., well put down; vhc, Barwise. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Hare, good buff Yorks., in fine trim; 2, 3, Carr, 2nd nice yell. Bord., 3rd cl. yellow. Yorks., good bird; vhc, hc, Hymes. YOUNG CAN.: 1, 3, spl, Smith, 1st grand buff tick Nor., lovely type and quality, nice size, 3rd variegd., fine size and colour; 2, Hare, excellent yell. variegd., grand quality and colour; vhc, hc, Hymes, both Yorkshires. BRIT.: 1, 3, spl, Sparkes, 1st extra good Chaffinch, very steady, 3rd fine Greenfinch; 2, Barwise, very nice Goldfinch.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD O.S.

Annual F.F. show, held at the Railway Inn, on July 17th. It was a nice little show, taken all over. The secretary, Mr. J. Smith, carried out his duties excellently. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Butler, 1st good size, extra fine type, 2nd very typical, chubby, looks like a hen; 3, Adnitt and Driver; vhc, Brown. BUFF: 1, vhc, spl, Butler, grand type, quality and colour, extra good head and neck, with luck will make a nice one next feather; 2, Adnitt and Driver, another fine youngster, excellent type, quality and colour; 3, Burton, very nice, good size, well up in quality, close up; vhc, Naylor. YELL. MKD.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, variegd. nice size, quality and colour, wins; 2, Butler, large and good; 3, Dove, nice type; vhc, Smith and Bingley. BUFF: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, large, fine type, quality and colour; 2, Smith and Bingley, grand type, quality and colour; 3, Hibbert, good bird. DARK CREST: 1, spl, Nuttall, nice crest, good size and quality; 2, Clayton; 3, Thompson; vhc, Brown; hc, Naylor. C.B.: 1, spl, Nuttall, nice variegd. buff; 2, Brown; 3, Clayton. MULES: 1, 2, spl, Burton, 1st evenly mkd. Goldfinch and Can., nice size and colour, 2nd dark buff Goldfinch. BRIT.: 1, 2, Butler, good Greenfinch; 2, Linnet, both nice birds. NOVICE, MEMBERS ONLY—YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Parnell. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Parnell.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Third Nest Feather Show held at the Boro' Restaurant on July 21st. Over 100 birds were staged, and the attendance of members and friends was largely in excess of any previous show. In presenting the cups to the winners in each section, the chairman (Mr. C. Dart) said he was pleased to see how popular the nest feather shows had become. He remembered the time (before the cup competitions were started) when only one show was held, and the exhibits rarely reached more than 30. He was especially gratified, as this was the W.C.O.S.'s jubilee year, and hoped that members would endeavour to make the open show an unqualified success. He also reminded us that the society was guaranteeing full prize money with no amalgamation and no cancellation. The winners of cups were as follows, viz.: Yorkshire, Mr. L. S. B. Clark; Norwich, Mr. C. Garland; Crest, Mr. J. Ryder; A.O.V. Canary, Mr. J. Ryder; Mules, M. R. H. Rowe; British and Foreign, Mr. W. A. Dyer. Judges: Yorkshires, Mr. Dyer; Norwich, Mr. Tucker; Crests, Mr. French; A.O.V. Canary and Mules, Mr. T. Deeble; British and Foreign, Mr. Clark.

YORKS. YELL: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Oliver; 4, Jewell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Clark; 4, Oliver. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Garland; 3, Pope. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Garland; 4, Pope. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Ryder; 4, Haskell. C.B.: 1, Parsons; 2, Ryder; 3, Haskell; 4, Richards. CINN.: 1, 2, Ryder; 3, 4, Pope. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Dart; 3, 4, Ryder. MULES, LIGHT: 1, 2, R. H. Rowe. DARK: 1 Brenton. GOLD., ETC.: 1, 4, Large; 2, Wills; 3, Dyer. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Woodland; 2, Pridham; 3, Large; 4, Dyer. A.O.S. SEED-EATER: 1, 2, Wills; 3, 4, Harvey. INSECTIV.: 1, 3, Wills; 2, 4, Dyer. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Dyer; 4, Woodland. LARGE: 1, Large; 2, 3, Dyer.—T. POPE, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show held at Crown Hotel, July 17th. Only 55 birds were staged, many of the members' birds from the earlier rounds were in moult, while the later-hatched birds were not old enough to show. At any rate, this was the reason given by several of the more prominent members, particularly in the Yorkshire section. The Norwich staged by Messrs. Eckersley, Broadhurst, and Collier were very typical, Mr. Eckersley securing special for best Norwich with a cap-marked buff, which, in the opinion of an N.P.C. judge, who initiated the show is one of the best young Norwich exhibited in the Midlands this year. Its proud owner hopes it will prove a worthy successor to the noted "Eclipse." Mr. Collier secured the special for best Yorkshire with a beautiful clear buff, while the special for novice Yorkshire went to Mr. Hughes, who is to be congratulated upon his success, as this was his first attempt on the show bench. A class was provided for Border Fancies; Mr. Edwards put down a team of eight, but had no competition. Mr. W. C. Wells (a member) judged, and his awards were very favourably received.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Broadhurst; 2, Collier; 3, Silvers. BUFF (5): 1, Collier; 2, hc, Broadhurst; 3, Silvers; vhc, Eckersley. TKD. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Broadhurst; 2, 3, Eckersley. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Eckersley; 2, Collier; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, c, Derry; hc, Silvers. CRESTS (1): 1, spl, Harvey. CREST-BRED (1): 1, Harvey. CINN. (2): 1, spl, Silvers; 2, Collier. YORKS. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Caine; 2, Steventon. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Collier; 2, Uzzell; 3, Caine; vhc, Allen; hc, Ankers. TKD. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, Allen; 2, Steventon. BUFF (2): 1, Collier; 2, Uzzell. BORD. FCY. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Edwards. MULE, ETC. (1): 1, Kidner, Goldfinch-Canary. NOVICE NOR. (1): 1, spl, Woodcock. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, 2, Hughes; 3, Caine; vhc, Kidner; hc, c, Stevenson. BRIT. (Old Birds): 1, Kidner, Goldfinch. SELL. (20/-): 1, Kidner, Yorks. (10/-): 1, Derry, Norwich, quickly claimed.—J. H. de MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

First Feather Show held at Carnival Rooms on July 24th. Judge, Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, who gave every satisfaction. The entries numbered 75 in 18 classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Hanson; 2, Maltby; 3, Bracewell. TKD. ETC. (2): 1, Hanson; 2, Maltby. CL. BUFF (4): 1, Johnson; 2, Hanson; 3, Maltby; vhc, Bracewell. TKD. ETC. BUFF (6): 1, Bracewell; 2, Hanson; 3, A. H. Craven; vhc, Maltby; hc, c, Benson. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Johnson; 2, Maltby; 3, Wilson. TKD. ETC. (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Benson; 3, A. H. Craven. CL. BUFF (4): 1, Johnson; 2, Hargreaves; 3, vhc, A. H. Craven. TKD. ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Johnson; 2, Benson; 3, Maltby; hc, c, Wilson. YORKS. SELF GREENS (2): 1, 2, Holdsworth. FOUL (2): 1, 2, Holdsworth. NOR. FOUL (3): 1, 3, Benson; 2, A. H. Craven. YORKS. CINN. MARKS (5): 1, 3, vhc, Tate; 2, Johnson; hc, A. H. Craven. NOVICE YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Hills; 3, hc, c, Pawson; vhc, Firth. BUFF (12): 1, 2, c, Baldwinson; 3, hc, Firth; vhc, Pawson. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Pawson; vhc, Firth. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Pawson; vhc, Firth; hc, c, Walker.—A. H. CRAVEN, Hon. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held in Chestergate Assembly Rooms, on July 10th, and was opened by the Mayoress, Mrs. T. H. Hambleton, who was (as is the custom of the society) presented with a bird and cage. The Rev. E. A. Hohby occupied the chair, and spoke very highly of the cage bird Fancy. Mr. J. Garner (Hazel Grove) judged, and gave general satisfaction. The exhibits numbered 87, a decrease on last year's total.

YELL. COPPY (2): 1, 2, Lee. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Lee. YELL. P.H. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, hc, Lee; 2, Hall; 3, vhc, Cross. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Lee; vhc, Cross. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, 3, Freeman; 2, Broadhead; vhc, Shore; hc, Wallworth; c, Hall. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Shore; 3, Freeman; vhc, Lee; hc, Wallworth; c, Broadhurst. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, spl, Shore; 2, 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Lee; hc, Freeman; c, Broadhead. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, Freeman; 3, Lee; vhc, hc, Shore; c, Broadhurst. YORKS. YELL. CL. (1): Bradley. YELL. TKD. (1): Bradley. CREST (1): Lee. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Lee. GREENIE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Lunt. MULE (1): Shore. NOVICE COPPY TKD., ETC. (1): Postlewaite. P.H. TKD., ETC. (1): Postlewaite. NOR. YELL. CL. (6): 1, spl, Collis; 2, Lunt; 3, Badham; vhc, hc, Hunt; c, Howard. BUFF (3): 1, Lunt; 2, Howard; 3, Hunt. YELL. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Collis; 2, 3, Hunt; vhc, Howard. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Collis; 3, Howard; vhc, hc, c, Swaine. MULE (1): Howard. BRIT. (6): 1, Swaine; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Kay; c, Howard.

MEDWAY C.B.S.

Young Stock Show held in connection with the Rochester F.S., July 21st. This was their second young stock show this year, although only a young society. Some really good Norwich and Britishers were shown. There was a large amount of interest shown among all present, Mr. Acland, their hard-working secretary, being well supported by an active committee. Mr. E. Meades placed the cards, which gave general satisfaction.

CL. NOR. (4): 1, Woodcock, very good all-round Buff; 2, vhc, Hunt, more typical; 3, Dewar, nice bird, bad wing carriage. TICK., ETC. (8): 1, spl for best Can., 2, Woodcock, really good typical Nor., eye and wing marked buff; 2nd, equally as good; 3, vhc, c, Hunt, another nice one; hc, Smith. MULE (4): 1, Acland, very fine Greenie-Can., good size and colour, well staged; 2, Webb, Linnet-Can., should be heard of again; 3, Casemore, Goldie-Can., good one; vhc, Smith. HYB. (2): 1, Casemore, Goldie-Greenie, good size and colour; 2, Acland, another Goldie-Greenie, not in quite so good a condition. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, spl for best British, Wickham, good bird, well in front; 2, Webb, nice bird; 3, Acland, good one. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Wickham, rattling fine one; 2, Casemore, another fine specimen. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Wickham, lovely Linnet, shown in the pink of condition, beautifully laced, sound colour throughout; 2, Casemore, good Siskin, bib and cap, fine markings, well defined; 3, vhc, Webb. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Acland, good Hawfinch, in fine condition, should be heard of again; 2, Wickham, very fine Chaffinch, excellent colour but small; 3, Hunt, Reed Bunting.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Young Bird Show, held July 15th, at the Landor Hall, Landor-road, where no less than 111 exhibits were comfortably and well staged. Mr. A. C. Askew, the indefatigable hon. secretary, deserves every credit for the painstaking manner in which he managed the exhibition. Mr. J. Dobson judged the Canaries, and Mr. A. Silver the British, Hybrid and Foreign birds.

NOR. CL. CHAMP.: 1, Rogers and Mazzoni; 2, 3, Sprules; vhc, hc, Luff; c, Askew. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, Rogers and Mazzoni; 2, vhc, Sprules; hc, c, Woolhouse. CL. NOVICE: 1, c, Priest; 2, vhc, Morris; 3, Emms; hc, Vincent. A.O.V.: 1, spl, hc, Morris; 2, Emms; 3, vhc, c, Priest. YORKS. CL. CHAMP.: 1, spl, Masters; 2, 3, hc, Warley; vhc, Askew. A.O.V.: 1, Warley; 2, Askew; 3, Masters. CL. NOVICE: 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Honeysett; vhc, Masters; hc, Scott. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Honeysett; 2, 3, c, Yeoman; vhc, Masters. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Warley; 2, 3, Morris. CINN.: 1, spl, Miss Tanner. CREST OR C.B. 1, spl, Miss Tanner; 2, Masters. MULE LIGHT: 1, spl, 3, Vale; 2, Masters. DARK: 1, spl, Rogers and Mazzoni; 2, Priest; 3, Askew; vhc, hc, Vale. BRIT.: GOLDFINCH: 1, Brighty; 2, 3, Honeysett; hc, Emms; c, Yeoman. LINNET: 1, spl, Francis; 2, Priest; 3, Askew. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, and 2 spls, Askew; 2, Vale; 3, vhc, Francis. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, spl, Francis; 2, Warley; 3, Priest; vhc, Askew; hc, Vale. BUNTING: 1, spl, vhc, Francis; 2, 3, Sandy; c, Emms. HEN. BRIT.: 1, spl, Francis; 2, Emms; 3, Askew. A.S. NOT HOUSE MOULTED: 1, spl; vhc, Emms; 2, Francis; 3, Brighty; hc, Askew. INSECTIV. SMALL: 1, spl, Francis. LARGE: 1, spl, Francis; 2, Askew; 3, Brighty. HYB. LIGHT: 1, spl, 2, Vale. DARK: 1, spl, 2, Vale; 3; Brighty. FOR.: 1, spl, Sandy.

SANDY LANE AND DIS. C.B.A.

Second Members' Show held on July 24th. Mr. P. Mason judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Wilson. CLASS 2: 1, Wilson; 2, Drake and Son. CLASS 4: 1, Drake and Son. NOVICE CLASS: 1, Buckle; 2, 3, Smith. CLASS 2: 1, 2, 3, Smith. CLASS 3: 1, Whitwham.—B. Buckle, Sec.

TUNSTALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The First Feather Show of this new society was held on July 10th, when Mr. W. Bowyer (Leek) judged, giving every satisfaction. Some excellent birds were staged.

NOR.: Winners, Messrs. Brough, Machin, Averill, and Evans. YORKS: Winners, Messrs. J. Jones, Follows, Lovatt. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Moseley. LINNET: 1, Jephson; 2, Howell. MULE (GOLD FINCH): 1, Moseley. (LINNET): 1, Howell; 2, Moseley. SELL (10/-): 1, Jephson; 2, J. Jones; 3, Moseley.

FROME C.B.S.

Annual show of young birds held July 24th, at Central Mart, when close on 80 birds were staged. Mr. T. R. Ind (Bristol) judged and gave every satisfaction

NOR. (6): 1, 3, hc, c, Pickford; 2, Miss H. Walker; 4, Coombs. YORKS (22): 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Miss Walker; hc, Pope. BORD. (10): 1, c, Dodge; 2, 3, 4, hc, Mrs. Crossing. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, Soltie; hc, c, Stock. LANCS. (3): Soltie. A.O.V. CAN. (14): 1, hc, Coombe; 2, 3, Palmer; 4, c, Dodge. MULE OR HYB.: Cancelled A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, hc, Elliott; 2, Pickford; 3, Welch; 4, Hillier; c, Roddinott.—W. Minty, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Grand show of young Canaries held at headquarters, July 17th, when Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) officiated as judge.

CHAMPION SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 1, 3, 4, Lindbrook; 2, Fortnam; vhc, hc, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Dennison; 2, Fortnam. UNEV., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Lingley. BUFF: 1, Dennison. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 1, Fawcett; 2, vhc, Bateman; 3, Smith; 4, Edmondson; hc, c, Bromham. BUFF: 1, Bromham; 2, 3, Bateman; 4, Edmondson; vhc, Plowright; hc, c, Smith. UNEV., ETC., YELL.: 1, Fawcett; 2, Bateman; 3, Packer; 4, Brown. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, Plowright; 3, vhc, Bromham; 4, hc, Packer. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Birkett; 3, Plowright. BUFF: 1, 2, Bateman; 3, Brown; 4, vhc, c, Plowright; hc, Birkett. A.O.V. BRIT. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Inman. —F. Rhodes, Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Second monthly First Feather Show held July 24th, at Barley Mow Hotel, 57 birds being staged in 12 classes. Some splendid exhibits, both in type and quality, were on view, and the competition was very keen for points for Society's medals. Mr. T. Ogden (Tong) officiated as judge, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

OPEN CLASSES.—CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Firth; 2, Gledhill; 3, Thompson; vhc, Casey. BUFF: 1, 4, Helliwell; 2, 3, Gledhill; vhc, Firth. TKD. YELL.: 1, Firth; 2, Atkinson; 3, Thompson; 4, Bleazard; vhc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Casey; 3, Firth; 4, vhc, Bleazard. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Atkinson; 3, Casey; 4, Clarke; vhc, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, Firth. NOVICE.—CL. YELL.: 1, Robinson and Sharpe; 2, Battersby; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Booth. BUFF: 1, 3, Robinson and Sharpe; 2, Mitchell; 4, vhc, Hargreaves. TKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson and Sharpe; 2, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, 2, Battersby; 3, Robinson and Sharpe. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Booth; 3, 4, Hargreaves.—L. Booth, Sec.

STOCKTON HEATH & DIS. O.S.

First Nest Feather Show held in the Hall Cafe, July 17th. Notwithstanding the severe losses the members have had during the season, doubtless through the many changes in the weather and the society being in its first year, the entries were very favourable and encouraging, both to the exhibitors and officers. The classes were very well filled, especially the Yorkshire and British classes, there being altogether between 50 and 60 birds staged. The judging was in the hands of Mr. W. R. Knowles (Earlestown) and Mr. J. D. Leigh (Warrington), who gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS YELL.: 1, spl., Griffiths; 2, Harper; 3, Langley; vhc, Moss; hc, Bretherton; c, Stout. BUFF: 1, hc, Langley; 2, Bretherton; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Moss; c, Dukes. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Walters. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl., Morison; vhc, hc, Walters; c, Leech. MULE NEST FEATHER: 1, Leech. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Houghton; 2, Taylor. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Moss; 2, hc, Langley; 3, Dukes. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Collins; 2, 3, spl., Houghton; vhc, Moss; hc, Taylor; c, Langley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Houghton; 3, Collins. FOR.: 1, Ashdown; 2, Hughes. COTTAGE SINGING: 1, Dumbaran; 2, Parker; 3, Allen. Winner of Hyde's special, E. Harper.—Benj. Moss.

SOUTHAMPTON O.S.

This society, which was only inaugurated in January this year, is making capital progress. There are over 20 members, thorough keen fanciers, and it is evident they intend to make the Fancy "look up" again, and be what it was 30 years ago in this district. The society has held two table shows already, and had a long ramble in the New Forest; other rambles have also been arranged. The third show was held on July 21st, this time on the secretary's (Mr. Parmiter's) lawn. This gentleman had a capital lot of staging fixed to one of the side walls, and here the little feathered friends basked in the sunshine and sang to their heart's content. Mrs. Parmiter, too, was in evidence, and looked after the creature comforts of the visitors, tea and light refreshments being provided. Among the company we noticed Mr. J. Newman (Chairman), Messrs. Fellowes, Hamblyn, Parkes, Pride, Guy, Holloway, Harvey, S. White, etc., and a good many ladies. Most of the classes were for young birds of this year. Specials by Mr. Chand for the two best British exhibits were won by Mr. Fellowes with two really good specimens, Goldfinch and Bullfinch; ditto for two best Foreign exhibits, presented by Mr. Fellowes, Messrs. Flintoff (Weaver), and Mr. Parmiter (Whydah). Special for best Canary, Mr. Parkes, with a good straight Yellow Yorkshire. Mr. and Mrs. Parmiter deserve hearty congratulations and thanks for the splendid arrangements they made for the feathered favourites and for the comfort of the visitors. Mr. G. T. Webb judged.

PLAINHEAD NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Fellowes, three good specimens, 1st good cobby yell., another three weeks will show great improvement; 2nd, buff, rough in tail. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Mouncher. YORKS. CL.: 1, Parkes, yell., promising yell., commenced moulting, consequently show slight hollowness in neck; 2, Fellowes, baby buff, will undoubtedly improve; 3, Parkes, really good bird with the exception that at times carries wings badly. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Parkes, 1st buff, good Yorks., nice feather, neat; 2nd, cinn. mkd., long straight bird. MULES: 1, 3, Hamlyn, two baby varieg. Goldfinch-Can. Mules, good size, well shown; 2, Fellowes, Goldie, dark, fine shape and feather. MULES, OLD: 1, Mr. Hamlyn's beautiful variegated yell., in the pink of condition. BULLFINCH, ETC.: Good class; 1, spl, Fellowes, grand-coloured Bullie, splendid cup and wing bars; 2, Flintoff, Bullie, close on winner; 3, Flintoff, massive Greenfinch, lovely colour; vhc, Holloway. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Fellowes, 1st really good Goldie, grand blaze, in splendid condition; 3rd, steady rose Linnet, well shown; 3, White, another good Goldie, good blaze and steady. FOR.: 1, spl, Flintoff, grand Bishop, in good colour and condition; 2, spl, Parmiter, Whydah, nicely marked; 3, Flintoff, Java Sparrow. CAN. A.O.V. OLD: 1, spl, Parkes, long fine Yell. Yorks.; 2, Fellowes, grand feathered Crest-bred; 3, Harvey, Plainhead Nor., cobby, with good neck; vhc (2), Hamblyn, two good Crest-breds; hc, Harvey, large Cinn.; hc, Hamblyn. NOR. SELL.: 1, Mouncher; 2, vhc, Parkes.

GUISBRO' AND DIS. PRIORY C.B.S.

Annual First Feather Show held on July 17th at headquarters. Mr. A. Wake, of Middlesbrough, judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. Yorkshires turned up well with 17 entries, amongst them some promising youngsters.

YORKS.: 1, Mays; 2, Hood; 3, Cook. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Atkinson. BORD.: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Knaggs. MULES: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Jackson.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, held July 24th. Mr. A. Jowett awarded the prizes and gave general satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CLASS 1: 1, Sykes; 2, Bentley; 3, Messrs. Hartley; 4, Self. CLASS 2: 1, Sykes; 2, 3, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 3: 1, 4, vhc, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Self; 3, Bentley. CLASS 4: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, 3, 4, Lister. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Bentley; 3, Lster; 4, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Self; 3, 4, Messrs. Hartley. NOVICE SECTION.—CLASS 1: 1, Hunter; 2, Howlett; 3, Rawnsley. CLASS 2: 1, Self; 2, Oliver. CLASS 3: 1, 2, Gibson; 3, Stansfield; 4, Oliver. CLASS 4: 1, 3, Stansfield; 2, Oliver; 4, Howlett. CLASS 5: 1, Hunter. CLASS 6: 1, Self; 2, 3, 4, Gibson.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEE-SIDE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show held July 24th in Crown Hotel. The entries came up well—66 birds in 11 classes. The attendance was very good, including a great many fanciers from the surrounding districts. Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby) judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS CL.: 1, 2, hc, Rand; 3, 4, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, c, Thompson. MKD.: 1, 3, Rand; 2, vhc, Rev. Wilton; 4, Thompson. NOR. CL.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Wake and Carr; 2, Watson; 3, Greenfield; c, Hanson and Lancaster. MKD.: 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Wakes and Carr; 3, Watson; vhc, Greenfield. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, c, Rev. Wilton; 2, 3, hc, Gibson; 4, Mallory. MULE: 1, 2, Wells; 3, 4, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster. LINNET: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Hanson and Lancaster. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Thompson; 2, Rev. Wilton; 3, Hanson and Lancaster. GREENFINCH: 1, vhc, Rev. Wilton; 2, Salmon; 3, Mallory; 4, Thompson; hc, Hanson and Lancaster. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, hc, Mallory; 3, Rev. Wilton; 4, vhc, Salmon; c, Wake and Carr. A.O.S. BRIT. SEEDEATER: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Mallery; 3, Rev. Wilton; 4, Salmon; vhc, Hanson and Lancaster. The members' silver cup, given by Mr. Carr, was won by Rev. B. Wilton for most points for year. This was the second time in succession.—Arthur Wake, Hon. Sec.

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GRIMSBY AND DIS. C.S.

Third Nest Feather Show of the season held July 19th, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding. Mr. Pepper (Hull) judged, and his awards as usual pleased everyone, and a vote of thanks was given him.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Moore; 3, vhc, Stubbs; c, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Moore; 2, vhc, Stubbs. YELL. NOV.: 1, vhc, Harding; 2, Metcalf; 3, Robinson, jun. BUFF: 1, 2, Pell; 3, hc, Harding; vhc, c, Wood. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, Saddler; 2, c, Cartwright, jun. MULE: 1, 2, Jacklin. FOR.: 1, Moore, jun. Mr. R. Nightingale will present a special prize for the best bird shown by a novice at our next Nest Feather Show.—H. Harding.

SOUTH SHIELDS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual F.F. Show held in North Eastern Hotel, July 24th. Entries did not come up to expectations, possibly on account of the poor breeding season, and the prize money being paid on the sliding scale, which we think a failure as far as entries are concerned; four of the 21 classes had to be cancelled, and many others received poor support. Norwich were the feature of the show, with 28 in two classes. Yorkshires and Linnets were very fair. Mr. Jos. Richardson won special for best Canary in show, while Mr. Wm. Thompson won those for most entries, best British, and most points, only beating Mr. Duke by one point for the latter. Other specials were won by Messrs. Carrick, Baker, Woodhouse, and Barrass. Mr. Walker Smith judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Coltman; 2, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Coltman; 3, Baker. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Blackburn. BUFF: 1, 2, Hutler; 3, Thompson. BORD.: 1, Duke. CINN.: 1, 2, Duke. CREST: 1, Duke. C.B.: 1, Duke. LIZ.: 1, Barrass. A.O.V.: 1, Duke. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Baker. LINNET: 1, Thompson; 2, Duke; 3, Dixon. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Bullock. GREENFINCH: 1, Carrick. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Woodhouse. FOR.: 1, 2, Woodhouse.—Jas. Barrass, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Nest Feather Show, held July 24th, in the Trade Union Hall, 4, Renshaw-street, Liverpool. A good turn up of self yellow and self buff Yorkshire greens appeared, and some very promising youngsters were shown. The foul yellows and buffs were not numerous, owing to many being deep in moult. Norwich greens were nice, though several of the cracks did not show theirs. We hear some clinking youngsters have been bred by some of them. Yorkshires were very fine in style and quality, and a few of these should be heard of again. Norwich and Borders were few, and some of the classes were grouped. Britishers were put into one class, and here we saw a very fine Linnet winning. Over 80 birds were shown, and compared well with last year's. There was a good turn-up of fanciers, and amongst visitors from other parts we noticed Messrs. Wagstaffe and Cherry (Barrow-in-Furness), R. Little (St. Helens), Brunskill (Middlesboro), Pickup and W. Simpson (Yorkshire). A very good list of specials was given, and the champion specials were won by Messrs. Hadwin, Hawkes, Walker, W. Simpson, S. Andrews, and J. W. Brundell; novices' specials were won by Messrs. J. Lloyd, G. Western, J. Richardson, J. Dickinson, D. McDougall, and P. Bell. Mr. Hadwin, the secretary, had matters in hand in his usual style. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were very well received.

YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (12), very pretty lot, most of them above average merit: 1, J. Lloyd, novice, fine shape and style, good size, rare dark points, deep level flow of colour right through, neat stand, good wing carriage; 2, J. P. White, shade smaller and finer, similar colour and other qualities to 1st; 3, Western, very pretty colour and type, good yellow; vhc, Simpson; hc, Brundell; c, J. Dickinson. SELF BUFF (12), a very strong, level class: 1, Western, rare size, type and colour markings, well up, in fine condition; 2, McDougall, very fine quality, good, sound colour and type, neat carriage, solid feather and condition; 3, Hawks, fine, deep colour, good feather; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Simpson; c, Richardson. FOUL YELL.: 1, Hawkes, clinking colour, sound all through, rare type and feather, should moult into a sound, good bird; 2, Yates, nice hird. BUFF: 1, Brundell, good quality and type, nice, soft tone of colour, A1 carriage and condition; 2, McDougall, another fine bird; 3, Hawkes, nice type. YELL. (green to predominate): 1, J. Lloyd, foul wing, tail and sides, A1 shape, colour, quality and condition; 2, Hawkes, very heavily fouled, larger, good colour; 3, Dickinson, nicely drawn, fine colour. BUFF: 1, Hadwin, foul wing, tail and sides, nice feather and condition; 2, Simpson, very deep colour, might be a yell., but got benefit of any doubt of it; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Brundell. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Walker, large good type, A1 colour, nice quality, dark points, in solid condition; 2, Hadwin, rare good colour and shape, nice, smooth feather and condition. BUFF: 1, Walker, big, broad-set bird, fine head and chest, good sound colour; 2, Hadwin, beautiful silky feather, fine colour, shape and markings, gem for neatness, etc. FOUL YELL, ETC.: 1, Andrews, very strong colour, heavily fouled, a yellow, nice type, lovely quality and condition; 2, Walker, foul tail, buff, fine shape, nice colour and feather; 3, R. Jenkins, foul wing and tail, yell., good shape, nice condition. BUFF (green to predominate): 1, Walker, big bird; 2, Jenkins, smaller, fine in type, etc. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Hadwin, big raking bird, good carriage grand style and stand; 2, Hawkes, very neat in shape, lost some tail feathers, good stand; 3, Bell, fine shape and style, but was crossing wings somewhat. BUFF: 1, Duncan, fine in quality, breed and position, good feather, and tight condition, well up on leg; 2, Hadwin, good type, nice quality; 3, (we missed name), was a bit soft in condition. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bell, eye and wing mkd., good length, rare style and position, finely drawn, A1 quality; 2, Fox, tkd. left wing, nice bird. BUFF: 1, Bell, tkd. neck, well up on legs, grand style, well finished; 2, Fox, tkd. neck and right wing, good quality when tight. CINN TICK. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Hadwin, very nice, slim, good-coloured trio, all in nice feather and condition; 3, Hawkes, very nicely mkd. bird, good quality of feather, and nice condition. BUFF: 1, Hawkes; 2, Hadwin, 1st largest, 2nd best colour, both in good feather and nice condition. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Lloyd, pretty cl., grand, cobby shape, good colour, fine carriage and condition, medium size; 2, Dickinson, varieg., nice size, colour, quality, etc.; 3, Hadwin, very cobby type. BUFF: 1, Andrews, big, young cl., grand shape, good quality of feather; 2, Hadwin, heavy varieg, nice colour, type and sound condition; 3, Dickinson, varieg, nice quality. BORD.: 1, Walker, eye and wing mkd., neat type, rare jaunty carriage, tight condition; 2, Andrews, cl., very neat and compact; 3, Walker, good eye and wing tkd. bird; vhc, Hadwin. A.O.V.: 1, Hawkes; 2, Simpson, both self cinn. Yorks. type, nice condition. SELL.: 1, 3, Hawkes; 2, vhc, Hadwin. BRIT.: 1, Richardson, grand type Linnet to work off moult for show, A1 shape and all over like to make good one; 2, Same Owner, Goldie, good tan and blaze; 3, vhc, Lloyd, good Bullie and a Goldie.

Country Rambles

York Cage Bird Society.

Annual outing took place on July 25th, the place selected being Castle Howard. The party numbered about 20, and left York at 9.57, arriving at Castle Howard at 10.25. With Mr. Young as guide, they proceeded to Welburn by way of Castle Howard School, where lunch was partaken of. After lunch the journey was resumed through the beautiful park to the Castle, Welburn being reached about 4.30, where an excellent tea was provided by Mr. Thompson, of the Temperance Hotel. After tea the party wended their way to Barton Hill via Whitwell, which was a pleasant walk, and numerous birds were seen; every one would have liked a sample of them had it been convenient for them to have had it. After having had a most enjoyable day, we arrived at York about 9.20.—A. Waud, hon. secretary.

The Young Naturalist.

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*A Kindly Sparrow.

One cold morning while feeding the birds I saw one of many Sparrows come and pick up a piece of bread and fly off with it to a Robin perched on a tree near by. The poor little Robin had broken its leg and could not get its food itself.—Sent by Mabel Dunn (age 14), 17, Stanley Street, Darlington.

*A Cuckoo Story.

"Ah!" said the voluble passenger on a tramcar, "I remember the time when all about here was verdant green and the Cuckoo used to build her nest." "Indeed," answered a fellow passenger, "but it must have been a singular Cuckoo, that." "Why so," returned the other, "do you doubt it?" "No," was the reply, "but it's the first Cuckoo I ever heard of that built its nest nest anywhere."—Sent by Lilian Watson (age 12), 56, Willow Street, Bradford.

**A Parrot Gives Orders.

A doctor who lives in our town had a Parrot which was kept in a room through which people had to pass on their way to the surgery. The bird had become so used to hearing the servants tell the boys to wipe their boots and take their caps off, that on one occasion when a farm lad came it called out, "Clean your boots, and take your cap off, please."—Sent by F. B. White (age 14), 35, Clarence Street, Haverton Hill, Middlesbrough.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-st., Leeds, July 24th: 1 Stead, 2 Sissons, 3 Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and W. Naylor. Also on July 25th, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. F. Summers and B. Mawson, and some good singing was heard: 1 Sissons, 2 Wigfield, 3 Stead.—Wilson Naylor, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 18 birds competed. Result: 1st, Gurden; 2nd, Skelton; 3rd, Palmer; 4th, Spence. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Smith.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Ackworth.—Aug. 12, Ackworth House Grounds.—Judge, Mr. T. Walton. 4 p.m. Classes: Can. 2, Brit. 2. Prizes, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 6d. Entries close Aug. 7, to W. H. Vere, Elmwood-terrace, Moor Top.

Chipping, Sodbury (15 mile radius).—Aug. 12. 4 Open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Aug. 9 to E. T. Brown, School House, Yate.

Kingswood.—Aug. 25.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 14 Open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Aug. 18 to A. E. Bole, Kingswood, Bristol.

Goole, August 19th, Victoria Pleasure Grounds.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose.—5 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 1, For. 1, and local 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close August 14th to T. D. Clegg, The Arcade Sale Rooms, Goole.

Radstock (C.B.U.), August 18.—Judge, Mr. E. A. Lovell.—6 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, and 6 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Aug. 11th to B. M. Clark, Foxhills, Radstock.

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Class 14 (Buff Cinnamons) of Houghton-le-Spring First Feather Show should read first Robinson, and not Fenwick, writes Mr. Robinson (Houghton-le-Spring).

Will secretaries please note my change of address to 15, Myrtle Avenue, Wiverton Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham, writes Mr. Harry Davis.

The Oxford Fanciers' Society's great annual show is to be held, we hear, on October 7th, in the Corn Exchange. There will be 28 classes for cage birds.

I am pleased to report that I have had a very heavy bird-breeding season, writes Mr. E. Steed (Lee, S.E.). I have bred 91 youngsters, all Norwich, from 18 pairs.

Owing to his leaving the district, Mr. D. Marsden has been compelled to resign our secretaryship, writes Mr. H. Martin, of 11, Marlboro' Road, Shipley, who has been elected as his successor.

We have decided to hold our back end show on November 13th, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, hon. secretary of the Heywood and District O.S., and we have engaged Mr. Robt. Barrass, of Rochdale, to judge.

Kindly note change of my address, writes Mr. W. Downing, to "The Hollies," 25, Polygon Avenue, Stockport Road, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, where I shall be pleased to see or hear from both old and new friends.

The Southall and District C.B.S. have issued a card of rules, a copy of which every member and intending member of this new society should see he possesses. The secretary is Mr. T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Road, Southall, Middlesex.

Mr. A. P. Blathwayth writes from The Grange, Northwood, Middlesex, to "The Times," that a flock of about 50 Crossbills has taken possession of the larch trees in his grounds, beneath which are strewn large quantities of cones nibbled off just below their base.

I wish to thank all who answered by advertisement re Bullfinch and Yellow Bunting in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. Rosser (Brixham). All letters with stamps I answered. We returned all orders. Birds were claimed on the Saturday morning first post.

The members of the Civil Service F.A., the Ealing, Hanwell F.S., the East Ham F.S., the Islington F.A., and the South Metropolitan F.A., will receive a copy of the rules of the Grand United Metropolitan Show from their secretaries in the course of a few days, writes Mr. A. Watson, the hon. secretary.

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In my report of Dulwich O.S. Young Bird Show, I much regret Mr. P. G. Sprules was not mentioned as a winner, writes Mr. S. J. Kent, the hon. secretary. This enthusiastic fancier came second to the winner in marked Norwich, with a grand specimen, and also secured several other prizes. Mr. J. Foster (Thornton Heath) has been elected to the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. Parker to Margate.

Will the readers of your excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, kindly note that I have been elected secretary of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., in the place of Mr. C. Draper resigned, writes Mr. J. E. Wood. All communications should therefore be addressed to me, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse, Leicester. Members please note that the meetings in August will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers to attend our meetings at the White Swan, Market Place.

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Our First Feather Show will be held on August 7th, writes Mr. H. Martin, hon. secretary of the Shipley O.S.

Mr. A. Wakefield asks us to notify his change of address to 20, Licorpond Street, Boston, Lincs.

Will secretaries please note that my address for the future will be 66, Napier Road, instead of 74, Napier Road, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S.

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B., as submitted by the secretary, shows a cash balance of £36 3s. 3d., as against £26 3s. 10d. at the corresponding period of 1908.

We learn that the "Bristol Echo" has presented several "pieces of plate" for competition at some of the local livestock shows, the annual event of the Bristol Cage Bird Society being amongst these. It is offered for the best cage-bird, and the conditions read: "Exhibits must be bred in 1909 by the exhibitor, and must not be catalogued at a price over £3."

The annual members' show of the Carmarthenshire C.B.S., writes Mr. Fred King the hon. secretary, is to be held at the Plough Hotel, August 5th, when 21 classes will be provided. Will all members make what entries they can so that we may have a decent show? If any member has been over-looked in the sending out of schedules will he please apply to me at once?

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the August Bank-Holiday, the offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Saturday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, August 3rd, certain.

I have read with interest the various notes in CAGE BIRDS relating to the success of various fanciers, and I could not help sending you the following report of my own success this season. This is my first year in the Canary Fancy. I started with two hens and one cock bird. From the first round I had nine young birds, and from the second round I have seven young birds—all doing well. Sixteen young ones in all from the two hens I think seems, from what I have read, to be a record. Am now just finishing my third round, and if my success continues, I shall certainly have a room-ful. All I know I have learned simply through reading our popular paper, CAGE BIRDS.—C. PLEASANCE (Castleton).

At the meeting of Larkhall C.B.A., held on July 17th, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: That we, the members of the Larkhall C.B.A., desire to thank the Editor of CAGE BIRDS for the very able manner in which he is investigating the Bathgate disqualification case, and they hope he will not let the matter rest until the guilt is brought home to the right party. We appreciate the thorough manner in which the evidence is being obtained for both sides; and the publicity given to same shows that there is no desire to screen any party, but to make a stand in the cause of all honest exhibitors, which should have the approval and support of all right-minded fanciers. The secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Editor, and to wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—JAS. POLLOCK, secretary, Larkhall C.B.A.

The Cuckoo in Southern Europe.

In Southern Europe the Orphean Warbler is the victim mostly selected by the Cuckoo as a future foster parent for its young. The single egg deposited by the larger bird is almost an exact copy of that of the Warbler. So similar is this that many well-known ornithologists have doubted if in every case the egg is that of the Cuckoo, but a larger type of the Warbler's.

White Birds.

For some years past a white Blackbird has been observed in Jesmond Dene, Newcastle (says the "Newcastle Chronicle"), but its appearance from year to year has been so persistent that one is inclined to think that more than one of the same kind bas been hatched in the neighbourhood. The Dene is a paradise for birds, and they are less likely to meet an untimely fate there than even in the open country, because shooting and bird-nesting are strictly forbidden. There is usually an abundance of berries for them to feed upon at certain periods of the year, and some of them become so tame that they hop about on the footpaths in the presence of visitors.

The Engine Driver's Sparrow.

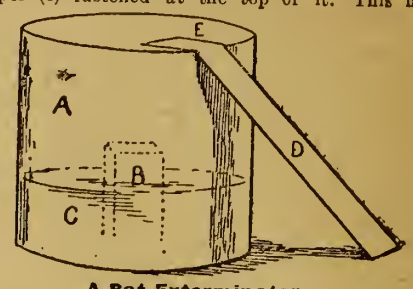
Can any of our wild birds' friends beat this? asks a correspondent in a Staffordshire paper. When the engines arrive at Froghall at 6.45 a.m. to shunt, and place the waggons for loading the limestone, a Sparrow comes every morning to be fed. It alights on the beading of the water tank, and dees a "mareh" until it arrives on the tank board for its breakfast. It will ride about on the engine when it is moving. It never alights on the hot injector or feed pipes. If the fireman takes no notice, it will go on the rack of the coal bunker, walk round, and come to the top of the food basket, and look in, as much as to say, "Now then, let me be having some." It will make about seven journeys to its nest, and the men do not see it again until about 11.30 a.m. Then the same performance goes on again. The men that feed the Sparrow are Stoke and Fenton men, and there is a link of six engines that do this work at Froghall, which means twelve different men, and they all in their turn take pieces of bread for this local Sparrow.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 330.
A Rat Exterminator.
Sent by W. W. Challis, 7, Downing Place, Cambridge.

The enclosed illustration shows a tub (a) in which a brick (b) has been placed on end; and water (c) which comes within an inch of the top of brick. The sketch also shows a piece of wood (d), and a piece of stiff brown paper (e) fastened at the top of it. This is

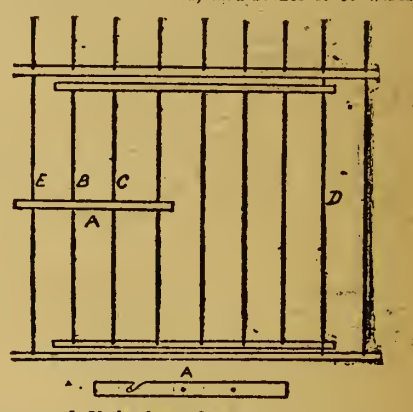


A Rat Exterminator.

placed against the tub so as to allow the rat to get to the paper on which is placed some seed. What happens is this: the rat finds his way up the board to the seed, which is placed on the paper, and he then falls into the water in the tub. He climbs to the top of brick and calls for help. The others hear him, and go to the rescue, and likewise fall in. Then a struggle commences, and eventually they are all drowned.—W. W. CHALLIS.

No. 331.
A Noiseless Door.
Sent by Mr. C. F. Killick, 4, Cadogan Place, Linthorpe, Middlesbro'.

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Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Hinks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.

Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229. Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J.Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94. Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).

Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)

Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.

Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson. 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.

Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J.H., G.H., J.B., D.L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.D.S.**—(J. Bx. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.

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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.H., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson Ro Wen, Talycafn).

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 59, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr Swansea.)

Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins. 43. John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.

Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

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Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—V. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.)

Nov. 25 & 26.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Southall C.B.S.—Aug. 9, St. John's Schools, 8. Show business, etc.; postponed from Aug. 2, owing to Bank Holiday.—T. G. Jeffery.

Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 3, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. —W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 7, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30 Important.—W. Reid.

Stirling O.S.—Aug. 7, Douglas Hotel, 8.—G. Hislop.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Sale Open O.S.—Aug. 9, Technical School, 8. Owing to our meeting night falling on Bank Holiday, the meeting will be held over until Aug. 9.—J. Irlam.

Stockton Heath O.S.—Aug. 12, Hall Cafe, 7.30.—B. Moss.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show young birds, open to members; will members please bring or send ticket; money for nest feather show.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Shipley O.S.—Aug. 3, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. —H. Martin.

Uddingston O.S.—July 31, Tunnochs Hall, 5. Young bird show; one class each Scotch, Nor., Bor., Common, Mule; Mr. Brownlee is expected to judge.—J. Kilpatrick.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Fairhaven Institute, Liscard, 8. Discussion on Moulting and Colour Feeding.—W. Mallinson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—There will be no meeting on Aug. 3, owing to holidays.—Duffield and Jennings.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 31. Horse Groom Inn, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Townend.—E. W. Johnson.

West London F.A.—Aug. 5, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., will lecture.—J. Dewhurst.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Aug. 4.—**Vaynol Park (Port Dinorwic).** W. T. Davies, "Ferndale," Port Dinorwic.

Aug. 3.—(1st post).—**Runcorn.** C. Hardy, 10, Arthur Street.

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Ardwick C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. J. Spencer.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Prize money on Nest Feather and annual schedule. Elliott and Wood.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheet for F.F. Show, Yorks. Union books.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Round House Inn, 8. Members' show business.—F. Mitchell.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Aug. 2, F.F. Show, birds to be staged 2.30; silver-plated cup for most points. General meeting, Aug. 4, 8. Report of committee; payment of prize money for F.F.S., arrangements for next ramble; specials for annual show.—J. Bell.

Bristol C.B.S.—Aug. 11, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Schedule for forthcoming open show, special prize list.—W. H. Manley.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. An address by Mr. G. Graham (Newcastle) on Mule and Hybrid Breeding.—G. Havver.

Bolton O.S.—Aug. 2, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Open Show.—H. Parkinson.

Bury C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Textile Hall, 7.30. Classes for Autumn Show.—H. Jameson.

City of Bradford.—July 31st, Flying Dutchman, 8. To arrange syllabus for winter, and other important business.—F. Rhodes.

Chester C.B.F.S.—Aug. 3, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Usual business, and to discuss special prize list for Old Bird Show. J. Swindley.

City of Birmingham.—Aug. 4, Craven Hotel, 8.30. —J. H. deMaillet.

City and County of Perth.—Aug 2, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8.—J. Kerr.

Carmarthenshire F. and C.B.S.—Annual Members' Show, Aug. 5, Plough Hotel; 21 classes.—F. King.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Aug. 4, Crown Hotel Club Room, 7. Open Show business.—Bird and Siddle.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 9 (owing to Bank Holiday), 8.30 sharp. Distribution of specials and prize monies won at Young Bird Show. Please attend early.—A. C. Askew.

Crewe O.S.—Aug. 3, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Nov. members' show, balance-sheet of Young Stock, etc., etc.—T. L. Hancock.

Dalton C.B.A.—Aug. 7, in connection with members 'show.—E. Shelly.

Denholme and Thornton.—Aug. 3, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—July 31, Royal Hotel, 8. Members' F.F. Show; judge, H. J. Chittenden (Bradford).—N. Rayner.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 31, Half Moon Hotel, 8. Table Show, Nest Feather, classes: Can. 5, Brit. 5; judge, Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough).—W. Underwood.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 30, Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for Members' Show on July 31; birds staged at 2.30; judge, Mr. C. Whiting.—T. E. Elsegood.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Members please note there will be no meeting during August, owing to the bowling feast.—L. Booth.

Great Harwood C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Cotter Town Gate, 8.—J. Wilson.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—Aug. 4, Co-operative Halls, 7.30. Election of judges; consideration of Club show, and general business; elect new members.—J. Forrester.

Great Horton, Good Intent.—July 31, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. A. Holden, and distribution of York's Union year books.—H. Schofield.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 31, Crown Inn, 7. Arrangements for classes for Open Show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hotel, N.W., 8.30. Distribution of special prizes won at young stock show, and paper by Mr. W. G. Dickson, on the Roller Canary. Roller fanciers welcomed.—G. H. Neal.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Y.M.C.A., 8. Open show business.—J. W. Papple.

Inverness O.A.—July 30, Crown Mission Hall, 7.30. Final arrangements for young bird show; entries received till 10 p.m.—A. Urquhart.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 4, Railway Hotel, 8.—A. Bottomley.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Aug. 1, New Surrey Arms Hotel, High Street West, Glossop, 6. Mr. S. R. Compston will give a lecture on the Liz. Can. Cheap excursions, 6d. return, Manchester to Glossop.—J. Rukin.

Leyton C.B.A.—July 31, Head Quarters. Young stock show, open 1.30 to 9.30; judge, Mr. J. Robson. —B. F. Forse.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side.—Aug. 7, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for open show; very important.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—July 31, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30. Second F.F. Show; birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—R. H. Turner.

Middleton O.S.—Aug. 2, Old Boar's Head, 8. Balance sheet of young bird show; selecting room for back end show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Voser Rooms, 7.30. Important show business.—E. Cowling.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Lecture on the Romances of British Bird Life, by Mr. Birchley; fanciers and friends welcomed.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nottingham and Notts.—August meeting postponed till further notice.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Headquarters, 8. F.F. show, prize money.—T. H. Tiffen.

Otley O.S.—July 31, Queen's Head, 8.—C. Thornton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—July 31, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Pudsey Stanningley O.S.—Aug. 7, Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. S. Wilcock. —J. Butler.

Partick C.B.C.—Aug. 6, Trades Halls, 8. Distribution of special prizes and general business arrangements for annual show, etc.—J. Henderson.

Preston O.S.—Aug. 5. Prize money and cards for late show; auditor's report for 1908; also secretary's half-yearly report.—R. Taylor.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 31. Members' show; judge, Mr. E. B. Denton (Windhill); birds to be staged in Baptist School not later than 2.30. Meeting, same place, Aug. 3, 8. Business important.—W. Jagger.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 31, St. George's Hall, 8. Subscriptions, etc.—G. Oakes.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Aug 4, Temperance Club, 8.—W. Adams.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Weak Hind Toe.

"Bingo."—No, you must not follow that advice, as it would only make your bird's toe worse. Get two small saucers; fill one with fairly hot water, and the other with cold water. If a little common salt is dissolved in the cold water, or even a chip of ice, it will be all the better. Now catch the bird, and, having the saucers side by side, immerse the foot in the hot water; hold it in for a minute or so, and then remove it and put it in the cold water for about the same length of time. Repeat these changes three or four times in succession, but be careful to finish up finally in the cold water. Dry the foot and brush it over with a feather moistened with Friar's Balsam before returning bird to cage. Repeat the treatment, if necessary, three or four times at intervals of about four days. See it has well-fitting and rather thin perches in its cage.

Young Birds Ailing.

A.P.D.—It is quite probable the young may be just about dropping into moult, but you give little data to found an opinion on. If the birds have not yet commenced to drop any feathers feed on a staple of plain Canary. Give a little summer rape separately each day; say, about a teaspoonful between every three birds. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of egg-food per bird strewn with a pinch of maw seed, and vary this about three times in the fortnight by substituting for it an equivalent amount of bread scalded with milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw. On each alternate day between giving soft food give a little freshly-gathered chickweed, groundsel heads, or plantain stalks. Supply clean, gritty sand regularly, and keep cages clean, free from draughts, but see they have plenty of fresh pure air, and that they are perfectly free from red mites. Let them bathe freely when disposed. Add twenty drops whiskey and as much Epsom salts, for two or three days, as will cover a sixpence, to the drinking water.

Bare of Feathers.

"Darkie."—I suspect the bird is an old one; in that case there will probably be very little improvement. Your feeding is not very good, so your best plan is to adopt a rational and wholesome method of feeding; exercise boundless patience; and trust to nature to remedy the defective plumage when the bird moults. As that event should soon be taking place, you may not have very long to wait; but, early or late, you must not expect any material improvement before. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and twice a week give a little maw seed separately, on two other days a small piece of bread soaked in scalded milk, pressed nearly dry and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar. This may be occasionally varied by giving a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake instead. Also dust it over slightly each time from now until the moult has taken place with a mixture of two parts of flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give a little seedy groundsel, chickweed, or shepherd's-purse daily. Keep cage very clean, well supplied with gritty sand, perfectly free from insect pests, out of reach of draughts, and in a pure fresh atmosphere. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid twice each week for the next month. Encourage it to bathe freely. You may occasionally slightly smear the bare places with sulphur ointment, though this is not essential.

Unnatural Feather.

Headingly, Leeds.—Without seeing the bird I could not say definitely what had caused the unnatural growth of feathers of which you sent an example. I feel inclined to think the bird had injured the quills in some way whilst in the "blood" stage, if I may so express it, and caused two or more quills to coalesce, but as you say there seemed a lot of matter at the root it is also likely that a small abscess had formed. Had you very gently pressed out the matter, bathed the place in a warm solution of permanganate of potash, and just touched it with a little carbolised vaseline, it would probably have gone on all right. As more quills have doubtless started growth by this time I would advise you to leave them alone beyond touching the base of the quills with a slight smearing of castor oil if there appears any soreness there. When the feathers has reached its full growth it will dry up and drop out—that is, if it should be another of this kind. Give the bird a few grains of Epsom salts for a day or two.

More Rough than Ruffle.

"Ruffle."—I cannot quite understand what the small knots of feathers you say came down the bird's back last moulting time are like—that is, whether they are abnormal feathers, or simply isolated small patches of natural ones surrounded by naked places. Neither do you say how the bird is kept and fed, nor whether they are young or old, which are all important points. I can, therefore, only give you general directions, which you may carry out for, say, a month, and then write saying what effect the treatment has had, giving above particulars at same time. First examine cage carefully to see if it is infested with red mites, and, if so, these must be thoroughly eradicated. Keep cage free from draughts and in a pure fresh atmosphere, being careful to see it does not hang over a burning lamp or gas jet in the evening. Feed and treat as advised to "Darkie"; give a little clean, gritty sand in the cage regularly; encourage it to bathe freely, and occasionally add a few crystals of permanganate of potash to the bathing water. When it begins to moult keep it in a nice warm place to encourage a rapid moult and free feather growth.

Two Ailing Young.

Mabelle.—(1) I fear this bird has "booked its passage" for another sphere. It is evidently the weakling of the brood, and has probably been somewhat starved by its stronger brothers and sisters. Still, one should not lose hope. Cage the bird by itself for a time until it has gained strength. Keep it out of reach of draughts, but in a well ventilated place. Keep cage clean, free from any trace of insect pests, and strewn with clean, gritty sand. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one of summer rape as a staple, three times a week give a few grains of hemp, and every second day for a fortnight give a small piece of bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and lightly sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two consecutive days, and every second day afterwards for the rest of the week, and on the alternate days in the latter stage give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Your surmise about the cause of the illness is probably wrong; if it were not, why are not the other four similarly affected? (2) Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in two tablespoonfuls of hot water. When it is quite cold put one or two drops of the solution in this bird's eyes each day until the inflamed appearance has left the eyelids; or you might bathe the eyes in a weaker solution each day. If this does not soon cure them, get a chemist to mix you five grains of sulphate of zinc, and ten drops of laudanum in an ounce of rose water, and drop one drop in each eye daily until well.

Four in One.

"Cockie."—(1) Your flight cage is rather overcrowded. Fourteen birds would be the proper limit of its capacity. It is not unlikely the bare heads are due to one or more of the birds plucking the others, which is a not uncommon result of overcrowding. Watch carefully, and if you find this surmise is correct at once remove culprits to a cage by themselves, or, better still, cage each separately. If you are convinced there are no feather pluckers among them remove those that are bald, and treat alone as advised to "Darkie." Instead of the mixed seed give a little rape daily, omit the hemp, give a little maw three or four times a week, and drop this and substitute a little linseed at the close of the moult. Touch the ends of perches with a brush dipped in fir tree oil, essence of quassia, or a strong solution of camphor in methylated spirit. Powder is useless for the purpose. (2) Am afraid you are under a wrong impression respecting colour foods. As a matter of fact the sample you enclosed is practically nothing but hot natal, with some medium added to make up bulk. It is not a good sample, as it is deficient in colour. If you have any doubt of its nature, taste a bit yourself. If you have used a ¼-lb. of this sample for one chick of such tender age my sympathies are all with the chick. Wait now until it is about starting to moult, and if you wish to colour feed it then get some pure sweet tasteless red pepper, and use as directed in our columns. (3) Have never offered leaves of plantain to birds, so cannot tell what the effect might be. I do not advise you to do so unless for experiment. (4) It will not be necessary to light your bird-room at night when you move to the new place, and providing the weather has not become cold it should not be at all necessary to warm it. Certainly the young reared this year will be quite fit to breed with next year, but you should endeavour to mate them, if possible, with birds over a year old.

Breeding for Profit.

A Widow.—This is such a ticklish question that I cannot do better than remind you of the old adage that many a slip is apt to occur between the cup and the lip. There is no doubt whatever that, given ordinary luck, careful attention to the birds, and proper and judicious management, it is possible to make a substantial profit out of Canary breeding as a hobby, but one must be prepared to meet with many unexpected events, any one of which may crop up in the course of a season, and not only obliterate any hope of profit, but put an adverse balance on the side of the accounts for that year. Still I have known quite inexperienced breeders take up the hobby and make it a very profitable one, so there can be no harm in your trying it on a small scale, and you may safely take your results this year as the maximum which you will be likely to average with a few more pairs of stock birds. As a beginning I would strongly advise you to go in for ordinary singing birds, either Rollers, or a cross with Roller hens and Yorkshire or Norwich cocks. For these birds you should find a ready sale in your own locality, for the cocks, as soon as they are well in song, and after selecting your own stock hens for the following season, I should advise disposing of the surplus as early as possible after you are quite satisfied as to their sex. Select a nice cosy place where the temperature is fairly regular and well ventilated, but quite free from draughts, and if you have space to accommodate six breeding cages and two or three large flight cages you might start with six hens and three cocks, mating each cock alternately with two hens. You would then stand a good chance of avoiding loss, even if one or two of the hens failed to do anything. Get strong, healthy birds, not older than 1908 bred, and as far as possible mate 1908 cock with 1909 hens or vice versa. Study our columns, and if you can get one or two of the handbooks published at this office, do so.

Two Deaths.

W.H.—Only a *post-mortem* could discover with certainty the cause of the deaths. I should be inclined to suspect a shock of some kind, which, coming when the birds were evidently run down, proved fatal. I should scarcely suspect septic fever, but rather that your feeding was indirectly responsible by bringing the birds into a very weak condition. Try if the following treatment will not soon make an improvement. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp, and on two other days a pinch of maw. Every second day for a fortnight give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it and lightly sprinkled with soft sugar. Give no green food for a week, but after that give a little every second day. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days. After that omit the salts and rhubarb and substitute six drops of tincture of gentian, and give this every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. Keep the cages quite clean, free from red mites, out of reach of draughts, and well supplied with clean, gritty sand.

Deaths and Post Mortems.

C. Walker.—As you have already sent a body for *post-mortem*, I will defer giving definite advice until next week, when I may see the examiner's opinion. Meantime, I will only say I am strongly inclined to think you will find your feeding, or rather the foods, responsible for your losses. Of the samples of seed only one—the Canary—is at all fit for use. No. 1 hemp contains a very large proportion of unripened grain, another rather large proportion of damaged grains, and the remainder, probably not fifty per cent. of the bulk, is a fair quality of seed. No. 2, rape, seems to be a mixture of rape like seeds, and although I failed to detect any living

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mites in the sample I am convinced the bulk is badly infested with mites or weevils, whichever they are, and is an old, badly-kept sample. I did not venture to test the flavour. No. 3, Canary, although a trifle small and thin, is a very fair sample, and of nice quality. I note you say you are sending a bird for *post-mortem* on Monday, which died the previous Saturday. This means that the bird has probably been dead about four days before the examiner sees it. You, and other readers, too, should remember that at all seasons, but more particularly now, it is most important to get a body into the examiner's hands as quickly as possible after death takes place. It is not only a question of minimising the unpleasantness of the task, but it is not easy to give a perfectly satisfactory opinion after so many days have elapsed.

Moulting and Moving.

G. Dear.—The best way to ensure a quick moult is to keep the birds in a fairly high temperature, say, 65 to 70 degrees, but not allowing it to become very dry; avoid any suspicion of draughts, allowing the birds to bathe freely, and feed liberally with plain Canary as a staple diet. In addition to the usual extras frequently detailed here, give a fair supply of maw seed every second day and egg food on the alternate days. If you are colour feeding, soft food of some kind will, of course, be given daily, and in that case you can mix a pinch of maw seed with it. Cover the cage over with a light cloth, and see that red mite do not become troublesome. From this you will see that your second idea of removing them to an outside shed is scarcely compatible with a quick moult, unless it is so arranged that you could heat it and maintain an equable temperature night and day throughout the moult. Otherwise I would not advise you to move any birds that have started moulting until they have become quite fine in feather again, or you will probably find the change check the moult and make its progress considerably slower. By "air-tight" I suppose you mean this shed is draught-proof, and in that case you might certainly find it an advantage to winter your stock birds there, but I should advise you either to put the birds out before the moult commences or to postpone the change until it is quite finished, and not attempt any such transference whilst the moult is in progress. Your query re pigeons is out of our scope.

Colour and Colour Feeding.

Y. or B.—(1) You should have little difficulty in distinguishing yellow from buff; buff is simply a kind of mealy or frosted yellow, giving the bird an appearance of a yellow bird dusted over with a white powder or boar frost. In buffs the body of the feather has much the same yellow tint as in the yellows, but the extreme tips of the feathers are white, which gives them the frosted appearance mentioned. In the nest feather the yellow colour is often very pale, and the white tips on the buffs not so well developed, and consequently less striking, than in the case in the adult plumage. But, still, you should have little difficulty in deciding the colour. Of course you can see the difference much better when holding a bird in the hand. (2) I do not think there is anything to be gained by compelling the birds to eat their colour food all up each day before allowing them to vary it with seed. I prefer making the colour sufficiently palatable to induce them to clear up what is given, and leave them to please themselves as to whether they vary it by taking scraps of seed between whiles. The other suggestion as to giving the colour food at night with the idea that if the birds "slept on it," as you say, the colour might be absorbed more fully, seems to me a little too chimerical, even if it were practicable, which it is not. If a bird had access to seed during the day you could not make it consume a day's dole of colour food just before going to roost, and if you could I should not advise sending a bird to bed, so to speak, on a supper of soft food.

From Now Till Spring.

W.R., Hoxton.—Am afraid it would occupy too much space to answer this question fully, besides which, as you say you are colour feeding all the birds, you have to get them properly through the moult before you can expect to put them on any routine treatment for the winter months. If you have CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1908, as well as the current number, you will find full instructions in them upon this question. For the moulting season you cannot do better than follow the general directions now appearing in these columns, with this word of caution: that you must beware of making any very marked change in your colour food now your birds are well on "feed," particularly in cases where the moult has made some progress, or you will probably find that the result of such change is to bring the birds out patchy in colour. When the moult is over you cannot do better than select your breeding stock for next year, and keep the cocks, except such as you may intend to exhibit, in one of the large flight cages, the hens, with the same restrictions, in another flight, and all the other hens in the remaining flight. When the latter have been disposed of, this flight may be devoted to the exhibition hens when not in training for any show. All the cocks intended for disposal, and exhibition birds, should be caged separately in the small cages. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Give separately a little summer rape three times a week, once a week a small quantity of egg-food, and twice a week a little mixed seeds, composed of hemp chiefly, with just a sprinkling of maw, inga, linseed, and gold of pleasure, and for the larger varieties split groats, rolled oats, or coarse oatmeal. Towards spring treble the proportion of inga in the mixture given to the hens. Give a little green food three or four times a week whenever the weather is mild and open, so that it can be gathered quite free from frost; at other times give a little ripe fruit as a substitute. Provided the birds are well cared for, and treated on hygienic lines, I see no reason why town-bred birds should not be quite as good as country-bred ones for breeding purposes.

Brevities.

Yellow or Buff ("Durham").—See reply to "Y. or B.," the first part of which will fully explain the difference.

Are They Fertile? (W.H.K.).—Yes, it is quite possible for all the eggs in the clutch to be fertile. It is certainly not essential for birds in good health and condition to be together twelve days before fertile eggs can be expected.

Obstinate Diarrhœa (Berwyn).—You say nothing about green food, but if it should be that you are not giving any I should be inclined to suspect the quality of the seeds. Feed the bird for a fortnight as advised to "W.H.," and for two days give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water. After that give twenty drops of whiskey and as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence in the water for two or three days. If this does not stop the looseness omit the bismuth and give instead five drops of tincture of opium, continuing this until the looseness is stopped. Give no green food until this trouble ceases.

Bare Head (E.M.F.).—It is likely the bare place at back of crest is due to the cock pecking at her on the nest, which has also caused the sore, though it is quite possible it may be a natural defect. I only advise touching the sore spot occasionally with a little carbolised vaseline; do not use sufficient at once to daub the surrounding feathers and make the bird unsightly. Encourage her to bathe freely, and see she is not pestered at all with mites or lice. Give a small piece of bread and milk twice a week for a fortnight, and slightly dust it over with a little flowers of sulphur. Then wait a while and see how the crest makes up after the moult, or whether any new feathers appear soon on bare place. If the soreness spreads write again.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Mixture.

Hilda.—Yes; this is the time for a Linnet to break into moult, and when birds are about to do so they gradually go off song and sit still for more or less long periods on a perch. There is nothing to worry about, unless the bird shows obvious signs of being ill. Do not hang him outside on cold, wet days, and keep him out of draughts when indoors. If you take its seed away it will probably go "soft"; then you may lose the bird. It is only necessary for a very small amount of colour food to be eaten daily. Lightly crush the seeds and mix them amongst the soft food. If you allow the bird to wash through the drinking hole, you will probably find it result in what fanciers term a "bad break" of the neck feathers, which will handicap it for show purposes. Birds intended for exhibition should have their water inside the cage.

"Meating-off" Small Softbills.

Jack, Oldham.—Live food is the best for all newly-caught small insectivorous birds; it is, in fact, essential to their successful "meating-off." One can manage very well with mealworms only. But more variety is helpful, and live ants' eggs especially, or flies, wasp grub, aphides (or smother fly), smooth caterpillars, and any of the crawling things found on garden plants are excellent, according to season. At first the bird should be put in a quiet corner in a suitable cage (a light cover over, if necessary), and have a free supply of mealworms or live ants' eggs; also the other things mentioned, as obtainable. Pin a few mealworms to the perches, at front of cage, and put a supply inside in a shallow earthenware or glass dish. The general feeding should be on the following lines:—As a stock mixture: Powdered Oshorne or other suitable biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; ground silkworm pupæ one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. I take the quantity required of this and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, watercress or chickweed (use young leaves only). It is necessary, of course, to give in addition all the live insect food one can possibly obtain. To the above stock mixture I add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely-scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too, given finely chopped. To get the bird on to the stock mixture cut up a number of mealworms, and well rub the pieces into the daily food allowance (after, of course, it has been prepared for use). Gradually lessen the supply of live mealworms. The bird will pick the cut pieces out of the food mixture, and

take up a certain quantity of the latter with them. It will not be long before he is eating the food freely, especially if you let him see some ants' eggs in it many fanciers are very niggardly in supplying the latter. These birds vary considerably in disposition (like most others). Some individuals are "meated off" in a day or two with no trouble whatever; others are as obstinate as can be. If a bird droops seriously, and seems to be getting very thin, it should be liberated.

Treatment of Skylark.

Janet.—Young Skylarks ("runners") do not require any very special treatment when fresh caught. As a rule, they eat the food offered them readily enough, and thrive all right. The best thing you can give them is a sprinkling of live ants' eggs on the cage bottom three or four times a day or on their clover turf. A nice few mealworms daily make the best substitute for the live ants' eggs in fact, should be given in any case at the first. A good and simple stock food which will keep practically for ever when sealed in tins, and which any good corn dealer or seller of birds' food will mix for you, is:—Game meal* (without grit) four parts; meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated

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raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or a little water, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake or half a hard boiled egg twice or so a week. Give a little seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of Canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the bird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Cover the floor of cage with (or give in a deep pan) a mixture of fine road dust and sand, in which a teaspoonful of insect powder, or powdered sulphur, has been mixed. The bird will dust itself in this. It is a very excellent plan, too, to have a second drawer bottom to the cage, made of tin or zinc, which is run in occasionally filled with water (or very wet chickweed or grass) in which the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order.

Hand-reared Linnets.

Rosebud.—You are rather late in asking this query. In several recent issues I have given full information on hand-feeding. I do not believe in taking any young Finches from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. I would sooner have to "cram" them at first. Up to the twelfth day is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. The egg-food must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them, and any live ants' eggs you can get. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food. Keep the nestlings clean and warm.

Some Rare Birds.

E.T.I.—You ask too many questions for me to helpfully answer in the space I am allowed to give each querist. They would need a column filling. (1) The sexual differences in Hoopoes are merely comparative; no difference in plumage. An adult cock has usually a very long stout bill, and an extra fine long crest. They are not pugnacious; I have kept six or seven together for a considerable time. The cage needs to be very large to allow of wing play, and to afford a very deep sand-bath (4 inches, at least) on the floor. Food mainly mealworms, beetles, gentles, and other suitable living things. Hand-reared birds can be got to take insectivorous mixture; adult caught birds practically never. Have never tried to winter one outside; my bird-room is unheated. (2) The hen Blue-throated Warbler has not the distinctive blue throat of the male. Feed same as a Nightingale or Redstart. The Blue-throat is not included in the N.B.B. and M.C. list, which is a pity, I think. It is not more difficult to keep than a 'Gale; is a favourite species of mine, very bold and with a pleasing song. One needs to be careful to keep their feet clean and allow free bathing. (3) The hen Bearded Tit lacks the "moustaches" which give the male his odd appearance. Feed same as any other small insectivorous bird (plenty of live food in season). They should have a little colour-food. Will stand the winter out-of-doors if in well-protected aviary, with plenty of good food and cosy sleeping quarters. (4) This has nothing to do with the keeping and feeding of birds, and I cannot go into it in these columns.

Brevities.

Value of Hand-reared Blackbirds (R.S.).—Hand-reared Blackbirds are of no particular value; they are so easily obtainable. Hens are useless, except as aviary birds—very few care to keep them in cages. Young cocks ought to be worth several shillings each, if in good condition.

About a Nuthatch (F.C.F.).—The Nuthatch is greyish-blue above, cheeks and throat ashy-white, under surface yellowish fawn colour, inclined to reddish on flanks. There is a black streak about each eye. Food, a good insectivorous mixture, with some live food (see other replies) and a few sunflower, hemp, and other seeds, and small nuts (cracked where necessary).

Goldfinch with Worms (George Parker).—I have never yet had a bird troubled with worms, so my personal experience is nil. A friend was successful with a little areca nut powder (about the bulk of a large pin-head), made into a "pill" with a smear of butter, placed at the back of the bird's throat, and washed down (make sure, of course, that it is swallowed). He gave a drop of castor oil direct into the throat the next morning. The bird speedily recovered.

Bullfinch-Canary Mules (Another Novice).—I should not care to say that it is impossible to breed Mules from a cock Bullie and hen Canary, but I do not know of any certain instance where this has been done. It is usual to have the sexes the other way about, and many Mules have been produced this way. After what you have related, I strongly advise you to try again next year with your couple. I wish you luck. Good young Mules of this cross should be worth several pounds.

Song Thrush with Worms (Miss C.B.M.).—If any worms remain in the intestines you will certainly have trouble again. You might try a dose (only slightly larger) of areca nut, as advised "George Parker" this week, following it next morning with two or three drops of castor oil. It is unusual for birds to have worms I believe; in fact, as I have stated, I have never personally met with a case among my own stock

Goldfinch with Bare Patch on Head (Fatherless). You need have no fear about the feathers being renewed at the moult. Many Finches towards the end of the summer get a little bare on the head—round the eyes or round the beak—but come right at the moult. You might certainly gently anoint the place a few times with just a smear of sulphur ointment (from a chemist). It is not likely to affect the Muling hen he is with.

Blackbird in Poor Feather (Blaydon).—Are you quite sure the cage is not infested with grey bird-lice, or with red-mite? Either is a fruitful cause of birds having bad plumage, and often goes entirely unsuspected by the owner of the bird. If you will answer this, I would advise further. The feeding is correct enough. Mealworm boxes kept free from meat, bread, dead birds, etc., ought not to smell offensively; they should have ventilation at the top. The "bottoms" (dust) needs to be cleaned out from time to time.

Several Matters (L.W.C.).—It is a bit of a puzzle, but I think you will find the short upper mandibles gradually grow to the normal length. I have heard of Budgerigars mutilating other birds, and possibly yours may be the cause of the trouble. You might ask our Mr. Page what he thinks about it; but give size of aviary and number of inmates. In my opinion it is too late now to pair up the wild (unsteady) Linnet with the hen Goldfinch. You can, however, certainly try if you choose to do so.

Concerning a Muling Hen (Anchor).—I consider you are quite correct in assuming that the behaviour of the hen is due to the hard work she underwent last season. Don't let her build again, but put her in your large flight to moult (along with the Linnet, if you like), and give her a little soft-food now and again in which three or four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food have been mixed. You will, I feel sure, find her all right next season (providing she has a good moult), and such excellent mothers are not picked up every day.

Skylark Unsteady (Anxious).—The bird will no doubt get much steadier after it has moulted. You should hang its cage breast high in a room about which people are constantly on the move, covering the front with a light cloth (such as muslin) for a time, if necessary. Talk kindly to the bird whenever you go near, and then always quietly put a mealworm into the cage. Under this treatment the Skylark should soon lose its fear of you, and come to your hand for the mealworms.

Brown Canaries and Some Mules (M.J.).—The "brown" Canaries you speak of must be Cinnamons, and the fact of your breeding them shows that some of the Canaries you bought have a lot of Cinnamon blood in them. They are of no special value (such birds are common) unless good from the show point of view, viz., of excellent Norwich or Yorkshire type, whichever they may be. The young dark Mules get the blaze, etc., only after the moult. Are the two other birds you speak of all light in colour? If so, then they would be Canaries, the eggs being fertilised by the cock you thought the hen refused to mate with. If marked, let me know how they are marked.

Moulting a Bullfinch (Billy).—1. If the bird is wanted for exhibition purposes, then it should be kept out of strong direct rays of light whilst moulting. 2. I hardly understand this question. The standard of points is given (along with many others) in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. It reads:—Size, 10 points; shape, as thick and chubby as possible, with short, thick neck, 15; head, broad, with clean-cut cap, 10; back and wings, back colour bright and clear, free from smoky appearance; wings carried close, with the bars well defined, 15; body, breast colour to be as rich and bright as possible, 25; condition, Feather to be soft and silky, the colours throughout to be deep and glossy, 15; steadiness, 10; total, 100.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Correct Name.

A.B.—You already have this; this species is known everywhere as Red-billed Weaver. Of course, nothing is really impossible, and though generalising on the basis of past experience, is quite sound, there are exceptions when even the apparently impossible is brought off. However, I must be perfectly frank, and tell you that they are very uncertain breeders, and I only know of two instances in which a young one has been reared in captivity in this country; even in large outdoor aviaries their hatching out young is very uncommon, and even them, as a rule, they are not reared. Give them egg, the best insectile mixture you can compound, green food, fruit, etc., but in 99 cases out of a 100 they refuse to feed except with live food, and even then will not always rear the young.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cage.

W.P., Hayward's Heath.—Yes, and I should advise hanging up four husks, having each, say, 12 inches distant from the other, and so arranging them that the back of one husk faces the opening of the next nearest husk. You are more likely to have breeding results in such a cage with Budgerigars than with Finches, though the young will have to be taken away as soon as they are able to feed for themselves. If you try Finches, I should suggest either a pair of Long or Rufous-tailed Grassfinches; either would be very probable breeders, and both are handsome species. If you get the Budgerigars, the booklet you name gives the fullest details as to treatment, etc., and if you carefully follow such, as soon as the birds settle down to breeding you should get good results.

Concerning Quassia Solution.

Reynolds.—Quassia solution, which only requires diluting for use, can be procured from several of our advertisers. If I am wanting a quantity I usually steep four ounces of quassia chips in a pint of water, diluting with an equal bulk of water for use. During warm sunny weather I should spray it every other day, taking the usual precautions against draught; for whatever the weather, draughts are always disastrous; neither must the bird be coddled and cut off from fresh air—fresh air without draughts must be the rule. If parasites are very troublesome, I should dust under the wings and round the nape of its neck with Keating's Powder. Pyrethrum Powder will answer equally well, just which happens to be to hand or the more easily procured. It is no use clearing parasites off a bird if the pests are also lurking in the cage, and I should advise you to swill out all crevices with scalding water and soak all perches in same. Two or three such cleansings, say, weekly, coupled with the spraying and dusting of the bird, should result in the complete eradication of these pests.

A Cage Mixture.

Peace.—I much fear that in a cage of that proportion, it would be a case of pieces instead of peace. I certainly would advise the following, instead of the selection you propose: One Bullfinch, one Siskin, one Linnet, one Redpoll, all males; with these you might put one pair each Zebra Finches and Zebra Waxbills, and possibly one or both of these may breed if you put up two or three nest boxes. Providing you clean out and renew sand daily you might also add a pair of Orange-cheek Waxbills. More than these you must not include; in fact, it is only the minute proportions of some that permit so many. Of such birds as you propose, you really ought not to put in more than six or at the outside eight, and only one male of each species. Greenfinches and Weavers are apt to be very pugnacious and spiteful in confined quarters.

Nuthatch and Foreigners.

F.C.F.—(1) This should have been sent to our Mr. G. E. Weston, to whom I am referring it. Queries relating to foreign and British birds should be on separate sheets of paper. (2) Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Zebra, Orange-cheek, St. Helena and Grey Waxbills from 3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair. Alario, Grey and Green Singing Finches and Grey-necked Serins 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. a pair. (3) It all depends on what you cover by size, but all the following could be shown in the small Seed eater class:—Diamond Sparrows, White Java Sparrows, Zebra or Goldbreast Waxbills, Queen Whydah, and providing competition is not too strong all the following cheap foreigners have a chance of catching the judge's eye:—Grey, Orange-cheek, and St. Helena Waxbills, White-headed Mannikins, Gouldian Finches (not cheap). Of course, with all these they must be in finest feather and perfect in every way, or they stand no chance.

Concerning Avadavats.

"Hal."—The description you give is that of the Green Avadavat; if a pair you will find one very much brighter than the other, but you will soon ascertain from their demeanour one to the other, and the hen bird is very much quieter than her mate. Avadavats are not free breeders in captivity, but they certainly are bred annually in this country, and if you put in a cocoanut shell nest or two, there is no reason why you should not succeed with them next year. I fear it is too late now for this season, but put the nests up and try, by all means;

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supply hay, grass, and moss for nesting material. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet; green food, especially seeding grass (grass in flower), and blighty sprays from rose and fruit trees, or any non-poisonous plant. Yes, the various show schedules will plainly indicate the class for you to enter them in. Also let them have a little ripe fruit to peck at; you will soon ascertain what kind they favour. It is very wholesome for all species of birds. Green Singing Finches vary as to cost, say, 5s., 7s. 6d., or 10s. 6d., according to number on market.

Grey Parrot with Cold.

Busten.—I fear your bird is suffering from some infection caught during the voyage to this country, and also fear it will not recover. Keep it warm and quiet, but by this I do not mean put it in a stuffy corner of the room; place its cage where the temperature is most even, yet where the air is fresh and the bird is out of draught. Every other day, so long as its droppings are not watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, and in between well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I prefer the following seed mixture: Canary, millet, oats, hemp, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts; well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit (this can be immersed, not saturated, in the drinking water), nuts, and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. While the running at the nostrils continues, well cleanse or spray them with diluted glyco-thymoline daily. Take a portion of the liquid and with a camel-hair brush well cleanse the nostrils; it will do no harm if a little of the liquid is swallowed. Well cleanse the brush and use a fresh portion of the liquid for each occasion. The treatment must be persevered with, as recovery must of necessity be rather slow. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Brevities.

What Parrot? (A.G.E.).—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet. Many of these birds make quite fluent talkers, but their capacity in this respect is very, very variable. However, most individuals of this species speak a word or two. At certain times, when they are plentiful in the market, they can be procured for a few shillings each, but when acclimatised, in good feather, and talking, they should be worth from 30/- to 60/-, according to capacity. Hope you'll have luck.

Birds for Small Aviary (Beginner).—Do not overcrowd. Try pairs each of Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, and Bengalese, all of which should breed. You could also keep with them Zebra, Orange-cheek, Grey, and St. Helena Waxbills, none of which I suppose would breed; but they are very cheap and beautiful, and would certainly help to make a display without interfering with the others' breeding arrangements. There should be no need for a partition. Hang up, say, half-a-dozen small cocoanut shell nests and several nest boxes. Zebra Finches and others are rather fond of using the Hartz travelling cage, in which German Canaries are brought to this country, for nesting purposes. Supply hay, grass, and moss for nesting material. Food: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, a little soft food when they are feeding young, a little ripe fruit, green food, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Supply also blighty sprays from rose and fruit trees when obtainable.

What Parrakeet? (New Reader, Stockport).—It is a Roseate Cockatoo. This is a hardy species and only needs to be protected from draught. I prefer Parrots and the like to be covered up at night, but while the cage is covered up all round the sides, a space at least 6in. in diameter should be left open at the top of the cage. You have a tame bird which does not scream, and that is half the battle; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach it by constant repetition of odd words and phrases; pet it, and make a fuss of it generally, but do not permit it to be scared or teased, and I should say it will soon begin to pick up a few words. Diet: Seed mixture (see reply to "Busten"), ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in cage. If it has been used to boiled maize you must continue this at any rate for a time, but it must be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor yet any kind of annual food whatever.

Bishops and their Requirements (Inkpot).—Certain Weavers are termed Bishops, but I cannot say whether your birds are either of these—your description is not full enough and I do not think they are yet in full breeding plumage. The males of most species have a summer and winter plumage, which is termed being in and out of colour. The nuptial dress (in colour) is only worn during the breeding season. Very few Weavers attempt to breed in captivity, though very active in weaving numberless nests. Long hay and coarse grass are sufficient; no nest boxes are required. Let them have a roomy cage and put a twiggy branch at each end. On these they will construct, or weave, their interesting nests. Canary and millet, ripe fruit, green food, and one or two mealworms or other insects per bird daily will keep them fit and in the best of condition. They should be permitted to take a daily bath.

Is it Ailing? (Chorlton).—You have taken the best steps possible under the circumstances; it is always wise to take precautions, and so long as yolklings are not watery, a little Dinneford's is a very safe remedy. It is always wise to keep the bowels moving freely, but not loose. So far as I can gather, I do not think the bird is in pain, but merely seeking natural relief; in fact, if I read yours aright it is really lively, in fine plumage, and good general condition. Stop the Dinneford's for a few days, and only give it as above. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in cage. The seed mixture advised for other Parrots in this issue will suit your bird, but the mixture you are giving is very satisfactory; continue the boiled maize and chemical food; give ripe fruit daily (not always the same kind), nuts, plain biscuit, and water for drinking and bathing. If there should be further development, or the bird goes off its food and becomes mopy, repeat query at once with fullest details.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's

Roller Canary (A. G. Frost).—Bird fever.

Canary (T.M.).—Rupture of egg and consequent inflammation.

Young Canary (Kathleen).—Inflammation of lungs, liver and spleen, all suspicious symptoms of bird fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

About a Cuckoo (J. Shaddock).—Accept our hearty thanks.

A Greenhood Holder (D. Sorbie).—We have illustrated a very similar idea in the past.

A Cover for Large Head-holes (D. W. Tatten).—We utilised an idea on very similar lines some little time ago.

A Suggestion (J. Tomlinson).—We thank you for your kindly letter, and will see if we cannot carry out your suggestion.

A Movable Perch (W. H. Walker).—Sorry, but we have already illustrated this perch in our correspondence columns.

A Combination Stove (A. Nickelson).—We do not remember to have seen this, and think it must have gone astray or have been mislaid. Could you repeat?

An Electrical Drying Cage for Birds (J. West).—We do not know of any such cage which has been placed on the market for sale; in fact, the only electrical cage we have seen or heard of is one invented by Mr. F. Wyse, and used successfully at various washing demonstrations, before London societies, particularly the City and Suburban A.C.B., of which he is a member. We should be pleased to forward a letter to him, if desired.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Greggs Cafe, July 21st, Mr. Wm. Thompson in the chair. A fair attendance was present. A vote was taken for No. 1. District C.B.U. delegate, for which we nominated Mr. A. Grey (Morpeth). Our chairman then introduced Mr. S. W. Birchley (Chester) to our members, whom we were all anxious to hear. He spoke at great length about the different species of British and Foreign birds. Many questions were asked him and these were all ably answered. The evening was a very pleasant and instructive one. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded our visitor.—JAS. BARRASS, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, on July 22nd, thirty members and friends being present.— Several members had brought birds, but unfortunately we did not get as much good connected song as we should have liked, owing to the effects of the breeding season. Mr. Harper brought a curiosity—a young bird hatched with only one eye, which was in the best of health, and in full song this early. Secretary read two articles from the Fancy Press dealing with the training of the young cocks, and the Roller, Gluck and Flutes, after which a discussion on various song tours was kept up till 10.30.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

At our last committee meeting, held at Crown Hotel, several new members were enrolled. They are: Mr. P. V. Williams (Market Drayton), Mr. G. Gower (Bromsgrove), and Mr. W. J. Keeling (Wednesfield). I am still desirous of obtaining new members. All fanciers wishing to join will be in time if they send on to me their nomination fee by the middle of August at latest, when their names will be brought forward at our next meeting. Champion section have a very nice lot of prizes to compete for, and the novice is well catered for. All dates except one are fixed for our patronage; when complete, same will be published in CAGE BIRDS. Will all fanciers who promised their support to the M.C.Y.C.C. when this club first started kindly communicate with me at once?—W. H. UZZELL, Hon. Sec., 76, Drayton-road, Kingsheath, Birmingham.

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How May Unfertile Eggs be Avoided?

SIR,—Will any reader of CAGE BIRDS kindly tell me how to avoid having unfertile eggs? For instance, with five cocks and five hens I had about 24 eggs, and only two chicks (in separate nests). The second round produced six chicks (2, 2, 1, 1 6). The rest of the eggs are perfectly clear, and birds seem in good health; one hen laid 5, 8, and 6. G. BARKER.

Going Light: Can it be Cured?

SIR,—During the last three or four years a great many British birds have come under my observation from various quarters suffering from that dreaded disease termed "going light," particularly Greenfinches. I have tried many remedies, have changed their food in various ways, and have also given them their natural food; but I find, after all my trouble they at last died. Some I have saved for some time, but in the end death took place. Is there any reader of CAGE BIRDS, whose stock has suffered to any extent from this malady, who is able to suggest a remedy which would bring about a certain cure? As a rule, it is the cock birds which suffer the most. I have never had any post-mortem examination made, but perhaps others may have had birds examined by a medical man. I hope these few notes will bring out some of our medical fanciers' opinions, and advice, because it would be of great benefit, not only to British bird fanciers, but to Canary fanciers also, for they, too suffer greatly from the same cause. I know of one who has lost over 20 Canaries during these last two years from this cause, and he tried nearly everything he could think of or was advised to use. He at last gave it up for a bad job and let them take their chance. NIMROD.

Every Bit a Parrot.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS (from which I gather a nice lot of information) a few weeks ago a reader "cracking up a Parrot" on the score of its abilities. Well, I was in York for about three months, and where I lived they owned a Parrot, a right good talker. From what our friend said of his Parrot, I imagine that the difference between that Parrot and the one I refer to, is that the one is a mutterer and the other a talker. I will in a moment relate the language of the York bird. Strangers she did not fear, nor was she shy, and no matter who was there she would keep putting her "spoke" in. I may say a soldier brought her from India, and she was taught on the boat amongst the "Tommies," as you will be able to guess by her talk. First thing in the morning she says: "Wake up, gunner, daylight's come, fix the fuze and fire the gun (bang)"; "Where's the old man? has he gone to work?" "Elsie, come in, else I'll fetch thee"; "You take the cake, you do, not half"; "Puss, puss, puss, mow, mow, mow"; "Polly wants a bath"; "Polly wants to come out"; "We will call the dog Toby"; "Now, Matt, get up"—are a few of her sentences. Naughty Polly went away from home once, when she got out for a day or two. There are other speeches that she used, but whatever she said was quite plain. I never heard one like her before or since. VERITAS.

The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR,—The member of the L. and P.O.S. (?) who owes this year's subscriptions (and probably last year's) wants a great deal for the money he has not paid! If Mr. Tringham answers his questions he will "send his subscription for this year (eight months overdue already, I believe) on shortly"! Who is the wonderful man who champions the cause of the L. and P.O.S. "behind the scenes"? It is quite easy to see that the object of this person is one "born of malice and nurtured in venom." I should very much like to know how this member (?) has the Fancy's interest at heart, or how he advances it by his unmanly tactics. Now he has shown his hand, one that I suspected from the first, I hope that Mr. Tringham will insist on seeing the receipt for 1908, as I am sure that a person who has ulterior objects in view will state anything. I will withdraw from his despicable controversy now that readers can see for themselves that it emanates from one who has no right to assume the title of a "Member of the L. and P. O. S."

H. W. TOMSETT, D. and P. C.B.S.

SIR,—The person who writes under the above heading in your issue of the 24th inst., has failed to comply with the very simple condition laid down in my letter of the 12th inst., which would have established his bona fides, and, incidentally, his right to ask questions of the Committee of the L.P.O.S. Beyond saying that the identity of this person was no secret, even prior to the letter of the 24th, and that our books show him in arrears for two years, viz., 1908 and 1909, I have nothing to add to my former letter. Any information on the subject will be gladly furnished him, if he will attend the next meeting of the Committee of the L.P.O.S., due notice of which will be sent him by

H. E. TRINGHAM, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I am obliged to "Member of the L. and P.O.S." for his courteous acknowledgment of my remarks. I must say that I consider his charge of "cliquism" and "favouritism" levelled against the Committee of the L. and P.O.S. a most unjustifiable one, inasmuch as, on his own showing, he has no evidence at all with which to substantiate such a grave accusation. I think, in the interest of those "glorious traditions" of which he speaks he should be called upon by the officials of the society in question to tender a complete apology and retractation to the Committee.

JOHN B. WATERMAN,
Member L. and P.O.S.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers say the reason that I received no reply to my letter of June 26th is that I wrote to them instead of to the secretary. I am sorry to have made this mistake. Our member first wrote to Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, but received no reply. On April 21st he received a special from Mr. Goodwin, which he acknowledged, and asked him to look into the money matter for him; but he received no reply. Later on he wrote to Mr. Kent, the secretary, and up to the time I wrote my first letter to this paper had received no reply from him. On unpacking the birds, our member found two special prize cards attached to exhibit No. 3, class 32. In the catalogue it states that owing to short time at disposal, the winners of specials could not be inserted, but the award cards "will be found on cages"; so of course he came to the conclusion that he had won two specials. Each time he has written he has named the other special. If he has been in error, why has not his claim been refuted before now? You say that although a few fanciers waited "a little while" for their dues, they took it in a "sporting spirit." I hope our member is included with those "sportsmen." The point at issue is not the waiting for the prize-money and special, but the lack of acknowledgment of the same.

C. DUKES.

Sec., Warrington C.B.S.

SIR,—I am sure the Fancy generally will thank Mr. Dukes for his letter in support of a claim for prize-money by a member of his society. It is the efforts of secretaries that expose malpractices, and keep the Fancy as pure as it can be. I am only a novice in "Canarydom," but hope for advancement, and when I read the "bounce" of the Dulwich Ornithological Society, I feel these hopes are rudely brushed aside. It is not so long since Mr. Sandy's claim for prize-money was before us in the Press, and his was supposed to be the last. Now, Mr. Dukes writes; and Goodness knows how many more haven't yet received theirs. The letter from the show managers is an eye-opener. "All prize-money paid" was the cry. Now we read that the members never drew any, and are still waiting an indefinite period for it. We read of it as a "flourishing" society, and everything "promising." How can this be when they, after a year nearly, have not paid their dues for the last annual show? The "Lancashire" is very different from the "D.O.S." spirit, and they have waited almost a year in silence for what they were entitled to. May not all this "twaddle" about support be dismissed as being without foundation? How can they be promised support when they cannot pay out? They ought not to wonder at their society being off the S.N.P. Club's list when these delusive and, I think, unfair notices are sent for publication. "Bluff and bounce" will not in 1909 catch the unwary to send birds long distances at trouble and expense, and to then, if fortunate enough to win a prize, have to write and write to the society without even a reply.

J. HALLIDAY.

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The Allotting of the Southern Norwich P.C. Patronage.

SIR,—I beg to thank Mr. S. H. George and also Mr. F. S. Matthes for their replies. I can assure Mr. George that I am not begrudging Swansea the patronage allotted them; quite the contrary. My object was to bring before the members of the S.N.P.C. a system that, in my opinion, would be of greater benefit to the club, and I am pleased that our hon. secretary is also of that opinion. I can already see the fruits of the Swansea show. Presuming my proposition is carried, they will be so pleased, I hope, with our members' support, that another year they will induce the Norwich Fanciers of Swansea and that part of Wales to join the S.N.P.C., and so again by right of votes secure the club's support, and deservedly so. I only instanced both Swansea and Cheltenham to force home my point, not because of any feeling, for I hold the greatest respect for both societies. I feel sure there would be more satisfaction all round, not only from a show manager's point of view, but from the general body of members who help to carry out the primary object of the club. In fact, as Mr. Matthes remarks, it would just be the ideal thing for all. G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

A Voracious Pet.

The Story of a Tame Cuckoo.

SIR,—The Cuckoo depicted in the photo was brought to me when it was a week old. At that age it was a most ugly bird, completely filling the Hedge-Sparrow's nest in which it was hatched. There seemed to be only one good thing about it, and that was its appetite, which was enormous; his favourite food seemed to be the green caterpillars found on cabbage plants, and he has eaten as many as twenty-three of these at one meal, and



Mr. Shaddock's hand-reared Cuckoo.

still has asked for more. The photo was taken in the garden, and after the sitting, master Cuckoo had a fly round for some minutes—that is to say, he went from my hand on to the fence, which is about 7ft. high and ten yards away; he had one or two shorter flights, but seemed quite ready to come back to me when called. As he gets older I shall have to curtail his liberty, for he gets stronger on the wing every day, and I have no wish to lose him. He is very tame, flying to my shoulder when hungry, and if I do not see to his wants quickly, he viciously pecks my ear. He is a pugnacious bird, frequently pecking the hand that feeds him. His staple food consists of one part ant's eggs, one part dried flies, two parts ground biscuit, and one part hard-boiled egg fresh daily. He seems to thrive on this with a few scraps of meat and boiled potato added for dinner. I give him any grubs I may catch during the day, and if there are no grubs he has a dozen mealworms for supper. If any of your readers can give me any advice as to how I can get him through the winter I shall be obliged. I understand that up to the present no Cuckoo has lived in captivity for twelve months. Is this so? With best wishes for the success of your splendid paper from master Cuckoo and myself,

J. SHADDOCK.

Notes on the Beautiful "Butcher Bird."

SIR,—Permit me to say a little on the rare Great Grey Shrike or "Butcher Bird" (*Lanius excubitor*). This bird is one of the most beautiful of its kind. It is about the size of a Blackbird or Fieldfare, has a short neck, large ovate head with flattened top, and a short, stout, high bill, compressed towards the end. The upper part of the plumage of the male is light ash grey; the lower is white, and it has a broad black band on the side of its head extending from the nostril to well behind the ear. The female, in addition, has neck and breast well marked with semi-circular grey lines. It feeds upon various reptiles and small birds and insects, which, killed by repeated blows of its bill upon the head, are then impaled on a thorn or forced into the fork of a branch, so that they may be torn up into small pieces. Hairs and feathers are not first removed, but simply ejected in pellets later on, together with any other undigested material. It has earned the name of "Butcher Bird" by reason of its slaughtering propensity, and because it leaves such parts of its victims still impaled as it does not feel inclined to eat. Its ordinary cry is rather like the syllable "Wee, wee," uttered sharply and loudly; but when angry it screams like a Hawk. Its nest is large and is formed of moss and dry grass, with a lining of wool and hair, and is placed high up in the fork of a tree. It lays from five to eight eggs just over an inch in length and grey-white in colour, with reddish-brown or greyish-purple spots at the larger end. Shrikes defend their nests against Hawks and Crows with courageous skill, and easily drive off others far stronger than themselves. Their affection for their young, which remain with them till the following season, is as keen as their temper is impulsive and ardent.

REES REES.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—As an old breeder of Canaries, and one who has kept British birds from a boy, allow me to state that I have seen and had birds suffering from most kinds of illnesses, including the dreaded bird fever; but this and last season I have had some kind of fatal illness among my birds which greatly puzzles me, and for which I have tried a great many remedies. The symptoms are these: the birds have appeared all right, and in fact the cocks have been singing well and in full song, but all of a sudden they have become thick and sit all of a heap; of a sudden again they rush down to the seed, eat well, and again resume their position on the perch, head under the wing and themselves puffed up; after a short time again they go for the seed and eat well, then go to the perch and sit as before. Then all of a sudden they drop down dead. Six birds have been lost in this way. I am quite certain they have had no poison. All they have had is: seed (plain Canary and hemp mixed), either a small piece of chickweed or a dandelion leaf two or three times a day, with a small teaspoonful of egg food three or four times a day. If any of your readers can tell me the cause and the remedy, I should be grateful if they would do so. Perhaps some other fanciers have had similar experiences. I am quite certain it is not the bird fever, which I once had some 20 years ago, and which cleared me out of about 50 in less than a week, their symptoms being quite different.

OLD BREEDER.

Moving Day.

How the Birds Stood the "Flit."

SIR,—We have removed to the Hollies, 25, Polygon Avenue, Stockport Road, C-on-M, Manchester, where we shall be pleased to see, or hear from, all friends. It was a flitting, I can tell you, what with the building material for the workshop, business stock, furniture and the birds! The Thrush I wrote about before, which is nesting in a cage, had laid her second egg, and has not laid since. We have a Hybrid one day old, two nests of young Yorkies ditto, and one nest due to hatch on day of removal; they were all eggs in this nest when we left the old house, but a very short time after arriving at the new quarters we looked in the nest and found one youngster had got more than a "peep-hole" in the world. The whole clutch hatched out in due course, the hen feeding well; in fact, each hen fed as though nothing had happened out of the ordinary, and the hens that had been sitting on eggs for a few days continued to sit close. But one hen that had laid her clutch, and that had the eggs put back the next day, refused to sit. So I think this proves that it is better to move birds after they have been sitting a few days, or have young hatched out, than when they were about to sit. The Thrushes and Blackbirds appear to be very much at home in their new quarters, and if the weather will only pick up we may yet do the trick. I think the best term we can apply to this summer will be to call it a mild winter, with cyclones thrown in. The ride out, and change of wall papers, seem to have done my birds good, although many of the youngsters (we have about fifty) are in the moult, as are also a few of the old ones, yet the food is going quicker than ever before. It reminds me of the kiddies going to Blackpool; they cannot do too much for "little Mary." So we ought to do well if this continues, especially if we can yet get those young Thrushes, and the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid. We have since lost the young Hybrid; it was a Hard-bill. W. DOWNING

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Goldfinches Rear their Young in a Bird-room.

SIR,—I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and a friend of mine has now in his bird-room a pair of Goldfinches (netted in 1907) which have built their own nest, and sat and brought up their own young (four). At present they are doing well, and are out of the nest. We thought this would be interesting to readers, and we should like to know if this is a record, as we have never known it before. If any reader would like to know anything further about them we should be pleased to give it.

G. BACKHOUSE.

[We think many of our readers would be interested to learn on what food the Goldfinches brought up their young, also whether they were kept in a cage, if Mr. Backhouse would kindly give them this information.—EDITOR.]

A New Society for Tunstall and District.

SIR,—I am very pleased to inform you that we have started a Cage Bird Society in Tunstall, and we are going on with it very well. It is to be called the Tunstall and District C.B.S. I dare say you will be surprised to hear of it so late, but we intended getting on a sound footing before letting you know, as there has never been a club here before. We held our First Feather Show on July 10th, and it was quite a success. We had upwards of forty entries, and some very promising youngsters were amongst them. We are all readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from which we have had so much useful information; we wish it the success it so richly deserves.

H. EVANS, Secretary.

18, Eneyd Street, Tunstall, Staffs.

Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

Resignation of the Chairman.

SIR,—Owing to pressure of business, etc., I find I am unable to attend to the duties of Chairman of the Club; but before resigning I beg to thank the various committees and other members who have worked with me for their kind assistance and attention at all times, and I hope they will select one who will carry out their wishes in a better way than I could hope to have done. I may add I shall always be an exhibitor, and will assist whomsoever they may select, as I have tried to do in the past. Again, I beg to thank the members, exhibitors and particularly the committees who have worked with me in the interest of the club.

JOSEPH J. CLOKE,
Chairman Y.C.C. of Ireland.

SIR,—Some few months ago I received a circular from Messrs. Sheridan and Fry stating that they were giving up the Fancy owing to pressure of business, and I understand that they have disposed of all their birds. I know they did not renew their subscriptions at the commencement of the year, and took no part in the election of the present committee. Why, therefore, their sudden interest in the affairs of the club? Let me tell the members it is because the committee have decided to investigate the reason why a former chairman left the club. When the result of the investigation is published members will see why Messrs. Sheridan and Fry launched the present game of "blnff" that is going on.

C. A. O'REILLY.

SIR,—Mr. Rooney in his last edition of "tit-bits" said he had letters from the most influential fanciers in Dundalk. Would he kindly inform your readers who they are, as nine out of the ten Dundalk fanciers who are members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland have put their names to the appended circular. Messrs. Sheridan and Fry published a circular some months ago saying they were giving up the Fancy (as a matter of fact, sold all their birds and cages long ago), but when certain "work" is to be done, they pay their subscriptions. Mr. Huggard also sold out, as a matter of course! Mr. Camp is not a member this year; Messrs. Stewart and O'Callaghan are only new members and are not entitled to call into question what occurred previous to their becoming members; Mr. J. Mulligan, I understand, is only 12 years old, and is not entitled to vote. As a matter of fact out of the list of names published there are only four exhibiting members.

RICHARD F. DUIGENAN (Hon. Treas.), on behalf of the committee.

Resolution put and carried at a recent meeting of the committee of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, in reply to requisition received by the hon. secretary:—

"July 8th, 1909.

"That inasmuch as the committee who are entrusted by the rules with the management of the club have, after mature consideration, already decided by a majority of six to two on the very matters referred to, it is unreasonable, and even frivolous, to take up the time of the committee with further discussion, or the time of the members by a general meeting as suggested; and, further, on these grounds, that this matter was dealt with and adopted at the annual general meeting. And the requisition is hereby rejected." (Mr. Cloke was not present at the meeting when the above resolution was put, but subsequently approved of it; he presided at the previous meeting.) Signed: J. J. Cloke, R. F. Duigenan, J. R. Hyland, P. H. Kenny, T. P. Lambert, C. A. O'Reilly, and W. C. Sholedice (Dublin Committee)."

We, the undersigned members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, desire to associate ourselves with, and approve of, the action of the majority of the committee in refusing to stultify themselves by acceding to the request to hold an extraordinary general meeting:—J. M. Barclay (Dublin, vice-president), J. D. Rowe (vice-president), Dr. Lavery (country committee), P. M'Ardle, R. J. Gaskin, Wm. Keating (country committee), Patrick M'Keown, Thos. M'Kitterick, M. Byrne, and P. Grimes (of Dundalk), Thos. Meehan and M. Gray (of Drogheda), Miss E. G. M'Enift (Cootehill), N. Thompson (Tinahely, country committee), Archibald Neill, A. J. Hughes, and P. M'Guire (of Dublin).

Curious Nesting Sites of British Birds.

SIR,—The following facts are worthy of mention and might prove interesting to some. Among the various unusual nesting places noted during the past year, a Blackbird at South Witham (Essex) placed its nest at the foot of a lectern in the Parish Church. Four young Thrushes were reared in a Brussels sprouts plant near Worksop (Notts). A clutch of Robin's eggs was laid in the pocket of an old disused coat which had been hung up on an outhouse at Sandford (Devon), and the young birds were duly hatched out. Apparently without any dire results, a nest at Bishops Stortford (Herts) was shared by a partridge and a wild duck; when found it contained fourteen eggs, of which eight were those of the Partridge. Presumably the birds used the nest alternately. A double or combined nest was reported from Redhill (Surrey). It was built in a rustic arch, and was oblong in shape. The upper part was the property of a Blackbird, while the "ground floor" was tenanted by a Wren.

REES REES.

Was the Policy of "Grab" to Blame?

The Newport and Monmouthshire C.B.S. Closes Down.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS with reference to the above society, as much correspondence reaches me from all parts of the country, and having no club funds to work upon this comes expensive. On December 5th, 1908, we held a show at the Castle Hotel, giving two outside classes, with the sole object of bringing others to join our society, and make the whole business a sure success. The show was judged by Mr. A. Allen (Newport), and words cannot convey my gratitude to that gentleman for his kindness in giving his services free to help us, and everybody seemed satisfied when the cards were placed. Then came the winding up. Members agreed to leave prize money in the society, but pay out to non-members on the outside classes. We could hardly afford more than this, the gate being very poor. Now, to help the novice in members' classes I myself gave a Norwich cock for best bird, G. Brown, mahogany cage, G. Hughes' Yorkshire cock for Yorkshire section. The prizes and prize money were given out on December 12th, one week after the show. The result was the novice offered his prizes for sale; others left the society, leaving five of us to carry on, and giving no explanation for doing so. I called meetings week after week to consider the present year's dates for shows, etc., but could only get the number of five at each meeting. So we decided to discontinue the club altogether, as the expenses were too much for us, and to divide equally what was standing to the credit of the society. Here the whole business has ended, and I hope I never have the pleasure of again dealing with a half-hearted lot, and a lot of "grabbers" such as we had attending those meetings. The novices offering their prizes for sale (some given by those who could hardly afford it) I consider mean and petty. Unfortunately for us, their aim was to succeed, and then to bid us adieu.

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Keeping Green Food Fresh.

SIR,—I keep my hen Canaries in fresh green-food all day when they are feeding young by getting a small drinker from a wicker cage (the wicker Roller travelling cage) and half filling it with water. Then you put in your dandelion leaves (or any other green food you choose), and place the pot inside the cage or the aviary.

D. SONBIE.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space on the quality of the Linnet song. "A Linnet Fancier," whose letter I read with great interest, has given the biscuit to us fanciers in the North. We are cultivators of quality Linnet singing. If we get a good bird, we keep him with a few good companions, either young ones, or one or two that can sing a few notes as he does; if we can't get one he is better kept by himself. If we had to keep a good bird with the London racer, or time singer, or "comic singers," as we sometimes call them, it is ten to one the good bird would learn all the bad bird's singing. It is ten times easier to spoil a good bird than to make one. A friend of mine gave £2 10s. for one. I had the pleasure of judging this bird at many contests, and he was generally in the first three in the prizes. He is surrounded by time singers and goes to many of their contests. The fact is, that bird's value is now reduced to a few shillings. I was judging at a contest where this bird sang, and instead of being first for quality he got about last prize for time. Now this is a case in point where quality and time singing will not do together; that good bird had been spoil by its owner taking it amongst the time-singers. Then "Linnet Fancier" wants to know if the birds in the North have their own song, or is it learnt by artificial means. The Linnet, being a mocking bird, has no particular song of his own. There is no one particular song called the best before it has been sung. That bird is best which is endowed with the best musical abilities, the song running long length, varying in voices, having nice time and good form, with plenty of vigour, without any racing or time-singing. It is impossible to put the Linnet song down on paper. In my last letter I put the song down as sung by the bird. If I had heard a Madame Patti sing I could only say she was "a marvel"; to know the rest you would have to hear her. And that is so with the Linnet. Quality of every kind is always very scarce. There is not more than one good Linnet in a thousand. Fanciers in the South have the advantage. A young bird begins to learn its singing in the nest. Their schoolmasters are the Nightingale, Wood Lark, Sedge Warbler, Snipe, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch, etc. Our birds never hear the two first-mentioned. I always get my fresh caught birds from the South. Training Linnets with Roller Canaries is all right for teaching one's birds to go a good length; but the Linnet sometimes will take the Canary voice, and a bird with Canary voice would be disqualified. We want the pure Linnet voice. I am not a lover of time-singing nor of racing Linnets, and if it was mentioned in our society I should be the first man to put my foot on it. They only sing time-singing where the members don't know quality. I think if we had to start time we should be going back a hundred years, and our forefathers who handed down to us the pleasures of cultivating and understanding quality Linnet singing, would turn over in their graves.

GEORGE ROSTRON.

SIR,—In answer to "Linnet Fancier," of course I don't want any telling as to what part of the country he comes from. He says that if he were to put five London Linnets and one Leeds Linnet on the grass amongst the wild birds, say 20 yards apart, and all six birds were singing, the wild birds would fly to the Leeds bird, and take no notice of the five London birds whatever. Well, if our friend reads my statement on July 17th he will find that he proves I am right in what I said—these birds are good bird catchers, but not contest singers. He also asks if "a London fancier" would give a few notes on the quality song. Well, in London we don't cultivate this kind of song, except for the purpose I have mentioned; but I can tell him where the Linnet gets most of his song from, and that is from the Skylark. If you hear a Lark while he is rising, he will start with what you call "scraping" in Linnet song; the right name for it is "laughing," but the Linnet does it in different styles, and changes in keys, which makes it sound better. It starts like this: "Har, har, har, weet, weet, weet, chow, chow, chow, fear, fear, fear, egip," and so on. "Linnet Fancier" also said that these birds are trained under a schoolmaster. He does not state what these schoolmasters are trained under for their song. Are they trained under the Skylark, Titlark, and Woodlark, the same as we in London used to do some 30 years ago? These were known as toy songs, but even if they were they would not do "peeing" and "reeing," as he says, this song went like this: "Har, har, har, Joey, egip, poy, pipe, pipe, chow, chow, weet." Of course, these Linnets never used to "tolic" in front of their song, because they were taken from the nest when they were about 12 days old; but a man was lucky to get three birds out of 20 to do this song correctly, and he needed great patience in training them. But as the old fanciers died we slowly lost the strain of the song. But the song which I mentioned in my first letter is as good as you will find for ordinary song. I have no doubt I could mention every syllable of your song if I heard the bird, but I am afraid it would not be "water blubber." I don't wish to be sarcastic, but will be only too pleased to let you know any kind of British song which we call good song in London.

LONDON FANCIER.

Notes on Hybrid Breediug.

SIR,—I am glad to see by the articles published of late in CAGE BIRDS that Mule breeding is still "looking up," and that a great many have taken it up. No doubt there are lots who have not yet made any statement as to their success or failure. The latter, no doubt, is very general and is likely to be with so uncertain a hobby, but those who do "stick to it" and will not let their failures stop them, will come off trumps some day, and then they will be able to have a good smile at their past reverses. As a breeder for over thirty years, I can say that I have had my ups and downs in plenty, but still, as each season comes round I again "come up smiling," as one never knows what may be one's luck, for luck is the main point in this hobby. I have had the greatest expectations, both this year and last, of establishing a record, but these were broken by a fluke, on the hardest lines possible. Only fancy getting two nests of nearly impossible Hybrids hatched out; then to be beaten after they are from ten to fourteen days old! Such is the case, but as I am quite an old hand, I take it—well, as easy as possible, expecting that with every nest I shall come off trumps; and if not—well, I have gained a little more knowledge in bird lore. I dare say I should have been more successful this season so far had I had a good supply of "feeders" or sitting hens. But as I had not, the results have been so far bad. I have yet some time and some expectations from several pairs, that is, if the eggs count for anything. Of course, I have to chance the eggs being good, but when you get deceived, as I have been so much of late years, you never know what to expect. Why the British birds deceive you in this way I cannot as yet understand. From Canaries one expects different results, and as a rule get them; but, oh! from Hybrid pairs it is at times almost disheartening. No doubt there have been some good birds got this year from such pairs, and I do hope we shall see the results recorded. If there has been any good Hybrid bred, I hope the announcement will be published, i.e., the names of the parents of the birds given. I have seen of late several instances recorded in which the cock bird has been the Bullfinch. I have tried the cock Bullie for over 25 years with no results. I believe the Germans have used this bird in years gone by (if not of late) with success; but I think the English have not been so successful with it. So, fanciers, let us know the facts of the cock Bullie and what it has done in the Hybrid line this year. I hope these notes will draw out some other fanciers, and particularly the "old hands." Young ones will, I know, rush into print if they have been fortunate enough to raise a Mule or Hybrid, but we want the experienced ones to come forward so that the old hands can read a bit, if not learn, for I find it is never too late to learn.

OLD BREEDER.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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Under the White Rose.

C.M.Y.C.C. held a committee meeting on Saturday evening last. A goodly number of societies applied for patronage, and several will be sorely disappointed at not receiving it, but the rules read that the number of shows shall be limited, and the committee cannot go beyond this number, otherwise they would have endeavoured to disappoint fewer.

N.G.M.Y.C.C. also held a committee meeting on the same evening. It was decided that the meeting to allot patronage be held on August 21st, so societies please note, and have applications in before this date. The requirements are that four classes be provided at each show for Green Marked Yorkshires, two for cocks and two for hens. Many societies could easily run these along with those required for the Y.C.C. In fact a lot of societies have run Cock Classes for years, and therefore require only an additional two to fulfil the conditions of the club.

THIS society also decided to cater for the novice. A prize of £1 1s. for first place, and 10s. 6d. for second place is to be offered to novice members of the club for points gained at Yorkshire Union shows by Green Marked birds in novice classes. The same prizes are also to be offered to novices not members of the Union, for points gained at non-Union shows in novice classes (where such are provided), and in open classes when novice classes are not provided. The membership is now over 80, and this novice item should easily bring the total up to the century.

THE letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS (correspondence column), anent the Zoo and aviaries at Halifax, has been read with considerable interest in Bradford and district, and many fanciers have stated their intention of paying an early visit. This is a splendid opening for concerted action, and I am sure our friends at Halifax would only be too pleased to welcome a party, and would doubtless conduct them round. How would this suit the B.B. and M.C.? It should be interesting to all bird lovers.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual Young Bird Show took place at the headquarters, July 24th, when the entry was well up to the average, about 90 birds being entered in the various classes. Classes were provided for British birds, and a good entry was secured. The silver medal given by the society for best young bird of the year was captured by a novice, Mr. Bishop, with a yellow ticked Yorks, Mr. J. Gifford being runner-up with a Yorks green. Hybrids were not so plentiful as last year, and Mr. C. Lambert won here somewhat easily with a large, good-shaped Linnet-Can. Mr. Harrison (St. Ives) again judged. During the afternoon a large number of fanciers visited the show, the arrangements for which were ably carried out by Mr. T. S. Moore (hon. sec.), Mr. J. Gifford (asst. hon. sec.) and the committee.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Linsey; 2, Taylor. BUFF: 1, spl., Brooks; 3, Linsey. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, spl., Linsey; 2, Gifford. BUFF: 1, 2, Linsey; 3, Gifford. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, Bishop; 2, Widdows; 3, Taylor. YORKS: 1, 2, and medal, Bishop; 3, Ridgewell. A.O.V. NOVICE: 1, Hard; 2, 3, King. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl., Gifford; 2, 3, Linsey. HYB.: 1, 3, spl., Lambert; 2, Marsh. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, spl., Watson; 3, McQuarrie. BULLFINCH: 1, Watson; 2, Papworth. GREENFINCH: 1, Hearn; 2, McQuarrie; 3, Cousins. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl., Gifford; 2, Hearn; 3, Bye. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Linsey; 2, Cousins; 3, Ridgewell. HYB.: 1, 2, spl., Lambert; 3, McQuarrie.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Grand show of young Canaries in their first feather held at headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, on July 24th, when Mr. Hartley (Bingley) officiated as judge, having a splendid entry of 99 birds. This was the third and last show of young birds this year, and marks the halfway line in the competition for the valuable specials which the Society put up each year for its members to compete for. Keen competition has always been one of the main features of these members' shows; so keen, in fact, that in order to cater for each individual member, three sections have this year been provided, and these have drawn an average entry of 83 for each of the three shows. In the champion section at this show, most points were gained by Messrs. Laycock, Stables, L. Briggs, and Farrar. Novice section: Messrs. C. Walker, F. Gelder, Wilkinson Bros., W. Brooke, and in the extra novice section most points were won by Wilman and Barker. Following is a list of points with four highest competitors' names in each section for the three young bird shows. Champion section: W. Laycock, 63 points; W. Stables, 58; L. Briggs, 58; J. Farrar, 41; J. Northrop, 39. Novice section: E. Dinsdale, 61; F. Gelder, 51; C. Walker, 40; Baldwin Bros., 36; W. Greenwood, 33. Extra novice section: Wilson and Barker, 16; T. Stobart, 14; W. Walker, 11. The judge gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS (7): 1, Briggs; 2, 3, Laycock; 4, hc, Stables; vhc, Farrar; c, Northrop. BUFF (8): 1, Farrar; 2, 4, c, Laycock; 3, Northrop; vhc, hc, Stables. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Farrar; 2, 3, Stables. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Briggs; 2, Stables; 4, Northrop. UNEV. MKD. ETC. VARIEG. YELL. (1): 1, Briggs. BUFF (7): 1, Stables; 2, Northrop; 3, 4, hc, Laycock; vhc, Briggs; c, Farrar. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS (4): 1, Walker; 2, Busfield; 3, Baldwin Bros.; 4, Greenwood. BUFF (12): 1, Walker; 2, Wilkinson Bros.; 3, hc, Dinsdale; 4, hc, Brooke; vhc, Priestley. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Baldwin Bros.; 2, Gelder; 3, Dinsdale; 4, c, Wilkinson Bros., vhc, Greenwood; hc, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, 4, Brooke; 3, Walker; vhc, c, Baldwin Bros.; hc, Dinsdale. UNEV. MKD. ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Greenwood; 4, Brooke. BUFF (4): 1, Brooke; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Baldwin Bros. CINN. MKD. YORKS (3): 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Gelder; 2, Walker; 3, Dinsdale. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Wilman and Barker; 3, 4, hc, Stobart; c, W. Walker.—H. HILL, Sec.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

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King Scarlet.

The importation of one of the lovely birds known to scientists as Minivets, signalised in CAGE BIRDS recently, is too important an avicultural event to pass over, although both Mr. C. T. Maxwell and Mr. G. E. Weston have already possessed specimens of these birds, and Mr. E. W. Harper has imported some. They were not often to be obtained when I was in India, though many, if not most of the known species inhabited that country; a few, like the Verditer and Niltava Flycatchers, used to be brought down from the Himalayas to Calcutta every winter. Much the commonest kind was the Short-billed (*Pericrocotus brevirostris*); the male of this is a red-and-black bird, about as big as a Wagtail, with the colour distributed as I have attempted to show in the drawing. The hen is yellow and grey, but marked much the same as the cock, except that the yellow runs up to the beak below, the throat not being dark. There are several other red Minivets, and the native name for these is "Rajah Lal," which I have endeavoured to anglicize at the head of this paragraph.

The Bird with Seven Sweethearts.

A Rajah must have his harem, so the natives, seeing the red bird followed by about half-a-dozen yellow ones, as is commonly the case, jump to the conclusion that these are his lady-loves, whence the name given to him in many places "the beloved of seven damsels." This is very like the popular name of the splendid "Twelve-tailed Whydah" (*Chera procne*) in his native home in South Africa — "King-over-six." In the case of the Whydah, which is a polygamous bird, the followers really are his wives; but I know of no reason for thinking that Minivets are polygamous, and believe that the parties seen are an old cock, his wife, and the brood, which are all yellow-and-grey like their mother, though with the addition of a certain amount of dark pencilling. Few birds are so attractive to watch as Minivets; they are insectivorous birds, and catch their prey either on the wing, as one would expect from their Flycatcher-like shape, or, more often, by clinging to the twigs in all manner of curious attitudes, like our Tits; to the ground they very seldom venture.



The Minivet.

A New Blue Bird.

It is all very well, some may say, to tantalize us with descriptions of these delicate soft-bills, which will never be everybody's birds, and I must admit that Minivets *are* delicate, though not so much so as some of our small British soft-bills. However, another very beautiful bird has just come into the trade, for the first time, as far as I know, which, being a Finch, is an easy enough subject, and at the same time excels in beauty of colour. This is the chestnut-shouldered Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca coerulea*) of Southern North America. In size this fine bird about equals a Russian Bullfinch; its colour is very striking, a rich bright violet-blue, with the wings marked with chestnut, much as in the Brambling. By this it may be distinguished from the better-known Blue Grosbeak of South America (*G. cyanea*), which is blue all over; but this is not nearly so bright in hue as the northern bird; nor is it so large, only equalling the ordinary English Bullfinch. Specimens of both are now in the Zoo collection.

The Rose-Finch.

A much better-known Finch, and one which will interest fanciers of foreign and British birds alike, is the Rose-finch, of which specimens are now available. This is a rare straggler to this country, and is called in British-bird books the Scarlet Bullfinch—a silly name, for the bird is more nearly allied to the Linnet than the Bullfinch, and its colour is carmine, not scarlet. It must be admitted, however, in shape it much resembles the Bullfinch, especially about the bill, and it is also similar in size and feeding habits. A notable point of difference, however, is its habit of erecting the head-feathers, as the Chaffinch does, and its note is very characteristic. The call-note is a "sweet," just like that of a Canary; the song is clear and pretty, but short; it sounds to me like "Sweet—my dear!" The cock is very handsomely but peculiarly coloured; he looks as if he had been originally brown, but had been dipped head first into a rich rose-carmine dye, and the colour allowed to spread from the head on to the rest of the plumage; it is very rich on the face and breast, and then gradually fades away. The hen is a very sombre bird, drab with dark streaks, not with no conspicuous mark of any colour.

A Likely Mule.

Unfortunately the cock, after a moult in captivity, loses the beauty of his carmine colouring, this being replaced by a sort of "old-gold" shade, as in the Cross-bill. I think, however, that he would be likely to prove an exceedingly valuable bird to the mule breeder. Crossed with the hen Bullfinch, he should produce a bird of the type of the Linnet-Bullfinch mule, but it ought to be far handsomer, as the Rosefinch has so much more of the red colour than the Linnet, and its shape ought to harmonize better with that of the Bullfinch, while its similar requirements in the way of food would be another advantage. If there were a regular demand for Rosefinches, they would become much cheaper, as they are to be obtained by the cageful in Calcutta during the winter, at which season they visit India; the bazaar dealers there used to sell them as Red Linnets, the Red-headed Bunting (*Emberiza luteola*), also a common winter bird, being known as "Yellow Linnet," as the under-parts of this bird are bright yellow.

Soft-bills in Favour.

The Rose-finch, or "Tootee" as it was called by the natives, was the only Indian Finch, which seemed to be kept as a song-bird in Calcutta; indeed, with the exception of Avadavats and Canaries, one saw but few Finches kept by the natives there, although a Finch-billed Lark, known as "Aghoen," was a common pet. Soft-bills were great favourites, the chief being the common brown House-Mynah, the Hill Mynah, and the Shama. A sort of Black Stone-chat, the Pidha (*Pratincola caprata*), however, was also kept at times, and now and then the Dhyal. A greater favourite than all, however, was the common black Bulbul, but this was kept braced, not caged, and was so treated with the idea of using it as a fighting bird, Bulbul-fights being a standing pastime with the natives.

The Pugnacious Corncrake.

The Corncrake, although shy, is a very pugnacious bird, and during the spring severe battles are fought between the males. They fight after the manner of game fowls, retiring and advancing to the fray. The young birds quarrel among themselves when quite small.

Vitality in Birds.

Birds have more life in them than any other creature. Many of them are never still except when asleep. Even when not running about or flying, they are moving their wings, and tails, or twisting their heads from side to side. This restlessness doubtless constitutes part of the charm of feathered life.

Protection in Ireland.

In Scotland the egg collector does not enjoy that freedom of hill and dale, so necessary to his pleasure, as most of the ground is watched and protected. But in Ireland he is free to wander pretty well where he chooses, so few nesting grounds being properly looked after. This is unfortunate for the rare birds in the Sister Isle, many of which are fast disappearing.

The Woodpecker's Tongue.

The tongue of the Woodpecker is an extremely wonderful bit of mechanism. Its bony tip is furnished on either side with small serrations set backwards, which enable it to get a grip of the grubs and larvae on which it feeds. But this part of the tongue is only a small part of the whole, for it extends backwards in two branches round the windpipe, and along the back and top of the skull round to the forehead at the root of the upper mandible.

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THE SCOTTISH DISQUALIFICATION CASE.

A STARTLING QUESTION.

Did Mr. McQuiston Himself Disqualify a Bullfinch Exhibited by Mr. Gemmell?

With regard to the statement made last week by a correspondent from Glasgow that "certain fanciers from Edinburgh did their utmost to get the Crystal Palace management to refuse Mr. McQuiston's entries at the Jubilee Show," we had a visit from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and the well-known show manager asked us to state that he had no recollection of anything of this nature. What actually happened was that he received a letter drawing his attention to the fact that certain Scottish birds had been disqualified for being stained at Bathgate Show, and expressing the hope that similar cases at the Palace (if any) would not escape the notice of the judges there. He (Mr. Ramsden) had certainly never had to consider the question of declining to allow Mr. McQuiston's birds to compete at the Jubilee Show.

A Reply to Mr. Farmer.

SIR,—I see a letter from Mr. R. Farmer in last week's issue *re* the McQuiston disqualification case. As far as I have seen or heard of the writer, he is neither an exhibitor nor a bird fancier; therefore, how can he judge other fanciers? When looking over the list of members of the S.B.B. and M.C., (and through various catalogues), I find he is not even a member of this society. It would have been better for Mr. Farmer if he had been at the annual meeting of the S.B.B. and M.C. and heard the evidence there, instead of only hearing it second-hand. So my advice to Mr. Farmer is to leave alone matters that he knows nothing about. I think CAGE BIRDS is doing well to thrash out this case. I consider, too, that the McQuiston case was well fought out at the S.B.B. and M.C. meeting; the finding was unanimous. Mr. McQuiston was present, and all he could say was that he never stained the bird. But since he exhibited the bird from which stain was taken, he was therefore guilty in my opinion.

JOHN RAE, JUN.

A Curious Enquiry.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper *re* the McQuiston disqualification. I think there is something peculiar about the case. I can't understand how either Mr. McQuiston or Mr. Gemmell could state that the latter had the Bullfinch in question at either of the Ayr Shows held last year. I was an exhibitor at both, and I know for certain that Mr. Gemmell had no cage birds at either of them, but had pigeons. I should like to ask Mr. McQuiston if he was the judge at Dalmellington Show, held Jan. 30th, and disqualified a Bullfinch of Mr. Gemmel's for being stained? If so, how is it he couldn't detect the staining on the one he was showing at Bathgate? I am almost sure Mr. Gemmell hadn't a Bullfinch capable of winning at a show like Bathgate. Could he stain a bird to deceive a judge like Mr. McQuiston, as I know it is only lately he has kept cage birds, as he was always a pigeon fancier? To my mind, there is a deal to be cleared up regarding the matter. It is the "getting-up" of birds that discourages amateurs, in fact all of us who can't paint."

LOCH DOON.

The above letter only came to hand as we were preparing to go to press with the paper. We telegraphed at once to Mr. McQuiston (July 28, mid-day) in the following terms:—

REPLY PAID.

Correspondent alleges you disqualified Bullfinch belonging Gemmell at Dalmellington Show, January 30, for being stained. Reply if you desire denial published. AVICULTURE.

Up to the time of CAGE BIRDS closing for press, 10 a.m., Thursday July 29, no reply to this telegram (and one was prepaid) had come to hand from Mr. McQuiston. We can find no report in the Fancy Press of any cage-bird section at the Dalmellington Show of Jan. 30 last, though we can trace the published account of the poultry and pigeon sections.

The time at our command has been too short to permit of enquiries being made other than from Mr. McQuiston, who, of course, is chiefly concerned. On the face of it, it is hard, very hard, to believe that Mr. Gemmell would exhibit another stained Bullfinch *after* the affair at Bathgate Show, and readers should view the matter with all reserve until we have been able to enquire further.—EDITOR.

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The Keeping of British . . . . Hardbills as Pets.

By MISS E. G. WILLCOCK, D.Sc.

The purchase of birds as pets is in general a much easier matter than when they are wanted for show purposes. In my opinion, and I have kept a great variety of birds, any bird that can be kept under suitable conditions is capable of becoming a beautiful, intelligent and affectionate pet. Moreover, one is enabled to gratify humanitarian feelings, and purchase a bird which is obviously ill and miserable, in a small dirty cage, with the certainty that a few weeks will entirely alter his spirits and his appearance. In keeping birds as pets, I should always advise the keeping of several together, for they then display much more clearly their individual characters and provide much more amusement to their owners.

Before Procuring Birds.

Before procuring any birds, their prospective owner should get ready everything necessary for their housing and feeding.

If there is plenty of air and space, I recommend that the cage be kept in the living room, as the birds become much tamer under such circumstances, but my readers must remember that a close atmosphere, dark quarters, or a draught, are all fatal to the well-being of their pets.

As regard cages, I always use box-cages, the size of which is only limited by the space at my disposal. CAGE BIRDS has frequently given the number of birds which can be kept per sq. ft. of cage room, so my readers cannot go wrong in this respect. Cover the cage bottom with a good layer of sawdust, which is both clean and antiseptic, and put in the cage a large pan of good shell gravel.

For my hardbills I use equal parts of best Canary seed and teazle, with niger, hemp, rape, linseed and sunflower seeds added from time to time. I always provide a little animal food in the shape of ants' eggs, mealworms, or greenfly, and I like to vary the diet as much as possible. For green food I give dandelion, thistle heads, for the Goldies; chickweed, shepherd's purse and berries of all kinds, and bright-coloured nasturtium flowers. On this diet I have cage-moulted several Bullfinches, and have found that their colour is quite equal to that of fresh-caught birds.

Starting a Collection.

For starting a collection of tame birds I strongly advise the purchase of a pair of Bullfinches, cock and hen. These birds I have always found hardy and bold, and their greed makes them very easy to tame. Moreover, a great affection seems to exist between the cock and the hen, when once paired, and it is very pretty to watch the one mounting guard over the food pots or the bath, and keeping off the other birds until its mate has finished operations thereat.

Having purchased a pair of birds, let them at once have a good bath in water containing Sanitas. This is especially advisable when adding new birds to a collection; in this case, too, I always keep the new arrivals in a quarantine cage for some days.

Having got your Bullfinches in the roomy box-cage, and all comfortable, you must begin to accustom them to your presence. Speak to them often, and in the morning before replenishing the seed pots, hold a sunflower seed, a meal-worm, or a berry in your fingers against the cage wires. Do not be surprised if you have to do this at intervals for some days before the birds will take it from you. When your pots no longer flutter when you touch the cage, it is time for their next lesson.

The Next Lesson.

At a time when the room is quiet, open the cage door before feeding the birds, and allow them to fly out. Do not go near them, but put a flower pot saucer of water on the table for a bath and watch the birds. If he be not chased or pursued, a bird rarely dashes against the window panes more than twice, and will often return to his cage for food of his own accord.

If your pet is not so accommodating, I have found it a good plan to get a long stick with a bar at one end of it, fixed at right angles. If you touch the bird's breast gently with the crossbar, he will usually step on the bar, and can be carried on it to the cage door, which he will often enter voluntarily on seeing the food within. Never catch a bird up unless absolutely necessary; they all hate it, and birds who are so tame as to carry on nesting operations within a foot of us, will sulk for a day after being taken up in my hand, although they will perch on my hand willingly.

Get your birds accustomed to bathing outside the cage; you can then give them a bigger vessel, and keep your cage floor cleaner and drier.

When they are used to being loose in the room, tempt them to come voluntarily to your hand for titbits. Do not begrudge any pains with your first pair, for the others will all learn from them, and will give you little trouble.

New Arrivals.

Having got your Bullfinches tame, and having taught them by gentle chivying to return to the cage when the new food is put in, you may proceed to buy other birds, one by one, getting each accustomed to his daily outing and bath before arranging for new arrivals.

If you wish to go in for Mule breeding I recommend the purchase of a cock Goldfinch, or cock Siskin, and a hen Canary with perhaps a hen Greenfinch. From experience I find that the tame birds will breed readily in box cages, each pair being given a separate compartment, or, better still, a separate cage. I have not found it necessary to stop any of the ordinary quiet house-life in the room, and my breeding birds have come out for their morning exercise and bath throughout incubation and rearing. It is true I have not interfered much with the nests, but even the Bullfinch, who is the shyest sitter, will remain on the nest while I tidy up the cage. Unfortunately she will not pair with any bird but the cock Bullfinch, and has never hatched a family yet, since at both nesting times she had to undergo a house-moving. The nesting season is full of interest for the bird-keeper, and at this time his pets show more individuality and charm than at any other time.

In conclusion, I would say that if anyone can spare time to tame his pets he will more than double the pleasure he will derive from them.

The Points We Breed for in the Border Fancy.

By T. Walker.

A Paper read before the Berwick-on-Tweed C.B.S. on July 1st.

I cannot, of course, deal with all the points of the Border Fancy Canary as a specialist might, but I trust you will bear patiently with me as I endeavour to explain some of the points we have to breed for, if we are to have good show birds. Some years ago, when I started to keep this variety it went more by the name of the Common Canary than by anything else; but year by year it has made great progress, and wherever exhibited it has always drawn a host of admirers by its graceful action and other fine qualities.

The Grand Essentials.

The grand essentials of a Border Fancy are type and quality. Without these the Canary is worthless as a show bird. The general appearance is that of a clean cut, lightly made, compact, proportionable, sprightly, close feathered, smallish Canary, showing no tendency to heaviness, roughness, or dulness, but giving the impression of quality and symmetry throughout. The head should be small, round and neat looking.

To breed a bird with a fine round head is something to be proud of. Many a good bird fails in this point, being too flat on top, which gives it a back seat in keen competition. The bill should be fine, the eyes dark and bright, denoting health. The neck should be rather fine, and proportionate to head and body, the bird showing no frill when moving in the show-cage.

As regards the body, the back should be well filled and nicely rounded, running in almost a straight line from the gentle rise over the shoulders to the point of the tail. The chest, also, should be nicely rounded, but neither heavy nor prominent, the line gradually tapering away to the vent.

Discard all thin-chested birds, as they mostly always show the frill on chest; also have nothing to do with hollow-backed birds. The wings should be compact and carried close to the body, just meeting at the tips. Avoid all birds that clip or cross their wings. There are birds whose wings meet at the tips, but which are guttered down the back; that is, are a sort of V-shape. These birds do not stand much chance if there is keen competition. You want the wings to cover the back all the way down. The legs should be of medium length, showing little or no thigh; they must be fine and in harmony with the other points, with feet corresponding; also the bird should show no roughness or fluff at the thighs.

The plumage of an exhibition Border should be close, firm and fine in quality, presenting a smooth, glossy, silky appearance; and it should be free from frill or roughness. The tail should be close-packed, narrow, nicely rounded and well filled in at the root; you also want to keep out all fish-tailed birds or those having split or hinged tails, for if you breed from birds having these faults you are sure to have a fair percentage of young possessing similar faults. The colour should be rich, soft and pure, as level in tint as possible throughout, but there must be extreme depth or hardness. An exhibition bird's position should be semi-erect; it should stand at about an angle of 45 degs. The carriage should be gay and jaunty, with a fine free poise of head.

When One Gets a Good Bird.

Now, all these points go to make up a good show specimen. When you have bred a bird possessing most of these points, don't forget to train it in the show cage. Handle such whenever you have time, and have your exhibition birds thoroughly steadied down before sending them out, so that they may become fully accustomed to the cages. Nothing pleases a judge more than to see a well-trained and steady Border.

The beginner in this fascinating hobby is almost certain to meet with disappointment, but he must not in the least permit that to dishearten him; on the contrary, he should get to know what to breed for, and how to pair his birds up from the best he can get; he will come out on top some day. I omitted to say that the Border Fancy should not exceed 5½ inches in length, measured in the usual way; that is, from tip of bill to end of tail.

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Birds of the Seashore.

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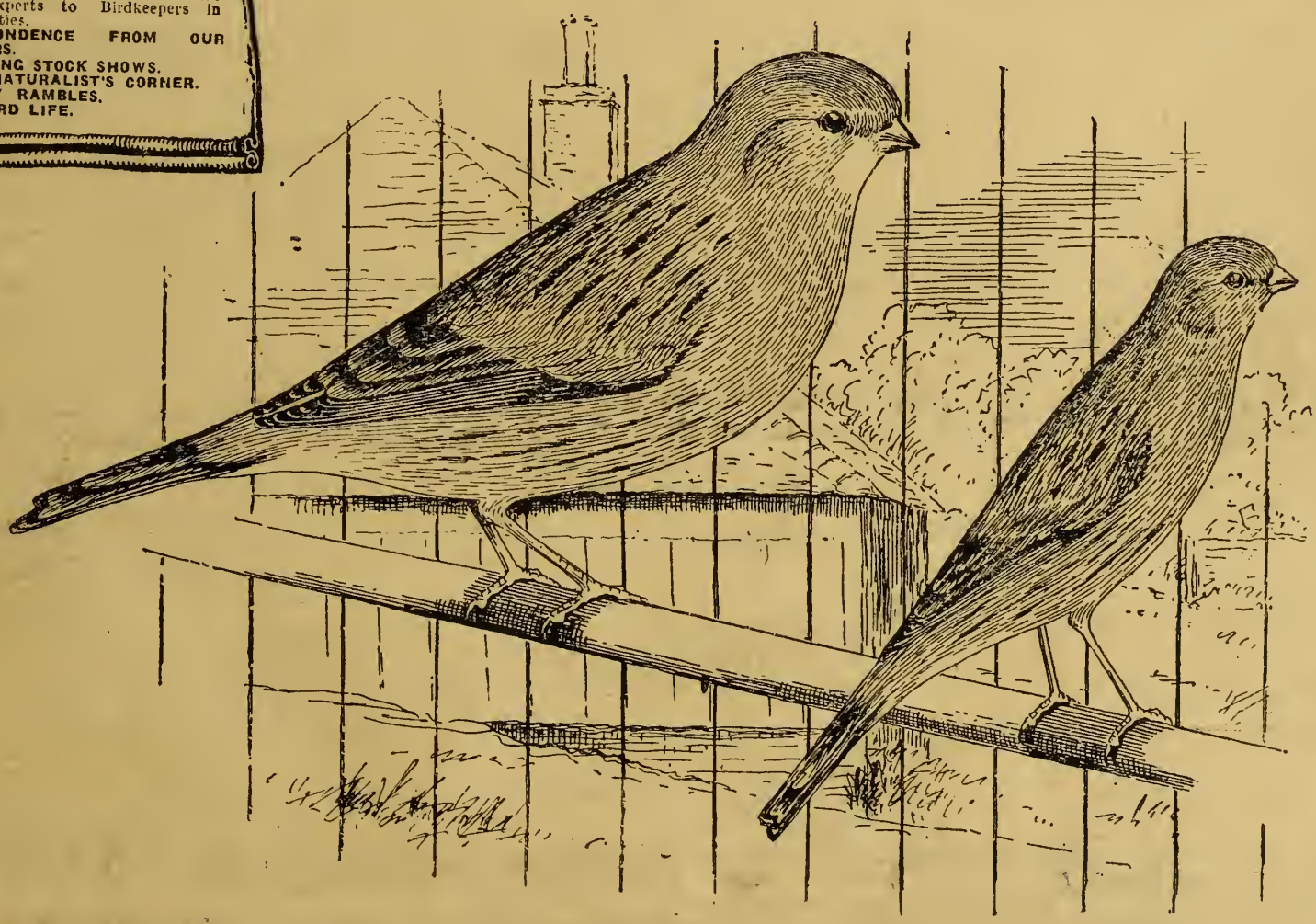
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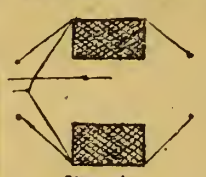
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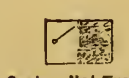
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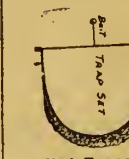

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Club Reports.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Marie Stuart Hall, Langside-rd., July 29th, Mr. J. Edward presiding. It was decided to hold annual show November 20th in above-named hall. A splendid classification is given with novice classes in Norwich to encourage young fanciers, and the Secretary will be pleased to communicate with same. Members will do well to attend the August meeting on the last Friday of month.—Geo. M. Thomson, Sec.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

Mr. T. H. Harrison gave a most interesting and instructive lecture to the members of the above society on July 22nd, subject, "The weeding-out of live stock." Many valuable hints were given, which were much appreciated by the members and friends present. Questions were put to the lecturer by members. These were replied to in a way which greatly pleased the audience. It is a great pity members did not turn up in greater numbers. It is not very encouraging to the lecturer when there is a poor attendance. We can assure those members who were not present that they missed a great treat. At the close of the lecture a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Harrison.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Committee meeting held July 27th, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (president) in the chair. A large turn-out of members was present. The formation of a club show in connection with our open show was agreed to, same to take place in September, no Saturday of the month being yet fixed. It is to be open for members only. A letter was read from Mr. Cullen, of Dunfermline (late of Creiff), stating his willingness to give an exhibition of hand-washing on August 14th, when a full attendance of members is requested. The election of new members then took place, when the following gentlemen were accepted, viz., Messrs. J. Campbell, A. Hunter, and A. Ramsay, of Lassodie; and Wylie, Chambers, Mackintosh, of Kelty. This terminated a very enjoyable evening. The chairman was thanked for the able manner in which he had presided.—J. Ford, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held July 28th, Mr. Davison in chair. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Douglas (Whitehaven), G. Taylor (Newcastle), Blaydon and Newcastle shows were nominated for cup patronage, the former receiving 5 votes to Newcastle's 3. Consequently, Blaydon receives cup this year. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. The medals and points specials (Sandiford's cup and gold medal) were allotted to Newcastle, South Shields, Wallsend, Darlington, Cockermouth, Gateshead. The novice medals and points specials (Dr. O'Neal's cup and gold medal) were allotted to Newcastle, South Shields, Blaydon, Wallsend, Sunderland, and Gateshead. I will be ordering the show cages soon, so shall be glad to hear from any member who requires them. This is an opportunity for members to get cages at wholesale prices.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at the New Surrey Arms Hotel, Glossop, on August 1st, and we had an excellent turn-out of members from Gorton, Denton, Shaw, Middleton, Oldham, Rawtenstall, Glossop, etc. Business was soon dealt with. The following societies were granted our patronage for challenge cups, medals, and Ramsden's cruet, viz., Rochdale, October 22nd and 23rd; Manchester, October 29th and 30th; Rochdale Good Intent, November 6th; Nottingham, November 13th to 15th; L.C.B.A., November 26th to 29th, and Middleton, December 4th (patronage for Lancashires and Lizards); Pendleton and Salford, November 19th and 20th, and Scottish National, December 31st and January 1st (for Lizards only). We made two new members in Messrs. A. Martin (Shaw) and our old friend, E. Fuller (Glossop). Mr. S. R. Compston gave us a very able lecture on the Lizard Canary. Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions, forward same as early as possible? They will then be entitled to compete for specials as per rule. Subscriptions must be paid a month before a member becomes eligible to compete. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dewsnap for acting as chairman, concluded the meeting.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell-rd., E.C., on July 19th. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Mr. O. Handt. Mr. R. J. Pretty moved that an additional silver-plated cup be added to the list of prizes to be competed for in the autumn (in Brit. and For. bird classes only). This was seconded by Mr. G. A. Marrison. Mr. Pretty kindly contributed 5/-, and Mr. W. Gilbert 2/6 to help to defray the expenses of same. This cup is not to exceed 21/- in value. The Sec. will be pleased to receive any further donations from members who feel kindly disposed to give same. Mr. R. J. Pretty moved, and Mr. O. Heine seconded, that the Secretary be instructed to make the necessary inquiries at the Northampton Institute for the holding of the autumn show there. The Chairman then read the half-yearly balance-sheet and report, which were very satisfactory indeed. On the pair and Finch shows there was a loss of 5/-, but this was counter-balanced by the profit on the Young Bird Show, viz., 6/9; leaving a balance of 1/9. The society has now £1 11s. 6d. in the bank, and £1 14s. 4½d. in the Secretary's hands, a total of £3 5s. 10½d. It is regretted that over 20 subscriptions are still outstanding, amounting to £5 2s. 6d. The Secretary trusts the members concerned will kindly remit at their earliest convenience. Mr. O. Heine then moved, and Mr. G. A. Marrison seconded, that the half-yearly balance-sheet be adopted, subject to being audited. Mr. R. J. Pretty moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which concluded a pleasant evening.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Special meeting to allot patronage held at head quarters, July 22nd, Mr. Hales in the chair. Working on the principle of giving patronage to only one show in each week, several societies had to be missed. Patronage was given to cover as large an area as possible, and as far as possible a different judge was elected for each show. In all cases the judge to take the Yorkshire Greens is given first:—October 22nd and 23rd, Newcastle, judges Messrs. Heath and Vardy; October 29th and 30th, Manchester, Messrs. Battye and Roe; November 5th and 6th, Liverpool, Messrs. Mundell and J. C. Barnes; November 12th and 13th, Preston, Messrs. Parker and Robinson; November 19th and 20th, Pendleton, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and Wellings; November 26th to 29th, L.C.B.A., Messrs. Mason and Trengove; December 3rd and 4th, Altrincham, Messrs. Hadwin and Wellings; December 31st and January 1st, 1910, Scottish National, Mr. J. Robson; January 11th, 1910, Llanelly, judge not settled; January 22nd, 1910, G.C.A., judge not settled; February, 1910, Palace, judge not settled. This year the club's gold medals will be competed for on the same lines as the cups, viz., in case of a tie most 1sts, most 2nds, etc., will decide. Medals will also be given in case the champion cups are not won outright. A small amount is still required to meet the cost of the novice cups. Any member wishing to subscribe, please write to the Secretary—S. Hadwin.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

For our meeting, held at the rooms of the Rochdale O.C., on July 17th, a large attendance of members turned up, Mr. Nadin (President) in the chair. The correspondence having been passed, we had the pleasure of welcoming two new members to our ranks, namely, Messrs. Woodhead and H. F. Hardy, of Littleborough. We next dealt with the patronage question for the coming season, and the list was the largest we have ever had before us. After discussion, it was decided to give our patronage to the following shows: Rochdale O.C., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Rochdale G.I., Nottingham, Littleborough, Middleton and Palace, and it was decided that we give a silver medal to the Frome F.A. open show for the best bird shown in standard cage and by a member of the L.C.A., as we have a few members in the district; this may encourage others to take up the variety and join us. As regards the unsuccessful application, I am sorry to say clashing of dates was the chief drawback. We wish them success and hope that next year they will repeat their application with success, as this year we have given it to two more societies than last year. We decided to hold our next meeting on the second Saturday in September, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, at 7 p.m. We hope to see another grand turn-up of members then. I may inform members that all subscriptions must be paid by September 16th, as no member will be allowed to count for points till the subscriptions have been paid. We also appeal to all Lancashire fanciers who are not members to join us, as the subscription is only 2s. 6d. per year; it would help the society very much in the endeavour to further the interests of the Lancashire on the bench, as this season it is intended to give about 12 extra medals in addition to points medal—six for best bird in show and six for best vhc birds, all to be won by L.C.A. members for standard cage, and no member to win more than one.—Wm. Adams, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hallam (C.B.U.)—Aug. 19th, Endcliffe Park, Sheffield.—Judge, Mr. Mundell.—10 open classes: Yorks 3, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close August 9th to Edwin C. Job, Wincobank, nr. Sheffield.

Troon and Loans.—August 28th, Unionist Hall, Troon.—Judge, Mr. J. M'Lay.—22 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, For. 3, Mule 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 3/- and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Aug. 25th to And. Shaw, 1, Fullarton-terrace, Troon.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Aug. 9.—**Hallam and Ecclesall.** E.C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.

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William P. Bell.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The last Nest Feather Show of the season was held July 28th. There was a good entry of 28 birds in the two classes. Mr. W. Cockburn (Wallsend) judged to the satisfaction of everyone. As this was his first attempt at judging, he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Wigglesworth, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson.

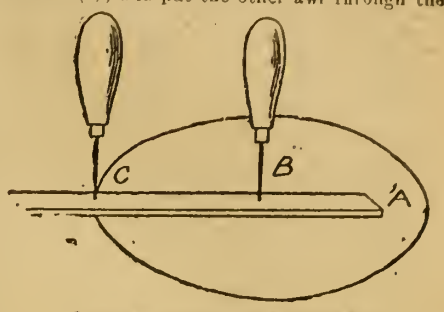
CL. (13): 1, 4, Hutler; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Wigglesworth; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Dix; c, Davison. TKD., ETC. (15): 1, 2, 3, Crawhall; 4, Hutler; vhc, Davison; hc, Atkinson; c, Tomlinson. Mr. Davison won silver cup with 52 points, Mr. Crawhall second 38, and Mr. Wigglesworth third 29. As these table shows have been so great a success, it was decided that we have three in the autumn and a pair show in January, the first to be held October 27th.—T. C. Crawhall, Sec.

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Here is a simple device for making a door in the side of a box cage, two awls being the only tools required. Take a strip of wood, say 12ins. by 1in. (a); insert an awl in the centre of this and right through the board to be "holed" (b); and put the other awl through the



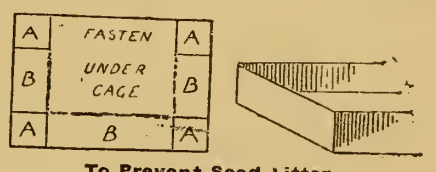
Cutting Out Wooden Doors.

strip of wood only at the required distance (c). Then work this round on the centre awl, and by applying a little pressure, cause it to slowly eat its way into the wood. After a little the awls may be worked in the same manner on the other side. The result will be a very workmanlike door.—J. Macrae.

No. 333.
A Simple Way to Prevent Seed Litter.
Sent by Mr. T. S. A. Bates.

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The enclosed sketch shows a method by which to prevent seed from falling on the floor and littering the room. The whole contrivance costs less than one halfpenny. The idea is to



To Prevent Seed Litter.

get a piece of cardboard, from which the corners (a) should be cut out as indicated in the illustration. The two ends (b) and the one side (also marked b) should be turned up. The opposite side should be fastened under the cage either by pins or glue.—T. S. A. Bates.

Country Rambles

Kilmarnock C.B.F.A.

Annual trip took place on July 3rd, the destination being Failford by Mauchline. The weather was not very suitable for driving in, although about 40 in all left Kilmarnock in brakes about 10 o'clock, reaching our destination at about 1 o'clock in very heavy rain, where a suitable hall was provided for the company. A few of the ladies served tea, which was very much enjoyed. The weather was still wet, so we had to keep inside for two or three hours. Mr. James Johnstone was called upon to act as M.C. In addressing the company he said it was very disagreeable to be in the heart of such lovely scenery for a day and yet have to resort to a winter pastime such as song and dance amusement. However, to pass the time away he called upon Mr. James Cree to give a few selections on the concertina, which were well received, as also were a few songs by several of the ladies and gentlemen of the company. As the weather now cleared up with a fine sun the company got out on to the banks of the Ayr. For scenery, nothing can surpass this in "the Land o' Burns," and we spent a happy hour before leaving for home, via Mauchline, which we reached between 8 and 9, all fairly well enjoying the day considering its inclemency.—ONE OF THE COMPANY.

Highgate and District C.B.S.

Our first ramble took place recently, when a few members and friends entrained for Epping Forest, leaving the home station at 2 p.m., and arriving at Epping Forest at 3 p.m. There the party was met by Mr. J. S. Clarke's son, Horace, Mr. J. S. Clarke having gone to meet some friends coming home from abroad, promising to meet us later. The weather seemed somewhat dull and heavy at the start, which no doubt kept many from turning out, but it did not take the train long to get us out of darkness into bright sunshine, for we had not been walking long in the forest before some wished they had got no jackets and vests to carry about. Master Horace made a capital guide, for he led us into some of the thickest parts of the forest, and brought us out again (without getting out of radius) to the place towards which we were working, the "Owl," Highbeach, where we were to take tea. Several bird nests were found, both with young and eggs; also various birds were seen on the wing, including Jays, Thrushes, Bullfinches, Tits, etc. That which took the attention of one and all most was the beautiful sound of the Cuckoo, he "letting go" for all he was worth. One of our company, Mr. Street, made a remark that he would turn out the first "Bunny," and sure enough he did, for we were one and all working to find nests when a cry went up, "Look out!" and there we saw a nice Sunday dinner running away, leaving behind a young one that could not run fast enough to enable it to get away. But it was, however, left in its happy hunting ground. It was now well after 5 o'clock, so Master Horace called us near to the tea table. Tea was not quite ready so we adjourned to a meadow in front of the house and enjoyed ourselves for half-an-hour at a game of tug of war, which resulted in a win for Mr. Neal's side. I can assure readers that justice was done by all to the ham, beef, eggs, and various other tasties provided by the lady at the "Owl," Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Giddy doing the mother's part, pouring out the tea and seeing that all were well supplied. After tea Mr. J. S. Clarke arrived, so we faced the camera and started off in another direction under the leadership of Mr. Clarke. He was a "marvel" at nest finding, as we had not walked 50 yards before he started to show us many, both with young and eggs. We were somewhat loth to leave the forest as it was getting nice and cool after such a hot afternoon, but Father Time said 9 p.m., and we entrained for home, saying good-day to Mr. Clarke and son, with many thanks for their guidance. We arrived home at 10 p.m., very tired, but glad we went.—G. H. NEAL, secretary.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, July 31st, when 15 birds were hung up. Some very good singing was heard. 1, Sissons; 2, Stead; 3, shared between Wigfield and Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and T. Johnson. Also on August 1st, when 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and B. Mawson. 1, Sissons; 2, Hardcastle; 3, 4, Stead. Also on August 2nd, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and W. Naylor. 1, Thompson; 2, Wigfield; 3, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

Now the season of suspense has passed away, I will give you the following results of our members:—Mr. Cargill has 30 on the sticks at present—Yorkies and Borders, some to be reckoned with. Next comes Mr. Duff with 26, all Borders; he has bred some very fine birds which, in my opinion, will make a mark. Next comes Mr. T. Barday, with 25 Norwich Plainheads, including some fine promising youngsters. He is exceedingly strong in Yellows. He made a good mark at our show last year with a fine yellow cock bird, but I think he will be able to score a better innings this season. Mr. Smart has 14 Norwich Plainheads, and one of them is a fine buff cock, which should be heard of later. Next is Mr. Dickson, with 11 Norwich Plainheads; he has a very good yellow variegated cock bird. Next comes Mr. Veitch, with 12 Crests and Crestbreds, and 6 Mules, one of the latter being an almost clear Goldfinch Mule. Mr. Anderson follows with 16 Borders, also some good birds. Then comes Mr. Fotheringham with 6 Scotch Fancies; as far as I can learn he has refused a very tempting offer for one of them. Next comes Mr. Dunn, with 6 Borders, one very promising yellow amongst them. Mr. Laing has 11 Scotch Fancies, some good birds come from this room every year. Then follows Mr. McConville, with 3 Norwich, including one very promising youngster. Next come Mr. Hunter with 3 Mules, all dark, Mr. G. Barclay with 24 Borders, Mr. Ransay with 6 Norwich, and Mr. Hunter with 8 Yorkies. Then follows Mr. Campbell with 7 Yorkies. Next comes Mr. Veitch with 6 Borders; this birdroom, in my opinion, is the guiding star of the owner's mates. I myself have 6 Yorkies, and Mr. Tod 15 Borders; he has an even-marked of good quality amongst his lot.—JOHN FORD, secretary.

The Shows.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' Show held in Assembly Rooms July 31st. There were 39 birds in four classes. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (11): 1, 4, Denby; 2, Wade; 3, vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Walton; c, Webb. BUFF (9): 1, Holmes; 2, 3, Wilkinson; 4, Smith and Son; vhc, Wade; hc, Townley; c, Smith. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Walton; 2, 3, Denby; 4, Holmes; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Hardy; c, Townley. BUFF (10): 1, Wilkinson; 2, c, Townley; 3, Smith; 4, Whittingham; vhc, Walton; hc, Smith and Son; c, Townley.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Successful table show held in Miners' Hall, July 31st. Competition was very keen in all classes, the British birds especially being very hard to separate. Mr. Swan staged a variegated Sparrow, and Mr. Bankier a Yellowhammer with only a few dark feathers. These exhibits came in for a lot of attention, many queer remarks as to what species they belonged to being heard. Forty-five birds were staged in the four classes provided. There was a good turn-out of fanciers and others present. Mr. Hamilton (Eddlewood) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

COMMON CAN.: 1, Cook; 2, McCrone; 3, Whitelaw; 4, Pollock; 5, Johnstone; 6, Nelson; 7, Johnstone. NOR.: 1, Barr; 2, 3, Arnott; 4, Thackeray; 5, Johnstone; 6, Nelson; 7, Clarkson. BORD.: 1, spl, Pollock; 2, McGhie; 3, 5, Bankier; 4, 6, Mitchell; 7, McClue. BRIT.: 1, spl, Clarkson; 2, Arnott; 3, 5, Brown; 4, Swan; 6, McCrone; 7, Nelson.—JAS. POLLOCK, Sec.

EPWORTH.

This fixture, held on August 2nd, was fortunate in securing a nice day. Following the terrific deluge of July 31st and the next day the morning opened dull, but as the day wore on it was quite fine and bright, and a large number of people attended. Cage birds only had four classes, but these filled fairly well, except the Foreigners. Mr. G. Boyes judged.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, spl, Axe, two good yellows, leader nice varieg., best type and feather; 2nd, cl., good shape and colour; 3, c, Crawshaw, promising first feather bird; vhc, Wheldrake. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, spl, Wheldrake, both yellows, leader grand-feathered cl., good type, colour and feather, stands well; 2nd, marked eyes and wings; 3, hc, Hall and Shipley, leader green, nice position; vhc, Blackburn. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, Jackson, topping Nightingale and a Pipit in order named, A1 feather, very steady; 2, Axe, real good Yell. Bunting, A1 colour and beautifully mkd., we liked same owner's Goldie much; vhc, c, Hall and Shipley. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. Lambert, grand Blue-fronted Amazon, in perfect feather and bloom.

HALIFAX O.S.

Second members' First Feather Show held at Talbot Hotel Assemhly Rooms, July 31st. Messrs. Maude Bros. won special for best in show, and Messrs. Burdikin Bros. best vhc bird. Mr. A. Wooler (Sheffield) judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS (6): 1, 2, Townsend; 3, Burdikin Bros.; vhc, hc, Garside; c, Greenwood. BUFF: (11): 1, Walsh; 2, vhc, Burdikin Bros.; 3, Tinkler; hc, Wilson; c, Ross. TKD., ETC.: YELL. (15): 1, Maude Bros.; 2, Rigg; 3, Walsh; vhc, Smith; hc, Lord; c, Womersley. BUFF (9): 1, Rigg; 2, Maude Bros.; 3, Wilson; vhc, Dunn; hc, Dewhirst; c, Tomlinson. CINN. TKD., ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Townsend; 2, Saville; 3, Blackburn; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Burton and Son. BUFF (8): 1, Burdikin Bros.; 2, Ross; 3, Tinkler; vhc, Garside; hc, Burton and Son; c, Greenwood. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Stott; 3, Mrs. Steele. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Hudson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Heap. BUFF: 1, Heap; 2, vhc, Lloyd; 3, Sutcliffe; hc, Hudson. YELL. YORKS GREEN: 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Smith; vhc, hc, Pilling. BUFF (9): 1, Maude Bros.; 2, Pilling; 3, vhc, Simpson; hc, Blackburn and Mitchell; c, Dunn. HEAV. VARIEG. (7): 1, Burdikin Bros.; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Townsend; vhc, Saville; hc, Pilling; c, Lloyd. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Green; 2, Simpson.—H. WHITAKER, Assistant Secretary.

BANNOCKBURN & DIS. NEW C.B.S.

F.F. Show held July 31st, when close on 60 birds were staged. Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, W. Ritchie; 2, 3, 4, Flood; 5, Miller; 6, R. Ritchie. BUFF (8): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, R. Ritchie; 4, 5, Paterson; 6, Miller. VARIEG. (2): 1, R. Ritchie; 2, Paterson. BORD. FCY. YELL. (8): 1, 2, McRorie; 3, 5, Auld; 4, Campbell. BUFF (6): 1, 2, McRorie; 3, Auld; 4, 6, Campbell; 5, Hamilton. VARIEG.: 1, 2, McRorie; 3, Campbell; 4, Hamilton; 5, 6, Auld. COMMON CAN. (9): 1, 2, Flood; 3, 5, Rorie; 4, 6, Hamilton. BRIT.: 1, Kirkwood, jun.; 2, 3, 4, W. Ritchie; 5, Wilson; 6, Flood.—WILLIAM RITCHIE, Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Nest Feather Show, held in Baptist Schoolroom, on July 17th. The entries numbered 54, and included many good birds. Mr. A. Mather (Widnes) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction. Mr. J. F. D. Alexander, the secretary, had everything well in hand, and pleased everybody by his courteous manner.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, Ireland; 3, Rose. BUFF: 1, Christopher; 2, Rose; 3, Robinson. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Rose. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Robinson; 3, Barton. CINN. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Christopher; 2, Barton; 3, Ireland. BUFF: 1, 2, Christopher. NOR. CL., ETC. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Jackson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Crawley; 2, Walker; 3, Bryant. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Crawley; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Greene. LINNET: 1, Christopher; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Jones. GREENFINCH: 1, James; 2, Jones. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Walker; 2, James; 3, Jones.

BEAUMARIS.

Sixth annual Cage Bird Show, in connection with the Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibition, held in the Castle meadows, adjoining the town, August 2nd, the weather being very satisfactory. There was a very good attendance, the energetic secretary being Mr. T. J. Jones, who went through his duties in the usual form, entries being very fair. Judge, Mr. Fielden Richards (Beaumaris).

YORKS: 1, 2, and Hyde's special, Williams, pair of very typical birds, good size and quality. BEST BRIT.: 1, Griffiths, pied Blackbird, well shown; 2, Hughes, Bullfinch, nice size and colour, moulting; 3, W. H. Williams, very good Greenfinch, extra large. NOR.: 1, W. H. Williams, extra good wing mkd. dark Crest, of immense size and quality, rightly won; 2, Griffiths, typical wing mkd. buff; vhc, Smith, Thomas; vhc, Roberts. GOLDFINCH: 1, E. Jones, good Finch, nice size, lovely blaze, flights, and buttons; 2, Lewis, good size and colour.

INVERNESS O.A.

Annual F.F. Show held in Crown Mission Hall, July 31st. The entry was better than last year's, and the quality was far in advance of that of any previous fixture. The hall is lofty and is provided with an excellent top light. The show being held from 3.30 to 7.30, enabled the birds to be exhibited to advantage. The majority of the exhibits were deep in moult, which could only be expected at this time. Mr. J. Dunbar placed the cards and his awards left little room for criticism.

CREST OR C.-B. (5): 1, Loadall, stormer for a youngster, almost self green, excels in radiation, clear win here; 2, 3, 4, Smith, Lochiel Arms, former C.-B., nice sized skull, 3rd Crest, very short in top-knot, but well placed centre, 4th similar. YELL. (9): 1, Stamford, well up in size, very typical; 2, 3, Hutcheson, former very highly coloured varieg., appears to be clean moulted, latter neat all over, short flights and tail; 4, Mclean, good colour and size. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, Stamford, former short, thick-set, good quality, well up in size, gets body well over perch, should develop into a stormer, some thought a yell., 2nd similar to winner but longer behind, looks like out of same nest; 3, Hutcheson, close up, really typical, hard to find fault with. BORD. (9): 1, Swanncy, jaunty Border, very typical, some thought lucky; 2, Smith, another typical one, neat wings and tail, very jaunty carriage; 3, Maclean, very close in feather, worth its place; 4, Connachie, good quality, several really good birds, including a gem of a green, had to stand cardless. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Tibb, dark Goldie Mule, nice size aid colour, hard pressed by 2, Hutcheson, larger, but unfortunately marked, pepper would probably work miracles here; 3, Fraser, dark Linnet Mule, medium size, good condition.

RADFORD AND DISTRICT O.S.

Young show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds held at headquarters, "The Pheasant" Hotel, Prospect-street, on July 31st. The show, which was the first the society has held, was a decided success. The quality of the exhibits was good, and the quantity was a record for Nottinghamshire this year. This promising society, which is barely a month old, bids fair to take a prominent position amongst the local societies, as the society is engineered by a committee of experienced fanciers, and these left no stone unturned to make the show a success. Mr. Walters, an old fancier, holds the reins as secretary, and deserves great praise for the way in which he managed the show. Mr. Geo. Marshall, of Huthwaite, judged.

CL. ETC. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Sharp, 1st large bird; 3rd, nice bird, good quality; 2, Barnes, lovely type and quality, grand head and wings. BUFF: 1, 2, Barnes, two grand specimens, good all over, in their right places; 3, hc, c, Sharp; vhc, Hill. TKD.: 1, Sharp, another good one, grand type and quality; 2, Birch, marked on head; 3, Hill, head and wing marked. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Birch, 1st marked eyes, neck and wings, grand type and quality; 3rd, nice type and quality, on small side; 2, Towle, nice bird; vhc, hc, Sharp. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, hc, c, Birch, large green, grand head and neck, short flights; 2, Barnes, varieg. yell.; 3, Hill. BUFF DARK CREST: 1, Brown, cl. body dark; 2, Smith; 3, Hardy. YELL. C.B.: 1, Brown, jonque, grand entrance and cushion skull; 2, Bowers, varieg. yell., another nice bird; 3, Hardy. BUFF: 1, Bowers, lovely cushioned head, with good entrance, should make a fine one; 2, Briffitt, another nice bird; 3, Smith. NOR. SELL. (10/-): 1, Birch; 2, Towle; 3, vhc, Hill; hc, c, Sharp. LINNET: 1, 2, Oliver; 3, Jenkins. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Alton, Goldfinch; 2, Walters, Bramble-finch; 3, Bowers, Greenfinch; vhc, Cottingham, Crossbill. MULE: 1, Cottingham, light Goldfinch Can.; 2, Caunt, Goldfinch-Bullic; 3, Alton, jonque Goldfinch Mule. FOR.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Cottingham; 2, Caunt.

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QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show in the Baptist School, on July 31st, when 63 birds faced the judge, Mr. E. B. Denton, who gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Fowle, 2, Thomas; 3, Jagger; 4, Stocks and Fowle. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, vhc, Allen; 3, Smith; 4, Fowle; hc, Brook; c, Stocks and Fowle. TKD. YELL: 1, c, Kirk; 2, Fowle; 3, Dawson; 4, Stocks and Fowle; vhc, Allen; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Fowle; 3, Alderson; 4, H. Smith; vhc, Thomas; hc, McDonald; c, Kirkbright Bros. UNEV., ETC. MARK YELL.: 1, Fowle; 2, Myers; 3, c, McDonald; 4, Thomas; vhc, Grundy; hc, Kirk. BUFF; 1, H. Smith; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, H. Jagger; vhc, Dawson; hc, Myers; c, Thomas. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Thomas; 4, vhc, hc, c, Gledhill.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show held July 31st, at Royal Hotel; 56 birds were staged in six classes. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Mr. S. Taylor gained most points in show, closely followed by Messrs. Clement and Rayner. Mr. Taylor also won the ham given by Mr. Lofthouse.

CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Rayner; 2, Clennett; 3, c, Taylor; vhc, Pollard. BUFF (11): 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, c, Rayner; vhc, hc, Clennett. UNEV., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Pollard; 2, vhc, hc, Taylor; 3, Rayner; c, Pickering. BUFF (13): 1, c, Taylor; 2, hc, Clennett; 3, Rayner; vhc, Pickering. VARIEG., ETC. (7): 1, 2, vhc, c, Clennett; 3, Blaimires; hc, Rayner. SELL. (8) 1, 3, hc, Clennett; 2, vhc, Taylor; c, Rayner.—N. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

KING'S LYNN C. AND C.B.B.S.

Second annual F.F. Show held July 21st, in Rechabites' Hall, Coronation-square, where 111 birds were staged, and the attendance of members and friends was largely in excess of that of the previous show. Mr. Smith (Downham) judged and gave great satisfaction. Some splendid exhibits, both in type and quality, were on view, and competition was very keen, and with a good moult some of the youngsters will be heard of again.

CL. YELL: 1, Simpson; 2, Edmunds; 3, Bennel. BUFF: 1, 2, Edmunds; 3, Richardson. YELL. HEN: 1, A. Harrod; 2, Edmunds; 3, R. Harrod. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Edmunds. TKD. CK.: 1, Brown; 2, A. Harrod; 3, Simpson. BUFF: 1, 2, Edmunds; 3, Greenfield. VARIEG.: 1, Edwards; 2, Greenfield; 3, R. Harrod. BUFF: 1, 2, R. Harrod; 3, Greenfield. YELL. HEN.: 1, Hately; 2, Edmunds; 3, R. Harrod. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Fake; 3, Greenfield. UNEV.: 1, Cole; 2, Hately; 3, R. Harrod. A.O.V.: 1, Williamson; 2, Hately; 3, Bennal.—R. ENMUNDS, Hon. Sec.

UDDINGSTON AND DISTRICT O.S

F.F. Show held in Tunnock's Hall, July 31st. Mr. Wm. Brownlie (Hamilton) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Fifty-six birds were staged, which were a very good turn-out for a first venture, and caused quite a stir among the local fanciers, our little hall being taxed to its utmost to accommodate all who wished to view the young birds.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, Mrs. Keys; 2, 3, Park. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Shepherd; 4, Gentles. NOR. VARIEG.: 1, Mackay; 2, 4, Allander; 3, Donnon. CL.: 1, 4, Donnon; 2, 3, Kilpatrick. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, 3, Shepherd; 4, Taylor. BRIT.: 1, spl, McAlpine, Goldfinch; 2, Junor, Goldfinch; 3, Young, Linnet; 4, Colvin, Thrush. MULE: 1, 2, Mrs. Keys, Goldfinch Mules; 3, 4, Munro, Goldfinch Mules. VARIEG. COMMON CAN.: 1, 2, Mackay; 3, Cassidy; 4, Munro. CL.: 1, 3, 4, Junor; 2, Munro. Special for most points over show (given by Halton, Ltd.), won by J. Shepherd with 18 points, Mrs. Key being second with 14 points. The hall was on the small side, and more room must be had for our next show.—JNO. KILPATRICK, Sec.

BARTON C. AND B.B.C.

Successful F.F. and British Bird Show held in the large club room at Red Lion Hotel, July 31st. We had a larger number of entries and also more visitors than at last show. Our shows being such a success, we hope to have about four open classes at our annual show in December. Mr. G. Harland (Hull) judged, and gave every satisfaction. After the judging a special prize was given for best bird in show, which was won by Beach.

YOUNG YORKS: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Beach, 1st large beautiful type, good feather, colour, and carriage, 2nd not so large, good colour and carriage, clear yell.; 3, Pettit, tkd. buff, very good type and carriage. BRIT.: 1, Pettit, large Goldfinch, good blaze and feather; 2, vhc, c, Flintham, 2nd Goldfinch, good bird, vhc Goldfinch, c Linnet, will make nice bird when moulted in house; 3, Small, Linnet, large and well pencilled; hc, Beach, Goldfinch, nice bird, rather wild. CAN. OR MULE: 1, c, Dunn, 1st cl. yell. Yorks, good type, colour, and carriage; 2, vhc, Pettit, 2nd dark Goldfinch-Can. Mule, good colour and nicely fed, vhc Goldfinch and Can Mule; 3, Small, mkd. yell. Can.; hc, Hutchinson, mkd. yell. Can.—E. C. DUNN, Sec.

CARLISLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show held July 17th, when 124 entries were put down for competition, and with the quality being A1 all round, it made Mr. Connerton's (the judge's) task an arduous one in spotting the winners. Mr. McGuffie again did well in Borders, winning three 1sts, one 2nd, and two 3rds. Messrs. W. W. Moore, Herring, Nixon and Dockerty also did well in the same section. Mr. Lawson had a strong team down in the Norwich section, winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all four classes. Mr. Carrick cleared the deck in Yorkshire classes, the same applying to Mr. Dixon in Mules. Messrs. McGuffie, Cranston, Nixon, and Dockerty won all prizes in British and Foreign bird classes. The show was well attended, everything being carried out in good style; it was voted a great success. These shows are being well supported by the novices who are new members, 13 new ones being enrolled since February, and others promising to join at next meeting.

BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, 3, McGuffie; 2, 4, Moore; 5, Hyslop; 6, Jones; 7, Gill. BUFF (15): 1, McGuffie; 2, 7, Moore; 3, Hyslop; 4, Jones; 5, J. H. Nixon; 6, Herring. UNEVEN (11): 1, 2, McGuffie; 3, McGuffie; 4, J. Nixon; 5, Jones; 6, G. Johnstone; 7, Dockerty. GREEN OR CINN. (13): 1, Moore; 2, 3, 4, Dockerty; 6, G. Johnstone; 5, Harinson; 7, Hntchinson. A.O.V. BORD. (15): 1, J. Nixon; 2, 3, Herring; 4, Gill; 5, Dockerty; 6, Moore; 7, Herring. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lawson; 5, Reay; 6, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lawson; 5, Reay. TKD. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, 6, Lawson; 4, 7, Jones; 5, Reay. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lawson; 5, 7, Cranston; 6, Reay. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Carrick. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Carrick. MULES (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Dixon. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, R. Johnstone; 2, J. Nixon. LINNET (2): 1, Dockerty; 2, J. Nixon. BULLFINCH (2): 1, McGuffie; 2, R. Johnstone. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, Carrick; 2, McGuffie; 3, 4, 5, Cranston. FOR. LARGE (2): 1, Cranston; 2, Carrick. SMALL (2): 1, 2, Cranston. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Lawson.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE.

Held August 2nd, on Midsummer Common, Cambridge. Despite the wild, windy day, with its frequent hints of rain, the sixth "mammoth show" managed to achieve a by no means inconsiderable success. In the morning things looked black in every sense of the term, but at noon the outlook brightened, for the weather conditions became a little more cheerful, and the crowds began to invade the ground to sample the huge number of attractions provided. The plucky executive merit success, and we hope will not be let down on the financial side. There certainly seemed a huge crowd present during the late afternoon. The tent containing our section was heavily patronised, and the visitors had some grand birds to look over, the display being voted about the best yet seen at this fixture. The Canaries were good, considering the time of the year, the Hybrids and British splendid, and there were a few attractive Foreigners. Mr. A. E. Brooks had charge of the cage bird section, and a more painstaking and genial fancier it has never been our lot to meet. He and his stewards, Messrs. Bye, Dean, Gifford, King, Linsey, and Morley, had the birds nicely and comfortably staged, and were in every way obliging. The joint secretaries were Messrs. T. H. Brown and W. Driver, and they got through their heavy task in a manner which did credit to their powers of organisation. Among the visitors we noticed many well-known fanciers, including Messrs. W. P. Barnes (Grantham), G. R. James (St. Ives), H. E. Tringham (London), S. L. Cocks, A. Rowles, H. Popple (Peterborough), and the Northampton veteran, T. Irons. The three challenge cups aroused keen competition. The open cup for best Canary or Hybrid fell to Mr. C. J. Ward, his noted Redpoll-Bullie this year scoring a second win, thus making the trophy his own property. The open cup for best British bird was awarded an attractive Waxwing exhibited by Mrs. E. G. Weston. The members' cup was secured by a splendid heavily-variegated Crest-bred owned by Mr. Brooks. The judge was Mr. J. Robson, and his awards were favourably received.

NORWICH YELLOW (5): 1, 3 spls, 3, hc, Brooks, leader slashing big clear, grand chest, stands well across perch, nice wings and tail, fine wide head, though a trifle browed; 3rd, neck and eye mkd., not so well built, but good in shape and style, and a clinker for quality; 2, Irons, hardly the substance of winner, but a fine bird for type, feather and carriage, close up; vhc, Handley and Son. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Irons, beautiful clear, well-built, shapely, very stylish, grand meal and under-colour; 2, Popple, fine chubby bird, good front, well cut up behind, nice head and wings; 3, vhc, c, Brooks, clinking good trio, leader full of quality, excellent build and style. BRED 1909 (18): A good class; 1, spl, Irons, buff, fine bouncing youngster, trifle lengthy, but plenty of substance, and all quality, in nice form; 2, Popple, yellow, not over large, but well proportioned, charming quality and style, should make up well, especially if a hen, runs winner closely; 3, Arscott, rattling big buff, shade over long, but well built and good in feather, nice carriage; vhc, Irons, another excellent bird; hc, Handley and Son, shapely and promising; c, Taylor. CREST OR C.B., 1909 (6): 1, hc, Mayhew, variegd. C.B., nice build and quality, good rising skull, plenty of hroad feather, in fine form; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Brooks, leader slashing big youngster, fine dome head, and good feather, not quite so neat as winner, but looked a close race; 3rd, another nice C.B.; c, Mitchell. BORDER (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Linsey, very smart team, leader neck mkd. buff, excellent type, travels in taking style, feathered like boxwood; 2nd, good clear buff, dainty mover, full of quality, but not so well moulded at neck and head as winner; 3rd, another smart bird, also hardly "free" enough at neck. CLASSES 86, 87 and 88 cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, members' cup, and 3 spls, Brooks, wonderfully good heavily-variegd. Crest-bred, big stout body, well-clothed, remarkably wide dome skull, grand lashing and quality of feather; 2, vhc, Mitchell, clear body dark Crest, very neat headpiece, nice size and radiation, good quality feather, well built frame; 3, Harrison, splendid buff cinnamon for quality and correct colour, shapely, stylish bird; hc, Gifford; c, James; No. 437, Barnes, splendid Lizard, finely spangled and rowed, but had knocked out greater part of its tail. SELLING (15/-) (8): 1, spl, Rogers; 2, Hearn; 3, James; vhc, Linsey; hc, Nichols; c Barnes. HYBRID (13): 1, cup 2 spls, 2, Ward, the well-known Redpoll-Bullie leading, looking grand, and seems to have improved since last we saw it, well deserves its honours; 2nd, the champion Linnet-Bullie, close on its stable-companion's heels; 3, c, Mrs. Weston, fine jonque Goldie-Bullie, grand size, rare colour and quality; vhc, Parsons, sweet Goldie-Redpoll, rich colour; hc, Laurence, rattling good dark jonque Goldie Mule. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (18): A very hot class; 1, Mrs. Weston, wonderful big face top and bottom, very square-cut and rich in colour, splendid bars, buttons, and moons, richly tanned, steady, fine shape and style, not house-moulted, should be hard to beat later on; 2, c, P. H. Harris, heats leader a shade to-day in tightness of feather and bloom, grand cobby bird, very stylish and steady, and with a remarkable expanse of blaze, but not so good and well cut as the leader's, however, splendid colour all over, a noted winner, but meets his Waterloo to-day; the c bird is also a fine Finch; 3, spl, Watson, very pretty bird, in lovely condition, beautiful colouring, good-sized well-cut face, the underblaze cut in a trifle at the sides, staged in grand form; vhc, Wyse, also put down in the pink of condition, very stylish, shapely bird, rich in colour, and with a good square-cut blaze; hc, Mitchell, looking very soft when we saw it; No. 465, Watson, a really good Goldie, as were several others "crowded out." BULLFINCH (7): 1, spl, Wyse, fine cobby fellow, good breast colour, excellent cap and bars, wins on condition; 2, Parsons, bouncer, hot colour, grand shape, "gone" at throat; 3, Rouse, another good, typical bird, fine colour, but out in feather; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Barnes; c, Watson. LINNET (5): 1, Harris, good size and shape, sound colour, nicely pencilled, stylish, wins well; 2, Keymer Bros., bonny bird for size and type, good markings and carriage, fails a trifle in colour, otherwise close up; 3, spl, Gifford, big, bouncing bird, nice colour, though little pale at centre, well marked; vhc, Bye, may make a good one; hc, Bloy. GREENFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Arscott, nice jonque Greenie, good size and shape, very sound colour, in excellent condition; 2, Mitchell, also a smart Greenie, beats winner in size and build, but loses in condition; 3, Hipwell, very nice Siskin, good size and colour, shapely, fair bib; vhc, Bell, good Mealy Redpoll; hc, Rouse; c, Laurence. CLASS 96, cancelled. A.O.S. SMALL (9): 1, hc, Cocks, splendid young Tree Creeper leading, very nicely staged, should make a beauty, latter a lovely hand-reared Grasshopper Warbler, had one damaged feather in tail, but seemed very low down in prize list; 2, Lowne, very smart and shapely Black Redstart, good feather, not very dense in colour yet; 3, Heaton, really beautiful Nightingale, very large and shapely, grand plumage, tame as a kitten, though in a large all-wire cage; vhc, Bell, good big Hawfinch, fine bib, runs a shade pale on head; c, Mrs. Weston, a Whitethroat. A.O.S. LARGE (4): 1, cup, 2 spls, 2, Mrs. Weston, leader a beautiful Waxwing, lovely colour and markings, little deficient in tail; 2nd, almost perfect Golden Oriole, full adult colour, remarkably steady. PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, spl, Stubbings, two very fine Blue and Amber Macaws, a great attraction to the visitors; 2, Cutting, real smart Lemon-crested Cockatoo; vhc, Wakelling, fine Mealy Rosella; hc, Bell. CLASS 100, cancelled. MEMBERS' CANARY (5): 1, 3, spl, Brooks; 2, Mitchell; vhc, James; hc, Barnes. BRITISH (5): 1, Mitchell; 2, Barnes; 3, vhc, Cocks; hc, Mrs. Dawson. The winners above were also in the open classes.

WHITTINGTON MOOR & DIS. C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held July 17th. Mr. P. Harriss (Eckington) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. A. Atkin, secretary, carried out the arrangements well.

YORKS., TKD., ETC.: 1, Barber; 2, 3, Gunn. NOR.: 1, Barber; 2, Dodd; 3, Atkin. A.O.V.: 1, Buck, 2, 3, Atkin. HYB: 1, 2, Roe.

CRAMLINGTON (Co. Durham).

First annual show, held in the Co-operative Hall, July 24th. Mr. J. K. Chestney, the secretary, is to be congratulated upon his successful management of the affairs of this new society, and upon the success of this first venture of theirs. Mr. A. Brown judged, to the satisfaction of the majority.

BORD. YELL. (10): 1, c, J. Graham; 2, Irving; 3, vhc, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Graham; 2, 3, Irving. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Clark; 2, Jacques; 3, Hutchins; vhc, Miller. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Clark; 3, vhc, Hutchins. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Thurston. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Thurston. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Douglas. Cinn.; 2, Mason.

MORRISTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held July 24th, at Forward Movement Hall. The secretary, Mr. W. H. Lewis, had the arrangements admirably forward. Mr. D. A. S. Longden judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, hc, Vyse; 2, 3, vhc, Stock. BUFF: 1, Vyse; 2, Stock. YORKS., BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wilcox. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Evaus; 2, Hocking. BUFF: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Cronin. OLD NOR.: 1, Vyse; 2, 3, Jeremy. YORKS.: 1, Rees; 2, Wilcox. BORD.: 1, 2, Hocking; 3, vhc, Gregg. GREEN: 1, Gregg, Border. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Jenkins; 2, Hocking; 3, Abbott. GREENFINCH: 1, Donald and Saunders. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, Jenkins. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Donald and Saunders; 3, Jenkins; vhc, King.

LLANELLY.

Show held August 2nd (20 miles radius). The judge was Mr. T. Hay, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS (10): 1, Jenkins, nice colour and length, good pipe tail; 2, Davies, another clinker, in fine form; 3, Jones, capital shape, head and legs, stands well; 4, Gregory; res., Harris; vhc, Morgans. NOR. (4): 1, Ray, nice colour and head, wins; 2, Holder, also good; 3, Jenkins. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Wilson, very nice Lizards. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, Ray, nice colour, good blaze and buttons, 2nd almost the equal, hard to separate; 3, Harry, good head and size, in excellent order; 4, Morgans; res., Gregory. LINNET (8): 1, Jones, good colour and shape, in nice condition; 2, Bennett, fine colour and shape, well shown; 3, Harry, nice colour; 4, Francis; vhc, Powell, Sullivan; hc, Sanders. BORD. FCY. (5): 1, 3, Harry, nice type and colour; 2, Thomas, another good one, hard to separate. FOR. (5): 1, Davies and Wilkins, Indian Jay, frequent winner; 2, Griffiths, Budgerigar, in good form; 3, Morgans, Blue-fronted Amazon. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Ray, Greenfinch, lovely colour and condition; 2, Hopkins, Bullfinch, nice head and colour; 3, Morgans, fine Thrush, grand breast.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Young stock show held July 24th. Mr. Robson judged. There was a total entry of 50 cages, being an increase on last year's total. A concert was given during the evening, under the direction of Mr. Hartland. The artistes were Miss Goose, Mrs. Halliday, Misses Douglas and Price, and Messrs. Auger, Moore, Harris and Goodrich, with Miss Chilvers as accompanist. The competition in the novice classes was very keen.

CHAMP. SECTION—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Meades. BUFF: 1, Meades. A.O.V.: 1, spl., Meades. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Dibley. BUFF (Special best Novice Nor.): 1, 2, Pawley; 3, Wood. NOR. MKD., ETC. (14): 1, hc, Dibley; 2, 4, Mrs. Carden; 3, Miller; vhc, Brett, Frostick, and Hall; hc, Pawley; c, Hartlahd. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, Shrivelle. BUFF: 1, Shrivelle; 2, Newnham. MKD., ETC. (special best Yorks): 1, vhc, Newnham; 2, 3, Shrivelle. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Mrs. Smith; 3, Brett; vhc, Collins. BORD. FCY.: 1, spl., hc, Lyons; 2, 3, vhc, Weaver. GOLDFINCH: Spl. best Brit. and 1st, Miller. LINNET: 1, Timms. GREENFINCH: 1, Meades; 2, spl., Dibley. INSECTIV.: 1, Timms. Blackbird. FOR.: spl., 1, 2, Mrs. Smith; 3, vhc, Brett; hc, Pawley.—W. PAWLEY, Sec.

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ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Second members' show of the season held at Fountain Inn, on July 31st. Mr. F. Gelder gained special for best bird in show with his tkd. yell. Yorks. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Chippindale; 2, Lee; 3, Studd; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Sparks. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, c, Studd; 3, Chippindale; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Clark; hc, Sparks. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Geldes; 2, Lee; 3, Chippindale; 4, Clark; vhc, Sparks; hc, Price; c, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, Sparks; 3, Gelder; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Lee; hc, Studd. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Gelder. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Elsegood; 3, Gelder; c, Studd.—T. ELSEGOOD, Sec.

STRATTON, BUDE AND DIS. F.A.

Held August 2nd. The society was favoured with another big success. The weather was everything that could be wished for and the spectators numbered just over 2,000. The Cage Bird exhibits were well up to the average in numbers, and the quality of all exhibits was very good. Mr. J. Rushmere, who judged, had some difficulty in placing the awards. The birds were well staged and were ably attended to by a good committee. Everything went off admirably and without a hitch under the guidance of Messrs. Bohn and Welch, the hon. secretaries.

NOR.: 1, Trevena; 2, Tippitt; 3, Wills and Son. YORKS TKD., ETC.: 1, Mrs. E. Thomas; 2, Wills and Son; 3, Boundy. CL.: 1, Boundy; 2, 3, Mrs. E. Thomas. MULES: 1, Venner; 2, Stapleton; 3, French. SELL.: 1, Trevena; 2, Wills and Son. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hambley; 2, Thorne; 3, Sampson. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, Box; 2, Keat; 3, Miss Colwell. BRIT. (except Goldfinch): 1, Miss Ashton; 2, Craven, jun.; 3, Burnard.

DOWNEND (Bristol).

Held August 3rd. The quality was first-class all round. The class for young Yorkshires was a good one, the team put down by Mr. Osborn being a good one, all stylish, shapely, of fine position. The special for best bird in show went to Mr. Davies' Purple-capped Lory. Messrs. Pearse and Rathbone, the hon. secretaries, worked hard and had matters well in hand. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

YORKS BRED 1909 (14): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Osborn, leader yell., capital feather, nice position, 2nd head tkd. buff, grand stand, nice flights and tail, good feathers, 3rd neck tkd. buff, good shape and feather, stands well; hc, c, Morgan. MULE (10): 1, spl., and spl. second best bird in show, Tilley, wing tkd. buff Goldfinch-Canary, lovely feather, nice coloured flights, in grand form; 2, 3, vhc, Maggs, grand coloured and feathered dark Goldfinch-Can., rich full blaze, in nice trim, 3rd Can.-Bullie, good colour, had been washing when judged; hc, Payne; c, Harding. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Winstonc, Bullfinch, nice shape and size, good cap and wing bars; 2, Williams, Goldfinch, good square-cut blaze, well tanned on chest; 3, Payne, Goldfinch, nice bars and buttons; vhc, hc, Coggins; c, Richards. BRIT. (7): 1, spl. best Brit., Tilley, very steady and well-feathered Wynchat; 2, Manley, yellow Bunting, grand feather, nice colour and markings; 3, Hayward, Greenfinch, beautiful colour and feather, splendid wing bars, yell; vhc, Pace; hc, Locke; c, Richards. FOR. (5): 1, spl., Davies, Purple-capped Lory, grand colour; 2, Miss Burgess, Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, magnificent feather and colour, as tight as Boxwood, grand one; 3, Davies, Yellow-fronted Fruitsucker, nice colour and feather; vhc, Maggs; hc, Taylor. MEMBERS' BRIT. (7): 1, spl., 2, hc, c, Winstone, grand coloured Bullfinch, nice cap and wing bars, 2nd beautiful feathered and steady Linnet; 3, Tilley, nice Bunting; vhc, Maggs.

HAWARDEN.

Fourth annual show held at Hawarden Park, August 2nd. A most enjoyable day was spent by a good number of visitors, as well as exhibitors, and good tents were provided for the Cage Birds, etc. Everything was in good order when we arrived. The show was well managed by the hon. secretaries, Messrs. E. Ratcliffe and H. C. Butler, who were ably assisted by a good staff of stewards, who took great interest in the event, the hon. treasurer being Mr. G. I. R. Butler. The park, no doubt, was a great attraction for visitors, and the committee should be very proud of such a place for their annual show. Mr. F. Hampson (Wrexham) judged and gave general satisfaction. Yorkshires took pride of place to-day, a good number being brought together. A nice cl. yell secured special for best Can. in show; it had a good many admirers. Norwich were less in numbers, the winners being of nice type. A good collection of British was brought together, and some very good birds were shown, especially the Goldie which took special in the Britishers. A really good six-pointed Goldie Mule took premier position in the Mule or Hybrid class. The winner of Hyde's special was Mr. Albert Williams.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, A. Williams, team of nice birds, good type and quality of feather, winner varieg. buff, blaze of colour, rightly won, 2nd another buff, shade longer, 3rd nice youngster; vhc, Tozer. YORK.: 1, vhc, Jones, winner varieg. yell., nice type and stand, good quality feather, put down very fit, deserved his position, well fed; 2, c, A. Williams, a buff, good length and style, lovely feather, a wash would improve him, the c bird took Hyde's special; 3, Millington, another nice youngster; res., Nolan, slashing yell. of rare size; vhc, J. O. Williams, good buff Yorks. hen, good length and quality, some good birds had to be left cardless, the moulting season being well advanced on a good many. A.O.V.: 2, good young Lizard, very well spangled, slightly broken cap, deserved his position. G. Evans' Crests arrived too late for competing. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, F. Jones, one of our best Finches, very good size, blaze well cut down and deep in colour, well shaped body, extra good in tanning and wing bars, in very good form; 2, J. O. Williams, another youngster, fine blaze, good tans and buttons; 3, Johnson, nice size and shape; vhc, Parrish, very fair bird. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Bell, we admired for colour, one of our best, shown in good form, 2nd fine size, close up to winner; 3, Brookes, nice Bullie when ready, too heavy in moult; vhc, Millington; hc, Ellis. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Bell, good Greenie, not what we have seen him, slack in feather; 2, Brookes, another good Greenie, same fault; 3, Bell, nice young Waxwing; vhc, Millington, Linnet. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Millington, six-pointed Goldfinch-Can. Mule, nice size and type, good quality, extra class of feather; 2, Davison, light varieg. Goldfinch Mule, very nice one; 3, F. Jones, really good Greenfinch Mule, immense size, lovely quality, showing parentage to perfection; vhc, Ellis, dark Goldfinch Mule. LOCAL CAN.: 1, 2, two spls., Millington, nicely drawn yell. Yorks, in A1 form, easy win. 2nd another nice yell.: 3, Tozer, nice Yorks. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, 3, Millington, Budegrigars, in good form, latter not looking well; 2, Tozer, good Linnet, but tailless to-day; vhc, Parrish, Linnet.

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Kindly notify my change of address to 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Hill, hon. secretary, Yorkshire Union C.B.S., and the Bradford East O.S.

Am pleased to say our Young Bird Show was a great success, writes Mr. J. Higman, secretary, Barrow and Dis. C.B.A. All worked splendidly up to the letter, financially beating all records.

Will secretaries of societies, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association, kindly note my change of address to 39, Lloyd Street, Everton Road, Liverpool?

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The Bolton and Dis. O.S. have arranged a bowling sweep, for August 14th, to be played at Railway Hotel, Black Lane, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the secretary. Members meet at Joiners Arms Hotel, at 2 o'clock. Car at post office 2.15.

At our Annual Show, to be held December 4th in the Hall, writes Mr. Jas. Lamb, secretary of the New Stevenston and Dis. O.S., Mr. Hugh Morcland, of Falkirk, will judge Norwich Crests, Borders and British birds, while Mr. Andrew Allardice, of Wishaw, will judge the Scotch Fancies.

We have had to alter the name of our society, writes Mr. R. Edmunds, hon. secretary of the King's Lynn C. and C.B.B.S., as the club is getting on so well; and we have had to remove to larger headquarters. The old name of the society was Seven Sisters (King's Lynn) C.B.S. We are now going very strong.

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We have been fortunate in getting Mr. J. Bailey, of Bradford, to come through to give us a washing exhibition and hints on staging Yorkshires on September 17th, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. secretary, Northern Yorkshire C.C. Will all fanciers in the North please make a note of date? Everyone is welcome.

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Kindly thank my customers for me, writes Mr. S. Drake (Halifax), as I have sold more Canary rings this year than ever before, and have never had a single complaint, my new pattern seeming to give entire satisfaction.

The Hygienic Institute of the Imperial and Royal University of Vienna reports (June 24th, 1909) the result of experiments made with regard to the harmlessness of Danysz Virus on domestic animals as follows:—Two dogs, three cats, three fowls, one goose, three pigeons, two rabbits and two guinea pigs were given a liberal supply of white bread soaked in Danysz Virus, and three mice were fed with the prescribed quantity of the same preparation, which in all cases was readily eaten by the animals. The three mice died, one after 5 days, the other two after 9 days, showing the typical symptoms of the Danysz infection. The other animals experimented upon were kept under observation during 21 days, and remained perfectly healthy, except one fowl, which suffered from a disease otherwise traceable. The preceding experiments, therefore, demonstrate the fact that Danysz Virus is harmless and without danger to domestic animals and corroborates the results already obtained by other observers. —(Signed) Prof. Schattenfroh.

OBITUARY.

Mr. GEORGE BROWN (Northampton).

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. Geo. Samuel Brown, the father of the cage bird Fancy of Northampton, at the ripe old age of 82 years, writes Mr. J. Nason (Northampton). The deceased had been suffering from a serious malady for several years, and passed peacefully away on July 27th. It is now some 25 years ago that the writer was first known to him, and during his lifetime he was a keen fancier of the Cinnamon, and has bred some of the best that ever graced the show bench in this variety, notably the grand buff shown by the late Messrs. Howe and Robinson in the eighties, which won at all the leading shows, including the Palace. Crests and Mules were also included in his list of fancies. (We do not forget his love for a good fox-terrier, with which by the bye, he first founded the celebrated Banker breed, which a few years ago took such a prominent place on the show bench. Game bantams, too, he successfully showed for years, and many a prize has he lifted with this little popular variety of the poultry Fancy.) Our friend was the oldest license holder in Northampton, having until some four years ago, when he retired from business, been mine host of the Foresters' Arms for some 27 years and of the "Old House at Home" for 12 years. He was also treasurer of the Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., since the foundation some 25 years ago, and held the office up to the time of his death. There was no more popular figure at the local shows than "Old George," as we were wont to call him. Upright, straightforward, and generally loved by all, for he always called a spade a spade, as the saying goes, and what he said you could rely on he meant. He leaves three sons (all fanciers), and four daughters to mourn his loss.

It is with feelings of deep regret, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, hon. secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A., that I report the death of Master B. Davies (eldest son of Mr. R. Davies, a well-known Norwich fancier), who passed away on July 29th, at the age of 19 years. Of a quiet and kindly disposition, he was well respected by his comrades. The funeral took place on August 1st, and amongst those at the graveside were Messrs. A. McWilliam, R. Bretherton, E. Peake, Boothroyd, Brown, T. Abbott, T. Rice, all members of the Liverpool B.B.A. His loss is much felt by the family, to whom we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

A Correction.

On last week's frontispiece the winning of first prize in the Unflighted Buff Norwich Class at the 1909 Palace Show, was erroneously attributed to Mrs. Southcombe's bird. This should have read "fifth" prize. The actual winner of first place, was, we find, Mr. G. Dobinson, of Seaton Delaval.

Absolutely Alright!

At a recent City and Suburban A.C.B. Show, a fine mealy Rosella was exhibited by Mrs. Vincent, who related how, when the bird and its cage had been made into a "parcel" for transportation to the show-room, it kept saying, as they jogged along the streets: "I'm alright, I am; I'm sure I'm alright!"

A Strange Nesting Place.

For many years a Swallow nested in the upper sash of the window of a dwelling-house in the principal street of a small seaport town, writes Mr. A. G. Hustwick (Aberdeen). It was an object of much interest to passers-by, and the old lady of the house was careful never to open the window for fear of dislodging the nest.

London Fanciers at Cricket.

At our next meeting, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary, City and Suburban A.C.B., we should have had a lecture on the Lancashire Canary by Mr. F. J. Green, but unfortunately he has been called away on duty (military). Our annual cricket match against the "Early Birds" C.C. takes place this Saturday, August 7th, at St. Quintin's Park (second turning to the right after passing Ladbroke Hall, in the Ladbroke Grove, which is near to Notting Hill), at 3 p.m., when we are making a tremendous effort to recover the lost "ashes" of last year.

The August number of "British Birds" (1s. monthly; Witherby and Co.) contains an exquisite photographic supplement, which consists of eight beautifully reproduced photographs (taken by Miss E. L. Turner) of the Water Rail, which is a particularly wary species. In one instance the bird is depicted "running to the nest"; in another, "chipping the shell to assist the chick"; in another "brooding." The remaining five show the Water Rail removing the first, second, third and fourth chicks respectively, and the removal of an "addled" egg from the nest. Miss Turner is to be congratulated on obtaining these remarkable photographs, and the publishers not less on their beautiful reproduction. Miss Turner also contributes an article respecting the Water Rail. Among the "Notes," one of the most important, as having some bearing on the cause of Grouse disease, is that by Mr. F. J. Stubbs on "Red Grouse, Heather, and Crowberry." The whole issue is unusually interesting.

Selby Stands Still.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Selby F.S., writes Mr. J. H. Dixon, after having held the post for 16 years, and as no one has yet taken over the duties the society is at a standstill. We have a very nice balance to our credit at the bank. But owing to other most pressing engagements I cannot possibly carry on the secretarial work any longer.

A Guessing Competition.

The Golden Oriole exhibited at Cambridge Show provided the fanciers present with a little mild amusement in listening to the efforts of the visitors to decide its identity. It was called a Woodpecker, and many other things, but one individual, after gazing at it in astonishment for a few moments, turned to his friend and said: "Well, I'm blowed; look'ee 'ere, John Henry, at this 'ere yellow Blackbird!"

An Albino House Martin.

Yesterday I watched for some time an albino Martin, writes Mr. John Campbell, from Cupar, Fife, to the "Scotsman." It was a beautiful little bird, and looked like a white butterfly. Neither Howard Saunders in his "Manual of British Birds," nor Harding in his Handbook mentions this variety; but Macgillivray in his "British Birds" (Vol 3, p. 275), says, "Accidental changes to white or cream colour sometimes occur"; and Selby, in the text of his "Illustrations of British Ornithology," states (p. 130), that "white varieties of this as well as the other species sometimes occur." I have never seen one before.

The McQuiston Case.

It will be remembered that last week we published a letter from a correspondent, signing himself "Loch Doon," who asked the question whether Mr. McQuiston, when judging Dalmellington Show on June 30th last, disqualified a Bullfinch shown by Mr. Gemmell for being "faked"; and also that we sent a reply paid telegram to Mr. McQuiston concerning the matter. To this telegram we have received no reply. We have obtained a catalogue of the aforesaid Dalmellington Show, however, and find that there is no entry in the cage-bird section standing in the name of Gemmell. From a letter which appears in the correspondence columns this week, though, it would seem that some bird or other (presumably a Bullfinch) was either disqualified or "shelved" at this fixture.

The Crossbill When Feeding.

On July 19th, when walking in the vicinity of Castle Grant, Strathspey, says a writer in a contemporary, I heard an unfamiliar twittering proceeding from some tall Scots fir and spruce trees. On going to investigate, I found that a flock of some forty Crossbills was feeding on the pine seeds, and what was even more interesting to me, on the galls of the spruce aphis, which are unusually numerous this season. As the Crossbill is by no means shy, I had no difficulty in observing closely their method of feeding. Biting off one of the galls, they usually flew to a stronger branch, and there, holding on with one foot, and steadying the gall with the other, they proceeded to extract the aphides. Only a few of the birds remained on the Scots fir trees, the majority of the flock evidently preferring to feed solely on aphides. I examined a few of the fragments which they let fall, and found that the lice had been almost all devoured, so that the visit of the Crossbill may be of great service in helping to exterminate these pests. When moving from tree to tree the birds kept up a continual twittering by which their presence could be detected.

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*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.

*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.

*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.) J.M. & T.D.

Oct. 14.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.

Oct. 11—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street).

*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.

*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.

*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.

*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)

*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.

Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.

*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.

Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.

*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.

*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)

Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.

Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)

*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.

*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)

Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.

Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).

Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.

Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.

*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.

*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.B.W.

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*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),

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Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.

Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 123, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.

*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.

*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.

*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)

*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

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Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

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Wales.

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Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.

Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

Jan. 11. **Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). J.H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—V. J. Baskin, The Crescent)

Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.R. Club of Ireland**—(J. Sewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)



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Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Keily, 7, Underwood Lane)

Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.

Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.

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Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Ganze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.

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Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lngton, 19, St. Andrew St.).

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.

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**Jealousy Among Thrushes.

A Thrush was singing in an orchard near a farm where there was another Thrush in a cage. The latter, hearing the other, burst into melody, and sang even more loudly and sweetly than its rival, which, finding itself outsung, flew at the cage, forced its way into it through the wires, and fought furiously with the occupant.—Sent by H. Perry, 31, Brunts Street, Mansfield.

*In the Muzzle of a Gun.

Perhaps the most unlikely place of all for a nest is the muzzle of a gun. When Cromwell seized and held Windsor Castle, he planted a big gun in the Curfew Town to command the bridge over the river. To fire it now would have a curious effect, for a pair of starlings have year by year built their nest in its mouth. —Sent by J. B. Leech (age 12), Inglenook, Melton Road, West Bridgeford, Notts.

*The Robin's Soliloquy.

How very cold it is to-day,
Said Robin Redbreast small.
And not a bit to eat I've had,
No food I've found at all.
I wonder if that little girl,
With face so kind and sweet,
Who sits up in the window there,
Would give me crumbs to eat.
So up he flew and sang so sweet,
That soon he found some crumbs to eat;
And then he sank more loudly still,
As if to say, my thanks I give.

Sent by Beatrice Russon (age 9), 2, Bush Street, Burnley Lane, Burnley, Lancs.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

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Allercliffe C.B.S. Aug. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Breeding experiences of members.—W. Richinson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road, 8. All England show business, etc.—T. Harrison.

Bolton Roller C.C.—Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. Forwarding show business. W. Massey. No date given.—Ed.

Bolton O.S.—Aug. 11, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. Last meet feather show of season. Fanciers and friends invited. H. Parkinson.

British Roller C.C.—Aug. 10, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., 8. Musical evening. Will members who have birds ready bring them, as the different tours will be explained. —J. W. Norris.

Barton C. and B.B.C.—Aug. 27, Red Lion Hotel, 8.—E. C. Dunn.

Barrow C.B.A.—Aug. 11, Rickard and Gardener's Dining Rooms, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Annual show. Business, important.—J. Higman.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Victoria Hotel, Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley).—M. Skirrow.

City of Wakefield.—Aug. 7, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for F.F. shows, and distribution of Yorks. Union Year-books.—Parker and Parkes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Schedule of annual show, and presentation of cups.—V. Wynn.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Church Hall, 6.30. Important show business, rules, etc.—J. Brown.

Dudley C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Crown Hotel, 8.30. General business, etc.—J. G. Leech.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Royal Hotel, 7.30.—N. Rayner.

Earlestown C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Cordingley's Rooms, 84, Market Street, 8.15. Business, members' show.—W. P. Fletcher.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—Aug. 14, Granite Bar, 7. Judges and classification.—W. Grewar.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.—Aug. 7, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Lecture by Mr. W. Hamilton. —A. Cant.

Hull C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Discussion on moulting and preparing birds for exhibition. All unsold tickets and money, half-day show, to be returned this meeting.—E. R. Ridley.

Halifax O.S. — Aug. 7, Griffin Hotel, 8.—J. F. Thackray.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Aug. 12, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Selection of judge for the Nov. show, etc.—W. Parratt.

Kent County C.B.A.—Aug. 11, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 7.45. General business.—G. Sanderson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Aug. 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on preparing birds for exhibition, by Mr. J. Metcalfe; fanciers invited.—F. E. Hawkes.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 14, Miners' Hall, 7.—J. Pollock.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To appoint new secretary.—R. H. Davies.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Aug. 10, White Swan, Market Place, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Needham: Ailments of Young Birds. Fanciers invited.—J. E. Wood.

Manningham C.B.A. — Aug. 7, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. General business; also distribution of Yorks. Union books.—W. Holroyd.

Metropolitan C.B.A. — Aug. 11, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. To pay out prize-money for last young bird show, and other business.—E. Box.

New Stevenston O.S.—Aug. 10, Robb's Hall, 8.—J. Lamb.

Pudsey, Stanningley, O.S.—Aug. 11, Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, on Moulting and Colour Feeding. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Butler.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Aug. 9, Chapel Street Hall, Salford.—H. Clayton.

Queen's Park C.B.A. — Aug. 12, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8.—J. C. Birch.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 9, headquarters, 8. Settlement of F.F. show business.—J. C. Spilsbury.

S.W. London C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Usual monthly meeting, to transact any business, and to enrol new members before autumn show.—Lilley.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Aug. 7, headquarters, 8. Mr. Ellis Whittaker, paper on General Management of Canary. Table show, 1st F. Birds, 6.—H. E. Wilkinson.

South London Col. and F.A. — Aug. 12, Royal George, Tanners' Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30. Discussion re washing cage birds for exhibition, to be opened by Mr. G. Kearney.—G. A. Jeffreys.

Swansea C.B.A.—Aug. 10, headquarters, 7.30. Arrangements for open show.—A. Hitchings.

Shipley O.S.—Aug. 7, Prince of Wales Hotel, F.F. show; birds to be staged 2.—H. Martin.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Commercial Hotel, F.F. show, judge, Mr. A. Holden (Great Horton); staged 3. Entries close Friday night.—J. Lewis.

Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Business very important; F.F. show.—J. Smith.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Aug. 11, Station Hotel, 7.30. Show business; lecture by Mr. Birchley on British Birds; fanciers welcome.—Richardson and Greenwell.

Wandsworth F.A. — Aug. 12, headquarters, 8. Young stock show business, and Cage Bird Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Lupton.—W. Summers.

West of Scotland.—Aug. 7, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, 7.30. New cups or trophies for annual show, and other business; new members still being enrolled.—G. Smart.

Wakefield Roller C.C. — Aug. 9, Elephant and Castle, 8. Members please attend; fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Wigan C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Aug. 10, headquarters, 8.30. Council meeting; financial report for half year. Will members please settle for tickets.—T. Callegari.

York C.B.S.—Aug. 9, All Saints' School, 7.30. After usual meeting, a paper will be given by Mr. D. Hunter, on the Best Mode of Feeding Cage Birds for Colour.—A. Waud.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Annual picnic to Lochwinnoch on Aug. 7, train starts 2.30 p.m., St. Enoch's. Good turn-out requested.—F. Bowman.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Still Wheezes at Night.

W.D.H., Walton.—I almost doubt whether you will ever be able to get quite rid of the wheezing now, as it appears to be of the most chronic type. However, try what the following will do for it. Continue to feed as before advised, but vary the chickweed and greenstuff with plantain stalks, shepherd's purse and groundsel heads. Keep in one place, and do not move it about, but see it is in a comfortable temperature, free from draughts, and in a pure atmosphere. Get a chemist to mix you one dram each of oxymel of squills, ammonia bromide, and chlorodyne, five grains of potass. iodine, and thirty drops of ipecacuhana wine in one ounce of glycerine. Give the bird fifteen drops of this in the drinking water two days in every three for a week, when the wheezing is audible. Then omit it for a week, and give again for another week if the wheezing returns. Continue giving this in alternate weeks as long as necessary. Shall be glad to hear result in, say, a couple of months.

Scaly Feet.

E.C.—The scaly condition of the feet is almost certainly an indication that the bird has left its youth behind. If very bad so as to hamper the free use of the claws or appear unsightly, wait until the bird has quite recovered from the moult. Then soak the feet for a few minutes in tolerably hot water, about as hot as the little finger can be comfortably borne in it, occasionally working a little lather of pure soap about them with the thumb and finger. This will soften the scales sufficiently to enable you to lift them off with the thumb nail, by gently pressing the point of the nail against the lower projecting edge of each scale, beginning from the top and working downwards to the end of each toe. Do not hurry over the business. Do it very gently, use no force, and be careful not to cause any bleeding. If scale is not sufficiently softened to life easily soak it a little longer. A sharpened match-stick is useful to help lift off scales. Do one foot first; the other a few days after.

To Save the Young.

J. Edwardes.—Your feeding is chiefly to blame, and if you adopt the following regime at once I have no doubt you will yet save a good proportion of the birds now living. When the young leave the nest and begin to pick well at the egg food, separate them from the parents by a wire slide as you have done hitherto; or, as it is getting too late now to allow the parents to nest again, remove the hen to a flight cage, and let the cock remain with the young until he is about dropping into moult. The latter plan will be best, as the cock will continue feeding the young for some time. Before the young leave the nest supply the parents with a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple seed diet. Give egg-food fresh at least twice a day; green food, as much as they care for, freshly gathered twice a day; and give a supply of cracked hemp, which also should be prepared fresh daily, once a day. Should the old birds prefer it, you may also add a little soaked rape daily, but be very careful this does not become sour. When the young are separated from their parents give them a supply of plain egg-food made crumbly moist, and rather on the dry side, a little cracked hemp in another vessel, and a saucer of Canary and summer rape, both given dry. As soon as you see they are beginning to crack the rape seed, gradually cut down the supply of hemp, and later reduce the quantity of egg-food, until at between four and five weeks old you have the birds on a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part rape, with just a pinch of hemp two or three times a week, and a little egg-food, say, a teaspoonful between three birds, three times a week. The egg-food may be varied occasionally with an equivalent amount of bread and milk. When the young are first separated give no green food for a week (they will be given enough by their parents for this time), but after that give seed stalks of plantain, shepherd's-purse, chickweed, or groundsel heads, in limited quantities, until the birds are six or seven weeks old, when you may give it more freely, about every second day. Give the young that are now ailing six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water for two days, and put them on the above-detailed dietary at once.

Pecking at Feathers.

"Jerry."—At this season the birds frequently pecking at their plumage may be nothing more serious than a symptom of the moult approaching. At the same time you should carefully examine the cages and birds for any trace of insect pests—the former for red mites, and the birds themselves for any traces of grey lice, as the latter live upon the birds permanently, whereas the red mite only visit them periodically at night. In either case the pests must be eradicated, allow the birds to bathe freely, and occasionally soak a few quassia chips in the bathing water, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for a day or two. In case the moult should be coming on the birds, give them a little maw seed daily, until they are well broken into moult, and, of course, if you desire to colour feed them you should get them on the colour food at once. A stray flight or tail feather in the cages of the old birds, or a few small feathers in the cages of the young ones will set all doubts as to the moult being imminent at rest, and by the time this happens the birds should be well on the colour food.

Wheezy Yorkshire Male.

G.R.T.—You must not be content with merely trying to keep the bird free from draughts, but you must make your efforts succeed at any cost, even if you have to move the cage farther away from the window. No treatment will be of any material good until you have attended to this point. Keep the cage in a cosy position, not too near the fire, but where the temperature will vary the least from day to day, and be, above all else, perfectly free from draughts. At the same time see that it is hung where the air is pure and fresh, and avoid any place near a burning lamp or gas jet. Your diet is also wrong. Attend first to above points, then as a staple diet give three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give separately a pinch of a mixture of hemp one part, inga and teazle half a part each, twice a week. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a little green food in variety. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day in the following week. After the fortnight continue the above feeding, except that you must omit the additions to the sponge cake, and give it only once or twice a week. You may also vary it occasionally with a scrap of bread and milk, or a little egg-food. When it is moulting you may give a little maw seed, but the linseed is best left out altogether.

Moulting Matters.

R.H.J.—Certainly, as colour is quite an unimportant qualification in Crests and Crest-breds, you will be quite safe in moulting your birds without the aid of colour food if you desire to do so. Providing they have the necessary qualities of crest, feather, size, and shape, well developed, you will have nothing to fear on their behalf on account of the absence of the colour-feeder's art. What you should particularly aim at is to get them through a good and speedy moult, and by generous treatment in the matter of nourishing diet keep the system well up to meet the drain upon it towards the close of the moult. In this way I am inclined to think that a certain amount of the blindness which afflicts this variety just after the moult is finished can be prevented. Give an unlimited supply of Canary and rape as a staple diet, and every second day allow a little egg-food, sponge cake, bread and milk, or plain crushed biscuit, and on the alternate days green food, and a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, broken groats, and coarse oatmeal, with a few grains of linseed sprinkled amongst the bulk of the mixture. At the commencement of the moult, and for a week or two after it has got well in progress, give a liberal supply of maw seed, and at the close of the moult a few extra grains of linseed. Keep the birds in a warm temperature, not too dry, and allow free opportunities for bathing. The latter especially—that is, heat and moisture within reason—is the great thing to encourage and develop growth of feather.

A Quartette.

No Name.—(1) Certainly, you would do quite right to cover the bottoms of your cages with fine sawdust. It is a very good plan to do so through the moult and winter months, as it keeps the cages much sweeter and cleaner than sand. It will do the birds no harm; but you must not forget to give them a saucer or shallow tin filled with gritty sand in one corner of the cage. (2) Yes, it should be quite possible to colour feed your young birds; indeed if they have not started moulting they are just about the right age to begin. Put them on colour food without delay, making it about half the full strength, but if any of them have started dropping feathers get them on full strength in two or three days. If they have made any progress with the moult they will doubtless come out patchy, through not being put on "feed" early enough, but that cannot now be avoided. (3) Proper moulting cages are somewhat similar to breeding cages, but lower, and less open in front. It would be much better for you to moult the birds in breeding cages, three or four in each, than to put them up singly in small cages. You should be quite able to tell the cocks from hens now by their bolder carriage, and altogether more pushful and defiant demeanour, besides which any cock should have made some efforts at singing. (4) Hall's Sanitary Distemper would serve your purpose excellently, and is as cheap as anything I know of consistent with quality. Ask the makers for a colour card, and you should be able to choose anything to your liking in decorative effects. I should imagine a dado of autumn green around the walls, with a neutral grey, or sky-blue, or light pea-green, above, and the doors and window frames painted stone colour, or oak grained, would make a very nice and cosy effect.

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Yorkshire with Cataract.

A Lover of Birds.—Sorry, but the only thing I can confidently advise you to do is to leave it quite alone. In birds, as in humans, the only way of curing it is by a surgical operation, which is impracticable in birds. You may, if you like, try the effect of an ointment composed of five grains of red oxide of mercury in half ounce of pure spermaceti, which any chemist would mix for you. Put a tiny piece, the size of a pin's head, in each eye three times a week, holding the bird whilst it melts, and assisting it to run well around the eyelids. Candidly, I do not expect it will do much towards a cure. Feed it liberally, and occasionally give twenty-drop doses of chemical food in its water, and a drop or two of cod liver oil emulsion on a scrap of bread and milk to keep it well up in strength. Keep it in the same cage, or one of similar pattern, always stick its green food in the wires at the end of a perch, and also give any egg-food or bread and milk in a finger drawer stuck in the wires in a similar position. The bird will then get along quite easily, even though it should become totally blind. One of the very worst foes of blind birds are insect pests, so keep an eye on this matter.

A Feather-eater.

Miss Eunice Crisp.—The bird has doubtless been improperly fed, and treated wrong generally for some time, though it is not unlikely its feather-plucking habit arose through the irritation of insect pests. See its cage is now kept quite free from any trace of insects; allow the bird to bathe daily, if it desires, and occasionally soak a few quassia chips in the bathing water. Let it have a fair-sized cage, keep the floor strewn with nice, clean, gritty sand, and see it is not exposed to any draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give separately twice a week a pinch of maw seed, on two other days a few grains only of inga, and three times a week a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. Give a small spray of green food daily. You might also for a week or two give a mealworm if you have any, three or four times a week, or in lieu of this pin

Owing to the holidays, many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until next week.

a scrap of the rind of boiled pork or bacon on the end of its perch. This will help to divert its attention from its feathers. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and twelve drops of glycerine for two consecutive days, and every second day afterwards for the remainder of the week, and in the following week four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day. After a fortnight of above treatment, discontinue all drugs, and instead of the above-named extra items of diet give a pinch of hemp twice a week, and a little plain egg or biscuit food once or twice a week.

Brevities.

Accommodation (P.E.P.).—The full capacity of your bird-house would be thirty-four birds; therefore if you intended removing the youngsters as they got able to feed themselves you might turn in eight or ten cocks, and from twenty to twenty-four hens. If, however, you allow the young to remain with the parents until the end of the season three cocks and six or eight hens would be quite sufficient to begin each season with.

Breathing Heavily ("Yorkie").—The Yorkshire which is breathing heavily and wheezes at night has probably been exposed to cold draughts. You must remedy this. First give a pinch of Epsom salts for a few days, and add to the diet a little egg-food or crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, in the drinking water, every second day for a fortnight or three weeks as may appear necessary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Owl and a Jay.

G. H. Naylor.—You ought to have no difficulty in keeping either a Jay or an Owl; both are very hardy, given the right kind of food. Any good brand of dog meal (such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox") makes an excellent stock food for such birds as Jays, Jackdaws, Magpies, etc. It should be scalded with hot water and then reduced to a crumbly consistency by the addition of a little packet Thrush or Lark food. Also give table scraps, including meat and greens, dead mice, sparrows, etc.; a raw egg now and again is a great treat. An Owl must have flesh food if it is going to live and thrive in captivity—for instance, mice, Sparrows, and other small birds, beetles, pieces of rabbit, the "innards" of fowls, etc., scraps of raw beef or mutton, etc. If you cannot undertake to provide these things, you should certainly let so useful a creature have its liberty.

About a Starling.

Age Fourteen.—To keep a Starling in good condition give a good insectivorous mixture designed for the coarse-feeding Softbills, and let it contain finely minced lettuce or other green-meat or vegetable ingredient in liberal quantity. The Starling is fond of a little scraped raw meat, hard-boiled egg, fruit, finely chopped green stuff, berries, worms, snails, beetles, wasp grub, gentles, and, in fact, most forms of suitable live food. Also you could scrape a little raw lean mutton amongst its food fairly frequently, or give a little grated dried liver. Keep in a very large box pattern cage and clean out frequently. It is quite true that Starlings can be taught to repeat short sentences, various whistles, etc. Some become very accomplished. It is necessary to choose a short sentence, which comes trippingly off the tongue, as it were (such as "Pretty boy,") and repeat it to the bird very, very frequently. When it has learnt this, then another can be tried.

Half-a-dozen.

Ignorant.—(1) A Bramblefinch is a smart, attractively coloured bird, but (2) it has no song worthy of the name. Therefore, you must decide for yourself whether it is "worth keeping." Plenty of people certainly do keep Brambles, but I cannot gauge what may make a bird worth keeping from your own point of view. (3) A Bramblefinch-Canary Mule has never yet been bred to my knowledge. It would most decidedly be "worth producing." Go ahead and try for it. (4) The packet mixture you mention would answer very well if you added a fair proportion of sunflower seed to it. (5) The Bramble will nibble at almost any kind of suitable green food—especially the seedy heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, plaintain, groundsel, and the like. My own birds like a little soft food now and again, a mealworm or two, a few live ants' eggs, thistle heads, etc. Fruit I don't offer. (6) I should think petrol fumes (if heavy) decidedly noxious to birds. Unfortunately, the Budget prevents me from investing in a motor car to test the point.

A Starling Problem.

J. J. Gray.—If the birds had voluntarily left their nest, the perching would not cause their deaths. I am assuming they could not get very cold at night in your sitting-room. I should think it highly likely that the birds did not get sufficient food; this would be likely to bring about death on the second day. They would not be properly feeding themselves and, of course, they had not their parents to supply the deficiency by giving them a "fill-up" now and again. You ought really to have "crammed" them for a time; at their age they would be "sulky" (or shy) and refuse to gape to be fed. You took great care of them otherwise. Bread and milk would be poor food for Starlings; dog or puppy meal (such as "Melox," or Spratt's) would be vastly better, given after being soaked in hot water and drained. Better luck next time.

About a Lark Cage.

Lothian.—It is usual to raise the "balcony," or bow at front, an inch or so from the floor level of the back part of the cage. This helps to keep the turf, when placed in the bow, from getting covered with road dust, or sand, off the bottom. The balcony can project just so far as you choose to let it; about six inches would be ample for the width of cage you name. I think your cage would be very much improved if you made the width of the back part nine inches. Cut the turf to any shape you like; it is, of course, supposed to fit into the bow. Just sprinkle the grass lightly with water, especially during the summer. You should line the bow with thin sheet zinc, or have a tray made to fit into it. The food vessels I like are wood outside, with white glazed earthenware linings. Inch and a quarter to inch and a half head holes would be ample, while one inch gauge would suit the wiring admirably. The inside of the cage could be enamelled, and would look very handsome so treated, but the wires are generally left bright, though there is no real reason why they, too, should not be enamelled.

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Colour-feeding a Thrush.

Cymro.—I dealt with this matter only a few weeks ago. Keep the bird indoors for preference whilst being moulted. There is no need to give a Thrush, or any other British bird, hot pepper. Sweet (tasteless) pepper is quite sufficient. I never knew a Softbill bird that would not eat colour-food (sweet). Of course, it is necessary to begin with a very tiny quantity, as the change in the colour of the food (and this alone) makes them shy of it unless very gradually brought about. The bird should be kept in a not too well-lighted spot (out of direct rays of light, especially the rays of the sun). How strong the colour-food should be given depends on the natural colour of the bird. To give a jonque Thrush (naturally a deep brown), the colour-food extra strong, would be to make him unsightly. Such a bird only needs sufficient to slightly enhance its natural colour, and put a gloss on its plumage. One in four (one teaspoonful of pepper to four of food) is strong, and sufficient for most purposes. Probably one in six may be quite enough for your Thrush. It must be continued until the moult is right over; for about a fortnight (to be safe) after you cease to find cast feathers in the cage. The last part to finish is generally the head, and the pepper should be given for some little while after pen feathers (or quills) cease to be noticeable thereabouts.

Brevities.

Linnets Breeding (Pharos).—Linnets caught now ought to be very likely Mule breeders for next season, providing they are then in proper condition. Your question re Foreign Finch Hybrids should have been addressed to our Mr. Page; look in his column next week for an answer.

Linnet in Trouble (Forester).—Soak the mandibles for a few moments twice daily in fairly warm water made claret colour by the addition of a little Condy's fluid; also gently bathe the eyes and surrounding parts with the same, using a piece of surgical lint, or very soft cloth, or a pledget of cotton-wool to do it with. Use a glass or pot vessel only, and let the bird have a few drops of Condy's Fluid in the drinking water. Keep the bird by itself.

Always Drinking.—(Social, Oldham).—In a small teaspoonful of water dissolve as much citrate of iron crystals (from a chemist) as will lie upon a shilling, and give the birds to drink, fresh daily. Increase the strength if it seems necessary, but do not make the birds constipated. Let them have plenty of chopped greenstuff in their food.

In a Room (W. M. Johnson).—All the species of birds you name are quite hardy and easy to keep. They should thrive admirably in a room free from damp and draughts, and well lighted.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Treatment of Young Grey.

J. Lang.—Young greys are certainly delicate on arrival, and very difficult to rear, but this is owing to the hardships and unsanitary conditions of importation, than to actual delicacy of constitution. Get a camel hair brush and some diluted glyco-thymoline, and well cleanse the nostrils two or three times daily, while the running lasts, well cleansing the brush and using a fresh portion of the solution for each occasion. Put 10 to 20 drops of Parrish's chemical food over its boiled maize daily, and also make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with the chemical food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage, and also supply some ripe fruit daily, an occasional shelled walnut and piece of plain biscuit. You must carefully guard against draught, and keep warm, yet at the same time the bird must have fresh air. As soon as the bird is eating really heartily of the seed mixture, I should gradually wean it from the boiled maize. Its condition is rather disquieting, but if you treat it as above, you should manage to pull it through, but it will not really be safe for two or three months yet. After treating it as above for a week or ten days, you had better report progress, repeating full details again when doing so.

How Many Birds?

"Ocho Rios."—You could keep a dozen with safety in such a cage, with a daily clean such as you suggest. I must, however, speak a word of warning. These all-wire cages are really dangerous, except in the hands of those who have had some experience of bird-keeping. The points you must note are these: It must not stand in such a position that the wind can blow through it, neither must the sun be allowed to shine unrestrictedly through the top of it. Draughts must be avoided, or the birds will soon "moult off." When the sun is shining directly on cage, a cover must be placed on top of same; the birds can get all the sun they require by taking a perch near side of cage. If you bear these points in mind, you should succeed well with the small Ornamental Finches. You ought to get "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, from this office.

Birds for Outdoor Cage.

"118."—I most certainly consider Budgerigars would be the most suitable in every way for your cage. Put in two pairs, and as the young are able to fend for themselves, dispose of them as profitable as possible, or form another flight for them. Hang up four husks, each one as far removed from the other as your space permits; it will be best for the back of one husk to face the entrance hole of the next nearest. As regards shelter for the winter, providing you exclude driving rain, very little more should be required, but it would be best to fasten a piece of sacking over the open netting each night, and it might be left there all day as well during severe weather, especially as your locality is a northern one, and your cage only allows limited flight exercise. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful; see advertisement in this column.

Birds for Cage.

L. D. Pickard.—It is always a safe axiom not to mix birds of varying strength in such confined quarters as yours would be. At the same time, I have never found the Magpie Mannikin do any harm, but others have, and I should advise you to have an ordinary Canary breeding cage for their sole occupancy; they would probably breed under such conditions. Bichenos are not by any means plentiful at the present time, at least, most Australian Finches are rather scarce on the market at present, and these also I and others have found rather combative in close quarters. The following should make a very handsome series for your cage, and the same treatment would suffice for all. Zebra, grey, St. Helena, blue-breasted and orange-cheek Waxbills, and I certainly advise you to be content with these, they are all beautiful, and are all your cage will properly accommodate. You certainly ought to get "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free from this office.

A Feather-eating Parrot.

C. Berry.—I can only advise you to continue the treatment already given. It is weary work curing Parrots of this vice. To be quite sure there are no parasites on the bird sprinkle Keating's powder (pyrethrum powder will also answer very well) under the wings and round the nape of the neck, and also wherever there appears to be any irritation, but avoid getting any into its eyes. Re fruit, very few Parrots will refuse apple, grapes, or cherries; if it refuses one kind, try another. A little ripe fruit of some kind will be beneficial. I certainly think the bird will ultimately speak, at any rate, a few words, and whenever it is quietly settled talk to it in a casual way, also repeating again and again any short sentence you wish it to learn. If you persevere with the treatment advised, I am of the opinion your bird will recover condition.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Long-tailed Greenfinches.

W. S., jun.—(1) I think as the season has so far advanced it would perhaps be better to keep them still in the unheated room; however, if the weather becomes settled and warmer, they would do well enough in a roomy flight out of doors, and probably breed, but for the first winter I should bring them indoors, say, about end of October, or early November, according to weather, putting them out again next May, after which they could be left out altogether. This species is very fond of spray millet and seeding grass. (2) I have found them hardy here in London, and a friend of mine on the north-east successfully winters them out of doors in a roomy aviary—for time of turning out see under No. 1. (3) The outward sexual distinctions are very slight, the colour of the female is not so rich; she is more silent, and has a slightly smaller black bib than the male. They breed fairly freely, and usually rear all they hatch out. They were bred last year in quite a moderate-sized cage. (4) No, their song is little more than a plaintive call note, but they are handsome and entertaining birds.

What Cockatoo?

B.K.G.—(1) You have, I presume, a Solomon's Island Cockatoo, but your description is too vague for me to be definite. (2) Your only way is to cover him up in a cloth while fixing on a ring, unless you are prepared to wait until he will let you handle him freely; this should come later. My Hawk-headed Caique, really savage and dangerous with those he does not know, will lie on his back and hold his feet up for a piece of tape to be tied on his leg before being taken out of doors. You must either wait, or cover up his head and fix on the ring, and then leave him to come out of his upset in due course. (3) I should try him with all sorts of fruit before I gave up; most will take apple. Try him with sultanas, as he is fond of sweets, also give him nuts—walnuts, hazel, Brazil, and other nuts. Hemp, canary, sunflower and seeding grasses will do well enough for him. Try him occasionally with a piece of biscuit that has been moistened in water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. It will also be helpful to well colour the drinking water with the chemical food while the moult lasts. (4) I should suggest covering him up whenever he starts screaming. Most of them soon recognise this as a punishment; but it must be done quietly, and not in such a manner as to scare the bird.

Starting an Outdoor Aviary.

M.G.L.—Your best plan will certainly be to divide your suggested aviary into two parts, each one with a 24-ft. flight and as large a shelter house as you can manage. Parrakeets and Finches do not assimilate, and must not be kept together. Parrakeets will soon destroy every growing bush in their enclosure; put in plenty of branches, stout and thin, and sow the ground of flight with grass, oats, etc.—even this will require sowing at intervals. Turquoisines have not been obtainable for years, and I should be doubtful if the Elegants would survive the winter out of doors. I should suggest the following Parrakeet aviary: Cockatiels, Redrumps, Ringnecks, Budgerigars, Cardinals, Troupials (you must watch how winter affects these in your locality), Blue Robins (very seldom to be obtained), Virginian Nightingales, Starlings, and Thrushes. Room for nine or ten pairs. Finch aviary: Greenfinches in variety, Waxbills, Buntings, Mannikins, Serin Finches, Nonpareils, Liothrix, and any of the small Ornamental Finches, also one pair each small Doves and Quails. You could accommodate 20 pairs. It is not practicable for you to use the flight universally, the Parakeets would soon destroy every plant and bush therein, as well as gradually kill off all your small birds; so I have replied on the basis of two aviaries of 24 ft. each with a separate shed and no connection one with the other. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert.) would help you.

Amazon Parrot Shouting, etc.

Jacko-bird.—(1) All birds go off their speech occasionally, and very frequently after each period surprise you with fresh words. I do not think keeping him occupied with toys has anything to do with it, but I should certainly advise you to talk to it continually while you are feeding it, and perhaps more especially when it is resting in its cage and quiet. Even if it does not respond, it will surprise you with some word or sentence unexpectedly a little later; at least, that is, and has been, my experience with them. I do not think there is any age limit, though sometimes quite an aged bird will forget part of its vocabulary. (2) Most birds will shout out if left alone for a time, or when they hear the person they are most fond of about. Covering up is a good check, and I should still practice it; the time will come when a sight of the cloth may be sufficient. (3) Weather affects Parrots much the same as individuals. I do not think there is anything wrong with it, but it will do no harm to put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water for one day, and repeat the dose in three days' time. I presume you are feeding as advised in this column? (4) I do not advise an exchange unless you are prepared to pay a really large price for an established and trained bird. Greys are tricky purchases, and losses are often many before you get one established.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Identification of Dove.

Marie L. Livings.—Your description is excellent, and enables me at once to identify your Dove as the Australian Crested Bronzewing (Ocyphaps lophotes), a very handsome species, and quite unlike any other. It is not a rare bird; specimens may always be seen at the Zoo, and they have some flying loose there.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Young Canary (C.W.H.).—This fledgling died of inflammation of the lungs, liver and spleen; all symptoms of bird fever.

Canary (Puzzled).—This bird, and probably the other fourteen, died of well-established "bird fever."

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

An Address (P. Henson).—Have looked the matter up and should think the address you enquire about is Messrs. Palmer and Son, Selater-street, Shoreditch, London.

A Correction (T. Walsh).—Accept our thanks for taking the trouble to write us. We have no idea of "blowing you up."

Explanatory (Novice).—Yes; the explanation given by your friend was quite correct. The modern Crest is called the Norwich Crest because its shape (body) is supposed to take after the type of the modern Norwich Plainhead—that is to say, be short and chubby.

A Change of Habit.

The usual nesting site of the common Wood Pigeon is in trees, tall bushes and hedgerows, but a few instances have been recorded in recent years of their nesting upon the ground.

The Shy Corncrake.

The Corn Crake is seen less upon the wing than any of our migrants. The bird frequents the long grass and herbage of low lying meadows. Its cry may be heard daily, but a whole summer may pass without the bird being seen.

Hard Working Herons.

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BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATEELS.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with notes by W. T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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The Breeding, Rearing and Moulting of Yorkshire Canaries

By SAMUEL DEAN.

A Lecture recently delivered before the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

It gives me great pleasure to have the honour to appear before you again, and though the subject you wish me to deal with is one that has been gone through times without number, I will do my best to make it as interesting and instructive as possible.

Concerning the Cages.

The first articles we require for our hobby are the cages. These are made in a great variety of styles and sizes, but the plain box-cage with flat bar fronts are the ones I like best. The most useful sizes are 20in. by 18in. by 10in., and 16in. by 16in. by 10in., the first named for breeding cages, and the latter as stock cages. It is immaterial whether these are done out with whitewash, limewash, or distemper, so long as they are thoroughly clean, especially at the commencement of the breeding season.

The perches should be made of some fairly soft wood, about ½in. by ⅜in., with the corners planed off and sandpapered; but after sandpapering it is best to dip the perches into hot water to take the "slippiness" off the wood so that the birds can get a good firm grip on them. The doors in the cage front should be made to open outwards, not to slide up and down, as they are much more convenient and are quieter to use, those that slide up being, as a rule, very noisy (and when a hen is timid, everything should work as noiselessly as possible). Also an egg glass will be much more convenient to put over the door between the two top perches.

A seed-box should occupy one side of cage and a water-glass the other. For the latter, those perfectly round inside are the best, as they are so much easier to keep clean, and any odd kind of small pots are very useful for placing in the cage corners to hold mixed seeds, grit, green food, etc. For grit, a nice sharp sand is required; we fanciers in Bradford are very fortunate in this respect, as we can get a nice clean sea sand delivered at our doors for 2s. 6d. per cwt.

The Staple Diet.

The staple food is, of course, the usual Canary seed. A good, full, plump seed is the best. A fair test of quality is to push your hand into a sackful, and if it is quite easy to reach the bottom without exerting great strength, you may rest assured it is decent; also note, if the hand is dusty when withdrawn. But, if possible, I prefer the birds to be the judge of quality. If, for instance, I intend to buy one or two cwts., I secure a stone of seed and put some in a few cages; if then the birds do not throw it out and about the cage, but eat from the top of the seed vessel in a rational manner, I know I can buy that particular seed with safety.

Other seeds required are rape (German summer and English, or black), hemp, inga, linseed, gold of pleasure, maw, etc. The rape can be given a few times a week, and the others as required at different seasons—hemp for feeding young, inga and linseed before the breeding season as a preventive of egg-binding, and the gold of pleasure and maw as conditioner.

Procuring and Preparing Stock.

Having all ready, the stock must next be procured. It is the cheapest and best method to go in for only a moderate quantity, but let the quality be of the highest your means will allow. Get the birds as early as possible so as to get them used to yourself and to the room.

Be sure to get your stock into proper condition ready for breeding; not too high, especially if you intend to pair the birds up early, but just bring them on gradually by a judicious use of special seeds and egg food. From the 21st to the end of March is, as a rule, quite early enough, and should you intend to pair the birds up at about this time, you should begin at about the middle of February to give the hens a fairly plentiful supply of inga and linseed, half-a-teaspoonful twice a week, and at times a little egg food and gold of pleasure seed. The cocks, if in good health, will require practically nothing to bring them on, but a little egg-food about once or twice a week will do them no harm. What you must look after at just about this time in both cocks and hens, is to see they do not get a chill. The very changeable weather is very apt to do a deal of harm when they get into high condition.

In regard to the condition of the birds constituting a pair, my firm conviction is that the bird which is in the better condition is the bird which the young will most resemble. How often has it been noticed that there is a great changeableness in the various nests of young birds from the same pair? For instance, suppose you have a big stock cock bird on the rough side and very faulty, you will, of course, pair this to a neat, typical hen possessing good quality of feather; now, it will always be seen that if the cock is in tip-top condition the young will take more of his style; but run him with two hens and let him feed a nest of young, and there will be a change in the progeny. I always, therefore, see that the better of a pair is in the higher condition.

This is very noticeable in the breeding of marked birds. A fancier whom I remember well, put several sets (one cock and two hens) up for breeding, and from the first round bred some very nice marked birds. He kept the cocks on good feed during the time the hens were sitting and rearing, with the result that for the second round the cocks were in far better condition than the hens, and practically every youngster was foul-marked like the cocks.

When Pairing-up Stock.

Having now everything to your liking, you pair up. I much prefer to let the birds have a nest pan and nesting material to start with; it tends to occupy their thoughts and time, and keeps them from fighting. You must now give on alternate days a small quantity of egg food and mixed seeds. Watch for building operations to start, and if the hens cannot get things into shape, you might assist them a little. Oft-times I have seen them carry nesting in, only to pull it out with them when they jump out of the nest pan; this may be caused by their nails being overgrown and curled round; it is, therefore, advisable to trim the claws of both cocks and hens before pairing. Or the nest-pan may be too smooth and the birds may be unable to get it to grip the material. Should this be the case, a lining may be fixed in and just a little cowhair given to them to line with; but I prefer, if possible, to get the birds to make a nest of their own, as it will be much better ventilated than a lining can permit it to be.

For nesting material I supply dry grass, which I can usually gather during early March. This requires washing well in soap and water; it then makes an ideal nesting. Give it a good rub in the hands before placing it in cage, to soften it, and break it up into lengths of about two or three inches long. When the birds have made a fairly compact nest with this, allow them a little cowhair for lining purposes, as this will give a better surface and will be much smoother for the bird to turn the egs.

When the Eggs are Laid.

As the eggs are laid it is preferable to remove the first three, which must be returned on the third evening. Then the hen will lay the fourth among them the following morning and start to sit straight away. The eggs should hatch on the fourteenth day after the eggs are returned.

At the expiration of the first week a bath should be put in the cage for the hen to bathe in, providing, of course, the weather is suitable; if it is otherwise, gently spray the bird with slightly warm water, which should be repeated on the 10th and 12th days: the bath, or the spray, is for the purpose of preventing the inner skin from getting too dry, thus making it impossible for the young bird to break out of the shell.

On the seventh day, if you would like to know how many good eggs there are in a nest, you can easily tell by holding the eggs up to the light in a perpendicular position between the thumb and first finger; if good, it will appear very dark; but if clear, it will look as the word implies; and if addled, it will have a dirty yellow cast about it.

If on the 15th day the eggs have not hatched out and yet appear good, place them for a minute in some nicely warmed water (as hot as you can bear your fingers in without discomfort); should the imprisoned youngster be still alive, the warmth will cause him to kick about and the egg will move very perceptibly, according, of course, to the amount of life the youngster has left. Leave the egg in the water for about one minute and then replace it in the nest for a few hours to see if the young can hatch out; if it cannot, place the egg again in warm water as before. This method has many times brought young birds from the shell that would otherwise have been unable to break through.

The Troublesome Red Mites.

Red mites are usually very troublesome in the nests during breeding time. To keep them away and prevent their multiplying, the nest must be well dusted out with insect powder—both between the nest and nest-pan, and in amongst the eggs and nesting material. Also, a very good thing is to spray (on the seventh day of incubation) the nest and eggs with a solution of alum and water, or give them another good dusting with insect powder.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

The Language of a Parrot.

SIR,—I read with interest the letter from "Veritas" in your issue of July 31st. I should like to tell him that we had a Parrot which came from India that used to say exactly the same sentence, viz., "Wake up, gunner," etc. If we asked it to call the cat it would say "mow, mow." To call the dog it would say, "Toby, Toby." It seems strange that these two birds should say almost the same words. I should like to know which part of the country his Parrot came from. Our bird came from Bangalore. I may add that the man who brought our Polly was in the 1st Essex Regiment. The Parrot, I'm sorry to say, is now dead.

BIRDY LAD.

The Leyton Tramwaymen's Unique Venture.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in reporting to you that there is to be a very unique show of cage birds, poultry, rabbits, pigeons, cavies and horticultural products at the Tramway Depot on September the 3rd and 4th, in connection with the Social and Athletic Club. I need hardly mention how pleased I was to learn from the esteemed secretary, Mr. J. Fayle, of this venture, and of Leyton leading the way in this direction, and it is to be hoped that his efforts will be crowned with success, and that other tramway districts will follow suit, as in my humble opinion this sort of thing not only tends to foster a good and friendly spirit among men employed in large firms and Corporations, but also relieves the usual routine of their daily toils, by giving them something to look forward to and attend to after work is finished, thus promoting health, happiness and content; eventually, too, it may be the means of many fanciers joining their local societies, and getting made thoroughly acquainted with and educated in their particular variety. In conclusion, I am pleased to state that I have been appointed judge for the cage bird section, and can only hope that I may give satisfaction. Trusting that the committee may have a bumping entry, fine weather and a good gate.

A. J. A. MARLEY.

A Young Fancier Sets a Good Example.

SIR,—Being a constant reader of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have noticed the records of experiences of beginners. I beg to offer you a description of my experience with Norwich Canaries. It is by no means an encouraging one; in fact, just the opposite, but I have not given up and intend starting with a fresh hope next season. I commenced in April with one pair, but before I had them a week the hen died, showing that the man did not serve me well. I then bought a hen in the town (Oxford), and breeding was soon commenced. The hen laid three eggs in the first round, but only one hatched and the chick died the following day. The next round she laid four eggs, hatching all four. Everything went well until a fortnight after, when she deserted the young and they soon died. I again tried her, and in the third round she laid the same number (four) and all hatched; but it was of no use, as she left the young when they were only ten days old. And to end it all, I eventually lost her as well. I have not given up; "better luck next time." I am only a youth, but hope this will interest your readers and not discourage beginners.

BERT WINDOWS.

The Bankfoot and District C.B.S.

SIR,—The second meeting of this society took place on July 27th, and was very well attended. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, 12 new members were added to our ranks, thus increasing our membership to 44—not a bad start this, despite the fact that this society has sprung up in the midst of other strong societies. The business of the evening commenced with the election of officers, and the following received the solid support of all present:—President, Mr. E. W. Johnson; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Bywater and H. Taylor; treasurer, Mr. E. M. Waddington; auditors, Messrs. H. Kershaw and B. Wilman; secretary, Mr. F. Gelder, 14, Centre Street, Little Horton. It was then decided that we hold three members' shows, the first on October 9th, second on November 20th, and the third on December 11th; and for these a valuable list of specials is promised. A cup will be given for most points gained by a novice at each show. Another special is for most entries and least points; so it will be seen that the novice receives every encouragement in this society. The specials will be allotted so that every exhibitor will receive a prize. I might say that the special list is being very well supported. A varied classification is being provided, so that every member will be able to show whatever variety he happens to have. The election of a committee of management was left over until another meeting. The schools where we hold our meetings are known as the Bankfoot Schools, and no charge is made to us for the use of them; in this I consider we are very fortunate, for we have a cosy room where we can hold our meetings, and another well-lighted room where we can hold our shows. The subscription to the end of the present year has been fixed at 1s. 6d., and then 3s. per year. Will all intending members and friends please note, that the next meeting will be held on August 31st at 8 p.m., when we hope to put forward a varied and high-class winter syllabus.

F. GELDER, Secretary.

An Appeal for an Old Metropolitan Fancier.

SIR,—I crave a small space in CAGE BIRDS on behalf of Mr. W. Shakespeare, a very old member of the Fancy, who, through no fault of his own, has fallen on very hard times. He has always been ready to help anyone on in the Fancy by placing his vast experience at their service, also by going to the various societies' meeting and giving lectures and washing demonstrations, at which he was a marvel. The past few years have been very trying for him, he having had his beloved wife ill for the last six years or so, until she recently passed away. During the last 12 months business has been so bad that he has had to sell all his birds to get the necessaries of life. But his strength could stand it no longer; he broke down, and has been in the Highgate Infirmary in a very low state for the past month. On visiting him yesterday, however, I am glad to say I found he is getting to be convalescent, and if no relapse occurs will be about again shortly. He is so well known and respected in the Fancy that I know there are many who would like to show their sympathy for him in a practical way, to help him to obtain a day or two at the seaside to set him on his feet again, so that he may come amongst us again with his old-time smile. I shall be glad to receive any donations, and to acknowledge same through the Fancy Press. I appeal to all fanciers, and especially to friends, knowing this to be a very deserving case.

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The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—I have read week after week the nonsense and rubbish which some have indulged in on this subject. They say the Linnet is a mocking bird, and has no song of its own. I say it is not a mocking bird, and has its own song from the nest. They say the London Linnets are racers, and that racing spoils their Linnets; and yet they have theirs from the South—rather funny! The letter from the West is far the most sensible, and contained the most correct song I have yet seen in CAGE BIRDS; but "Tolic, Joey," and "tolic, ger, ger, Joey," are both foul notes—"chalks" we call them. The best and correct Linnet song is: "Tolic, tolic, ick, ick, e qua; tolic, tolic, ick, ick, e quaker weet; tolic, tolic, lug, lug, archer, weet; tolic, tolic, wissy; tolic, gipsy, gipsy, weet; tolic, biddle, biddle, weet; tolic, chow, chow, weet; tolic, ick, e pie, chow, weet," etc. I could fill the paper with the correct Linnet song. But I say and maintain that the first three notes are the best notes any living Linnet can say; no peeing, whining, scraping here. Such are what we term scriggling, and birds with such are only fit for bird catching. We are content up here with our style of singing, so let the North be content with theirs. I have been bird singing and bird catching for 35 years, and have won 42 handicaps since Christmas with Linnets, Chaffinches, and Goldfinches. But if they went in for the Northern style of singing, I for one would be finished. Besides, I think if some of the Northern cracks were here with us at bird catching, they would quickly alter their opinions regarding our birds on the field. I may add that we sing similarly to the West—back to back, 3ft. apart on the nail; but only 10 minutes' singing. Years ago we used to sing 15 minutes. I shall be pleased to arrange for week-end contests, or on any week night, at Barking Cross Tree Tavern.

H. BARNARD.

Barking, Essex.

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A Crestbred Canary Faces the Camera.

SIR,—I herewith forward you a photograph of my young Crest-bred Canary, which was hatched on May 25th, 1909. It won first prize at Hyson Green Show, Nottingham, on June 12th, when three weeks and five days old. (See CAGE BIRDS, June 19th, page 588.) It also won first prize at the Admiral Duncan Show, Nottingham, June 26th, 1909, when five weeks and five days old. (See CAGE BIRDS, July 10th, page 632.) It was vhe at the Nottingham Permanent Show, July 10th, 1909, but was then going into moult.



Photo by [*F. Ash.*

Mr. Holmes' Young Crest-bred Canary.

ROBT. HOLMES.

Pet Jay Makes a Meal of a Scarfpin

And Goes Under the X-Rays.

SIR,—On the 15th June, Mr. J. Eckford came to me in great concern about his Jay, a particular pet of the whole family. During one of his periods of liberty in the sitting-room on the Sunday, he had picked up a lady's scarf pin about two inches long, with a golden head. The pin was missed, and could not be found after careful search. Noticing the ruffled appearance of the bird, he was caught and examined, when the sharp end was seen, the pin having been swallowed head first! With a pair of tweezers they tried to remove it, but, slipping off, the pin disappeared entirely, to the dismay of all. I advised Mr. Eckford, who has been long connected with, and is now a life governor of the Newcastle Infirmary, to take the bird to that institution to have the pin removed. Quite an interest was taken in the case by the doctors, who applied the X-rays, and located the pin in the stomach. Dr. Turner, who, I understand, has performed many operations on Fancy stock of one kind and another, advised him to leave it alone so long as the bird kept lively, but as soon as he noticed any signs of drooping to take it to him, and he would operate on it. The pin is minus the head now, as the Jay cast it up some time ago, leaving the pin to possibly find its way through the flesh. On Friday last Mr. Eckford told me the Jay was talking and whistling, and as bright as ever.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

A Novel Rearing Experience.

SIR,—I have been a reader of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS for five years, and must say it is one of the best papers I have read on birdy matters, and wish you every success. I don't know whether the following will be of any account or interest to fellow readers, but I think it quite a novelty. I paired up a Foul Green hen Canary to a last year's (caught) cock Linnet. The hen laid two eggs, and only one hatched out. At the same time I had a pair of Foul Green Canaries up together with six eggs, due to hatch out three days after the Linnet Mule, and as only three hatched out, I took them and placed them with the young mule. This hen has brought up the brood which are now doing for themselves. I paired the same cock Linnet to another green hen Canary who laid two eggs, and on the 12th day of incubation deserted them. I examined the eggs and found one fertile and one clear, and being anxious not to lose the young Mule, I was at a loss to know what to do, as all the other young were a week old. At last I thought of the following plan. I had a pair of Canaries up together; the hen had laid three eggs. So I took the egg that had been deserted (which was quite cold) and placed it under this hen, who also laid two more eggs, and the same day that she laid the fifth egg she hatched out the young Linnet Mule. She is a small Norwich green hen, and has reared the young Mule and hatched out her own five young at the same time. I took the young Mule and placed it in another nest pan alongside, and she still fed the two broods for two days; but suddenly stopped feeding the Mule, which was 16 days old, and as the cock would not have anything to do with it, I transferred it to the hen before-mentioned with the three Canaries and one Linnet Mule, which are seven days older, and she has brought up the three broods, which are now doing for themselves. I should like to know if any or your readers have ever had such an experience with the birds they have kept, as this beats hand feeding hollow. I have done very well this year, having 32 young Canaries and seven young Mules from two cock Canaries, one cock Goldie, one cock Linnet, and five hen Canaries. I have to thank you for the valuable information I have derived from your paper.

G. MAYBURY.

Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to contradict a statement made by the Hon. Treasurer of the Y.C.C.? He says that I had no right to a vote in matters of the above club, as I am only a lad of 12. Would Mr. Duigenan kindly let me know if this is his reason for not sending me the balance of my prize money still due to me for the 1908 show, taken credit for on the balance-sheet sent to the members last March, and which I have applied for twice since? Now, Mr. Duigenan, I think the lad of twelve will be able to teach you your business. Do you not think it would suit better to sit down and send out the prize money still due to the exhibitors at last Y.C.C. show, than to write the Fancy Press? In case you may challenge my statements, I wish to put the following questions to you: What about specials 14 and 16 paid by the donors with their entrance fees and not as yet sent to the winner? Why did Dundalk exhibitors receive their prize money weeks before other exhibitors? Which, you or I, gave the best support to shows last season? When you have replied to this, I will let you know where to procure my birth certificate.

M. J. MULLIGAN.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—Having read the letter from "Old Breeder" in CAGE BIRDS, I may say I am troubled with the same complaint in my birds. They seem in good health one minute and the next are like a ball, having their heads under their wings. When eating they seem to be quite ravenous. They may last like that for a week, and then suddenly drop dead. I have lost eight birds during the last week. This is my first year of breeding, and I have bred about 40 youngsters from eight pairs, and just when old fanciers were congratulating me on my success, I am meeting disaster. I should be pleased if some one could give me a little advice in the matter.

CYMREE.

SIR,—Seeing "Old Breeder's" letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I may say I have just lost a Hartz Roller cock Canary in exactly the same manner as he described. This was a 1908 bird, that with a Norwich hen had brought up seven youngsters. Seeing him look lumpy, I removed him from the hen and last brood of young, as I thought he was upset from overwork. He died two days afterwards—this was on Saturday. At the time of writing (Sunday) I have a young cock bird out of this bird's last brood affected by the same symptoms. As this is my first year of breeding, it is rather disheartening. I hope other fanciers will state their views on the matter.

F. W. BALLS.

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The Sensational Scottish Disqualification Case.

SIR,—I presume by the signature of Mr. J. Rae, jun., that he has only joined the S.B.B. and M.C. since March, 1903, when I resigned the club as secretary and treasurer; and with all due respect to Mr. Rae's right of opinion *re* Mr. McQuiston's case, I hope to make allowances for Mr. Rae's inaccurate information regarding myself. I hesitated very much before replying to these assertions, which had nothing to do with the case whatever. All of us in human life generally judge one another more or less correctly or otherwise. I joined the S.B.B. and M.C. in the first year of its existence, 1902. I have kept Norwich, British and Foreign for a number of years, and have still a few of my open show cards, including my Crystal Palace honour. Your list of members, Mr. Rae, is only imaginary, as no list appears now, since the revision of rules, although you may find a few names in catalogues where patronage is granted only. I find it a good principle not to kick a fancier when he is down, but like to give him the benefit of the doubt until the case is proved against him, and without boasting in any way; if a little more of that spirit was shown it would be better for the Fancy (but not to wink at repeated acts of infringement). I only wish that some had as clean a record as Mr. McQuiston up till the present case (which is not finished yet). According to the minutes of the S.B.B. and M.C., Mr. McQuiston has not a single case against him. No harm can be done to the club if an impartial sub-committee be appointed to submit a report on the case, instead of having the usual heated discussion at an annual meeting. In fact, I most heartily approve of the decision of the N.B.B. and M.C., which shows a much broader spirit, and gives the member a better chance of proving his case. Had I been present at the meeting of the S.B.B. and M.C., I certainly would not have come to a hasty conclusion, because there are wheels within wheels, and some judges are just as liable to do things against the rules as exhibitors. You will find good, bad and indifferent in all classes, but after you get your "baptism of fire," Mr. Rae (if you understand this language), no doubt you will be more careful. I have no prejudice against the club, but, in spite of its decision, the knowledge is common property that a large show has decided to accept entries from all fanciers, which clearly indicates that they will not be led by the nose or dictated to by any club. I have no intention of pursuing the matter further, as I merely wished in my previous note to correct a statement about a rule which did not exist in the trophy competition, and I thank the editor for his courtesy in publishing this. R. FARMER.

The Scottish Finding said not to have been Unanimous.

SIR,—In last week's issue I read a letter from John Rae, jun., in reply to Mr. Farmer. Now, Mr. Editor, I have known Mr. Farmer to be a bird fancier and also a judge of cage birds. He is the late Secretary of the S.B.B. and M.C., and during his term as Secretary of the above society he spared neither time nor trouble to make the society a success. Where Mr. Rae got his list of members from I do not know. I have been a member of the above society for a few years, and I have never yet seen a list of members, or known of any such list. Mr. Rae says that the finding of the S.B.B. and M.C. was unanimous in the McQuiston case. I beg to differ with him, as I attended the meeting and know that the finding was not unanimous, as I moved that the case be withdrawn. I like to give honour where honour is due.

W. M. MILLAR.

SIR,—I feel compelled to express my appreciation of your efforts concerning what may be a great wrong to a prominent exhibitor in Scotland, and for doing it in such a manner as to endeavour to leave no doubt in the minds of fanciers as to the admission made being a genuine admission of guilt. On the other hand, it would be a great pity if any unsportsmanlike action could be smoothed over by the connivance of one or two fanciers, and an exhibitor be again placed on the roll of honour. If I may express an opinion, it is to the effect that this is a trumped-up piece of work, judging from the evidence you have been at the trouble to procure. What a reflection the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club casts on the Fancy by their decision that a fancier having transgressed the laws of exhibiting to such an extent as to warrant expulsion from a kindred society, is still an honourable fancier as far as they are concerned! Is it not astonishing the admissions that are made of staining, etc., in Scotland, and yet so little effort is made to put an end to it. Are the Scots of to-day afraid to do their duty when they have suspicions of the enemy being in the camp, or are they all knowingly, yet covertly, tricking each other? I am not given to eulogising a paper, but I must congratulate the Cage Bird Fancy on its leading organ. It is since its advent that the Fancy has grown, and there is a fresh and higher spirit sweeping over the cult of bird keeping that is mainly due to your paper, and to all I recommend the purchase (and keeping) of CAGE BIRDS. May it long be spared.

GEORGE W. MACPARTLING.

[We do not know whether Mr. MacPartling is aware of the fact that Mr. McQuiston was not a member of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club; it may be, of course, that he thinks the decision in such matters of any one specialist club should be reciprocated by all other specialist clubs. EDITOR.]

SIR,—Having followed this case with interest since its commencement, I am surprised that, with the exception of the East of Scotland fanciers interviewed by your representative, no one has criticised Mr. McQuiston's statement as made to your representative, and published in your issue of July 10th. Personally, I should be sorry to think that he or any other man was suffering an injustice. Unfortunately, however, his efforts to prove himself innocent seem singularly unconvincing. Apart from the fact that it was five months after Bathgate show before he took any steps at all, it does seem an extraordinary thing for a man to say he is "too busy" to attempt to clear his name. Surely to uphold his character he would *find* time. But to revert to his published statements. On page 642 of the above-mentioned issue, it appears that he wrote the National B.B. and M. Club that his winning Bullie had knocked out a few flight feathers, and consequently could not be shown at Bathgate. On the same page he tells your reporter that his winning Bullie and two other birds returned from the Scottish National Show "queer," and that all of them subsequently died. Again, on the next page (643) he says he would have sold all his birds, "but friends who believed in him, and that it would all come right in the end, persuaded him otherwise." A few lines further down he says he had no friends to advise him what steps to take to clear his name. How does he reconcile these conflicting statements? Then again, how does he explain his statement that Gemmell was second with a Bullie at Ayr show when, as a matter of fact, no one of that name showed in the Cage Bird Section at all? Lastly, is it the case (as has been freely stated in some quarters) that the "elusive" Gemmell is a relation of his own? I trust Mr. McQuiston will find time to answer this, for I have no doubt that if he can do so satisfactorily it will considerably strengthen his defence.

SUMMING UP.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space for reply to a few words given by "Loch Doon" in your last week's issue. I am not an orator, nor friend nor foe to any man, but I am interested in CAGE BIRDS. The Bullfinch which was disqualified at Dalmellington on January 30th, was "shelved" for the same cause the Saturday previous, at a local show, and was exhibited under a different name. When the exhibitor was challenged, he gave in to it, and said he had put it there to test Mr. McQuiston's skill. But if "Loch Doon" wants to know anything there were several British birds at Dalmellington show, and winners at that, borrowed (also cages) and kept for a few weeks after it, and bought by a certain exhibitor, which I can prove to be correct. To my idea, borrowing is just as bad as faking, so I think "Loch Doon" should think over this, as it is easy to cry "Hullo" when we are out of the wood. There is one thing I can say: when a time like this comes it tests our friends and foes, and I know for a certainty Mr. McQuiston has shown his generosity to many, and I think the least they can do is to show gratitude. The great Battle of Bannockburn, which all Scotchmen are proud of, or should be, would never have been won by Robert Bruce if his followers and soldiers had done as Mr. McQuiston's friends have acted. So let us also think of ourselves in such a trial as the accused gentleman. Trusting this will stir the thoughts of all the readers of your very interesting paper, I will close.

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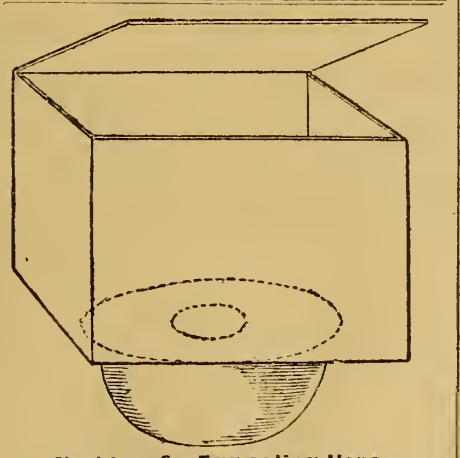
The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR, It is marvellous how Mr. Tringham is gifted with second sight, for not only does he pretend to know my identity, but that my subscription is not paid. After all, he must admit that whatever my name is, it does not alter facts, and I defy him and his colleagues to prove that I have acted in any way detrimental to the interests of the L. and P.O.S. My object, as I have before stated, lay solely in their interests. My contention is that without a scheme has the approval of the general body of the members it cannot turn out an absolute success, and as the L. and P.O.S. members are drawn from the provinces as well as London, I fail to see how the consent and approval was obtained. If Mr. Tringham hits on the right nail, and I have an invitation to attend the next committee, I shall be pleased to support my contention, provided of course the date is convenient; and by this invitation I shall know that I am recognised as a member of the L. and P.O.S. Apart from the question of subscription, an individual is a member of that society till he tenders his resignation in writing, no matter if he owes five years' subs. If not, why are these names included in this year's list of members? There is one more thing I should like to point out to fellow-members before I go to this committee meeting: that is that the Hon. Secretary of the L. and P.O.S. is also Chairman of the Committee of the D. and P.C.B.S., the Assistant Secretary of the L. and P.O.S. is the Secretary of the "Weaker" Society, and I believe the Chairman of the L. and P.O.S. is a member, and also some members of the Committee. Under these circumstances may I expect satisfaction on behalf of those members, to whom this proposed amalgamation is repugnant?

MEMBER OF THE L. AND P.O.S.

How to Cure Hens that Break or Eat Eggs.

SIR,—Having read your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for a long period I have just had an experience which I would like to show my brother fanciers. I have an ordinary Quaker oats' box cut into half, which just fits on the nest pan. I have cut a hole in



Nest-box for Egg-eating Hens.

the bottom to prevent the hen touching the eggs at all. She is a lovely yellow, and every egg she has laid she has either laid it in the bottom of the cage or else she has eaten half of it in the nest. I have tried almost all sorts of dodges to save her eggs, and have failed up to using this method. Now she is compelled to lay in the box, and so I have saved them that way. I shut her up each night I think she is going to lay again, and this is the only way I can save them.

MRS. A. MARTIN.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—Whatever motive inspired the unwarranted attack of your correspondent in last week's issue signing himself J. Halliday, I think he cannot congratulate himself on having done a noble deed in assailing a body of fanciers and gentlemen who for energy, enthusiasm, determination, and perseverance it would be hard to equal. If he cannot define between true grit and bluff and bounce it would be better if he had fostered these opinions in silence. Some allowance might have been made if the Dulwich O.S. were indebted to J. Halliday, but we fail to find his name in our list of exhibitors, or that by his influence he helped our venture in any way. His object, therefore, could not have been for "that advancement of the Fancy" for which he craves. If I judge the Fancy correctly, from experience, I should say that far from thanking correspondents who make these attacks—or gloating over a society's misfortune—they would rather offer the helping hand of friendship and sympathy when, through unforeseen circumstances, they suffer financially. Allow me, for Mr. Halliday's information, to point out that the D.O.S. has amongst its members some of the most respected and well known exhibitors in the kingdom, whose integrity is beyond dispute, and who could never be guilty of malpractice, as this Mr. Halliday suggests, and the committee of this society is composed of gentlemen who are not paid servants or interested in any trade connected with the Fancy, but work for the pure love of their hobby. It would prove interesting reading if J. Halliday would give a lesson on how to make a show a financial success. I am sure any show committee would be willing to learn. Last year the D.O.S. did all they could, under the circumstances; they ran the show for no personal gain, but for the hobby of it, and at a heavy cost to themselves. They obtained a magnificent list of special prizes that received unanimous praise from the winners; also subscribed to the show fund, guaranteed prize money, and paid out in full even where there were only four or five in a class, thinking the deficit could be made up by the gate, which was unfortunately affected by the inclement weather (the unforeseen occurrence). They paid the rent of the hall, a heavy printer's bill, and other items, preferring to allow about a dozen exhibitors (whom they thought would not mind waiting a while, especially those who had won special prizes) to stand over, so that the tradesmen's accounts could be paid. To those whom we kept waiting we tender our heartfelt thanks for their kindness, and also to the three exhibitors in the open classes who are now waiting. From over 150 exhibitors we have received not more than two complaints, but scores of congratulatory letters on the way they received their birds back, and the quick payment of prizes. With a deficit of £30 to face, the officials banded themselves together with a determination to fulfil their promise. No thought of disbanding the society or levying the outside members entered their heads; but by generosity that has always characterised their actions, they have almost succeeded in carrying out an intention from which they have never wavered. Is this malpractice or bluff and bounce? Our members will not thank Mr. H. for his interference in that which does not concern him in the least for what is due is chiefly to the officials of the society who require no assistance, pecuniary or otherwise, from this gentleman. In spite of the deficit on our last show, our second venture will be on a large scale; every class will be guaranteed, and the usual special prizes that Dulwich is noted for will be on view, and if only out of sympathy for our last loss exhibitors generally, we feel sure, will support us. I would remind Mr. Halliday that we have never cried "all prize money paid," and, further, warn him to be more careful in making wild statements against a society that he will, perhaps, find out to his cost, is a more powerful organisation than he probably imagines.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE,
Chairman of Committee.

SIR,—We beg to inform Mr. C. Dukes that the special he claims for his member, Mr. Langley, was won by Mr. Cory, of Birkenhead, a "Royal Doulton vase," for second best bird in novice classes. It is apparently an error that the card should have been on Mr. Langley's cage, which we regret. The committee also regret if Mr. Langley's communication was not acknowledged, as they were under the impression that it was. We consider Mr. Langley a sportsman, and as Mr. Dukes' prize money was paid promptly, we hope for their future support.

WOOLHOUSE AND ROGERS.
Show Managers.

(We have received a brief letter, which we do not think it necessary to print in full, from Mr. Ivor Thornton, conveying his agreement with the views expressed by Mr. J. Halliday last week.—EDITOR.)

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Two Crests aud a Cup at Far-away Cape Town.

SIR,—I am pleased to notice in your highly-esteemed bird journal of June 26th, that some one from here (Cape Town) has written you *re* the Young Crest Classes at the late Cape Town show. I myself was not an exhibitor at the show, but a spectator, and I will at once say I never saw such a miscarriage of judgment before. Tho Grizzle Crest that was awarded the cup was entered as a young bird (as stated in "Subscriber's" letter), and sworn to by the exhibitor, who brought a letter supposed to be written by some one who was supposed to have seen the bird grow up in exhibitor's bird room; but he did not bring the witness himself. Now, Mr. Editor, I have been breeding Canaries for over 40 years, have sold hundreds and imported hundreds, and flatter myself I can tell an old bird from a young one of four or five months, the supposed age of this Grizzle Crest. I believe any one can tell if a bird is old or young by blowing it up at the vent. The judge said he did not examine it at the vent, and to account for it having a double set of wing feathers, said the owner told him it moulted its wing feathers late. I was not aware a young bird moulted its flight feathers the first year. Now, Sir, for my candid opinion: In the first place it looked to me like an imported bird, from some smoky English town, and the owner had tried to wash it, and being a novice at the game, made a mess of it, for the same exhibitor had other birds (Colonial bred) looking quite spick and span. Why this difference in appearance? Secondly, the other Crest mentioned by "Subscriber" was a genuine young Colonial bred Crest, and a gem of a bird, fairly outclassing the other Grizzle Crest, even allowing that it had been a Colonial bred bird. Lastly, I say such happenings do not tend to the furtherance of the Fancy. A proof of this can be seen by the absence of exhibitors at a subsequent show. There was the same classification at this last show. Where were the exhibitors?

DOUBLE CREST.

SIR,—I read the letter *re* "Two Crests and a Cup," published in your issue of June 26th, with utter disgust, and feel sure that every Canary fancier of repute in Cape Town will treat it with contempt, as there is no doubt that such a letter as this was written by one of those persons who have done their utmost this year to wreck the Cape Town Cage Bird Society by boycotting same, etc., and who now wish to injure the judge, and also my reputation as a breeder and fancier, or may be this person is jealous of my success. Being the owner of this Crested Norwich bird, I feel it my duty to reply in honour to our judge, Mr. Norman L. Morton, who is an authority on cage birds, and, moreover, the most able and competent judge we have had for the past 12 years in South Africa on Canaries. In this matter a protest was entered, and both birds were before the full committee, and they were most unanimous in their decision in my favour. The bird in question was bred by me last season from imported stock, and had a lovely crest, good flights, and *perfect tail*; but was never in good health, which undoubtedly made it mopey, and certainly went again its appearance. But, to my idea, it scored easily on points. As to the writer saying the bird had scaley feet, and was shown *without a tail*, I shall esteem it a favour if he will call at my office and be presented with a pair of spectacles before he patronises another show. Unfortunately, this bird died a few days ago, otherwise I would have sent it with pleasure to England for you to comment on.

L. C. CARRICK.

SIR,—Being the aggrieved party, I wish to substantiate a "Nine Year's Subscriber's" version of the matter as being perfectly true. The bird in question, which was awarded the "Lawrence Cup," was shown in a very poor and sick condition, and its tail was missing. I at once noticed that the bird in question was an old bird, and furthermore, in my opinion, not Colonial bred, it having every appearance of being an imported bird, for it showed signs of the smoky colour which one finds on all imported birds, apparently caused by the smoke of the funnels of the ship, or coal dust. This bird had been washed, but whoever washed it was a novice at the sport, for the bird looked filthy. I pointed this matter out to the judge, who informed me that the bird was entered in the young class, and that he was only there to judge. I eventually lodged a complaint on the grounds that the bird in question was an old bird and not a young bird. A committee meeting was called to decide the matter, and I was requested to attend, and to bring my proof. Unfortunately, my only proof was my own experience. I might mention that the owner of the bird brought no witnesses to prove that he bred it, with the exception of letters, which, of course, could not be cross-questioned by anyone. I called on a Mr. James Templer, an old member of the society, with about 40 years' experience, and whom I consider one of the best judges in Africa. He kindly consented to attend the meeting and examine the birds, and to give his decision to the best of his ability. Both myself and the committee were willing to accept the decision of Mr. Templer before he commenced to examine the birds, there being no other proof. I may further mention that Mr. Templer was an uninterested party, he not having shown any birds in the show referred to. The birds were examined by Mr. Templer, who explained, I believe, the difference between a young bird and an adult to the committee, and his decision was that the bird was undoubtedly over and above the age limit, to wit, 12 months, and an old bird. On the face of the decision of Mr. Templer the committee came to the conclusion that the bird in question was a young bird and Colonial bred, and thus awarded the cup.

W. P. STEVENS.

The Cuckoo in Confinement.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. Shaddock's story of a tame Cuckoo, I wish to mention that I have tried to keep one for twelve months and have failed. The bird was successfully reared, and continued in good health till about the period at which other birds of its kind are in the habit of leaving the country, when it began to mope during the day. Towards night it became restless, flying up and down the cage, not being able to escape. It soon recovered its spirits, and was alive and in good health in December, 1907, but died in the midst of the winter. I believe the English winter to be fatal to the Cuckoo. The why and the wherefore are yet to be learned. I may mention that I reared mine on Hyde's newest food, earth worms, ant's eggs, dried flies, mealworms, raw meat, raw suet, and caterpillars of the peacock butterfly. Should be very glad to hear from Mr. Shaddock again.

J. KERSHAW.

SIR,—A few words of encouragement to our friend, Mr. J. Shaddock, who from his remarks in your last issue is having a very interesting time. I know from experience what amount of pleasure is derived from the company of a young Cuckoo. Four years ago I had a similar experience with one that we reared from the nest. At three months old he was a grand specimen, and more like a Parrot in his manners. He was a great favourite, too, at five months. He developed what I called a mania for night flying. He would fly about the cage, which was a large one, nearly the whole of the night, and so injured his plumage that he looked a perfect wreck at times. Then I had to wash him and frequently had to improve the feathers. But I was unable to get him into condition because of the continued night-flying. (He never did it during the day time.) After the pegging, which consisted of egg food, I gave him chopped caterpillars and mealworms. He declined much soft food, and preferred a live caterpillar or a cockroach. The latter he was very fond of and would chase round his cage. Chopped egg, a little flesh meat and Lark food he also had. He lived until the following April, we having kept him nine months. I was sorry to lose him, as he was a great pet, and our endeavours were in vain.

BARKER CLEGG.

SIR,—I should like to reply to Mr. Shaddock as to keeping Cuckoos, and to say it is a mistake to think they cannot be kept longer than twelve months. I am a British bird fancier, and have kept nearly all kinds, including Cuckoos. The first was when living at Westbury-on-Trim. I took one then from a Hedge Sparrow's nest, and kept it two years, after which I parted with it to a gentleman who wanted it to put in his aviary. He kept it for six months, when it was killed by Wood Pigeons. The second I kept nearly two years. I also reared that from a nest of Hedge Sparrows. I used to allow it its liberty, and it would feed out of the same dish as my dog and cat, and generally agreed well. It was fed from all sorts of scraps from the table, but was most fond of meat. It always went to roost on the kitchen fender, but one night in the winter, when bitterly cold, by some means it got to the bay window, and it was found dead, evidently from intense cold, as the window was all frosted over. It was great friends with my dog and cat, but was shy of strangers. Perhaps some fanciers may think this sounds a bit like a Yankee yarn, but many of my friends would bear me out in this experience of mine. I should advise Mr. Shaddock to keep his bird in a warm room in the winter. I trust this may be of some interest to Mr. Shaddock and any other Cuckoo fanciers who read your interesting paper.

ROBERT WILLS.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

The Blackcap's Song.

Of all our summer musicians the Blackcap is one of the best. Its song has a flute-like mellowness, a wild sweetness, and a continuance which bring it into the ranks of the first half-dozen of our field songsters. It has neither the fulness, nor the force, nor the variety of song that the Nightingale has, but equals the master songster in purity.

The Breeding & Management of the Norwich Canary.

By E. COWLING.

A Lecture delivered before the Cramlington and District C.B.S.

(*Continued from page* 617).

What to do During Incubation.

We will now presume that your hens have got safely over the laying. I always take out the eggs as they are laid, substituting dummies for each as nest-eggs.

In lifting the egg from the nest, take hold of it by the two ends between your finger and thumb. Remember they are very "thin skinned," therefore easily punctured, and the least crack in the shell renders it useless. What might have been a prize-winner in that case is gone for ever.

To store the eggs while the hen is laying her clutch you must make a box full of little compartments, each being numbered to tally with the number on your breeding cage; there will then be no danger of your eggs getting mixed, or of your not being able to tell from which pair your young ones have come. Put your hen to sit on the evening of the day she lays her third egg. The eggs will then hatch pretty much together. The fourth egg never having been cold will come out just as soon as the other three.

I always take my cock bird away while the hen is sitting, as some vigorous birds have a tendency to try and tread the hen in the nest. The consequence in that case is, the hen rushes out of the nest, and more than likely a couple of eggs go with her. So for safety I put the wire between him and his "missus" while she is sitting.

At this time I give her plain Canary seed only, until the evening of the twelfth day, when I supply her with some egg-food. Also about the tenth and eleventh day, should there be a cold easterly wind prevailing, a very good plan is to sprinkle the nest and eggs with a few drops of lukewarm water; not cold, remember; nor should you drench the nest, but just a sprinkle. There is no necessity to drive the hen off to do so, but you can entice her to leave the nest easily enough by putting a little bit of green food before her. She will then, when she goes on again, create a moisture, which will soften the shells, and consequently help the young to successfully break from their prisons.

How to Feed After Hatching.

From the time the young leave the shell until they are able to do for themselves, the old birds must be supplied with egg-food, green-food, and a plentiful supply of seed. We will take egg-food first, which must be made fresh every day, and given in fresh supplies to the old ones (at least twice a day, three times if possible).

To make your egg-food, take an egg, boil it for fifteen minutes (else there is a possibility of its being tough and stringy, and a quarter of an hour will make it so that it will crumble into a powder). Of course I am referring now only to the yolk, which should alone be given for the first few days. After this you may give the white as well. There must be mixed with the egg either stale bread crumbs or biscuits. I don't think it matters much which it is. I have used both with equal success. For instance, one of my hens, which was very successful on the show-bench, winning eight firsts and three seconds (only times shown), was reared on egg and arrowroot biscuit—two biscuits to one egg—whilst on the other hand, the eye-marked yellow, which has been so successful this season (winning five firsts, two seconds, and a third, only times out), was reared on egg and bread crumbs. So I don't think it matters much which we use; give them whicever the hens will feed best on.

Now a word on green-food, for it is very important that it should be given to them—either lettuce, dandelion, or watercress. Some swear by one, and some by the other. I swear by lettuce. Watercress I have never used, and I have had far better results from lettuce than from dandelion. Chickweed, too, is very good, especially when full of seed. But I should certainly advise the use of lettuce, and I have bred Canaries now for at least seventeen years.

It is very important that green-food, like all other food, should be given fresh and clean. I like to pull it from the plant, and give it straight to the birds. I manage thus:—For the early part of the breeding season I raise it in a frame, and in heat it grows "like anything." Anyone with a back-yard or a bit of waste ground, where the sun strikes on at some time in the day, could soon fit up a bit of a frame. Get a window-sash for a light, and there you are—always with a plentiful supply to go to, fresh and clean, which is far better than one can get in shops.

As regards seeds, give a good supply of hemp. Some fanciers crush it; I give it whole. But remember they must have it in abundance. German rape, too, is good, and some hens feed well on this, and of course the Canary seed must be left on.

As the Young Get Older.

After the young are a few days old, you must introduce the cock bird, when he will, if he is a good father, take to feeding the young ones. But it is better to watch him a little, and see that he does not molest them, unless you, of course, know beforehand that he is trustworthy.

The quickest and best way to watch your birds for the purpose of finding out if they are feeding and attending to their young in a satisfactory manner, is to do so outside your room, if it can be managed, through the crack in the door, or you can make a peep-hole somewhere, so that you can get a view of the cages, without the birds knowing you are there. This is very necessary when introducing a young cock bird, but once you see him start to feed them, depend upon it the chances that the brood will be successfully reared are increased a thousand-fold. A good feeding cock bird to a fancier that has valuable stock is worth his weight in gold.

Now, while it is very important that your birds while feeding young should be interfered with as little as possible, it is policy to keep your eye on the nest and its contents, to make sure that all is going well, for there is a possibility of a young bird dying in the nest, through no neglect of the hen in the way of feeding. If this dead one is not removed it will soon create a state of affairs that will lead the hen to forsake the nest, and instead of one dead you will have a nest full of dead ones; whereas if it had been removed in time the others would have gone on alright.

Another important item is to cast your eye along the bottom of the cage to see there is no young one lying there, as sometimes they are apt to get pulled out when the hen leaves the nest. If you see it in time (in fact, if you see it at all) it is wise to put it back. For, sometimes, although to all appearances it is dead, it is not so, and with heat will recover.

Plucking and Its Cure.

When the young are about to leave the nest, and just after they have left it, some old birds have a tendency to pluck them, and some cock birds are as bad as the hens, and even worse. Even the best feeders will do it. When such is the case (and it is very annoying as well as very detrimental to the growth of the youngsters), and if we are breeding a bird where size is of the greatest importance, such as the Norwich, it is a serious matter, for, bear in mind, it is during the first six weeks of the bird's life that he is made or marred, and we cannot afford to let anything, however insignificant it may appear, come in the way if we can possibly avoid it. And not only is plucking detrimental to the growth of young birds, but they will, if you intend colour feeding them, come patchy in their first moult, and so spoil their chances as exhibition birds for the first year.

The plucking business is hard to stop. The plan I adopt is to transfer the young to a nursery cage, which I hang in front of the breeding cage; the old ones then feed them through the wires. But I hang it so that the young ones will have to stretch up a bit to be fed, so that when not being fed the old ones cannot get at them. By doing this you will stop their little game to a great extent at least.

(*To be continued*).

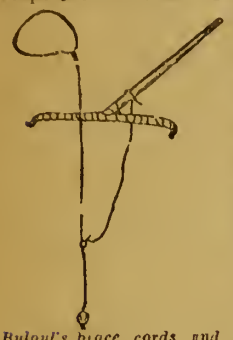
ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

Bracing Bulbuls.

Apropos of the subject of keeping Bulbuls braced, with which I concluded my last notes, it may be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS to describe the way in which these birds are braced in India, as the method is different from what we use over here. The bird's body is encircled between wings and thighs by a simple band of soft string, loose enough to be easily pulled round from front to back, but not enough to slip over the hips; to this is attached a cord terminating in a bead. Round this is looped another cord, which is fastened to the perch; the bead keeps the bird's end of the cord taut, and the loop acts as a swivel. Thus the braced bird has a good length of cord to play with, and yet this cannot get tangled up. The perch is T-shaped, and made of iron, with which the bird sits, padded by having cloth wound round it. It may either be stuck in the ground or into a crack in a wall, the Bulbul being a bird which has sense enough, if it falls off the perch and hangs by the cord, to catch the latter with its feet, and, aided by this purchase, to fly up and regain the perch.



Bulbul's brace, cords and perch.

A Popular Pet.

I always used to wonder, however, why Bulbuls pegged out on the ground did not fall a prey to kites or cats; but in such cases their owners were always close by. Often one would see a youthful Bulbul fancier dispensing with bead, second looped cord, and perch, and simply having the end of his bird's brace-cord tied to his small dusky finger, while his pet gaily skipped about on his bare shoulders. This shows how tame and steady these braced birds get, and indeed they are usually in perfect condition. The way they are made to fight is by letting the intended combatants get hungry, and then giving one some food just out of reach of the other's cord. Bulbuls are greedy birds, and when the disappointed bird's cord is slacked the row begins!

The procedure does not sound very humane, but the birds do not seem to be damaged, and are usually released at the end of the Bulbul-fighting season, for the sport is not carried on all the year round. Some are sold in the Bazaar, and I have bought such birds and cut the brace off them myself; that is how I know exactly how it is put on. Weavers are the only other Indian birds I have seen braced, and perhaps the method would not suit the figure of our Britishers; but I should think such a bird as a Shrike, for instance, would be much better braced as I have described for a Bulbul, than kept caged.

A Namesake of the Nightingale.

There is a very old-standing confusion between the birds nowadays always called Bulbuls both by natives and Europeans, and the true Nightingales, which are known as Bulbuls in Persian and Arabic. The birds to which the name now belongs are, as I have tried to show by the rough sketch appended, quite unlike Nightingales in build, being short on the legs, and have a tendency to a crest, which is well marked in most species. In habits they are not in the least like Nightingales, they are lively and rather sociable, cheerful-voiced, but not highly musical as a rule, and great fruit-eaters, though they also feed much on insects. The species sketched is a brown bird with a yellow patch under the tail, and it invades the haunts of the true Nightingale, being found in Western Asia and some of the islands of the Greek Archipelago. It so happens that it is really a fine songster, rivalling the Nightingale in many of its notes, and this is probably how the confusion began; and then, as all Bulbuls have a strong family likeness, the name of one kind would easily get transferred to others.



The Palestine Bulbul.

The Persian Nightingale.

The true Nightingale of the East is distinguished by the Indian natives as *Bulbul bosta*; it closely resembles our Nightingales, and still more the large Russian Nightingale or Sprosser, but has a longer tail than either of these birds. I did not know there were any of this species in England till a few days ago, when I was shown two which had been imported as private pets a few months back. They are expensive birds even in India, and the fact that they are bought and kept, when so fine a songster as the Shama—a much easier bird to keep—is available, shows that the Indian fancier knows how to value a good bird when he gets it. These Persian birds, like the Sprosser, are louder singers than the British Nightingale, and they seem to bear captivity better, following what seems to be the usual rule, that the further west you go, the worse the birds bear captivity, at least in this hemisphere, for the birds of America are more easily kept than ours again.

The Military Macaw.

I find there is a good deal of confusion abroad among the bird trade about this species; most people—red being our British uniform—naturally think the Military Macaw must be a red species, and so imagine it is one of the common red Macaws. This is, however, not the case; the true Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*) is a green bird, and would be better known as the great green Macaw, none of the other large Macaws being green, though there are several small green species of Macaws not bigger than a grey Parrot.

No doubt the big green bird was called "*militaris*" by some foreign scientist whose national uniform was green, and translating this title into literal English is just the typical result of the silliness of slavishly following scientists instead of thinking for one's self. The name "Military Macaw" ought, I think, to be dropped altogether, for it is not even applicable to the red birds, since there are two red species, so that more confusion would be caused. Of these, one is the Red and Blue, and the other the Red and Yellow; the latter would best be called the Tricolour, for it has just as much blue as the other, the yellow, which forms a patch on the wing, occupying the place of a green patch in the Red and Blue, which is also bigger, darker red, and has the face streaked with lines of feathers. Both of these are well known, but the big green bird abovementioned is scarce; I do not remember ever having seen one for sale, though I have heard of one or two in the trade lately, and the Zoo have a specimen also.

Under the White Rose.

THE new cage-bird society formed at Bankfoot is making good progress. On Tuesday evening, July 27th, the inaugural meeting was held, there being a very good attendance, a total number of 44 members being enrolled. Three shows have been arranged, and a cup is to be offered for competition; this is to be held by the winner until the following show. A curious item is that not one of the members is a champion exhibitor; therefore, as the novice is the backbone of the Fancy, this society has a very good backbone.

OPEN Norwich Plainhead Club and the old original "Yorkshire Canary Club" each held a committee meeting on Saturday evening last, the business of both being identical, i.e., the arranging of competitions and the allotment of patronage. The Norwich men had first call, and their secretary, Mr. O. Mitchell, had everything in apple pie order, their business being got through in quick time. Next the Yorkshire chaps had a go. And my word! application had come in from north, south, east, and west, and what with dates clashing and judges clashing, the business took quite two hours to get through. Really the Y.C.C. could have done with half-a-dozen competitions to satisfy all the societies that they got applications from. However, all was at last gone through, and the Y.C.C. are very sorry to have to disappoint so many societies; but in consequence of the rules which state, firstly, "that one judge shall not officiate at more than one show in each competition," and secondly, that a certain number shall be given inside and ditto to outside—makes things very awkward to fix up, but they did their level best.

EACH of these specialist clubs has fixed up some splendid prizes and competitions, and it behoves all fanciers to join and assist the officials in their endeavours to forward the interests of their respective varieties.

WHEN canvassing for members of the specialist clubs the principal cry is, "Nay, I've nowt much to put dahn, it's no use me joining, it'll nobbut be brass thrown away." Then explanations of indirect advantages that the Fancy in general reap from the work of these clubs has to follow, viz., the upholding of the prices paid for birds. Where would the big prices be if the club's provided no competitions? Without a doubt they would soon be down to half the price obtainable to-day for either breeding or show birds. The more competitors and competitions there are, the better it will be for the fanciers all round.

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Wild Bird Life.

The Approaching Moult.

We are just entering the month that sees many changes in the wild bird life of the country. Many species have finished their nesting duties, some of them having already shed a few feathers, and will soon be in a heavy moult. The commencement of this trying period in the life of a bird is influenced much by the state of the weather. A sudden change to cool, wet days after a long time of heat and sunshine, will at once cause a shedding of the old worn-out plumage, the growth of the new being aided considerably by moisture. Old birds renew the whole of the feathers, young ones growing new body feathers only, and retaining the flights and tail until the following autumn. Wild birds feel more or less the strain upon the system, and like all sick wild creatures, hide themselves in the depths of the woods or in lonely desolate places where they are fairly free from disturbance. No doubt at this time they feel, in consequence of the loss of certain feathers, somewhat bereft of their powers, and therefore at a disadvantage. Generally speaking, birds shed their quill feathers in pairs, so that although their powers of flight must be weakened, they are still evenly balanced, and able to progress in the usual manner; but this regularity of the removal of the old plumage can be noticed in the remainder of the plumage. For instance, the breast feathers will be reproduced upon each side simultaneously. In wild birds we have many variations from the foregoing. In Ducks and Geese the whole of the flight feathers are discarded at once, so that these birds are left in a crippled condition, and are obliged to seek the shelter of the reeds and flags and tall herbage so common in their haunts. But, as a further protection, they lose the sheen and brightness of colouring, which make them so conspicuous during the breeding season. They are now as dowdy in plumage as their partners. Many of our Warblers and summer visitors have an additional moult which is only partial as the quills and tail feathers are not renewed. One of the most interesting cases of additional moult is that of the Ptarmigan, which puts on a grey suit directly after the breeding season, and later, when chill autumn comes, gradually changes it to one of snowy whiteness, again changing it in the following spring. In all these variations the quills and tail feathers are not affected.

The Last of the Ravens.

This interesting bird is now having a most harrassing time of it. The so-called naturalist is eager to secure his skin, and the egg collector is braving everything to add one more clutch of eggs to his already full cabinet. All this is done in spite of the Wild Birds Protection Act. The value of the skin and eggs is more than the amount of the fine that is generally imposed. More stringent measures are necessary if our rarer birds are to be saved.

Hawking with Merlins.

Merlins are the smallest but not the least interesting of our Hawks. They prey generally upon the smaller birds, such as Larks, Meadows Pipits, Wheatears, Snipe, etc., although occasionally they will master much larger game. A few trained birds are still used in the ancient sport of falconry, and are mostly flown at Larks in large open places, such as Salisbury plain. These birds afford good sport as they are strong and swift upon the wing, and the Merlins do not always come off successfully.

Concerning Swallows & Martins.

It is said that Swallows and Martins were so rare last year, that many Irish villages were not visited by the birds, although they have done so since the inhabitants could remember. These birds are the least shy and suspicious of all our migrants, and take no heed of an observer watching them while feeding the young. This is quite contrary to the practice of most of our wild birds, many of which will hop round with food in beak for quite a long time before visiting the nest, if they think they are observed.

A Wild Bird Diet.

The inhabitants of St. Kilda live upon sea birds during about nine months of the year. Of the vast number of birds frequenting these romantic rocks the Fulmar forms the principal food. During August the St. Kildans begin to collect the young birds from the cliffs; these are taken to the village, where the women and children pluck, clean, salt and pack them away for future use. It is estimated that between 300 and 400 birds are consumed by every inhabitant. During the early summer month the eggs of sea birds are collected and used for food.

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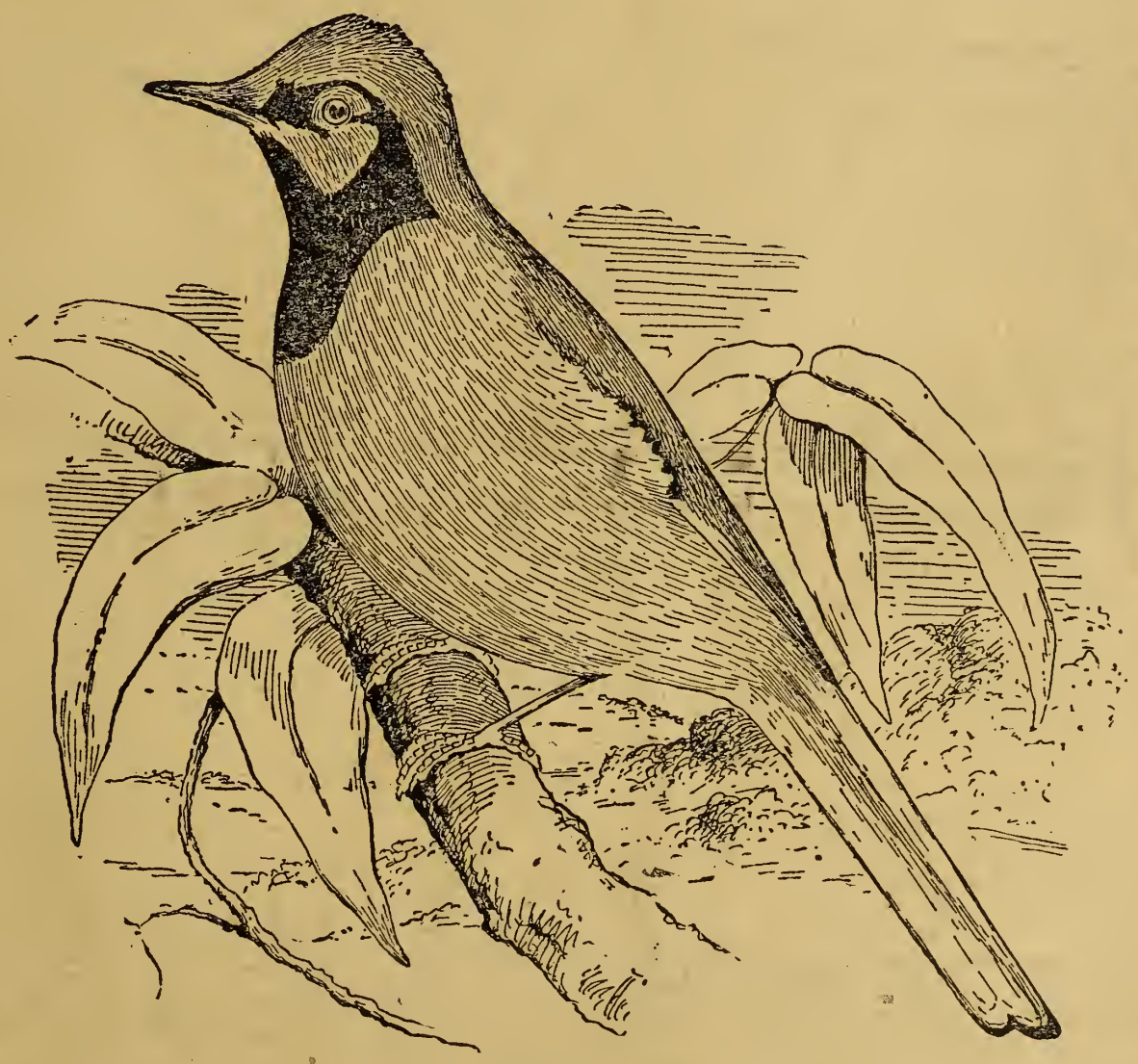
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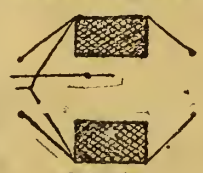
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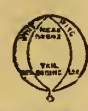
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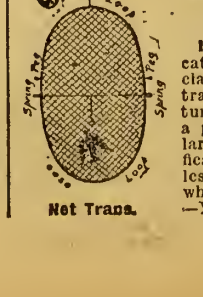
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GREEN Budgerigars, perfect plumage, 5/- pair; Yellow, 6/6, very fine.—Groove, Llantarnam, Mon.

TWO pairs Indian Spectorial Finches, 3/6 pair, very rare.—A. Barnard, 19, Angle-st., Hollyway-rd., Leytonstone.

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The Shows.

CARMARTHEN P.P. AND O.B.S.

Second annual members' show held at the Old Plough Hotel on August 6th. Considering the time of year the entry and exhibits were fairly good. Mr. D. King-Morgan judged, and the awards were:—CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Bevan. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Bevan. YORKS. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Bevan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Lloyd; 2, Jenkins. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Thomas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Evans and Griffiths; 3, Bevan.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S

Members show held July 24th at the Blue Bell Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey, whose awards were:—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Novice Cup, Tidswell and Martin; 2, c, W. Rushworth; vhc, D. H. Nunn; hc, W. Firth. BUFF: 1, Tidswell and Martin. TKD. YELL.: 1, W. Firth; 2, B. Waller; 3, vhc, D. H. Nunn. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Tidswell and Martin; 3, W. Rushworth; vhc, W. Firth; c, Broadley. UNEV. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, E. B. Denton. FOUL MKD.: 1, Tidswell and Martin; 2, D. H. Nunn. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, E. B. Denton. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, 2, E. Broadley.—E. Broadley, sec.

COCKERMOUTH AND DIS. F.S.

Our fourth annual neat feather show held in the Bridge Street room, was a great succes. Eighty birds were entered, quality being excellent. Mr. J. Forsyth judged. YOUNG BIRDS.—YORKS. YELL.: 1, G. Oglethorpe. BUFF: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, J. W. W. Allison. BORDERS, YELL., CL., OR TKD.: 1, Deacon; 2, Rea; 3, Walker. BUFF: 1, Henderson; 2, 3, Litt. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, Millington; 2, Deacon. A.O.C.: 1, 2, Rea; 3, Millington. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Ellwood. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Ellwood. COCK, A.V.: 1, Ellwood; 2, Limb; 3, Walker. HEN: 1, Ellwood; 2, Limb; 3, Litt. GOLD. OR BULL.: 1, Ellwood; 2, Oglethorpe; 3, Limb. A.O.V. SEED-EATR: 1, Deacon; 2, Ellwood; 3, Oglethorpe. FOR.: 1, Deacon; 2, Walker; 3, Ellwood. SELL.: 1, Ellwood; 2, Millington; 3, Limb.—E. Limb, hon. sec.

BYNEA AND DISTRICT.

Held August 7th, was another big success. The weather was everything that could be wished for, and the attendance good. The entry in cage birds was well up to the average, and the quality was very good. Mr. R. Wilson judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS. (5): 1, Jones, a clinker, nice length, beautiful carriage and condition; 2, Jenkins, another good one, best of colour and shape; 3, Jones, good feather and shape, not so large; 4, no name. NOR. (4): 1, Pudner Bros., nice typical cock, wins; 2, Ray, good shape and colour, well shewn; 3, Jenkins, nice and typical, good head; 4, Holder, nice colour. A.O.V. (2): 1, Davies, nice typical Belgian; 2, Thomas, Border Fancy, well placed. MULE (1): 2, Jones, of nice colour. GOLD. (6): 1, 3, Ray, large and of beautiful colour, nice head and buttons, wins; 2, Pudner, another good one, close up; 3, good head and blaze, trifle smaller; 4, Hopkins; vhc, Owens. A.V. BRIT. (8): 1, Hughes, a really nice Whitethroat, in good fettle; 2, vhc, Holborow, a large and good coloured Bullfinch; 3, Jones, red Linnet, in good condition; 4, bc, Hopkins, Bullfinch, nice colour, fails a trifle in condition; hc, Sanders; c, Ray. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (3): 1; 3, Sanders; 2, Jones. LOCAL (6): 1, Jones, Yorks., nice position and leg; 2, Sanders; 3, W. T. Jones; 4, Morgans; vhc, Griffiths.

DAWLEY (Salop).

Held in connection with the Horticultural Show in the beautiful vicarage ground kindly lent hy the Rev. T. R. J. Fawkes. Cage birds turned up fairly well considering the time of year, and were nicely staged at the end of tbo tent on the tier system. Tbe special staging was supplied by that ardent local fancier, Mr. G. Campbell, and made a very pleasing display. The committee would be well advised another year to engage a specialist cage hird judge. This section of the show is, we may say, very strong in tbe district, and we feel sure this would conduce to a better entry. Mr. Urban Callear, with a willing band of stewards, bad charge of our section, and left no stone unturned in order to add to the comfort of exhibits and exhibitors. Mr. Proud judged. OPEN NOR. (5): 1, r, Mustchin, cl. buff, good shape, moulting; 2, 3, vhc, Brotherhood, leader uneven mkd. buff, rare shape and quality, nice condition, some thougbt an easy first; 3rd, var. buff, nice shape, in good feather. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Johnson, leader tkd. yell., good length, trifle strong, followed by var. buff, nice length and shape, excellent quality; 3, vhc, Brotherhood, both in nest feather, leader fine length and shape, good quality; r, Campbell. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Potter, leader uneven mkd. buff Gold.-Can., nice size and shape, good quality, fine bloom; 2nd, wing mkd. buff of same cross, nice blaze; 3, Callear, wing mkd. buff, Gold.-Can., good size and colour, nice face, might have gone up a peg perbaps; r, Brotherhood, Gold.-Bull. hen, moulting. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, r, Potter, Goldie, medinm size, good wing bars, very steady, not in the best of bloom to-day; r., larger, fine tan and blaze; 2, Brotherhood, Goldie, square cut blaze, good size, bars and buttons; r., Bell, very nice Bullie, grand breast, in nice hloom. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Brotherhood, well known Waxwing, in rare bloom; 2, r., Bell, good-sized Hawfinch, in splendid order, excepting outer flights, which are a bit worn; r., anotber Waxwing. LOCAL, NOR. (4): 1, r., Callear, leader very nice cl. huff, shown in good trim, r., tkd. yell., gone in moult; 2, Campbell, big and good cl. yell.; 3, Edwards, uneven buff, had been bathing when we took our notes. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, Hyde, nat. col. cl. yell., very fair bird, nice length, takes spl for best local Can.; 2, 3, Clayton, leader nice cl. yell., good shape, well drawn; 3rd, fine lengthy cl. buff, good quality; r., Bntler; vhc, Rowe. A.V. BRED, 1909 (14): 1, spl, 2, r., vhc, Campbell, cl. bnff York., very nice quality, good shape and position; 2nd, uneven mkd. buff Nor., rare shape, very promising; 3, Johnson, grand lengthy buff Yorks.; hc, Callear; c, Tlios. Johnson. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Westbrook, grand size and shape, good bars, rich in chestnut, blaze of nice colour; 2, Hyde, good Finch for size, blaze of nico shape and colour, not the bloom of winner; 3, Pugh, well np in size, best blaze in class, rich and very expansive, good bars and tan; r., Bntler, nice Finch; vbc, Rowe. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Windsor, fine shape, grand colour on back, well cut cap, in nice feather; 2, Butler, grand colour breast, nice cap; 3, Martin, nice hird; r., Clayton, good size and shape, excellent colour; vhc, Pugb. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, Callear, Waxwing, in very nice bloom, will improve; 2, Windsor, Linnet, grand shape and size, very good colour and profusely pencilled; 3, Lane, very fine Lark, in grand feather; r., Campbell, Bramble, nice bird; vbc, Clarke and Chilton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Callear, all Gold.-Can., leader dark; 2nd, heavily mkd. on wings; 3rd, wing tkd., some thought an easy winner; r., Edwards, very decent grizzled buff Gold.-Can.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The second young bird show was held at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, on Aug. 4th. Mr. J. Goldsmith placed the cards with every satisfaction. Mr. A. Riddels won the special for best bird in show, and Mr. H. Frost the special for second best bird. Awards:—NOR.: 1, spl, H. Frost; 2, J. Roast; 3, Absalom. YORKS.: 1, Dandridge. CREST AND C.B.: 1, Gravett. A.O.V.: 1, spl, A. Riddles; 2, 3, Absalom.—A. Riddles, secretary.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY & DIS. O.S

This Society held tbeir second first feather show on August 7th. Mr. Sam Wilcock judged, and his awards were well received. The entries totalled 40. Mr. W. Maltby received special for best bird in show with a lovely marked yellow.

YELL. (10): 1, W. Richmond; 2, vhc, Maltby; 3, Wilson; 4, Kinder; hc, Jeffery; c, Ralstrick. BUFFS (12): 1, J. Butler; 2, Marsh; 3, Maltby; 4, Davey; vhc, Kinder; hc, Wilson; c, Forrest. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Maltby; 2, Richmond; 3, Davey; 4, Marsh; vhc, J. Butler; hc, Abbott; c, Jeffery. BUFF (5): 1, Davey; 2, vhc, Marsh; 3, 4, Richmond. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Pawson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Pawson.—J. Butler, sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

First Feather Show, held at Prince of Wales Hotel on August 7th. CLEAR YELL.: 1, vhc, H. Towers; 2, H. Martin; 3, H. Long; hc, L. Crossland. BUFF: 1, 3, H. Martin; 2, L. Crossland; vhc, H. Towers; hc, c, H. Long. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Martin; vhc, hc, Parker. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Long; hc, H. Leighton. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, E. Grange. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Towers; 2, Grange; vhc, H. Dobson; hc, H. Bradshaw. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, Bradshaw; 3, Towers. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Dobson; 3, E. Armstead; vhc, J. Parker. FOUL MKD.: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Martin; 3, Dobson; vbc, Grange. SELLING: 1, 3, L. Crossland; 2, hc, c, H. Long; vhc, E. Armstead. VARIETY CLASS: 1, H. Dobson; 2, E. Armstead. Special prize for most points in show, also special for best 3rd prize bird, winner H. Martin; special for most points in selling class, L. Crossland.—H. Martin, Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

The Young Canary and British and Foreign Bird Show took place at headquarters, James-st., on August Bank Holiday. The entry was well up in numbers, altbougb in tbe Canary section many members had to withhold birds owing to tbeir being well on in the moult. The birds shewn were as nice a lot as anyone wonld wish to see, and keen competition took place both in Borders and Norwich. British were well staged, and their variety would do credit to any open show. Foreign were also a splendid lot, ten Parrots being staged, and the small Foreigners were very attractive, heing in grand plumage and colonr. Mr. J. Dolan judged, and his awards gave the greatest satisfaction.

BORDERS CL. or TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Jos. Robson; 2, 3, R. Thomlinson; 4, Isaac Robson. BUFF (11): 1, W. Brown; 2, 3, 4, Grabam and McCarthy. VAR. YELL. (2): 1, Jos. Robson; 2, R. Thomlinson. BUFF (6): 1, W. Dixon; 2, J. Robson; 3, 4, R. Thomlinson. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, R. Thomlinson; 3, 4, W. Brown. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, J. Chaplow; 3, 4, D. Bnnting. BUFF (6): 1, 2, D. Bunting; 3, G. McWilliams; 4, J. Chaplow. VAR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, D. Bunting. BUFF (2): 1, 2, D. Bunting. YORKS (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Geo. McWilliams. BRIT. LARGE (INSECT) (4): 1, 2, 3, G. McWilliams, 1st Song Thrush, 2nd Fieldfare, 3rd Missel Thrush; 4, J. Bell. SMALL (1): 1, G. Davidson, Whinchat. SMALL SEEDEATER (17): 1, 3, 4, T. Holmes; 2, Bell; 1st Crossbill, 2nd Linnet, 3rd Goldfinch, 4th Goldfinch. MULES OR HYB. (6): 1, R. Thomlinson. Linnet Mule; 2, M. Stamp, Greenfinch Mule; 3, G. Davidson, Cape Canary Mule; 4, Geo. McWilliams, Goldfinch Mule. FOR. (PARROTS) (10): 1, 2, G. McWilliams, 1st Ornamental Parrakeet, 2nd Black-headed Caique; 3, J. Bell, Pennant Parrakeet; 4, T. Holmes, Grey Parrot. SMALL (15): 1, 3, A. O'Neill, 1st Spice Birds, 3rd St. Helena Waxbills; 2, 4, J. Bell, 2nd African Waxbills; 4th Red-billed Weaver.—John Bell, Sec. pro tem.

RUNCORN.

Young Bird Show held August 7th in connection with the Runcorn and District H. and O.S., in the Plantation Pleasure Grounds in brilliant weather. The birds were staged in a spacious canvas tent, which suited admirably. About 70 exhibits turned up; good for so late a young show. Some very neat Yorkshires were staged, also some grand young Norwich, and the winning Yellow Nor. and winning Yellow Yorks. fonght a hard battle for the handsome silver challenge cup, the Norwich getting the verdict eventually. Wbichever had won there was no room to grumble, as both are exceptionally good. The selling and the British and Foreign classes made a very good display. A few classes were cancelled through birds having gone into moult. Tbe well-known committee of management carried out all the arrangements in their usual exeellent style. Mr. C. Henlton judged, and only, perhaps, in a single instance were any adverse remarks passed.

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YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Cawley, first, slashing clear, A1 length, type and position, well up on leg, and clean featbered through, in tight condition, was runner-up for cup, 2nd, wing-marked, lovely type and fine qnality; 3, Boote, very smart clear, smaller, but a pretty bird; hc, Ratcliffe. BUFFS (10): A smart lot: 1, 3, vhc, Cawley, 1st mkd. head, lovely type and quality, neatly drawn out, pretty carriage, tight condition, 3rd, Cinn., wing mkd., grand qnality and type, beaten in carriage a little, vhc, smaller, but very fine quality; 2, hc, Boote, just big enough, but good stand and carriage, hardly so tigbt in hrcast feather as first; c, Lea. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 2, c, Gny; grand trio for type and quality, 1st a clinking varieg., grand deep colonr, very fine quality of feather, clean through, A1 condition, wins challenge cup for best members' young bird; 3, hc, Cawley, fine type, hardly substance of winner; vhc, Bower, very cobby type, will improve. BUFFS (9): 1, 2, 3, Guy, a very smart trio, all of the right type, substance and quality, in good show condition; vhc, Bower, large and cobby hc, Cawley; c, Andrews. BUFF GREEN: 1, 2, Gny, No. 1 was a pretty shaped Yellow Green, not very deep in colour, but very level, in wrong class. SELL. (10s. 6d.) (9): 1, Boote, good type Yorks.; 2, Baxter, big Yell. Nor.; 3, Cooke; vhc, c, Guy; bc, Andrews. BRIT. LINNET: 1, Walker, bonny Linnet, good markings and colour; 2, Cooke; 3, Orme. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Hampson, rich coloured Cbaffinch, good form, glossy condition; 2, vhc, Houghton, well marked Twite and Yell. Bunting; 3, Hemmings, good sized Greenfinch, nice feather, steady; bc, c, Cooke. FOR.: 1, Norton, good pair of very tight feather Budgerigars, well shown and steady; 2, Lea, very tight feathered pair of Cnttbroats; 3, Bell, rare Love Bird, slate blue bead and neck, brown body, lovely deep blue inside wings and on sides, in fine condition; vhc, hc, c, Cooke. NOVICE.—YORKS.: 1, 3, Barnes; 2, Hemmings. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Jones; vhc, Brooke.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held August 7th at headquarters. Mr. R. Halliday judged, and gave entire satisfaction. CLEAR YELL. (5): 1, 3, E. Shepherd; 2, T. Boocock; 4, W. B. Atkinson; vhc, L. Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, J. Hutton; 2, E. Shepherd; 3, J. Cooper 4, T. Boocock; vhc, T. Smith; hc, c, L. Dykes. TICKED YELL. (6): 1, J. Hutton; 2, 3, 4, L. Dykes; vhc, Atkinson; hc, E. Shepherd. BUFF (7): 1, J. Cooper; 2, C. Whittaker; 3, 4, J. Hutton; vhc, hc, L. Dykes; c, M. Skirrow. CLASS 7, HEAVILY VARIEGATED (4): 1, E. Shepherd; 2, 3, M. Skirrow; 4, L. Dykes. Number of entries, 35. The members in running for challenge cup and four medals are as follows:—L. Dykes, 47 points; J. Hutton, 36; E. Shepherd, 30; M. Skirrow, 29.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

JARROW, HEBBURN & DIS. C.B.S.

The second first feather show took place on August Bank Holiday at the Engineer's Arms, Jarrow. There were 74 entries, a very fair total for this time of the year. In NOR. YELL. Mr. J. Richardson was 1st, M. Coltman 2nd, J. O'Hagan 3rd. BUFF: 1, W. Bowen; 2, J. Towell; 3, M. Coltman. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, R. Hutler. BUFF: 1, 2, R. Hutler; Mr. G. O'Hagan gained the remainder of points in both classes This was Mr. Hutler's winning buff's fifth time of winning. Mr. Donnelly won in both Crest and crest-bred classes. BORDERS: 1, 2, R. Blore; 3, 4, H. Maughan. CINN.: 1, 2, Maughan; 3, Hutler. A.O.V. CAN.; 1, Maugban. LINNET: 1, 3, T. Carrick; 2, Swales. GREENFINCH: 1, T. Carrick. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Carrick; 2, R. Blore; 3, H. Maughan. A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Woodhouse. MULE OR HYB.: 1, J. Towell; 2, G. Swales. CARDINAL OR SMALLER: 1, Woodhouse. PARROTS: 1, Metcalf. Mr. R. Sanderson judged, and members seemed pleased with the placing of the cards. Mr. Stewart, of Whitehaven, and Mr. Cockburn were present at the show. There was a pretty fair gate, and altogether it was a very successful show.

LLANELLY.

The summer show of the Llanelly Fanciers Society was held in the Cwmbach Buildings, August 2nd. The entries came up very well, particularly Yorkshires and British birds. Mr. Tom Hay judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. (10): 1, Jenkins, rare length, nice wings and tail, good form; 2, Davies, close np, nice length and type; 3, Jones, very fair bird all through; 4, Gregory; r, Hargis; vhc, Morgan; hc, Jones; bc, Gregory, Sanders. NORWICH (4): 1, Ray, right type, good quality and colour, very fit; 2, Holder, rare substance and shape; 3, Jenkins, nice shape, looking rather slack; r, Thomas. BORDERS (5): 1, 3, Harry, 1st stylish, nice round head and type; 2, Thomas, jaunty, good-headed bird; 3rd, fails little in head; vhc, Harry. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Wilson, very useful Lizard winning. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, Ray, 1st rare good blaze and tanuing, wins; 2nd, very similar, fails in condition; 3, Harry, close up, nice tan and bars; r, Gregory; vhc, Hopkins, Davies; hc, Sanders. LINNET (8): 1, Jones, well pencilled, in good form; 2, Bennett, nice bird; 3, Harry, good one; r, Sullivan; vhc, Bowen; hc, Sanders. A.V. BRIT.: 1, Ray, smart and nice condition; 2, Hopkins, good size Bullie; 3, Morgan, fair Thrush; vhc, Hopkins, Sullivan. FOREIGN (5): 1, Davies and Wilkins; 2, Griffiths; 3, Morgan; r, Davies and Wilkins; vhc, Phillips.

COVENTRY (Go diva) C.B.S.

Annual young stock show held July 24th at the Chequer's Hotel, Little Park Street, Coventry. Mr. Needbam, of Leicester, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Tbe entries did not come up to expectation, as tbe members have done so badly this breeding season, but the birds showed grand quality throughout. The principal winners were Messrs. Symonds, Lucas, and Wright, and tbey have some promising youngsters if they come through the moult alright. The British bird section came up well, and no doubt some of them will be heard of later on in the show season.

NOR. CL. YELL., 1909: 1, vhc, J. Symonds and Son; 2, J. Ingram; 3, 4, A. J. Lucas; hc, A. Wright. BUFF, 1909: 1, A. Wrigbt; 2, J. Symonds and Son; vhc, A. Symonds; hc, A. J. Lucas. NOR. TKD. ETC., YELL., 1909: 1, J. Symonds and Son; 2, A. J. Lucas; 3, H. Ward; vhc, A. Wright. BUFF, 1909: 1, c, J. Ingram; 2, J. Symonds and Son; 3, A. J. Lucas; vhc, A. Symonds; hc, H. Ward. A.O.V. CANARY, 1909: 1, 3, A. Wright; 2, vhc, J. Symonds and Son. MULE OR HYB., 1909: 1, H. Ward; 2, 3, A. Wright. NOR. CL. TKD., ETC., YELL., ANY AGE: 1, J. Symonds and Son; 2, J. Bnsby. BUFF: 1, J. Ingram; 2, 4, H. Saunders; 3, J. Busby; vhc, A. Wright. BRIT. GOLD.: 1, J. Symonds and Son; 2, A. J. Lucas; 3, J. Busby. GREENFINCH: 1, A. Wright; 2, W. H. Bray; 3, J. Busby; vbc, H. Saunders. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, W. H. Bray, with Bramblefinch and Chaffinch respectively; 3, 4, vhc, J. Busby, all Chaffinches. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, A. J. Lucas, lovely Siskin, in grand condition, and smart Redpoll; 2, H. Saunders, Yellow Bunting in good feather; vhc, hc, c, W. H. Bray, with a Twite and two Redpolls in grand fettle. A.S. SOFTBILL: 1, A. J. Lucas, Thrush; 2, J. Busby, Blackbird.

FALMOUTH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual First Feather Show held in the recreation ground on August 2nd in glorious weather. It was well supported, and, considering the recent climatic conditions, proved in every way a great success. Considering how late it is, there was a good number of birds staged, 83 in 13 classes. Keen competition has always been the feature for the society's silver and bronze medals. The special for best bird was captured by Mr. Medlyn with a typical Yellow cinnamon, good size and colour; second best by Mr. Richards, with a buff Scotch Fancy, a grand bird. The Norwich classes made a good display, and the A.O.V. class was exceptional, there being some grand Scotch Fancies in it. Mr. Medlyn once more proved himself an able secretary, and having excellent support from a good, hard-working committee, the show proved a great success. Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (11): 1, Trerise, typical bird, splendid quality and colour; 2, 3, Medlyn, good quality and shape, nice bold bead; vhc, hc, Johnson, younger than winners, but both good birds; c, Barnicoat. CL. BUFF (10): 1, 3, vhc, Cooper, very good team, good size, quality, and shape; 2, r., Medlyn, capital shape, neat wings and tail; hc, c, Barnicoat. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 3, Medlyn, tkd. eye and wing, good head and neck, nice shape and quality; 3rd, longer, but good quality, two buffs; 2, bc, Trerise, yellow, wing mkd., grand colour and shape, little longer in tail; vhc, Francis, nice bird; c, Barnicoat. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 2, Medlyn, two grand birds for shape and quality, will he heard of again with a good moult; 3, hc, Trerise, smaller, bnt good colour and quality; vbc, Carvan. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Medlyn, fine type and quality, good heads and necks, nice wing carriage; 3, hc, Trerise, nice colour, good condition; vhc, Cowan. YORKS. CL. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Opie, buff, typical, good wing carriage and tail; 3rd, yell., good length, fails little in wings; 2, Dunbar, yell., moulting on neck, good bird; hc, c, Tiddy and Son, rather wild. TKD. (9): 1, Opie, tkd. neck, very slim, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Webb, clear, nice body and tail, good wing carriage; 3rd, good all-round bird; vhc, c, Tiddy and Son, nice size and quality, needs little more training; hc, Opie. MKD. (5): 1, 2, Dunbar, varying yell., grand head, wings, and tail, good leg; 2nd, buff, good shape and stand; 3, Tiddy and Son, wing mkd. yell., very slim, nice bird; vhc, Webb; hc, Cowan. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, c, Richards, grand team of Scotch, good heads and shoulders, looking well; vhc, Lenderyaw, B.C. Gold Lizard, nice bird, very young. MULE (4): 1, Legassick, good-sized Greeny Mule, good colour, easy win; 2, Richards, heavy marked, nice blaze and condition; 3, Cowan, Yellow Goldie, very neat; vhc, Cooper. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Cooper, grand blaze and cap; 2, Legassick, good buttons, nice wings; 3, Trerise, moulting; vhc, Symons, sick when judged, or would have been higher. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Beaton, Blue Tit, nice colour and condition; 2, 3, Symons, Siskin and Bullie, now out of condition. FOREIGN: 1, 2, 3, Opie, Paradise Whydah, lovely colour, easy win, and two Green Amazons.

OAKHAM.

Annual show, held in connection with the Oakham H.S., August 2nd. The entries were not very numerous, but the quality was very much in evidence. Mr. J. Bexson judged.

NOR. CL. (2): 1, 3, Lewin, winner large yell, nice type and shape, good colour, 3rd very neat, yell, short and compact, nice feather, Eversham winner. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, 3, Lewin, winner large buff, good shape and head, nice type, lovely feather, 3rd fine wing mkd. yell., good colour, neat wings and tail. CREST (3): 1, 3, Gibson, winner wing mkd., dark Crest, nice shape and feather, 2nd cl. buff, grey Crest, very neat Crest, nice shape; vhc, Hibbitt. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Harriman, very lengthy yell., nice position and style, 2nd very neat buff; 3, c, Fisher, very neat buff, nice quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Coleman; hc, Hibbitt. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Lewin, nice Bullfinch-Linnet, lovely colour, shows parentage well; 3, Hunt, Redpoll-Goldfinch, nice bird. A.O.V. (2): 1, 3, Gibson, winner four-mkd. buff, good size and feather, nice head, 3rd well-mkd. buff, fine shape and feather. CAN. (hatched in 1909) (4): 1, Harriman, stylish buff Yorkie, nice position, neat wings and tail, full of promise; 2, Hunt, nice buff Nor., good shape and size; 3, Gibson, neat Yorks.; vhc, Lewin. CAGE OF FOUR (hatched 1909). (2): 1, Gibson, neat lot Crest and C.B.; 3, Harriman, neat Yorks. BULLFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Smith, Goldfinch, nice blaze and colour; 2, 3, Underwood, very neat Bullfinch, lovely cap, nice breast and wings, 3rd very fine Goldfinch, grand blaze and colour, excellent size; vhc, Cutforth; hc, Pawlett; c, Brown. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Underwood, winner grand Thrush, well mottled breast, in lovely condition, 2nd Blackbird, good beak and colour, 3rd also Blackbird; vhc, Hibbitt. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Underwood, winner well-known Waxwing, 2nd good Cornish Chough, moulting; 3rd Carter, Greenfinch; vhc, Mrs. Carter; hc, Berridge. PARROT, ETC. (1): 1, Spring, Indian Rock Parrot. A.O.S. FOR. (2): 1, 3, Duncan, winners sweet pair of Budgerigars, 3rd grand pair Parson Finches. SELL. (15/-) (6): 1, Hunt; 2, Gibson; 3, Lewin; vhc, Hibbitt; hc, Underwood; c, Steel. LOCAL CAN. OR MULE (3): 1, Harriman, neat Yorkie; 2, 3, Hibbitt, very nice Nor. BRIT. OR FOR. (8): 1, Hibbitt, good Goldfinch; 2, Carter, neat Bullfinch; 3, Brown, sweet pair Budgerigars; vhc, Carter; hc, Cutforth; c, Smart.

OAKENGATES (Salop).

Held in connection with the Horticultural Show on August 9th. This was the first year of a live stock section being added to the show, and judging from the interest being evinced by the numerous visitors who thronged the tent, it was a decided attraction. Chief interest seemed to be centered on the cage birds, which were admirably staged at one end of the tent. Although small in numbers, the quality was of a very high order. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood staged a nice team, and made a clean sweep of the open classes. The local class was won by Mr. Potter with a very fine, lightly-marked Goldie-Canary-Mule, shown in its nest feather. The birds received every attention from the stewards (fanciers of the right stamp), and it is quite apparent that if a few shillings were spent in advertising in the "fancy" Press, this section would be considerably increased. Messrs. Ward and Brotherhood made two efficient secretaries, being splendidly adapted for tbeir post. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged.

OPEN CLASSES.—NOR. (7): 1, spl, 2, Brotherhood, leader variegated Buff of grand quality and type, followed by a lightly-marked Bnff, rare feather and substance, both in fine condition; 3, Callear, clear Buff, fails a little in substance and condition to leaders, hnt good; vhc Campbell, Edwards; hc (2), Williams. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Brotherhood, two fine youngsters, good in shape and quality, will he heard of again; 3, Hyde, yell., well drawn, nice pose, might he a little better in skull; vhc, Campbell, buff, good length and feather, just a trifle strong in bnild. BRIT. A.S. (4): 1, spl, Brotherhood, the noted Waxwing, in grand form, scores his 30th first to-day; 2, vhc, Bell, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, well defined markings, slightly damaged tail; vhc, very nice Goldie; 3, Callear, nice Waxwing, small, but neat, will improve with a moult. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, spl, Brotherhood, Goldie-Bullie ben of immense size, not quite through moult; 2, Williams, heavily variegated Goldie-Can., nice flush, hut decidedly fortunate in getting in front of 3, Callear, a lightly wing-marked buff Goldie-Can., nice shape and quality; we rather fancied this bird for first and the Goldie-Bullie for second; vhc, Callear, Tonks. LOCAL CLASS.—A.V. CAGE BIRD (5): 1, sp, Potter, very fine lightly-marked Goldie-Can., rare size, a very promising youngster, should moult out a beauty; 2, Callear, variegated buff of the same persuasion, little bare on right cheek; 3, Williams, splendid Goldie, rare size, nice face hars and buttons; vhc, Winsor, Tonks.

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Club Reports.

STAMFORD AND DISTRICT F.A.

At a meeting of the Stamford and Dis. F.A. last week it was decided to hold this year's show on November 25th (as originally fixed), at the Oddfellows' Hall, which is considered very suitable for the purpose, being larger, loftier, and more comfortable than last year's venue. We are desirous of greatly increasing the number of entries, and with that object have increased the prize money. We are also guaranteed some good specials, a list of which will appear in the schedules in due course. From the letters we received from most of the exhibitors last year (such well-known names as Dykes, Weston, Linsey, Mountain, Mays, Popple, Cocks, Shaddock, etc.), birds were received home in grand condition, and prize money was paid within 14 days of show. We also arranged for a members' show on October 9th, Mr. W. P. Barnes to judge.—A. W. LUDLOW, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting of the committee held July 31st at the Market Tavern, Bradford; Mr. F. Hammond in the chair. Mr. Ramsden's offer of two cruets for competition was accepted with thanks. Patronage of the O.N.P.C. granted to the following societies:—Oct. 1st and 2nd, Burnley and District; Oct. 16th, Bradford (City); Oct. 22nd and 23rd, Newcastle; Oct. 29th and 30th, York; Nov. 6th, Bradford (West); Nov. 13th, Huddersfield; Nov. 19th and 20th, Sunderland; Nov. 26th and 27th, Ecclesfield; Dec. 10th and 11th, Gateshead; Dec. 16th and 17th, Halifax. Resolved that the first prize in the champion section be one given by the O.N.P.C. to the value of £3 3s.; and first prize in novice section be to the value of £2 2s. Other prizes to be allotted at next meeting. Decided that money specials be again given for each show. Tenders for year book to be invited. The secretary was instructed to write for terms for loan of block of Norwich Plainhead for insertion in year book. The following new members were accepted:—Messrs. R. J. Jones and W. H. Shackleton, Bradford; A. Stephenson, Morpeth; T. C. Crawhall, Newcastle; E. R. Ridley, J. Calam, Geo. Harland, W. Pepper, and R. Barwick, Hull; H. Shorny and A. Humphries, York; J. T. Ambler, Thorn. Next meeting, August 14th.—O. MITCHELL, hon. sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C.

Committee meeting held July 24th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Mr. W. Richmond presided over a good attendance. Mr. L. Hodgson's tender for the printing of year books was accepted, subject to certain conditions. It was decided that the gold medal kindly offered by Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Sons be given as fourth prize in novice competition, the fourth prize previously announced to be given as fifth prize. The meeting then proceeded to allot patronage, the following 11 shows being successful:—1909—October 2nd, Sandy Lane and District; October 8th-9th, Accrington and District; October 16th, Bradford City; October 23rd, Shipley O.S.; October 30th, Laisterdyke; November 6th, Bradford West; November 26th-27th, Eccleshill B.F.A.; December 4th, Great Horton O.S.; December 11th, Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S.; December 17th-18th, Halifax O.S. 1910—January 1st, Bradford East; the twelfth show will be decided later. The following have been added to our membership: Messrs. H. Dewhirst (London), J. W. Dewhirst (Manningham), E. W. Johnson (Wibsey), J. Butler (Farsley), G. Pedford (Bradford), W. Walker (Bradford), and O. Morrison (Brighouse), bringing the total number of new members up to 96. We are now very near the 100th. Who will be able to claim that distinction? We have received a promise of 5s. to the specials fund by Mr. W. Gledhill (late Chairman).—GARNETT AND TOWERS, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Special meeting held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, July 31st, to allot the club's patronage. There were more applications than ever, and the following were the successful societies, viz.:—Bailey Trophy and Sandiford Cup competition: Sandy Lane, October 2nd, judge, P. Mason; Bradford City, October 16th, A. Hirst; Rochdale, October 22nd, 23rd, C. A. House; Manchester, October 29th and 30th, H. W. Battye; Bradford (West), November 6th, W. Mundell; Huddersfield, November 13th, R. Carr; Gateshead, December 10th and 11th, R. Halliday; Halifax, December 17th and 18th, W. A. Cowgill; Scottish National, December 31st and January 1st, J. Robson; Crystal Palace, W. Mundell and Heath. Ramsden Cup, money specials, intermediate and novice competition: Accrington, October 8th and 9th, judge, J. H. Roe; Dulwich O.S., October 12th and 13th, W. Mundell; Shipley, October 28rd, W. H. Shackleton; Sunderland, November 19th and 20th, T. Heath; Eccleshill, November 26th and 27th, J. Greaves; Great Horton, December 4th, H. W. Battye; Windhill, December 11th, J. C. Barnes; Bradford (East), January 1st, E. Radley; City of Wakefield, January 8th, J. L. Broadley; Crystal Palace, February —, W. Mundell and Heath. Medals were granted to Gloucester, Newcastle, Liverpool, and Pendleton. The following gentlemen were made members of the club:—Messrs. W. Watmough, Whitby; A. Radley, Skelmanthorp; P. Shaw, W. Suggitt, F. Weston, and C. Ross, Bradford; and C. E. Hall, Leeds.—J. GREAVES, hon. sec.

CRESTED C.C.

The following gentlemen have been elected members of the C.C.C.:—Messrs. W. R. Miles (Chichester), W. Shepherd, C. Brunt, and H. W. Cook (London), Jones and Crest (Teddington), Thomas Almond (Gateshead), R. S. Berwicke (Newfield), C. E. Offord and H. H. Belsey (London). As the result of the committee's voting, the following Societies have been selected to receive C.C.C. support at their annual fixtures:—Plymouth, Nottingham, L.C.B.A., Manchester, Cheltenham, Bristol, Norwich, Newcastle, Cambridge, Sunderland, and Bournemouth. These in the order named, and if funds permit, and providing they give a classification of not less than eight classes in accordance with Mr. Ley's scheme promulgated at the last annual general meeting, whereby all Societies, in addition to receiving the club's specials, will be guaranteed against loss exceeding one guinea on the entire section. It may be necessary to curtail this list. The classes to be as follows:—Class 1, any variety of Buff Crest, cock; class 2, ditto, hen; class 3, ditto C.B., cock; class 4, ditto C.B., hen; class 5, ditto Yellow Crest; class 6, ditto Yellow C.B.; class 7, ditto Crest (young birds current year bred); class 8, ditto C.B. (young birds current-year bred). I would impress upon members of the C.C.C. the magnitude of this undertaking, and would ask them to do their utmost in providing new members and in subscribing to the special prize fund. Will the secretaries of the Societies mentioned lay the matter before their committees for acceptance at the earliest possible moment, letting me know the result without delay?—J. S. CLARKE, hon. sec.

CITY OF BELFAST NORWICH OREST AND YORKSHIRE O.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Avenue Hall, Ossfield-street, on 7th inst, Mr. James Adams in the chair. This being a summoned meeting under penalty of a fine, according to rule, a number of members absent will have to pay the piper. The chief business was to receive reports of members who had British birds in their possession, as per rule. Any member not reporting at this meeting will be debarred from exhibiting at annual show. New country members are to be notified to that effect and allowed one month's grace. The following reported Goldfinches: Messrs. Carson, Scott, McCann, and Seacock; Linnets: Messrs. Carson, Scott, Trueman, Gray.

DERWENT VALLEY O.B.S

Meeting held August 7th, in Church Hall, Mr. Geo. Barkas in the chair. The schedule for our open show was gone into. A splendid classification is to be given, with five open novice classes, and two natural colour classes, one for Norwich and one for Yorks. It was also decided to again have a grand prize drawing this year, for which we have got 19 prizes. British birds have a good lot for themselves this year, with ten or twelve classes. It was also decided to give members the same prize money as the open this year, but all prize money to be paid out first. We would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to become members; fee, 2/6, with 1/- on election.—J. BROWN, Sec.

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SOUTHALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 7th at St. John's Schools. Mr. Hireson occupied the chair, in the absence of Mr. Argyle. The Secretary asked the chairman to present Mr. Phipps with the special (a rose bowl) for most points gained at the young bird show. Mr. Hireson, in a few well-chosen words, handed the bowl to Mr. Phipps, who said he was very proud to receive the first special offered by the Society, and also thanked the donors of same for their kindness. After this the classification for our open show, to be held on October 14th next, received a very lengthy discussion. It was eventually decided to have 28 open and 9 members' classes; prize money to be 10s., 5s., 3s., 1s. 6d., with an entry fee of 1s. 6d. Specials to be allotted at next meeting, and in the meantime members agreed to do all in their power to get as many as possible.—T. G. JEFFERY, hon. sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held August 7th at the Fawcett Street Cafe. There was a very good attendance, presided over by Mr. W. F. Swan. There was a good deal of correspondence relating to our annual show, November 19th and 20th, and communications were read from the secretaries of the Open Norwich P.C. and the Northern Yorkshire C.C., to the effect that we had been granted their patronage. It was decided that we add a class for Yellow Crests to the Crest section. We will thus be giving ten classes for Crests and C.B., as follows: Norwich, dark-crested buff cock, crest hen, yellow crest-bred, yellow Crest, any colour, C.B. ck., buff, C.B. hen, any colour, pairs for Crest breeding, Crest, bred 1909, C.B., bred 1909, Crest, A.O.V. Mr. Birchley, unfortunately, could not attend. After the business was concluded we had a very nice discussion, which was greatly enjoyed by all.—W. REID, hon. sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

The general meeting of the Society took place at headquarters, on August 4th, when a good muster of members turned up. One new member was proposed, bringing the roll up to fifty as the result of seven months' work. The prizes for young bird show were next distributed, and consisted of division between winners of the full entrance money received, cup and medal for most points, and special prizes for sections (Canaries, British and Foreign). All were thoroughly satisfied, and the enthusiasm augurs well for the success of our annual show on October 27th and 28th. Correspondence having been dealt with, the members were asked by the Chairman to procure specials for annual show, and he also proposed that another ramble take place. This was enthusiastically received, seeing the successful outings the Society has already had, and the date was fixed for August 29th. The destination again was left in the hands of Mr. Davidson, and will be published in due course.—JOHN BELL, Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Mr. Swan presided over a meeting of the Northern Crest Club, held at Sunderland, August 4th. It was resolved that the following societies receive our patronage for their forthcoming shows:—Newcastle, Blaydon, Sunderland, Gateshead, and the Scottish National. Mr. Thomas Taylor was elected to our list of judges. It was decided to withdraw the money prizes at the club show for this season. Mr. Taylor proffered to give two medals to the Gateshead and Scottish National Shows for the best old Crest and best old Crestbred; he also said that he would bear the loss, if there should be any, on a class for yellow Orests at our club show, if Sunderland will add the class to their schedule. There will be six medals for competition at Newcastle—one for best old Crest, one for best old Crestbred, one for best young Crest, one for best young Crestbred, one for best young Crest shown by a novice member, and one for best young Crestbred shown by a novice member. There will be four medals for competition at Blaydon, Gateshead, and Scottish National, and the full amount of medals and cups will be given to our club show at Sunderland. There will also be two medals for novices. I trust members will show their appreciation by making a good entry at above shows.—J. G. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, The Feathers, Gt. Chapel-street, Westminster, July 29th. Present: Mr. Robson in the chair, Messrs. Maxwell, Trower, Cooper, Dewhurst, Askew, Wyse, Weston, Crabb, Plumbridge, and Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Minutes of special meeting were read and it was proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that they be signed as read. Letters were read from Messrs. A. W. Watson and A. Baldry. Mr. A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-street, St. Helens, was elected a member. The committee granted medals to the following shows: Battersea, Newcastle, Clapham, Manchester, Norwich, Liverpool, Cambridge, Preston, Nottingham, Wimbledon, Birmingham, Leicester, and Gateshead. It was decided to again hold the club show in conjunction with the L.C.B.A., on November 26th, and that a gold, silver, and bronze medal be allotted to each section, viz., Hardbill, Softbill, and Hybrid. Mr. Trower very kindly promised a silver medal in each section for most points gained by a member who has never won a medal. Mr. Crabb very kindly offered a silver medal for the first Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid exhibited by a member of the N.B.B. and M.C. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

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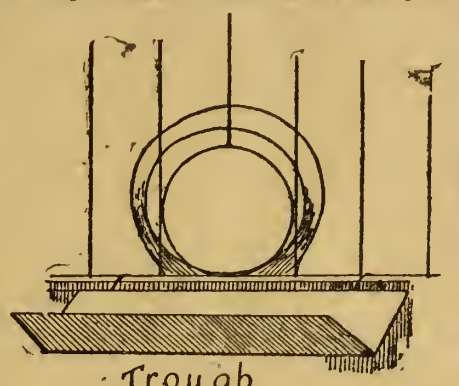
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Enclosed is a sketch for seed saving, as some birds waste more than half the seed that is placed in their food vessels. I have several birds, and at first I wondered what to do; they used to waste such a deal of seed. The article I hit upon is made of tin in the same shape as



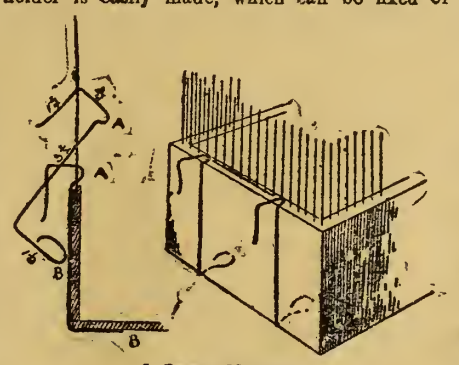
A Seed Saver.

a letter V, and has two pieces of wire soldered to it. Anyone can make it; and as large as he likes. It is placed inside the cage under the seed glass, so that when the bird goes to eat and throws some of its food out, it falls into this little trough. I have found it very useful, and I hope others will, too.

No. 335.
A Yorkshire Show-cage Holder.

Sent by Mr. A. E. Duke, 336, South Frederick Street, South Shields.

These sketches are of a very simple and handy Yorkshire show-cage holder. All that is needed are two pieces of wire, each about 9in. long. With the aid of a pair of pincers a very useful holder is easily made, which can be fixed or



A Cage Hanger.

removed in a second, and which when fixed holds the cage firmly. "A" goes round the wire next to the door, and then "B" is pressed on to the bottom of the cage. It is necessary to have two (made exactly alike) to every cage, and when fitted the cage can be shifted about as one wishes. It fits on to the breeding cages exactly like a seed box.—ARTHUR E. DUKE.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, August 7th, when 13 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Tillotson. Result: 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, T. Stead; 3, W. Sissons. Judges, A. Jennings and J. Whittaker. On August 8th, 16 birds faced the judges, A. Jennings and J. Whittaker for three good prizes given by the landlord. Result: 1, W. Sissons; 2, W. Crowther; 3, T. Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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Under the White Rose.

BIRDY matters last week were rather quiet. A few societies have been holding members' shows, but as the season is so far advanced no great entries were expected. None of the specialist clubs were holding meetings, making time hang somewhat heavily on the hands of the enthusiasts, who are generally to be seen at these affairs. After a somewhat prolonged spell of bad weather, dull, damp, cold—in fact, as bad as could be from the bird breeder's point of view, who wants good light, at least, to hope for good results from his stock—we have had a week of glorious sunshine, which has made itself felt in the attics usually at the disposal of the breeders in Yorkshire. A jump of quite 20 degrees has been noted in less than three days. This has had at least one good result: birds that did not show any signs of dropping into a good moult have rid themselves of quite a shower of feathers. Given a continuation for a few weeks, fanciers can rest assured of a quick and healthy moult, and to make show birds or good breeding birds, this is what is required. Feathers, feathers everywhere is what breeders like to see, as this points to a sharp and successful termination to a very trying time for both birds and owners.

BIRDS are often somewhat neglected during this part of the season. Holiday making is rampant, and fanciers are apt to forget the little things that go to ensure success. The frequent use of the bath is very necessary, particularly during these hot spells, and to see the birds enjoy their "splash" is recompense for the trouble involved, not to speak of the general smartening-up of the stock which comes from its frequent use.

YORKSHIRE Union holds a delegates' meeting to-day (Saturday), as also does the O.N.P.C., this latter club having a few items to settle up in connection with their special prize list.

SHIPLEY Society having lost the services of their secretary have had to appoint a successor, and have been very fortunate to secure a very enterprising and enthusiastic fancier to take his place, *i.e.*, Mr. H. Martin, who will doubtless make things "hum" in this district. I hear that already he has been trotting some of the old fanciers round in search of new members for his society, and, what is more to the point, has been successful. At their members' shows this fancier, though in his novice-ship, has made it exceedingly warm for the champions, and it will take them all their time to keep the pace with him.

MR. H. HILL, the Y.U. Secretary, has changed his address (15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford), and those who have correspondence with him had better make a note of it to avoid miscarriage of their letters. Have you had to "flit," Horatio, to make room for the Y.U. correspondence, eh?

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*Birds of Distinction.

A Crow and a Bird of Paradise were talking about fame. "Why, you are only known to the farmers," sneered the latter; "whereas I am so beautiful, that I have my feathers on the hats of society women." The Crow laughed sardonically and said with a chuckle, "That may be so, my friend, but I have my feet under their eyes."—Cutting from "London Opinion," sent by Emily Carter (age 13), 45, Beech Avenue, Nottingham.

*The Doves' New Baby.

Last Saturday morning, August 7th, I found a young Sparrow. I took it home and gave it something to eat, and in the evening I threw it up to see if it could fly, but it could not, so I put it in a cage where two Doves are, one sitting on two eggs. They came and fetched it into the nest, and they were nursing it and feeding it, and it was there all night. But in the morning, sad to say, a cat in the yard got hold of it and killed it.—Gertrude Newstead (age 12), 7, Duncombe Street, St. Ann's Well Road, Nottingham.

**Starling Saves Its Neck.

A barber once owned a Starling. He kept saying: "I wish you could talk." To his surprise the Starling one day said: "I wish you could talk." After that he took great pains to make it talk. Sometimes he would say to his customers. "No one could have done it better." The Starling took a fancy to this saying. One day the bird flew away and joined some others. They caught sight of some corn. They flew down and were caught in a net. The farmer started to wring their necks, when the bird called out, "No one could have done it better." Hearing this he took it back to the barber.—Sent by Sidney Borner (age 11), 4, Glen Street, Cumberland Market, Regent's Park, N.W.

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Twitterings.

I have moved from Lakehall Road, Thornton Heath, to 58, Windsor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, writes Mr. E. J. Clark.

We are informed that the prize money for Hawarden Show, held August 2nd, was paid out to the winners on August 6th.

Secretaries please note my address for the future will be 38, Watcombe Road, South Norwood, instead of London Road, Thornton Heath, writes Mr. C. Young.

Will secretaries please note that my address for the future will be 75, Osborne Street, Stonyfield, Rochdale, writes Mr. Thos. Holt (late of Larkfield Aviaries).

From one advertisement costing fourpence I sold over 200 quarts of snails! Shall advertise in no other as long as your paper, CAGE BIRDS, lasts.—G. E. SMITH (Highworth, Wilts).

The photo of my Crestbred Canary in last week's CAGE BIRDS is very good indeed, writes Mr. Robert Holmes. I have taken CAGE BIRDS from its commencement, and I always shall take it.

I went out catching on Bank Holiday Monday, writes Mr. G. Sawyer (Alfreton), and as I was walking to the place my Linnet was singing in the basket all the time I was going through the town.

I must say your paper seems very popular, writes Mr. G. Fitzpatrick (Tottenham). I had over 50 applicants for my pup. CAGE BIRDS is far better than the other Fancy papers which I have been in the habit of using.

Can anyone inform me, writes Mr. J. W. Philpott, the secretary, what has become of the major portion of the Accrington and Dis. C.B.S. members? Are they in the land of the living? If so, let's see them at our next meeting, August 19th.

I always get good results when I advertise in CAGE BIRDS. Indeed, I find it unnecessary to continually advertise (this may be bad news for you!). I am thoroughly satisfied with the results of the last insertions.—F. P. DYMOND (Cardiff).

Kindly thank all those who replied to my advertisement last week of Red-crested Cardinal. They were too numerous to answer singly. I had replies from all over the country and wish your paper every success.—J. H. BARTON (Hulme).

Wakefield Roller C.C.'s open show is fixed for December 10th and 11th, and the judges are Mr. F. A. Lester (open classes), Mr. J. B. Hesling (amateur and novice classes), and Mr. F. Oldroyd the £2 limit, writes Mr. J. Netherwood, the secretary.

Owing to Mr. Widdowfield (our late secretary) leaving the district, I have been appointed to the secretaryship of the Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S., writes Mr. D. Hann (8, Brickyard. Bankhead, Fencehouses, Durham). Will brother fanciers and secretaries please note?

In the anecdote published last week about the Mealy Rosella, which was at a recent City and Suburban Show, the owner's name should have been given as Mrs. Morrison. For this confusion of names we must apologise to the ladies concerned. Mrs. Vincent is not a member.

I have much pleasure in writing to ask you to withdraw my advertisement, as I have been successful. I find your paper very valuable when I have advertised, and I am very well satisfied with my exchange. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—CHAS. BROWN (The Fall, Wakefield).

We have received from Mr. J. A. Recee, of the Jockey Wire Works, Colston Yard, Bristol, a very comprehensive and well-illustrated price list of show cages, which we can recommend all fanciers to see. The designs are thoroughly up-to-date, and the prices very reasonable indeed.

I am away on my holidays, writes Mr. V. H. Deacon, and did not receive my CAGE BIRDS till Sunday morning's post, when I was agreeably surprised to see my Norwich green yellow hen on the front cover. Kindly convey my best thanks to Mr. Norman for his work. I wish "C. B." all success.

At the monthly meeting of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S., held on August 7th, there was a large turn-out of members, and we had a letter from the secretary of the N.Y.C.C. agreeing to give us their patronage on certain conditions, to which our members unanimously agreed, writes Mr. G. Havver, the secretary.

Leeds C.B.S. gives a hearty invitation to fanciers in the district to come on Saturday, August 14th, to hear Mr. H. J. Mennard (the well-known breeder of Norwich and Cinnamons) lecture on "Moulting and Colour-feeding," writes Mr. J. Chambers, the hon. secretary. Mr. M. is a practical man, so we are sure to get a few good wrinkles.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. H. McDOUGALL (Edinburgh).

Mr. T. Smith (Glasgow) writes: At the ripe age of seventy-nine, Mr. H. McDougall, of Edinburgh, passed away on August 1st. A large company paid their last respects to the deceased on the 4th inst., when he was interred in North Merchiston Cemetery. Mr. McDougall was a man of strong personality, and followed his hobby to the end, having bred birds this summer. If all fanciers were of his stamp, there would never be occasion to put the question: Is the fancy on the decline? He did his level best to keep it on the up grade. He bred excellent stock, and many persons were established by him in the fancy. As an instance, he sold a buff cock for the modest sum of two pounds, which, with a Belgian hen, founded a famous strain of winning Scotch Fancy Canaries. He was for about fifty years in the employment of the Caledonian Railway Company. He was a staunch and a noble friend, beloved by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. The fancy was well represented at the graveside, striking evidence of the respect in which he was held. Readers will extend their sympathy to his sorrowing family, especially to his daughter, who so faithfully nursed him.

Welsh Bird Names.

The Wren is commonly called "Cutty" in South Wales. "Cwtta" is a Welsh word, meaning little, or stumpy, of which "Cutty" is a corruption. Its applicability to the Wren or other small bird is obvious.

The C.B.U. Executive Council.

The following is the result of the election of the Executive Council of the Cage Bird Union for the coming year:—District No. 1, G. W. Macpartling (Newcastle); No. 2, F. Wynn (Barrow); No. 3, J. Naden (Rochdale); No. 4, G. W. F. Lythgoe (Manchester); No. 5, S. Hadwin (Liverpool); No. 6, H. Stubbs (Grimsby); No. 7, R. Rhodes (Nottingham); No. 8, W. Freestone (Norwich); No. 9, T. Pope (Plymouth); No. 9A, A. Treasure (Cheltenham); No. 10, D. A. Longden (Swansea); No. 11, J. W. Ramsden (Brixton); No. 12, G. Warley (Brixton).—J. RAYNES, secretary.

A Schoolboy's Story.

A schoolboy at Ripon Grammar School relates that: "While sitting on a wall last night (August 5th), about 8.45, with a gun beside me, watching for some rabbits coming out of their holes, I suddenly felt something sitting on my arm, and looking up I saw a Hawk hovering quite near my head, and a poor little Thrush was sitting on my hand, so terrified that it was nearly dead. I waited till the Hawk flew away with fright at me. The little Thrush soon revived, and flew away unhurt."

Old Age.

In a contemporary the Duchess of Bedford is giving many interesting instances of longevity among her birds. In her possession is a Barbary Dove, which she has had for fifteen years. She received it from an old woman who had also possessed it for fifteen years, and she said it was an old bird when she got it. At present it does not seem to show any signs of age except that of becoming sterile. A Chinese Goose has been in the possession of the Bedford family for fifty-seven years, and Her Grace has a Pintail Drake, which she bought twenty years ago as an adult bird.

The Motor Parrot.

The latest fad among New York motorists, according to the "Manchester Dispatch," is a live Parrot perched on top of the tonneau door. The followers of this fad have stationary cages affixed to the machine, and in these cages are carried along at a rapid rate Parrots which utter all sorts of curious comments upon those who get in the way of the speeding machines. Some of these Parrots are taught to warn pedestrians with such remarks as "Clear the road" and "Get out of the way." These trained Parrots are very watchful, and in some instances relieve the chauffeurs of the necessity of ringing a bell or tooting a horn when crossing the streets.

Wild Birds in Norfolk.

The "London Gazette" contains an Order, made by the Home Secretary, upon application by the Norfolk County Council, to be known as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Norfolk) Order, 1909." The period during which the killing or taking of wild birds is prohibited by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, is extended throughout Norfolk under the Order, so as to be between March 1st and September 1st, so far as regards all birds mentioned in the schedule to that Act. The Order also provides that the Act shall apply within Norfolk to the following species of wild birds, in the same manner as if those species were included in the schedule to the Act:—Great Bustard, Crossbill, Sand Martin, Bearded Tit (reedling or reed Pheasant). During the period between Aug. 31st and March 2nd following, the killing or taking of the Bittern, Little Bittern, Great Bustard, Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Owl (all species), and Bearded Tit, is prohibited throughout the county. All birds are protected on Sundays in certain areas.

Glasgow's Baby Swan.

A cygnet was hatched three or four weeks ago in Camphill Park, Glasgow. A lively interest is being manifested in the youngster, which is carefully watched by the mother bird.

The Influx of Crossbills.

Concerning the presence of flocks of Crossbills in the South of England, a correspondent writes to "The Times," from Beedings, Pulborough, Sussex:—"The flock of about 50 which Mr. A. P. Blathwyt has reported to have visited him at Northwood is probably part of a little cloud of these birds—some 200 to 300 in close flight—which very regularly visited the precincts of this house, between 6 and 7 in the evening, continuously for about nine days, and which left us a week ago. On the only occasion when I noticed the Crossbills after settling down, I found them busily employed in feeding among the close branches of the fir trees. A young orchard did not escape their notice, but except the remnants of fruit on the cherry trees, they found very little there to attract them."

FANCIERS AT CRICKET.

City and Suburban A.C.B. v. the "Early Birds" C.C.

The annual cricket match of the City and Suburban A.C.B. took place on Saturday last, August 7th, on the St. Quintin's Park Ground, London, W. They once again had as opponents the members of the "Early Birds" C.C., who are not fanciers, though they rejoice in a name with such a pronounced birdy flavour. Anyway, they are rattling good sportsmen, and excellent cricketers to boot, rather too "hot stuff" in that direction for the City and Sub-ites, to whom they once again administered a sound beating. However, although the latter were knocked temporarily "off song," they hope to moult out in better form for next season. They were unfortunate in having two or three of their best men away through holidaying and other causes. Nevertheless, they put up a better fight than was anticipated, scoring 103 runs, mainly as the result of a grand first-wicket partnership between Mr. J. Pooley and Mr. F. Prior. The former, well known as a Crest fancier, compiled 65, as the result of clean and vigorous hitting (a seven, all run, being included), while his partner (a brother of Mr. C. Prior, the well-known British bird enthusiast) put together 24 by skilful and graceful cricket. The rest of the side collapsed before the admirably varied bowling of Mr. Collier, who took 7 wickets for 27 runs, including the "hat trick." The "Early Birds," who had a regular "test team" in the field, hit up 145 for 6 wickets (two "retired") before the close. At the time for the pulling of stumps the match was a draw, but the City and Sub. played on an extra half-hour, and so lost. Altogether a highly enjoyable afternoon was spent, the weather being brilliantly fine, and the pity is that more spectators did not put in an appearance to enjoy the fun.

The scores were:—CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.—J. Pooley, b George, 65; F. Prior, c Chin, b Collier, 24; C. Head, b Collier, 0; V. Wynn, b Collier, 3; J. Burton, b George, 0; C. Prior, b George, 0; J. Marley, b Collier, 0; G. E. Weston, b Collier, 0; H. Lowe, b Collier, 0; W. Barnard, c Radcliffe, b Collier, 3; J. Burton, jun., not out, 2; byes, 6—total, 103. THE "EARLY BIRDS" C.C.—Hunt, retired, 35; Chinn, b Head, 25; George, retired, 43; Collier, b Pooley, 0; Darragh, b Pooley, 0; Cory, not out, 21; Radcliffe, b Wynn, 9; byes, 10; leg-byes, 1; wides, 1—total, 145.

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*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
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*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
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Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
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*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Parrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
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Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.R.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street).
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.
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*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(J. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 13, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Conndon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.)
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Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) O.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.B., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
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Wales.

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Nov. 18—**Morriston**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
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Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
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Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Duncalk**—V. J. Caslein, The Crescent.)
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

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Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 13th, Central Conservative Club, 8 p.m. Classification for open show; members please attend.—J. W. Philpott.
Bannockburn C.B.S.—Aug. 14, at Empire Bar, 7 p.m. Arrangements for open show and other business; new members still being enrolled.—W. Ritchie.
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Aug. 18, The Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New road, 8 p.m. sharp. General business.—A. Lupton.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Staffordshire Knot, 8 p.m. Final arrangement for schedule.—Elliott and Wood.
Beamish C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Bird Inn, 7 o'clock. Classes for annual show and other important business.—M. Crosby.
Bradford West C.B.A.—Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Agenda; special business.—J. W. Telford.
Birkenhead C.F.A.—Aug. 17, Ahlett's Cafe, Market Street, 8 p.m. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. Burns; all fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.
Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 14th, Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Judges for old bird shows, etc., and other important business.—M. Skirrow.
Cardiff C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Mashell's Cafe, Queen Street, 8 p.m. General and show business.—W. A. Negus.
City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 14, The Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8 p.m. Classification for open show, to elect an assistant judge; distribution Yorkshire U.C.B.S. Handbook; members please attend.—F. Rhodes.
Coventry O.S.—Aug. 18, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Re challenge cup, etc.—G. Peters.
Clitheroe and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8 p.m.—R. Lambert.
Derby C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7 p.m. prompt. Special meeting.—W. Stevens.
Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Half Moon Hotel, 7 p.m. prompt. Lecture on Moulting and Colour Feeding, by Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead); will members and friends make special effort to attend.—W. Underwood.
East Ham F.S.—Aug. 23, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8 p.m. sharp. Arrangements for Young Stock Show.—H. Rutter.
Grimsby O.S.—Aug. 16, Slatter's Rooms, Freeman Street, 8 p.m. General business and Nest Feather Show; judge, Mr. Jesse Calam (Hull).—H. Harding.
Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 14th, Butcher's Arms, 8 p.m. prompt.—J. Holroyd.
Houghton-le-Spring.—Aug. 14, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Important business, forming classes, and choosing judge for annual show, Dec. 4th.—D. Hann.
Hyde C.B.S.—Aug. 14, St. George's Schools, 7 p.m. Back-end show business; important; members please attend.—F. Barraclough.
Hyson Green (Notts.).—Aug. 17, Cricket Players, 8 p.m. Arrange judges for Nest Show; members please attend.—W. Cottingham.
Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Lockhart's Cafe, 8 p.m. Members kindly attend to arrange about social; any member who has not received prize money for F.F. Show will be given same.—R. Blore.
Keighley C.B.S.—Aug. 17, King's Head Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Show business.—W. Wright.
Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 14th, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. "Moulting and Colour Feeding," by Mr. H. J. Mennard; admission free.—J. Chambers.
Llanelly C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Centre Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Schedule; secretary would like to see all members present, as other important business will be on.—D. John.
Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 14, The Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 2 p.m. birds staged. Members' show, judge Mr. J. Hartley.—A. Bottomley.
Liverpool O.S.—Aug. 17, Headquarters, 8. Important letters, re patronage of specialist clubs.—J. W. Metcalfe.
Maesteg C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Oddfellows' Hotel, 6 p.m. Very important.—W. Jenkins.
Manchester N.C.O.S.—Aug. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 p.m. Important show business.—E. Jones.
Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Aug. 18, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bertram.
Open Norwich P.C.—Aug. 14, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Adjourned committee meeting; all committee earnestly requested to attend; business urgent.—O. Mitchell.
Swindon C.B.A.—Aug. 18, Lecture Hall, Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Millsum, subject "How I Acclimatise my Foreign Birds."—W. Dale.
South Shields and North Shields C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Gregg's Cafe, 8 p.m. Payment of prize money for F.F. Show, and final arrangement of classes for annual Open Show.—J. Barrass.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Commercial Hotel, 8 p.m.—J. Lewis.
Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 21, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Usual business.—W. Reid.
West Stanley F.F.S.—Aug. 14, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Important business; all members please attend.—J. G. Cousins.
Wigan C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Adelphi Inn, 8. Business important.—W. Ridge.
Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Swan and Peacock, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting.—J. Gibbons.
West Bromwich C.B.S.—Aug. 17, The Dartmouth Hotel, 8 p.m. To consider advisability of adding open Roller singing competition to next open show; please settle for tickets of Nest Feather Show.—Duffield and Jennings.
Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6 o'clock. Meeting of Council; important business.—H. Hill.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Injured Hind Claw.

Leek.—It is quite probable that the claw was injured, perhaps dislocated, in the fall out of the nest, but in a case of dislocation you should be able to see the misplacement of a joint in such a position clearly enough. If there appears no signs of this being the case, try the effect of immersing the whole foot in a saucer of fairly hot water for a minute or so, then at once transfer it to a saucer of cold water for a similar length of time. Repeat the process three or four times in succession, and be careful to finish in the cold water. Dry the foot, and gently massage it with a drop of olive oil, and finally wipe off any surplus oil before finally returning bird to cage. Repeat this treatment three or four times in a fortnight. Give the bird one fair-sized perch of a flattened, oval shape, and make all the others rather small—about the size of a lead pencil—and almost round in shape. Should there appear signs of a dislocated joint, I would not advise you to interfere with it yourself, especially after the lapse of such a length of time since the injury took place. Better get your medical man or a veterinary surgeon to do it for you.

The Old, Old Story.

M.T.W.—It appears quite palpable to me that your birds are exposed to constant draughts in some way, and until this cause is removed no sort of treatment will be of any avail. Perhaps your room itself is draughty, or maybe damp, or so placed as to be subject to striking fluctuations of temperature; or it may be only the position of the cages which is faulty, and exposes the birds to draughts. But whatever the cause, it must be removed, and the birds kept in a position where draughts are quite excluded, and also violent fluctuations of heat avoided as much as possible. Having attended to this, feed the birds on the Canary and rape staple as now, and give a teaspoonful per three birds of maw twice or three times a week until they are well broken in moult; a few grains of hemp, or a pinch of some seed mixture twice a week; a little egg food, varied occasionally with a little bread and milk, once or twice a week, and a scrap of green food daily. You should not now be giving egg food daily to either young or old birds, except in cases where the former are on colour food and moulting, and the latter are in like circumstances or feeding a late brood of young. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

A Trio.

R.M.X.—(1) If you mean is it harmful to have oilcloth on the floor of a flight cage, I should say certainly not, especially if you wash it clean about every week or fortnight, and also use a covering of sand or sawdust to assist in keeping the floor clean, which, of course, must be removed and burnt at least once a week. If you mean covering the floor of a room in which the birds were flying loose, I should still say it would not be at all detrimental, but again must advise you to also put over it a good layer of sand or sawdust to assist in keeping it sweet and clean. (2) This is really too vague. The cause of the gaping may be simply nervousness, or it may be due to fatness or disease. You may try a rather modified form of the treatment for the next, and if that does not do good write again in a fortnight, and give a few leading symptoms as a guide, and say how and where you keep the birds. (3) Here, again, it would have been a great help had you said how you fed the birds, and what condition they are in. Put this hen on a diet of plain Canary seed only for a week, with a liberal supply of green food daily, and two days during the week give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three. At the end of the week add a pinch of summer rape to the diet daily, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it. Reduce the supply of green food a little, and give in the drinking water every second day twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue this for a week or fortnight, as may appear necessary. See that the birds are not exposed to draughts at any time.

A Passive Resister.

"Hockley."—It is certainly a little curious that your bird should sing so well when caged by itself, and yet becomes so silent and consistently refuse to mate with any hen when it is introduced to them. I should be rather inclined to doubt its sex, notwithstanding its singing proclivities, and would advise you to get some experienced breeder to see it, and tell you whether it is a cock. In any case, it is too late now to think of trying to mate it again this season, so you had better run it in a flight for a few weeks in company with a few others for moulting, at the end of which process you may again cage him separately if you wish him to come in song again, and sing through the winter. In the latter case you should hang him beside, or in full view of the hen you want him to mate with from the end of January next onwards, until it is time to mate them. Feed liberally for a week or two before mating, and give him a liberal supply of dandelion leaves each day for a fortnight or so, and do not introduce him to the company of the hen until you hear him calling her vigorously, and trying to get to her to feed her, and she also appears desirous for his attentions. There is little wrong with your feeding, save that you should give green food daily now, and in greater variety.

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Falls off its Perch.

G.H.O.—Feed the bird on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape. Occasionally give a few grains only of a mixture of hemp, inga, maw, and linseed, and for the next month give three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. After this time discontinue the oil and wine, and give the sponge cake only once or twice a week, or you may then vary it occasionally with a small piece of bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with sort sugar. Give a little fresh green food daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day for a week. You may also bathe the feet for a minute or two in very warm water, transfer them at once to another saucer of cold water for the same length of time, wipe dry, and brush them over with a small feather dipped in tincture of benzoin. See that the perches are of a proper size and shape—a flattened oval, about five-eighths of an inch by three-eighths of an inch.

Varied.

Stock.—(1) It is quite natural for the crested cock that is moulting to be out of song, but it does not by any means follow that sending a bird a long journey should throw it into moult. Indeed, provided the bird was in good condition and proper care taken in packing, it ought not to have done so. Keep it in a comfortable place, quite free from draughts, allow it free opportunities for bathing, feed liberally, and thus try to get it through the moult in good condition, and without a break, when it will undoubtedly come in song again in the course of a few weeks after the moult is over. (2) The cause of the two young dying was probably that they had an attack of diarrhœa, and through getting too weak to push forward for feeding were passed over by the hen, who would mainly devote her attention to the strongest bird, with the result that this one rapidly jumped away from the rest in size, and strength and not only deprived them of food, but helped to crush them to death. It is not uncommon for some hens to specially favour certain youngsters and neglect the rest. Had you noticed she was doing this in time, you might have transferred them to foster parents, and saved them. She may prove a much better feeder next year, and is certainly worth giving another chance, but you have done quite right to stop her breeding for this season. Keep her over the winter in a large flight, where she gets plenty of good exercise. Better luck next time.

How to Economise.

F. Cook.—With only one pair of birds there is, as you say, a considerable amount of waste of egg. Instead of running only one pair of better birds next year, have at the very least one cock and two hens, and run the cock alternately with both hens. This would only entail the initial extra outlay of one hen, and as one egg a day would still be more than is necessary when they are breeding, I should advise you to go a little further still and keep a pair of your own common birds, and breed with them next season, in order to have them available to use as feeders for the better class birds, in case the latter should prove bad feeders. If they were not required for this purpose you would still have the young to dispose of as singers or feeders. With the four hens breeding one egg each day would just about be sufficient to keep them going nicely with little or no waste at all, save, perhaps, a little of the white, and they could, therefore, be run on practically the same number of eggs which you would require for a single pair. To keep the egg fresh all day you should boil the egg in the morning, when cold carefully peel off rather more than half the shell, cut the peeled half off with a keen knife, so as to make a clean cut, and turn the other half face downwards on a clean plate, place a cup over it, and keep it thus in a cold place until required in the afternoon. When using it to prepare the afternoon supply of food, peel off and discard any portion that has not been fully protected from air by the shell. You may, of course, use the prepared yolk, as advised in the book you have, but in using any proprietary article of food always obtain it direct from the maker, to ensure the greatest amount of freshness. If you use the puppy biscuits it is not necessary to grind them. Put the required quantity on a plate, pour over them just as much hot water as they will absorb, allow to stand until quite soft all through, then pour off surplus water, press as dry as possible, stir into a crumbly mass, and—well, there you are.

Airy Nothings.

J.S.—I can only surmise that what you describe as "wind eggs" are simply shellless eggs, and as they have been so persistent, there can be no doubt that the hen is either a weakly one generally, or suffers from some weakness of the lower portion of the oviduct. Do not allow her to go to nest again this year. Turn her into a good, large flight cage, where she can get plenty of vigorous exercise throughout the winter. After the moulting is over, feed her on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give separately a pinch of hemp, among the bulk of which you have mixed just a sprinkling of inga and linseed, twice a week. On two other days give a small piece of sponge cake which may be varied now and again with a scrap of bread and milk, or a little egg food. Place a small cube of hard, common salt in the wires for her to peck at when "so disposed," and keep a flake of cuttlefish suspended in the cage, and the floor strewn with gritty sand. Keep her on this treatment throughout the winter, and when she begins to moult see that she goes through with it. Remove her to a warm and equable room, if necessary, to bring about the completion of the moult without any interruption, and quickly. About once a week give twenty drops of chemical food in the water, and for a fortnight before mating her next spring give the chemical food twice each week, and add to it five drops of tincture of myrrh.

An Aviary.

Novice, Dalston.—You will certainly find yourself rather cramped, I think, in running six pairs in cages in the suggested aviary. The best way I can see for you to manage it is to wire off a portion of the north side about two feet deep, with a division midway between ceiling and floor, to form two large flights for the young birds, and then arranging the breeding cages on the back wall between the flights and the south side. The floor itself should be well concreted to help keep out rats and mice. The window in the south side might be rather smaller than you suggest, say, two feet by two feet six inches—with a panel in the centre to open inwards on a ratchet similar to a greenhouse "light." The two front windows should also be made to open on this principle, and some egress holes for ventilation should be made in each end at the highest point near the roof, or, better still, you might stop the real roof two inches short of the back wall, and superimpose a second cover board over this about six inches wide, and one inch above the actual roof. Whether the structure would be warm enough in winter without heating depends solely upon the locality and the surroundings. If in a fairly well sheltered place, any hardy variety of Canary should succeed without heat, if you are careful to exclude damp, but as the birds will be in cages, I would not advise you to try the first experiment with valuable specimens. You should also be careful to procure only birds which have been cold-room reared. In any case, I will not advise you to use an oil stove in such a small place—the risk is altogether too great for my liking. If you desire to heat it, make a little separate wooden structure outside to contain the stove, and lead pipes from it into and around the house, and out again at the roof, thereby doing away with any fumes, smoke, or smell, within the house.

Stuck in Moult.

H.M.—If, as I read your letter to mean, the bird has stopped moulting, and is not now dropping any feathers, it is almost certain to have contracted a chill by some means, even though you say your room is free from draughts. Keep the bird now in a fairly warm place, where the temperature is fairly regular and steady day and night, and see that draught or chills from any source are rigorously avoided. Give a liberal supply of maw seed daily for a week or so, and add to its drinking water daily twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of saffron for a week, during which time also add a slight dusting of flower of sulphur to its egg food on two occasions, with an interval of two days between each dose. If this does not re-start the moult in the course of a week, give it a vapour bath at the end of that time by placing its cage on a table with a mug of very hot water standing in front in such a position that the bird cannot dip its beak in, and cover cage and mug all over with a thick wool shawl or wrap, so as to confine the steam in the cage. After about ten minutes remove the mug, but leave the cover over the cage for another twenty minutes. Be careful not to expose the bird to a chill for a day or two after this. It is best to keep a light linen cover over the cage for a day or two.

Cause of Young Dying.

J. Wood.—Your query is too vague for me to found any definite opinion upon. Young dying at ten days' old may be due to quite a large variety of causes, which may be the fault of the birds, or the food, or your own management generally. As you only mention giving eggs and Canary seed as the birds' food I am inclined to think that the fault really does lie with your method of feeding and management. If you have any more young about hatching now, I would advise you to add a little summer rape to the staple diet of Canary seed, and do not begin to give egg food until the young are due to hatch. Then give it only in small quantities—a teaspoonful per pair each day is quite sufficient for the first two or three days—and after the first day add at least an equal bulk of moist bread crumbs, or crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, to the egg. After the third day give a supply of green food freshly gathered twice a day, and a week or so later add a supply of cracked hemp. Keep all food and water vessels scrupulously clear, cages ditto, and never give any stale food, or allow any such to remain in cages. By observing these few simple rules you should rear every chick that is hatched, provided the parents are healthy and good feeders. If you have no eggs now being sat upon, do not encourage the birds to go to nest again.

Young Dying.

C. Walker.—If you still have birds die after putting them on the following treatment, I should certainly advise you to send one for post-mortem, to set any doubt as to the nature of the disease at rest. But be sure you despatch it as quickly as possible after death. Any birds that are now ill put on a diet of plain Canary seed only, as a staple, with a fairly liberal supply of seedy chickweed, shepherd's purse, or plantain stalks, and every second day give about the equivalent of half a teaspoonful per bird of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. Continue this for a week, and give nothing else in the way of food. In the drinking water during the same time give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and every alternate day for the rest of the week, and on the alternate days during the latter period give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this time add about a fifth part of the bulk of summer rape to the Canary seed for staple diet, and every third day give a pinch of mixture of hemp, inga, maw, and towards the end of the moulting season a few grains of linseed amongst it. Every second day give a little green food, and twice a week only a little plain egg food, or sponge cake (not with sherry), or a scrap of bread and milk. In the drinking water for the second week give six drops of tincture or gentian and two of tincture of steel. Keep the cages scrupulously clean, strewn with gritty sand, out of reach of draughts, and allow the birds to bathe freely. I would not advise you to move the birds to any outdoor shed whilst the moult is pending, and so near. In many cases it is already well in progress. After it is over, and the weather favourable, the change would probably prove beneficial, provided the shed is free from draughts and damp, and properly ventilated. The samples of hemp and rape are both very good, the latter especially. The former contains a few rancid grains, but the bulk is of very good quality. Certainly, old rape seed, within reason, and provided it is properly stored and kept, is much preferable to new seed.

Brevities.

What Is It? (N.B.).—Judging from your description I should say the bird is a Cinnamon, though without seeing the bird I would not say so definitely. It is just possible it may be a Norwich Green. In either case, the white feather in tail would be a detriment to the value of the bird. Glad to know you now recognise the value of the deposit system.

Hen Plucking Young (South Devon).—Sorry I cannot give you more helpful advice, but there is really no remedy for a hen which plucks the quills off her chicks as fast as they appear. Prevention is the only practical thing, and if the young have left the nest this is easy enough by placing them in a nursery cage and hanging the latter on the front of the breeder so that the parents can feed the youngsters through the wires. If the young are not old enough to leave the nest, the only thing to do is to transfer them to a more careful hen or hens which have young about the same age. Tie a bit of thick ravelled string on the wires, and stick in a cube of rind of boiled bacon, and see if this will act.

Those Draughts Again (Novice).—Perhaps the chief reason the medicine you have used has not removed the effects of the bird being placed in a draught is that you have not taken proper precautions to prevent a repetition of this cause. See reply to "M. T. W.," and give the bird the medicine therein advised two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week. Above all, see that the cause is removed. I should advise you to feed on a staple of three parts Canary seed to one part summer rape during moult in preference to the more elaborate mixture you are using, and reserve this mixture to give a little as an extra two or three times a week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Young Goldfinches.

E. E.—If you take the young Goldies out of the nest you will, of course, have to hand-feed them until they can "pick" for themselves (I presume you are aware of this). They do not need anything in the way of "chemicals"; good food is far better than medicine. You should experience no difficulty in getting them on to seed. They do not require any "getting," in fact, strictly speaking, for like young Mules and young Canaries, they naturally begin to pick up for themselves when at the right age. When they are hopping about, the food should be given in a shallow, good-sized pan placed on the cage floor, and should consist of lightly cracked Canary, hemp, and summer rape seeds, with some maw seed and a few cracked groats (or very coarse oatmeal), and these seeds should be mixed among egg food. The proportion of seed should not be too high at first; but gradually increase it in quantity. When you see the young taking the seed freely, stop cracking the hemp. Of course, you will gradually reduce the quantity of soft food, until you can leave it out altogether. I also give seeding tops of shepherd's purse, and chickweed freely; they are the first things young birds will "nibble" at.

Young Linnet Mules.

Novice.—The young Linnet Mules (the cocks) will come a brighter colour with the moult. If intended for exhibition, then they ought certainly to be colour-fed. Don't take them away from the hen so long as they "call" to be fed (a wired slide may be between them, if desirable). Note the reply given "E.E." this week. Further, after separation from the hen, feed them on the lines advised this querist. As they get well on to seed, they should be fed more plainly than when just leaving "mother." At the same time they want to have a good proportion of seeds rich in frame-building elements. It is not necessary to give soft food of any kind if colour feeding is not being indulged in; a little once or twice a week does no harm, however. A few sunflower seeds daily (cracked only if necessary) are real good for growing Mules; likewise a few groats. They can be thrown on the sand-tray. The stock seed mixture should be: Canary and teazle two parts each, summer rape one part, hemp and linseed a half-part each, by measure. A little of the other seeds occasionally as "tit-bits" (especially maw). Seeding green food (not coarse leaves), such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel tops, is excellent. I use them freely.

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An Exhibition Redpoll.

J. S.—The "standard" of points for the Redpoll, as given in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, is as follows: Size, 20; shape, fairly stout, and to stand as erect as possible, 15; markings, all the markings to be clear and well-defined: those on the breast to be as plentiful as possible; the wings to be well carried, showing a distinct bar, 30; condition and colour deep and rich as possible, 25; steadiness, 10; total, 100. Replying to your questions, it does not necessarily follow that the largest bird will win. Personally, I think that in the "Lesser" Redpoll, size is quite a secondary consideration. I should imagine that the bird you have and describe, would be a very likely prize-winner; the dense, well-defined "bib" is a very good point in its favour. When house-moulted, the red on head and breast is lost, and judges do not "go for" birds showing this red in preference to others; just the contrary, in fact, though a good bird in field plumage stands an excellent chance of getting into the prize list. The correct, up-to-date show cage is the No. I size, N.B.B. and M.C. pattern Finch show cage, which any maker of repute will supply. The wires and inside woodwork should be very dark (holly) green; outside woodwork black.

Six about Waxwings.

W. S. Junr.—1. The Waxwing is, roughly speaking, about the size of the Song Thrush. They are difficult to sex; this was dealt with at length the other week by Mr. Finn in his "Ornithological Oddments" column. 2. Waxwings are "born tame," and no trouble to steady. They are not more generally kept because they are hard to get. The supply is very uncertain (most are imported from the continent), and this last year or two they have been very scarce. In my opinion they are very beautiful and attractive. 3. They are not seed-eaters at all, but insectivorous birds, requiring a good soft food mixture, with live-food, ripe, sweet fruit (such as bananas), and berries in season. You cannot have read recent CAGE BIRDS very closely, for there has been an article dealing with these birds; and I have myself in this column gone fully into their feeding. 4. They are thoroughly hardy, and there is a chance of breeding them in an outdoor aviary 8 ft. long by 8 ft. wide by 6 ft. high. 5. The price varies according to the supply. I do not know of any at all in the market at present. There were a few selling a month or two back at about 30s. each; extra good, well-caged specimens would cost you more. You cannot get a "nest of young"; they do not breed in England. 6. They are very harmless birds, I find; but have never tried keeping them with Zebra Finches, etc. I feel certain they would not hurt them; but big and little birds are best kept separate.

The Blackcap Warbler.

Mrs. Fane.—A healthy house-moulted Blackcap Warbler will certainly sing through the winter months, and you ought to get some music from the bird just purchased. They do not want keeping too warm; just protected from feeling the extreme cold of winter. The stock food should be that I recommend for small insectivorous birds, viz., powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, two parts, dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or, more generally, part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, occasionally, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Ripe fruit should also enter largely into the menu; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes. Remember that the Blackcap is passionately fond of fruit, either mixed with the soft food or, preferably, hung up in the cage, or wires, or, better still, given in a separate dish.

Concerning Mules.

Stocher.—1. You should ask some experienced fancier to show you how to distinguish buff Mules from yellows. It is the only practical way to acquire the knowledge; and even then only length of experience can help you to tell for certain. I can say this: If you have a young light Mule a "pale yellow colour" (vide your description), it is most certainly a yellow (or jonque, as it is termed). Buff light Mules (when young and non-fed) are more the colour of white notepaper than anything else. Of the dark Mules, you may have two buffs and one yellow, or two hens and one cock. I couldn't say for certain without seeing them; more probably, however, the former. 2. Goldie Mules do not show any "blaze" until they moult, which is in the back-end of the season in which they are born. Linnet Mules (and all others) also acquire their adult colours at this moult. The Linnet Mules you mention are "light" Mules, strictly speaking; but "spoilt dark Mules" would better describe them. 3. When the young are put into the "nursery" (when the hen is about to build again) she must certainly be given food as usual with which to continue feeding the young through the wires. The young Mules can be caged singly as soon as they can properly feed themselves. My own, however, I run into flight cages, so that they may have exercise. 4. I cannot tell the cause of the death of the Goldfinch; only a post-mortem examination could have revealed it. Maybe he ruptured some vital organ; say, broke a blood-vessel. I think this highly likely, seeing that the eggs were fertile; had he been ailing they would most likely have proved clear. Pleased to hear you have had a good season, and found our advice so useful.

Bullfinches and Tunes.

H. M. P.—As I have said in the past, I regret I have had no personal experience of teaching Bullfinches tunes. Have never had the time to devote to it. I have read of several fanciers (mostly lady bird-lovers) who have tried their hand at it, and the result has seldom been completely satisfactory. Only a small percentage, in fact, of the Bullfinches one tries to teach can be expected to become proficient. That fact is confirmed by the number of "broken pipers" (failures, to put it bluntly) annually sent over to the English market from Germany. The Germans (I believe I am correct in so terming them) are great at teaching these birds to pipe tunes. There are regular "schools" where they are taught, and large numbers of nestling (or hand-reared) Bullies are located therein. The birds are taught over a period of some months. A bird-organ or bird-flute (stocked by many English dealers), or ordinary flute or clarionet, are used to repeat the tune it is desired the birds should acquire. They should hear no other sound while the lesson is in progress, and the tune should always be played without variation and in the same time. Even when once thoroughly learned, it is advisable to play it over to them occasionally, and their memory should always be refreshed during the moulting period. The very early morning before the bird has had anything to eat, is the best time to give a lesson, during which he should be kept in the dark (say covered by a cloth). There is really no stated time each lesson must last—that is bounded more or less by the patience of the teacher—but a quarter of an hour is the minimum. The bird, of course, should be covered up several times during the day, and, when all is quiet and the bird settled down, the lesson be repeated. Some birds learn much more quickly than others (many, of course, not at all), and a tit-bit of some kind should always reward any attempt on the scholar's part to repeat his "lesson." Hand-reared Bullies are essential. If the pupil were not taken from the nest, he would have acquired the usual Bullfinch ditty. Hen Bullies, by the way, make just as good pipers as the male birds.

Brevities.

Young Lark Ailing (Coatbridge).—Your note is too brief to be of much help to me. Are you feeding the bird correctly, giving live food, chopped green stuff, and a really good insectivorous mixture? If it is any throat or mouth trouble, then giving for a few days drinking water coloured light red by the addition of a few drops of Condy's Fluid would be excellent. If it is weakness, then the need of better feeding is indicated.

A Swelling (Thrush).—You should get half-ounce of colourless tincture of iodine from a chemist and paint the swelling lightly with this twice daily, using a tiny camel-hair brush to do it with. Keep the iodine off the surrounding parts.

Two Items (E.J.D.).—1. The seed-mixture is good, but contains no teazle seed—a serious omission. Add half as much teazle as there is Canary seed. 2. The room would hold about 40 birds, but it is always best to keep well under the limit, especially so if breeding results are desired. Glad to know you like CAGE BIRDS so much.

In an Aviary (Marple).—In your four-foot indoor aviary a Canary, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Redpoll should agree very well; the Greenfinch is doubtful. A Siskin would be better. Don't try to keep pairs. A Green Singing Finch and a Grey Singing Finch (foreign birds, these) would make an excellent addition; quite the best you could choose to meet your requirements.

Stopped Singing (Novice).—You have nothing to be alarmed at. It is safe to say that your birds have stopped singing because they are on the verge of moulting. This is quite natural, as the moulting season is now here; the sooner they moult the better, in fact, it is for them. Keep them in an equable temperature and out of all draughts. They will not sing again until the moult is over. Do not give too much hemp, but add a little teazle and summer rape seeds to their mixture.

A Thrush (Rellen, S.W.).—1. Treat the lump as advised "Thrush" this week. Are you feeding the bird aright, giving chopped green food, or grated raw carrot amongst its stock food daily? This may be the cause, inducing "over-heated blood." 2. Lack of vegetable ingredient may also be the cause of this. If there is pronounced straining when voiding the excreta, dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will cover a shilling.

A Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid (A. Penman).—The Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid is far from being rare. Two or three were exhibited at the last Crystal Palace Show, but stood no chance against more attractive-looking crosses, such as the Siskin-Goldfinch, Redpoll-Goldfinch, etc. A large number of Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrids have been bred from time to time.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Will Foreigners Eat Plantain.

Crystal.—I have seen Foreign Buntings eat these seeds, but cannot call to mind having seen the Ornamental Finches and Waxbills do so—groundsel beats, chickweed and more especially seeding grass being the green food most favoured. Plantain costs nothing save the trouble of gathering, and even if they do not eat it, it should give them beneficial exercise in picking it over. Plantain cannot compare with spray millet for Waxbills, etc. Plantain is ready for gathering when fully ripe, but before being dried up, it appears to be rather late this year. All Foreign Finches and Waxbills are, more or less, fond of ripe fruit, such as apple, pear, banana or orange—consult their taste.

Budgerigars Not Breeding.

F. J. Cockerton.—(1) I always prefer a box cage to any other type; it gives the birds a certain amount of privacy, and also makes them fairly secure against draught. (2) It will not be necessary to board up the front; fix a husk at each end of the cage. (3) Yes, considering that I have seen them breeding in an open cage, only 1½ ft. cube, in a crowded dealer's shop, they should succeed well enough in your room; it is, however, good practice not to pry into their domestic arrangements too much. (4) It is quite true that when a number of pairs are kept together they stimulate one another, and breeding results are quicker and better, but a single pair in your cage will ultimately settle down and breed freely. You will, however, have to exercise a little more patience than you would do if they were loose in a room, or roomy outdoor aviary. There is no royal road to breeding Foreign birds, however freely a species breeds; you cannot do with them as you do with Canaries—times and seasons are so very variable, birds have to get accustomed to climatic conditions. However, if you thoughtfully carry out the instructions given in booklet, your birds should ultimately rear you a fairly numerous progeny.

Mules and Hybrids.

Pharos.—(1) Many crosses have already been raised between various Finches, etc., such as Spice, Finch and Bengalese, Bronzewing and Magpie Mannikin, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Zebra Finch and Diamond Finch, Zebra Finch and Silverbill, and also others. I cannot call to mind any case in which the Java Sparrow has crossed with other species; you could try it with the Red-headed Finch. The Alario Finch, St. Helena Seed-eater, Grey and Green Singing Finches, have all crossed with the Canary. Almost any species of *Serinus* would cross with the Canary. I should say conditions, difficulty, etc., would be about the same as when crossing various British Finches with one another and also with Canaries; the element of uncertainty looms very large in such cases, yet successes are fairly numerous. Many people are very fond of an abnormality, and they certainly would have a value, provided the supply did not become too large, which is hardly likely. Note: When attempting such crosses do not overcrowd, it is almost inviting failure.

Foreign Bird Queriists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Java Sparrows, etc.

H. C. White.—(1) The white hen, which is slightly splashed, will do well enough for crossing with a Grey Java, and should breed in any outdoor aviary unless it is very overcrowded. (2) Some individuals are very erratic with their first broods, but afterwards settle down all right. There may be two possible causes, parasites or mice; if neither of these probable causes exist, simply leave the birds to themselves and they will settle down a little later. It is quite true that naturally they commence to sit with the first egg. No, I should not mix clutch, neither should I be very curious. (3) I should say the yellow hen is very weak, and that the weakness is probably congenital. She will probably lay, but if things are as I suspect her progeny are not worth rearing; either keep her as a cage pet or turn her loose to take her chance. (4) In hot weather birds gape or yawn a good deal, and also when suffering from indigestion. Try Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one teaspoonful to each ounce of water) every third day for a fortnight. (5) Keep one or two turfs of grass handy, and put one of these in the aviary (it can be changed daily), after saturating it with water through a rose, the birds will come out at intervals and roll in this, and thus mitigate the effects of too dry heat; otherwise you are doing all you can to keep it cool. Under such conditions drop the husks from six to twelve inches from the roof.

Breeding Pairs for Aviary.

Beginner.—You do not give size of aviary, and I have not your previous query by me. Waxbills and Avadavats, while not hopeless, are very uncertain breeders save in large natural aviaries; they are, however, very handsome, and owing to their minuteness occupy scarcely any space, and do not interfere with the breeding arrangement of other birds. I cannot say how many you have room for, but Zebra Finches, White Java Sparrows, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches are all fairly ready breeders in captivity. From your list, the Cut-throats, Silverbills, and Bengalese are those most likely to breed. Have plenty of twiggy branches on the back and sides of your aviary and fix your nesting husks, baskets, and boxes behind these. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1s. 1d. post free from this office) very helpful, several useful types of nest boxes are figured therein.

Budgerigar Holding up Foot.

Donald.—Many species of birds—in fact, almost all—when resting use first one foot and then the other, but if your bird does this when pausing in the midst of activity, feeding, etc., then I should certainly say either there is some sore or it is slightly strained; in the latter case it will be best to leave nature to do its own work, if the former it must be caught up and caged separately and its foot held in quite warm water, well cleansed, and any humour removed by gentle pressure, afterwards anointing with a little healing ointment. It will certainly do no harm with this bird to make its drinking water (glass or crock drinking vessel) just saline with Epsom salts, repeating this after an interval of three days. Let it have a small turf to play about with and supply seeding grass *ad lib.*

What Parrot?

Grove House.—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet. You should always ascertain how it has been fed when purchasing it, and if the dietary is unsuitable then wean it gradually from same, as sudden changes are very harmful. However, diet it as follows:—Seed mixture, Canary, white millet, hemp, oats, wheat, sunflower and small maize in about equal parts; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also give ripe fruit (consult its taste), nuts, plain biscuit, and a little green food, lettuce, etc. Do not on any account give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage and supply grit and water for drinking and bathing regularly. Give the bird, say, three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), with three days between each dose. When not giving the magnesia, and continue it for a month or more, make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Finches and Budgerigars, etc.

Novice, Leeds.—Provided you can eliminate draught and damp, it will do well enough to keep the birds in; to mitigate extremes of temperature I should advise the covering of nearly the whole of the roof with felt. The Canaries and Waxbills, with Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Bronze-wing Mannikins, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Silverbills, Diamond Finches, and Red and Green Avadavats, will all agree together. You must have two enclosures, one each for the Finches and Budgerigars, the Finches' enclosure to be one-third larger than that for the Budgies. In the Finches' enclosure supply Canary, white and spray millet, and in small quantities hemp and sunflower seed, a few oats, and a little paddy rice also daily; green food, ripe fruit, and if they have young to feed a saucer of some good soft food mixture daily. For the Budgies supply Canary, white and spray millet, oats, green food (grass in flower, lettuce, etc.). Confine British birds to Gold and Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Twites, and Grey Linnets, only one pair of each. You must apply to our Mr. G. E. Weston for the dietary of the latter.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Catching Mice (R. Hunter).—We have already utilised this idea.

A Letter (W. Reid).—The letter has been duly addressed and posted.

A Correction (F. Vincent).—We have duly made the correction, and regret the error should have been a "very annoying" one to you.

A Letter (H. A. Shelbourn).—The letter has been addressed and forwarded. Mr. J. Raynes is the secretary of the Cage Bird Union, and his address is 9, Richmond-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

With Bird-Lime (G. S. Alfreton).—We have frequently stated that there is no law which prevents bird-lime being used in the catching of birds at the proper season. The police (or other persons) can only take action if they can prove unnecessary cruelty on the part of the user.

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The Feeding and Keeping of Linnets in Health.

SIR,—Could any of your readers inform me of the best way to keep a Linnet? I have been much interested re the arguments in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, concerning Linnet singing in the north and south; but if these Linnet fanciers would give me their mode of feeding and keeping a Linnet in good health I would be much obliged.

SPARTIE.

A Question for Users of Long Clap Nets.

SIR,—Would any kind reader having experience in the working of clap nets, measuring from 15 to 20 yards long, kindly inform me, through your columns, how to prevent the "sag" or "belly" in the long top gearing lines of these nets? Do they need an additional pair of poles in the centre to keep them tight and well stretched out? If I pull the top lines extremely tight in setting them, the strain, in pulling the nets over, is very great indeed, and their speed is, I believe, lessened. If I set them in the ordinary way, everything works satisfactorily, except that they fail to lap over each other properly in the centre. Allowing a good overlap of 18 inches is one partial remedy, but the "sag" in the centre is an eye-sore under these conditions.

QUERIST.

The Language of a Parrot.

Polly and the Shirts.

SIR,—Just a few lines *re* the letters on "The Language of a Parrot," which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS for the last two weeks. This is quite an old experience, not only of mine, but of every soldier who has had any experience of India. May I be allowed to offer a few more? "Pretty Polly dressed in green, going to 'Blyte' to see the Queen." "Blyte" in Hindocstani means England. Another is "Pretty Polly, pretty dear, all the way from far Cashmere." But how many of them see it (Cashmere)? These sayings of the Indian Parrot from the plains bring to memory the following tale:—Soldiers, as a rule, have "kit" inspection every month or so, the same being inspected generally by the officer in charge of the company, battery, or squadron. The captain who was inspecting this time happened to pass a man's bed with all his kit laid on it, and, of course, everything was in apple-pie order. But, just for curiosity, I suppose, he thought he would look at the shirts to see if they were in good order. He went to pick one up, but before he could do so Polly shouted out: "Shake 'em up, Captain; they're all rags." He wondered wherever the advice came from, as this particular man was away from his bed at the time. So he told the sergeant-major to find out who had said it so as to haul the man over the coals. You should have seen his face when the sergeant-major told him it was the Parrot; he nearly had a fit. Ever after that Polly was minus at "kit" inspection. In all my experience with Parrots I have never come up to one to beat the Indian "Plains" Parrot, and the reason is not far to seek, as soldiers teach them in their unlimited spare time during the summer and monsoon weather, when they may be procured as fledgelings, even building in one's own house as the Sparrows do in England.

BERT.

The Yellow Bunting and its Haunts.

SIR,—The Yellow Bunting, or Yellowhammer as it is commonly called, is one of the handsomest of the Bunting family. It has but little song, and this is commonly translated into "a little bit of bread and no cheese." It is most plentiful in the agricultural districts, as it is particularly fond of oats and especially white oats. In the winter it can be seen in flocks in fields where there is stock feeding on hay, as they feed a great deal in frosty weather on the different kinds of grass seeds. They also like a little insect food, such as spiders, flies, and other small insects. It is a rather shy bird and is not often seen in the villages, except in very severe weather. It may be seen in the farmyards with other small birds. The Yellow Buntings are most commonly found in by-roads and lanes leading to fields where they generally choose their breeding places. The nest is built on banks under a hedge in some rough grass, and consists of dry grass, being lined with small fibres and horse hair. The hen lays about four eggs of a good size and rather heavily marked with streaks and spots, the ground colour being a dirty white. The birds commence breeding about the middle of May and continue until late in the summer. The Yellowhammers can be easily kept in confinement. They are very hardy and very clean in cages when they get accustomed to cage life. They are rather small eaters and their staple diet should be some good Spanish Canary seed (which they prefer to any other seed), with a few good white oats and a few sunflower seeds occasionally slightly crushed. They are also very fond of mealworms, flies, and spiders; those are the best tit-bits for taming the Bunting. They also make a very attractive addition to the aviary, as they are not at all quarrelsome; they may be kept with any other small birds. Their sex differences may be easily distinguished when the birds are in their adult plumage, the males showing the yellow markings on the heads. In the breeding season their heads are almost yellow, the females only showing faint markings on the head, not discernible except under close observation. The young resemble the females in their nest feather. It is a difficult job to get a good show specimen, as they differ so much in head markings, and this plays a prominent part. I prefer a bird with a good stout body and full neck and head. The back should be of a rich chestnut colour showing the dark lacing distinctly, the wings showing two distinct yellowish bars. The head should be a very deep yellow with good black markings running from the base of the top mandible well back over the head; there should be another running from the eye, and yet another from the base of the lower mandible well back round the head almost meeting the other markings at the back of the head. The yellow should be as clear and as bright as possible between the markings, and it should be well cut round the throat. The under part of the body should be of a rich yellowish brown, showing distinct markings down the sides. The birds can be much improved by being given a little colour-food; it brightens the yellow and gives them a good finish.

OLD FANCIER.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—Mr. Woolhouse's letter makes a lot of reading, though it has nothing to do with my letter, which was entirely concerning the statements emanating from this society. I was glad to see that I was not alone in my way of thinking. I should not have answered Mr. Woolhouse's effusion, only he asks for "assistance." He states that the unforeseen circumstance (weather) and, incidentally, the gate, was the cause of the deficit of £30. Did he anticipate an influx of visitors to the extent of 2,000 or more? My advice to this gentleman (and, I see, chairman of committee) is: "Learn to crawl before you walk, and learn to walk before you run." Take this as a motto for the ensuing year. If you can't pay the winners the money they are entitled to, write and tell them so. They will think more of you for that. Don't let them write and write without even a reply, and then, as a last resource, make you the cynosure of all eyes. I *can* distinguish between "grit" and "bluff," which is just where we differ. Fanciers generally only resort to the Press when all other measures fail. Don't guarantee anything without you are sure of meeting your liabilities. Most shows would be a success if they did not pay out. Don't let some have their winnings and some none at all. Don't brag, but be consistent. And don't threaten when you cannot pay the winning exhibitors the money you have owed them almost a year. Above all:—Play the game.

J. HALLIDAY.

SIR,—In reply to Messrs. Rodgers and Woolhouse, I learn from them that the special which Mr. Langley claims, has been won by Mr. Cory, of Birkenhead, so I see no reason to continue this controversy longer. I think that enough has appeared in your columns to convince the Fancy generally that it has been an oversight, which cannot always be avoided by the most careful. I am pleased that Dulwich O.S. have got the better of their difficulties, and hope their next show will prove a success. In conclusion, allow me to thank you for the way you have allowed us, in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, to clear up this error.

C. DUKES.
Sec. Warrington C.B.S.

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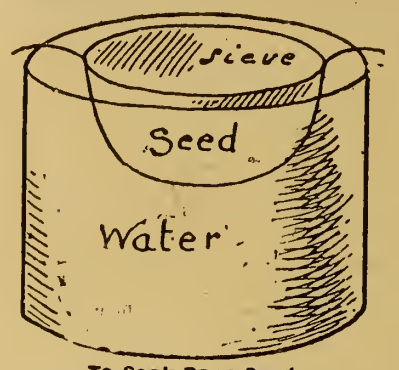
An Irish Fancier's Successful Commencement.

SIR,—In looking over your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, I came across letters by fanciers giving their success in breeding Canaries this year, and venture to let you know of mine. This is my first season, and I commenced with two pairs of Norwich Plainheads. In the first round I got one nest of three and one of six, and in the second round one nest of each six and seven (six cocks and one hen), making the total 22. Not bad for two rounds by a beginner, I think, and I have some nice birds in the third round. I must admit that I owe much of my success to the valuable information I have got from CAGE BIRDS, and I wish the paper the success in future that has attended it in the past.

Belfast. T. J. MCMILLAN.

How to Soak Rape and Other Seeds Without waste.

SIR,—The enclosed sketch shows how to soak rape seeds, etc., and prevent waste when changing the water. Get an ordinary coffee sieve and fasten a small piece of wire on each



To Soak Rape Seed.

side (see sketch). Place the seed in the sieve and then place in position in jars of water. You can then take out the quantity of seed required, and change the water when requisite without any waste of seed.

LAWRENCE TAYLOR.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank Mr. George Rostron, and also "London Fancier," for replying to my letter *re* quality song versus racing in Linnets. Mr. Rostron's letter is extremely interesting, but he made one little mistake—*i.e.*, he says: "Linnet Fancier" wants to know if the birds in the North have their own song, or whether they are trained under a Roller Canary or artificial instrument, etc. It was "London Fancier" asked this question, not me. Mr. Rostron also seems to think London racing and London time singing is one and the same style. They are entirely different, for racing is a style in which the birds have to sing what the Londoners call good notes, and get as many chalks for good songs as possible in the 10 minutes, while the time singers sing anything, good, bad, or indifferent—mostly the latter two—and the bird stopping first is "out," or, in other words, loses. All the other part of Mr. Rostron's letter is strictly true and very interesting. *Re* "London Fancier's" letter, he says he don't want any telling as to what part of the country I come from. I presume he thinks from the North. If so, he is mistaken. Now have a try, "London Fancier," and say just what part I do hail from, as you think it is so easy. With the exception of this, I agree with the greater part of "London Fancier's" last and interesting letter, and thank him for giving particulars of the London style. He says that the best London Linnets he heard about 30 years ago, and adds that they were trained under the Skylark, Titlark, or Woodlark, but the old fanciers dying, this strain was lost. Of course, I believe all "London Fancier" says, but I should like to ask, why could not Linnets be kept and trained under Titlarks, Skylarks, and Woodlarks now as well as then, and thus get the best song back, even if there was only one or two good birds out of twenty? "Linnet Fancier" seems to agree with the Northern men in one thing, *i.e.*, he admits the Linnet is a mocking bird and takes its song from other birds (principally from the Skylark), but Mr. H. W. Barnard boldly comes out in last issue with the assertion that the Linnet is *not* a mocking bird, and has its own song from the nest. Somebody must be wrong; who is it? One thing I know is, that where the Leeds and Blackburn men get one "crack," the Londoners get a score. So if scarcity counts for anything, then the Northern men have the best song birds; for even if Mr. Rostron does have his fresh caught birds from the South, I dare say he only gets an occasional good bird out of several dozen. Is it not so, Mr. Rostron? Was sorry to hear Mr. Barnard say that if Northern style of quality singing was introduced to London he for one would stop singing. Not if it was found to be superior to your own style, surely, Mr. Barnard, for I presume that even in Linnet singing you would sooner go forward than stand still? Mr. Barnard claims the Northern birds are only fit for bird catching. But further on in his letter he claims that his own birds, with a totally different song, are just as good for catching as the Leeds birds are. I don't think so. I have heard it said that any song will do for bird catching. If so, how is it that a good catcher is worth more pounds than an ordinary bird is worth shillings, or even pence? I have caught thousands of Linnets in my time, and I find one good bird is worth a hundred ordinary birds. I claim that any bird that can "sing down" a flock of Linnets and keep them down, or twist them about as he pleases, must have some good notes.

LINNET FANCIER.

SIR,—Kindly correct a printer's error respecting the Linnet song North and South. It should be "widdle," "widdle," in place of "biddle," etc.

H. W. BARNARD.

My Cockatoo.

A Young Fancier's Quaint Pet.

SIR,—I think perhaps your readers might like to hear of my Cockatoo. He is a Solomon Island Cockatoo. He is my own, and loves me so much. I carry him about, and sometimes he sits on my shoulder and arranges my hair, and kisses my face in his way. He will follow me about, and runs fast after me if I pretend to run away. Sometimes I sit on the floor and read, and he will turn the pages of my book and try to do as I do. If I have a newspaper he gets under it and rolls on his back and plays about just like a kitten. People are so surprised to see how clever he is and how much he loves me. He talks well, too. When he sees a stranger he says, "Hullo, hullo!" He also says, "Good old Polly," "What's the matter, then," and a lot of other things; also some naughty words when he's angry. People scarcely believe it till they hear him. I saved my money and bought him such a lovely, big, square cage. I thought he would be afraid of it, but when he saw it, he went in and shut the door! Sometimes we shut him in, and then when I am ready to play with him I let him out, and we have such fun. He rolls on my lap, and I tickle him and pretend to arrange his feathers. When I go out he shouts a horrid sound, "Raa-raa"; that's because he doesn't want me to go. And isn't he pleased when I come back. One day I will paint his picture and send you. He does look so funny. He puts one wing right in front of him and lays his head on it. Sometimes he dances, and throws his funny little crest forward and looks so quaint that everyone laughs to see his funny ways. I cannot tell you half what a clever bird he is. Mother has some nice birds, too, a lovely green Polly with a long tail and red shoulders. She is very clever, too: whistles well, says "Wake up, Mary," "What's up," "Give Polly a kiss," "Polly won't bite," etc. Mother has green and yellow Budgerigars, and Love Birds, too. I shall have lots of birds when I grow up. She also has a nice Thrush, Black Game Fowls and Pigeons. But I love Cockie; he is best of all. Cockie is a beautiful soft white, with lovely pink under his crest, and at the bottom of his feathers and by his beak. I hope my letter is not too long; I could go on writing heaps about all the birds. We like to read CAGE BIRDS so much.

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Goldfinches Rear their Young in a Bird-room.

SIR,—As we have been on our holidays, I am sorry I could not write further last week about the Goldfinches mentioned in the letter published in CAGE BIRDS of July 31. I have seen my friend, Mr. Skinner, again. The Goldfinches are now doing well for themselves, and the old ones are nesting again. The flight in which they were bred is 4ft. long by 3ft. wide by 3ft. high, wire-netted at front. They have been fed on egg and biscuit three times a day with dandelion seed, thistle heads, niga seed and hemp daily. We would like to know if your readers have known of any other Goldfinches being bred in a flight.

G. BACKHOUSE.

The Sensational Scottish Disqualification Case.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to make a reply to the letter of "A Scotchman to the Heel," which appeared in last week's issue. I beg to state that it is Mr. McQuiston's case we are interested in at present, and are only anxious to see the "mystery" explained properly. Perhaps, if the truth were known, "Scotchman" ought to say as little on the subject of borrowed birds as anyone. I don't understand what he means as to the Bullfinch being shown under a different name, and "shelved" for the same reason at a local show the Saturday previous to Dalmellington. It wasn't shown at Dalmellington show in Mr. Gemmell's name, as he wasn't allowed to enter any birds. But it was entered along with others in his mother-in-law's name. It was well enough known, however, who the birds belonged to. But would any sane man show a stained bird two Saturday's running under the same judge? "Scotchman" refers to the Battle of Bannockburn, but would it ever have been won if Robert Bruce had been as wanting in pluck as Mr. McQuiston? I should be sorry if any one thought of me as McQuiston's enemy. But why doesn't he come forward and explain his very conflicting statements and satisfy everyone? I am like a great many more when I say that I think everything is very unsatisfactory. It takes some people a long while to get "out of the wood," but both Mr. Gemmell and Mr. McQuiston seem determined to "lie low and say nuffin'." Is there more in this than meets the eye?

LOCH DOON.

The Cuckoo in Confinement.

A Bird that Withstood the Winter.

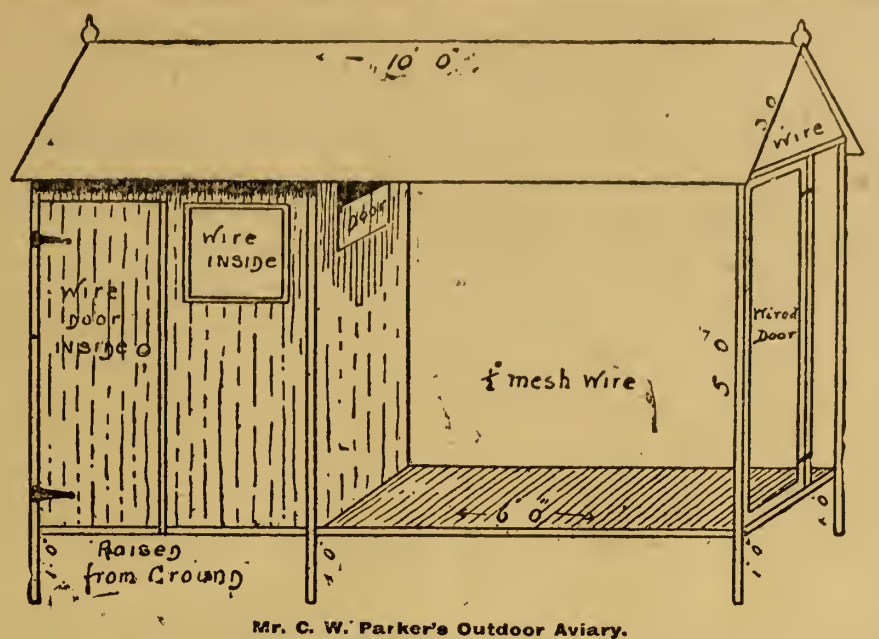
SIR,—I have read with much interest your correspondent's account of his tame Cuckoo. I am quite a novice in bird-rearing, never having had anything whatever to do with them till last year, when, amongst other birds, I had a young Cuckoo brought me in a Sparrow's nest. His eyes were not yet open. I fed him on milk and egg beaten up, out of a teaspoon first, and afterwards on chopped raw beef, hard-boiled egg, boiled greens and other scraps, much as your correspondent does (I do not give any live things, such as grubs, worms, and flies), and then an occasional caterpillar when I can get it (first killing it). When I first had it I was often told it was a Hawk, and that if it was a Cuckoo I should certainly not rear it through the winter, the young birds leaving the country usually in October. I took the bird to a well-known bird stuffer in Worcester to settle the point as to its species. He at once pointed out that a Hawk has quite a different beak, being curved, though the plumage of a young Cuckoo is somewhat similar. To-day I have carried him the half-mile on my finger to ask him to substantiate the fact for me that the bird is now about 15 months old and most intelligent and healthy. I also have a young one, I suppose about the same age as your correspondent's. Cuckoos have a great deal said about them that is not true. It would make you laugh to hear how even educated people fancy they only change their note and plumage and turn into a Hawk during the winter. I entered my Cuckoo in the November bird show here in Worcester. He attracted a good deal of attention. I am also interested in your other correspondent *re* his Thrushes, as I had one which I often let out with a couple more, as they all appeared to want to nest. In the end the female bird laid two eggs on the 9th of June on my back kitchen table. I moved them carefully into some hay, but the cock bird stocked them. Then I had a Thrush of last year's rearing also, that mothered two Cuckoo nestlings till they turned round and fought it for the tit-bits, when I removed them and gave it three more to rear; two it pecked on the top of the head and killed; and it had also pulled all the feathers from the top of the other one's head by the morning. I at once took it out, and whilst deciding where to put it opened a little Chaffinch's cage. To my astonishment the Chaffinch at once began to feed it. She has brought it up, and they are still in the same cage—the little mother and her big baby. They know their names. Of course, I had to help feed that one, but not those reared by the Thrush, which I have called "it," as I always thought it a hen, but lately it has been singing quite fine. The Chaffinch would crush hemp seeds about a dozen at a time, laying them out in a straight row; then she would pick them up one after the other very quickly, and in some mysterious way lodge them all on the outside of her beak, then stand on tip-toe to reach her big baby's mouth. I was often afraid during the winter that the Cuckoo would die. I sat up several nights with him at different times. I kept his cage covered with a blanket at night, and had a little oil stove burning slightly, so that no frost should get to him. He was often on a clothes line that runs across my little kitchen, and is at this present moment casting an inquisitive eye at me from his favourite perch. I find a difficulty in getting his wings and tail properly feathered; they are very brittle, and so soon as one or two grow nicely he breaks them off, and they bleed. The rest of his plumage is in good condition, and I am hoping that as he gets on in his second year he will be all right in these points, too. I sincerely hope your correspondent will be successful with his Cuckoo. One does not like to get fond of anything and then lose it. I love my birds, and I am quite sure they love me in return—even the Cuckoos. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, which that interesting and useful paper deserves.

E. M. SARGEANT.

Mr. T. Jones, taxidermist, Worcester, also writes to say that Mrs. Sargeant brought the tame Cuckoo to him the early part of last summer, and that he has seen it on several occasions since. On Saturday, July 31st, she carried it on her finger quite half a mile to show him; also a young one taken this season locally and given to her. They are both lively and healthy. The faulty plumage, says Mr. Jones, is probably due to the limited space in the small cottage—living room—where other birds are also free and in cages, and the food it may require, which is the present study, as the plumage of the young Cuckoo is not quite so good as when taken from the nest a few weeks ago. The very careful nursing and feeding, and no doubt the company of the other birds, tended to the keeping of the Cuckoo through last winter. Although exposed a little at the bird show in November it came to no harm.

SIR,—It gives me much pleasure to corroborate the letter of Mrs. Sargeant regarding the young Cuckoo which she has successfully reared and kept through the past winter. To-day she has carried the bird, perched on her finger, some distance through the somewhat crowded streets of our city from her home to the museum. It is, I should say, about fifteen months old, having assumed adult plumage. It is exceptionally tame (flying readily on to my shoulder and perching on my hand), and it appears quite lively and healthy, with the exception of the loss of some of its tail feathers, as mentioned by Mrs Sargeant. It would be interesting to know if any of your readers could give records of any Cuckoos that may have been kept alive in England during the winter months. I have myself tried on one or two occasions, but could never keep them alive longer than November.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS.
Curator of Museum, Worcester.



Mr. C. W. Parker's Outdoor Aviary.

Mule and Hybrid Breeding in an Outdoor Aviary.

An Interesting Account from Boston (Lincs.).

SIR,—Seeing several very interesting articles in CAGE BIRDS on Mules and Hybrids, I thought perhaps this letter might interest some of my fellow-fanciers. In the spring of this year I built an outdoor aviary and stocked it with three Greenfinches (hens), one Siskin hen, three Canary hens, one Bullie hen, one Goldfinch cock, one Linnet cock, and one Redpoll cock. In the early summer I noticed with pleasure that the Redpoll had paired with a hen Greenie, but the eggs, when laid, were unfertile. The Redpoll then took a fancy to one of the Canaries, and put her to nest. One of the eggs hatched, but the young one died when two days old. In the meantime the Redpoll had put the Greenie to nest again. She laid five eggs, two of which hatched, one two days after the other. The elder one seemed to receive no attention after this, and died, but the other got on beautifully until the second day, when to my dismay the mother had a fit and died. I was in quite a predicament, as in my birdroom I had not a single hen under which I could put the young one. As a last resort I tried hand-rearing. The bird is now three weeks old, and getting on admirably. I might mention it came out of the nest feathered when twelve days old, and seemed quite independent of my feeding; but occasionally it takes feed even now. All the birds in the aviary were caught during last winter, and I notice to-day (July 24th) the Bullie has laid two eggs in her nest, built in a bush of teazel. She is paired to the Goldie, who pays every possible attention to her. In my birdroom, from a fresh-caught Linnet paired to a hen Canary I got three Mules, one almost clear, but this died the second day after hatching. Two seasons ago I bred a clear Goldie-Canary-Mule except for a blaze mark. This lived to be eight weeks old, and then died suddenly. I have now got this preserved. May I wish you every success with your valuable paper, which I have found of very great assistance since first I started taking it some few years ago, it having in this time given hints on everything necessary in our interesting hobby. I have been very successful breeding mealworms according to the Editor's instructions. Should I have more success I will write you at some future date. I enclose herewith a sketch of my aviary.

C. W. PARKER.

Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

SIR,—In your issue of last week a letter appears from Mr. M. J. Mulligan accusing me of having received specials 14 and 16, and with not paying the same to the winner. I wrote to Mr. C. J. Mulligan, the winner of above specials, and told him I had not received one of them, and I gave him the donor's name and told him to write to him; the other special was paid by a contra claim against Mr. C. J. Mulligan for a special of similar amount promised by him to the club! Now might I suggest to Mr. C. J. Mulligan that when he next writes to the Press, he ought to sign his own name to the letter, and not put Mickey's name to it. The lad (?) says he shall teach me my business. Well, in birdy matters the Dublin fanciers would not learn anything to their advantage from the Sligo clique. By the way, has Sligo paid the special, etc., appearing in the schedule last year? One thing I can promise C.J.M., that when such is entrusted to me, I don't hold on to it for 15 months.

R. F. DUIGENAN.

The Testimonial to the Late Secretary of the Crested C.C.

SIR,—It has been represented that this presentation should take place at the next annual general meeting of the C.C.C., when Mr. Tyson will be surrounded by old friends from all parts. If no objection is taken to such a course, I propose holding the fund (which amounts to within one or two shillings of £11) until such time.

J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I hope this letter will give "Old Breeder" and "Cymric" a little insight as to why they are losing their birds, myself being only just in time to stop two of my best Linnets from dying of the same complaint. If their water utensils are of brass, let them do away with them and use glass instead. My two birds that I nearly lost had water vessels of brass, and those of all my other birds were made of glass. I noticed the former used to do the same as "Old Breeder's", etc., birds. But I took their brass water vessels away and put glass ones in instead, and now the birds are in full song again, and will sing with anyone's bird.

G. B.

SIR,—This applies to the "Remedy wanted" for the following correspondents: "Cymree" and "F. W. Balls," as I suspect bird fever and kiln-dried seeds. Scour all cages, thoroughly disinfect with crude carbolic, and change all seeds; also scour and disinfect all food vessels.

BERT.

SIR,—I can sympathise with those who are seeking a remedy for the "fatal disease." I have had a most disastrous season regarding breeding. I started with over 60 birds, and at present have 21 old ones. I also got 78 on the sticks, young ones; now I have about 50. I have lost birds that I gave all sorts of prices for, from 5s. to 30s., besides what I bred myself, and I had some good stock birds. I lost a lot of hens during incubation, and also with young ones. They only seemed to be a few days from beginning to end. They would puff out and eat fairly well, and then snuff it. They seem to be in good condition, for I have operated on several, and all the organs seem to be healthy but the lungs, and they seemed a bit shrivelled and spotted. I sent one to Mr. North to be examined, and his opinion was pneumonia, brought on by the bad weather we have been experiencing. I have tried all remedies, and all ways I could think about. I removed them into a fresh room, and gave it a good clean, cages and room also, from top to bottom. I thought sometimes it was septic fever. If it had been, they would have gone faster, for I only lost one out of 15 in a flight cage. With the bowels, etc., being all right I think that proves it was not. I put them back in the attic again this week, and put ½ lb. rock sulphur on some fire at night and let it burn. I went up to have a look about two hours after, but one smell was enough. I fully expected finding all dead in the morning, but not one. So that I am hoping that I shall get good results from it. I got the idea from some old fanciers who had done it and did not lose any more birds that season. The attic I keep them in is a big roomy place, with plenty of light and height, and not draughty, so what was doing it is a mystery. If I am lucky enough to have a few left I shall have another try next season. It has not been a good breeding season upon the whole. A lot round here have not done anything like well, with a lot of clear eggs and young ones dead in the shell; also a lot of old ones have died. I know one fancier who has not bred one young one, and I believe he had 10 hens. The average seems to be from 20 to 50 from 12 hens. Still, this does not dishearten

ROBT. ODDY.

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An Amateur's Experience with Lizard Canaries.

By G. J. WESTGATE.

I was first attracted to the Lizard variety of Canaries through noticing a report of some show where an exhibitor was disqualified for exhibiting a Lizard Canary which was alleged to have been faked or stained. I followed the case, reading the statements on both sides, which appeared in the Fancy Press, and afterwards (when treating myself to attendance at cage bird shows) gave the Lizard classes (if there happened to be any) particular attention, and so got a real liking for this beautiful spangled variety.

Only a One-year Show Bird.

I knew lots of "birdy" men, and remembered with surprise that none of them kept Lizards, and I asked one of these fanciers the reason why. He replied that the Lizard was only a one-year show bird, and as he was a large exhibitor of other varieties, winning prizes season after season, sometimes with the same team of birds, from his point of view the Lizard would not pay.

As I never exhibit any birds, however good they may be, his views had no weight with me, and I determined to keep and rear Lizards if I possibly could. I now carefully scanned the lists of Canaries advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and bought one Lizard here, another there, and so on, until I had apparently a nice lot, considering the haphazard way in which they were bought.

I soon saw the reason why they are only one-year show birds, for at the second moult the feathers come tipped with grey, and this spoils them for exhibiting, though they are alright for breeding.

When I was buying my stock each bird was always of the year before last; that is, a two-year-old bird, but I swear I had some "patriarchs" amongst mine. Anyhow, as everybody gets "done" at some time or other, I intended to make the best of them. I had purchased both gold and silver Lizards, and was not sure how they should be mated, so I wrote to the query expert of CAGE BIRDS for advice, and received a reply in the very next issue, which I followed when the breeding season commenced.

Results of the First Season.

The results of the first season were poor. I was breeding from four pairs only, having sold the rest of the birds. Number one pair had four nests, but only one fertile egg in each, and I only reared two birds from these. Number two pair reared four in the first nest, and beauties they were, all clear capped; but the parents refused to feed the next two nests of young, and as I had no feeders I lost them all. Number three pair reared two, then three, and again three, eight in all.

Number four pair was my extra choice pair; I had given quite a high price for the cock bird, as he was from the strain of a noted exhibitor who had won innumerable prizes; and I had great hopes of this pair. The first nest contained all clear eggs. The next nest of eggs the hen began to sit on after laying three only, and before these were hatched the cock bird died.

I eagerly waited for the hatching day. If I obtained three or four Crystal Palace winners (from the eggs) all would still be well, but the result was one bird, strong, and healthy, and looking just like a Linnet, as it had no cap. I was greatly disappointed, for "on paper" this was my best bird.

In my dismay I wrote again to CAGE BIRDS, and received a reply to on no account be downhearted or despise this bird, as uncapped Lizards generally excelled in spangling, and I am glad to say this was the case with mine. This finished my first year's experience, and I sold off all my "ancients," keeping my fifteen young ones for the next season's breeding.

Better Results, Better Hopes.

I will not weary you with details of my next year's results, but simply state that I did well, yea, extra well—plenty of eggs, almost all hatching out into strong and well capped birds, commanding a ready sale at good prices.

When you take an interest in your birds and are with them much, how you get to know each bird and notice their little peculiarities! One hen will not feed her young if you are watching. Another, although she had the choice of three or four kinds of food, will feed her young exclusively on crushed hemp seed; some never quite get over their shyness, and flutter a little if you go near them; others are just as unconcerned (I had one so quiet that I have often taken the cage front off and cleaned the cage while she was sitting).

I have never had a hen which refused a bath in hot weather, but I had a cock bird which hated "tubbing" as a tramp does, never voluntarily having a bathe, and the few times I sprayed him he always moped for the rest of the day.

At a bird show in the north, I once came across an old man looking at the Lizards. We got into conversation, and he appeared to know a lot about Lizard faking, for he told me some strange tales—how birds could have their feather tips darkened, their moons touched up, and a five-year-old bird made to pass muster for a young one. I jokingly asked him if they could put new heads on them. He said he wasn't sure about heads, but he knew for certain they could put new tails on. However, this was years ago, he said, and such things were not done now, though personally he saw no harm in it, for didn't they dress and trim poultry and dogs for exhibition? Then why not Canaries?

Some of the Lessons Learned.

One of the few lessons I have learned is, not to sell too many of one's stock birds, even if tempted with a fair price. Sell them if you can spare them, but not otherwise. I once sent five hens on approval to a buyer who wanted only two. He kept the five, and paid me promptly for the lot, but it crippled me for that season's breeding, and I had to buy new stock myself.

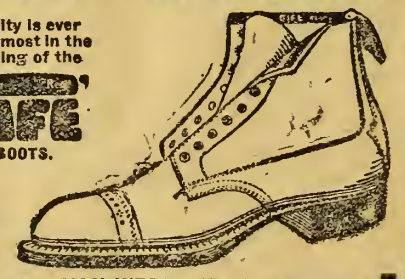
Another good thing is to have a pair or two or feeders. Lizards sit, and rear their young just as well as other varieties, but a pair may possibly refuse these duties just when you specially want a nest, and it is here that the value of feeders comes in. I use Seifert Rollers, and when they are not rearing Lizards, they are rearing their own young, which come in useful when one's friends want a nice yellow singing Canary for the drawing-room cage.

In conclusion I may say that this variety (not being overdone) pays well. An advertisement in CAGE BIRDS always brought me more enquiries than I had birds to sell, and my last word is, if you are in doubt about anything pertaining to birds write straight away to CAGE BIRDS and rush to get the next issue for your reply.

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By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Sulphury Tyrant.

This name sounds like a journalistic paraphrase for Beelzebub himself, but it is really the book-name of one of the most interesting and widely-spread of South American birds, and I am mentioning its owner here because I was told the other day that people who had lived in its own country often expressed a wish to keep their old friend over here. This surprised me, for it used to be easy enough to get these birds a few years ago, and I always thought they had gone out of the trade because not sufficiently in demand. Almost the last I saw, about 1903, were offered to me for five shillings each by the dealer who had them, and they were all—five of them—in perfect condition except one which had a broken tail; now it would be hard to get a single one for the twenty-five shillings.

Unjustly Neglected.

The Sulphury Tyrant is a bird which is a great deal more worth keeping than a good many which are much more freely imported; he is a striking-looking bird, as big as a Thrush, brown above and yellow below, with a black-and-white head, which bears a golden crest, usually concealed. He has the general shape and habits of a large powerful fly-catcher, but is a bit of a Jack-of-all-trades! He does not despise mice and young birds if they come in his way, and will even trespass on the Kingfisher's preserves, and snap up small fish when he gets a chance, while fruit is freely partaken of in season. He is conspicuous wherever found, and his loud three-syllabled call has given him many popular names, "Bien-te-ves" (I see you well) in Spanish, and "Qu'est ce qu'il dit" (What does he say?) in French, while English people have contented themselves by simply imitating the note without trying to translate it, and call him the "Kiskadee," at any rate in Demerara, where it is the commonest bird. His recommendations as a pet are that he is exceedingly easy to keep, showy, and very knowing; the specimen at the Zoo, which has been there for years, although not strong when received, has been known to fly at and pinch his keeper's ear when the accustomed mealworm was not forthcoming, and his tameness greatly endears him to the public.



The Kiskadee.

Public Favourites.

There is no doubt that for aviaries which are to attract general attention not enough has been done with the big foreign Soft-bills, such as these birds, Troupials, Mynahs, Barbets, Jay-Thrushes, and the like; they are so lively and showy, and are not so very much more difficult to keep than seed-eaters, as they are not delicate feeders. Room, of course, is what they chiefly want, and given that, they can be relied upon to be of much more interest, both popular and scientific, than the collections of Finches, Doves, Quails, and the other monotonous types of birds, which so many people are contented with. Of course, we must cut one's coat according to one's cloth, and the last-mentioned birds are suitable for small spaces, which is a great consideration; but then they are so often kept where both space and means would justify a better collection.

American Robins in England.

As an example of the way in which aviculturists stick to the old familiar ruts may be quoted the attempt which is now being made to acclimatise the fine Thrush known as the American Robin in Surrey. I would welcome foreign birds of almost any sort over here, but really I think if anyone is going to spend money on this sort of thing they might try something rather more striking than another sort of Thrush; we are so well off for Thrushes here as it is, and a very monotonous family they are, as far as appearance and habits go. The best American bird to acclimatize would be, I think, the lovely Red Cardinal; it is a Finch, it is true, but of an utterly different type from any of our own, and could not fail to be popular. However, I wish the Robin enthusiast good luck, and, in order to enable readers to recognise any of these new Robins they may see, I may mention that the bird is about the size of our hen Blackbird, grey above and brick-red below, with a black head marked with white about the eyes and throat. The hen is very like the cock, but the young are quite different, looking like dark-coloured young Song-Thrushes.

British Foster-parents.

A good many of these American Robins have been reared in the open by placing eggs laid by birds confined in aviaries in the nests of our Thrushes and Blackbirds, and this is by far the best method of introducing a foreign bird when circumstances render it practicable. The eggs of the American Robin, by the way, are of a bright unspotted blue; but anyone finding such eggs in a Thrush-like nest must not too hastily assume that they have been produced by these new introductions, as the Song-Thrush and Blackbird both occasionally produce clutches of eggs of this unspotted type.

A Nesting Note Correction.

By the way, I have a correction to make in the note on Indian Mynahs nesting at the Zoo which was published recently in this column. I spoke of these as the common or House-Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*) of India; but I misunderstood what the keeper told me; the birds are really the Indian Bank Mynah (*Acridotheres ginginianus*), and their nesting is a record for this species in this country. The Bank Mynah, sometimes called Red-eyed Mynah by dealers, is a grey bird with buff markings on wings and tail, and orange-red bare skin round the eyes. In the House-Mynah, which is larger, the body-colour is brown, the wing and tail markings white, and the skin round the eye yellow. This bird has the nesting habits of our Starling, while the Bank Mynah burrows in banks like a Sand-Martin. Young of the small grey-headed or Malabar Mynah (*Temenuchus pagodarum*) have also been reared successfully at the Zoo this year, to a great extent on artificial food. Some young greywinged Ouzels (*Merula boulboul*) have also been reared, and in this case also the supply of live food given was not enough to rear the young entirely. It must be remembered, however, that Zoo birds have the advantage of being kept in very large aviaries, and being very "steady" through seeing so many people, so that everything is in their favour.

Country Rambles

Guisborough and District "Priory" C.B.S.

Having nothing of interest to relate concerning our recent ramble owing to the wet weather, I enclose the following verses, sent to me by my brother-in-law, who, being our guest at the time, joined the ramble.—G. ATKINSON, hon. secretary.

Of all the rambles e'er I went,
Conducive to impiety,
Commend me to the one I spent
With Guisborough Bird Society.

The morning opened dull but fine,
At noon it rained a touch;
But I felt glad when, brother mine,
You said, "It won't be much."

But you're no weather prophet, George,
They'll never make you clerk;
The thought struck me when in the gorge,
He's meant it for a Lark.

Water was very wet that day,
But you got wet, too; so
Altho' you'd had me for a Jay,
You'd not much caws to Crow.

Yours was a (Water) Wag tale, lad,
Which nearly I did Swallow;
Was it on nest, was't not too bad,
Eggs-pecked-in me to follow?

If you Wood pecker day like that,
Our feelings gay to harrow;
Next time you do, I tell you flat,
With me you'll have to Spar, oh!

Now may I beg you e'er I end,
Behave with all propriety;
May friendship and good luck attend
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Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.

The first annual picnic of the above club took place on August 7th to Lochwinnock. The ideal weather conditions brought out a good number of members and friends. Friend Braidy was out in full war paint, "a pistol in each pocket," and, needless to say, the company didn't feel altogether comfortable until these were discharged. The party arrived at Lochside Station shortly after three o'clock, from which a walk of about 15 minutes brought us to Lochwinnock, one of the prettiest little villages in the West of Scotland. After a short time spent in looking round, a march was made for the Glen, where a good two hours were spent in go-as-you-please fashion, when suddenly the bracing air seemed to remind the company of the two-mile walk back to tea. However, this was accomplished in good time, and after the inner man had been replenished by an excellent tea, the rest of the evening was spent in the usual harmonious manner, and came to an end all too soon. The party arrived back in Glasgow shortly before ten p.m. after a most pleasant and enjoyable outing, which was voted by everyone a complete success, and will certainly not be the last of its kind held under the auspices of the club.—FRED BOWMAN, hon. secretary.

Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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MY FIRE FINCHES: Continued.

The African Firefinch is not a difficult gentleman to cater for. He prefers a plain diet of millet. He is inordinately fond of fresh ants' eggs and flowering grass, and all the aphides you can gather for him. When people buy Firefinches out of a dealer's box cage, take them home and turn them straight out into a big, and by comparison, chilly bird-room, they are solely to blame if the birds die. Such people remind me of the man who murdered his father and mother and then invoked the mercy of the Court on the ground that "he was an orphan."

My Firefinches showed their appreciation of my humble and humane methods, by doing what no African Firefinch had ever done before—they went to nest. They selected a cocoanut husk about a foot from the ground for their future nursery, and warmly lined it with feathers. They grew quite fierce in the defence of their home; though I don't think the other birds took them very seriously. Who would fear an African Firefinch? My great dread was that some other birds would appropriate their shell and drive them away. Birds have a nasty habit of doing this, especially in a mixed collection. Maybe their humility saved them, for most birds like to nest as high as possible.

I cannot tell you what the eggs were like—white I expect—as I am never so silly as to look at my nests, but the little hen sat excellently, and after thirteen days I saw the cock begin to visit the shell, and so I hoped there might be youngsters about. I did not like to expect too much of African Firefinches, and I have had so many disappointments that I never allow my hopes to mount too high.

Presently I was cheered by hearing little sibilant sounds from the shell; so that all was clearly going on well. Many people would have gone stamping about and looking at the nest, and would thereby have lost a brood. I did nothing of the sort, but maintained a supreme unconsciousness, and I had my reward. Virtue always does. One morning on entering the bird-room I heard a great commotion; all the little birds were gathered round the husk, and looking more closely, I was delighted to see two strange little creatures sitting on a bough, the centre of all this "street crowd." They were tiny little things, snuff-coloured, with just a dash of red on the rump, and little black beaks. They evidently caused as much surprise to the bird community as they did to myself, and as I gazed upon my little treasures I was reminded of the interview between Madame de Stael and Mr. Bowles, the writer of sonnets, when stopping at Bowood. When she complimented him on having come to see her, although he had sprained his shoulder, he said, "Oh! Ma'am, say no more, for I would have done a great deal more to see so great a curiosity!"

The breeding of African Firefinches secured me a medal, but I took care to have witnesses, who could testify that they had actually seen the birds, for some people are so "skebdikel," as Hans Breitmann used to say; I felt there was a danger lest some should say of me what a graceless undergraduate did of the late Dean Farrar. In his exam. paper he wrote, in reply to a question about the life of our Lord, "These facts are not recorded in the Gospels, and there is no allusion to them in the Fathers, but they are fully detailed by Dean Farrar."

Candidly I should not say that the African Firefinch is a delicate bird, if treated sensibly; if treated in any other way, no bird is more so. This, of course, is only my opinion, and I may be mistaken, as Mr. Gladstone once said. I am quite sure that if only people would treat Firefinches sensibly, they would be rewarded amply by the way in which the price would go up. Birds are only three-and-sixpence a pair so long as they die off like flies.

The colour of an adult cock Firefinch is a brilliant crimson; the back a little brownish in shade; down the sides of the breast are some tiny white spots like pin heads. The beak is red, and the legs flesh colour. The hen is a sober little snuff-coloured bird with a patch of scarlet under the tail and a few white spots on the sides. The young resemble the hen, but have black beaks at first. All have white eye circles, giving them the appearance of wearing little glasses. Dr. Greene says that these little birds will breed with the most perfect confidence. This is not so. I don't suppose half-a-dozen Firefinches have ever been bred in England. I know mine were the first, and I do not remember to have read of any since.

To keep Firefinches in health remember that they are very largely insectivorous, therefore supply them with ants' eggs, maggots, and aphides. Also bear in mind that they need something to sleep in. A cocoanut husk will do as well as anything. When acclimatised they need no heat other than that of an ordinary unheated room. I kept mine for several years in such a place, and they were always in perfect feather. Everything depends on gradual hardening off. Festina lente is the motto for Firefinches. Don't be in too great a hurry. More haste, less speed.

I know I never felt prouder than on the day when I saw my first home-reared Firefinches, and pride is a fine comrade sometimes. A friend who came to see me, looked at my treasures, and, putting up his eyeglass, asked for the name of those "common-looking little brown birds"; but there, some people haven't got the feelings of a broomstick!

Chapter XXXIII.—My Crimson Wings.

It is no small undertaking to embark on an untried ship, upon unknown waters, in the teeth of opposing gales. And yet that is the position of the aviculturist as often as he takes up some hitherto untried specimen. This was my case, at any rate, when, many years ago, I determined to keep Crimson Wings. A friend of mine, who then lived at Southport, had a particularly fine pair, and as he was moving into a new house down south, he wrote and asked me if I would buy them, as he felt sure they would have a good home. Needless to say, I joyfully accepted the offer. The price asked was, I consider, very moderate for acclimatised birds; so far as I remember it was £4 10s. for the pair.

I received them about the end of July, and my friend told me that they had tried to nest, but that the young had been forsaken when half grown, as the birds had fallen into moult. Of course I knew that hope, so far as breeding was concerned, was dead for that year; so I did not trouble much about them beyond putting them into an aviary by themselves, where they soon made themselves quite at home. It is not safe to put big Parrakeets with them, as at the breeding season they are excessively spiteful, and their great size and strong cruel beaks would prove exceedingly formidable in battle. The hen once bit me, so I know what it feels like from actual experience.

Things happen slowly at Micklefield, from the grasping of an idea to the pace of the church choir over hymns. Life here is no vulgar learning step, but the stately measure of the minuet. Delights are deliberate and have lingering ends. A hen would scorn to hatch a chicken with the indecent haste of her sister in the next parish. My Crimson Wings were the exception to the general rule; they were what Mrs. Hackett would have spoken of as "stocky" birds, dull and apathetic except just towards evening. Most of the day they spent in dozing, with occasional rousing up for a meal. Now and again they would give utterance to loud discordant notes for a few seconds, and then once more lapse into gloomy silence.

I may say in passing that Crimson Wings, if put out at the right season, are perfectly hardy, and can stand any sort of weather; so that their owners need have no anxiety on the score of health.

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Wild Bird Life.

Notes on the Sedge Birds.

After a few days of sunshine the water in the wheel ruts, and small pools on the farm roads become dried up, and the birds of the fields have to seek other places at which to slake their thirst. Where a tidal river is within easy distance the larger birds appear to prefer to drink at the pools of water left upon the marshes by the receding tide to drinking the fresh water of the stream. There is much to interest near the river about noon upon hot days. Birds drink frequently, and journey from the fields and woods many times during the day to their selected drinking-place. Partly hidden by the sea wall, we have a grand place for observation. Upon one side is the wide stretch of salt marsh-land, through which runs the river; on the other are the fresh marshes, well watered by springs, which keep the dykes and waterways ever full. Here and there patches of reeds fringe the borders, occasionally expanding into big clumps where the gaps widen; here the reed birds are for ever alert, passing from stem to stem into the centre of the beds, their course marked by the swaying of the feathery tops as they progress. If the watcher remains quite still, they soon return to the edge again, in a half-shy, distrustful manner; or if pressed too closely they will flit along the stream, flying low, half hidden by the tall growth. Among the reed birds the Sedge Warbler is the most interesting. His pointed beak and head, his beautifully-mottled back, and his long legs make identification easy. This beautiful little warbler is for ever clinging to the reeds and coarse herbage of the marshes, for doing which his long, strong legs are well adapted. Here we have an example of the perfect way in which the bird is fitted for his mode of existence. Compare him with the Spotted Flycatcher, a bird whose habit is almost the opposite; the latter is either sitting contentedly upon a post or rail, or is using his long, strong wings in catching his prey. The legs of the Reed bird are nearly twice as long as those of the Flycatcher, although the Warbler is rather the smaller bird of the two. The wings, again, are quite the opposite, the Flycatcher's measuring quite an inch more in length. In bird-life we have many examples of the adaptation of structure to habit. Who among us, unless we had been clutched by a lusty Magpie, would think his ordinary-looking legs and feet could hold so tightly?

A Bird that Swims.

Although the Corn Crake is a land bird, and frequents grass meadows, it is able to swim when it likes to do so.

The Dipper's Home.

The Water Ouzel or Dipper is essentially a water bird. It seems to be a part of the stream it inhabits. It sings loudest where the rushing waters make most noise, and where the spray dashes over the rocks it builds its mossy home. And so securely is the nest fastened, and so well does it blend with the surroundings, that only a trained eye can detect it. It is round in outline, with a neat hole in the side it is fresh and green, and wholly composed of the choicest mosses. It is one of the marvels of bird architecture.

Danger to Young Waders.

The parents of water fowl have an anxious time of it after the young are safely hatched. For pike, trout, big eels and predatory birds are on the look-out for them. When they run over the half-submerged water plants, the fierce fish watch them eagerly, and if they slip off the leaves the pike have them at once. Two or three of a brood will disappear before the mother bird is aware of it. Rats are great destroyers of young water fowl, and where these are at all plentiful, a whole season will pass without a single bird arriving at maturity.

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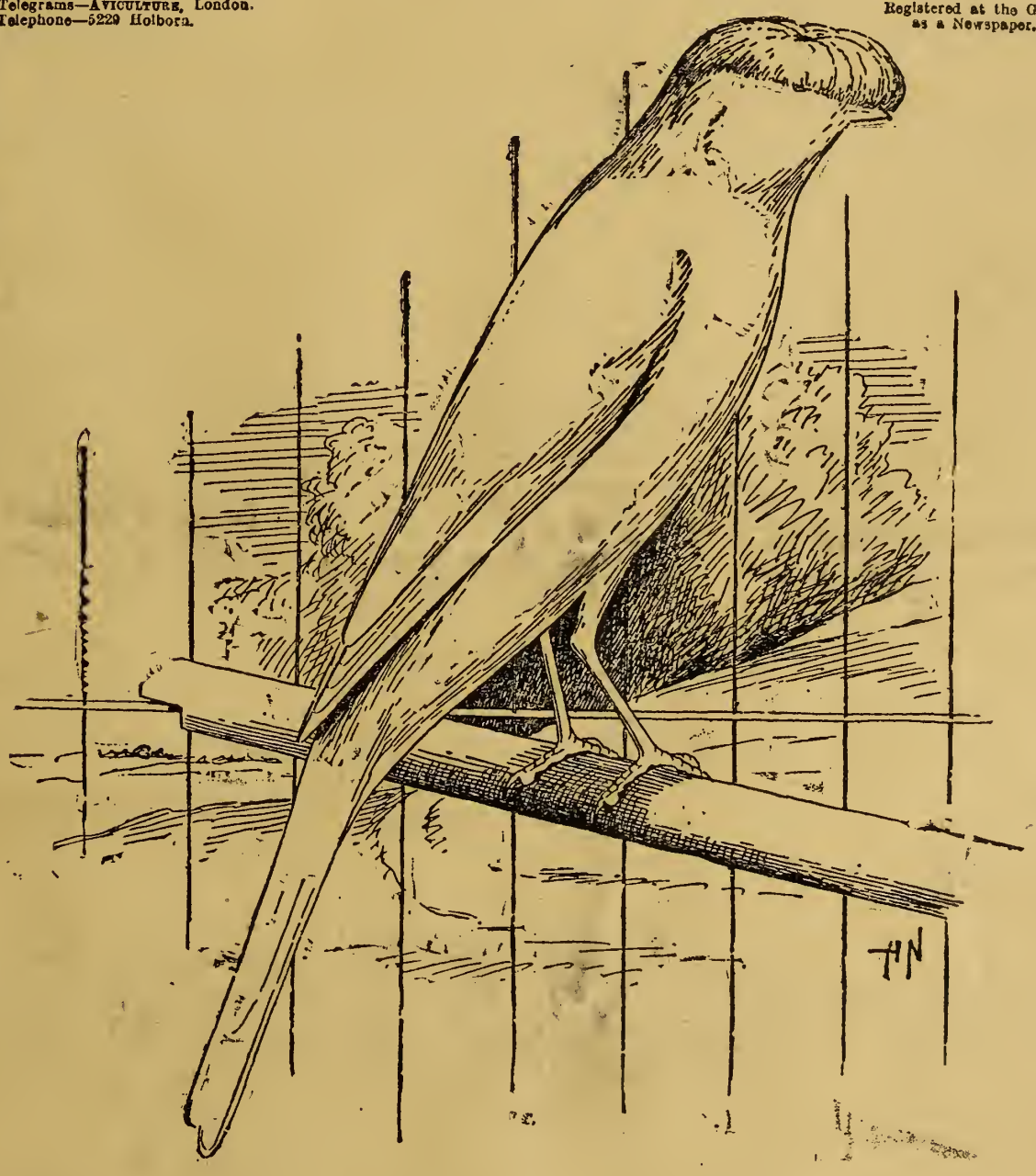
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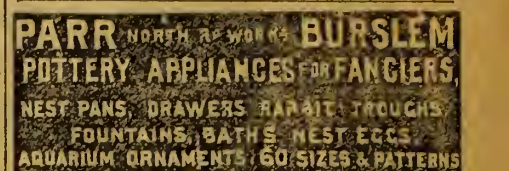
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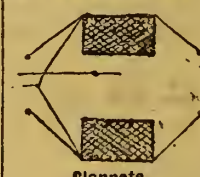
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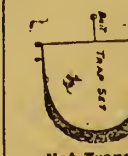


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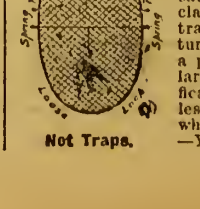


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THE NOVICE PROBLEM.

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A problem with some claim to kinship with the "novico problem" as known to Canary fanciers, was grappled with at the last meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B. It was the problem of what could be done to render brighter the lot of those good but unsuccessful sportsmen who plod on season after season exhibiting British birds with but a meagre chance of getting higher than the "codding cards" against exhibitors with better opportunities of acquiring "certain winners"—and possibly moro spare cash with which to do it.

Tho credit for the scheme under notice is due to Mr. C. Prior, well known himself in British bird circles, who expounded it with "unmatched sauvity of language" (a felicitous phrase for which the society's hon. secretary, Mr. Wynn, is entitled to take credit). Mr. Prior said that his idea was to try to give the "rank and file" a footing amongst the cash and valuable special prizes put up for competion by the society. In no other society in the country, he was proud to say, had they such wonderful competition in the British bird section. At the City and Suburban, they saw in every class birds which won at the best of the open shows, including the Palace, and they had in their ranks many noted exhibitors. But he recognised that this was a fact likely to discourage the "novices," or, rather, those members who, though coming up smiling year after year, yet from various circumstanees were unable to get birds good enough to win them a prize at their shows. And everyone knew how pleasing and stimulating it was to now and again get a prize card on one's cages. He thought it was but sportsmanlike and fair that such exhibitors as he had in mind should be given a chance of winning prizes, and of standing in for some, at least, of the society's challenge cups. His idea was, broadly, to duplicate the existing British bird classes, and to put a price limit on them, say £1 for Goldfinches, and 12s. 6d. for all others—that was but a rough idea for the members present to discuss and adopt if it met their approval. Personally, he hoped they would carry it out, and show the way to other associations. No doubt many objections could be urged against the scheme (was there ever one yet free from them?), but he thought they could put their heads together and overcome them all.

Mr. Curtis, the chairman, said that, in his opinion, there was great merit in the suggestion. He felt sure there was none so selfish as to wish to deprive those who had consistently figured in the background of a chance to do better. He should be pleased to learn the opinions of those present.

Mr. Wynn, the hon. secretary, also said that he thought very favourably of some scheme on the lines indicated by Mr. Prior. It had always been his desire and aim to put specials in the way of the little exhibitor, but unfortunately it was generally quite impossible to ensure their getting into the hands of those for whom they were intended. He cordially supported the idea put forward.

Mr. Marley said that on principle he must oppose the suggestion. He thought it a backward move. There was nothing to prevent a champion from exhibiting in the limit classes; and the novice who won would most likely get his winner claimed—probably by a champion! He had looked through the list of members, and found they had 25, or over, champions in British birds. (A voice: All the more reason there should be novice classes). He conscientiously considered the scheme would fail to work properly.

Mr. Prior pointed out, in reply, that it was in the nature of an experiment, and they could amend or drop the scheme next season, as they pleased. He thought it their duty to at least try to do something for the "back-markers." None would be allowed to nominate birds in both sections for any cup; all such nominated birds must be in either the limit or the open classes. And no winner would be allowed to "claim in" his own bird. He did not think they had any member who would be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct in connection with these limit classes. If they found such a one, then the Council could deal with the case on its merits.

After considerable discussion, in which Mr. Page and others joined, it was decided on a vote (there being only one dissentient) that nine extra British classes be added to the schedule (making 27 in all). They are: 1, Goldfinch (any nationality), price limit 20s.; 2, Bullfinch (any nationality), cock or hen, 12s. 6d.; 3, Linnet, 12s. 6d.; 4, Siskin Redpoll or Twite, 10s. 6d.; 5, Greenfinch, 10s. 6d.; 6, any species Bunting, 12s. 6d.; 7, A.O.S. Finch, 12s. 6d.; 8, A.S. Finch or Bunting, hen (except Bullie), 10s. 6d.; 9, A.S. Softbill, 20s.

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Club Reports.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Usual monthly meeting held August 7th, in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, President G. Hunter in the chair. A committee of six has been appointed to get prices and samples of three new trophies for the Crests, Borders and Mules, same to be submitted at next meeting. Mr. Geo. Skinner and Mr. Hamilton Congan were enrolled as new members. At next meeting a washing exhibition will be given by a prominent fancier, and all young members should endeavour to be present. Special prizes will be given for young members joining this year. New members are still being enrolled.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Very successful meeting held on August 13th at headquarters, Lee's Temperance Hotel. There was a good number of members present. Mr. W. H. Cawley occupied the chair. The feature of the evening was a discussion on the moulting and colour-feeding of the Yorkshire and Norwich varieties. The principal speakers were Messrs. Guy, Cawley, Peck, and Boote, etc. These gentlemen enlightened the novices in regard to some of the secrets both respecting "Colour Feeding" and "Colour Breeding." The meeting was a decided success. Our next meeting will be held September 3rd.—T. P. BAXTER, Hon. Sec.

GRAVESEND, NORTHFLEET AND DISTRICT F.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Anglo-Saxon's Hall on August 10th, Mr. A. H. Terry in the chair, supported by a large number of the members. Several items respecting the open show to be held in the Market Hall on November 3rd and 4th were discussed, and it is hoped the fixture for this year will bring as great a number of entries as on former occasions. Bringing as it does a large number of visitors from neighbouring towns to Gravesend the society hope the townspeople will support them liberally in their endeavour to make this attraction an unqualified success. Several new members were proposed, and the society seems on the highway to having a successful future. The reports of some of the members go to prove that the breeding season has been very successful. Several other items were discussed relative to the hire of the society's pens, etc., and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—E. R. FOX, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Well-attended meeting held at headquarters, Avondale Hotel, August 9th, for the distribution of prizes won at the young bird show on July 17th, Mr. Vale in the chair. The first business was to consider the various propositions for the great open show to be held October 27th and 28th, 1909. Valuable specials were given by a large number of members and friends. The committee hope to make the forthcoming show one of the attractions this next show season. Their guaranteed full prize money, it is hoped, will attract a full entry. Next the distribution of prize money and specials was gone through, the following members being most successful in Plainhead Norwich: Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, S. G. Sprules, T. G. Morris, and L. Priest; in Yorkshires: Messrs. A. W. Masters, Honeysett, G. J. Warley, H. Yeoman, A. C. Askew; in Hybrids: W. H. Vale, A. W. Masters, L. Priest, Rogers and Mazzoni, A. C. Askew; in Goldfinches: Messrs. J. Brighty, W. J. Honeysett, W. Francis; in Linnets: Messrs. W. Francis, L. Priest, A. C. Askew; in A.O.V. Finch: Messrs. W. Francis, G. J. Warley, L. Priest; in Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite: Messrs. A. C. Askew, W. H. Vale, W. Francis; in Buntings: Messrs. W. Francis, S. A. Sandy, A. Emms; in Hybrids, light: Mr. W. H. Vale; in Hybrids, dark: Messrs. W. H. Vale, J. Brighty; in Softbills: Messrs. W. Francis, A. C. Askew, J. Brighty; in Foreign: Mr. S. A. Sandy. After a few well chosen words by the chairman a most enjoyable evening came to a close.—A. C. ASKEW, Hon. Sec.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

A lecture on the romance of British bird life was delivered by Mr. Birchley, author and naturalist, of Manchester, before the members and friends on Augnst 11th at the Station Hotel. There was a splendid attendance. The chairman, Mr. McDonald, extended a hearty welcome to the lecturer, and also to the brotber fanciers from Newoastle and other neighbouring towns. Mr. Birchley received a bearty welcome, and appealed to everyone to study nature. He showed how much more interesting a country ramble might become if only a slight knowledge of ornithology bad been acquired. References were made to the story of the Creation, and to the general babitat of most of our native birds, their wonderful ways and ingenuity in nest construction, their ways of love-making in the early spring, natural protection by colouration of egg and young, wby it is some young are born without covering of any description and others with a distinct dress of down, and tbe why and the wherefore of all these conditions. Among other matters Mr. Birchley dealt with were the pairing and parting of adult birds, tbe schooling of their young, the singing of birds by night and day, incuhation, etc. At the end of his lecture Mr. Birchley made an attack on the wilful and wanton waste of hird life along our countryside, and explained how the various species were gradually diminishing in number, and he asked those present to assist in tbe protection of our feathered friends and tbeir nests whenever possible. Mr. Birchley is an advocate of Nature study by means of a camera as against egg collecting or the taking of young birds. He also suggested that the close season be extended one montb longer to allow the young birds to have a better chance to mature. Mr. McDonald, in proposing a hearty vote of tbanks to the lecturer for his excellent lecture, at once opened up a discussion on the suggestion made by Mr. Birchley. Many of the most prominent fanciers present expressed tbemselves greatly in favour of the suggestion. The proposition was put to the meeting and carried unanimously, that tbe autberities be approached at an early date for the purpose of extending the close season by one montb.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, 60, Paddington-street, W., on August 9th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from Messrs. R. L. Crisp, W Mugford, P. Adamthwaite, F. W. Thorpe, J. Simpson, and J. Goodall (apologising for inability to take part in the late cricket match), F. J. Green (expressing regret, tbrough absence from England, at being unable to give his lecture upon the Lancashire Canary), and from the secretary L.C.B.A. (on tbe United Kingdom Cage Bird Championship). Arising out of the latter, it was agreed that the association take part, and instructions were given to forward on the fee. Mrs. Crowder was elected a member, and Mrs. G. E. Weston was nominated for membership. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing an income of £72 14s. 8½d., an expenditure of £36 11s., with a cash balance of £36 3s. 3½d., was read and confirmed. For a donation of one guinea towards the funds of the pair show Mr. C. Prior was enthusiastically thanked. Sanction was given for an expenditure upon extra staging and class cards, rendered necessary by the growing needs of the association. A schedule of classes, consisting of 47 Canary, 4 Hybrid, 27 British, 6 Foreign, and 4 Selling was drawn up and agreed upon. The secretary gave a detailed report of the late cricket match against the "Early Birds" C.C. At the close instructions were given for the secretary to convey the association's best thanks to them for tbe use of their ground and materials, and to offer them a challenge for next year. Mr. A. J. Marley announced his intention of presenting an oil painting for a special prize in connection with the annual show, and was heartily thanked. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 14th at headqnarters, Mr. Geo. Stead in the chair. There was a fair attendance of members, and several strangers, who had no doubt come to hear Mr. Mennard's address. Before this, however, the business of tbe clnb was got through in quick style. Mr. J. Nicholson, of Skipton, late of York, was elected a member. The secretary then read report of young bird show held July 10th, the financial part of which was very encouraging, showing a profit on show of £1 6s. 5d. The list of points scored at this and our June 5th show towards total points scored at our five shows this season proved very interesting. The chairman then called on Mr. H. J. Mennard to give his address on moulting and colour-feeding, which was very instructive, old as well as young fanciers being able to pick up a few useful wrinkles. Tbe questions which Mr. M. had to answer after bis address showed that our members were at tbe present "wrapped up" in the subject. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Medley, brought a very successful meeting to a close.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on August 7th. In the absence of the president, Mr. Noble (vice-president) occupied the chair. Others present were Messrs. J. Young, C. Campbell, G. McPhail, G. Smart, and secretary. Circular and note were read from the secretary of Vale of the Leven open show soliciting this club's patronage, and also asking for terms to bold our annual club show in conjunction with theirs. But our patronage and club show having been previously fixed (for 1909) we could not grant tbeir request this year. A heated discussion took place regarding the Roberts' Cup. Disapproval was freely expressed at tbe cup's not being forward, and a sub-committee was given a free hand to deal with the matter. It was unanimously decided that we grant a silver medal to each of the nine shows where our patronage has been granted, and a gold medal for most points at these shows, only one bird in each class to count belonging to tbe same exhibitor. Mr. A. G. McDonald (Perth) was proposed as a member by R. F. Duncan, and was accepted. This being the last meeting this season, the secretary was instructed to call only another meeting if required to deal with cup business. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—ALLAN CHALMERS, Hon. Sec., 69, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at Douglas Hotel on August 12th. The following were present: Messrs. O'Reilly, Dowling, Duigenan, Cloke, Carroll, Lambert, McDonnell, and Hyland (hon. sec. *pro. tem.*). Mr. Cloke resigned his position as chairman, and promised to give the club his best support in the future. Mr. C. A. O'Reilly was elected chairman *pro. tem.* till the annual general meeting. Mr. C. J. Mulligan (Sligo) tendered his resignation from committee some time ago in consequence of an attack made on the Sligo fanciers in tbe Fancy Press by our late secretary. About the same time Mr. Devins (Sligo) also resigned from committee. Both gentlemen having been written to to reconsider their resignations, and as they had not replied, it was decided to accept their resignations from committee. Tbe following is an abstract from Mr. Mulligan's letter dated May 22nd:—"As our secretary seems to pay no attention to any correspondence received from country members, or acknowledge same—of course, I am aware a secretaryship is a thankless job, but one p.c. would satisfy our country members even to say our letters would be attended to. I am sorry to bave to take this course as being one of tbe founders of the club. I am also sorry to say that a private matter to be settled by Y.C.C. committee and Sligo C.B.S. has caused a considerable lot of talk over the country, and I think Mr. Rooney had no right whatever to write to the Fancy Press on the matter without same first being brought before your committee." The commission appointed to report result of inquiry re election of chairman on March 22nd, 1909, stated that on counting the voting papers which Mr. Powell still has in his possession, Mr. Powell should have been elected chairman by 17 votes to 15 votes for Mr. Devitt. It was proposed and carried that the secretary be instructed to write Mr. Powell and ask him to reconsider his resignation. It was also proposed and carried that Messrs. McKenzie and Neal be co-opted members of committee to fill the existing vacancies.—J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec. *pro. tem.*

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YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Silver Wedding of the President.

The council of the Yorkshire Union held a meeting on August 14th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. R. Halliday (president) in the chair. There was not a lengthy agenda of business, although one or two items proved to be very knotty to deal with. The correspondence which has taken place between the Union and the London Federation was read to the meeting, and was considered satisfactory, although as yet no official intimation has been received as to whether the Cage Bird Union have decided to throw in their lot with the Federation and the Yorkshire Union, to make a determined effort in endeavouring to obtain some of the concessions, which, in all fairness, ought to be extended by the various railway companies to the large section of exhibitors who have patronised them to a greater extent than they are prepared to admit. The show season is fast advancing upon us, and if anything is to be done, now is the time to get into business, and not delay until the season is well nigh spent, and then lament tbat no step has been taken in the matter.

The Great Horton O.S. laid a complaint before the meeting with regard to other societies holding members' shows at the same time as an open show was in progress, but the two delegates who were present representing that society had received no instructions how to act in the matter, and it was therefore proposed that the letter be laid on the table. Mr. W. H. Shackleton having signified to the secretary his intention of withdrawing from officiating as judge at Shipley Show, it was considered advisable to let the matter rest where it was until Mr. Shackleton wrote the secretary to that effect. The chairman asked if there were any new business which might be beneficial to the Union?

The question of delegates' expenses for outside societies, such as Bingley, Brighouse, Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hoyland, Keighley, Skelmanthorpe, Spen Valley and Wakefield was gone into, and it seemed pretty evident, judging by the discussion which followed, tbat something will have to be done in the near future to help these societies that send their delegates to the council meetings. Another item was in regard to new members, who have been returned to the Union since the handbook was printed, and the secretary signified his intention of sending a list of new members' names and addresses to the Fancy Press before the winter shows started in order that the secretaries of the various societies might have them when sending out schedules. This list will appear in the Press about tbe 11th of September; so will secretaries please send all new members' names on at once from this date in order that tbose names may be included in the list? I have already received several names of new members, and the membership of tbe Union is now the largest that has been recorded.

Mr. H. J. Chittenden brought a scheme before the council which is worthy of further consideration. It is patent to all who have had any connection with the workings of an open show that a tremendous amount of unnecessary work and expense is involved in the old system of sending out schedules to each member of the Union for all shows held under its rules. Not only is the expense of printing heavy (and this alone has been the cause of many an adverse balance), but the amount of labour entailed in addressing the schedules and dispatching them to the post office for circulation can only be realised by those who have seen the inner workings of a show. Mr. Chittenden's proposal is, that each society holding an open show should arrange its classification in time to allow of printing same in the Union Handbook, in the page opposite its members' names and addresses, which is a thing that could easily be accomplished if only the different specialist clubs would meet earlier—say, in April or May. Each society could arrange its classification when they knew whose patronage they had received, and by taking a full page advertisement in the Union Handbook at the nominal cost of 7s. 6d. the schedules would be in a compact form, and in the hands of every Union member even before the shows started at all; this would save all the expense and labour entailed in the sending out of schedules, etc. And there would then only be the cost of catalogues to meet, unless a society wished to publish a list of special prizes before the day of show. This could be done in the Fancy Press at a very reasonable cost. This scheme seems to me, after having given it due consideration, one which will be easily workable, and it only requires a start for it to "go"; in fact, I feel sure some of the societies will adopt it another year with many thanks to Mr. Chittenden for conveying his idea to the council.

This brought the business to a close. I feel sure every member of the council and the Union will agree with me when I extend on their behalf the Yorkshire Union's heartiest congratulations to our genial president and his wife on the occasion of their silver wedding, which event was celebrated last week. No more enthusiastic worker than Mr. Halliday has ever held office, and our sincerest wishes are that they may both be blessed with good health and prosperity, and live long to enjoy them. —H. HILL, Secretary.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRIOT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, August 5th, Mr. Geo. Gardner presiding. The Sec. reported to the meeting the condition of one of our old members, Mr. W. Shakespeare, who had been suffering in the Highgate Infirmary from erysipelas. He is now convalescent. The Sec. also informed members of the low water he was in and appealed to those present to give him support financially, however small. Mr. Gardner endorsed the Secretary's remarks A collection brought together £1 6s. 2d., for which the Secretary returned thanks. The next item was the distribution of special prizes, the Chairman remarking he was pleased to present the same to the winners, especially seeing that the ladies were to the front in taking the principal specials, showing they were able to hold their own in exhibiting. Mrs. Giddy received the £5 5s. silver cup won by her for most points at the annual, pair, and young stock shows, and the Chairman said he hoped she would have the honour of doing the same twice more, so as to call it her own property. Mrs. Weston's specials were four, a gold brooch for the best bird shown by a lady, hound volume for best bird in show, and two others for best birds in sections. The gold brooch was handed round for inspection, which made many wish they were taking something home for the wife—a wish, no doubt, the committee will bear in mind when alloting the specials for the coming annual show. Other winners of special prizes were Mrs. Wood, Messrs. Dewbury, Simpson, Lovegrove, Sparks, Pile, Martin, Bush, Penny, Hall, Bell, Milson, Street, A. Knight, Johnson, Dann, Winter, Mound, and Byne. The valuable services rendered by our Chairman (Mr. Gardner), also Messrs. W. Knight, Bush, J. Hall on the day of the young stock show brought them a very hearty vote of thanks. The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks on the Roller Canary, called on Mr. G. W. Dickson to give us his lecture. Mr. Dickson first handed round for inspection a couple of common German Canaries (those that so many people get taken in by), then he handed round a typical Roller Canary, one of the right sort. He also had on view the different types of singing cages for training and show purposes. Having dealt with the breeding, training, feeding, singing, and showing of some at length, he said he would be pleased to answer questions. Some were asked by Messrs. Johnson, Martin, and Gardner, and were readily answered by Mr. Dickson. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dickson, the Secretary saying it gave him pleasure to second same, and it was carried amid applause.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Dunfermline and District C.B.S.

The results obtained by the majority of our members have been anything but satisfactory, but while visiting the various breeding quarters I have never met a downhearted fancier, which says a good deal for the earnestness with which the members carry on their hobby. The premier honours have been won by the Mule men, and all honour to these men for the splendid manner in which year after year they endeavour to further this very interesting, and at times not too profitable, branch of the Fancy. A fairly good number of our members have changed their residence this last term, which has not improved the results. John Morris, the veteran, led the way with four Greenfinch Mules, five Goldie Mules, three Crests, three Crosthreds, four Plainheads, and as John each year breeds a few songsters, his Canaries bring out a total of 40. Following well up came our worthy chairman, Mr. Rankine, with a substantial 38, including 20 Goldie Linnet Mules, and has 18 Sib-bred birds which he hopes will be useful members of the family in days to come. John had still a number of eggs to hatch from his well-known pair, and still a golden dream of that clear ain. Thirty-three is the total on the spar for John McGorum —14 Sib breds and 19 Goldie Mules. The pick of the lot is a variegated one, hut the Golf-drum room can put out a few grand dark ones. His Redpoll, which did a lot of winning last season, is still looking well, and with a decent moult should still adorn a show cage. Alex. Pringle has bred 30 Borders, which are looking well, especially two variegated Buffs and two Yellowa, which should stand high when placed on the bench. Sandy has introduced a new "hen," in which we hope he will find his heart's desire. Good luck to them both. He is a thorough fancier. By the way, Mr. McCaven, who has removed from the district, has bred 25 mules and Canaries. We are sorry to lose his services as auditor. Mr. Rolland has bred 15 Borders, all his "lonesome," two of which do his stock credit. Robert Culhertra has seven Sibs and eight Goldie Mules, hut I am sorry to record that he lost an almost clear Goldie Mule, but with both the parents there are hopes of another. He had still seven full muling eggs to hatch. James Wright has seven Goldie Mules and two Norwich. This is his first year's experience with an out-door hird-room. His shopmate, John Boyle, has had hard luck, only rearing five Borders, hut is still enthusiastic as ever. Henry Dunn has failed with his Hybrids this year, hut has quite a stock of Canaries. Our vice-president is going to stick to nothing hut British hlood for breeding on and after this date. Too much removing has upset the calculations of Messrs. Campbell Bros., who have only managed seven Borders and three Linnet Mules; hut they have still a few eggs to hatch. George Rae has had a very poor season, hut has great hopes in a Crest-hred he has pulled through. No hetter luck has befallen Henry Kemp, Alex. Bowie, Robert Bowie, sen. and jun., Frank Johnstone, and Henry Fletcher. But some of the members have been killing time hand feeding the British. At this Willie Malcolm and the "wife" combined have been fairly fortunate, and with his Willow Wren he will be heard of later. John Higgins, Hingreat, though out of the world a bit, is still keeping up a team of British. Now that the shows will soon be upon us everyone is anxious to get into a swing of tickets, when it will be hoped they will see their efforts of the recent season crowned with success.—R. THOMAS CAMPBELL, Secretary.

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My last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS has been very successful, writes Mr. Dan Welch (Bengeo), as I sold all my Bullfinches.

Through the resignation of Mr. R. Davies I have been appointed secretary of the Leigh C.B.S., writes Mr. P. Hart, 79, Risley Terrace, Glebe Street, Leigh, Lancs.

Mr. Wilcock, of Eccleshill, Yorks., has been appointed judge for our show, to be held on November 17th and 18th next, writes Mr. P. J. Gaskin, hon. secretary Dundalk C.B.A.

The Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S. will hold their annual show in the White Lion Hotel on December 4th, writes the secretary, Mr. D. Hann. The judge will be Mr. Wm. Reid (Sunderland).

The Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A. holds a members' show on August 25th in the Friendly Society's Hall, when there are six classes for cage birds, with Mr. Wraight as judge. The show opens at 3 p.m.

Will show secretaries and fanciers please note that my address is now changed, and that all communications intended for me should be addressed to 48, Ogle Street, Hucknall Torkard, Notts, writes Mr. F. Jacklin.

Will secretaries (when sending out schedules) and others kindly note my change of address, from Norwich Road to 30, Purbeck Road, Bournemouth, writes Mr. M. Cook. I have never missed my CAGE BIRDS since first it came out.

The Grand United Metropolitan Show is to be held on Tuesday, November 23rd, at the Lambeth Baths, Kennington Road, S.E., and Mr. J. Robson has been engaged to judge the cage bird section, writes Mr. A. Watson, the secretary.

In the N.E.R. warehouse at Lincoln this year there have been seen two white Sparrows, with a yellow mark down the back. One was darker than the other, and one of the workmen (according to the "Yorkshire Herald") caught one.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. has arranged a cricket match, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the secretary, for next Saturday, August 21st, between the president's team and secretary's team, to be played at Bennett's Lane, Haliwell; wickets pitched 2.30 p.m. Members please attend and see the fun.

Of the mixtures before the public for the use of songster Canaries the "Sing Song" of Messrs. Liverine, Limited, of Grimsby, was introduced by this enterprising firm some years ago, and by leaps and bounds hurried on to the very first rank of recognised foods, and to-day it is undoubtedly one of the best. The firm are equally noted for their Lark and Thrush foods, seeds of all kinds, egg and fruit mixture, Griterine, tonics, ant eggs, flies and peppers. Readers should give them a trial.

I had a fine exchange through your columns last week. Mr. Welch (Etwall) advertised a collie bitch puppy (pedigree) for Canaries. I offered a pair of this year's birds or a last year's cockbird in full song, and Mr. Welch accepted the latter. I received the puppy, and I must say she is a pretty thing and everybody admires her. I only hope Mr. Welch is as satisfied with his exchange as I am. This shows what CAGE BIRDS does for those who wish to advertise or exchange. I wish the paper every success.—G. S. A. BATES (New Southgate).

The Year Book of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club reaches us from the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. L. Matthes, and reveals the affairs of the club to be in a highly satisfactory state, the balance-sheet showing cash in hand £13 8s. 7d., against £5 2s. 8d. at the end of the previous season. A good programme has been arranged for the 1909 show season, and Mr. Matthes asks me to remind members that the cup fund is still £3 short of the required £10 10s., and to say that he thanks members and friends for the hearty response received to the present; he hopes he will be able to meet the heavy expenses of 1909.

The August number of "Bird Notes," the organ of the Foreign Bird Club, is as interesting as ever, and contains much that will prove instructive alike to the British and the foreign bird fancier. Mr. H. Willford's notes on "My Birds and their Doings," are continued; the beautiful Minivets form the subject of some remarks by Mr. D. Dewar, F.Z.S.; and Mr. T. H. Hadley tells of a personal experience with the Pectoral Tanager. Under the new section of "British Birds," Mr. Wesley T. Page concludes his article on the Bullfinch, Mrs. E. Warren Vernon deals with the hand-rearing of Flycatchers and Blackcaps, and Mr. F. Howe writes on the "Great Grey Shrike in Captivity."

"The Avicultural Magazine"—the journal of the Avicultural Society—for August contains a deal of interesting matter, both for the fancier and the ornithologist. Mr. F. Finn's notes on "Aviculture at the Zoo" and those on "Indian Birds," also by Mr. Finn, will be found specially interesting. Mr. E. W. Harper writes on the "Verditer Flycatcher"; this article is accompanied by an exquisite coloured frontispiece by Mr. H. Goodchild. "The Nesting of Pelzeln's Saffron Finch" forms the subject upon which Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, M.A., writes. Other articles include that by Mr. R. Phillipps ("The Pied Rock Thrush"), the one by Mr. Hubert D. Astley, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. ("Nesting of Red-capped Parrakeets and a Hybrid Stanley Rosella"), and one by Mr. R. J. Pocock, F.L.S., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. ("The Display of the Cock Ostrich"), which is illustrated. There are also a number of "notes" and correspondence, etc.

The Dulwich O.S. have, write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, added a Canary section to their members' show, to be held August 26th. Messrs. W. H. Vale and F. Easterling have been engaged to judge. Admission is free.

Gateshead and District Cage Bird Society are, writes Mr. G. Buck, the hon. sec., anticipating having a record attendance on August 25th to hear Mr. Birchley, of Alrincham, deliver his lecture; so, fanciers, don't forget to come along; all are welcome.

Nesting Habit of the Chough.

The Chough is not easily disturbed, while incubating, and will sometimes refuse to leave the eggs even when a gun has been fired along the cliff. If driven off she is quickly joined by her mate, the two flying along the face of the cliff, "chaaing" excitedly. If the intruder remains perfectly quiet the hen bird will return to the nest, although within full view. Unfortunately for the species, the nest is easily located.

Oakengates Show.

In the report of Oakengates (Salop) Show, published in your last issue, I find you couple my name along with Mr. Ward's as being one of the secretaries, writes Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop). This should be Brothwood. I shall be glad if you will kindly correct this little error, as I should be very sorry to deprive this hard-working official of one word of praise so justly due to him for his share in the excellent arrangements of their first venture.

New Society for Lidget Green.

A number of fanciers in the Lidget Green district, we hear, held a meeting on Monday, August 16th, to consider the formation of a cage bird society. A well-attended meeting was held, and it was decided to have a society called the Lidget Green Cage Bird Association. Subscription 3s. per year. Members' shows, etc., will be arranged later. The next meeting will be held August 21st at 87, Harlow Road, Lidget Green, where anyone wishing to join will be welcomed.

The Interfering Jackdaw.

Some observers are under the impression that the scarcity of the Chough has been a good deal influenced by the interfering habits of the Jackdaw. The daw is a lazy bird, and instead of building a nest for himself likes to appropriate the home of another. He is for ever roaming along the cliffs by the sea (instead of remaining inland as he should do). His prying, interfering habits and strong beak have been the cause of many more useful birds being turned out, and possibly clutches of eggs destroyed.

The Handsome Redstart.

One of our handsomest summer migrants is the Redstart. He is a small bird, but is beautifully coloured. He is to be found upon the skirts of woods, orchards and gardens, and is plentiful in the Forest of Epping, where the old trees afford good nesting sites, and plenty of food. The cock bird in full plumage is a lovely object, and makes himself conspicuous by flitting from branch to branch. He is an insect eater, and worms, beetles, spiders, flies and a host of small green caterpillars form the principal food, varied by berries and fruit. One of his local names is "Firetart."

Eagle Hunt in London.

Hoxton was the scene of an Eagle hunt on August 6th, the event being witnessed by hundreds of persons. The bird, which belongs to a soldier home from Gibraltar, was kept tied by a piece of cord. It bit through the cord and flew out of the window on to the roof. A man named Kerr climbed on to the roof, and after an exciting chase over the housetops captured the bird, amid the cheers of the crowd. The Eagle, which is seven weeks old, is, according to the "Globe," the size of a large fowl, with reddish-brown wings, which, when extended, spread about three feet. Its food consists of raw meat, and it eats about half a pound a day.

In Praise of the Nightingale.

In one of his books John Watson has the following passage in praise of the Nightingale: "To us the delicious triumph of the bird's song is in its utter abandon. The lute-like sweetness, the silvery liquidness, the bubbling and running over, and the wild gurgling jug, jug, jug! But to say this, and more—that the Nightingale is a mad sweet polyglot; that it is the sweetest of English Warblers; the essence and quintessence of song; that it is the whole wild-bird achievement in one—these are feeble, feeble! Unlike the songs of some of our warblers, hers can never be reproduced. Attempt to translate it and it eludes you—only the meagre skeleton remains."

Birds of Paradise.

The Royal Zoological Society, Amsterdam, is indebted to the Queen of Holland, patroness, for a fine male bird of the King Bird of Paradise, which has been placed in one of the aviaries in the Society's gardens. This bird we understand, is one of the splendid collection recently brought to England, for Sir William Ingram, by Mr. W. Frost, whose departure for the Aru Islands was noted at the time in our columns. Mr. Frost, who will be well known to many metropolitan fanciers, landed in England last week, after a highly successful trip, bringing with him 100 birds, the majority Birds of Paradise of various species. These this skilled fancier brought over in exceedingly fine condition. About one-half of the collection has been deposited at the London Zoo (Regent's Park), where it may be inspected. The remainder Mr. Frost is taking out in a week or so's time to Trinidad, West Indies, where they are to be liberated to stock the estates there belonging to Sir William Ingram.

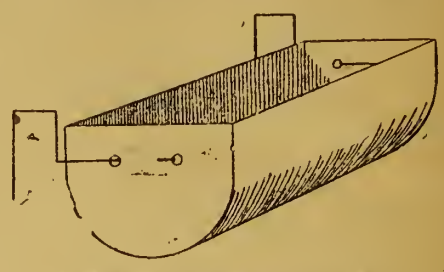
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 336.
An Easily-made Seed or Egg-food Box.

Sent by John Stephens, 26, Birch Street, Northwood, near Hanley.

I send you a sketch of what I consider the simplest and most easily made seed or egg-food box, and at the same time a very useful one. You get a one-ounce Gold Flake tobacco box, and take off the lid. You will find two holes at each end of the box. A piece of wire (a hair-pin will answer the purpose)



An Easily-made Seed, etc., Box.

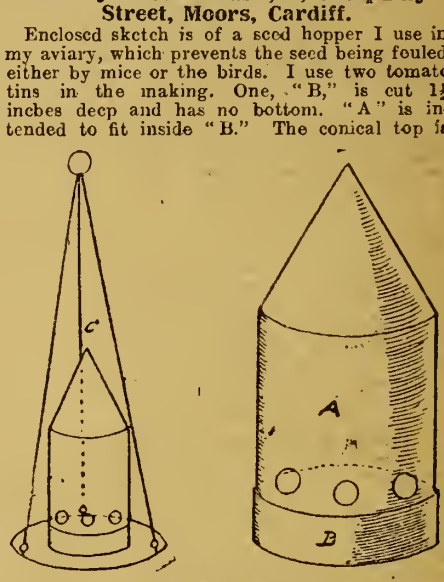
through these holes, leaving a short bit of the wire out of the one end, which you turn back and press against the box side. The other end you leave long enough to bend over the rail of the cage (as shown in sketch). I have used nothing else for some time, and find them all I could wish, being cheap and easily made. You can place as many as you like about with the different seeds and tit-bits separate, which the birds greatly like.

JOHN STEPHENS.

No. 337.
A Hanging Seed Hopper.

Sent by S. Sutherland, 1, Caerphilly Street, Moors, Cardiff.

Enclosed sketch is of a seed hopper I use in my aviary, which prevents the seed being fouled either by mice or the birds. I use two tomato tins in the making. One, "B," is cut 1½ inches deep and has no bottom. "A" is intended to fit inside "B." The conical top is



A Hanging Seed-Hopper.

soldered on to "A"; then the birds can't perch on it. Being all in sections it is easily cleaned. "C," the hanger, is made of half-inch bar at the bottom, suspended by stout cage wire from the aviary roof. "C" should be 2 inches larger all round than "B," to allow standing room for the birds. This can be made out of wood if the fancier is not handy with the soldering iron. The holes I make with a centre-bit. I find it very good for preventing waste.

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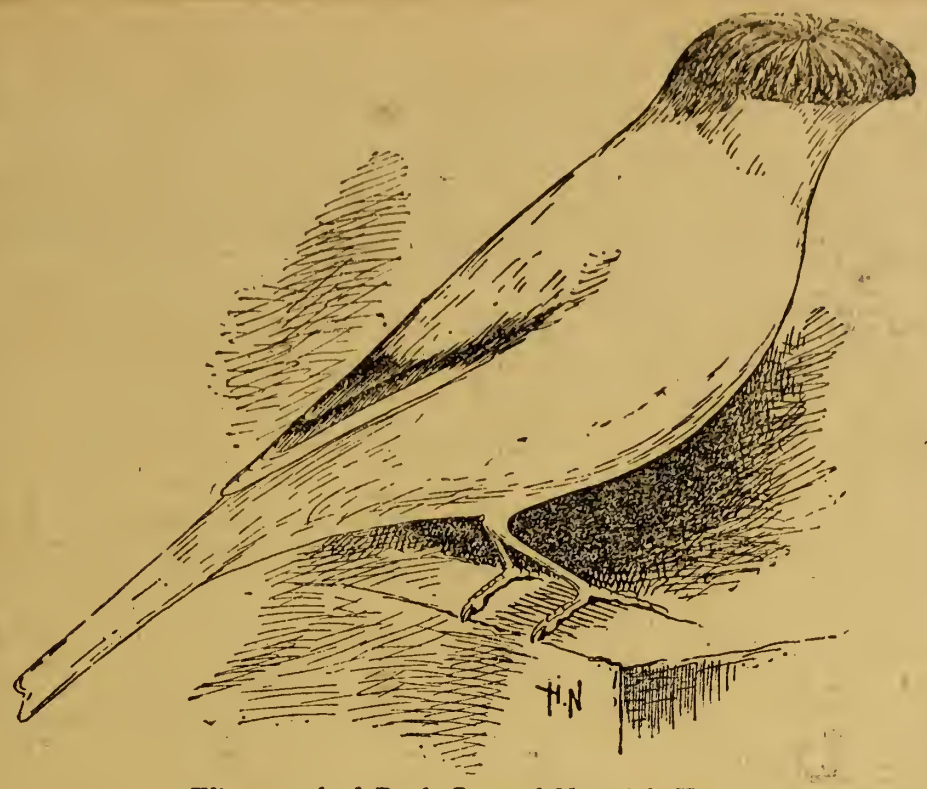
Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

*Oct. 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.
*Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.) J.H.R.
*Oct. 7—**Peterborough.**—(S. L. Cocks, Eastfield). J.H.R., and S.H.M.
*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R.
*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
*Oct. 13 and 14—**Catorham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct. 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
Oct. 11—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street).
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Perry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98. Embankment Road.)
*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Dary, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Bochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore. 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Itoll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalioe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Halfscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street).
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.P. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.B. and A.H.
Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W. J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson. 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**)—H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.
*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.



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Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Bjuks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.B.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94. Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street; J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Cbsnee). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.E., J.L.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Scarsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Wiuter, 11. Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43. John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15 — **Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
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Winter dickies feel trouble and care.
Winter dickies find branches bare.
Food is scanty and hard to seek.
How the wind howls, so bleak, so bleak!
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Wandsworth F.A.—Aug. 26, headquarters.—W. Summers.
West Stanley C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Com. Hotel, 7.30. Confirmation of schedule for annual show. — W. Elliott.
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Wants Another Nest.

Biddy.—No, you should not allow the hen which has a brood just beginning to come out of the nest to go to nest again this year, no matter how healthy and vigorous she may appear. The chance of the eggs, even if she persisted so far in the nesting desire, being unfertile through the cock being out of condition are considerable, and then there is the risk of the young, if any were hatched, being deserted through the hen dropping suddenly into moult. All things considered, at this time it is much better to risk the hen laying a stray egg in the flight, which will do no harm, than to take all the other risks consequent upon allowing her to begin nesting again. You should at once transfer her to the flight cage, and add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to each ounce of drinking water for two or three days, and keep her on a strictly plain diet for a week, by which time she will probably be quite rid of the desire to nest. You must, of course, leave the cock in the breeding cage with the young ones until they are quite able to do for themselves.

A Trio.

"Avis."—(1) Yes, certainly, young Canaries do moult in their first season. There is, however, this difference in the moulting of the young birds, and of the adults; that the adults change the whole of their plumage, including the large quill feathers in the wings and tail, whereas the young birds in their first season cast off only the small feathers, and retain the wing and tail feathers until their second moult. This is the general rule, though I believe there are exceptions amongst very early hatched youngsters. (2) It is not advisable to mix up cocks and hens in the flight cages for moulting and keeping through the winter, as some of the former are almost certain to come into song, and some forward hens may become very spiteful under such circumstances, and would also probably come into breeding condition much earlier than is desirable. It is much better to run the cocks together in one flight until they begin to come in song, and then cage them separately, and keep the hens in another flight, preferably out of sight of the cocks. (3) Seven or eight Canaries are all the cage you mention will accommodate, and even with this number you would need to pay particular attention to cleanliness.

An Injured Foot.

Novice, Leicester.—Am afraid you put too broad a rubber ring on the hing toe that came forward, and thereby pulled it too far backward, probably close up to the shank of the leg, and by this means caused a dislocation of the joint at what you call the "ball of the foot.' Otherwise you must have injured the foot in putting on the ring. Anyhow, the bird is probably crippled for life. The only thing I can advise you to do is bathe the foot for a minute or two in a warm solution of boracic acid, made by dissolving a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in half a teacupful of warm water. After bathing, dry very gently on a soft rag, and slightly smear it with a little carbolised vaseline. I am assuming you have already removed the rubber ring, but if you have not, do so at once, and if the toe comes forward again you had, in the circumstances, better leave it alone. See that it has properly shaped, and not too large perches, and keep them scrupulously clean until the foot is well; then, if the toe is forward again, you might try the small round perches frequently described in these columns. But do not try these perches as long as the foot remains in its present condition.

Gaping and Coughing.

"One Very Anxious."—If the bird is not in an overfat condition, I suspect it has been exposed to some draughts. Stick to the diet of plain Canary for a week, during which time give nothing else in the way of extras save green food, and of this give a free supply of green plantain stalks, chickweed, or young groundsel tops. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb in the water daily for three days and every alternate day for the remainder of the week. After this add a fourth part of summer rape to its staple food, about twice a week give a small pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, and linseed, and every second day for a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a few grains of maw seed. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for another week, and if the bird is not quite well in that time continue the latter medicine every second day for another week; and on the alternate days give four drops each of tincture of gentian and syrup of rhubarb. Of course, you must see that the bird is quite free from any draughts. Also see that there are no red-mites troubling it.

The Sexing Riddle.

"Beginner."—It is certainly a very puzzling matter for a novice to sex his young birds with any degree of certainty, and it is none the less difficult to convey the information in writing. Practical experience and careful observation for a few years will develop one's intuitive insight—it is really little, or nothing else—sufficiently to enable one to tell the sex of a given bird at sight, but until this desirable stage is reached, others can do very little to make you see and detect what is obvious to them. You may, however, always console yourself with the reflection that the same insight will come to you in due time. Now, to help you as far as possible. You will often find the young cocks swelling their throats, and giving vent to a little twitter as soon as they have left the nest. Later on when they are well grown, they will be found to have a more soft and mellow voice when "twecting," in contrast to the comparatively raspy "tweet" of the hens. The cocks carry themselves more upright, and jaunty, and are altogether smarter and holder in appearance, the eye is more bolting, and they will be noticed pulling themselves together as though conscious of their own superiority when any of the adult cocks begin to sing. They will generally begin to twitter nicely before the moult, especially if caged separately, when the throat will swell and pulsate similar to the adult cocks.

Young Birds Dying.

"Eva," Brighton.—Sorry, but I cannot give you a definite opinion as to the cause of the young birds dying. To do so now would be the merest guesswork. Only a *post-mortem* could discover the real cause. If you had given more details of feeding and treatment I could have formed a better opinion, especially if you had also said what part of the food supplied was most favoured by the birds. This latter is often an important item, as although one may be supplying a very good dietary on the whole, some birds live practically upon one kind of food and ignore all the other items supplied. You make no mention of green food, and as the young were still with their parents, green food should have been given daily. Bearing this in mind, and carefully weighing the few facts given in your letter, I should say the birds died from the effects of constipation, and you would probably have saved them by giving a little green food daily if you were not giving any, or a little extra in case you were giving it, withholding the egg food for about half a day each day for two, three, or four days, as seemed necessary, and giving in its place a little bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar. A few grains of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two would also have been helpful, but no other drug treatment should be attempted with birds so young.

Catering for Crests.

T.W.—The way to feed Crests from beginning to end of the moult depends upon whether you wish to colour feed them a little or not. The latter is not really necessary, but many fanciers prefer to give them a small quantity just to clear up and add tone to the natural colour. The following method of feeding is without colour, and if you want to add this all you need do is to mix about half the usual quantity of tasteless red pepper in the egg food each time you give it. It will not be necessary to give either the egg food or the colour every day, as is the case with highly-fed varieties. When caged off for moulting give an unlimited supply of good, sound Canary only in the seed boxes. Give about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird daily, and every second day give a similar quantity of egg food, composed of one part egg to two parts crushed biscuit

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or sponge cake, and a pinch of maw seed mixed in it each time until the birds have nearly finished easting their feathers. About once a week or three times in a fortnight substitute a small piece of bread and milk for the egg food, and if they appear to have any difficulty in easting their feathers dust it over first with flowers of sulphur and then with a little soft sugar. Two or three times a week give also a pinch of a mixture of hemp, millet, linseed, broken groats, rice, coarse oatmeal, and chips of sunflower and safflower seeds. Give a supply of green food daily, especially such as the green seed stalks of plantain, shepherd's purse, and seedy sprays of chickweed, and groundsel tops, and if these fail substitute a bit of raw or boiled carrot, or a bit of boiled mealy potato occasionally. A few drops of chemical food in the water occasionally will also prove helpful.

Unravelling the Tangle.

"Hilda."—You have evidently got very much mixed in what you have read, and also read a wrong interpretation into a good deal of it. When one writes of increasing the colour food after the commencement of moult by so many teaspoonfuls, it does not follow that the quantity named must be given to each bird. It means that a given quantity of food, which you will probably find mentioned in each case, is to be prepared in bulk to feed a number of birds for the day, about a small teaspoonful of which prepared food is allotted to each bird. In feeding a single bird you might mix about as much colour as will cover a threepenny-piece in its egg food, and double the quantity when it is dropping feather very rapidly. As the bird eats so little, perhaps you do not make it to its taste. Try giving it three separate quantities for a day or two, one mixed just crumbly moist, another slightly damper, and the third made into a soft paste, and see which it prefers. You may also add a little msw seed, and a little extra sugar, or no sugar at all until you find what it likes best. A bird usually moults the head and neck feathers last, so when it has moulted these parts and gradually ceases dropping feathers altogether, the moult is pretty sure to be completed. You should reduce the strength of colour food as soon as you can see new feathers beginning to show on the head. Many birds sing more or less right through the moult, but not all of them. Yours has perhaps had a little check in its moult. See it does not get any chill or cold draught. Birds in breeding condition do not go off song unless mated, then only some of them, but not all, cease singing more or less when the hens have gone to nest. Your bird will doubtless resume its full song in the course of a few weeks after the end of the moult. The actual time varies; some begin almost at once, others not until the spring is approaching. The earlier a bird starts moulting the earlier it should finish. They do not necessarily all finish, or even begin, at the same time, but very few birds will be quite through with it before September. About eight weeks is a fair average time for the moult to last in individuals. The dirty ring round the bird's neck will disappear for a time when it has completed its moult. Only hand-washing will remove it when it re-appears. To help to prevent it keep the cage and perches quite clean, free from dust, and do not hang it in a dusty or smoky atmosphere.

Crest Coughing and Moulting.

Thomas Williams.—Although you say you cannot think the fits of coughing which have seized your birds the last week are due to draughts, I have no doubt in my own mind that either draughts or the differences between day and night temperature acting upon the birds just as they were about dropping into moult, are the cause. Where you go wrong, I think, is in not exercising sufficient control over the temperature by day and at night. For example, you say your room is very hot, faces south, has risen to 80-86 degrees during the past week, and, finally, that you keep the window open about four inches day and night. Now these last three words, I believe, give the key to your trouble, for although the days last week were so hot there was a big drop most nights, and your room facing south would feel the full extent of the drop at night as well as the excessive heat by day. In such a case as this you would have done much better had you opened the window ten or twelve inches during the middle of the day, say, from 10 a.m. until 4 or 5 p.m., then closed it up to six inches until 8 or 9 p.m., then closed it up to three inches for the remainder of the night. This would have kept the temperature equable at all hours. You see it is all a matter of exercising discretion under abnormal conditions. Other querists should note these remarks, which are generally applicable. To remove the cough give the birds twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of tolu, in the drinking water for a few days. The few feathers you found in the cages are an undoubted proof that these birds are now in moult. This would naturally make them more susceptible to any differences in temperature. If you carry out the above suggestions respecting the ventilation of your room during any future spell of excessive heat, you will doubtless find the birds get on with the moult all right without any special treatment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Preserving Privet Berries.

Ginger.—I keep my own privet berries either by sticking the stems of the bunches in water (which is often changed), and storing them in a dry cupboard, or by burying them in sand, or the material in which grapes come packed in to fruiterers. Elder berries can be treated the same way. I am no believer in "dried" berries; after they are dried up I fail to see how they can be of much use. They could be kept for a long time if immersed in syrup and bottled—like bottled fruits. I may point out that privet berries are to be obtained fresh almost the winter through in suitable places, such as the hedges of allotment gardens, near large towns. When I lived in the country, I could always get plenty from such a spot.

Moulting a Goldfinch.

Dinas.—By all means keep the bird in the unheated room. No "tonic" is needed beyond good and proper food, so long as the moult progresses satisfactorily. If you are colour feeding (it is not really necessary) I have dealt very fully with this recently. The sweet (tasteless) pepper should be well mixed amongst their seed, the latter being cracked, if necessary; or make a mixture daily of colour food, soft food, and cracked seed, and let them eat this. Let the stock food be good, sound teazle seed three parts, canary and linseed one part each. In a separate dish give a teaspoonful of good old hemp seed one day, and a dessert-spoonful of cracked sunflower seed the next day; with a pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. Don't give hemp freely until the moult is drawing to a close. Above all, however, the bird must have a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk-thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's-purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. He should have a good-sized cage, with provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important. Failing this he must be sprayed on all suitable days; but spraying is at best but a poor substitute for a bath taken of the bird's own free will.

Points about a Crossbill.

Amateure.—I don't think it would be safe to keep the Crossbill with Canaries, Linnets, etc., in a small aviary (you don't say what kind of place yours is). You could try; remove it at once if it attacks its companions. If your bird is greenish all over, and is not house-moulted, it is probably a hen. Even the young cocks, when assuming adult plumage, exhibit traces of red. They have little value; a few shillings at the most. Crosshills are plentiful, and cheap, this season. Most are shown in their wild (i.e., red plumage). After a moult in captivity their colour changes to a yellowish green. Your bird may be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and canary-seed; and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other insects you can get. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crossbill will find a great fund of amusement, and a supply of food also, in a few fir and pine cones, if you can get them with the seed in. He will also find you some employment in providing him with new perches, for he will use his spare moments in chewing these up. It is good for him, too, to have exercise for his curious and powerful mandibles. Don't give the fir-etc., cones in a "green" state. Gather them ripe, when about to open; if necessary lay them in a moderately warm place (such as a cool oven) until they open.

Linnet Matters.

Novice.—Yes; Linnets certainly moult in their first year. Like young Canaries, they moult the body feathers but not the tail and wing feathers. The mixed seed you mention is very good in its way, but I do not consider it suitable for regular use with Linnets. Note the reply given "R.K.M." concerning the feeding. Shepherd's purse is a very common weed, found in most lanes, at the edges of corn, etc., fields, and about neglected garden ground. It has heart-shaped seed-pods, which run up the stem, which bears at top a cluster of very tiny white flowers. It is fully described and illustrated in CAGE BIRDS book on Wild Plants for Birds. As regards the sexing of Linnets, this is exceedingly difficult for the novice while the birds remain in their nesting plumage. A very good guide is to choose a bird with a good edging of white to the tail feathers, and

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which has the white on the flight (wing) feathers extending right back to the quill (shaft), and white underneath the wing as well as on top. The adult hens are grey in colour, and heavily streaked with markings on the breast; the adult-plumaged cock has a nut-brown back and wing butts, and signs of red are to be observed on the breast feathers, especially if ruffled with a finger, and at the end of winter and the approach of the breeding season, the breast of the cock becomes very perceptibly red. On the breast of the cock the tips of the feathers have a "mooned" appearance—an edging of colour disposed in a shape resembling that of the new moon. Any red feathers on the breast infallibly denote a cock—unless, of course, the "red" has been applied by human hands. A three-year-old cock Linnet in the breeding season develops a really gorgeous crimson head and breast. To sum up: in an adult bird always look for good whites, a rich nut-brown back, and a "mooned" breast, and you can't go wrong.

A Skylark Puzzle.

Song Wanted.—I have read your very lengthy letter carefully, and the only conclusion I can come to is that it is a hen Lark you have, and not a cock. Your methods of caging and management generally are first-class, while the bird, you say, is "finger-tame"; it must, then, of a certainty be a hen. A cock Lark could not help but sing under such conditions. Of course, if you have bought the bird but very recently, it may be about to commence moulting—or even might be as yet not thoroughly over the moult—in which case it could not be expected to sing until this is over and its effects thrown off. At the moment it is really not the time of year to look for song from Skylarks, or any other birds—the majority are silent owing to the moult. I don't know that I can say more. Healthy birds which are being properly fed do not absolutely require anything extra during the moult; still, your Lark would no doubt appreciate a little extra live food of sorts—you can get live ants eggs, wasp-grub, scoured gentles, flies and beetles now, with little trouble. You can spray him (but very lightly) occasionally on sunny days. There is always a percentage of dead, etc., amongst mealworms, but a good sample should not contain much "rubbish" of this nature. Keep them in a flat, fairly shallow tin, the latter two-thirds (or less) filled with bran; store the tin in a dry, warm place. If with a lid, bore some holes in it for ventilating purposes. Breeding mealworms is a most disappointing game; in your case not worth considering.

Linnets and Greenfinches Dying

R.K.M.—Your letter puzzles me; so, too, do the letters which constantly appear in our correspondence columns from fanciers who apparently cannot for the life of them keep Linnets and Goldfinches for any period in health. I can only tell you that I experience no such difficulty myself. I have already bought a fair number of big young Linnets, and they are everyone doing well, though I have had no time to give them any "special" treatment; they are in a flight cage with my moulting old birds. My methods of feeding I have often given in this column. Is it possible you are using inferior seed, or very dusty seed? Even the best of seed should be given a shake in a sieve before being fed to birds. Do not allow the ailing birds to remain with your young Canaries. The healthy and the ailing should never be together. I am sorry you do not give details of your own method of feeding; it is important to know this. I can advise you, for your Linnets, to go to a good seed shop and get the following mixture (by measure): Canary and teazle, one pint each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed, half a pint each. Give this as a stock food, and vary it with a good feed of maw and hemp now and again, given in a separate dish; also a little packet Finch mixture and wild seed mixture, and a few cracked or shelled sunflower seeds. Give plenty of seeding shepherd's-purse and chickweed (these are important), and groundsel tops in season, but strip off old, stringy leaves, giving the young and juicy ones only. If you can get any smothered with green-fly (blight), let them have a feast of the latter. You can, of course, also give hard-heads, plantain, thistles, and the like, while there are many other suitable wild plants (if you know them), such as mouse-ear and knot grass. The Greenfinches should have a good feed of sunflower seeds daily.

Brevities.

A Place (X. Y. Z.).—Mules are often very wild and riotous when young, and I should think your own bird has been knocking about and so caused the place at the base of its beak. If so, it will come right in the course of time. Anointing the place gently twice daily for a time with any healing ointment, such as Zambuk or even lanoline, or cold cream, would help on the cure. There is nothing to worry about unless it develops into a decided growth.

Thrush "Gaping" (H.J.).—I should doubt whether the soft water would be the cause of the "gaping." It does not look like it, seeing that the other two birds are quite well. Probably there is some slight throat trouble, which any bird is liable to contract. Cage the bird by itself and try the effect of adding a little Condy's Fluid to the drinking water, fresh daily, for a week or so. A small half-teaspoonful to a teacupful of water is ample; don't use it too strong, and give in glass or pot vessel.

A Weed (Covert).—It is mouse-ear chickweed, commonly known by fanciers as "mouse-ear." In its seeding stages it is excellent for all seed-eating birds—Canaries, British or Foreign. Linnets, as you have noticed, "simply worry it."

An Ailing Goldfinch (Avis).—The dose of whiskey would be correct. I should not give much of this, however. Probably a few mild doses of tincture of gentian might help to pull the bird together again—ten to twelve drops in two tablespoonfuls of water. The feeding on thistle, dandelion, and niger, with a few shelled and crushed sunflower kernels, will be, however, the most likely to do good. Don't think about the moult; that, in his present weak condition, might well end him.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

About Budgerigars.

B. H. Warbler.—With ordinary luck, even with disposing of your produce to dealers, you should have a bit over after paying your seed bill, but they are not as profitable as they used to be. When buying it is always best to procure the largest and best stock you can; it is cheapest in the end and makes a continuous sale more probable, 8/6 per pair for Greens and 10/6 to 15/- for Yellows should procure good stock. One ought to certainly have two aviaries when breeding these birds in quantities, so as to be able to send out unrelated pairs. More to keep your stock up to high-water mark, it is good practice to turn in one or two really good imported males every now and again to introduce new blood. You should find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" very helpful. See advert in this column.

"Pick-me-up" for Budgerigars.

Ginger.—Nothing can excel seeding grass (grass in flower), and plenty of it. They ought to come safely through without "pick-me-ups." I should for one day make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and repeat this after an interval of three days. For, say, a month, well colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and supply oats fairly freely. You would find our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" very useful as an "all-round-the-year-help" in treating these birds. Note advert. in this column. Have several pieces of cuttlefish about for them to nibble at, also a little ripe pear, apple, etc. Some old mortar rubbish (roughly crushed) would also be very helpful if you can obtain it.

About Lovebirds.

Blue-Winged Bird.—You do not give county, nor yet any idea of aviary, both very important points. However, if there is a good shelter shed and flight of sufficient size for exercise, they should do well, but note, Lovebirds rather resent being overcrowded. With the Blue-wings (Passerine Parrakeets is the proper name) and Madagascars, you can keep Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and Rosella Parrakeets. All would thrive as under. Canary and millet in equal parts in one hopper, and in another a mixture of oats, hemp, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, and sunflower seeds, all kinds about equal quantity. Supply also green food, ripe fruit, and a few pieces of plain biscuit daily; grit, water, and cuttlefish must also be supplied ad lib.

Amazon Parrot.

Jacko Bird.—(1) Diet is satisfactory. Next time it is extra loose, give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water for one day (keep this mixture by you for emergencies), and put it on a course of chemical food (this has a constipating effect). Mingle a little grit with its seed mixture, also cuttlefish, crushed to the size of millet. It is immaterial whether cage is cleaned night or morning.

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It is not good for bird to pick over fouled food in cage tray. (2) Procure a ring and chain (light one; state for an Amazon), enclose something about same diameter as the leg for guide, and ask for and follow maker's directions for putting on. You should have no difficulty in doing so, as it is quite tame. If you are able to get one in your town, where you purchase they will give you an object lesson in fixing same. Continue as you are at present, and I opine its noisiness will largely disappear.

Parrot Pulling Its Feathers.

B. J. C.—You ought not to let this vice run on without seeking help; it has undoubtedly been brought about by your diet. Milk and tea sop are condemned almost weekly in this column. A little moistened bread or toast (without butter or fat) will do no harm, but moisten it in water that is well coloured with chemical food. Apart from this, confine your diet strictly to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts. A frequent bath is a great help. It will be sufficient if you permit it to satisfy its thirst twice or thrice daily. For a month, providing its voidings do not become watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into an ounce of water, and let this form its sole drinking water every third day. In between, that is, when not giving the Magnesia, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I should also advise spraying the bird with quassia solution. Keep a supply of clean cuttlefish in the cage.

King Parrakeets.

R. H.—The King Parrakeet is not a fragile bird if kept out of draught when it is once acclimatised. It is always best to get an acclimatised bird when the pocket will bear the higher price. There is always a risk with a newly-imported bird, no matter what species it is. Of course, with some this is greater than with others. With care, however, if you secure a lively, healthy-looking bird in fair feather, you should be able to pull it through. (2) An ordinary Parrot cage, sufficiently large for it to rest on its perches (it is about the size of a Grey), turn and hop or hound from upper to lower perch without breaking its feathers. If its regular cage is bright and clean, this should suffice, but if you have a special show cage, have it one size smaller than the living cage. (3) Seed mixture: Three parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep up a constant supply. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib for drinking and bathing.

Taming a Grey Parrot.

W. B.—(1) I should say it was probably a youngish bird, but you should soon be able to judge of that by a little observation. Its legs and feet should suffice for this; if it is an old bird they will be very scaly, almost horny, in fact. A Grey Parrot should talk, but you cannot expect this while its terror lasts. (2) This is rather a difficult task and will require much patience, as the bird has evidently been badly scared somewhere. You will have to try kindness and gentleness. Be very quiet in your movements when in its vicinity; never approach it in a hurry, and if you have a family, do not permit the young folk to play around its cage for a time, at any rate. Keep it in your midst, but arrange a screen partly round its cage; it will get accustomed to sounds and movements, hear plenty of conversation, and will gradually settle down. But I expect your patience will be sadly tried with noise before this happy consummation is reached. By maize, I presume you mean boiled maize? This only keeps fresh one day, and the food tin must be kept strictly clean. Mix a little dry seed mixture with it and the bird will gradually become accustomed to it. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, but do not give table scraps, slops, or animal food of any description. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Feeding Young Doves.

Ring.—There is no need to give egg; some dry crushed biscuit alone will be sufficient, and they will rear even without this, though something soft as well as corn is desirable for them when feeding young. They themselves will see to it that the food is harder as the young get older, as they then do not keep the food in the crop so long as when the young are smaller.

Dove Pulling Out Feathers.

S.E.S.—I fancy your previous query was not sent on to me, as I do not remember it, and there was none such in "C.B." issue of May 22nd (not 23rd); however, here goes. Your treatment seems to be all right, but if I were you I should give wheat as well as millet and dari; also get him to eat green seeding grass as much as possible instead of the corn; tie it up in a bunch. You do not say that he is mated; very likely he would do better if paired, as it cannot be healthy for birds like this, which are naturally constantly nesting, to live alone. I suppose you hang the cage outdoors most of the time; if not, you should do so, and also give a bath daily. It may be that the bird is very considerable in age, and 17 years may have something to do with the skin irritation, but they live much longer than this.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Young Canaries (E.A.M.).—These deaths have probably been caused by the neglect of the parents, in their desire to nest again; too often the case with domesticated stock. I should advise you to give more green leaves.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Poem (R. Farmer).—We are afraid your poetry is of rather too personal a character to warrant publication.

Weasel Proof Cage (A. H. Taylor).—This shall receive consideration in due course.

A Noiseless Door (F. Jackson).—We cannot quite understand the idea embodied in your letter. It needs more fully explaining.

No Stamp (J. Brown).—Thanks for your letter. Boys will be boys—having been that way ourselves we quite appreciate the trouble.

Pigeon Caught (G. Smith).—We have sent your letter along to the Editor of the "Racing Pigeon," as the bird is likely to find an owner through the columns of that paper.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Stocksbridge.—August 28th.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 2 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2d. Fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close August 23rd to J. T. BROWN, Stocksbridge, nr. Sheffield.

Crowthorne.—September 1st and 2nd, Recreation Ground.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 1 open class: A.V. Cage Bird. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 2s. Entries close August 28th to REV. A. WHITELEY, Broadmoor, Crowthorne, Berks.

The Shows.

LLANGENNECH (Carm.).

At this show, held at the National School, on August 14th, Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. CANARY (10): 1, Davies, Belgian cock, very large, good condition; 2, Jenkins, a typical Yorkshire, good length and pipe tail, we liked; 3, Pudner Bros., large, shapely Norwich; res, Wilson; vhc, Jones, Ray. BRITISH (8): 1, Ray, the Llanelly and Bynea winning Goldfinch cock, lovely head, nice blaze, large, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Hughes, Lesser Whitethroat, gem, greatly admired; 3rd, Meadow Bunting, nice colour and condition; vhc, Sanders.

EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held August 7th. The quality of the exhibits was A1, and reflected every credit on the exhibitors.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Sloman; 3, Tripe; 4, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Sloman; 2, Moles; 3, 4, Denham. CREST: 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Denham; 3, 4, Miss Finch. C.B.: 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Denham; 3, Turner; 4, Johnson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Churchward; 2, Stiling. BUFF: 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Churchward; 4, Stiling. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Denham (Lizard). MULES OR HYB.: 1, 3, Endacott; 2, 4, Scribbins. GOLDIE BRIT.: 1, Scribbins; 2, Chudley; 3, Denham; 4, Folley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Pickard; 4, Snell. FOR.: 1, 3, 4, hc, Sloman; 2, vhc, Pickard.

NORTHALLERTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

First annual young bird show held on August 14th, in the Malpas Auction Mart, an ideal room for the purpose. Owing to the late date the birds were not at their best, as the larger number are deep in moult. The members are to be congratulated on making such a good entry for the time of year. Some grand youngsters were on exhibition. The judges were drawn from the cage bird sub-committee, each taking the section they were not exhibiting in—Mr. Gilbank (Norwich 1909 bred and Goldfinch, or Linnet adult), Mr. Marwood (Yorkshires), Mr. Cooper (Mules and A.O.S. British Hardbills)—and their awards were well received. It was decided to hold another member's show in October.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Robson; 2, Dunnington; 3, Peacock. BUFF; 1, Taylor; 2, Dunnington; 3, Robson. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Marwood. GOLDIE OR LINNET: 1, Prest; 2, Dunnington; 3, Marwood. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Gilbank, Bramble; 2, Peacock, Siskin; 3, Marwood, Greenfinch. MULE: 1, Taylor; 2, Prest; both Linnet Mules.—C. C. HODGSON, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

The last table show of young birds was held August 11th at the Joiner Arms, Deansgate. Messrs. Jas. Smith (Norwich), J. Brooks (Yorkshires), R. Hollis (A.O. Variety) won the specials offered over the three shows. Mr. A. Grundy judged, and gave satisfaction to all.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Simms and Taylor; 2, 3, Allen; vhc, Gerrard. BUFF: 1, 3, Allen; 2, Simms and Taylor; vhc, J. Smith; hc, W. Haslam; c, Burton. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Brooks; 3, Greenhalgh. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Brooks; 3, vhc, Burgess. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Hollis; 3, W. Haslam. BUFF: 1, W. Haslam; all Border Fancies.—H. PARKINSON, Sec.

VAYNOL PARK.

Held August 14th, in connection with the horticultural, sports, etc., show, a good well-ventilated tent being provided for the cage birds. The weather was glorious, and a large crowd assembled, it being the best attendance we have seen in North Wales at any show. The chairman is Mr. H. Weaver, the vice-chairman Mr. T. Francis, the treasurer Mr. R. Hughes. Mr. W. T. Davies is the efficient secretary, and he was ably assisted by Mr. T. Williams. We were very pleased to see a few of the old exhibitors coming forward, and these shared well in the prize list. Mr. J. O. Rowlands secured the special for best Canary in show. Mr. E. D. Owen staged some good birds, very fit. Mr. Bell staged an ideal Hawfinch of rare size and quality, and in nice form. Norwich and Yorkshires were good in numbers and quality for this time of the year, when so many birds are in the moult; the majority to-day, however, were through, and the others had not started. A few good Mules and Britishers were shown. We hope to see a few more specials another year; there were only three altogether. Mr. R. W. Roberts won the special in local classes, with the buff Yorkshire, which was well ahead of anything in the classes; it never looked better, and was a credit to its owner. Mr. W. T. Turner (Rotherham) judged.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, two specials, J. O. Rowlands, nice team of typical Nor., grand size, quality and class of feather, winner stood well out, a grand yellow; 3, E. D. Owen, another clear yell., immense size, good type and stand, well up. BUFF, TKD., ETC. (5): 1, E. D. Owen, typical buff, rare size and quality, well shown; 2, J. Williams, rare substance and type; 3 we could not find; res, W. Roberts. YORKS. (11): 1, R. W. Roberts, cl. buff, medium size, nice type and position, extra good feather, rightly won, also took special in local classes; 2, 3, T. Owen, nice type and condition, former good colour, very showy; res., vhc, Thompson, nice feather and condition; vhc, Walker and Alcock; c, W. H. Williams. TICKED, ETC. (6): 1, Owens Bros., wing tkd. yell., nicely drawn, very nice length, style and quality, good class of feather, A 1 colour; 2, R. W. Roberts, another wing tkd., nice class of feather and style; 3, Walker and Alcock, varieg., nice youngster of medium size; res, W. H. Williams, very fair bird, all round, of good colour; hc, J. Williams, good lengthy bird, grand stand and contour, some thought an easy second. YORKS. HEN (4): 1, J. T. Jones, cap and wing marked buff, very nice hen, excellent position, in tight condition; 2, J. Williams, good buff, grand length and style, not in her best form; 3, W. H. Williams, slashing cl. yell., right length, type, and position, well up on leg, in tight condition; res, T. Davies, very moderate buff. CAN. A.O.V. cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, E. J. Jones, dark, good size, Goldfinch Mule, in fine form; 2, Owens Brothers, variegated. Goldfinch Can., nice size, type and quality, grand blaze, made a good second; 3, Ebenezer Williams, same colour, not so distinct in markings, perhaps, very nice all round bird; res, Jackson, well known buff Linnet Mule, through the moult, and looking his best; hc, W. H. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, E. J. Jones, good Finch all over, very fine blaze, nice size and tanning, often described; 2, Owens Brothers, nice colour, tans, and buttons; 3, vhc, c, G. H. Pritchard, trio of good Finches, different types, latter an old winner, extra good in size, square cut deep blaze, well carried back; 3, Smaller, nice all round Goldie, best of buttons; res, hc, William Ore, good coloured bird, not at his best, just yet; hc, very fair, when ready. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, W. H. Williams, extra good size Greenfinch, lovely colour and feather; 2, Bell, good Redpoll, in nice form; 3, Salter, beautifully coloured Bramble; res, White. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Bell, good Hawfinch, rare size, colour and quality, looking very fit; 2, Thomas Davies, good Blackbird. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, W. H. Williams; 2, vhc, J. O. Rowlands; 3, E. D. Owen; res, R. W. Roberts; hc, W. Ore. LOCAL CAN. (6): 1, res, R. W. Roberts, already noticed; 2nd, Owens Bros., good youngster; 3, vhc, T. Owen, nice yell. Yorks.; vhc, W. Ore. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, res, Hughes Bros., very nice Bullie, slack in feather to-day; 2nd, Goldie, medium size, nice blaze, nice tanning, another Bullie, good size when ready; 3, T. T. Roberts, fine-sized Greenie.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, August 14th, when some very good singing was heard. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Naylor. Also on August 15th, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. 1st and 2nd shared between Sissons and Hardcastle; 3rd, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Best Bird in Australia.

"There," said a visitor to the Small Bird House at the Zoo the other day in my hearing, "that's the best bird we've got in Australia." He was speaking of the exquisite little Blue Wren, of which the Zoo have had three specimens, two cocks and a hen, for some time, though the older male is now dead; and anyone who looks at this little gem will understand its popularity with our fellow subjects "down under." In size it is about the same as our Wren, but has quite a long tail, carried, however, just as "gaily" as Jenny's; in colour the male in full dress is a perfect revelation of beauty, the chief tints being brilliant turquoise blue, with a gloss like enamel, and velvet black, the blue occurring on the crown, cheeks, and upper back. The hen is a plain brown bird with a red eye-streak, and a dull orange bill, and the cock in undress—for he goes "out of colour" periodically like a Weaver—is like her, except that he has no red about the eye, and his bill is black.

A Garden Favourite.

There are many beautiful birds in all countries which are not appreciated because not familiar or common enough to be known; but this is not the case with the Blue Wren, which is quite a garden bird, like our Hedge-Sparrow, which it seems much to resemble in habits, hopping about on the grass, but not venturing far from cover. In captivity it may be observed that cock and hen are much attached, and often sit side by side and plume each other like love-birds. These little creatures are of course insectivorous; but for small Softbills they are wonderfully easy to keep; those at the Zoo were all that were shipped from Australia in the first place, and they had hardly any live insects during all the long voyage home. Moreover, years before the Zoo got their specimens, Mr. R. Phillips had not only kept but successfully bred this bird in London, so that it can safely be reckoned as a good subject for aviculture, and I hope someone will be enterprising enough to import a few more.



The Blue Wren.

Something Like Aviculture.

I was very glad last week to meet again Mr. W. Frost, who is well known to many readers of CAGE BIRDS, and has safely returned from an expedition to the Aru Islands, the only home of the Great Emerald Bird of Paradise, which is the largest, finest, and most interesting of all these splendid birds. Mr. Frost's commission was to collect living specimens of these to stock a privately-owned estate in the West Indies, and as he has got several dozen, this ought to be satisfactorily accomplished. There is practically no danger of the birds trying to leave the island, as he tells me they either cannot or will not fly far; he has never seen them even cross a creek less than a mile wide, and if one escaped it would dodge about the verandah and into the nearest bush, instead of making straight off to the forest as the little King Bird of Paradise would do. Several of the latter were also procured, and together with other rarities brought at the same time, may be seen in the Small Bird House at the Zoo. The Birds of Paradise, it seems, are caught with bird-lime which is very strong.

The Indian Crow Again.

To turn from the top perch of the bird aristocracy to a very plebeian fowl, I see from a note and photograph in more than one publication that my old friend, the Indian Crow, has been distinguishing himself again. He has succeeded in penetrating into a Calcutta furniture warehouse, and there, between the legs of a small table turned upside down, making a nest with a pleasing collection of bric-a-brac, including hoop-iron, wire, tin, spoons, and bones! I don't think this can very well be beaten for variety and uncomfortableness of material, but it is not the top notch in the crow record, for some years ago a pair of Calcutta crows built a nest of gold and silver spectacle frames which they stole from a factory; I believe the value of this expensive bit of architecture was estimated at 300 rupees, equal to £20.

Correspondence.

Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

SIR,—In reply to R. F. Duigenan's letter, I wish to inform Mr. D. that neither myself nor any other of the Sligo fanciers are going to enter into any fishwomen's gossip with him. I see he takes to getting out of the difficulty of answering my questions by putting others. Answer first and then you will hear more.

M. J. MULLIGAN.

Goldfinches Rear their Young in a Bird-room.

SIR,—In your last issue I see Mr. G. Backhouse would like to 'know if any of your readers have known of Goldfinches being bred in a flight. For that gentleman's information I may say I had a Goldfinch in my possession some eight years ago that was bred in an ordinary breeding cage, in the living room of a small cottage, in the vicinity of Newport (Salop), from which I bred several nice mules.

A. C. BROTHERHOOD.

A Favourite Spot for Albinos.

SIR,—We have in the district very many rare Albino birds, and a certain part of the district of Hawick is quite famous for them now. A fancier had two pure Albino Blackbirds, and this year he has got two Albino Thrushes. The last-mentioned he got in Wilton Lodge, one of our public parks, and the Blackbirds in or near the park. Last year an Albino Rook was shot at Borthaugh. This is near the park, too. And on Tuesday, a friend of mine saw a flock of Starlings rise from a field, and he distinctly saw a pure white one amongst them. This was near Stobs, the military camp. At Haughead Farm there has been for a few years a white Sparrow, and I saw in a fancier's bird-room a lovely variegated Chaffinch caught at Lindean Park; both of these two birds were caught within two miles of Hawick. Now, can any fancier tell me the reason so many of these Albinos, etc., should be in and around this town, as I am interested (and I notice lots of other readers of CAGE BIRDS are also) in these wonderful sports of nature, or whatever they are.

THOMAS INNES.

The Sensational Scottish Disqualification Case.

SIR,—Being disinterested, and not knowing any of the parties personally, I can approach the McQuiston case with an open mind. I see Mr. McQuiston states that Gemmell's Bullfinch, shown at Ayr, was exhibited by a Mr. Wilson. Who is Wilson? This I take to be a barefaced acknowledgment of borrowing and lending; so now we have acknowledged staining, backed up by acknowledged borrowing and lending, and two cases of the latter (Ayr and Dalmellington). I make no pretence to saintliness, and I don't suppose I go to the "Kirk" as often as the "Unco' Quid," but I do object to miserable pot-hunting like this, by men who have not an atom of sport or of straightforwardness in them. Are not the facts admitted sufficient to stir up the Scotch societies, especially the best of them, both specialist and local, to deal with this kind of thing manfully, shrewdly, and thoroughly until they get it under? From what I read, this case is not by any means unique in Scotland, and the best men in the societies must take the matter up forcibly. It was cases of injustice to the general body of exhibitors, similar in character to this case, that led to the formation of the C.B.U. South of the Border, and although the C.B.U. has not accomplished all that was expected, it is not dead, by any means, and it has no doubt acted as a deterrent. I have no confidence in any bare statement proceeding from either McQuiston or Gemmell, and I should require any statement by either proved up to the hilt. One important point in Gemmell's letters is that whereas his letter considered by the Scottish B.B. and M.C. denied staining the Bathgate Bullfinch, his letter to the National B.B. and M.C. admitted staining the same bird. It therefore seems to me the National B.B. and M.C. have been fooled or imposed upon, and that it is a necessary act of justice for them to re-open the case, probably after the coming meeting of the Scottish B. and M.C., the result of whose deliberations I do not attempt to prejudge. I think, however, that the two societies should work together in this matter.

SOUTHERN FANCIER.

SIR,—Might I crave a small space in your splendid journal for fanciers who would like to see more clearly into matters concerning the Fancy in Scotland. I feel compelled to agree with Mr. G. McPartling. He remarks, referring to the Scots, "are they all knowingly yet covertly tricking each other?" It would seem so, Mr. Editor. Although it may be hard to believe, Scotland, the land of religion, is in the Fancy a land of hypocrites. Strong language no doubt for me to use, and probably some may resent it. Others, young in experience, are halting between two opinions, lacking in experience in the ways of clubs, etc. In the correspondence which appears in your journal the writers, strange to say, are asking questions from an expelled exhibitor, and, according to the report of a secretary, a man is charged with dishonestly showing a bird contrary to the rules of a club. I sometimes wonder if the men that judge and disqualify birds ever break, or have broken rules. Have they never lent birds, and never "faked"? I am asking very personal questions, no doubt. But, under the Rule 11, can they say to the Fancy: We have clean hands? Shame on those of us who talk loudest at meetings. Let the matter be put to each and all: Have I clean hands? Be the last to cast a stone, and keep your own doorstep clean. It is said that young fanciers in Scotland are in the balance, and weighing up whether they will leave the Fancy or follow the man with the cloven foot, or act the Pharisee, a wolf in sheep's clothing. Take time to consider those of you who by a single word or act are passing your vote on any fallen man. If you are pure yourself, and have done nothing contrary to the rules of your club or association, then extend the right hand of fellowship, and welcome your fallen brother, and lead him in the paths of purity. If you have done things in secret which no one knows but yourself, think on the words of Scotland's famous poet, Robbie Burns: "O wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oursel's as ithers see us."

NON SUM QUALIS ERAM.

The Crested Canary Club and Its Patronage.

SIR,—It is with regret that I have to pen a letter of this description, but I must confess that I was very disappointed when reading your valuable journal to find that we, the Long Eaton and District Society, had not been granted the above club's support. We have appointed a club judge in Mr. R. Rhodes, and were prepared to give what classes the club should decide upon, whilst we have again booked the Peoples' Hall, which is one of the finest and most suitable halls in the country. Surely it must be an oversight on the part of the committee to only have one club show in the whole of the Midlands (that, of course, the good old Nottingham), whilst the two nearest are a matter of about 180 miles apart, viz., Manchester and Cambridge. Surely this hits hard on the members situated in the Midland district. If this sort of thing continues what will become of the Fancy in the Midlands? I hope this will catch the eyes of any interested persons, so that we may have other opinions on this matter.

A. WIGGINTON,
Hon. Sec. Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.

Sixteen from One Pair.

An Encouraging Record.

SIR,—I have not reared Canaries for many years. At one time I reared them yearly and kept large aviaries; but not for sale, only my fancy. This year I bought a deep yellow cock bird, and a buff hen, both Yorkshires; but they were not fit for show, as they were not colour fed. I never use colour-feed, as I think it is horrible as a colour, and cruel to the birds, too. The cock bird is four years old, and the hen one year. The hen has laid twenty-three eggs, and would have hatched all but I thought it too much for her. They have reared sixteen beautiful birds—I think a good number from one pair. The hen is now trying to go to nest again. I wonder if she can lay more eggs? Both birds are looking as fresh as ever. I take in CAGE BIRDS, and have a number of books on Canaries besides. I still adopt the same old-fashioned method of feeding on pure egg (minced through the machine, and fresh glassfuls given four or five times a day, so it never goes sour), Canary and hemp seed. I clean the cage daily. The birds never mind this, and I have not had any red mites. I put insect powder over the cage, and under the lining of the nest and bags of stuff given the hen to build with. So I think I am fortunate, as I hear of so many complaining of red mites.

J. B.

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A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I have been reading the letter of Robert Oddy on this subject, and I am free to confess that I rubbed my eyes in astonishment at some of his statements. But the champion assertion of all was the one in which Mr. Oddy declared: "I thought sometimes it was septic fever. If it had been they would have gone faster, for I only lost one out of 15 in a flight cage. With the bowels, etc., being all right, I think that proves it was not. I put them back in the attic again this week, and put ½lb. of rock sulphur on some fire at night, and let it burn. I went up to have a look about two hours after, but one smell was enough. I fully expected finding all dead in the morning, but not one. So I am hoping that I shall get good results from it. I got the idea from some old fanciers who had done it, and did not lose any more birds that season." The first thing that struck me on reading the above was that the man had lost his head. Mr. North had told him that the case looked like one of pneumonia, so he proceeded to cure it by applying the remedy which a friend of mine in the house-decorating line tells me is always done when it is desired to asphyxiate those unpleasant insects which sometimes get into houses (especially in London and big towns) called "mahogany flats." Mr. North is an expert, and it seems to me to be such a far cry from his diagnosis of the disease as pneumonia to Mr. Oddy's application of sulphur fumes as a remedy, that I am nonplussed. Might I gently advise fanciers—especially young beginners—unless they desire to kill their birds as a cure for disease, to hesitate before adopting Mr. Oddy's remedy; and may I also appeal to Mr. Oddy to bear in mind that advice of this kind, recklessly given, may on occasion spell the death of an inexperienced man's whole stock. I am not saying that Mr. Oddy does really advise the use of burning rock sulphur. He is merely telling his experience! Probably Mr. Oddy may have set about trying to eradicate the disease—birds and all. The birds escaped, but that was not to be attributed to the caution or knowledge of Mr. Oddy. "One smell was enough" for himself, and it strikes me that if he avoided a second inhalation, and his birds escaped (though he "fully expected finding all dead in the morning" he would have been wise to avoid indulging in such hare-brained chatter as he employs in retailing such a remedy for others to copy, who—through inexperience or goaded by that despair which sometimes seizes people in the face of bad luck—might adopt it and destroy stock which common-sense treatment might have saved. Mr. Oddy is, I believe, a splendid fancier, but he has got hold of some "old fanciers" with curious whims, and I have no doubt they have disturbed his judgment a little as to the uses and abuses of sulphur. His birds have escaped, and he has told the story of it; but let me advise all who read Mr. Oddy's experience to avoid the use of sulphur with birds in the room, and not to allow their mental balance to be turned turtle, even for the pleasure of "one smell," which may not only prove enough for themselves, but for the birds as well.

LANCASHIRE LAD.

SIR,—I can sympathise with your correspondents who have lost many birds this season, and are at a loss to know the cause of the deaths. I have also lost upwards of seventy birds, old and young (the latter not counted) all going the same way. When it first commenced I blamed the cold weather, as hens which were feeding young died first; young in the nest also dying, sometimes through being only partly feathered when their mothers died. As time went on I lost more, and transferring some of the young to other hens, I found they still died, and generally their foster mothers also. The cocks with one or two exceptions, outlived all the hens, although they were helping to feed the young. I began to suspect it was contagious, for whenever I had a death I could trace direct contact with others I had previously lost. As time passed on the cocks began to die, and, last of all, the British Birds. The deaths have extended over the whole of the breeding season, and only recently I lost a Bullfinch, and a Corn Bunting, the last of my British excepting two Bramble-finch hens, and one Chaffinch cock. Of the Canaries, I have three cocks left, which are now moulting, and not a Canary hen of any description. I enclose a photograph, which I have taken of one of my Canaries which has just died. It shows the peculiar position many of them have died in, generally sitting on the cage bottom with the head turned upward. At the commencement of the disease they appear cold, and the feathers are all puffed out. The bowels are sometimes loose, though more frequently the excreta was solid, but accompanied by a watery fluid, and just before death there is a small quantity of pure blood. They also continually move the head backward with a jerky motion, and generally die with head held up, and feet cramped as though they suffered great pain. Some of them died in about fourteen days, while others seemed to take more killing. The Corn Bunting had been ill six or seven weeks when he died, and he had scarcely a particle of flesh left—simply bone, skin, and feathers. They seem to last as long as they can keep flesh on, and when they die they have a dried up appearance, and are as light as an ordinary preserved skin. It is a mystery! What is responsible for their deaths? I have proved it is not the food, for I have brother fanciers doing well with precisely the same treatment. Seventy-five birds to start the season, and not half a dozen! Truly a depressing state of affairs, and enough to weary the most ardent fancier.

THOS. ROBSON.



This photograph of one of Mr. T. Robson's dead Canaries, shows the curious position on the cage-floor in which many of them met their end.

The Cuckoo in Confinement.

SIR,—With reference to your correspondent's (Mr. Edward's) question in last week's issue—Yes. A Cuckoo was reared from nest; and lived through two winters in 1892 and 1893. This bird was reared by a patient, named Thomas Osborne, at Hants County Asylum, Knowle, Fareham, Hants, in the kitchen. I myself was chef there at the time, and the same comments were passed as in Mrs. Sargeant's case. The bird was thought to be a Hawk, and not until the following April was the thought exploded by the bird itself giving its well known call, "Cuckoo," which at first was very crude. But the superintendent of the institution gave the patient a present on hearing the bird give its first call, which happened on Easter Sunday morning, and which proved beyond doubt what the bird was, which was thought by many to be a Hawk. This Cuckoo lived 2½ years, and was fed on raw beef, mealworms and egg and biscuit, crushed hemp and bread sop. It was a lot of trouble because it could never feed itself. The plumage was in good condition, except the tail, which was always broken. Every attention was given to it by this patient, and when this bird passed into other hands it soon died. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its readers every success.

W. J. B. HOPKINS.

SIR,—Please thank Messrs. Kershaw, Clegg and Wills for their letters. After such good wishes I ought to succeed in rearing a Cuckoo. Since writing I have obtained another specimen. About four miles from here there is a pool where people go to bathe; at the side of the pool a small shelter is built of boughs and bracken. In the roof of this shelter a Jenny Wren built its nest, and in the nest a young Cuckoo was hatched on July 11th. How the parent bird managed to place the egg in the nest is a mystery, for it is in about the centre of the roof inside the shelter, and the opening to the nest would only admit two fingers. The Cuckoo grew rapidly, and at seven days old the nest was stretched to its utmost limit, and must have burst during the night, the Cuckoo being on the ground next morning and the nest a wreck. The young Cuckoo scrambled to a heap of bush wood near, and by next day the Wrens had built a semblance of a nest of twigs, leaves, and hair

round the bird. The Wrens continued to feed their ravenous foster child till it was seventeen days old, when it got frightened by the bathers and moved into the grass nearer the pool. It was now dangerously near the water, so I decided to take it home and rear it by hand. It is a larger bird than the first one I had, and its feathers are of a deeper colour. For a young bird, it has had quite an eventful life, and will, I hope, repay the trouble taken in feeding by living to a good age. While at Bewdley in Worcestershire last week I saw a small flock or covey of Cuckoos, consisting of seven or eight of this season's birds; they were feeding together in a field, and I got to within five yards of them before they rose, settling again in the next field. This interested me, for I considered the Cuckoo a solitary bird, and here were quite a party amicably feeding together. Like the Owl, the Cuckoo disgorges all undigested food, not in little balls, but in elongated egg-shaped bodies about the size of an almond. This was quite fresh to me, and perhaps others may not have noticed this. After feeding the Cuckoos on large brown moths, the ejected portion consisted of the wings and legs of moths, mixed with some of what I thought were the skins of ants eggs which the birds had taken at the previous meal. After a meal of hairy caterpillars, the skins were easily separated from the rest of the ejected matter. Foreign substances found among ants' eggs, such as bits of twig, leaves, small stones, etc., are all eaten but ejected afterwards. I gave the first bird a meal of wasp cake, with the grubs inside; between two and a half and three hours afterwards two portions were ejected, one about as large as an almond and one about half the size, consisting almost entirely of the paper-like substance of which the wasp cells are made, but in a pulpy condition. I have seen one ball disgorged, and it seemed a perfectly natural operation without strain. The bird was sitting on the perch calling for more food, when I offered a mealworm, the Cuckoo seemed to gulp, and gave a quick shake of its head and out dropped the first and largest ball mentioned previously in connection with the meal of wasp cake. This has been a very interesting experience for me, and I hope will interest others. I have picked up many useful hints from letters published in your valuable paper, so shall be pleased to send you any items I may come across.

J. SHADDOCK.

SIR,—In reference to the keeping of young Cuckoos, I may say I have reared about six since I started keeping Softbills some eight years ago. The longest I ever kept one was from June till January the following year. I fed mine on maggots, wasp grubs, etc. They are very tame, but when the time of migration comes round they fly about the cage and break both wing feathers and tail feathers till they bleed. In conclusion, let me congratulate Mrs. Sargeant upon keeping the Cuckoo for 15 months. I might say the Nightjar is just about as difficult to keep as the Cuckoo.

CHAS. MACKWELL.

A Swallow Comes Aboard.

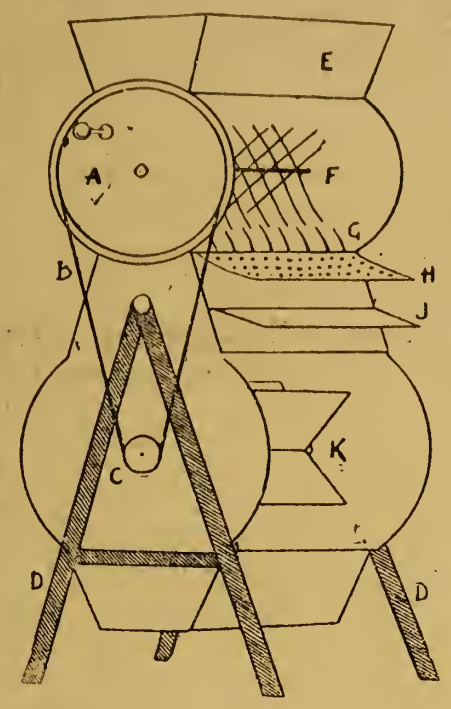
SIR,—I find the enclosed account of a Swallow's visit to one of our warships in my weekly paper, and forward it in the hope that it may interest other. "C.B.-ites."—While cruising back from Spain lately a Swallow came on board when we were about 100 miles from the Lizard. We were only steaming seven knots at the time, and for half-an-hour or so before actually alighting on the ship the bird flew round enquiringly, every now and again uttering its twittering call-note. It appeared in an exhausted state, and at length flew on to the quarter-deck, where it remained quite motionless. The sentry had evidently designs on its liberty, but was prevented from capturing it by the Admiral—a keen sportsman and an enthusiastic ornithologist. The bird had ultimately to change its quarters, however, as several of the officers on board—with the most praiseworthy but mistaken motives—brought breadcrumbs and a dish of water and placed them beside the Swallow, which, unfortunately, misunderstood their intentions and flew off the ship. It was plain, however that it was not going to leave us, and, after flying around for some time, it entered the commander's cabin through the porthole—unseen by the commander—and went to roost. The commander afterwards informed me that he was aroused in the early morning by a strange twittering, and was very surprised indeed to find the Swallow in his cabin. On being disturbed the bird flew out of the porthole, and, after circling once or twice, made off for the land, now only a few miles away. About the same time that the Swallow came on board a pair of rose Linnets were seen flying round the cruiser, and, after numerous tours of investigation, came to rest on the stern walk, behind the Admiral's cabin, so that we were the means of doing a good turn to at least three of the army of emigrants which cross the seas both spring and autumn.

INTERESTED.

How to Get the Seed Out of Thistle Heads.

A Description of an Ingenious Machine which Performs the Operation.

SIR,—I am sending you a photograph and a diagram illustrating a home-made machine which I use for getting the seeds out of thistle heads. I found this operation a very



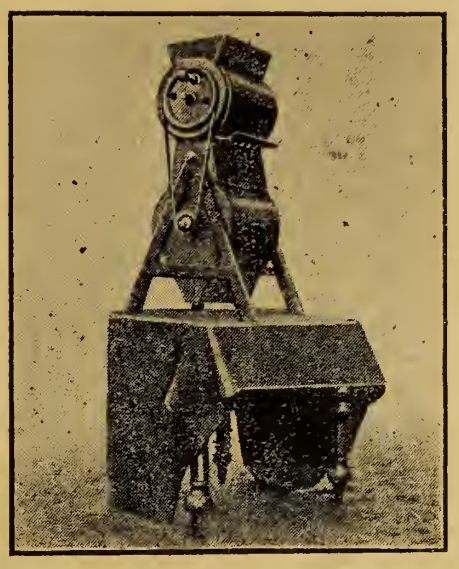
Explanatory Diagram of a machine for extracting the seeds from thistle-heads.

tedious one to perform by hand. This machine works perfectly, and does all that is expected of it. Both sides are made of wood, and the curved parts of tin. The two wheels I got from an old sewing machine. There are 14 fixed teeth (7 each side) and six revolving teeth, which go right through the spindle, so making 12 "tearing" teeth. The machine is two feet from top to bottom of legs; the "box" where fan is enclosed is eight inches. This fan is made of tin, soldered at both ends to keep it in its place. Such details as these could, of course, be varied to suit the users' convenience. I have tried to make everything plain in the sketch, but if anyone finds difficulty in making it out, I shall be pleased to answer them if they will write up.

The Parts Explained.

To explain the various parts: A is the large pulley wheel which carries the handle for turning the machine. B is the belt which allows the turning to work both the revolving teeth and the fan. C is the small pulley wheel which turns the fan. D D are the wood legs of the machine. E is the hopper into which the thistle heads are fed. F are the revolving teeth which carry the thistle heads against the two rows of fixed teeth, G the operation tearing them to pieces. H is a perforated drawer, and the seed falls through the perforations into J, which is a solid drawer. Both H and J are removable, and when out allow all the remains to drop into K, the chamber containing the fan. L is another removable perforated drawer which permits any seed remaining to fall through, and when pulled out allows the whole of the rubbish to fall out of the bottom of the machine.

Normanton. JOHN EDWARDS.



This photograph depicts Mr. Edwards' machine, complete, ready for use.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—I have read with much interest other people's views. Now, they all seem to have different ideas on the Linnet's song, but it is very seldom when you are in the fields that you hear the birds sing like they do at the Linnet contests. I have been to a few places, but I must say that I don't understand the Leeds style of quality. You can sit in the room with the judge and timekeeper, but you never hear anything called out. A novice does not know whether the bird is doing good or bad. To my mind, a bird that is not "mad proud" is no good for quality singing. Now Sheffield singing is different. They hang two birds together, but you can hear them call out what the bird is doing, and all the time is booked. The Sheffield birds are mad proud, or else they won't sing at one another. Now Barnsley singing is another style, and far different. There is a man with the watch, and another with the book, and all the time the bird is singing they are calling out. If a bird was to do a run of 29 seconds, it would be called out in this style: 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, and 4 over. I have heard a bird belonging to J. Chadwick, of Barnsley, do runs like this at one contest: 76, 41, 19, 23, 38, 23, 80, 31, 21 out of a possible six minutes. The bird has been broke when it ought not to have been. Of course, they only hang one bird at a time. If any other gentlemen have been to Sheffield, Leeds and Barnsley, I should like them to give their views on the different styles.

A VISITOR.

SIR,—If "Linnet Fancier" is a fancier, as he terms himself, let him come out in a true fancier's spirit, and not under a nom de plume. It is no "guessing competition." What matters whether he comes from Lincolnshire or Jerusalem? Some one must be wrong. If I am, then it matters not to me. "Linnet Fancier" asks: "Can't they be raised under Skylarks, Tit-Larks, or Wood-Larks?" Certainly; he has the chance to try. Can he inform me where time singing is done in or around London, as it is unknown to me? Again, he says he dares say Mr. Rostron only gets an occasional good bird out of several dozens. Mr. Rostron said himself they only got a good one out of a thousand. So there's not many working men get a good one. I am proud to say I have three decent birds out of eight caged last season; one especially can fight and thrash some of the best old ones. But I should not stop bird singing if I heard a superior bird to mine. I am always pleased to hear anyone come out with a good one, and would treat him rather better than the reverse. I told you last week the three best notes any Linnet living can sing, and I keep my own caught youngsters specially from one place for song. To prove that the Linnet has its song from the nest, has the Editor anyone he will appoint to keep two or three young branchers by themselves—no other birds whatever—no Crows, Ducks, Waterhens, Landrails, etc., as some of the supposed cracks say they take their song from. I expect it will be camels and tigers next! If my offer is accepted, I will state the three or four notes these youngsters shall do. I daresay after my experience of 40 odd years, I want teaching by a mushroom fancier! Again, it's not the best bird that catches the most on the field; don't forget the tackle, etc., and the way it's used. There is a little in everything. I expect if a man was fool enough to sit down and write all his hard-earned experience, he would be a good man; I say live and learn. It has been a hard, dear hobby to me.

H. BARNARD.

[We are afraid we are unable to nominate anyone who would be likely to conform to Mr. Barnard's condition.—EDITOR.]

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—Far from needing Mr. J. Halliday's catechism, I think Mr. Woolhouse, the respected chairman of the D.O.S., and also his committee, deserve to be congratulated on their efforts for the Fancy. They have proved themselves to be not white-feather tacticians, but capable of playing a good game, with their backs to the wall, facing onslaughts by correspondents with characteristics worthy of fanciers and gentlemen. I wish them every success.

G. MCKEE.

P.S.—I am pleased to see the Y.C.C. are patronising their fixture.

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The Feeding and Keeping of Linnets in Health.

SIR,—I had an agreeable surprise when I read "Spartie's" enquiry on the feeding and keeping of Linnets. Probably it would be more interesting, and certainly more practicable to hundreds of your novice readers to know how to feed Linnets properly, so as to keep them in health; and they should have a chance of hearing them sing themselves (which some never have the luck to do), instead of grumbling and arguing about the quality and niceties of their song, which seem Greek to those who have never heard a good singer. How many have had Linnets and in despair have given up keeping them because they could not say they had ever heard them sing? Give us a chance of knowing how to feed them, so as to get them in full song instead of having to cremate them at the rate of three or four per week just when we are expecting them to start singing. I am glad to see the vexed question of "Remedy Wanted" cropping up again. I hoped some time since, when writing on this subject (asking for information) to get some help from older and experienced fanciers as to a remedy, but I sadly failed, and I fear that neither G.B., nor Bert, in this week's issue solves it at all. I know I never used brass water utensils, yet have lost two score of birds this last twelve months, and look like losing more still amongst my Britishers. I have never had my Canaries troubled with it at all somehow. I have scoured my cages time after time with crude carbolic, and having kept them outdoors for a week, and have started with a complete change of seeds, yet I have lost two more recently. I thought a Solomon had arisen in the guise of Mr. W. H. Thomas, who promised some time since to send a bottle of a certain remedy to me, and to the first gentleman who started this subject; but as yet I have neither heard from him nor received the so-much-needed bottle. If he is still of the same mind, and possesses such an invaluable remedy, why not advertise it, and cease from hiding his light under a bushel? I am sure there is a large demand for such, and I for one would be willing to pay any reasonable amount for such a remedy, providing it proved successful. My opinion is that the root of the matter is a kind of colic, or bowel complaint, invariably terminating in diarrhœa. Although the bowels are inflamed at first, they seem to turn whitish at the end, after which it is a thirty-to-one-chance of recovery. I hope still we may yet discover a remedy, and I remain a hopeful reader of CAGE BIRDS.

A. WILKINSON.

Bird Life in Trinidad.

Concerning Red-crested Cardinals.

SIR,—"Ornithological Oddments" by our friend, Mr. F. Finn, are always most interesting, and I look forward with pleasure to this page each week. But I was more than pleased to find the remarks about the Sulphury Tyrant. I spent part of my childhood in Trinidad, West Indies (my father was very fond of travelling), and one of the commonest birds (at the same time a great beauty) was the Kiskadee, as we used to call it out there, and I have always thought this only a local name. I don't remember ever seeing a living specimen in England. I have a stuffed one, the skin of which we brought over with us amongst a lot of Humming Birds, etc. The bird life in Trinidad was always a great pleasure to me when I was there. I saw many fresh and beautiful birds, although then I did not know their proper names. Whilst writing I should also like to make a remark on an article I read in CAGE BIRDS a week or two back. It was about the Grey Red-Crested Cardinal; but I cannot remember the date or the writer, and I have been looking up my papers, but think I must have given this copy to a young fellow who is just starting bird keeping (I think this is much the best way, instead of keeping them, as there are so many things one just starting can learn by reading CAGE BIRDS that it would take years to find out for oneself with many a sad loss). It was about the sex of the Cardinal, and in mentioning the difference between the sexes the writer stated that the hen had no song. I should like to correct his statement, as I have kept Cardinals for years, both indoors and out, and have found that the hens sing quite a good deal; in fact, sometimes more even than the cocks. I had one hen some time back that used to puff herself out and chase the cock and sing to him. She used to sing more than he did, in fact, and she proved her sex for certain by laying quite a lot of eggs, but these generally managed to get broken. The hen, too, of the pair I have at present sings nicely—quite as loud as a cock. She has laid this year, but did not hatch, as they were only in a bird-room aviary.

F. J. DAY.

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The Critical Period for Young Birds.

Hints on their Treatment.

SIR,—Perhaps the most critical time in the lives of young Canaries bred by a comparative beginner in the hobby is the first month after they are taken away from their parents, or from six to eight or ten weeks old. To get over this difficulty is the one great desire of every novice who has experienced the chagrin which such losses, just on the threshold of success, cannot fail to bring. Yet the remedy (if such it may be called) is simple in the extreme. Of course, it lies in prevention, which is proverbially better than cure; and the method of prevention is in supplying a wholesome and good diet suited to the needs of the birds. To begin, say, at four weeks old, when the majority of the young will be separated from their parents. Do not fix any hard and fast rule for separating them at a given age. Most young will be able to do for themselves at a month old; a few rather earlier than this; and yet, again, others will not be fully able to provide for themselves at this age. Don't be in a hurry to separate them, so long as the parents will feed even a little, and refrain from plucking. In every case it will be better to leave the young with the parents a few days longer than is really necessary than to separate them even half-a-day too soon. It should be ascertained without doubt that they are cracking Canary seed fairly easy, which, of course, they will help themselves to out of the seed hoppers, or from a separate dish if one is provided. If a supply of soaked rape was allowed the parents in feeding, this should be gradually replaced with dry rape. One will almost invariably find that the first seed the young are able to negotiate themselves is the rape, and from this they go on to the Canary, finally to the slightly cracked hemp. But the Canary, which is to provide their staple food, is the one they must be able to crack without difficulty. Egg food will still be forming a portion of their daily food, but it should be diluted by about two-thirds its bulk of powdered biscuit, or bread crumb, etc. A very good and generally useful soft food is composed of one part each of egg (white and yolk thoroughly minced may be used), stale bread crumbs, and powdered sweet biscuit, or sponge cake. This should be mixed together without the least trace of "sloppiness." No water or other moisture should be necessary. When minced and well blended together in the above proportions it will be rather on the dry side. The average novice would at once vote its being "too dry" to give to the birds, but that is precisely where he makes one big mistake. The condition described is, in fact, the ideal one. If the young have been flying loose in the breeding cage with their parents, they may be placed at once in a flight cage; but take care they are not turned in with a lot of other birds stronger and more vigorous than themselves. But if they have been finished off by the parents in a nursery cage, they should be kept for a short time in an ordinary breeding cage before being placed in the flight, in order that they may exercise their wings and legs a little. The actual separation being accomplished, one must be on the look-out for a day or two to see if any of the birds go "thick" through being separated too early. A constant plaintive "chip, chip," beginning a few hours after the separation, is a sign that one had better be on the look-out for the author. If matters seem to be getting serious, such a bird must be placed in a nursery before it gets weak, and hung on its parents' cage again for a few hours. Here again it must be watched to see if its parents feed it. If they do not it should be tried on the cage of any pair whose young have very recently been taken away. Hand-feeding is the only other remedy. An unlimited supply of good sound Canary seed should be provided as the staple diet as soon as the birds are separated. A limited supply of dry summer rape should be given (separate) each day, and for a week or so a small quantity of egg food, prepared as described above, should also form a daily item. For the first day or two a dessert spoonful of egg food may be given to each brood of four or five birds each morning, and in the afternoon a heaped teaspoonful of rape should be given. After the first few days the quantity of egg food may be gradually diminished, and a little extra rape added, and three or four times a week a small teaspoonful of cracked hemp given in its place. After about a week or ten days the supply of egg food should be dropped for a day now and again, and by the time they have been separated a fortnight the supply of egg food may be reduced to about three times a week. Later on this may be further reduced to twice a week, and its place occasionally taken by a supply of stale bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. No green food should be given for a few days after removal, and afterwards a ripe plantain stalk should be given for a few weeks. Seedy chickweed may be given later, and if any signs of constipation occur a flowery head of tender groundsel will correct it. But at all times give only wholesome green stuff, and never a bit that is stale, or sodden with water either from rain or through rinsing after being gathered. Cleanliness in everything is the keynote to prevent the great majority of young bird troubles—clean cages, clean sand, clean food, clean water, clean vessels of all kinds, and much trouble disappears.

AN OLD FANCIER.

The Breeding of Mealworms.

SIR,—Would Mr. C. Houlton or any of your readers kindly advise me (being quite a novice) as to breeding mealworms? I have read Mr. Houlton's very good article of March 13th last, and want to know: How many mealworms per week Mr. Houlton's boxes would produce? I wish to breed and use 100 per week. How big should the boxes be? How many beetles must I start with? How long before I can expect to start using from a box? J. HARDS.

An Appeal for a Metropolitan Fancier.

A Fund for Mr. W. Shakespeare.

SIR,—Kindly grant me a small space to thank the undermentioned for their kind support tendered our old friend, Mr. W. Shakespear, who, I am pleased to say, is now out of the infirmary, and is about to have a week at Southend-on-Sea, with Mr. A. Chilcott, of South Avenue, who has kindly offered to entertain him free of all cost. I might say that I received a like offer from Mr. J. N. Jeffery, Winner-street, Paignton, but funds would not allow the train fare, etc. I have received in cash £1 6s. 2d., collected at the Highgate and Hampstead Society's last meeting; also from Mrs. G. E. Weston 5s., Miss N. Nickels 5s., and Mr. G. Wood 6d., making a total of £1 16s. 8d. I trust that fellow fanciers will respond to my earnest appeal on behalf of one who is in need now, and who has done much for others in times past.

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The S.B.B. and M.C. Patronage and Its Trophy Competition.

SIR,—The result of the forthcoming meeting of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club is being eagerly looked forward to, as the result of the recent correspondence in your well-known and most popular journal. Not a few of the fanciers who were members are now being asked to rejoin, while many are retaining till after this meeting their annual subscription. This to me seems a pity, and cannot be otherwise than discouraging to the officials who devote their time to the welfare of the club. While any club has the right to expel any members for infringement of their rules, by the result of a vote, yet under the present condition of the Fancy in Scotland, when clubs expel and others receive with open arms, the expelled fanciers, is it a wise step to pass resolutions of no avail? To do so, in my opinion, is neither reasonable nor practicable, and shows a want of common sense. Let us look for a moment at the latter clause of the minute as given in the report, "that all Societies asking for the patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C. be not granted it if entries be accepted from the expelled parties, or if either of the two be officiating as judges." Let us assume that two prominent societies, such as the Scottish National, or a Western open show, decide not to interfere with the external business of the society, and to have nothing to do with club's squabbles. The S.B.B. and M.C. would take upon itself (according to the minute) to refuse its patronage. But why should they do so if a show provides the necessary classification for their members? Another important point they must consider, now the trophy is a reality, and the trophy conditions did not specify this when subscribers were asked to contribute. The trophy conditions one and two were: I. The trophy shall be competed for annually at four shows. II. The trophy or cup shall be competed for annually at the Scottish National and City of Glasgow (or other western show). They agreed to include this clause at their meeting in Kirkcaldy in 1907. The trophy must go to the S.N., and the other show, irrespective of any decision which may be made by the club, since the subscriptions have been given, and on these conditions only. I appeal to the wisdom of members to adhere to them, otherwise I, as one of the large subscribers, will certainly object. Does it never strike the members that a fancier would never dream of sending entries in his own name, but under another name, and share the spoil, and thus evade any law passed by a club? If the S.B.B. and M.C. were the only one catering for British fanciers, I could understand their taking up a strong position; but can they afford to do so now? Other kindred societies now catering for British fanciers are increasing their membership, and the membership of the S.B.B. and M.C. is not too high. Let us assume that the large societies lose the patronage, say, the S.N., for example. Many fanciers who generally sent their entries elsewhere would very likely under the circumstances send their entries to the National, knowing that a lot of the champions would be at other shows for the medals and trophy. I am showing fanciers the two sides of the question. The Scottish National would possibly reap more entries than when the patronage was given, as there are many fanciers who would like very much to get a prize card at the S.N. The S.B.B. and M.C. this year has a gentleman of exceptionable ability for chairman, and no doubt he will guide the members in a spirit conducive to the welfare of the club. EXPERTO CREDE.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

The Breeding & Management of the Norwich Canary.

By E. T. COWLING.

A Lecture delivered before the Cramlington and District C.B.S.
(Concluded from page 66.)

Teaching the Young to Pick.

After the young ones leave the nest, it is very important that they should learn to pick for themselves as soon as possible, for fear of anything happening to the cock, for by this time the hen will very likely be sitting again, the cock doing most of the feeding. Although we must not be in a hurry to wean them altogether from the old ones, the sooner they learn to do a little for themselves the better.

A method by which I have taught many a young one to taste what is good is as follows. When the young first leave the nest they are very tame, and, for instance, will allow you to touch them with a stick. By touching their beaks, or holding the bit of stick close to them, they will start to nibble at it; all we have to do is to put a little egg on the end, and they soon find out what's what. You must also put in the cage for them some seed that has been cracked with a rolling pin or bottle; and as they come on to the seed gradually wean them off the egg-food.

But do not be in a hurry to take the egg-food away from them altogether, although you must not of course give it so rich as when they were in the nest; that is, you must add more bread or biscuit to it. I know some will advise you to take it from them altogether, but my opinion is that more birds have died from want of egg-food than from its use.

Hemp seed, after a bird is six weeks old, I do not believe in, and very rarely use. I give them German rape, which is very beneficial to them, say, twice a week. Don't give them any green food until after their first moult. Bread and milk should be given to them once a week at least; this will help to keep them right. No doubt you know how to prepare this. Take the quantity of bread you require, then scald sufficient milk to thoroughly soak same when it is poured over it; sprinkle a little soft sugar on the top of it and also a little maw seed. This diet is the best thing possible for a sick and ailing bird, and the gentleman that first introduced it to the Fancy deserves to be honoured; his name, I think, is Sam Drake, and it came out originally in an article written by him for CAGE BIRDS, and was afterwards published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. When I see one of my birds looking mopey, sitting with feathers puffed out, I immediately bring it into the kitchen, where there is more heat, and put it on this diet. But instead of sweetening it with sugar, as I do in the ordinary way, sweeten it with best glycerine, and many a young, and old one too, I have brought round by this treatment. Also take away the water and give scalded milk to drink instead, or, at least, milk and water.

Two Sides to Every Question.

What I have said is only the bright side of the question. There is another side: and while I do not wish to discourage the beginner, I would prepare him for disappointments and drawbacks, for the man that starts Canary keeping with the idea that all will be plain sailing, will be sadly taken aback; in fact, it is the effort to come out on top that makes the Fancy the more interesting and the more creditable to the fancier that does succeed. If our birds could be produced with no trouble thoy would become as common as Sparrows and we should not know what to do with them. But it will require patience and persoverance, and I would say to you, "if at first you don't succeed try, try again," and always remember that if anything is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. If you bear this in mind you will sooner or later come out on the top, and the happy sensation that thrills you as you see the bird you have bred and developed before your eyes, will be worth all the expense, trouble and disappointment you have experienced.

I have said nothing about doctoring birds that are ill. It is very difficult, however, to know what to advise, for what would be good for one ailment might only add coals to the fire in another case. Prevention is better than cure, and our one aim must be to keep the birds in health.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

To do this, cleanliness, which they say "is next to godliness," should be our constant study. A very important thing is to keep the water glasses sweet and clean. Remember it is not enough to merely throw out the stale water and fill up the vessels with fresh, but they must be washed out every day. The proper and most effective way to go about it is to take a pail of clean water, and another empty pail; then take your drinkers, empty the stale water into your empty pail, fill your drinkers, and with your finger wash all the slime off from the inside; empty and refil again, and replace on the cage. If you make it a rule to do this every day your drinkers will never get dirty, and your bird will always have clean water, which is very important for keeping the birds in good health. The same thing applies to your egg drawers, the cages themselves, and everything; in fact, from beginning to end, our motto must be cleanliness and plenty of fresh air, without draughts.

But, of course, sickness will crop up in the best regulated bird-rooms, and birds, like the human race, must die, and as all the doctors in the world cannot save us if our time has come, so our birds cannot live for ever, but sooner or later must go. But it is our duty to try and save them if possible, and milksop is the first thing to try. At the same time bring the patient into a hotter atmosphere, as this sometimes has the desired effect. If it does not, I still keep them on this diet, but I try aconite, which I have known to work wonders with some birds, but it requires great care in its use, as it is a deadly poison. It should be given in the drinking water. One drop to one tablespoonful of water for birds that are down in condition will be safe. Cod Liver oil is about the best thing, and soon makes an improvement if anything will. Parrish's chemical food is another good thing, but I am told by a chemist that it should be given in distilled or boiled water. I like magnesia as a cooling medicine—as much as will lie on a sixpence in the drinking water.

I will bring my remarks to a close. Moulting, colour-feeding and preparing for exhibition must form material for another talk. If there is any question any member would like to ask I shall, if able to answer it, be only to pleased to do so. I thank you for your attention, and if anything I may have said in my simple remarks will be of use to you I shall be repaid for my coming. I wish all of you a successful breeding season, and hope you will breed what the reporters call, an eye-opener, the first try. After a little conversation a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer for his kindness in coming to Cramlington.

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The Moulting Season.

Some advice on the Treatment of Birds which are Moulting, with a "Tip" or two on helping them to make a good start.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Just now our British soft-billed birds will be deep in moult, or else clean moulted. In all cases where the birds are accustomed to being hung out in the open in their cages, the practice which, when used with discretion, is a very good and healthful one, should be continued right through the moult, save that one should exercise judgment in the matter, and not expose the bird to a blistering hot sun one day and a cold shower bath for the greater part of the next day. It is only when the weather is fair and settled that they should be hung outside at this time. If no other shelter can be found, a leafy branch or two from some harmless plant is a good thing to arrange before the cage, and will very often serve a second useful purpose—that of attracting a variety of insect life to flutter about and rest upon it, which the occupant of the cage is not slow to appropriate as an addition to its bill of fare.

Encourage the birds to bathe as freely as possible, and always endeavour to use clean, pure rain water for the baths. Try as far as possible to supplant, rather than supplement, the useful mealworm with a good variety of live insect food freshly collected as required. Exposure to fierce sunlight will in all probability detract from, rather than add to, the natural colour of a bird, and is to be deprecated on this score as well as the one previously mentioned. What is really wanted is abundance of soft diffused light. This is easily managed by shading the cage as already suggested. Never hang the cage in a shady corner that is being constantly swept by a cold draught of air; never let it stay out in a cold shower. Finally, never put a bird out for hours at a time which is moulting very heavily, or seems to have a difficulty in casting its feathers. Treated on these lines, with plenty of opportunities for frequent bathing, and a cage large enough to allow of fairly vigorous exercise, the birds will come out of the moult with a brightness and polish of plumage which is not to be found in poorly-fed, closely-confined specimens. Birds treated in this way will need no "feeds" or nostrums to add to their natural beauties, but will be able to hold their own in competition with artificial aids—living examples of the adage that "nature unadorned is most adorned."

Insect Life for the Hardbills.

In all normal cases our British seed-eating species will have broken into moult, and may with every advantage be treated on similar lines. Let the object be to encourage a healthy moult under conditions most nearly resembling the natural life of the species, with good generous feeding—pure water, pure soft water baths, and last but not least pure fresh air continually. As an important item in the dietary see that there is always a liberal supply of green food in variety, and especially such things as are haunts of tiny green caterpillars, larvæ around the roots, and green fly, and spare yourself the trouble of clearing off these "small fry" when giving the herbage to the birds. They are, perhaps, even more important than the green food itself, though the latter is by no means unimportant.

Very few common things are more rich in a variety of insect life than chickweed and shepherd's purse, and, fortunately, these are things which may be quite safely offered with great freedom to all cage birds. Whenever the size of the cage will permit the whole plant to be given, pluck it up by the root, and shake only just the superfluous soil from around it, and put it bodily into the cage. Do not attempt to shake the root quite clear of all dirt, as both these plants are the hosts of numerous larvæ which feed around the root, and which form a most valuable item of the birds' food. Utilise also wild seeds just ripening, and in an half-ripe condition, and small fruits and berries as they ripen and come into season, upon which the birds feed largely in a wild state as far as possible. This kind of semi-open-air treatment used with judgment and discretion, combined with generous high feeding, puts the birds practically on an equal footing with those in large outdoor aviaries.

Colour-feeding Britishers.

This brings one to the question of colour feeding, which is a point on which opinions greatly differ. Many fanciers systematically feed British birds intended for show, and some judges have a leaning towards colour-fed specimens. But at the same time, the fact remains that very few indeed of our native birds are really improved in appearance by the process, and, in the writer's opinion at least, a naturally good coloured bird, well moulted without such aid, and with its natural colour and markings unpolluted and developed to the highest possible degree, will, under any save absolutely colour prejudiced judgment, in every case score over a colour-fed specimen of only equal merit in other respects.

The only really sound and rational colour food for these birds is plenty of natural food. The use of some form of iron occasionally during the moult is undoubtedly beneficial, by giving tone to the system, and enriching the blood at just that time when such assistance is most needed, and thereby indirectly aiding the deposition of good natural colour in the growing plumage. A crystal of the sulphate of iron, which will dissolve very readily in water, added to the drinking water every few days, will have a good effect; and either this or a slight dusting of the saccharated carbonate of iron on a little soft food, or bread and milk every few days, should be all the colour food that British birds require. Some may object to the term "colour food" being applied to these articles, but, after all, they are really and truly colour foods.

One thing must be always borne in mind, viz., that any form of iron almost invariably produces a very constipated habit when given repeatedly, so that its effect must be watched, and if any serious constipation occurs, each dose of iron should have combined with it a few drops of glycerine, or honey, or even molasses, to counteract this effect. But the probability is that the free supply of green food and fruits will have quite sufficient laxative effect to render any other antidote unnecessary.

Abnormalities Considered.

Many cases occur among weakly, badly kept, or old birds (not to speak of accidental causes) where the moult proves quite a severe task upon the system of the subject. For example, when an aged bird has an obvious difficulty in breaking away into moult, and sits mopy, and sleeping on its perch every now and again for many minutes at a time, it would be folly to put it out in the open-air at all except for an hour or so, when the weather was quite warm and sunny; then it should be placed in the sun, in a position where it is not too scorching, for an hour or two in the middle of the day. Even this much should only be given when the birds show some degree of activity. The chief danger is that whilst the bird is sitting so still and mopy it is exceedingly liable to contract a chill, which will always have a serious effect, and is very often the last straw that makes it "go under," and provide a fitting subject for the avian undertaker.

The proper treatment for such birds is to keep them indoors, and in a rather warm place, where the heat is constant and regular. If there is any risk at all of draughts being felt, keep the cage covered over with some light material that will admit sufficient light for the bird to get about comfortably, and find its food and water easily, and also allow air to pass readily. If a few shreds of hay saffron and five or six drops of sweet spirits of nitre are given in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for a day or two, and the birds kept fairly warm and covered over during the time, it will assist them very materially to get a fair start in throwing off their plumage. After that give a fair supply of maw regularly until the moult is beginning to draw near its end, when this should be gradually withdrawn, and a limited supply of linseed substituted in its stead. The latter seed given at the end of the moult, and for a few weeks afterwards, whilst the colours of most British birds are developing, adds much to their beauty and sheen. But one needs to be careful how this seed is given. Whilst it is no particular favourite with many birds, others, especially the Linnet tribe, are very partial to it, and if it is consumed in any quantity it is apt to upset a bird's health, and set up diarrhœa.

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Among the Canaries.

Curiously enough it is among the Canaries, which of all other birds should be the best understood, considering their long years of domesticity, that one hears of the greatest number of deaths just before or during the period of moulting. It is sad at times to hear of the numerous losses which occur among the young birds of the year at from seven to ten weeks—just when the owner must be thinking they are well beyond the usual infantile risks, and be congratulating himself on having had a very successful season. In the vast majority of such cases when the young are dropping off in this way, enquiry will almost invariably elicit the fact that the diet has been, to say the least, injudicious. They have been brought into a generally "soft" condition by being kept too long upon "baby food." That may not be quite a scientific way of putting it, but it will be intelligible enough to the average fancier.

To avoid such losses the young should be gradually weaned after leaving their parents on to a diet consisting chiefly of dry seeds, of which good sound Canary should form the principal part to the extent of three-fifths of the bulk, and the remaining two-fifths should consist of at least one-fifth of summer rape, given dry, and the remainder chiefly of hemp, varied occasionally in part with maw seed as the moult is approaching, and a small proportion of linseed at the end of the moult. By the time the birds are six weeks old this weaning process should be almost if not quite completed.

Of course, one may say this is all "old history"; we have it dinned at us every season. Just so. But what does one usually find carried out in practice? At eight or ten weeks old, and even later, the birds are being treated on lines which would be very suitable at four or five weeks old, but which are decidedly bad for birds which should have left "babyhood" some distance in the rear.

(To be continued.)

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Wild Bird Life.

The Swallows in August.

August is generally a month of sunshine, and after the experience of the earlier summer months the almost tropical heat of the present time is quite enjoyable. But one needs to be off the street and the dusty road, and away in the deep shadow of the elms listening to the contented cooing of the Turtle Dove, and watching the mad revels of the Swallow tribe, which, of all birds, appear to enjoy most the sunshine and heat. They are as frolicsome and gay now as they were in the early spring. In the heat of the day they leave the village streets and roam the fields and meadows, hawking above the ripening corn, where hundreds of insects are constantly on the wing, disturbed by the swaying of the stalks in the gentle breeze. At times they travel far from the village. I have seen them along the sand dunes by the sea shore, some miles from any house or building, their wings at times touching the tops of the coarse sea grass, thus disturbing food one for the other.

With the harvest comes the cessation of the bird song of the year; for we must look upon the singing of young birds and old ones after the moult as the commencement of a new chapter in song. Within a few days the song of the Turtle Dove will be finished, and the family parties band together to form the huge flocks seen during the early days of September. Of the Finches the Greenbird alone is in song. We hear him along the hedgerows and in the plantation. He warbles a few liquid notes, finishing with the long-drawn out "chee" so characteristic of the species. He and his wife are tending the last brook, which are easily located in the thicket, where the wild clematis hangs in thick clusters. The lusty youngsters with open beak pant in the summer heat, alert to leave the nest at the first sign of danger. They are shy and wary. This shy habit in young birds at a certain age is still seen in the common Canary, although generations of their ancestors have been reared in captivity. By domestication we can alter the plumage and outward appearance of any wild creature, but the inherited instinct of self-preservation still remains.

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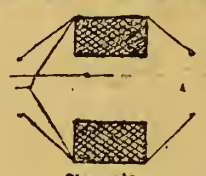
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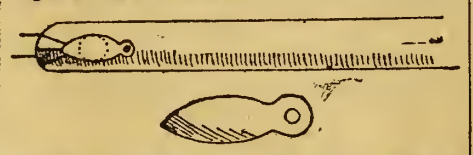
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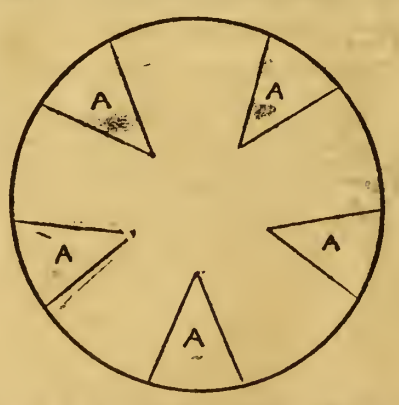
I enclose you a sketch of an idea which I find very useful in the bird-room, and which costs but a trifle to make. It consists of an improved red-mite trap and perch which can be taken out to be cleaned in a short time. Get a piece of wood the size of perch for box or breeding cage; sharpen two pieces of wire about 2ins.



long; and drive these in the end for the back of perch; leave about ¼in. out and sharpen them so that they will fix in back of cage; cut two or three grooves in the perch from the wire about 1in. long, and then make a round hole, and fasten on the little brass plate. Put a little piece of cotton wool in the hole, and you will be surprised at the result. The plates you can buy at any ironmongers at 1½d. per doz.—J. Denton.

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To those of your readers who do not use the ready made nest linings, the enclosed sketch will be found very useful. Get a piece of old thick flannel, cut out a piece the size of the top of nest pan, and then cut out the pieces marked



A, when it will be found to fit the nest pan perfectly, without leaving any tucks, which would be otherwise the case. This is equal to any bought nest linings, and makes the nest very comfortable.—George Morris.

The Breeding, Rearing and Moulting of Yorkshire Canaries

By SAMUEL DEAN.

A lecture recently delivered before the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

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During the days of incubation the hen should be kept on as plain a diet as possible. I only allow, in addition to white seed, just a pinch of German summer rape about twice a week; then, on the day before the eggs are due to hatch, I place a small quantity of egg food in the cage in case the young hatch out somewhat before expected. You have no need to disturb the hen to get to know if the young are hatched; you can tell by listening with your ear near the nest-pan end of the cage, a faint chip, chip, denoting their arrival. On hearing this signal, egg food should be supplied, freshly made as often as possible; also a small pot of hemp seed and German rape should be kept in the cage.

If your hen will feed all right for a few days without green food, let her do so, the young will do better without it, say, up to when they are three days old; then a little could be given, and after they attain the grand old age of seven days, it can be given ad lib.

A Great Evil and its Cure.

One great evil during the breeding season, and one that causes great destruction, is diarrhœa in the nest. Should a hen get anything to give her this complaint, it is oftimes transferred to the young, and should they be under seven days' old, the old birds find it impossible to keep the nest clear or free from the droppings or excreta of the young, with the result that the nest gets foul and the young fade away and die. When this is observed to be the case, the young must be transferred to a clean nest daily, and treatment for the hen should be as follows: Add to egg food either a little powdered chalk or cuttlefish bone; give a little pinch of maw seed. Also prepare the following: Toast a good slice of bread until it is thoroughly brown—not burnt, grind it up nearly to a powder and give a spoonful in a separate vessel daily until the hen is recovered.

Baths should be given during the breeding season at least twice a week, but they should not be left on for hours at a time, and should never be given after dinner. Even on the longest days they should be removed by one or two o'clock at the latest. It is far better to put them in early in the morning and remove them as soon as the birds have had a splash. But be sure the day is bright and promising, as nothing does birds more harm than their being huddled up in a lump in a wet condition. On hot summer days the room floor can with advantage be sprayed with a disinfectant, and I can recommend camphor water particularly, as it makes the room quite cool and is very refreshing.

Leaving the Nest.

On the young birds reaching the age of about 17 to 18 days they should be nearly feathered, and will very likely be making up their minds to leave the nest at an early date, and will be very restless, especially when you approach the nest. So do not make much ado when feeding; keep your hands out of sight as much as possible. The longer they will stop in the nest the better they will be.

Nothing is much worse to deal with than a young bird that has "jumped the nest" at say 15 or 16 days. Such birds are always in the cage bottom, and are apt to get fouled, and maybe they will begin to pick some food from the cage bottom, with the result that diarrhœa sets in, and probably death follows. It is far better to get them out strong at 20 to 21 days' old; they will be more likely at that age to patronise the top perches more, and take to feeding themselves quite readily. I have personally often taken nests of young away on the same day as they left the nest, and have had no trouble whatever with them. Also, I like to have them away at 21 days if possible, and I never leave them with the parents after the twenty-fourth day.

It is advisable to remove young birds from their parents late in the evening. Should you be at home, feed them up as early as possible—at least an hour before dark; then just at dusk, when the old birds will be likely to have fed them up well for the night, remove them into a clean cage. Cover the cage floor with seed husks, fill up sced box about half full of plain Canary seed, sprinkle a little German summer rape on top, then pile up with crushed hemp; give also an egg glass full of food, made moderately good, then when they wake up in the early hours next morning, with a healthy appetite, they will in all likelihood make an onslaught on the soft food.

Should any, however, not appear to be eating, a little milk sop may be given, and the food placed in several places about the cage. They have only to learn once that food is to be had for the picking, and that they must go to the food, and that the food will not go to them; then in a day or two they will attack the crushed hemp. When they have eaten this layer off, refill once or twice until at about five weeks' old when they begin to crack the rape, and then gradually the white Canary seed. When this is noticed to be the case you can begin to wean them off egg food. Give slightly less each day up to seven weeks' old, after which it can be given in small quantities two or three times a week.

Beware of "Plucking."

As soon as the young are fit to leave their parents, you must look out for the hen wishing to go to nest again, and should she show signs of coming on for laying too early, beware of her plucking the young ones. Should she do so, it is best to take them away, and if they are not able to do for themselves, place them in either a bath cage or a show cage which hang on the front for the old birds to feed them through the wircs.

Do not take any risks in this matter, as should a hen, or a cock either, once start "plucking," it is very rarely they will leave the young alone before they are practically stripped of body feathers, or, at least, the tail feathers; and some hens will take these out and never touch the body feathers.

Should you be running one cock to two hens and before the young are ready for taking away you think the hen is coming forward again, you can just slip the cock bird in for a few minutes to make sure you don't have a nest of clear eggs. But keep your eye on him; see he doesn't maul the youngsters about or pull their feathers out.

Some cock birds are very keen and pugnacious towards youngsters, and in a very few minutes will make a complete mess of them. Others, again, will take very kindly to them, and assist the hen to rear them. Such, of course, can be left in with safety.

Diarrhœa and Over-drinking.

During the first few weeks the young birds are doing for themselves firstly look out for diarrhœa, and, secondly, keep your eye on the water-glass, to see they do not drink too much water. For the first-named, the following is a very useful mixture: Equal quantities of laudanum, tincture of rhubarb, essence of peppermint, tincture of K.N. and spirits of camphor, ½oz. of each being a very useful quantity. Give about two or three drops in an ordinary drinking glass of water. The same will also act for the second complaint, as it keeps the birds from drinking too much.

(*To be continued.*)

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Club Reports.

RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A.

Monthly meeting took place on August 16th, in a side room of the Town Hall. In the absence of the President, Mr. Robert Livingstone presided. The secretary reported regarding First Feather Show. Mr. John Cowie was admitted as a new member. In view of the show to be held November 20th, Mr. Lappin was asked to get quotations regarding prices of catalogues and report at next meeting. The secretary impressed on the members the desirability of having a good attendance at the meetings, so that the next show might be a record one. This was all the business.—F. WILSON, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held August 21st, in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding over a good attendance. A good deal of correspondence was placed before the members, amongst which was a notification from the secretary of the Yorkshire Canary Club to the effect that we had obtained their patronage for our annual show, November 19th and 20th, which was greatly appreciated by our members. This makes five specialist clubs up-to-date whose patronage we have had the pleasure of obtaining. It was decided that several important items be left over until we hear from the remaining specialist clubs, to whom we have applied for patronage. After the business was concluded, an animated discussion on various subject took place, and this kept the members greatly interested until time applied the closure to the meeting.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Adjourned committee meeting, held at Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, August 14th. Mr. F. Hammond in the chair. Decided "That value of prizes in novice section be stated in Year Book, selection of same to be decided at a future meeting"; "that contract for printing Year Book for 1909-10 be given to Messrs. Trewick and Woodhead." Also decided: "that block of Norwich Canary be accepted from the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, the same to be printed on front page of Year Book." Specials from the following gentlemen were accepted with thanks:—Messrs. Halliday and Chittenden, 5s.; Mr. J. Wilcock, 5s.; Mr. Sam Wilcock, electro-plated cruet, value 10s. List of prizes given for competitions—Open Competition: 1st, trophy value £3 3s.; 2nd, pair of oil paintings value £2; 3rd, trophy value £1; 4th, box of cigars value 10s. 6d.; 5th, goods to the value of 5s. Novice Competition: 1st, tea urn value £2 2s.; 2nd, special value £2; 3rd, special value 10s.; 4th, special value 5s.; 5th, special value 2s. 6d. Also a silver medal will be given by Messrs. Marlor Bros. for next most points in novice class. The full list of other prizes will be printed in Year book. —O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At a meeting held August 18th, in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, correspondence was read from the C.B.U., and after hearing same, it was agreed that we grant the club's patronage to Carlisle (B.C.) O.S. and Darlington C.B.S., which completes the number of societies' shows where our patronage is to be granted, they being as follows: Newcastle, Wallsend, South Shields, Blaydon, Gateshead, Carlisle, and Darlington. Mr. Birchley was then asked to speak a few words. In his opening remarks, he explained how the various species were gradually diminishing in number, and strongly urged northern fanciers to make a strong plea for the extension of the close season. A parent bird, for instance, was caught during the breeding season; what were the results? In all probability it was the parent bird of a nestful of young, which, of course, meant that the other parent bird would forsake them, and they would be left to die. Again, he said, young birds were just leaving the nest by about the end of July, and could hardly do for themselves. The speaker then spoke on the subject of Mammals, and was highly appreciated by all. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the lecturer, and this brought a very interesting meeting to a close. The following resolution it was decided to send to the local authorities: "That the close season be extended one month from existing date, August 12st." Anyone desirous of becoming a member of the club (subscription, 2/6) should please communicate with me.—J. BERTRAM, Sec., 95, Gainsboro' Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 5th at headquarters. Mr. Currah presided over a good attendance of members and fanciers who had come to hear Mr. Birchley's lecture on "The Romance of Bird Life." Letters from the secretaries of the following specialist clubs granting us their patronage for our forthcoming show were read: Open Norwich P.C., Border Fancy Club, Green Canary Association, North Yorkshire C.C., National British Bird and Mule Club. With these and the following which had already been given: Northern Crest Club, Northern British Bird, Mule, and F.B.C., and the Crested C.C. our members are looking forward to another grand record entry. The "Novice" question, which had been left over from the previous meeting, was settled, and it was decided that novice members be allowed to show both in the champion members' section and in the novice section, but that they only be allowed to transfer a bird once, and it must be from the members' classes into the open; and as soon as the novice member wins two firsts in novice members' classes, he becomes a champion as far as members' competition is concerned. The Chairman now asked Mr. Birchley to give his lecture. The main parts of Mr. Birchley's lecture were the colouration of eggs, the wonders of nest construction, the composition of feathers, the reason for long and short wings, the various species of birds, the various flights of birds, feeding of the young, and the manner of their schooling, the various trades represented by birds in the construction of their nests, and the manner in which Nature protects birds. After the lecturer had been speaking for over an hour and a half, several members expressed the pleasure it had given them to listen to what they considered one of the best lectures given in the North on the interesting hobby, and on the proposition of Mr. Thos. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. Little, Mr. Birchley was given a hearty vote of thanks. The lecturer suitably replied, and said he hoped to be able to give us another lecture at some future date. This brought one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings to a close.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Secretaries.

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The Shows.

HOLMFIRTH.

Show held August 21st, in the Floral Marquee, Mr. C. R. Hampshire judged.

CAN.: 1, 3, res., vhc, Clarke, first only varieg. C.B., nice bird, good skull; 2, Bray, buff Yorks, fine head, good feather; 3, Willis. BRIT.: 1, Smith, good Greenfinch, nice colour and chest; 2, White, fine big Goldfinch; 3, Wilkinson, another good Goldfinch.

RADSTOCK.

Show was held August 18th, under C.B.U. rules. All the open classe were unfortunately cancelled. Mr. E. A. Lovell judged the local classes.

YORKS. BUFF (4): 1, Horler, good buff, nice wing and feather; vhc, Horler; res, Woodland; hc, Chivers. YELL. (6): 1, res, Woodland, good feather, nice carriage and style; 3, Horler, fine feather and wing; vhc, Horler. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Beal, nice Crest and C.B.; res, Heal; hc, Chivers. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Heal, good Goldfinch and Bullfinch respectively, nice bars and wings to former, excellent cap on latter; 3, Marsh, Linnet.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The above society held the last of its First Feather shows on August 21st. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. A. Gledhill gained Mr. Tower's special for most points on show.

CLASS 1 (5): 1, Walker; 2, Odgen; 3, Casey; 4, Mellor; vhc, Wilson. CLASS 2 (4): 1, Atkinson; 2, Walker; 3, Hodgson; 4, Wilson. CLASS 3 (12): 1, c, Worsman and Son; 2, Wilson; 3, hc, Hodgson; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Walker. CLASS 4 (7): 1, 4, vhc, Gledhill; 2, Casey; 3, c Hodgson; hc, Wilson. CLASS 5 (1): 1, Walker. CLASS 6 (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Atkinson; 3, Hodgson. SELL. (2): 1, Wilson; 2, Worsman and Son.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show held August 14th, at Railway Hotel. Mr. J. Hartley judged and gave satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Oddy; 2, Ellsgood; 4, Padgett; vhc, Parker; hc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Langford; 3, c, Swaine; 4, vhc, Oddy; hc, Padgett. UNEV. MKD. :1, Shoesmith; 2, Padgett; 3, Langford. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Oddy; 2, Parker. BUFF: 1, Oddy; 2, Langford; 3, Ellsgood; 4, vbc, Parker. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Studd; 4, hc, Danby; vhc, Shackleton; c, Webster. BUFF: 1, c, Shackleton; 2, hc, Morton; 3, 4, Greenough; vhc, Taylor. UNEV. MKD.: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, 3, Webster; 4, vhc, Studd; c, Marshall. UNEV. MKD.: 1, Walker; 2, 4, Marshall; 3, Shackleton; vhc c, Greenough; hc, Studd.—A. BOTTOMLEY, Secretary.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Fourth and last Nest Feather Show of the season, held at Mr. Slatter's Rooms, August 16th, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding. Mr. W. Clews officiated as judge, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Calam (Hull)., and his awards gave much satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.; 1, Robinson; 2, Moore; 3, Stubbs. BUFFS: 1, Moore, jun.; 2, hc, Stubbs; 3, Robinson; vhc, Moore. YELL. (Novice): 1, spl, Metcalfe; 2, Cotterill; 3, Harding. BUFFS: 1, Wood; 2, Cotterill; 3, vhc, Harding. MULES: 1, Wood. BRIT.: 1, Cartwright, jun.; 2, Towl. The special, a copper kettle (for most points scored at the four Nest Feather Shows, given by Mr. W. H. Moore) was won by Mr. Harding. The classification and schedule for open show in October next was passed, and arrangements are now being made for the same to be held at the Foresters' Hall.—H. HARDING, Treasurer.

WOLVERTON.

The Wolverton and Dis. F.S. held their 2nd annual show on Saturday, the 21st August. The day was beautifully fine, and the show, which was held in the Recreation Ground, was on the whole a thorough success. The exhibits were well staged in large tents. The entry in our section was not large, but the quality was grand. Everything passed off well, and Mr. Wallace Dale, the excellent secretary, and Mr. T. Bull, his capable assistant, are to be congratulated. Mr. A. de Winton judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1,, spl., 3, 4, Lewin, winner large yellow, very nice type and shape, good colour, lovely feather, 3rd grand buff, good head and neck, short wings and tail, 4th good shaped bird, but more feathery; 2, Phillips, a real nice varieg. yell., little thinner than winner. HYBRID: 1, 2, 3, Andrews, winner fine large yell. varieg. Greenie, lovely quality feather and condition, with a good moult will do some winning. 2nd wing mkd. Goldie, grand size and style, will make a good one, 3rd young dark yell. Goldie, clinking blaze, grand size and colour; 4, Lewin Linnet-Bullfinch, real good bird, but beaten on condition to-day. FOREIGN: 1, Miss Anthony, lovely Amazon, in perfect feather and condition; 2, 4, res., Andrews, pair of White Javas, Blue Bullie, and Virginian Cardinal, all shown in perfect feather and condition, the Javas like wax; 3, Woodcock, very good Ring-necked Parrakeet in fine form, plumage perfect.—BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl., 3, 4, Andrews, Hawfinch leading, size, bib, head and colour all that could be desired, steady as a rock, grand bird; 3rd clinking Goldie, deep square-cut blaze, right size and colour, beautifully tanned, very steady, 4th lovely hen Yellowhammer, grand colour, size, and markings, can beat some of the cocks; 2, Eales, exceptionally good yell. Greenie, grand size and colour, shown in spotless condition, we heard was vhc at the last Palace Show. CANARY (Natural Colour): 1, Andrews, bouncing clear buff hen, grand bead and body, full of quality, wins well; 2, Blackburn, very nice varieg. yell.; 3, Eales, fine young buff, should make a good one.

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Of all the birds that reside in or visit the British Islands there is, in my opinion, none that can come up to the Blackcap warbler for song, except the Nightingale, and by some persons it is more admired than even the latter bird. Its arrival in this country is generally about the first week in April, and the earliest that I ever saw one was on the 25th of March, 1907, They leave us again about the end of September, though sometimes a straggler may be seen in October; the latest I ever saw one in a wild state was about the middle of that month.

When it first arrives in this country its chief food is the early ripened berries of the ivy, and where those are, there the Blackcaps are first to be heard singing their melodious and varied song. By the time the ivy berries are over, the little green larva of the small moths will be getting plentiful, rolled up in the young shoots and leaves; these then form their chief food until the strawberries and cherries become ripe. After that there is no want of fruit or berries, and there is no sort of fruit or berry that is eatable or wholesome that the Blackcap will refuse. After they have cleared away the elderberries in autumn they immediately leave us.

In Scotland and in a great many places in England the bird is called the Mock-Nightingale, and, indeed, like the Nightingale, it continues its song far into the night. I have paid a great deal of attention to the songs of birds, and I am of the opinion that it rivals the Nightingale. If it has less volume, strength and expression, it is more pure, easy and flute-like in its tones, and its song is perhaps more smooth and delicate.

The male Blackcap is nearly 6ins. in length. Upper part of the head black; back of the neck, ashy brown; upper parts of the body gray, with a greenish tinge; quills and tail dusky, edged with dull green; breast and belly light ash colour, legs and feet lead colour; bill, brown; trides, dark hazel. The hen that I possessed was of a larger size; the crown of the head was of an amber brown, or rust colour, and the plumage generally darker and more inclined to greenish than that of the male. The plumage of the young when they leave the nest resembles that of the female.

Gardens, orchards, and thick hedges are the favourite haunts of the Blackcap, and there, among brambles and nettles, or in some low bush, its nest is built. Dry stalks of goose-grass and a little wool are used, lined with fibrous roots, and frequently with a few long hairs, with now and then a little moss on the outside; these form the structure. Four or five (sometimes six) eggs of a reddish-brown mottled with a darker colour, and sometimes dotted with a few ashy specks, are then deposited.

The Blackcap in a state of nature is with difficulty seen when singing, at which time it seems to take pains to secrete itself. I have seen it in the act, and while warbling the throat is wonderfully distended.

In captivity it is a great favourite, not only for its song, but its many other attractive qualities. Even in a state of nature it is a mocking bird, and when caged it soon learns the notes of the Nightingale and Canary. The female is also a songstor, but only to a limited degree.

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The young male bird that I had in my bird-room was accustomed to receive a meal-worm from my hand every time I entered. This took place so regularly that immediately on my arrival he placed himself near the little jar where I kept the meal-worms. If I pretended not to notice this signal, he would take flight, and, passing close under my nose, would resume his post. This he repeated, sometimes even striking me with his wing, till I satisfied his desires.

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*A Sparrow Hospital.

One morning when going into our backyard I saw a House Sparrow hopping about. It was lame, and I succeeded in catching it, and found out that it had a broken leg. My little brother and I spliced the leg up, and put the bird in a spare cage of father's. We hung it up and fed it, and gave it fresh water. When it got alright again, we let it off with a little piece of cloth round the leg. To our surprise about a week after the same Sparrow came back again with another Sparrow, which also had a broken leg. We put it under the same treatment.—Sent by Annie McIntosh (age 13), 71, Bentinck Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

**The Magpie's Holiday.

An aunt who lives in Doncaster has a nice Magpie, Mag is usually kept in a large cage in the garden. Owing to some cold weather he was put in a smaller cage in the kitchen. One afternoon auntie went out and left Mag in the cage in the kitchen, and on a table in the next room was a dish of mince-pies. When auntie came back she found pieces of pies all over the room, and on going into the kitchen she found the rest on the floor. Mag was not in his cage, and the cage-door was wide open. After looking round auntie heard a noise in the cupboard, and going there she found Mag among the cups and saucers. The sugar basin was overturned, and he was very comfortably helping himself to the sugar. Mag did not relish being put back in his cage.—Sent by H. Gallop (age 15), 234, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, August 14th, when 19 birds competed for the three prizes. Result: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Douglas. Judge, Mr. J. Stout (Brandon).—WM. FAIRLESS, Sec.

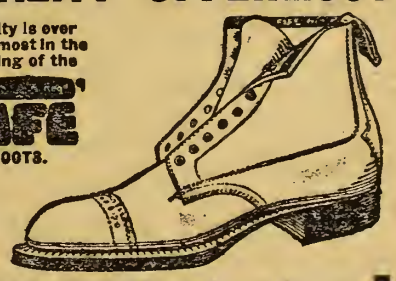
LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, August 21st, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Sissons; 3, Stead. Also on August 22nd, when 19 birds sang and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house; judges, Messrs. Naylor, Jennings, and Smith. 1 and 2, Hardcastle; 3, Bland.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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Kindly note, writes Mr. George Baldwin, that I have removed from Marroway Street, to The Aviaries, 7, Hingeston Street, Birmingham.

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I am pleased to inform you that Mr. W. H. Shackleton has decided to judge at our Open Show on October 23rd next, writes Mr. H. Martin, hon. secretary of the Shipley O.S.

I am having splendid results from my last two advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Brown (Wood Green, London, N.), and I am having applications for birds from all over the globe.

Haddington Show will, we are informed, be held on Saturday, October 30th. The judges elected are Mr. J. Neil (Kelso), for Border Fancies, and Mr. T. Kean (Edinburgh), for the remainder.

Will show secretaries and my fancier friends please note that I have removed to 5, Balaclava Road, Carnarvon, North Wales, writes Mr. R. E. Griffith, the noted Yorkshire and Goldfinch exhibitor. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

We shall be pleased to welcome fanciers to hear Mr. H. J. Hawes most interesting lecture on "Bird Catching," demonstrated with all the different devices used for the purpose, at the Montpelier, Peckham, on September 2nd, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement re a clarionette in CAGE BIRDS of August 14th, writes Mr. Robert Ward (Durham). If I had answered them all singly it would have cost me a good trifle, as only one applicant sent a stamped envelope for reply. I wish CAGE BIRDS all success.

We have removed our headquarters to the "Fleece Hotel," Market Street, Wigan, where our meetings will be held in the future on the first Saturday in every month, writes Mr. W. Ridge, hon. secretary of the Wigan and Dis. C.B.S. To these meetings all cage bird fanciers are cordially invited.

A public meeting of fancier and non-fancier friends of the late George McPhail, Springburn, will be held in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, August 28th, at 8 p.m., to consider means of disposing of his stock of Crest, Crestbred, and Plainhead Canaries. All are invited.—(ADVT.)

Through the Bristol fanciers holding their show on October 28th, which was the date decided upon for the holding of our show, writes Mr. W. Minty, hon. secretary of the Frome C.B.S., we have decided to hold ours on November 11th. It will be held under C.B.U. rules, and Mr. Thos. Heath will judge.

I advertised a dog for sale in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, last week, writes Mr. J. A. Thurston (S. Shields), and I have received 40 inquiries to date. Will you kindly thank the numerous applicants, as I could only answer those who sent a stamp for reply. I sold the dog to a local gentleman as soon as the advertisement appeared.

The under-noted well-known Scotch judges have been appointed for our annual show, which is to be held on October 30th, writes Mr. J. S. Napier, secretary of the Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.: for Norwich and Borders Classes, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh); for British and foreign bird classes, Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate).

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Will you kindly say, writes Mr. F. Wyse, I shall be here (Heatherwood, Ascot, Berks), for six months, and shall be delighted to see any fanciers who may be this way. There is a nice lot of ripe rowan berries here, and my Bullfinches are very fond of them. I shall be very pleased to send some to anyone forwarding stamps to cover postage.

In consequence of my having to take up duties at Abergavenny on September 1st, I am reluctantly compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Cardiff and Dis. Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. W. S. Negus. Another secretary will be appointed in my place at the next meeting. I shall be taking my stock of Yorkshires with me, and I will advise you of my new address later on.

Mr. Colton, the celebrated Mule breeder, writes: "Am pleased to say that the reports from fanciers using Ramsden's Puro Peppers are simply grand. I am convinced it is the best on the market this year. My Mules and Hybrids are a better colour than last year even." And so say hundreds of others. Use Ramsden's Puro Peppers, and know you are using the best the world produces.—(ADVT.)

Having received several letters asking me to judge Linnet Singing Contests, writes Mr. George Reed (Brandon, Co. Durham), would you please notify that I have given up judging, as I am really tired of it. I have always found the fanciers in the county of Durham a fine lot of men, and I have now judged 81 contests. Some say make the 100 up, but I think that I have had a fair innings, and I hope that someone will step in and do a little more than I have been able to do. My heart is still with the Fancy, for I should not like to be without a Linnet or two. My best wishes are given to every fancier for the coming season, and I hope they will still keep increasing in numbers and have some pleasant times together.

May I be permitted, writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, honorary secretary, London and Provincial O.S., to remind Metropolitan fanciers of the treat we have in store for them at our September meeting. At great expense we have engaged Richard Kearton, Esq., of world-wide fame, to give us one of his wonderful lectures, which will be illustrated by his not less wonderful series of moving pictures, showing birds in their wild state, feeding their young, nest building, courting, etc. To secure this fixture, with the necessary operators and paraphernalia, is a very large item, but no charge will be made for admission. We are negotiating for a suitable hall for this occasion, upon the completion of which further notice will be sent. For the Great Combined Show, the committee have voted £9 to provide new cups, and £5 for special prizes, to be competed for by L.P.O.S. members. The Mayor of Lambeth has personally signified his intention to open the show, and will be accompanied by the Mayoress.

In Search of a Wife.

After being at liberty for ten days a Canary belonging to Mr. T. Kirk, of Tiverton, has returned to its cage, bringing with it, it is reported, another bird of the same species.

How Like Papa!

Mr. R. Bosworth Smith in his book "Bird Life and Bird Lore" recalls the old story of the Eagle Owls which used to be kept in the ancient keep of Arundel Castle. It runs:—"The finest of the whole assemblage was known by the strange name of 'Lord Eldon.' One of the daughters of the famous Lord Chancellor, entering one day the keep, in ignorance of what was there, and catching sight of the venerable bird sitting in its post of state, and blinking its eyes with all the sleepy majesty of the law, exclaimed, 'Dear me, how like papa!' The name thence-forward stuck to it, and years afterwards the butler, whose business it was to see after the Eagle Owls, and who was not a little proud of his charge, rushed up in a state of pleased excitement and of domestic importance into the Duke of Norfolk's study. 'What is the matter?' asked the Duke. 'Please, your Grace,' was the reply, 'Lord Eldon has laid an egg.'"

Lost—and Found.

A valuable Black Cockatoo recently escaped from the studio of Sir Charles Lawes-Wittewronge in Chelsea Gardens, London, and a reward of £10 was offered. Sir Charles keeps twenty Cockatoos in a large garden, which is entirely enclosed by wire netting. The bird that escaped was being transferred from the garden to its night quarters. Sir Charles recovered the lost Cockatoo some few days afterwards. In the aviary behind the famous sculptor's studio in Chelsea the rare bird is once again among his friends, rather bewildered and, truth, to tell, a little sulky. "He has no brains," said Sir Charles, telling the story of the bird's adventures. "Probably he thought that by flying across the river he could reach his home some thousands of miles away. A man from Stoke Newington found him sitting on a telegraph pole in Battersea the day after he disappeared. The man borrowed a sack, climbed the pole, and carried off the Cockatoo without the slightest difficulty. At Stoke Newington the man put the bird in a chicken-coop. When the 'Daily Mail' very kindly announced the loss of the bird I received letters from all over London. There must be enough stray Parrots in London to stock a 'zoo.' In spite of the fact that I was seeking a Black Cockatoo I received letters describing the common Grey Parrot, worth about half a crown, the writers of which were convinced that they had the right bird. The actual finder seemed to doubt his good fortune, but his letter described the bird so well that I sent my man over at once with the cage and the £10 reward. The Cockatoo returned looking very well, but in a bad temper."

Whitethroat Using Old Nest.

A writer to the "Scotsman" records the nesting in exactly the same spot year after year of the Whitethroat, the old nest of each year being repaired and utilized again. The nest of this Warbler is a very flimsy affair, and is generally scattered by the winter winds; but this one is in a sheltered position and well preserved.

High Fliers.

On calm, still days birds are sometimes seen away up in the blue, like tiny flies. These are generally Martins, occasionally accompanied by Swifts. But the Swallows do not fly at these great heights; they keep to their usual hawking grounds, close to the earth. Upon still summer evenings Swifts mount so high that they are lost to view.

OBITUARY.

Mr. GEORGE McPHAIL (Glasgow).

It is with much regret I have to inform you of the death of Mr. George McPhail, of Springburn, Glasgow, our esteemed show manager, writes Mr. R. A. Brown, the secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Norwich, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club. Mr. McPhail was out at work on Monday, August 16th, till midday, but on Tuesday night he passed away. As the sad news spread to his friends they could hardly comprehend their loss. He was among us on Saturday evening, and then only three short days after comes the news of his death. Mr. McPhail was barely fifty years of age, and leaves a widow and a family of six, the youngest about six years old. For the last twelve years he had been an ardent fancier and successful breeder of Crests and Plainheads, and was well known in the Fancy all over Scotland. Show secretaries and committees in particular knew that if Mr. McPhail could help them they had but to say the word and his services were at their disposal; and among novices and young beginners there was no man in Glasgow more esteemed than he. All the year round he was here, there and everywhere in the bird-rooms of his fellow fanciers, advising, helping, and teaching. Many a fancier owes his success to the helping hand of George McPhail in preparing his birds for the show bench. It was a treat to see him handling a Crest—the variety he loved best—and I have known him sacrifice his own chances through preparing and staging perfectly a bird which was to compete against his own, just to help a less experienced fancier; but this was characteristic of the man. Washing and finishing off the birds of our novice members, he had to neglect his own birds at our club shows, but he found his pleasure and reward in seeing well-staged classes and happy and enthusiastic members cheered with their success. He was a member of the Scottish Crest Club, the City of Glasgow O.S., and the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club, and all three will miss him sorely. Bluff, hearty, sincere, and not a bit touchy, you could depend on him for hard, earnest work, and his enthusiasm carried others with him. King in his own family, the favourite of his workmates, respected and esteemed in all his wider associations, a good citizen, and a true friend—we have lost a force and we feel it keenly. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to his sorrowing widow and family.

Legend of the Kingfisher.

The Kingfisher has been the subject of a variety of legends. One of the most curious of these is that, having been a grey bird it acquired its present bright colours by flying towards the sun on its liberation from Noah's ark. Then its upper surface assumed the huo of the sky above it, and its lower plumage was scorched by the heat of the setting sun to the tint it now bears.

The Migration of Thrushes.

It is said that nearly all the young Thrushes reared in the British Islands emigrate as soon as they are fit to journey, followed later by their parents, so that many of the northern parts are quite bereft of this species from October to January. Hundreds of these birds are snared upon the Continent and are used for the table. In some years the influx from the north is exceedingly heavy.

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*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R.
*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct. 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
Oct. 14—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street).
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Popo, 98, Embankment Road.)
*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Eastorling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Dary, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
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*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
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*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham). C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
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*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Pavet Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
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*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Walsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
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*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
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Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) J.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
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*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
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Scotland.

Oct, 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Furd, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
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Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
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Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.E., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
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Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pentypridd.) C.A.H.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
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Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Southall C.B.S.—Aug. 30, St. John's Schools, 8. Allotting specials, etc.; fanciers welcome.—T. G. Jeffery.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Important business, two more silver cups for annual show.—W. Reid.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for annual show; will members please bring or send ticket money for Nest Feather Show?—Lindsay and Bingham.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show, very important.—J. W. Lowes.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Fleece Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

West London F.A.—Sept. 2, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. R. L. Crisp, will lecture; annual show business.—J. Dewhurst.

Wilsey C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Red Lion, Bankfoot, 11 a.m. Ramble to Colnebridge; fanciers and friends cordially invited.—E. W. Johnson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Roller section business in connection with Open Show; members who have not settled for tickets of Nest Feather, kindly do so.—Duffield and Jennings.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Headquarters, 8. Schedule for Old Bird Show, and to elect delegates for Amalgamated Show.—W. Mallinson.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.—Aug. 28, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Allocation of patronage for winter shows, etc.—W. R. Myers.

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Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8. Show rules and list of specials.—J. Napier.

Battersea Open C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, S.W., 8.30. Open Show business, most important.—Easterling and Allen.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Forester's Arms, 7.30, special business.—G. Harper.

Bannockburn (New) C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Lesser Town Hall, 7. Arranging classification for Open Show; subscriptions should now be paid for this year.—W. Ritchie.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Sept. 1, Headquarters. Correspondence and final meeting re schedule and specials.—J. C. Bell.

Bartun C. and B.B.C.—Sept. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Open Show business; new members invited—to make the show successful.—E. C. Dunn.

Burnley C.B.F.S.—Aug. 22, Club Rooms, 8. Show business, committee meeting Tuesday following.—W. Clarkson. (Probably Aug. 29 is meant.—Ed.)

Brighouse C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Round House Inn, 8.—J. Mitchell.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. To make final arrangements for annual show, etc.—G. Havver.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Election of committee, and arrangement of winter syllabus.—F. Geddes.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Members kindly attend to get on with classes and schedule for Open Show.—W. H. Bray.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 28, Frying Dutchman, 8. To confirm classification for Open Show, etc., and other important business.—F. Rhodes.

City of Dundee C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Dolg's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.

Crewe O.S.—Aug. 31, Burton Hotel, 7.30. November Show, etc.; do attend, please; last meeting cancelled, owing to non-attendance of members.—T. L. Hancock.

Crook Original.—Sept. 1, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7.—Bird and Siddle.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 1, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30, re Leicester and Coventry challenge cup, etc.—G. Peters.

Dalkeith C.C.—Sept. 4, Ship Inn, 7. Selection of medals, etc.—J. Ewing.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Montpelier Hotel, Chonmert Road, 8. Mr. H. J. Hawes will give his lecture (as published by CAGE BIRDS), entitled "Bird Catching for Amateurs," with illustrations of "Net Laying," "Gale Trapping," "Snaring," etc.—W. Hodson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Sept. 1, instead of Sept. 8.—G. Bescoby.

Eccleshill B.F.A.—Sept. 1, Fountain Inn, 8. Preparing for exhibition, by Mr. A. Bottomley; all fanciers invited.—T. Elsegood.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Sept. 2nd, Riego Street Hall, 8.—R. Lile.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Aug. 28, Barley Mow Hotel, Third F.F. Show, birds staged at 2.30; judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Windhill).—L. Booth.

Forfar. C.B.I.S.—Sept 4th, Airlie Arms, Kirrlemuir, 6.15. Final arrangements for members' show.—W. Grewar.

Grangemouth O.S.—Sept. 1, Boilermaker's Hall, 8. Selecting cups for our forthcoming show.—G. Smith.

Great Horton Good Intent.—Aug. 28, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Diagram competition for members.—H. Schofield.

Hasland Grassmoor.—Sept. 1, Devonshire Hotel, Hasland, 7.30. Important business; Open Show; Schedule; subscriptions now due.—G. H. Naylor.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Crown Inn, 7. Classification for open show, and other important business.—A. J. Notley.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Y.M.C.A., 8. Schedule for Open Show, specials, etc.—J. W. Papple.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Aug. 31, Lella's, Market Street. Important business.—W. Simpson.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Harrow Hotel, 7.30.—T. Smith.

Longton C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Castle Inn, 8. To settle accounts of Young Stock Show, and finish arrangements of Open Show.—E. Tams.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Secretary wishes to remind members their subscriptions are now due.—D. John.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7. Arranging for annual show.—C. J. Carferty.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 1, Railway Hotel, 8. Arrangement and classification for Open Show.—A. Bottomley.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Specials for schedule; very important.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Schedule for old birds' shows; committee meeting at 7.30.—R. H. Turner.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Vose's Rooms, 7.30. Show business.—E. Cowling.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.—Aug. 28, Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 9. General meeting.—W. H. Uzzell.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 2, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Paper on the Border and Scotch Fancy Canary, by Mr. Alexander; fanciers invited.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Norwich Alliance.—Sept 1, Show Hall, Sussex Street, 8.30. Important business relating to next show.—R. Roll.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Sept. 1, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Aug. 28, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show, etc.; members and friends please attend.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Trades Halls, 8. Lecture on British Hardbills, by Mr. G. Henderson (Annieslands); classification for annual show; fanciers and friends invited.—G. Henderson.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Sept. 3, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. Table Show of Canaries, and judging competition.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Aug. 30, Club, 8. Committee meeting, also Town Hall meeting; members are particularly requested to attend.—J. Butterworth.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Aug. 28, St. George's Hall, 8.—G. Oakes.

St. Helens O. and C.B.S.—Aug. 30, George Inn, 8.15. One or two new members for proposal; annual show business, and vote of thanks for society's patronage towards show.—A. Goodall.

Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 31, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Final meeting for selecting judge, etc.—W. Stafford.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—Sept. 4, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5.30. committee meeting, allocation of club patronage, etc.—J. Brown.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Multum in Parvo.

"D. W. T."—To go fully into details of all your queries would require much space, which cannot be spared here. Moreover, the chief part of the information would be quite out of date now, being more applicable to the early part of the breeding season. In these circumstances I would advise you to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager, and digest its contents in readiness for next season. I think you will find all you wish to know fully dealt with in its pages, and will therefore only briefly reply to your questions. The diet for moulting was given only last week, so you may refer to that issue (and also the present) for the best diet. Except in special cases hens need not have nigs after the first rounds. In hot, sultry weather baths should certainly be provided during incubation; in cold, chilly weather they are best withheld. How to feed the young has been fully detailed several times in quite recent issues, with all the necessary information as to giving green food, egg food, baths, and so forth. Next season, should you still be in doubt on any point after perusing the book advised, write at once, and I shall be only too pleased to assist you.

Medium for Colour Food.

"Runquam."—No, I do not think it is possible to colour feed Canaries by using ground corn or seed as a medium, instead of the usual soft food. I know nothing in that line which would be anything like so effective as the usual tasteless pepper. If, however, it is only a different vehicle to egg food that you wish to give the colour food in then anything in the way of plain biscuit food crushed to powder, stale bread crumbs, with a sprinkling of sugar added, to tempt the birds to eat it more freely, or crushed sponge cake or madeira cake, in short, any wholesome cake or biscuit food, which the birds will eat readily, will do just as well as egg food. It is the colour food you want the birds to eat; the vehicle in which it is given would be quite immaterial were it not that the birds have their likes and dislikes, and if a vehicle is employed which they do not like the food will be simply ignored, or the birds will have to be starved into eating it, either of which circumstances is undesirable. In cases I have experimented with I have found it quite possible to dispense with any vehicle at all by simply mixing an eighth or twelfth part of soft brown sugar with pure, tasteless pepper, and giving this in the egg drawers without any addition whatever. In every case in which this was tried the birds eat it quite freely and with relish, in spite of what is sometimes said to the contrary.

Imperfect Feathers.

"Ruffle."—The age of this bird certainly is against him, notwithstanding the fact that you have an older bird not so troubled. Birds, like humans, are not all precisely alike in health and vitality. Still, I have little doubt if you succeed in bringing about a good rapid moult, keeping the bird fairly warm, and not in too dry an atmosphere, and persevere with the dietary and treatment given below, the bird will show a considerable improvement after the moult. Prior to that time no improvement can be expected. Allow frequent opportunities for bathing, which, with the warmth in which it should be kept whilst moulting, will provide the necessary moisture to encourage rapid growth of feather. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape twice a week until the moult is well advanced, give separately a good pinch of maw seed, and towards the end of the moult substitute a few grains of linseed for this. On two other days each week give either half a teaspoonful of egg food, or a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and add to this each time a slight dusting of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chloride of potash. Continue to give a supply of green food daily, as previously advised. In the drinking water give a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea every third day for a fortnight, and afterwards during the moult give ten drops each of port wine and malt extract in the water twice a week. You might also slightly anoint the base of the knotted feathers once a week with sulphur ointment.

Diarrhœa and Position.

"War."—You ought to have given at least some little idea how you were feeding the birds, and what green food you were giving, if any. Put the hen on a staple of two parts Canary to one part summer rape for a week, and give half a teaspoonful of hemp every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed plain biscuit with a pinch of maw seed mixed in it, and given dry. Give no green food, and withhold any other articles of diet you may have been giving for the time being. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and after this add half a teaspoonful of ordinary chalk mixture, which you may get from any chemist, in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for another two days, then miss one day, and give it again, if necessary, every second day until the looseness is stopped. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean. See the drinking water and all foods are pure and untainted. If any doubt exists about the water, boil all before use. If there is no other door or window in your room besides those shown in your sketch, the position of the cage is correct, and probably the best you could have selected. Unless your birds have already been accustomed to a warm room there should be no necessity whatever for keeping a fire in the room. When the birds are deep in moult, if there should come a sudden snap of very cold weather, it will be advisable to have a little just to prevent any extreme drop indoors, but avoid raising the temperature much above the normal unless you intend keeping it so.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

A Poor Start.

G. Hayes.—Your surmise as to the cause of your birds producing nothing but "addled" eggs is probably correct. I say "probably," because there is a possibility of the cause of the cock's condition and the addled eggs being one and the same, and not the latter arising out of the former. If the condition of the cock was the cause there is a very strong probability the eggs would have been "clear" instead of addled, but as these terms are frequently confused, perhaps, after all, the eggs were really "clear." The fact of the cock constantly casting a few feathers is quite sufficient proof that he was exposed either to draughts, or great variations of temperature, and either of these would also have been likely to cause addled eggs if the hen was not a very good sitter. See that draughts and great fluctuations are quite avoided. Keep them in as equable a temperature as possible, and the cock that has been casting feathers so long keep rather on the warm side, in order to encourage a complete moult now, and to remove the cold give twenty drops of whisky, five each of syrup of squills, and spirit of sweet nitre, and two of eucalyptus oil in the drinking water, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. It is quite usual for them to go off song whilst moulting. See reply to "Fluffy" for details of feeding, but in your case omit the nigs and linseed. Being last year's birds they will moult all their feathers, both large and small ones. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" from this office, 7d. post free, in readiness for next season.

Aviary Breeding for Song.

W.S., jun.—Your outdoor aviary seems to be very nicely arranged and suitable for your purpose, and there is no reason why you should not be quite successful in carrying out your object. Either Border Fancies or Germans would thrive well there, and would agree with the Zebras all right, but as some cock Zebras are rather inclined to be combative when breeding and the accommodation of your aviary is limited to about fifty birds, you would be well advised to reduce the three pairs to one. Remember they sometimes breed very rapidly; and thus there is a probability of the aviary being largely stocked with Zebras when you want all the available space for Canaries. With the whole of the space devoted to Canaries, you might put in six or eight hens and three cocks, but with the Zebras, four or five hens and two cocks will be quite sufficient. As regards colour and markings, the Borders would be the most attractive, but the German or Rollers—whichever you prefer to call them—would undoubtedly produce the best and most varied singers. Still, the Border is by no means a bad performer, and there would probably be little to choose between the song of aviary-bred and untrained Germans and Borders bred under similar conditions. Seifert, Hartz Mountain, and St. Andreasburg are, in this connection, simply meaningless terms for one and the same variety—the German Canary. The low sweet singing qualities you admire and wish to produce are as much, nay, more, the result of good training of the young than a merely fantastic name which the birds may be called by.

Moult and Mites.

Fluffy.—(1) Very full details for feeding during the moult have been given in the last two issues, both in this column and on other pages; better look up these issues. There is really nothing wrong with the staple diet, but you might also give a pinch of maw seed every second day during the early part of the moult, and twice a week on other days a small pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga and linseed. Twice a week also give a small piece of bread sopped in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. You need not be at all afraid of his shedding his feathers too quickly and suddenly provided you protect him from draughts during the process. This is invariably an indication of a good moult. Beyond ordinary care in the direction indicated, I do not think any further treatment is necessary. You may, however, add four drops each of syrup of rhubarb and tincture of gentian to his water for a day or two if his appetite does not improve on the above diet. (2) If the wire cage is not a fancy painted one, nothing is easier than to thoroughly exterminate red mites by simply putting it bodily into a copper of boiling water and boiling it a few minutes, meanwhile thoroughly cleansing the hook or nail, ceiling, or wall, where cage has hung, from any trace of the pest. If the decorations of cage render this treatment inadmissible, remove bird for a few days and saturate the cage with paraffin, working it well in all the crevices and wire supports with a small paint brush. Place it in the sun to dry and repeat the operation next day, and again the day following. After this you may polish up the cage and return the bird. The swell will have disappeared in the drying process. Red mites do not live upon the bird, so all you need do with him is to give him a bath daily whilst in the temporary cage, in which a few quassia chips have been soaked overnight—say, a teaspoonful of chips in half-pint of water.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

J. T. G.—I think this is a good deal the cause of your trouble. Am glad to know that by acting upon advice given, you have succeeded in rearing 40 young, though it is regrettable that you should have lost 26 in the last round simply through lack of good accommodation. Seven, even if weaklings, dying in the moult so far, is certainly a high proportion, and I am inclined to think the overcrowding may have something to do with it, though your feeding now is also faulty, and helps to account for it. Alter diet to plain Canary only for one week, with just a pinch of summer rape per bird every other day, given separately, and on the alternate days give a little bread sopped in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with maw seed. Of this last, allow about the equivalent of a small teaspoonful per bird. Give only half ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's purse, or seedy sprays of chickweed, for green food. Limit the dietary strictly to this for a week, and during the first three days dissolve a small teaspoonful of salts and senna—such as you get in penny packets at any chemist—in each half-pint of their drinking water, and every second day for the remainder of the week give half a teaspoonful each of syrup of rhubarb and tincture of gentian in each half-pint of drinking water. This should pull them round to a normal condition again, when you may add a fourth part of summer rape to the Canary as a staple; give a little hemp and maw, and dry biscuit food or egg food, or bread and milk each twice a week on different days. The last three, egg, biscuit, and bread and milk, are for choice or variety, one or another to be used, but not all of them given in one week. Stop all other seeds and do not give soaked rape now. A very little linseed may be given at the end of the moult, but do not give it regularly. Perhaps you give groundsel too rank and moist. At this season, only just the flower heads should be given.

Brevities.

What Is It? ("Novelitz").—I cannot tell from your description what class the bird properly belongs to. If what you call reddish is a kind of fawn or light brown colour, the bird is undoubtedly Cinnamon marked or variegated. As you have bred the bird from Greens, this adds much to the probability of its being Cinnamon, and also shows that Cinnamon blood runs in your Greens. Before deciding to enter it, get some more experienced fanciers to look at it, and tell you to what class it belongs. If the colour is Cinnamon, its proper class would be the "Cinnamon-marked (or variegated) Norwich," where such a class is provided; otherwise the "any variety Norwich" or "any other variety," but not in the pure Cinnamon classes. Certainly, you should colour feed it if you wish to show it, and the colour feed you name, with two ounces of paprika, or one of hot natal, added to a pound, will do nicely.

A Question of Colour ("Amateur").—Pure tasteless red pepper of itself will, I believe, produce all the colour necessary. In fact, I consider it capable of producing any shade, from so-called "natural" colour to the hottest red, by judicious administration. Of course, I am aware a certain proportion of hot pepper is by many still considered essential to produce a good lasting orange, or "hot" colour, but that's a matter of opinion. Get a pure brand of good, tasteless red, thoroughly blend in each pound of it two ounces of soft sugar, and you will have a useful and good colour food, which practically every bird—at least, every bird I ever offered it—will eat voluntarily and with relish. You may if you wish add also one or two ounces of hot natal if you doubt the utility of the simpler mixture. I do not think this amount is at all harmful, even if it is an unnecessary adjunct.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Moulting Puzzle.

Boyd.—Possibly you have nothing to be alarmed at. Personally, I like to see a bird bald on the head—halfway down its back, too, if it likes—at this time of the year. I have several in this condition in my bird-room at present. It is a sign of an excellent moult—one that will be quickly and satisfactorily got over. It is a splendid sign when birds drop their feathers quickly—in "clouds," as I have heard fanciers term it. They must not on any account be exposed to draughts at this time, however (close the windows on damp, windy nights), and the bath should be given at discretion (never very late in the day). An excellent "tonic" for moulting birds is Parrish's Chemical Food, given twice a week, a tablespoonful stirred into a pint of water which has previously been boiled (give in glass or pot vessels only). The bird you mention is evidently a cock Bramblefinch. If the flesh of the bare part does not look healthy (appears to be covered with a whitish scurf), then you must cage the bird by itself and gently anoint the place twice daily with a tiny portion of sulphur ointment.

Chaffinch when Moulting.

Timid.—I have often given the "feeding" for a Chaffinch; the only special treatment during the moult is to give a little live-food daily, and not to overlook the "green-meat." Give a bath frequently when the weather is suitable, but not daily (in any weather, that is), until the moult is drawing to a conclusion. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition give a good feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also and should be given occasionally as a special treat. A small feed of hemp can be given once a week. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying same with flies, grubs, earwigs, an occasional spider, aphides, scoured gentles, wasp grubs, live ants' eggs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds nibble a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings are usually eagerly devoured, too, when just sprouting, which they soon do when it is soaked in cold water. Some Linnets are very wild for a time. Keep the bird in a box cage, hanging about breast high in a room wherein people are constantly moving about. This, and the moult, should make him quite steady.

The Jackdaw.

Novice.—I do not know that there is any very appreciable difference in the plumage of cock and hen Jackdaws. In the springtime the old male is usually more glossy, and the metallic reflections exhibited by his plumage are the more brilliant, while the greyish-white of the neck is purer and more pronounced. But these, of course, are comparative differences and do not help you much when you have only one bird to look at. It is a general rule with Jackdaws, Crows, Jays, Magpies, etc., that the cock is the "cheekier," bolder-looking bird. (2) You would only be likely to succeed in keeping other members of the Crow family (such as those named above) with your Jackdaws in the 10ft. long by 8ft. wide aviary. I must confess, however, that I have never tried the experiment. (3) I think it is likely that a pair of Jackdaws, if by themselves, would make an attempt to breed in such an aviary. If kept with other birds, however, I don't suppose for a moment they would do so; or, at any rate, succeed. I am open to correction, of course.

Sexing Young Goldie-Greenies.

R. Elston.—There are no absolutely sure sexual signs to be found in the plumage of any young Mules or Hybrids—sex differences become manifest only when the birds have moulted their nest plumage. The bigger, bolder-looking youngsters generally turn out the cocks (though Bullie Hybrids can deceive one in this respect), and they have larger, flatter skulls, when viewed in profile. In short, only a lengthy experience can enable a fancier to make a fairly certain forecast of the sex of either young Mules or Hybrids. He can generally do so when he has the young of any one nest together; but mix up the youngsters from several nests (especially the progeny of both buff and yellow hens) and he will be more or less at sea. The only safe plan for any beginner is to wait until his birds have moulted before he definitely makes up his mind as to the sex of his birds. He will then have the song to aid him, as well as colour. Of course, even in the babies, the cocks will "try over" their song in a more persistent and vigorous manner than the hens; but as it is an undoubted fact that the baby hens will "warble" a bit, song is not so safe a guide before the first moult as it is afterwards.

A Goldfinch and a Linnet.

R. Wilson.—You cannot have read last week's CAGE BIRDS very carefully, for in it I dealt fully with the moulting and feeding of both Goldfinches and Linnets. Note the replies given to "Dinas" and "R. K. M." 1: It often happens that a Goldfinch which fails to fill eggs when not house-moulted gives a very different account of himself after he has been moulted in a cage. Therefore you should certainly give the Siberian Goldie you mention another chance next season. All birds appear to be "rather mopy" just when they are about to fall into moult, often sitting very quiet on the perch for more or less lengthy spells, and with their eyes closed. There is no cause for alarm in this. The first signs of the moult having commenced are generally to be found on the wings—there will be quill (new) feathers at the butts (shoulders), and one or two flights missing; at about the same time the feathers commence to fall from the sides of the breast, the bird appearing as though it had been plucked thereabouts. 2: Your Linnet is not likely to commence to sing until the moult is well over; when this may be I cannot, of course, forecast. I have one or two myself which are almost through with it, and which are commencing to sing again.

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Brevities.

Greypates Dying (Constant Reader).—Your query beats me; it gives me no particulars whatever which could help me to decide why the birds died. As they left this world while you were away from home, the likely solution is that they were more or less neglected. Canary-reared Goldfinches should thrive without trouble. You should not keep them "close to the door," if that spells draughts.

A Small Bird (Sheffield).—The only bird I can think of which answers your description is the Willow Warbler, and I feel quite certain this is the bird you have caught. If you do not know how to feed it, then I am afraid it will be dead before you read this reply. It is a very delicate bird, and requires a good insectivorous mixture (you can buy such at good-class bird or seed shops, or through our advertisement columns), prepared in the usual way for Softbills, and also a liberal daily supply of live foods as in season, also ripe fruits. (See the lengthy reply given Mrs. Fane in issue of August 14th).

Siberian Goldie Moulting (Constant Reader).—You have omitted thistle heads from your list, and these are very valuable for moulting Goldfinches; likewise the seeding sprays of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel. Iron, if given often, has an undesirable constipating effect. If given in moderate strength twice a week it is helpful. I could not say that it "improves the blaze colour," though. Still, anything that aids the health of the bird must also have an indirect influence over its beauty of colour and plumage.

A Skylark (Song Wanted).—It depends upon how long your Skylark takes to get over the moult. If all goes well, he should be singing in November; or just commencing to. Any honest dealer ought to sell you a genuine cock Lark for 2s. 6d.—a very good bird, too. Of course, it will not be a house-moulted songster at that price. Mind you are not caught by an advertisement with a lot of clap-trap in it—offering something for nothing, as the saying goes.

Colour-feeding Mules.

R. W.—The whole story of colour-feeding is too lengthy a one for these query columns. You must read the two long articles recently published in CAGE BIRDS, written by Mr. J. W. Bancroft and Mr. J. W. Ramsden (or the booklet by the latter gentleman, which is sold by CAGE BIRDS). Briefly, the most effective way to colour-feed Mules that I know of, is to well mix a finely minced hard-boiled (12 to 15 minutes) new-laid egg with a teacupful of bread crumb (stale bread grated), adding to this a teaspoonful of castor sugar and the required quantity of colour-food, which should be one teaspoonful just before the birds are due to moult, and be gradually increased, so that it reaches three teaspoonfuls when the birds are commencing to drop feathers freely. Get a brand of pepper with a first-class reputation (a bad pepper spoils everything). Each bird should eat a good teaspoonful of this made colour-food daily (prepare it fresh every day). How the colour-food should be mixed depends upon the brand you use. Some have a lot of added oil in them. The kind I use myself has not. To 7lbs. of this tasteless pepper I add 1lb. of pure hot cayenne, a ten-ounce bottle of the best pure salad oil, and one and a half pounds of moist sugar (the cheap brown kind, like sticky sand). These are mixed well together, and then stored in an earthenware vessel. Keep the birds which are

being colour fed out of direct rays of sunlight; it is best to shade the window, during a portion of the day, at least. Dissolve a piece of citrate of iron, the size of a small pea, in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water twice weekly. Any point I may have failed to explain I shall be pleased to do if you will write again.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

What Parrot, and will it Talk?

E. Wright.—It is the Roseate Cockatoo, a native of Australia, and though its reputation as a talker in this country is not good, I have heard of and come across some talented birds. As it is tame, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation; also teach it by constant repetition—talk to it constantly and keep it interested by petting it, etc.; and I should most certainly say it will talk to some extent. Do not give it tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Confine its diet to the seed mixture, ripe fruits, nuts and plain biscuits; supply also cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. If it has been accustomed to boiled maize, this can be continued, but note, it only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessels must be kept strictly clean.

Plants and Birds for Aviary.

M. G. L.—You can put in all the plants you name, also box, wild clematis (travellers' joy), bamboo and any kind of fruit trees available; withers and willows are also very good. I know of no Parrakeet that would not soon ruin all your green growth. The Cardinals are all hardy and also handsome birds. The same applies to most of the foreign Thrushes; you could keep, however, to most advantage, such as the small Ornamental Finches, Mannikins, Waxbills, Grassfinches, Diamond and Java Sparrows, with one or two species of small Quails, as ground birds, also Diamond and Talpacoti Doves, Weavers and Whydahs. If you will repeat query telling me your country, I will give you a detailed list of the most suitable. Sufficient of the aviary should be formed into a shelter shed to accommodate all your birds during winter nights. Such perennials as sunflowers, golden feather, and the like, also make excellent cover.

Budgerigars with Growth.

G. R.—It all depends on the character of the growth; if it is soft and contains humour, as soon as it appears ripe, it must be carefully lanced and the humour got rid of by gentle pressure, the sore well cleansed with tepid water, dried, and then lightly annointed with a little healing ointment. If the growth is hard and does not contain humour, then lightly touch it daily with tincture of iodine till the growth disappears. It will be well to give the bird a cooling aperient every third day for a fortnight—one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in an ounce of water, and let this form the only drinking water for the day; if you remove the

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drinking water over-night, it will be quite ready to take the prepared water freely the next morning. I should advise isolating the bird till the growth has disappeared, and when not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. While the supply lasts, give it as much seeding grass (grass in flower) as it will eat. If it will eat it, a piece of plain biscuit slightly moistened in the Chemical Food water will also be helpful.

Budgerigars, Cockateels, etc.

W. H. W.—The book you name should be a great help to you in treating your birds. I am afraid the Canaries will either get killed or mutilated at no distant time. Parrakeets and Finches cannot with safety be kept together. It is quite possible the Budgerigars may bring you off a brood this year, but there is great variation in individual pairs; some begin at once, others take months to settle down. I should not be over anxious on this score; it will probably be all the better for your birds if they do no breeding this year, but leave up the husks and let the birds follow their own "sweet will." Such seed hoppers are procurable from most large fanciers' supply stores, but you must keep them under supervision, as out of doors, especially in wet weather, they are liable to clog. It is best if possible to exclude mice, but I find this impossible; undoubtedly they do hinder breeding to some extent, but I have not found them to seriously do so. However, you must not let them get such a hold that they breed in the husks and logs put up for the birds. Cockateels do not breed till they are two years old; if you procure an adult pair now they should breed in the course of next year. Your aviary is well arranged and you should have good results once your stock has settled down. Lovebirds are not such free breeders as Budgerigars and Cockateels.

Zebra Finches Not Breeding, etc.

R. A.—This season till quite recently has been very unpropitious for birds out of doors, more especially in small aviaries, where the birds have only a limited flight range, and there has been trouble and loss even in the aviaries of experienced aviculturists. I should keep a bottle each of Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food by me; a dose of the former and a course of the latter will usually meet the case of minor ailments, which is the case I think with your bird. Use the magnesia in the proportion of one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water and the Chemical Food will be about right if used in the same proportions. It is very probable that your hen has never been really fit, and attempting to nest has aggravated the trouble. Your diet is satisfactory except as regards greenfood, and also a little ripe fruit should be beneficial, lettuce and seeding grass and a little ripe apple, pear, orange, etc., will answer well. Stop all water over-night, and in the morning give the Magnesia as above, leaving this as sole drinking water for the day; after an interval of two days repeat the dose, and then put the bird on the Chemical Food—this treatment will do no harm to your other birds. Some species of birds, among which are Nuns, Weavers, and Combassous, make no attempt to nest in captivity, not even in large natural aviaries, for which it is hard to give a reason. In "Foreign Birds for Beginners" you have concise directions for the dieting and treatment of seed, fruit, and insect-eating species. All classes of birds are more or less debilitated on arrival and consequently a somewhat risky purchase, but once the treatment is mastered, fruit and insect-eating species are often quite as easy to keep fit as seed-eaters. If you name any species you would wish to keep, I shall be pleased to report as to their hardiness, diet, and treatment. Small Finches often breed the first season when adult; some take a year to settle down.

Cardinals and Smaller Birds.

"**Amateur.**" While it certainly is not impossible to breed Red-crested Cardinals, for this has been done, success is but seldom attained, as in the majority of instances the young are thrown out of the nest when about two or three days old. As regards mixing them with small birds, I have kept them with such, and though my aviaries are not large, have never found them to do any harm, but in confined quarters I have heard their doing so. If you give me particulars, size, etc., of your aviary, I could give you a definite answer. I have not found my hens to sing other than uttering a call note rather rapidly, very different, this, from the song of the male. It is probable it would cross with other Grosbeaks of similar size; it has done so with the Pope and Virginian Cardinal. I think before I give you a list of birds you had better give me the particulars asked for above, as if I attempted to do so on present data I might lead you astray.

Brevities.

Zebras out of Condition (Devonian).—Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in an ounce of water, supplying no other drinking water that day unless the whole of the above has been consumed; repeat the dose in three days' time. Change your diet entirely—feed as follows: Canary and white millet in equal parts, also spray millet, greenfood, such as lettuce, grass in flower (seeding grass), chickweed and groundsel heads. A small slice of ripe apple or pear is usually appreciated and is very wholesome. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in cage. Remove cotton wool from nest box and supply hay and long grass as nesting material, leaving the birds to construct their own nests. If the birds come into condition, there is yet time for them to bring off a brood, but birds ought not to be permitted to breed when out of condition.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds (Breeder of Seven). — Your aviary has space for about four breeding pairs, or, say, at the most, 25 to 30 birds in all, that is, old and young together. Most of the Lovebirds are not so hardy as the Budgerigar and the only ones I can advise are the Madagascar and the Blue-winged, and as to the latter, I am somewhat in doubt; it is rather difficult for me to reply definitely as I have no clue to your locality. In London I should take the risk with them. Seven is a pretty full clutch, though I have heard of nine, but three to five is the more usual number. I should advise covering the glass roof with felt during the winter months.

What Birds? ("Quong Sing").—Please accept my best thanks for informing me that I had named your birds correctly; this is often far from easy, as with so many species closely resembling each other, it is difficult indeed to separate them when the description given is very thorough. Your birds should be worth at least 30s., possibly more; it all depends how many happen to be about; if you come across anyone wanting such a species, you would probably get 50s. for it at the present time. I should say, though, that true pairs sell more readily than odd birds. There are several species that can be called Brazilian Jays; probably the bird in question will be the Brazilian Blue Jay; if so, it is a very handsome, striking and interesting bird.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Identification of Dove.

Smith.—Your very good and clear description leaves no doubt that your Dove is the true Turtle Dove (Turtur turtur), a well-known summer migrant to this country, but not nearly so familiar in captivity as the tame collared Turtle Dove or Ring Dove.

POST MORTEMS.

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Waxbill (Marie Walker).—Softening of liver and consequent hæmorrhage.

Roller Canary (E. D. G.).—Bird fever. It is suggested that you get Dr. Clarke's book from this office.

Canary (Bolton).—This bird died of fever. The probability is that the other losses are attributable to same disease.

Canary (C. Le Kaye).—Chronic softening of liver ending with rupture of blood-vessel of that organ. This state of things might render a bird nervous and songless.

Goldfinch (Cottier).—Your surmise is probably correct that this bird died of chronic indigestion, for his liver appeared in a diseased and softened condition. It is caused by insufficient exercise and too much food.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Letter (D. John).—The letter has been duly addressed and forwarded.

On a Saturday (A. Mallett).—Our offices close at 12.45 to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Illustrated Ideas (Walter Gee).—We have published a very similar one before. (D. W. Tatten).—Will see if it can be traced. Yes; we take all ideas strictly in rotation. (E. E. Miller).—We have given this before.

A Prize said to have Gone Astray (T. Richards).—You are certainly entitled to sue for the special prize which you have not received, and which you are told has "gone astray in the post." As regards the book mentioned, there is not such a one published.

Price on Cage Label (W. Armstrong).—The exhibitor certainly should not write anything on the cage labels sent him by the show secretary. The price is not often put on nowadays, the object being to stimulate the sale of catalogues among those on the look-out for bargains. In the case of an error with the labels, the exhibitor should write a note calling the secretary's attention to it and requesting him to put it right. Any writing on the cage label might lead to talk about "distinguishing marks" put on for the "benefit" of the judge; or even lead to disqualification.

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Correspondence.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—Permit me to reply to Mr. A. Wilkinson's letter in your issue of August 21. I was very sorry to hear about his losses in British birds, but I am glad he has kept the Canaries free from this dreadful disease, although when once the Canaries catch the disease they go off like chaff before the wind, and there is no stopping it by means of syringing water on to them. You must find another remedy. Now, I have kept to my promise, and have sent my remedy to the two gentlemen (Messrs. J. Woaire and E. R. Bryant) whose addresses were forwarded to me. I have also registered my remedy, and its announcement will appear in CAGE BIRDS shortly.

In reply to Mr. Thos. Robson's letter, may I say that the first warning one has that the birds are going wrong is that their necks appear to become shorter and their excreta begins to turn. One should then take particular notice of them for two or three days, after which the droppings lose the white and begin to become brown and watery.

W. H. THOMAS.

SIR,—I was very much disappointed with "Lancashire Lad's" letter. He seems to have so much knowledge, but selfishly sticks to it. What makes him write on a subject when he can give no remedy, advice, or experience, except that his friend the painter says they use sulphur in London to asphyxiate insects in "mahogany flats"? He makes me think he is one of the unsophisticated who would give advice if only he could. The most inexperienced of us are well aware that sulphur is largely used by sanitary authorities for stoving and disinfecting places where any infectious disease has been. "Lancashire Lad" wants to prove his statements before rushing into print and writing a lot of hare-brained chatter which he seems to only know in theory. There are some marvellous cures in this world, and some that don't seem feasible at all; but still they are so. At a lecture given before our society (Bingley O.S.) a well-known breeder, exhibitor and judge recommended this sulphur treatment. He did it, and got good results after, giving the credit to the sulphur. Before using it his birds were dying fast, but after they gave over. I came across Mr. James Hartley, of Cinnamon fame, who had a fancier friend with him from Queensbury. He told about being advised to try burning sulphur with his birds in the room. He had been having a most disastrous season. He tried it, and the result was he did not lose any more that season. In both these cases it meant a very heavy financial loss if it had turned out a failure. To me it would have been a loss of £20 when I did it. To make "Lancashire Lad" see that I am still losing my head, and am still trying to eradicate the disease, and birds also, I have done it a second time, but with no worse results. They keep dying when their turn comes. Instead of trying to make ridicule out of my experience (for I can prove all my assertions), I will pay "Lancashire Lad" all expenses if he can give me any advice or remedy. I have removed all my birds into fresh quarters. I will send him a bird to look at, or if he cares to come this way, I shall be only too pleased to see him. I tried all Mr. North told me to do before ever taking any notice of any one else. I can quite sympathise with Mr. Robson, he being in the same boat. ROBT. ODDY.

8, Oak Street, Cross Flats, Bingley.

SIR,—Being the reader of CAGE BIRDS to start the above subject in the correspondence columns, and lately appearing with the affix "for a fatal disease" added, I did it in the hope that among the numerous Linnet fanciers, and more especially the Linnet champions or Linnet kings, there might be some who would be able to give me a remedy (if not too sacred a secret, and for which they would expect to be paid), or if not a remedy, something that would in some way relieve or cure the complaint, or disease mentioned in the different replies. Most of them mention that the stomach is inflamed and swollen, and that it gradually gets worse and a deeper red, almost turning black, etc. If life is prolonged after a few days the inflammation gradually turns the stomach flabby, whitish and dry-looking, when death puts an end to it. I have had some which have been covered all over the body with small white spots, resembling specks, down, or mildew, and apparently under the skin, as it cannot be wiped or rubbed off; they remain the same the whole time and also after death. I lost two good cock (red) Linnets (had for nearly 12 months) last week, one of which had these spots. Most of the birds appear to die without struggle, and in the position in which they are resting (similar to photo of Mr. T. Robson's dead Canary in your last issue). In reply to Mr. A. Wilkinson, on "The Feeding and Keeping of Linnets in Health" (and he was among the first to reply to "A Remedy Wanted," if he will send me his address I shall be pleased to let him try the remainder of the bottle of stuff kindly sent me by Mr. W. H. Thomas, according to his promise, although I did not succeed with it myself. I am still looking for and wanting the remedy, and shall consider it a blessing if a remedy is given that will cure the disease, whatever it may be, and by so doing saving the lives of many Linnets which I consider one of the finest songsters among British birds. Speaking of their song, if anyone wishes to hear it to perfection, I would advise him to get out, if possible, into fields or lanes or wayside in the breeding season, and listen to the Linnet as he sits perched on a bough, or on the topmost twig or hedge swaying with the breeze, possibly near the nest; the sun will be seen shining on his blood-red breast, and he will then pour out his song for all he is worth, indifferent to your presence. There you get the Linnet's grand natural song.

F. J. WEAIRE.

SIR,—What I stated in CAGE BIRDS *re* remedy wanted was intended for Canaries and not "British" birds, as at the time of writing my last letter I was offering advice to those who had written on the matter printed in your columns of August 7th, British birds not being mentioned on that date. And I am very sorry Mr. A. Wilkinson misunderstood me. I have kept British birds, but have lost them after a few weeks' illness, so have given them up. May I be allowed to ask Mr. A. Wilkinson to read up CAGE BIRDS, dated July 5th, *re* "A Remedy Wanted," when he will get the answer he requires. One cannot expect a good result when the advice given is not taken advantage of. Does Mr. Wilkinson put any fresh birds into the cage of a dead bird before the cage is cleaned out? for a bird is liable to pick up the excreta of a dead bird and eat the germs; hence the same complaint in each bird. May I also offer a suggestion to the persons whom I wrote about in my last letter, *re* the Roller Canary dying, *i.e.*, there is nothing better for birds that sit humpy than giving bread and milk sop (the latter boiled) and sugar; that is to "Cymree" and F. W. Balls. BERT.

Are Enamelled Water-tins Dangerous?

SIR,—I read in CAGE BIRDS last week (August 21st) of the great loss through some unknown disease of nearly all Mr. Thomas Robson's stock of Canaries, and although I do not know the gentleman, I can honestly say I felt heartily sorry for the writer of the letter. I feel a desire to be allowed once more a space in your columns, so that I may tell of some sudden and curious deaths among my birds during the last five weeks. To begin with, I have always used glass water troughs, but eight weeks ago I took a notion and purchased about thirty enamelled tin water troughs (the first in all my experience, of course). I put them all on, and thought really they were very neat, handy and clean. But alas! five weeks ago nearly every one of my stock, both old and young, commenced to look "dead off," many of them scarcely eating at all. Next item: two die; another couple a day or two after (1909, grand birds); then, finally, and lastly, two 1908 cocks die, much in the same manner as Mr. T. Robson's. I did not commence to give any medicine or tonic of any kind, but sat down in the room to ponder over things a little and to study. I knew my cages to be fairly clean, and the seed was, as it always had been, and was purchased at the same dealer. At last, I came to the decision, after closely examining five or six of these enamelled water troughs, that out they should go. And out they went, never to return. I thoroughly washed and cleaned all my former glasses, refilled them with good clean water, and on the birds went to continue their former duties. I can say this that ever since the glasses were returned the birds have come round again, both old and young, and have now come to that state that I think they are in the very pink of condition. Although they are moulting now, some are giving us good vocal selections, making me feel happy and content with them as beforetimes. I can honestly say this was all the change I made after my nearly sixty minutes' studying as to what to do. There was then, of course, a likelihood of many more dying. Perhaps many experienced breeders of longer standing than myself will not have very particular opinions of my experience in birds dying rather rapidly. Anyhow, with regard to the enamelled tin water troughs (if they were enamelled), I bid them farewell. JOHN H. JOWETT.

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A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

(Continued from the previous page.)

SIR,—I cull the following from the letter of Mr. Thos. Robson in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS: "It is a mystery! What is responsible for their deaths? I have proved it is not the food, for I have brother fanciers doing well with precisely the same treatment." Now, Mr. Robson, are you certain of your last sentence? I presume that you used hard boiled eggs; were they from the same source as the fanciers you speak of? Were they new laid eggs that you used? If they were not, then that answers the second sentence quoted above. Having been through the mill in 1903 (when I lost three-fifths of my birds), I then thought it quite time to put into practice what I had for years believed in theory. The first thing I did was to stop all egg food, and put all birds on milksop, also stale breadcrumbs and soaked rape in addition. The birds that were still ill I gave one drop of Sloan's liniment, in the end of beak by means of a piece of wire dipped in the bottle, twice daily. All recovered, and have done well in the breeding room this season. My advice to fanciers is: Be sure that the eggs you use are *new laid*. If not, then you court disaster.

FRED BURCHNALL.

SIR,—I would like to extend my sympathy to Mr. Robson and others who have had similar experiences to his. I have had a most disastrous and distressing season myself. I have only a dozen birds left—six young and six old ones, all Canaries. Mine started much the same as Mr. Robson's. Your readers may remember my letter a short time ago *re* six young birds in four eggs; it was immediately after losing that hen that my other birds began to go, the hens dying first, with exactly the same symptoms which Mr. Robson describes in his letter. I sent on one of my Norwich cock birds to Mr. North for post-mortem, and his reply was "unmistakably bird fever." Upon receiving his reply, I stopped all breeding operations for the season, and thoroughly disinfected all the birds, cages and rooms, and yet since then I have lost several. Before this operation I lost as many as eight or nine in one day. Just now I have one young hen showing the same symptoms, and I am trying a remedy which I hope will save it. If I am successful in doing so, you may rest assured I shall let your readers know what it is. I may say the bird is improving so far. Now I should just like one or two questions answered by some of the old fanciers. They are as follows: First, is the disease really bird fever? Secondly, what are the causes of this distressing calamity? and thirdly, what are the best remedies to cure and eradicate it? J. W. BOOCOCK.

SIR,—Inflammation most frequently proceeds from a sudden change of weather; or from the birds being kept in a room which during the day has a fire, and at night, when the birds are asleep has no warmth; or sometimes again from feeding them on unripe herbage. Therefore, always give ripe groundsel or plantains, and when birds appear dull and heavy, with their heads under their wings, and appearing all of a heap, take them out and see if their bodies are inflamed or swollen; if so, give some grit amongst their seed and a little boiled bread and milk with moist sugar in their drawers. Next day scald a little rape seed and bread in a bit of cloth, squeeze out the water from the bread, and bruise the seed to a complete pulp; then add a hard-boiled egg and a little maw seed. The next day give them bread and milk and clean water with a few flakes of hay saffron in it. Continue doing this, keeping the birds comfortably warm until they are cured, which you may expect to take place in about a week. All this time take care to supply them every day with a box of sharp sand to dust in, and a pot of clean water to bathe in, a piece of chalk to peck at, and a few sprigs of watercress, plantain, or other ripe greens. The birds will choose the best for their disorders. If you find them in about a week getting no better, and the swelling not abated, still continue the opening food and the bread and milk and sugar until the swellings are completely gone down. A little nourishing food and a little hemp seed must be given now and then to keep their strength up. I have found magnesia to be of service—a small quantity in a wineglass of water. Give toast and water for a change for two or three mornings, and give scalded rape seed. I have been a bird breeder for 60 years. It is 60 years since I bought my first Canary book, and I have it now. You would laugh to see the shape of the Canary on the back. Fanciers used to breed pied ones in those days—16 black feathers in each wing, and 12 black ones in the tail, the rest of the body being clear. There was a young man in this village (Handsworth, Sheffield) who started last year with five pairs, and got a nice lot of birds. He made a lot of shout about the birds he had, so I said, "Wait a bit; you have not got out of the wood yet"; and in two months' time he had not one bird left.

G. HOPKIN.

Successful Catching with Spring Net Traps.

SIR,—I shall be pleased if you will allow me a small space in your most valuable paper as regards a working man's means of catching his own birds. I dare say I am not the only working man who cannot afford a large pair of clapnets, so I sent for three of the self-acting spring net traps. As it was the August holidays I went out into the fields, and the first morning I got one cock Blackbird, two hen ditto, one hen Thrush, seven Linnets (two hens and five cocks), and one hen Bullfinch. The second day I went in another direction, where I was told I should find some Goldfinches. That day I caught Goldfinches, Linnets, and Greenfinches, in all 13. I shall be pleased to hear of any other fancier having experience with this cheap yet useful trap.

J. KNIGHT.

Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

SIR,—I think Mr. McKee talks without his book; if he knew more about the matter probably he would say less. All "the attacks" he talks about have been merely letters from fanciers who had a just grievance against the society; and on them Mr. Halliday based his own letter. The Y.C.C. have patronised the coming fixture, as Mr. McKee states, but the S.N.P.C. and the S.Y.C.C., two bodies on the spot in the South, have not done so, and they know more about Dulwich matters than the body up in Yorkshire. Why have these two kept their patronage away, Mr. McKee? Perhaps they contain some of the members of the Dulwich O.S. who had so "willingly" given up their prize-money (I don't think). If they are so willing, as Mr. Woolhouse and others would have us believe, why is there so much dissatisfied talk amongst them? Every London fancier knows there is this, except, apparently, Mr. Woolhouse. Now let Mr. Woolhouse tell us the number of "members" to whom prize-money is owing and the total amount; also how many of the "members" who have money owing to them can rightly now be termed members (that is, have paid their current subscriptions). Then we shall know whether they are a "united body" working for "love" or not. I have heard that one fancier has almost in the teens of pounds due to him, and another four or five pounds (a decent bill, these two alone). Are they still "members"?

TRUTHFUL JAMES.

The Dreaded Bird Fever.

Some Suggestions for Combating it.

SIR,—"Any port in a storm," the old proverb tells us, and it is purely on this principle that I venture to give here the salient points of a letter I dropped across when looking over some old issues of CAGE BIRDS just recently. The letter purported to give a method of treatment for that general scourge, septic fever, and which the writer honestly believed to be followed by very good results. It may perhaps be that this treatment helps to increase the bird's powers of resistance during an attack, or after being exposed to infection, and, in consequence, enables a greater proportion of "suspects" to ward off the disease, and also a larger percentage to win the battle when the attack begins. In any case, beyond rigid isolation and thorough disinfection one can do extremely little when the disease breaks out in an acute epidemic. It is during the breeding and moulting seasons, unfortunately, when outbreaks may begin to be looked for, so let all who find the advice of real service send a brief note of the facts to your correspondence columns, so that other afflicted fanciers may go and do likewise should misfortune grip them. When an outbreak occurs, and is diagnosed beyond doubt, the apparently healthy birds should be removed to new quarters and kept strictly isolated. No communication should be allowed between the two sections. Thus, wherever possible, separate attendants should be deputed to look after the well-being of each group, and appliances of any kind must not be allowed to pass from the affected room to the healthy stock. Immediately a bird shows obvious signs of infection it should be taken back (together with the cage it occupies) to the infected room to take its chance with the rest. Needless to say, the earlier this isolation is put in force the better. But during the summer months, when birds are still breeding, it is as well to get the disease diagnosed before breaking up the arrangements of the room, in order to be certain that it is not done for any comparatively trivial cause. This, of course, may be done by getting a post-mortem on a bird that has died, and, considering the small fee, one should always make a point of getting a post-mortem with the least possible delay whenever birds begin to die off in rapid succession. Having isolated the healthy birds, the latter should be given a saline aperient for a few days. A few grains of Epsom salts in two tablespoonfuls of water is as good as anything for this purpose. A plain diet of Canary seed, with a fairly liberal supply of green food, and no egg for the time being, should also be given. In the case of the sick birds a similar course of aperient is given to begin the treatment. The diet consists of scalded rape and sponge cake moistened with sherry. A supply of green food may also be added to this simple dietary. In the drinking water fifteen drops of brandy are to be given daily. This is continued until an improvement begins to be seen in the condition of the birds, when the brandy is discontinued, and a twopenny packet of quinine powder (presumably a stock line of some chemists) is to be dissolved in one ounce of tincture of steel, and ten drops of this solution given in the water daily instead. Under this simple treatment a very respectable proportion of the birds (according to the writer) survived the infection. The utmost cleanliness in cages and all food and water vessels must be observed. Food and water vessels which are amenable to such treatment should be boiled for a few minutes daily in water in which a lump of common washing soda is dissolved, and the cage floor should be well covered with pine sawdust during the attack, and this should be cleaned out and burnt every day. These precautions will do much in themselves towards cutting short and minimising the virulence of an attack. It naturally follows that the most thorough overhauling and disinfection becomes necessary after such an infectious disorder. The danger of recurrence is so great, even after what has appeared the most drastic treatment, that the general supposition is that destruction by fire of all cages and bird-room appliances, save such glass, china, and metal articles as can be rendered aseptic by thorough boiling, is the only really safe plan to pursue. Still, when one has a lot of well-made new, or little used cages, this method rarely gets carried out. For this reason the following treatment of cages and rooms is recommended (it is said to have been quite a success in the case already referred to). This is given for what it is worth, and without any warranty. The cages are first well cleaned in the ordinary way, care being taken to reserve all dirt, dust, etc., for immediate destruction by fire at the finish. Then wash well all over, inside and outside, with a solution of two tablespoonfuls of carbolic fluid, as obtained from a chemist, in each half-gallon of hot water, working it well in all joints and corners with a brush. If the epidemic has been severe (or prolonged) the walls of the room might also with advantage be washed down with a similar solution whilst the cages are drying. When dry, stack the cages in the centre of the room, back to back, in order to leave free access to the insides, and fumigate with sulphur for two or three days. To do this, first stop up the chimney so as to prevent any draughts or ventilation, paste strips of brown paper over the window sashes and any other exits to the open-air, close all ventilators, and set one or two open metal pans, standing on two or three bricks each, about the room; place in the bottom of each pan a few live glowing coals, and scatter over each a handful of yellow brimstone. Then make your own exit, close door, paste strips of paper around it to make all airtight, and leave it for two or three days. When the door is next opened, throw open all windows and ventilators, and give the room a good airing. Then wash out the cages with hot soda and water, and when dry, re-whiten the inside with limewash prepared with quicklime, to each gallon of which a pint of paraffin oil has been added. Stir the wash frequently when using, and finish by giving one or two coats of similar wash to the walls of the room. Finally, re-varnish the outsides of cages with copal or spirit varnish—the former being rather slow in drying is best in the hands of a novice, as it allows him more time to work it on smoothly and make a decent job of it. As a last word on the subject, it may be well to point out that the cages being lime-washed with quick-lime it would be a wise policy to allow them to stand empty for a few weeks for the heat of the lime to pass away before again putting birds in them.

AN OLD FANCIER.

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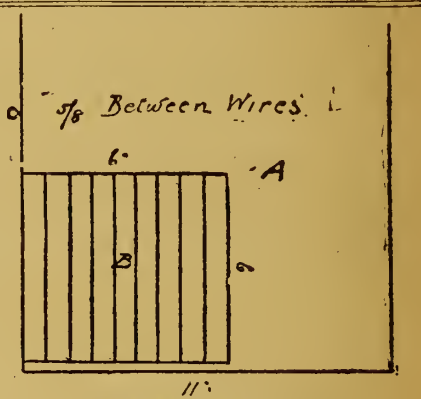
A Tale of Two Fishers.

SIR,—I am sending the following account, from my local paper, hoping it will interest you. A Mr. A. T. Taylor writes:—As fishermen's yarns are notorious, I hardly expect the following experience will be believed; nevertheless the facts stated are absolute truth. When fishing in the open near Ashow recently, I was startled by a Kingfisher settling on one of two rods at my feet, hanging over the river. I sat perfectly still, hardly daring to breathe, for what seemed like five minutes, the bird in the meantime turning this way and that, always with an eye on the water below. At last, darting under the second rod, about two or three feet away, he rose and settled on the second rod with a small fish in his mouth. He took a sharp look at me, and seeming at this time to scent danger, darted away across the river like a flash. The time he must have been on the two rods would be a minute or a minute and a half, and as he was only about eight feet from me, the opportunity to admire his grand colours was one I would not have missed for a trifle. I have heard of this bird settling on the point of a rod projecting beyond a bush, but it should be borne in mind that in this case there was nothing to hide me from the bird when on either rod.

BRUMMAGEMITE.

How a Reader Prevented the Plucking of Young.

SIR,—I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for the past three years, but I had never tried my hand at breeding till this year, and I think I have been very lucky, for from one pair of Yorkshires I had 13 eggs, all fertile. I only let the hen sit on 11, however—two fours and one three. I have reared them all, thanks to some useful hints gleaned from CAGE BIRDS, which I wish every success. I would just like to show some of your readers a little device by which I stop the hen plucking the young. I take a spare double breeder wood partition (marked A) and cut out a square piece of about 6ins. (marked B), leaving about a quarter of an inch of wood at the bottom, to fix the wires to, set wide enough apart for the hen to feed the young through them, but not too wide, or the young may scramble through. I have not had a single bird plucked by this plan. I am sure some of the readers will be pleased to see this.



Mr. Evans's Cage Partition.

ARTHUR H. EVANS.

Llandudno's Disastrous Show.

Appeal for Help by the Officials.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow us to state through your columns that, owing to bad weather which resulted in the wrecking of the poultry and pigeon marquees, and a wretched gate, we have a very heavy adverse balance on this show's accounts. We wish, therefore, to ask prize-winners if they will be good enough to wait for a few weeks for their cheques, and, in doing so, we can only offer them our sincerest apologies and regrets. We hope to pay winners in guaranteed classes very soon. We are glad to be able to say that an appeal made to members to forego part, or the whole of, their prize-money until others are quite paid has met with a most laudable response, and while we do not wish to press the matter, we hope that some outside exhibitors and fancier friends will help us, either in the same way, or by giving us something towards a fund which has been started to wipe off the deficit. Names of all subscribers and exhibitors foregoing prize-money will be published. Besides the above, we have arranged a prize draw, and shall be glad to hear from anyone who will help this forward also. We take this opportunity of thanking all those exhibitors whose birds went astray, owing to the accident, for their patience and consideration, and it is a great satisfaction to be able to say that, instead of complaint, we have had nothing but sympathy upon having such an excellent show marred by unavoidable circumstances.

S. SANDBACH, Chairman.
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An Experience when Breeding Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids.

SIR,—I thought the following might interest your readers. I have an aviary containing one cock Goldfinch and one hen Linnet. The Linnet built a nest and laid four eggs, which were all clear. The second nest contained four eggs—three clear, one with a chick dead in shell. The third nest contained three eggs—two clears and one young one was hatched out. But after two days the Goldfinch killed it. And now she has gone to nest again, and is sitting hard. I should like to know if the young from such a pair as above would be scarce Hybrids?

W. BARKER.

[Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids are not very rare.—EDITOR.]

Fifteen Not Out Scored by a Young Beginner.

SIR,—As I am a lover of birds, I thought I would like you to know how I am getting on with them. In 1908 I started with a pair of "Norwich," but had no luck with them that year, only rearing one bird. At that time I did not take in CAGE BIRDS, and I put my failure down to this. Since then I have taken the paper in regularly every week, and through reading it I have scored a success, as this year I paired up the same two birds, and have reared 15 young up to the time of writing, which I think is very good considering I knew nothing of birds until I took in CAGE BIRDS. I think I have got quite a lot for a young beginner of 18.

GEO. S. BAILEY.

A Question for Users of Long Clap Nets.

SIR,—In reply to "Querist," whose letter appeared in your issue of August 14, I may say that in the morning clap nets lie alright, that is, while the dew is about; but as soon as the sun rises, or the wind gets up, the nets begin to "sag," will not spring over so quickly, and will lap over at each end and appear "gappy" in the centre. Well, then you should take your two hind staffs, or poles as some call them, from the side lines, and take a mallet and strike your two hind pegs; then tighten your lines. It means taking your pegs nine inches or so farther back. Then put the staffs on again, and you will find the net will be alright, and that it will spring over much better and more quickly. Nine inches lap is plenty, I think. If "Querist" will try this, it will bring about the desired effect.

H. W. BARNARD.

Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

SIR,—Your issue of August 21st contains a report of a Committee meeting of Y.C.C. of Ireland, in which is given an extract from Mr. Mulligan's (Sligo) letter of resignation as a member of Committee. Mr. Mulligan is alleged to have stated in his letter that I commented on a letter sent me when I was hon. secretary of the club before I had submitted it to my Committee. The report of the Committee meeting is signed by Mr. Hyland, the hon. secretary pro tem., who, if my memory serves me correctly, was present at the Committee meeting at which I read Mr. Tighe's (Sligo) letter. Be that as it may, those who attended the meeting, at which Mr. Cloke presided, know that it was decided to "take no notice of it" (the letter), and that it was not even marked "read." It was after I had submitted the letter to the Committee, and not before, that I commented on it, and then only in a general way, not even mentioning names or alluding to any particular district. If you would kindly insert this letter you would much oblige. Every letter I received from a member, or from a creditor of the club, was read by me at the Committee meetings following their receipt by me.

J. P. ROONEY,
ex-Hon. Secretary Y.C.C. of I.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—Having been a Linnet fancier for nearly thirty years, I have been much interested in the correspondence respecting Linnet singing which has appeared in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS for these last few weeks. But although I have kept Linnets almost continuously for all these years, I don't know everything yet. If some of the expert contest singers would kindly give us (novices) a few tips, I am sure we should all be very thankful. I have never had the pleasure of being present at a Linnet singing contest (though I don't live a hundred miles from Blackburn, and they go strong there); but I have heard one or two contest winners sing at their owners' residences, and they were certainly a treat—far and away better than anything I ever possessed. They had the most beautiful runs and trills, and they went at it till they shook again. How is it? Racing pigeon men say that it is the man that makes the pigeon. I wonder if it is the same with regard to Linnets? If it is, the experts keep the method of doing it very, very close. "London Fancier," in your issue of July 17, asked "whether these birds have got their own wild song, or whether they are trained by some artificial instrument?" In answer to that, I may say that a very successful contest singer of my acquaintance kept a good German cock Canary alongside his Linnets. I am beginning to think these extra good Linnets have been trained under some other bird. It is funny that really good Linnets should be so very scarce. I have had a few moderately good ones in my time, but they nearly always had some objectionably bad passage in their song which spoiled the whole lot. What has a fellow to do to improve that kind of bird? I always get rid of them. Mr. G. Rostron tells us in his letter of July 31 that "there is not more than one good Linnet in a thousand." I am inclined to think he is right, but that statement isn't very encouraging to the novice, when he thinks that he might have to buy nine hundred and ninety-nine before he gets the one. Referring again to the champions to which I had the pleasure of listening, they certainly were extra fine, and sang in the Linnet voice, but there were one or two trills or runs that struck me as having been acquired from some source other than the Linnet. But, anyway, if some of our successful Linnet fanciers would kindly tell us how to work up a few really good quality singing Linnets, I am sure a crowd of anxious novices would be truly grateful.

LIVE AND LEARN.

SIR,—I have read with much interest in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, the letters on the song of the Linnet North and South. I should like to say that the fanciers in the North have a very different way of Linnet singing to what we have in the South. So I think it was very ungrateful of the Northern fanciers to pass their opinions as they did on the Londoner who called himself "A London Fancier." Kindly convey my thanks to Mr. Barnard for his support. I am, sir, a constant reader, and

ANOTHER LONDON FANCIER.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to say that I have read your correspondents' letters on Linnet singing for some weeks, and I have come to the conclusion that some of them know very little about the Linnet song. Your correspondent Mr. Barnard seems rather upset. I myself read some of the letters with a smile. It is quite right what he says—a man is not going to sit down and give all his hard-earned experience away for nothing; but for the sake of young fanciers I will write this, that the Linnet has its own song. It requires no Larks, Titlarks, or any other Larks to rear them. The Linnet taken from the nest and caged will sing the same changes that his parent did before him; that has already been proved. Linnets in different counties do different changes, and the species has more changes than any other English song bird. Then there are the singing races; the North claim to have the correct style. Having had the pleasure of seeing a little of both sides, I am sure the London style of singing is fair both to the bird and the owner, because the two birds are hung, say, 3ft. apart, the timekeeper calls time, and there is silence. Two men are elected to "chalk" for the birds, and two more look over to see they "chalk" correctly. The birds hang, as a rule, for ten or fifteen minutes, and the "chalks" are taken for break of song or changes, which are arranged for, as a rule, before the birds go up. I think it would be better for the young Linnet fanciers if some people would first learn about the Linnet and its song before they start penning views on the subject.

ONE WHO DOES NOT REQUIRE TEACHING.



Two Noted Scottish Fanciers and their Trophies.

Messrs. W. Sharp and J. Livingstone, of Bathgate, N.B., who, exhibiting as Messrs. Livingstone and Sharp, have had a very successful career. The trophies are (left to right) the "Verney" challenge cup (Bo'ness), the "Walker" challenge cup (Broxburn), and the "Bald" challenge cup (Bathgate), all won in the season 1908-9.

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The Sensational Scottish Disqualification Case.

SIR,—The letters of "Southern Fancier" and the gent who adopts a Latin nom-de-plume are very "straight talking," and ought to make some of our Scottish bodies "sit up." Let's hope they'll do their duty. But if "Southern Fancier" thinks the Dalmellington-cum-Ayr business stands alone, he makes a very large-sized mistake—the borrowing and lending game in Scotland is in a much more flourishing state than that. Who, I wonder, was the very well-known Scottish exhibitor, neither from the East-side nor the West-side, but from in between, who recently borrowed the "team" being shown by an equally well-known English exhibitor (also from the Midlands) and showed them in his own name? Was another "trophy" to blame for this? How much did the Englishman get out of it, I wonder? And why did those who noticed this thing not protest, especially when these very birds were again shown by the exhibitor from the South? Is it because so many of us up here are tarred with the same brush? According to our Latin friend, it looks as though a new set of fanciers will have to arise in Scotland before they dare fearlessly expose malpractices of this kind; and I believe he's about right. "Have they never lent birds and never faked?" he asks those who would judge others. That is the awkward question, and from my own knowledge of the Scottish Fancy not many up here want to be called upon to face it. I should just think "Southern Fancier" has no confidence in anything Gemmell may say. Every Scotsman I know laughs at the easy way in which the English club (the N.B.B. and M.C.) swallowed his letter, especially seeing that in it he contradicted himself. I see now that Mr. McQuiston states that another Ayr fancier (it seems to be rather hot air in that neighbourhood!), named Wilson, exhibited at Ayr Show the Bullfinch which was stained by Gemmell. Seemingly, there are a good many people in Ayr who can't tell a stained Bullie when they see one. Let's hope it isn't a case of use being second nature And how did Gemmell, the pigeon exhibitor, the "novice" (as Mr. McQuiston himself terms him), who has never—or hardly ever—kept a cage-bird, acquire so well the "art" of staining Bullies? I wonder; and all the world wonders, I should think. Now, is it not true that this much-lent Bullie did not belong to Gemmell at all (though he afterwards bought it), but was lent to him by a Mr. C——, of Kirkcudbright, who has admitted it, and also denied that it was stained when it left him. Had Gemmell this bird in his possession sufficient time before the show to have stained it (even if he knew how)? From what I hear he certainly had not. Wasn't Gemmell at the show held in Dalmellington going about threatening to take McQuiston "to law" for saying that the Bullfinch was stained? I think so. It will be interesting to know how Wilson came to be drawn into this mess. And more interesting still to see how the Scottish B.B. and M.C. is going to get at the "truth."

NORTHERN FANCIER.

The Cuckoo in Confinement.

SIR,—In "The Boys' Own Natural History," the Rev. J. G. Wood writes:—"A tame Cuckoo, that lived for more than a year in captivity, seemed to consider a young mouse an especial treat. The mouse was first beaten against the ground on a hard stone until it was reduced to a soft mass, after which process it was swallowed."

O. HALSTEAD.

The Breeding of Mealworms.

SIR,—On seeing in CAGE BIRDS that a gentleman, Mr. J. Hards, wishes to know how to breed mealworms, I may say that being only a young fancier myself, but a great reader of CAGE BIRDS, I am able to tell him of one way of breeding them. Get a box 18ins. long and 12ins. wide, and 5ins. deep; fill with meal ½in. from top, and bury three small dead birds, which you can get from any bird shop, if you do not happen to have any; and then tack the lid down and leave for a fortnight or three weeks. If you like you can damp meal at the top with a little beer. Put the box in a shed or cupboard. If buried in meal properly there will be no smell.

W. H. CORDESS.

Hybrids Born with Crossed Beaks.

A Curious Experience.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to know of my curious experience with one of my muling pairs—a Redpoll and a hen Canary—this season. They had three nests, 15 eggs in all, 12 fertile, three clear. All the youngsters with the exception of two (one of which I have now) were born with crossed beaks, and lived about three or four days. In each case a rather large "air-bag" formed on the neck, expanding and going down as the birds breathed. The youngsters seemed to be in great pain when about three days old, struggling hard to breathe, and eventually dying. I might say that the hen was a good feeder, but owing to the crossed beaks she could not feed them properly. Should like to hear from any of your readers who have had a similar experience. Should also like to know the cause of this.

GOLDIE-LINNET.

Linnet Singing and Catching.

SIR,—You can catch birds at good water (drinking) spots without any song if you can lay on the side of the water, like at certain places where I go sometimes and get twenty dozen on a hot day. The birds you want for the grass are long laying Linnets that don't "hip." I have had birds, the best of singers, which I have sold for 3s. or 4s., because they "hip"; otherwise I would not have taken 20s. for them. People talk about their good birds, champions on their own nail, but borrow a dozen of them and see how many will be worth 10s. on the grass. It is like borrowing a good Chaffinch for pegging. One good one, 49 say. "take me home." I don't like them in the tree. Regarding Linnet singing, there is a large house in Shoreditch where you can hear some night singing next month. They generally sing three changes of song, or "one in mouth." If this gentleman wants to hear some, come to Club Row, and he will soon find out where they sing. If he likes he can get a race on for a pound or two with his bird. He says he can tell what the Linnets will do, if kept by themselves. I take it he means whether they come from Hants, Kent, Cambridge, Essex, or elsewhere, without hearing them. Will he inform me where birds that do this song come from, and near about the part of the county, and I will tell him if he is right? "Tolic, tolic, perly gee," "Icle, icle, ar," "icle icle ar ic," "tolic, ar ic," "tolic, bargey, weet," "widdle, widdle, gee." I will next write about birds not singing in fields as in cages, and the difference in the amount of birds I have caught this year at different places, as this is a hobby of mine, and I have a lot of week-ends at it. Where I spent a week I did not catch so many Finches by two dozen, and Linnets not a fourth, yet had better weather than last year, and had people to help me, which I had not before. I know what I am talking about, and can tell a bird with the next; not like some fanciers, don't know a cock from a hen for sure when young (especially Goldfinches). I am not an old bird sharper who pulls at everything, but a young sportsman, and I wait till birds are low enough to reckon mine, and if anybody else went where I go they would not know anyone had been there. The birds would not be off in all directions when they saw the brace birds and heard the song.

I LIKE THE BEST.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Under the White Rose.

THE National Green Marked Y.C.C. held a committee meeting on Saturday evening last at their headquarters, the principal business being the allocation of the club's patronage. A goodly number of applications had been sent in, but in consequence of dates and judges clashing, all could not be fixed; therefore the final decision will not be arrived at until the meeting of Saturday next (September 4th), when everything must be put ship shape ready for the publication of the year book.

TO-DAY (Saturday) the Yorkshire County B.B. and M. Club meet to fix up their prizes and competitions for the coming season, and the secretary informs me that their patronage has been pretty freely applied for, and more so from the districts outside the Bradford radius, which will please the committee, as it is their earnest wish to spread the advantages of the club throughout the county. As the benefits to be gained are numerous, it is hoped the membership will spread also in the districts as yet untouched by the club.

SOCIETIES holding their shows in the early part of the season are now very busy arranging schedules, etc. We shall soon be in the midst of the show season again, and fanciers in the Union must not overlook the fact that they will require water tins, as these will not, as during the last two years, be supplied by the societies, but must be sent along with the birds by the exhibitor.

STRAIGHT-'UN.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Dysart and District C.B.S.

The members of Dysart C.B.S. have had on the whole a very fair season. The summer has been the best we have had for a few years past in regard to the Border Fancies. A. Watson for his first year has bred 30 youngsters, some very good specimens being amongst them. He has had some promising buff cocks, which with a good moult will be heard of later. J. Hutchinson had 30 young Borders, some very good ones amongst them; but the outstanding one is a Cinnamon-marked youngster of a good strain of birds with which he hopes to score at the first show. D. Walker has not been so fortunate. He has bred eleven Borders and a Greenfinch Mules. As they are late birds he cannot say much about them yet, but hopes to stage a winner or two from them. H. Bisset has bred 12 Norwich. He is one of our leading fanciers, but has had very bad luck this season. He had the misfortune to lose by death one of the best promising British birds in the district recently, viz., a large, well-formed Missel Thrush. R. Trail has bred 8 Norwich, 10 Borders, all promising youngsters. Alex Gray, 8 youngsters; he has some good wild birds for the show bench. G. Harris has bred a few Norwich and Commons. J. Macgregor comes next with over 40 youngsters, mostly common birds. He always comes out on top with his Commons, and I hope he will do the same this year. A. Black has a grand stock of the birds with the Circle type, but at the moment I do not know the number of young he has. J. M'Ewing (our latest "capture") is a marvel. He has bred from one English Goldfinch, 16 Mules, Yellows, and Buffs. They are under treatment for the forthcoming show, and if he does not win with some of them, I would like to be in possession of the ones that beat them. P. Burt has bred a few good Norwich, but I do not know the number. I, myself, have bred 53 youngsters, Norwich, about 20 Commons amongst them.—JAMES LOGAN, hon. secretary.

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The Moulting Season.

Some advice on the Treatment of Birds which are Moulting, with a "Tip" or two on helping them to make a good start.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(*Continued from page 99.*)

Green Food for the Young.

Many fanciers go so far as to say that no greenstuff of any kind should be given to the young stock until after the completion of the moult. Whatever the result may be in certain cases, in my opinion it is the abuse of green food rather than the use of it which is apt to set up trouble. Whilst the weaning process is going on, or from the time the birds are separated from their parents until they are from six to seven weeks old, and well on to a seed diet, it is best to withhold very moist and succulent herbage, and give only such things as the seed stalks of shepherd's purse or half ripe plantain stalks. But after the given time has elapsed no harm can accrue from the use of wholesome green food in variety. The supply should be limited at the beginning, until the birds are accustomed to it, always giving preference to seedy kinds rather than rank leaves. Given judiciously, it must be a bold man indeed who attempts to gainsay its use in preference to resorting to drugs and unnatural messes for keeping the birds healthy and regular in habit.

Among the Grown-ups.

As a rule the adult stock of Canaries, and pairs which have been raising young will be the last of all to break into moult, the young generally being in full swing when the old birds begin to break away. An early moult is desirable from many points of view, and this should suffice to prevent one keeping the breeding stock together until too late to enable them to have a brief interval for recuperation before commencing to moult. After the early part of July there is always a certain risk in allowing a pair to re-commence nesting—a risk, that is, of the eggs proving unfertile; of not more than one or two being laid for a clutch; one or both birds breaking into moult before the young, if any, are hatched, or are many days old, and the consequent desertion, or making it necessary to remove the old birds if they are required to be colour fed. And several other things are equally liable to turn up and place serious obstacles in the way of any young being reared. Of course, this is not saying that no young can ever be reared after this time; but mature experience invariably convinces one that the game is scarcely worth the candle.

The interval betwixt breeding and the moult should always be devoted to getting the birds into good condition. This again is more important in varieties that have to be colour-fed, for the simple reason that soft food has to be used through the moult, which necessitates an appreciable portion of soft food forming part of the bird's diet for a larger portion of the year than is altogether advisable, especially if there is no interval between breeding and moulting when it may be suspended for a time. The feeding during this interval should have been plain and wholesome; aim at removing any ill effects that are set up by the lengthened use of a free supply of rich egg food during the breeding season. When first separated put the birds on a diet of plain Canary seed only for one week, and allow a fair amount of green food daily, and every second day add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water. After this initiatory treatment discontinue the buckthorn, limit the green food to a fair sized spray daily, and add a fourth part of the bulk of summer rape to the Canary seed, and keep them on this diet until it is time to begin giving colour food which should be as soon as the birds begin to appear dull, and occasionally snatch "forty winks" during the day.

Allow the birds plenty of space for exercise —with wings, if possible—and let them have free access to the bath. Then they should be in good hard condition to withstand the moulting without injury, and also to get through the process in good time and without a hitch, which is always a most important point, but naturally assumes the greatest importance where colour feeding is concerned, on account of the material saving which is effected in "feed" by a rapid moult shortening the length of time over which it has to be given.

Starting them off.

Should the birds be left in roomy quarters to moult, or be caged up in smaller moulting cages? This question can only be decided when one has a knowledge of the stock, and the intentions of the owner. If, for example, the stock is common singing birds, which it is intended to dispose of as soon as the moult is over, it will be a decided advantage to let them remain in the flights undisturbed throughout the moult. Similarly all surplus stock of an ordinary type which one intends to dispose of may be picked out of the bulk and moulted in this way, even when the cream of the stock are to be moulted specially in cages. Whether this transference to moulting cages should be made before or after the commencement of the moult (as shown by the casting of feathers) is a matter of diverse opinion. Many fanciers prefer to allow all to remain in the flights until they have broken well into moult. Others consider it a mistake to make any change of quarters once the moult has fairly got under way. My advice to the beginner is to lose no time when the birds show signs of dropping into moult in getting them all sorted out and placed at once in their moulting quarters. Having done this, it will do no harm to give a mild aperient all round for two days. For this purpose nothing will be better than two teaspoonfuls of syrup of buckthorn in half-a-pint of water; this mixture given in place of pure water in the drinkers (glasses) for two consecutive days. Where only a few birds are kept, ten drops of the syrup in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water may be given.

A Word about Cages.

See that the cages are scrupulously clean, more particularly that the insides are washed perfectly free from dust and grimy accumulations. Neglect of this precaution may entail the washing of birds for the very first show, whereas one should always aim at keeping the birds in fit condition for showing as long as possible without washing. A good layer of sawdust on the floor assists materially in keeping the inmates nice and clean; but in these circumstances gritty sand must be provided in a separate vessel. A very light muslin cover over the cages is also a great advantage from the time the new plumage begins to show through; when one has the misfortune to live in a smoky atmosphere it becomes a real necessity to keep the show birds in anything like good condition. Do not, however, use a heavy material for the covers. The flimsiest material will suffice, so as to admit air quite freely.

Exceptions to Moulting in Companies.

There are exceptional circumstances in which the practice of keeping a number of birds together for moulting cannot be strictly carried out. Young birds of any variety are apt to contract a habit of plucking the plumage of their companions, and not infrequently do a vast amount of damage where the birds are being colour fed, particularly amongst Lizards, where the loss of tail or flight feathers is always a more or less serious matter if the specimen is otherwise a typical one. If feather pluckers are found to exist, remove them, and moult by themselves. No other plan is of any practical good, because whilst you are experimenting the mischief is still going on, and, in all probability, other birds are learning the habit.

Excepting the Lizards, and known feather pluckers, all other birds may be caged up in twos or threes of one sex in the moulting cages. This has a decided advantage in the case of birds that are to be colour fed, inasmuch as the birds will almost invariably vie with each other in getting a full share and "a bit over" of everything that is given, including the colour food.

The Dietary.

As a staple diet, plain Canary seed should be given in unlimited quantities. A pinch of summer rape should be given separately daily, and every third day a small teaspoonful of egg food, crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, with about half the usual full feeding strength of colour feed mixed in it. Occasionally this may be replaced by an equivalent quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with tasteless red pepper. Should any of the birds appear to ignore the colour food at first, give only a slight sprinkling of it, and dust it over with maw seed and a pinch of soft sugar, and gradually increase the quantity of colour food each time. In most cases, however, when the colour food is neglected by any number of birds, it is very probable that something is wrong with the "feed," either in quality or composition. In addition to this, give about half-a-teaspoonful of maw seed every second day to each couple of birds, and continue this until the moult is a little more than half through, when it should be gradually decreased, and a few grains of linseed per bird given about twice each week until the birds are quite fine in plumage again. A liberal supply of green plantain stalks, seedy stalks of shepherd's purse, mouse-ear, chickweed (nearly all seed-eaters are simply ravenous after this, but, unfortunately it is not everywhere available), and seedy sprays of ordinary chickweed, as well as deep red-coloured blooms of nasturtium, and marigolds may be given daily.

This regimen (minus the colour food in the case of Borders) will be all that is necessary through the moult for all small or medium-sized Canaries.

The Larger Breeds Considered.

But for all large breeds, or breeds which require a large bony frame, such as Lancashires, Crests and Crest-breds, Belgians, or Scotch Fancies, a rather more generous diet is very advisable throughout the moulting period: a little extra soft food—not necessarily increasing the proportion of egg—but, say, slightly reducing the quantity given at a time and giving it every second day, and about twice a week giving a small teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of hemp, millet, linseed, broken groats, coarse oatmeal, or rolled oats, and a few cracked sunflower or safflower seeds. These latter seeds are quite beyond the power of Canaries to manipulate if given whole, although they possess a very rich and nutritious kernel. If one has a suitable mill to crack the husk and kibble the kernel, they should be utilised in this way, and broken freshly as required. A piece of cuttlefish is also a useful adjunct to have always accessible during the moult, and an occasional dose of twenty drops of chemical food in the water towards the end of the moult and for a week or two afterwards is also a most useful pick-me-up.

If any birds appear to make a slow start, or lag, it is advisable to give them a few shreds of saffron in the water (as mentioned before), together with twenty drops of whisky, for a few days. Half-a-dozen shreds or thereabouts—or enough to tinge the water a yellow colour in a couple of hours—will suffice. This will frequently "break up" the birds, and set them going freely in a few days.

When the new plumage begins to show (but not before), the light in the room should be toned down, either by "sheeting down" the cages, or keeping the window blinds drawn down. The latter plan, however, can only be carried out when the birds have a room to themselves. Where this is not the case (also in such case where the locality is smoke-laden), the "sheeting down" process, which is nothing more than suspending an improvised curtain in front of the cages, will have to be resorted to. The material generally termed "butter muslin" is sufficient for all practical purposes, and not only serves as a kind of filter to the air admitted to cages, but affords the birds plenty of light to get about quite freely, yet not enough to have any injurious effect upon the colour.

When the new plumage is showing in streaks down each side of the breast, and on the shoulders, is the proper time to begin to give a little iron in the water two or three times a week, to strengthen and "fix" the colour. This is best given in the form of sulphate of iron, a crystal about the size of a large hemp seed being dissolved in each ounce of drinking water. If it is found to give rise to constipation (which the dietary advised is not sufficient to counteract) add to the water at the same time a few drops of pure glycerine, or honey. Continue the iron twice a week until the plumage has quite finished growing.

The Finishing Touch.

The time to make the final modifications in the treatment is when new quills begin to show about the head and neck. This is the time to begin to lessen the colour food (when the birds are being colour fed), and also the most suitable time to decrease the supply of maw seed, which should be gradually stopped entirely, and to begin to substitute a little linseed two or three times a week. Be careful not to overdo this item—a small pinch per bird will suffice— and continue it regularly until a month or so after the new plumage appears to be fully grown. Remember that the best part of the gloss, or sheen, is produced after the feathers are fully grown, and do not stop the linseed too soon, or its effect will be partly lost.

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The Best of the Barbets.

One thing that hinders the free importation of many beautiful birds from India is the fact that most of the finest species are found in the Himalayas. These mountain birds are only brought down to Calcutta in the winter, and so during most of the year a trip round the Calcutta bazaars is apt to be disappointing to the seeker after rarities, though always worth undertaking on the off chance. There are, however, some common birds of the plains of India which can be obtained at any season, such as Bulbuls, Mynahs and Barbets, and of these last the commonest, and at the same time the best for most fanciers, is the little "Coppersmith," so called by Europeans from its ringing metallic note. Natives of Bengal know it as *Chota bussunt*, which means "Small Barbet." In size this bird about equals a Sparrow, as far as length goes, but is really a bigger and heavier bird, being bigger in body and shorter in tail. The main colour of the plumage is green, varied with black, yellow, and red on the head and breast, and the feet are also coral red. The whole colouring is well contrasted and strikingly handsome, and I found that in India the bird was generally admired. Few people there know it by sight, as it always keeps in the trees, where its green plumage conceals it unless carefully looked for.

A Victim of Satoo.

In my time the Coppersmith was not regularly in stock, though often to be found in the dealers' cages casually, and this for a very peculiar reason. It cannot live long on the "satoo" or pea-meal usually used for feeding non-seed-eaters, but dies in a few days if fed on this. If, however, bananas be given, it will thrive from the first as soon as caught, and young birds can be hand-reared on this food alone, as I have personally proved. Young Coppersmiths, by the way, have no red in the plumage, and the legs are only flesh-coloured, but they are not to be mistaken for anything else. It is very strange that satoo, on which the large Blue-cheeked Barbet thrives, should be so fatal to this bird. There must be something specially deleterious in the meal, for bread-and-milk agrees with the Coppersmith well enough, and one they had at the Zoo lived for about a year on their usual soft food, though I cannot say it looked well. But I do not think anyone who would provide plenty of fruit, and a few insects now and again, would find this pretty little Barbet at all hard to keep. By the way, in keeping and shipping these birds care must be taken to put each in a separate compartment, as they are very intolerant of crowding, and fight most vindictively, though I have known several adult-caught specimens live well together in a three-foot flight.



The Coppersmith Barbet.

Was it Hatched in a Mare's Nest?

There was a rumour going about the trade the other day that a specimen of the celebrated South American Umbrella bird (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) had been imported and sold for ten shillings to some fortunate individual, its first owner not knowing that he was entertaining an angel unawares, so to speak; but inquiries I made were not successful in revealing the whereabouts of the treasure. As this bird has never, so far as I have heard, been imported alive, I may mention that in general appearance it is very like a thick-set Crow, being a big, glossy-black, strong-billed bird; but it is distinguished at once by the peculiar feathery tassel which hangs from its breast, something like the hairy tassel of the Turkey-cock, and by its peculiar crest, which spreads out on all sides when expanded, whence the name given to the bird. It is a fruit-eater, and ought to be easy to keep. Specimens are on view in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington, so that anyone living in London who wants to get an idea of what the bird looks like can do so. For those who do not, perhaps the accompanying very rough sketch may give some idea of the characteristic features of this strange bird, which would certainly make a grand show specimen, and beat anything at present likely to appear on the bench.



The rare and curious Umbrella Bird.

Fear of the Blues?

The following experience I had some years ago, when keeping a number of Pekin Robins together, may be of interest to lovers of this most interesting of small cage birds. Their drinking water was supplied in several glass fountains, some of which were plain white, while others had the lip edged with blue and a large blue ball on the top. Now, I repeatedly noticed that though the blue-topped fountains were not absolutely avoided, they were not patronised by the birds to anything like the same extent as the plain ones, so that they would have plenty of water in them when the others were nearly empty. I cannot account for this except on the supposition that for some reason or other this bird does not like blue, and the hint may be of some use to those who are troubled by their Pekins interfering with the nests of other birds, as they will sometimes do; a blue glass ball attached might tend to keep them away, though it might act as a scare to the owners of the nest, unless they had been allowed to get used to the sight of it beforehand.

Breeding the Black Lories.

In the last number of the "Avicultural Magazine," Mr. E. J. Brook states that his Black Lories (*Chalcopsittacus ater*) have young, a very remarkable record, for it is very rare for any of these "Soft-billed" Parrots to breed in captivity, though two or three of the Lorikeets have done so. The Black Lory is a very remarkable-looking bird, with glossy black plumage which nevertheless shows indication of colour here and there, so that the effect suggests that the bird was really coloured, and has been imperfectly dyed black. The few specimens I have seen have shown extraordinary tameness; I remember one in Calcutta which was chained to a swing, and when I put out my hand to it, it promptly jumped on to my palm, and rolled over on its back like a playful kitten, afterwards clinging to me as if it did not want me to go. As far as I remember, eighty rupees (more than £7) were asked for this bird, though it had a damaged foot, so that it may be seen that a rare bird whose rarity is known is not necessarily to be had as a bargain even in the Far East.

In the Courts.

Catching Linnets on a Sunday.

At the last Lutterworth Petty Sessions (Leicestershire), William Wynes, Providence Place, and John W. Deacon, Wand Street, Leicester, were charged with taking wild birds at Ashby Magna on August 15th. There was a further charge by Inspector Stanhridge, of the R.S.P.C.A., Loughhorough, of cruelty to the birds taken.—Mr. Lancaster (Leicester) represented defendants, Wynes only appearing.

P.C. Button, stationed at Broughton Astley, stated that about 9.35 on Sunday morning, in a field occupied by Mr. Bodycote, near Ashby Magna Station, he saw defendants. They had a long net and cages, six newly-caught Linnets, and one cage of captive birds as decoys. Two out of the six died the same day. He asked defendants if they had permission to go on the land, but they replied "No." He took the decoy birds, and later in the morning the others, with the nets and traps (produced).

Mr. Lancaster stated that the men admitted taking the birds, and, in fact, were employed by some gardeners to do so. They came out from Leicester by the cheap train for the purpose. They were men out of work, and eked out a livelihood by catching a few birds. As the Bench were aware, there was no close season for Linnets. His attention had been drawn to a Provisional Order issued for the county, which prohibited the Linnets being taken on Sundays between July 31st and March 2nd following, and this case happened on the second Sunday in the prohibited time, so there was something to be said in justification, as they were not aware of the Order.—The Bench decided to hear the second charge.

P.C. Button stated he first saw defendants about 9.35, and watched them for twenty minutes. They had a long clap net, and one of them worked this, and the other was pulling the cord. The birds were allowed to fly up to the limit of a short cord, which, continually repeated, caused chafing and abrasions.—Defendant was put in the box, and stated he had been using one of the birds for four years, and one had been braced for three years, and had moulted in the brace. He had never seen or caused any cruelty.—The Bench decided to convict in both cases, the first case an inclusive fine of 8s. 6d. each, and the confiscation of the nets, birds, and cages, and in the second case a fine of 15s. each.

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Wild Bird Life.

The House Sparrows' Flitting.

In the early Spring and Summer months the common House Sparrows were much too numerous in the garden and round the house. The food given in the aviaries and poultry runs was a constant attraction. One had no sooner attended to the wants of the inmates than the Sparrows came for their share. They would sit on the trees chattering and chirping with an injured air if one were late in attending to the stock. When feeding their young they became more than a nuisance, so impudent, in fact, and cheeky that they committed robbery before one's eyes, and within a minute or two returned to repeat the offence. Now, however, the gardens are clear. Every House Sparrow, both old and young, has gone to the cornfields. If we follow them there we shall have no trouble in locating them. By keeping along the hedgerow (now grown so luxuriantly that we hardly recognise it) we come at once upon their chief stronghold and gathering place, from the hedge (where they swarm as thick as the berries on the hawthorn). They raid the crops upon either side. A dozen or so drop into the corn, clinging with surprising agility to the swaying stalks. The main body follow, and a few stragglers bring up the rear. The damage done by a single bird is not much, excepting the corn he eats, but the weight of numbers has a different effect. Some half a dozen clinging to the same stalks fighting and quarrelling, as only Sparrows can, they break and beat down the heavy ears, scattering the golden grain in wilful waste. Occasionally the farmer gets a shot among the raiders, and then it is interesting to note the result of the bag. The majority of the birds are Sparrows in all stages of growth and plumage—young ones in nest feathers, with yellow edges to the beaks, and a few stray downy hairs characteristic of nestlings; others just breaking into moult; a few mother birds with the frayed and discoloured feathers indicative of an arduous summer. Here and there we gather an old cock bird, grimed and smutty with the smoke of the town, and we speculate upon his home. Is it Shoreditch or Woolwich, or near a factory in the suburbs? It may be either, for evidence is before us that these birds travel far from their usual haunts for their annual holiday among the tall hedges and golden grain, to meet their fellows from different parts, and eat to excess of the fattening wheat.

A Difference in Habit.

It is said that the Common Gulls on the West Coast of Scotland nest upon the sea coast and the grassy islets, but those on the East Coast fly some distance inland, and rear their young in the most desolate mountainous districts.

To Capture Tree Creepers.

So nervously sensitive is the tiny Tree Creeper that the concussion produced by the heavy jarring stroke of a stick against the bough to which it is clinging appears to promote temporary paralysis. No douht this is so, but the difficulty would be to get near enough to the bird to give the stroke.

The Cuckoo and Marsh Warbler.

It is recorded from Cambridge that a Cuckoo has used the nest of the rare Marsh Warbler to deposit its egg in. When we consider the rarity of this species, it seems an almost certain proof that the Cuckoo cannot use the nest of one species only; hut possihly in the mind of the Cuckoo the Marsh Warhler and Reed Warbler are identical.

The Boom of the Bittern.

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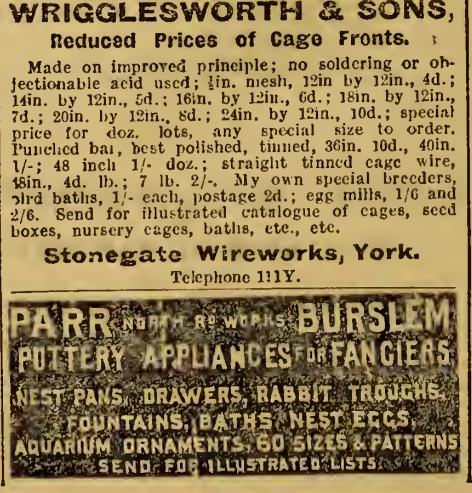
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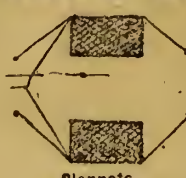


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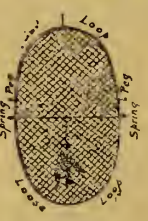
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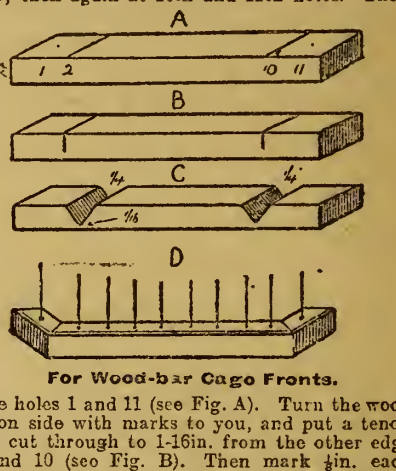
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No. 340.
Sliding Door for Wood-bar Cage-fronts.

Sent by Mr. J. W. Conkey, 62, Kitchener Street, Darlington, Durham.

Enclosed is a sketch of a sliding door for wood bar cage-fronts. I find the idea is much better than the ordinary door, especially in the breeding season. First take a piece of oak ¼in. square, and cut off two lengths of 6in. Then take a length of punched bar and mark on the wood, ¼in. from the end, and next a hole; then again at 10th and 11th holes. Then



For Wood-bar Cage Fronts.

bore holes 1 and 11 (see Fig. A). Turn the wood on on side with marks to you, and put a tenon saw cut through to 1-16in. from the other edge 2 and 10 (see Fig. B). Then mark ¼in. each side of the cut, and cut down with sharp chisel (see Fig. C). Next see that they bend easy; if not, cut a trifle further down, but do not go through. All that you have to do now is to glue and press the ends inward, then let it set well (see Fig. D). Put the punched bar on again from hole to hole, and bore with small bradawl prickers remaining holes. Cut your wires 5ins. long. Then you have an opening about 5ins. square. Of course, you can make them any size to suit yourself, but always have one hole more than you want to allow for the V cut. I think the idea will be better seen from the sketches.—J. W. CONKEY.

No. 341.
Ventilating an Outdoor Aviary Without Draught.

Sent by Mr. William Allison, 8, Burnett Place, Aberdeer.

I enclose a sketch showing how an outdoor birdroom may be ventilated without causing a draught. The arrangement can be made out of



A Draughtless Ventilator.

either wood or tin. "A" is a piece cut out of door or the side of the bird-room. B is the shutter which is made to slide along and completely covers up A. C is the space at the bottom, where air passes downwards into the bird-room. A should be covered with wire netting or wire gauze to prevent the birds from escaping.—WILLIAM ALLISON.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., August 28th, when 17 birds sang. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. Also on August 29th, when 19 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Mawson; and some very good singing was heard, before a crowded house. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Summers; 3 shared between Stead and Wigfield.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

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Club Reports.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 28th at St. George's Hall. Mr. W. T. Turner presided over a good attendance. In view of our annual show, to be held October 30th, we had a good evening fixing classes, etc. Mr. W. T. Turner was appointed show manager.—B. BAILEY.

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held August 30th, at St. John's Schools. There was a good number of members present. The chief business was the allotting of specials for Open Show, 27 being allotted to the various classes and sections. Votes of thanks were passed to donors of same, and one new member was elected. After a little friendly discussion another pleasant evening came to a close.—T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, The Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, on August 26th, a very good muster of members being present. The whole evening was taken up with the business connected with our open Roller contest to be held November 3rd and 4th. Mr. F. A. Lester will judge, and we intend to leave no stone unturned to make the show a complete success.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec..

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Meeting held on August 28th at club-room. A dingram competition was held, and an interesting and instructive competition it proved to be. The sketches were drawn by Mr. Percy Jowett, who is an artist of merit, and Mr. D. Sutcliffe, of Wibsey, placed them. The prize money was pooled for two winners in equal shares, and the winners were Messrs. S. Briggs and H. Schofield, who tied, with others close up. A discussion was started on the Yorkshire Union shows, and will be taken up later on, as it is a subject which wants to be thoroughly understood before being voted on.—H. SCHOFIELD, hon. sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

At the monthly meeting held August 14th, an exhibition of hand-washing was given by Mr. William Cullen. Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (president), in opening the meeting, said he was glad to see such a turn-out of members, as it had always been his ambition to see the members in harmony, and as this was the first meeting of its kind, he hoped it would not be the last. Mr. Cullen set off to business in a most efficient manner. He explained, as he went along, how to turn and handle the birds. He had a special drying cage of his own construction on view, which was highly appreciated. After washing the birds he asked one of our members to try his hand. Mr. A. Dickson, after a few remarks, did exceedingly well. Mr. Cullen answered all questions in a most satisfactory manner. A vote of thanks was accorded both Mr. Cullen and our worthy chairman, the rest of the evening being spent in harmony, which, I am sure, was highly appreciated. —J. FORD, sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

At a meeting held August 28th in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mr. T. Barclay (Kelty) presided. It was agreed to grant our patronage to the following societies:—October 23rd, Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., judge Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso); December 4th, Cupar and Dis. O.S., probable judge Mr. J. Adams (Dundee); December 11th, Thornton and Dis. O.S., probable judge Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Bowhill and Dis. O.S., probable judge Mr. J. Patterson (Chiruside). The Penman Cup is to be competed for at these four shows on points; also two medals are to be granted to each show, one for best cock bird and one for best hen shown by a member, and at Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. a trouser length will be given by Mr. D. McGregor (Kinross) for best unflighted bird belonging to a member. All entries are to be marked on entry forms F. and K.P.C., and three birds nominated for cup to have "Cup" written after them. Donations were received from Mr. W. Spence (Cardenden) of 5s., and Mr. A. Ramsay (Lassoddie) of a gold medal to be given to winner of Penman Cup. This being all the business the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Anyone desirous of joining us should do so now before the show season begins; full particulars will be given by me.—A. DICKSON, 37, Adams-terrace, Kelty.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY CLUB.

Will you kindly announce that the following have been selected as the cup shows of the club for the ensuing season:—Burnley, Peudleton, Birmingham, and Gatesbead. The other cup show is to be held at Wellingborough, subject to the date being satisfactory. The club show is to be at Pendleton. The contest between this club and the Southern N.P.C. is to be at Bolton, and that between the club and the Scottish N.P.C. is to be at Preston. The following is the list of specials (to date) to be competed for by members:—(1) The N.P.C. Challenge Cup, value £10 10s., on the same conditions as before; (2) valuable silver-plated tea urn, presented by Mr. J. E. Davies, to be won outright by four birds other than cup birds; (3) gold medal for winner of cup; (4) gold medal for runner-up for cup; (5) gold medal for best bird in Champion Section at club show; (6) six money prizes for best six birds from best first to best sixth at club show in Champion Section; (7) money prize for most points at each cup show, first prize winners not to compete; (8) special, value 30s., for points gained by four birds in Champion Section at cup shows; (9) £1 1s. cash given by Mr. W. Aitchison for most points gained by a member joining in 1909 at cup shows; (10) cup value 32s., presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden for most points gained by four birds fed on his feeds; (11) special value 30s., for most points gained by an amateur at a club show; (12) silver-plated tea pot for most points gained by an amateur at cup shows; (13) silver-plated coffee pot for second most points; (14) silver-plated cream jug for third most points; (15) gold medal for best bird shown by an amateur at club show; (16) six money prizes for six best birds from best first to best sixth shown by amateurs at club show; (17) bound volume, presented by CAGE BIRDS for most points gained by an amateur in hen classes at a club show. May I remind members that subscriptions are now due, and must be paid before the first cup show, as per new rule, or they will not be eligible to compete for club specials? I should therefore be glad if they would let me have same at the earliest possible date, in order that I may get things in proper working order before the show season commences. I should also be glad to hear from anyone desirous of joining, and shall be plensed to give them any information they may require. I may say for their guidance that anyone joining now will be eligible to compete for any of the above specials.—JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

A meeting of committee held August 28th, Mr. D. Duncan, jun. (president) occupying the chair. The following gentlemen were elected to membership: Messrs. Meadows (Malton), Wilkinson and Danby (Yarm-on-Tees), W. Woods (Pickering), J. P. Stamp (Whitby). Patronage was given to the winter shows of the undermentioned societies: October 23, Middlesboro' (judge, Mr. Marwood); October 29-30, York (Mules and Hybrids Mr. W. P. Barnes, British Mr. W. A. Cowgill); November 19-20, Hull (judge Mr. E. Brunskill); November 11, Malton (judge, Mr. W. Mundell); December 4, Harrogate (judge, Mr. A. Hirst); December 17-18, Halifax (Mules and Hybrids Mr. W. A. Cowgill, British Mr. W. Vardy); Jan. 8, Yarm-on-Tees (judge, Mr. C. Houlton). A few applications had to be withheld through clashing of dates and judges. Power was given the secretary to grant patronage to three societies, where different dates to above are selected. Mr. L. Hodgson's tender for rule books was accepted, and secretary would like matter for breeders' cards, which will be inserted at 1s. per half page. It was proposed by Mr. Boyle and seconded by Mr. Inman, that £4 be given for competition in the champion section in the following amounts, value 35s., 20s., 15s., 10s. There are also the CAGE BIRDS' prizes for competition as last year, for amateurs, of 25s., 15s. and 10s., for those members who have not "won more than three first prizes in open competition previous to current season." So hurry up ye British Bird fanciers, and send in your names for membership to me. —W. R. MYERS, Hon. Sec., 23, Ingleby-place, Bradford.

LONDON FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

A meeting of the Council was held on August 27th, when the following delegates attended: Messrs. H. E. Tringham (chairman), R. L. Crisp, W. H. Mugford, J. Dewhurst, A. C. Burn, J. Wyatt, H. Churchard, R. P. Harper, W. Penton, H. Smith, W. Clark, J. C. Birch, A. Cunningham, H. W. Tomsett, H. W. Cook, P. Adamthwaite (hon. sec.), and others.

The Insurance Scheme.

The Secretary stated that he had had a letter from the Inland Revenue Department of Somerset House to the effect that the filling up of the notice forms in connection with the insurance coupons constituted a contract between the person who filled it up and the Federation, so that a stamp duty of one penny per coupon was, therefore, involved. The Chairman informed the meeting that they had been advised not to seek to become affiliated as a friendly society for the purposes of the scheme, as the difficulties to be overcome would be almost, if not quite, insurmountable; and the secretary added that they had been further advised to proceed with any further scheme they might have in hand, and not endeavour to press the present one forward. The Council then proceeded to consider an alternative scheme which had been presented to them "in the rough" by the sub-committee. The idea, it was pointed out, was that any affiliated member wishing to take out an insurance policy for the season should take one for the amount he wished. It was suggested, said the chairman, that the amount of the insurance be left entirely at the option of the insurer; thus he could insure for £10, or for as much as £100, at the rate of 2d. per policy. A further idea was that a postcard should be printed, on which the insurer could state the number of birds, etc., he was insuring; then he would simply send the postcard to the secretary of the Federation, and be able to keep the policy himself, merely marking it from time to time for his own guidance.

In reply to a question by Mr. Cook (Poplar), the Chairman stated that the subject of fire insurance would probably be matter for a separate policy at a lower rate. He expressed the opinion in passing that in the case of anyone wishing to insure a bird on the outward and homeward journeys and also while at the show, it could be all done for 4d, and need not cost the insurer 6d., that was, 2d. for each. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Burn: Then this insurance policy will bear the penny stamp?—Yes, and the one stamp, of course, will do; so that each insurance need not be stamped.

Referring to the matter of limit of insurance, which it had been proposed should be £20, the Secretary said he took it the sub-committee proposed that the rules governing the insurance scheme of the Federation should remain practically intact; and the Council would remember that its liability for any one year had already been fixed at £12. The Chairman thought they should not put any limit on the amount of insurance, while Mr. Crisp was of opinion they should certainly for the first year minimise their risks as much as possible; which met with the approval of the majority present. If the Council were prepared to pay £500, then by all means, he said, issue larger policies; but he thought it best to put restrictions on the amount for which they could be held responsible.

Another question then suggested itself to the secretary. Were they, he asked, going to make the policy a yearly one? It was agreed afterwards that there was no need for any time limit, and that there was no risk involved, because they did not propose to cover fire. "That is fair enough," Mr. Burn stated parenthetically, "but what I wanted to see was a nice annual income." (Laughter.) It was added there would be no difficulty about keeping a proper balance-sheet. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Mugford said he thought that with a little persuasion the Inland Revenue Department of Somerset House could be induced to allow the original scheme to pass. Mr. Crisp said he, too, would be sorry to see their first scheme thrown overboard. He suggested that the original forms might possibly be used if the stamp appeared only on the first one. This, the secretary pointed out, would be much the cheapest way.—Mr. Mugford: Could we not have books of four sheets?—Mr. Cook thought that the scheme Mr. Penton (N. London) had hinted—viz., that they should have six sheets perforated ready for being torn off when wanted, with the policy printed above and to be retained—was much the best plan.

Mr. Burn moved that the matter be left in the hands of the sub-committee, so that they could approach the officials at Somerset House with a view to coming to an arrangement concerning this last-mentioned plan, and to report to the Council. —Mr. J. C. Birch (Queen's Park) seconded the motion, which, after further discussion, was carried.

The Secretary next read a letter received from the secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., pointing out that the Society was holding a members' show in conjunction with the London and Provincial O.C., and asking that, as the latter Society was not affiliated to the Federation, would the Council allow them to suspend the rules of the Federation?—After considerable discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Burn, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that the request be granted, but the event must not, it was added, become a precedent.

The "Defaulting Member" Question.

Another letter from the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., enclosing a list of names of members who had not paid their subscriptions of 3s., nor the amount imposed by the Federation, and asking for instructions as to how to act now under Rule 6.—Mr. Burn suggested that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.—The Secretary pointed out that if the Council adjourned the matter they would have the Dulwich and Peckham secretary "about their ears," and rightly so, seeing the Council had given them instructions to do certain things, and the Society had faithfully carried out those instructions to the letter.—Mr. Burn said they had got to train the members of the Federation to a realization of the extent of their powers, and that if they came down on societies with the full force of their rules, they would cripple the fancy (in London, it is presumed he meant).—Mr. H. E. Tringham (who, having vacated the chair, being an official of the Society whose affairs were being discussed, was acting in the capacity of an ordinary delegate) rejoined that if they didn't act according to their rules the Federation would be disorganised at once. (Hear, hear.) This was, he said, a desperate case for the Society. They were in need of money, and here were a large number of outstanding subscriptions; and the only machine they could put into operation was the London Federation. He wished to disabuse the minds of the delegates that their action was the result of a vindictive spirit. It was not; they simply wanted what they had a perfect right to.—The Chairman (Mr. Crisp) expressed his opinion so far as to say he thought it necessary the delegates should have the matter brought before them, and as it had not been included as one of the items on the agenda, perhaps it would be as well to adjourn the consideration of the case, in order to give delegates a chance of thinking the matter over. (Hear, hear.)—On the proposition of Mr. Burn, seconded by Mr. Mugford, it was decided to adjourn the case, and that due notice be given to delegates.—This was carried.

Presentation to the Secretary.

A very pretty and memorable presentation was then made by Mr. Tringham to Mr. Percy Adamthwaite, the hon. secretary of the Federation. The presentation took the form of a "magnificent marble clock, which must have cost many pounds"—to use Mr. Adamthwaite's own words to CAGE BIRDS' representative afterwards. The clock had been very liberally and spontaneously subscribed for by the delegates, and was presented by them not only as a mark of their appreciation of the services rendered by the hon. sec., but also as their wedding present to him, the wedding ceremony being fixed for the following Saturday, September 4th. Several very neat speeches were made, and the recipient, having accepted the gift, expressed hiself at a loss to know how to thank his friends enough for their great kindness.—A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 25th, at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, the Chairman, Mr. Almond, presiding over a large attendance. It gave great satisfaction to see so many present, and must have given Mr. Birchley, who had come to lecture to us, great pleasure to see such a large turn-up. Correspondence was read from secretaries of the following specialist clubs, granting us their patronage for our forthcoming shows: Open Norwich P.C., Yorkshire C.C., Northern Y.C.C., Northern Crest Club, National British Bird and M.C., Northern British Bird M. and F.B.C., thus making six specialist clubs' patronage up-to-date. Other business was left over. The chairman called on Mr. Birchley to give his lecture on "Mammals at Work and Play." In his opening remarks Mr. Birchley, who received a very hearty reception, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many familiar faces of those whom he had seen at Newcastle, Wallsend, etc. He told us that our great author, Ruskin, had said that the greatest thing a man could do in this world was to see something and tell the same in a plain way; and that was precisely what he would always endeavour to do. Before Mr. Birchley entered upon his lecture, he drew an excellent picture of the old-world beauty of the county, and his hearers were somewhat affected on his reference to the present-day state of things compared with that of the days of his boyhood. Some of his pictures were quite vivid representations of what many of his hearers must have passed through during the days of their youth. Entering upon his lecture on Mammals, Mr. Birchley fully explained the difference between animals and mammals, and in a simple way he went on at some length to show that mammals were really difficult to study compared with birds. He explained the reason for this in almost every individual case he quoted. He strongly advocated the studying of natural history in general, as a soothing and intensely interesting study, and one that would bring a rich reward to students. The lecturer dealt at some length upon many kinds of animals, and many most interesting and amusing little incidents were related that occur in the ways of wild nature. Owing to his taking up rather more time than we anticipated, Mr. Birchley, we noticed, somewhat abbreviated the latter portion of his lecture. The lecture, we believe, was the most interesting one that has been given before the Gateshead Society. In conclusion, Mr. Birchley thanked his audience for their kind attention, and said that it would give him great pleasure to see them again when he visited Newcastle to give a three-nights' lecture with his lantern illustrating from life many of the things he had been speaking about in his lectures in the North. Mr. Almond proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Birchley, and appealed for questions, many of which were then put, and were ably answered. After a lengthy address of appreciation by Mr. Currah (which certainly voiced the feeling of those present) the meeting was brought to a close. —G. BUCK and H. JOHNSON, Hon. Secs.

The Shows.

PEASDOWN ST. JOHN.

Second annual show held August 21st, in the Home Field, Red Post. Mr. O. E. Hodge judged the few cage bird classes. Mr. Howe, the secretary, had made capital arrangements, and everything went off well accordingly.

CAN. (4): 2, Denning; 3, no name; hc, Broadway. MEMBERS.—YORKS. (5). 2, 4, Chivers; 3, vhc, Hosier. NOR. (4): 2, Stocks; 3, Jones.

PONTARDULAIS (S. Wales).

This show was held at the Hendy Schools on Aug. 21, under favourable weather conditions. Mr. W. Hooley judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. OR NOR. (7): 1, Thomas, Yorks.; 2, Holborow, Nor.; 3, Williams, Nor. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Sampson, Bor.; 2, No. 237A, Bor.; 3, Davies, buff Belgian. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Ray; 2, Sampson; 3, Davies. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Hughes; 3, Sampson.

LLANDEDR.

Show held August 21st; judge, Mr. Roberts (Penygroes).

NOR.: 1, J. E. Jones; 2, D. Griffith. YORKS.: 1, W. Lloyd; 2, Matt. Roberts. CAN. FIRST FEATHER: 1, R. O. Hughes; 2, D. Griffith. A.O.V.: 1, spl, O. R. Jones; 2, J. Lloyd. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, G. H. Pritchard. MULE OR HYB.: 1, E. J. Jones; 2, E. Evans. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Miss W. Smith.

GOOLE AND YORKS.

The cage-bird section of the show held in the Victorian Pleasure Grounds on August 19th was a success. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CAN. (4): 1, 4, Whitehead; 3, Weldrake. BRED 1909 (3): 1, 2, 3, Wheldrake. BRIT.: Cancelled. FOR. (4): 1, Short, blue-fronted Amazon Parrot; 2, Harrison Bros., Budgerigars; 3, Mrs. Lambert, Amazon Parrot; 4, Mrs. Piggot, Grey Parrot. LOCAL.—£1 limit (3): 1, 2, Wheldrake, York. and Nor.; 3, Whitehead, Nor.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Table show held in the Miners' Hall on August 28th. Entries did not come up very well, the season being so very far advanced; most birds are now deep in the moult. Eighteen birds were staged in the four classes provided. The foreign birds exhibited by Mr. Thomson proved a great attraction, and were greatly admired. Mr. Johnstone (Hamilton) judged and gave every satisfaction.

MULE OR HYB.: 1, Johnstone; 2, Sinclair; 3, Nisbet; 4, spl, Swan; 5, Smith; 6, McAllistair; 7, McLuckie. HEN, BRIT.: 1, spl, Sinclair; 2, Johnstone; 3, Clark; 4, Clarkson; 5, Lockhart; 6, McLean. VAR. CAN.: 1, Bullock. FOR.: 1, 2, Thomson; 3, Nisbet.—JAS. POLLOCK, Sec.

HARLECH.

Held in connection with the sports on August 14th. There was a very fair entry, and some good birds were shown in the Norwich, Yorkshire and Mule classes. Also the British bird classes contained some nice birds. Messrs. R. Lole Strong and W. E. Thomas are the hon. secretaries, to whom every credit is due for their able management. Mr. R. C. Forbes (Pwllheli) judged.

NOR.: 1, R. L. Strong; 2, J. E. Jones. VARIEG.: 1, R. L. Strong; 2, D. Griffiths. YORKS.: 1, W. O. Jones; 2, R. L. Strong. VARIEG.: 1, J. O. Williams; 2, Mrs. M. Edwards. FIRST FEATHER: 1, J. Fawcett; 2, J. Lloyd. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, R. L. Strong; 2, J. O. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, R. Roberts; 2, J. M. Evans. MULE OR HYB.: 1, T. Richards; 2, Master O. R. Jones.

HALLAM AND ECCLESHALL.

Annual show held August 19th, when the cage birds made a very pleasing feature. Mr. Robert Colbon, who had the management of the concern, received the congratulations of all. Mr. W. Mundell judged.

YORKS. (3): 1, Bishop; 2, vhc, Radley. BRED 1909 (5): 1, Bishop; 2, withheld; 3, hc, Radley; vhc, c, Woolhouse. BUFF (5): 1, c, Woolhouse; 2, withheld; 3, Bishop; vhc, hc, Radley. NOR. (3): 1, vhc, Axe; 2, Porter; 3, withheld. BRED 1909, YEL. (6): 1, c, Oxley; 2, withheld; 3, Porter; vhc, hc, Axe. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Woolhouse; 2, c, Oxley; vhc, hc, Axe. BRIT., LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Walsh, Linnets; 2, withheld; vhc, hc, Bell. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Axe; 2, 3, Bell; hc, Cocks. A.O.S. (14): 1, 2, vhc, Jackson, Nightingale, Titlark, and Whitethroat; 3, Chick; vhc, Bloodworth, Milne, Cocks, Axe; c, Bell.

LEAMINGTON SPA F.A.

A most successful members' Nest Feather Show was held at the Golden Lion Hotel on August 26th. Entries came up well, considering most of the youngsters are getting on with their moult. Mr. W. Treadwell judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Geo. Hall captured special for best bird in show with a clear yellow of good colour, shape and quality. The judging competition was closely contested: Mr. Abbotts and Mr. Hall equal first, Mr. Brooks second, Mr. Masters third.

NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Hall, nice quality and substance, good shape, 2nd close up; 3, Bull, grand bird. TKD., ETC.: 1, Soden, saddle-marked, good size; 2, Hall, ticked on eye, right stamp, close up; 3, Brooks, variegs., nice shape body. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Hall, winner bonny bird, grand shape and feather; 2nd, not quite the substance, yet a nice one. TKD., ETC.: 1, Soden, good stamp, large bird; 2, Hall, another excellent bird.—F. T. PRITCHARD, Sec.; pro. Geo. Hall.

KINGSWOOD (Bristol).

Show held August 25th. The entries in the cage bird classes were very small. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

YORKS., ADULT (5): 1, spl, vhc (2), 3, Morgan, some very nice length birds, good wings and tails; 2, Sharman, fine length, nice head. YORKS., 1909 BRED (13): A grand class; 1, two spls, 2, 3, Osborne, grand birds, good length, nice head points, excellent wing carriage; vhc, Harding; hc, Pearce; ex. 3, Paco, nice wings, tail and head; hc, Bracey, Bateman. BULLFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Winstone, two nice Bullfinches, fine size, good caps and condition; 3, Hayman, grand Greenie, looking quite fit; vhc, T. H. Pace. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, spl, T. H. Pace, Linnet, nice wings, head and bars; 2, Pace, good Redpoll, fine head and wing carriage; 3, Winston, Linnet, very nice; res, Pound. MULE (2): 1, Batten; 3, Hicks, both Goldfinch-Canaries. BRIT. A.O.S. (2): 1, Pace, nice Yellowhammer; 2, Pound, good Wagtail.

CARLISLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third nest feather show held in Viaduct Hotel, when there was a good muster of young birds, considering the time of year and the number of young birds in the moult. Mr. Pennington (Wigton) judged, and criticism was practically nil. Mr. Moore had quite a "day out" among Borders; the same with Mr. Lawson in Norwich.

BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Moore; 3, Johnstone; 4, Hutchinson; 5, 6, McGuffie. BUFF: 1, 3, Moore; 2, 4, McGuffie; 5, Jones; 6, Fraser; 7, G. Johnstone. UNEVEN, ETC., YEL.: 1, Jones, 2, 3, 5, 6, Moore; 4 Fraser; 7, McGuffie. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Hutchinson; 4, 5, 6, Dockerty; 7, Johnstone. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, Moore; 2, 3, Herring; 4, Johnstone; 5, Hutchinson. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Lawson; 5, Reay. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Lawson. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Lawson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Carrick. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Carrick. LINNET: 1, Hutchinson. BULLFINCH: 1, McGuffie. A.O.S.: 1, Carrick; 2, 4, 5, Cranston; 3, McGuffie. FOR. LARGE: 1, Cranston; 2, Carrick. SMALL: 1, 2, Cranston.—W. H. WRIGHT, hon. sec.

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Our young stock show on September 23rd will be opened at 3 o'clock by Alderman J. Savage, J.P., at the Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove, E. Ham, writes Mr. H. Rutter, the hon. secretary of the East Ham and Dis. F.S.

It was impossible for me to answer all replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, re Hawfinch, writes Mr. E. Vermim (Fulham, S.W.), but I answered all who sent a stamp. This speaks well for CAGE BIRDS.

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The advertisement I inserted in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. G. Russell (Middlesbro'), has brought me no fewer than 20 replies from all parts of England within two days. I wish your paper every success.

We are giving two classes for Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders Fancies, for novices at our forthcoming annual open show on October 29th and 30th, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, secretary of the South Shields and Dis. C.B.S.

The Kent County Cage Bird Association have given their patronage this year to the following societies' shows, writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, the hon. secretary, Deal, Canterbury, Plumstead, Folkestone, and Dover F. and F.S.

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We have fixed our annual show this year, writes Mr. T. Bowen, secretary of the North Berks. F.S., for November 11th, in the Abingdon Corn Exchange.

The Accrington and Dis. C.B.S. have engaged Mr. W. Booth, of Hyde, to judge the Norwich section of their show, writes Mr. Jas. W. Philpott, the secretary, as they are anticipating a good show on October 8th and 9th.

The Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C.B.A. have decided to go for a ramble on Sunday next, September 5th, when friends are invited to meet us at Bulls Head, Swinton, at 1 p.m., writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, the secretary.

It is impossible for me to answer all application for guns I advertised for exchange in CAGE BIRDS of last week, writes Mr. A. Jinks (Birmingham). I have had 91 of them, which speaks well for your paper. I have now sold them.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Holloway (Sherborne). I received over 30 answers, and could not possibly reply to all; but I made a good exchange, and I shall always advertise in CAGE BIRDS in future.

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The classes we intend providing for our open Roller Contest on November 3rd and 4th, writes Mr. J. H. Willows, hon. secretary of the Midland Roller C.C., are as follows: Young Birds 1909 (B.R.C.C. ring), Open Birds (B.R.C.C. ring), Open Class, Open Novice, £2 Limit, and Members' Class.

The rules of the Midland Roller Canary Club for 1909, together with a list of the names and addresses of the members of this new club, have just been issued in a convenient booklet form. Members and intending members may obtain same from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Willows, Lindum House, Wednesbury.

Kindly inform readers of CAGE BIRDS that I have removed my business from Leeds, and have gone into partnership with Mr. R. Dearlove, of Hull, writes Mr. Fred Allen. All letters must in future be addressed: Dearlove and Allen, bird specialists, Porter Street Aviaries, Hull. All orders will receive our best personal attention as hitherto.

Can anyone inform me, writes Mr. P. Hart, secretary of the Leigh C.B.S., what has become of a portion of our members? Are they living? If so, we should like to see their faces at our next meeting, as we have now dropped our subscriptions from 4s. to 2s. 6d. We think this may cause new friends to join and some of our old members to come back again.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement for Goldie and Seifert hens, writes Mr. Geo. Bird (Wrexham). I received nearly 40 answers, and could not thank everyone separately. I have made satisfactory exchanges with all the birds I had to spare, and could have disposed of many more if I had had them, thanks to your well circulated journal.

Mr. Jacob Mackley, of Messrs. Mackley Bros., of Norwich, had the good fortune to be the chief subject of an article in the "Daily Mail," of August 26th issue, entitled, "A City of Canaries." The writer of the article, having referred to the probable origin of the Canary industry in this country, proceeds to state what Canaries can cost. His conclusion is that with a fair share of luck the breeders make excellent profits, but that the Canary business has more than a dash of the speculative in it.

At our last meeting a letter was read from the Welsh Cage Bird Club granting their patronage to our society, write Messrs. McLucas and James, hon. secretaries of the Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and Dis. F. and F.S. They offer two cups as specials, one, that of Mr. Sandiford's, for the most points gained during the season by three birds fed on his Red Feed, and the other, a Norwich P.H. cup, which will be offered for members. These will be competed for at our next show, December 15th. Mr. C. A. House will judge.

The marriage of Mr. Percy Adamthwaite, of Fernhead Road, Maida Hill, London, W., to Miss Parish, of Malvern Road, West Kilburn, takes place to-day (Saturday), at Holy Trinity Church, Kilburn, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Adamthwaite is best known to our readers and to London fanciers especially, as the secretary of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, by which body he was on August 27th presented with a magnificent marble clock, partly in recognition of his services to the Federation, but chiefly as a wedding present. The felicitations of our readers will, we feel sure, follow the couple as they enter upon their wedded life. Ilfracombe is the place selected for the honeymoon.

London and Provincial O.S.

Further to my last week's note, with reference to the arrangements we are making for the lecture by Mr. Richard Kearton, on September 16th, writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, hon. secretary of the London and Provincial O.S., will you kindly allow me to make public the now complete details thereof? For this event we have engaged the fine hall of the "Institute of Journalists," situated in Tudor Street, New Bridge Street, E.C., which lies between Blackfriars and Ludgate hill stations, and in close proximity to the L.C.C. tramway terminus on the embankment, so that it is easily accessible from any part of London. We commence at 7.30 promptly. In addition to the matter already arranged, Mr. Kearton has promised to show an entirely new series of films and slides secured as recently as last summer, and which upon this occasion will be shown for the first time. The new films include such difficult subjects as Curlews and Lapwings going on to the nest, brooding, running away, etc., Kestrels and Marsh Tits feeding their young, rats at supper, and also some wonderful examples will be given of the new colour photography slides, all absolutely new, and direct from nature. We anticipate a very large attendance, and in order to facilitate the seating arrangements, I should be glad if those other than members of the L.P.O.S. desirous of attending, would make early application to me, and if a stamped envelope is enclosed, I shall have pleasure in sending them their tickets, for which, as before stated, no charge is made. Ladies cordially invited.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Loanhead and District C.B.A.

The breeding season is again nearing a close, and I have no doubt many of the fanciers about here will look upon the 1909 breeding season as one of the worst they ever experienced. This, to my mind, was due to the cold cast winds we had. While on my holidays at Kirkcaldy I had the pleasure of meeting a few of the fanciers there, and they have suffered there just as we have. While in Kirkcaldy I saw a very nice six-pointed yellow Goldfinch Mule, which with a good moult should be heard of again. Along with Messrs. Douglas, Yule and Nelson, I visited most of the members in this district, while Mr. John Steel (Dalkeith) kindly forwarded results from Musselburgh; and we find that though numbers are not so large this year, quality is better in all sections: in fact I expect to see some stormers in the Scotch Fancy sections, and I feel certain the Norwich classes will have some good ones, while the Border section will be quite up to the usual standard, both at Dalkeith and Loanhead shows on the first and second Saturdays in October. Members' numbers (Musselburgh): Robert Johnstone, 18 Scotch Fancies; James King, 16 Scotch Fancies; James Pearson, 36 Norwich, 35 Borders, 1 Mule; George Watt, 10 Borders, 1 Mule; Alexander Fleming, 6 Norwich. (Dalkeith): James Carson, 5 Scotch Fancies, 12 Norwich, 12 Borders; J. Sinclair, 22 Borders; John Steel, 6 Norwich, 16 Borders; John Ewing, 5 Norwich, 15 Borders; John Hamilton, 30 Borders; Thos. Briggs, 6 Scotch Fancies, 3 Norwich, 12 Borders; Thos. Bickerstaff, 26 Borders; Alfred Rowe, 24 Borders. (Lasswade): Wm. McAdam, 6 Scotch Fancies, 18 Borders; James Stirling, 32 Borders, 4 Mules; Wm. Masterton, 20 Borders. (Bonnyrigg): Geo. Harper, 30 Borders, 2 Mules; James Noble, 15 Scotch Fancies, 2 Norwich, 8 Borders; David Noble, 7 Scotch Fancies, 1 Norwich; Peter Noble, 10 Borders; E. Wighley, 5 Scotch Fancies; J. Mangle, 11 Borders; A. Ketchen, 8 Borders; D. Flockhart, 10 Borders; R. Fisher, 1 Scotch Fancy, 16 Borders. (Rosewell): A. Sinclair, 9, Norwich. (Polton): A. Jardine, 7 Scotch Fancies; J. Allan, 5 Scotch Fancies, 6 Borders. (Newtongrange): A. M. Gardiner, 17 Norwich; A. and J. Thomson, 45 Borders. (Loanhead): G. Yule, 2 Scotch Fancies, 23 Borders; A. Gilchrist, 3 Scotch Fancies, 10 Borders; R. H. Douglas, 22 Borders; W. H. Nelson, 2 Scotch Fancies, 47 Borders; W. B. Smart, 3 Scotch Fancies, 29 Borders. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. B. SMART, secretary.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester, on August 28th, the president in the chair. After passing the minutes of the previous meeting and disposing of several other items, the compensation scheme (referred to at the meeting of delegates at the late Crystal Palace Show), was discussed, and the following proposition carried:—"To members of the C.B.U. paying to the Union secretary a registration fee of 1s., the Union will make up the loss to the extent of £1 per bird in case of loss caused by accident or delay on the part of railway companies to or from shows from September 1st up to March 1st in each year. No one claim more than £5 to be paid. Selling or limit classes will be paid according to the catalogue price." Of course, this means that secretaries of all affiliated societies must send on to me at once a list of all the names of their members and the balance of their subscription, if any, of 2d. per member according to Rule 4. The Union will offer medals for competition in the various districts on similar lines to last year. Particulars will be found in the show rules to be printed shortly.—J. RAYNES, secretary, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

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England.

*Oct. 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30, Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.
*Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.) J.H.R.
*Oct. 7—**Peterborough.**—(S. L. Cocks, Eastfield). J.H.R., and S.H.M.
*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R. and W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
Oct. 14—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street).
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Popo, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.B. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 50, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J, W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J, E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street).
*Nov. 11—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Limo Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.
*Nov. 13—**Tidcswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tidcswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**)—H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anno St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.B.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.
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*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.** — (H. Brunskill, 2, Dane bury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.: M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.
1910.
Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bx. Mnrdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11. Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd' H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15 — **Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 11.—**Glasgow and Dis. Derby.**—E. B. Bullions, 124, Adelphi Street.
Sept. 11.—**Scotch Fancy Derby.**—T. Smith, 56, Minard Road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Manchester N.C.O.S.—Sep 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Important show business, specials, classes, etc.—E. Jones.
Manningham C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show.—W. Holroyd.
Nelson C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Bull hotel, 8. Classification for next show, and election of judge.—J. England.
Oldham C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of classes for Back End Show, to be held October 16.—F. Steeple.
Ormskirk C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Headquarters, 8. Purchase coupons, and general business.—T. H. Tiffen.
Pendlebury, Swinton.—Sept. 9, 8.—A. Donnelly.
Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 6, Club, 8.30. Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.
South-West London O.B.S.—Sept. 9, Plough Hotel, near Clapham Junction, 8.30. Very important; all lady fanciers are invited to join this society; write for rules and balance-sheet.—Lilley, Sec.
Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Vicarage (by special request of President), 7.30. Paper on "The Yorkshire Canary," by A. Moxon, Esq.; meet at headquarters 7.—H. E. Wilkinson.
Stirling O.S.—Sept. 4, Douglas Hotel, 8. Closing time for joining.—G. Hislop.
Sale Open O.—Sept. 6, Technical School, 8. Classification for Open Show, and other business; members please bring in ticket money from F.F. Show.—J. Irlam.
South London Col. and F.A.—Sept. 9, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30. Pigeon show.—G. A. Jefferys.
Six Bells F.S.—Sept. 6, Cwm Hotel, 5.30. Annual show business matters.—W. J. Edwards.
Shipley O.S.—Sept. 7, Prince of Wales' Hotel, 8.—H. Martin.
South and North Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Gregg's cafe, 8. Special show business; subscriptions now due.—J. Barrass.
Stockton Heath O.S.—Sept 9, Hall Cafe, 7.30. Paper on "British Birds" will be read by Mr. E. Houghton; all cordially invited.—B. Moss.
Uddingston O.S.—Sept. 4, Reading Rooms, 7. Show business; very important.—J. Kilpatrick.
Wath C.B.A.—Sept. 5, Cross Key Hotel, 7.30. Fixing date of show and general business.—H. A. Watson.
West of Scotland.—Sept. 4, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Washing exhibition of Canaries; new members still being enrolled; the new trophies will also be on view.—G. Smart.
Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Sept 8, Station Hotel, 7.15. Annual show business, very important letter to members.—Richardson and Greenwell.
Wandsworth F.A.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, Red Lion," 8. Young Stock Show business.—W. Summers.
Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Sept, 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Monthly meeting.—E. Broadley.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—Sept. 9, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Committee meeting. Drafting rules for open show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.
Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road, 8. Confirmation of All England Show classification. Discussion on table shows.—T. Harrison.
Attercliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—W. Richinson.
Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Sept. 7, P.S.A. rooms, 8. Back-end show business, etc.—H. Foden.
Accrington C.B.S.—Sept. 9, headquarters, 8. Open show business, important.—J. W. Philpott.
Ardwick C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Blacksmith Arms, 8. Special election night and secretary's report.—J. Spencer.
Bolton O.S.—Sept. 13, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Meeting postponed on account of holidays on first Monday in month.—H. Parkinson.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Final arrangements for schedule.—Elliott and Wood.
Bury C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Autumn show business.—H. Jameson.
Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for Sept. show, and other important business.—H. Hill.
Barrow C.B.A.—Sept. 8, Rickard and Gardener's, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Classification for annual show.—J. Higman.
Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A.—Sept. 4, Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, 8. Important business; welcome old and new members.—G. Rostron and T. Slater.
British Roller C.C.—Sept. 14, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand.—J. W. Norris.
City and County of Perth O.S.—Sept. 6, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Classification for club show, etc.—J. Kerr.
Clitheroe C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8. Show business.—R. Lambert.
Chester C.B.F.A.—Sept. 7, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Old bird show and other matters; any member with suggestions please bring same forward.—J. Swindley.
City of Wakefield.—Sept. 4, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8.—Parker and Parkes.
Clapham C.B.A.—Sept. 6, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. General business for open show, Oct. 27 and 28; most important business must be settled.—A. C. Askew.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Church Hall, 6.30. —J. Brown.
Dewsbury C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Royal Hotel, 8.—N. Rayner.
Dudley C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. G. Leech.
Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Sept. 8, George Hotel, 8. Special meeting re open show.—R. S. Black.
Exeter C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Paper by Mr. W. G. Smith on "Wild Birds and their Seeds." The President will take chair.—R. H. Folley.
Edinburgh Eastern Dis. O.S.—Sept. 6, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—G. R. Smith.
East Ham F.S.—Sept. 6, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Mr. J. Lee will lecture on "Selection of Stock for Exhibition."—H. Rutter.
Ferryhill C.B.S.—Sept. 9, (instead of Sept. 2), Red Lion Hotel, Front Street, Ferryhill. To confirm classification of open show, etc., and other important business.—R. Binks.
Grand United Metropolitan Show.—Sept. 8, Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 7.30. Show rules, etc.—A. Watson.
Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.—Sept. 4, Town Hall, 7 p.m. Show business.—A. Cant.
Halifax O.S.—Sept. 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule for Oct. show.—J. F. Thackray.
Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 6, Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Northumberland Street, 7. Lecture by Mr. J. Bailey on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." Fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—E. Greensmith.
Hull C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Important business, C.B.U. and judging competition. Judge, Mr. G. Brumby.—E. R. Ridley.
Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Sept. 7, headquarters, 8. Schedule for next show.—W. Cottingham.
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Lowestoft C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Fox and Hounds, 8.15.—W. Lang, jun.
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Liverpool B.B.A.—Sept. 9, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. Schedule for Old Bird Show, also election of delegates for Amalgamated Show.—F. E. Hawkes.
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Leeds C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Place of Classification for winter shows; address on "Preparing for Exhibition," by Mr. King; fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.
Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Sept. 7, White Swan, Market Place, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. McCarter, "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," also annual show business.—J. E. Wood.
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Youngsters Dying in Moult.

E.D.N.—It is always most essential in all cases of this kind to get definite particulars as to how the birds are being fed, and also how they have been fed previously, if any recent change has been made, and if they are being colour fed it is further important to know how the colour food is mixed, and also how the soft food in which it is given is made. In a great many cases the food is either directly or indirectly the chief cause, and even in cases where septic fever is the actual cause of death it is of vital importance to cut down the egg, if any is employed in making the soft food, to the lowest minimum. You can therefore see how important it is to have full knowledge on this point in order to give a really helpful reply. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed; give separately a pinch of summer rape each day, twice a week a half teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, maw, linseed, inga, and teazle. Substitute powdered biscuit or crushed spongo or maderia cake as far as the tastes of the birds will allow for the orthodox egg food, and observe the strictest cleanliness in all food and water, the cages, and all appliances. It would be as well also to cover the cage floors with clean pine sawdust, which you should burn at once when removed from cages, and give a supply of gritty sand in a tin.

Wasting Seed.

W. E. Seed.—You omit to say whether the birds appear to be in fair health or otherwise. Some birds get into this habit of shelling canary seed and rejecting the kernel out of pure mischief, I believe. It is, however, always advisable, when several birds begin to do this, to well examine the seed to see if the quality is all right—it may be musty, or otherwise objectionable to the birds. If the seed is not at fault, give the birds a rather more varied diet. Besides the staple of plain Canary seed give separately about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw with a few grains of hemp, linseed, and inga sprinkled amongst the bulk. Give a little green food, or half ripe seeds of chickweed, shepherd's-purse, or plantain daily. Keep cage clean, and strewn with gritty sand, and limit the supply of canary for a few days in order to avoid so much waste. Give, say, a small teaspoonful each day, which will be amply sufficient for each bird's needs. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days. After this give six drops of tincture of gentian in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid.

Keeping Eggs Back.

E. M. H.—The length of time which you could safely hold over eggs for sitting must naturally vary a good deal according to the conditions under which they are kept, the state of the weather, and also the condition of the parent birds, as eggs with weakened germs due to the old birds being out of condition, or in any way imperfect, will lose their vitality much quicker than strong and perfect ones. The average length of time which I consider it safe to keep them if they are to stand a fair chance of hatching is about a week, not more. Some eggs, if perfectly sound and properly kept, will keep good several days beyond this limit, but, on the other hand, many eggs will have their vitality reduced in a week. The best way to keep them is to bury them in a small boxful of bran, or meal, or a mixture of both, each egg separately—this is, not touching each other. See that the box is just nicely full, so that the lid can be closed without crushing the contents, and yet leave no spare space for them to move about. Close the lid, and keep box in a cool, but not cold, moist place, and give the box a half turn every morning and evening. In the suppositious case which you quote, you should, before deciding to hold over eggs, feel quite convinced that the second clutch is going to be available in a week. Of course, you must see that there is a certain risk of them not duly arriving at the time you calculated upon, and if they did not, the broodiness would have left the first hen and the eggs probably be spoilt. To avoid this you had better in such a case give the first hen two or three dummy eggs to sit upon until you see whether the second hen fulfils your expectations. To take another view of the matter, if you merely wanted to change the eggs for hen number two to hatch and rear those of hen number one, and vice versa, then you should not hold over the eggs at all. Simply let hen number one commence to incubate her own eggs in the usual course, and after the second hen has laid and commenced to sit, change the two clutches at the same time.

Gone off Song and Moping.

"Jacko."—It is quite the usual thing for cocks to go off song at this time of year when the moult is rapidly approaching, or in many cases has already begun. Most birds are also apt to be a trifle dull and listless at the beginning of the moult, but even this is not necessarily a bad sign. It is, indeed, comparatively few which go through the moult from beginning to end without showing some effect of its depressing nature, though some individuals are affected much more than others. All you need do in such cases is to keep the bird fairly warm and perfectly free from any draught or chill. If there is any danger at all of this, cover the cage over with some light covering at night, as it is at this time when the bird is quite still that it will be more seriously affected by a chill whilst in a thinly-clad condition. A small piece of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it, or a small piece of bread scalded with milk pressed nearly dry, sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw seed, may be added to the usual seed diet two or three times a week. A pinch of maw seed every second day will also help it to get on with the moult more freely. As a simple tonic give twenty drops of chemical food in the water two or three times a week. If it should become constipated, increase its supply of green food, and if that does not sufficiently correct the condition, add a pinch of Epsom salts to its water occasionally. It will resume its song all right when it has quite got over the moult.

Lizards Outdoors.

"Hopeful."—Certainly, it would be quite possible to keep Lizards in an outdoor aviary all the year round, provided your birds have not been hitherto accustomed to artificial heat indoors. In all cases where one wishes to keep fancy Canaries outdoors, I consider this an absolutely essential condition; as to start such an aviary with pampered stock is not giving the birds a fair chance, besides taking a considerable amount of unnecessary risk of the plan not proving a success. Your aviary seems to be well arranged, and to have a very good aspect, so that, given healthy, cold-bred birds to start with, you should find the method quite a success. As regards your second question, too much linseed during the moult, or, indeed, at any other time, will assuredly seriously affect the birds. It is very apt to make "the works go wrong" in'ardly, and to give rise to obstinate diarrhœa. Teazle I have not given to Canaries in such quantity as to warrant my saying whether an excess of it would be injurious. Doubtless it is no exception to the rule that too much of any one thing is apt to prove harmful in one way or another. But I should rather expect they could get through a fair amount of this seed without any harmful effect.

The Education of Rollers.

H.J.—You are certainly losing valuable time in the training of your young rollers, unless you get a good tutor for them, or a bird organ. If you were going into the hobby of breeding and training Rollers, a good organ is an almost, if not quite, essential adjunct, to fill in gaps caused by the adult cocks dropping into moult just when their tuition would be most valuable for the youngsters. The probability is that by the time your adult cocks resume singing the youngsters will have formed some medley of song of which it will be most difficult to break them, even if it is possible to do so, whereas with a good tutor now, and the young cocks caged off separately, they would probably be well in good average quality of song and ready for disposal by the time the adult cocks were again ready to take up their education. Therefore, you will see that from a purely business point of view it would doubtless pay you to get a good tutor for them at once. But be careful to get one that is over the moult, and stout in song again. What you ought to have done in the matter earlier in the season was to cage off one of the adult cocks as soon as he could be spared from the breeding cage, kept him in a warm place, given a little whisky and a few blades of saffron in the water if necessary, and by these means got the bird to throw off its plumage quickly and early, and thus be through the moult and ready to resume singing by the time the second cock went off song for moulting. In this way you might have had very little break in the tuition of the young with only these two cocks.

Breeding for Song.

F. Taylor.—You would first of all have to decide for yourself whether you adopt the method of running cocks and hens altogether in a large flight space, or cage them up for breeding. If you had luck with good feeding hens the latter would probably give you the best results, but would also entail a very large amount of extra work in cage cleaning, etc. If you decide to breed in cages, I should advise you to place the cages on wall marked B., and along wall A. make a large flight to which you can remove the young as soon as they are well able to look after themselves in a large space amongst others. But if you decide to take your chances with cocks and hens all flying together then build the breeding aviary along wall A., reaching out as far as the commencement of the window, and extending about seven feet along that wall, from the end nearest the window. This will leave you space to make a supplementary flight on wall B. to which to draft the youngsters from the first round of nests, and thus prevent the breeding flight becoming overcrowded at the end of the season. Rollers will be quite the best breed for your purpose. The price you name for cocks is rather too low to expect really decent singers for, and as you will need them for tutors at the end of the breeding season, you should endeavour to get the best singers you can afford. You would probably not get fair quality singers for less than 10s. 6d. each; hens at 2s. 6d. to 3s. each. "Profitable Canary Breeding," which our manager could send you post free for 9½d., might fill your wants. German-bred Canaries are fed largely on rape, and when imported to this country it is necessary to keep up a larger proportion of rape than is usually given our English breed. Personally, I always find them do well on a staple of two parts Canary to one part rape. With recently-imported birds, however, the change should be brought about gradually. It would not be really necessary to keep a fire in your room in the winter.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

The Troublesome Norwich.

C. and K.—(1) I should advise you to try the Norwich cock with a different brand of colour food—say, if your usual feed has oil added to it, get a small quantity of a sample with no oil, mix with it a fourth part of its bulk of soft brown sugar, add a sprinkling of maw and gold of pleasure seed, and try if the bird will eat this. A saltspoonful per day will suffice. If it does not eat this, take the same quantity of colour, mix it with a piece of yolk of hard-boiled egg the size of a large pea, or an equivalent amount of powdered biscuit, make this into a soft paste with a drop of honey, and stick on the wire at the end of its perch. Very few birds indeed will refuse this; but if he still refuses it, then to moult for natural colour refer to remarks in the article on moulting in the last two issues. Give plenty of marigold and nasturtium blooms, and two or three times a week a scrap of bread and milk slightly dusted with saccharated carbonate of iron and sugar. Keep bird in a warm place to start the moult. (2) Give the hen a scrap of bread and milk three times a week, and each time slightly dust it over with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give plain Canary only as a staple, and on the alternate days between giving bread and milk give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of three parts summer rape to half a part each of black rape, teazle, hemp, gold of pleasure, linseed, and inga, and one part maw. Allow her to bathe freely, and keep in a warm place to encourage a complete and free moult. Slightly smear bare patches once a week with olive oil.

The Way Out.

H.J.—In such a small house as yours, I take it the stove you use in winter is also proportionately small, and consequently takes but a small amount of fuel at one time, which is doubtless the reason you cannot contrive to keep it burning all night without attention. I suspect it is not provided with "dampers," by which you could regulate the draught and thereby reduce the speed of combustion; if it were, you should be able by manipulating them, being careful to leave on sufficient draught to prevent smoke or fumes escaping, to keep even a small stove going from late night until early morning. If you cannot manage this with an ordinary stove, you should try to get a small, properly-constructed, slow-combustion stove. Or you might fix up hot-water pipes with a small boiler under a separate cover adjoining the house, and utilise this stove for heating the boiler, the stove, of course, also being under the same cover as the boiler, and not inside the house. When the boiler was hot, this would ensure the pipes in the house keeping up the heat for some time after the fire had expired, and probably give you time to start the fire again before there was any serious drop in the temperature. If you cannot adopt either of these methods, try placing an earthenware bottle that will hold about a gallon of boiling water, in the centre of the room just before retiring at night. If the bottle is well corked, stood in a box which gives an inch or two of space all round it, and the space filled in with sawdust, it should keep a house the size of yours well above freezing point until breakfast time. Of one thing you may be certain, that unless you can prevent this total failure of the heat supply every night, you would do best to dispense with it altogether, as a stove burning each day and the water bottles frozen each morning when frost is about is the surest way to court disaster where the health and condition of the birds are concerned.

Stopped Moulting.

No Name.—I suspect when you moved the bird to a fresh cage you also moved her to a different position, where probably the temperature is wholly different, or in a position exposed to draughts. Was the fresh cage larger or smaller, and was it quite beyond suspicion of being infested with insect pest? All these are points I should suspect as being the probable cause before going further into speculations respecting the bird's health. And when it comes to consider the latter possibility you give absolutely no idea how you feed and treat the bird, so there again one is considerably hampered in offering you any definite advice. Anyway, try what the following treatment will do for it in a few weeks. First see that the cage is perfectly free from insects; hang in a warm corner where the temperature will be fairly equable night and day, and quite out of reach of draughts or chills; allow it to bathe as often as it desires. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days a slightly smaller quantity of maw. If you are not colour-feeding the bird, omit the rape twice in each week, and give instead a small piece of bread and milk dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash, and then sprinkled on top with soft sugar. Twice a week also give a few grains only of linseed. Give a little green food daily. If you are colour-feeding add the dusting of sulphur and potash to the soft food twice a week. In the drinking water add twenty drops of whisky, six of lemon juice, and a few blades of saffron daily for a week. If this does not set matters right in about a fortnight write again and refer to this reply, and say how you have been feeding and treating the bird prior to this.

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Brevities.

Not a Rara Avis (Hugh Sawther).—Am afraid your Cinnamon Scotch Fancy cannot be classed as a great rarity, as this colour is not uncommonly found in the variety, though probably it is less common than in the more popular breeds where colour is more or less valued. In the Scotch Fancy colour counts very little indeed, so that practically no efforts are made to breed for varied colour or markings, and a Cinnamon-marked bird would compete with the green-marked in the "Foul-feathered" or "Piebald" class, to which its markings refer it. The bird is most likely a sport from the green cock, in which case it will be a hen.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The "Heather" Linnet.

Harry Lander.—There is no such bird as the "heather" Linnet; that is merely a local name for some bird or other. There is but one Linnet. It has two near relatives, the Twite (often called the Mountain Linnet), which is a long, slim bird, coloured and marked very like the ordinary Linnet, but with a yellowish beak, and the Redpoll, which may be told by its much smaller size and the "bib" (a rounded dark mark on the throat), which is usually present. The song of all three differs considerably, only the Linnet being really a good songster. The seasonal plumages of the Linnet cause confusion in the minds of people not conversant with them. In the breeding season the old male has a fiery red breast and crown. In the winter he is just plain brown, or greyish brown. The young Linnets are "grey" (perhaps these are what you refer to), streaked with dark markings. Any cock Linnet is good for both singing and breeding.

On Feeding a Skylark.

Huddersfield.—I should not give the pea-meal regularly; a little now and again will not hurt the bird. You can provide a really good and cheap staple diet in the following manner: Get a supply of soft-bill food such as is advertised in our columns (good brands can be bought at most bird and seed stores); also a bag of dog or puppy meal (such as Melox or Spratt's). For the daily feed, take about a dessert-spoonful of the latter and add sufficient hot water to thoroughly soften it (mash it with a fork); then reduce it to a crumbly consistency by adding the necessary quantity of the softbill food, when it is ready to give to the bird. This method is both easy, cheap and satisfactory. A little chopped greenfood should be frequently added, and some minced hard-boiled egg now and again helps to keep the bird in high, singing condition. Live-food give, of course, as obtainable. No bird will sing while it is moulting. Do not give the food in too sloppy a state; birds do not relish it in that condition.

What Pays?

Gollywog.—I can't say anything about the breeding of Foreign birds; that department is Mr. Page's, and you must address a query to him. I have no doubt there are some species which can be bred, and which would pay for the breeding. As regards Canaries, the best plan is to acquire a reputation on the show bench and found a strain which will throw winners of whatever variety is taken up; then there will always be a market for your spare stock, and at good prices. I have known several, however, more than pay expenses when breeding merely "songster" Canaries. It is hardly possible to breed British birds at a profit; the results are too uncertain, and the kinds that will breed freely are to be had so very cheaply from the dealers.

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Of course, the breeding of Hybrids and Mules can be made very profitable providing one has good fortune. Light Mules, when good, always command a ready sale and fetch high prices. It takes some years, however, to get going with a strain of reliable hens for producing the light Mules. First-class dark Mules are likewise valuable, and hens likely to breed them are not difficult to obtain, though they can't be bought for nothing. I consider it is always "worth while" putting up a pair or two for Hybrid breeding. It is an uncertain game, but the rewards are worth the striving.

Concerning a Treecreeper.

L. P. Pickard.—If you have to ask what kind of cage a Tree Creeper should have, and what kind of food, then I am afraid you cannot hope to successfully keep it alive. The Tree Creeper is a highly delicate species, and no one should attempt to keep it who is not well skilled in attending to the wants of tiny insectivorous birds, otherwise it is certain to die. The stock cage should be a large one (say 24 inches long, by 20 high by 14 wide), and the back and sides must be lined with bark (called "virginian cork," at shops where is it sold), for the bird to run about on. Perches are not necessary, though I generally have one in my own cages. The wire front must be of half-inch gauge, not more, and the best feeding vessels are those which swing in through openings out into the front rail of the cage. If the sides and top of the cage are not bark lined (the back *must* be, they should be wired with a thick material, such as good quality baize (glued on). For food the bird must have an insectivorous mixture of the finest quality (containing plenty of good ants' eggs) prepared in the usual way with finely grated raw carrot or minced greenfood, a little minced hard-boiled egg being frequently added. Live food is essential to the bird's continued well-being—flies, aphides, wasp-grub, small scoured gentles, small (or cut-up) mealworms, live ants' eggs and the like. Unless you can cater for the bird properly, don't attempt to keep; try a species less delicate.

A Trio.

Hopeful.—1: The main exhibition points of a Greenfinch are size, shape and colour. Size as large as possible, shape, very cobby (Norwich) type, with broad, rounded chest, very wide bold head, and thick-set neck; colour, a rich green (fanciers term it "grass-green"), with a very pronounced edging of golden yellow to the sides of the tail and the outer flights of the wing. A Greenfinch with a mean head and thin neck is hardly any use for show; he would need to be wonderfully good in other properties to stand any chance of winning prizes. The Lesser Redpoll varies a lot in shape, but here again the chubby type is preferred—a bird with a nicely rounded body, and a bold, proportionate head. It should be a deep, warm brown in colour, as free as possible from light breaks on the breast. The bird should be well laced (striped with black) on the flanks and sides of the breast, and carry a prominent "bib" on its throat (a rounded, black mark). Pencilling (dark stripes) should also show on the back and head. Mere size is not so very important a matter in this species. 2: Shepherd's purse, chickweed, knot grass, mouse-ear, plantain, dock, groundsel, charlock (wild mustard), milk thistleheads, are all liked by the Greenfinch; also sunflower heads, grown in the garden. 3: No, they would not mope, but the birds flying loose might interfere with the caged birds.

Brevities.

Goldfinches Ailing (C. Sargent).—Give a course of treatment as advised "L. Watkins" this week. If any constipation is present, then commence with a saline aperient.

A Mealworm Box (Wormy).—I should think the cause either (1) box kept in a damp place, (2) insufficient, or no, ventilation, (3) putting meat, bones and the like inside. Read the letter from Mr. Houlton in this week's issue. I should burn old contents of box now the worms have been removed.

Young Skylark in Trouble (L. Watkins).—Use a glass or pot drinking vessel, and make the bird's drinking water a light red in colour by the addition of a few drops of Condy's Fluid; don't give it very strong. In a few days' time I think you will find the "gaping" cease. Should this not be the case, write me again.

A Bramblefinch (Bramble).—This bird should be treated exactly on the lines advised a querist last week for a Chaffinch. It will then moult out in the best possible condition. Don't forget the bath, or the spray. Colour-feeding is generally adopted, and the Bramblefinch usually eats it readily, either mixed with crushed seed, or a mixture of seed, sweet pepper, and insectivorous food. The bird should steady down during the moult.

In an Aviary (P.G.F.).—You are not likely to have much success with Mule breeding in an "aviary," 3 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in., with a mixed lot of birds. Such an aviary is really only suitable to house a small collection for one to look at. If you wish to try the experiment, however, the best thing will be to turn in four hen Canaries with a cock Linnet and cock Goldfinch. Let the latter be quite steady.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Green and Yellow Budgerigars'

B. H. Warbler.—I take it your figures refer to feet; in that case, if your measurements are 11 ft. by 4 ft. by 3 10-12th ft., you would have actual room for six breeding pairs, but four or five pairs only would be better, as it would leave more accommodation for the young birds; the aviary ought not at any time to contain more than 40 birds. The green and yellow varieties agree well enough, but they certainly do inter-breed freely, that is even with sexes equal of the respective varietics; they readily cross, with the result that crossed pairs would throw all green progeny. There is no deterioration in the stock therefrom unless in-breeding is permitted. To obviate this, I advise getting each pair from separate sources, and even then it is advisable to introduce new blood, preferably a few imported males. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockaticls," 7d. post free from this office, very helpful.

What Parrot is it?

H. Mirams.—It is a Roseate Cockatoo, a native of Australia, a hardy species, and rather much given to squealing. Many individuals do little more than utter a stray word or two. On the other hand, there have been quite a number of accounts in our pages of quite talented birds of this species. You evidently have an untamed and untrained individual, and you can do little with it while it remains so wild; gain its confidence by kindness, quietness, and pandering to its taste with any wholesome dainty it fancies—keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, yet not where too rapid movements in its vicinity will scare it. Seed mixture: Canary seed, oats, wheat, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds in equal parts is about the best mixture, get a quart of each, well mix them together, and you will have a cheap and wholesome mixture. Also supply ripe fruit, green food, nuts, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Do not give slops and messes. Note weekly warning about same in this column.

Breeding Singing Finches.

A Lover of Birds.—These charming little Serins have frequently bred in cages, but very few, if any, Foreign species breed with the same precision as Canaries; they take longer to settle down, and resent curiosity and examination of their domestic arrangements. In my aviaries I have not found Serins of any species to favour a husk for breeding purposes; they will use a hollow cube with a small round hole for entrance, but seem to prefer a small Hartz travelling cage to any other nesting re-

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ceptacle; all that is needful is to remove the fittings and cut away two of the bars to allow for entrance, push inside a small quantity of hay, and throw some hay, long grass and a little moss in the cage and leave the birds to do the rest. I fear, however, it is too late for them to breed this year now, but should say there is every probability of their doing so next year, if you provide nesting accommodation somewhat as above, screen the nest receptacle with a bushy heather spray.

Waxbills for Exhibition.

L. N. Pickard.—At large exhibitions there are usually classes both for common and rare Waxbills, etc. Of course, at such exhibitions as only give one class, the uncommon species usually score, and these, of course, are mostly costly. Waxbills: Zebra, 7/6 a pair; Orangecheek, grey and St. Helena, 3/6 to 4/6 a pair; violet-eared, about 40/-; Sidney, about 25/-. Finches: Diamond, 10/6 to 20/-; crimson, 25/-; Gouldian, 25/- to 30/-; long-tailed Grassfinches, 10/6 to 15/-; Ruficauda, 15/-; Cuban Finches, 40/- to 50/; Parrot Finches, 60/- to 80/-; Lavender, 7/6; the black-faced Serin is a good exhibition bird, as also are scaly-crowned and scaly-fronted Finches, 20/- to 40/-. Of the cheaper kinds Spicebirds, Silverbills, Ribbon and Saffron Finches, white-headed Mannikins, all from 3/6 to 7/6 a pair; in fact, all brightly-coloured kinds have scored where competition has not been too keen, but everything depends on the condition of the birds. Whydahs: Giant, 30/-; red-collared, 30/-; Paradise, 7/6 to 10/6; Queen, 20/- to 30/-, the latter is a very likely scorer.

How Many Zebrafinches?

Mack.—You have ample space for 50 birds the size of Zebrafinches in this aviary, but I should not advise you to have more than two breeding pairs in at a time, as they interfere with each other, and results are poor; you could then leave old and young together for the one year, reducing your stock annually to the two pairs. You could keep with the Zebrafinches, to the extent of a dozen pairs, any of the small Finches and Waxbills without their interfering materially with each other's domestic arrangements. You must, however, have at least two dozen nesting receptacles of various kinds hung up about the aviary. While you have young Finches in the aviary supply spray and the small French millet in addition to Canary and white millet. It is when the young are a year old that they interfere with their parents nesting again. Unless they crowd into the nest with the sitting hen, they can be left with their parents for the one season. When necessary to remove, do so as soon as you see them freely cracking seed for themselves.

Parrot Queries.

Constant Reader.—(1) Yes, treat as advised in this column almost weekly. They are better without boiled maize, though the latter is necessary for very young birds till they are able to crack seed freely, and also for adults which have been long accustomed to it, though the latter should be gradually weaned therefrom as quickly as possible. (2) Once a year, though it is often very protracted, especially the first one in the country. (3) These vary a little according to the diet a particular bird lives on, but generally speaking it is a green tint is almost black, lightly mingled with white. (4) It is always safest to boil water before drinking same, but it should be allowed to become almost cold in winter and quite cold in summer before supplying to the bird. If the bird is healthy and accustomed to water, it is best left continually in the cage; the opposite is only necessary where a bird has been deprived of it for a long period, or for physical reasons liable to take too much.

About Zebrafinches, &c.

R.G.H.A.—I consider it would be wisest not to attempt to coerce the birds into nesting this season; it will be less strain on the birds unless they are well-seasoned birds from some outdoor aviary. I should not take nest boxes down, but do not leave nesting material about. It is getting rather late in the year to turn out birds now, unless you are able to purchase birds that have already been out the greater part of the summer. Silverbills, Bengalese, Bronze Mannikins, Rufous and long-tailed Grassfinches would also live and probably breed, but these two species would cost you from 10/- to 15/- a pair. Grey Java Sparrows occasionally breed, and are attractive, hardy, and cheap. As regards plants: Ivy, box, red and black currant bushes, iris, willow, fir, arborvitæ, privet, with grass and weeds as undergrowth. Grey Singing Finches would also suit you. Of course, if you had been prepared to pay from 15/- a pair upwards, the list could have been much larger, but the above will give you a fairly interesting and attractive selection, which can be extended as your experience grows.

An Ailing Ringneck Parrakeet.

E.D.G.—I fear nothing much can be done for the bird; however, I should not say the case is absolutely hopeless, and should advise a mild aperient every other day, so long as its voidings are not watery. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water will be about the best you can give. If the bird becomes very weak it will be well to stimulate it with a few sips of very weak brandy and water. I should also give it at intervals during the day a piece of plain biscuit that has been moistened in equal parts of water and Parrish's chemical food in addition to its ordinary diet of seed, ripe fruit, and nuts. It should be kept in a room where the temperature is even, as risk of chills must be strictly guarded against. If you can do so without unduly disturbing the bird, it would be well to scald out its cage with boiling water, and, also to remove and destroy all voidings as quickly as possible. I think it would be well for you to report progress after a week of above treatment.

Are they Plucking Each Other?

H.H.B. (Clitheroe).—You can really only decide this question by personal observation. The Chaffinches and Bramblefinches are certainly dangerous to small birds, but if they were responsible for it, there would be wounds as well as baldness. Again, the Blackbirds and Thrushes are dangerous at certain seasons of the year, will often run "amok" and slaughter several of the small fry in rapid succession. The danger from the young Budgerigar would lie in broken limbs, wings and mischievous mutilation. We are now in the midst of the moulting season, and it is quite possible this natural cause is responsible for the baldness. Another cause may be that the birds are plucking one another; this often occurs in cages with Waxbills, Silverbills and the like, but is rather unusual in outdoor aviaries. Make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and give them a liberal supply of green food, such as fresh lettuce, seeding grass, ripe apple, pear, etc.—blighty foliage, and herbage will be very helpful at this juncture. I opine as soon as the moult is past, the ragged appearance of your birds will disappear, and if you find you have a feather puller, you must catch him up and consign him to durance vile, for a period at any rate.

Concerning Cuba Finches, &c.

F.F.—(1) Cuba Finches do not seem easy to breed, the behaviour of many individual pairs being similar to that of your pair. I take it your birds have only been put in the aviary this season; the probability, then, is they will settle down all right another season. With this species I have heard of many unfertile eggs and young dead in shell, very probably from faulty incubation—it is astonishing, however, what neglect the eggs of some species will stand, and yet hatch out. I should give liberal supplies of such greenfood as they will take during the nesting season, also a little of any ripe fruit they will eat—blighty foliage is about the best insect food for such species. Foreign birds you cannot treat as Canaries, as there is so much individualism about respective pairs, that generalisation is not easy. You may possibly pull off a brood yet, as your aviary is indoors, if not you can only hope for better luck next year. (2) The Maroon Tanager and the various glossy Calornis are obtainable from dealers, but they are not by any means common, the former being very uncommon. An advertisement in our columns would probably procure you specimens.

Brevities.

Birds with Budgerigars (Jack).—It largely depends on the size of your aviary what you can keep together; you must not overcrowd, that is, they must have perching and flight accommodation without being on the top of one another. Cockatiels, Rosella, and Redrump Parrakeets, with Cardinals, such as Red-crested, Pope, Green, and Virginian, you could also keep Foreign Thrushes and Starlings with them, but you must carefully regulate your variety and quantity according to your space. If you care to give details of your aviary, I could give you more definite help.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Special Numbers (J. O. Watkins).—We are obliged for the suggestion, which will receive our consideration along with others of a similar nature.

Photo (R. Dalley).—Accept our thanks for the photo, but we regret we cannot use same, it not being "sharp" enough.

Competition (J. Hennery Lewis).—The result of the "ladder of Progress" competition, as might have been gathered from our last issue, will be announced very shortly now, the task of judging having proved an exceedingly laborious one.

Photograph of Aviary (A. Hill).—Many thanks for sending us this, which we hope to be able to reproduce in one of our forthcoming special numbers.

Correspondence.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I was very glad to see Mr. Thos. Robson's account of his losses had aroused some interest, and the offer of varied friendly advice in your last issue. What struck me most forcibly in Mr. Robson's letter, and also in a few of the other writers' accounts, was the fact that any rational and practical person should be content to lose such a great number of birds, representing in some cases very considerable monetary value, without taking the very slight trouble and trivial cost of having a post-mortem examination made on one of the bodies in an early stage of the epidemic, which would at least give them some definite knowledge of the disease that had to be combated, and, perhaps, help them to turn all their efforts into the most effective direction, instead of floundering about in a veritable slough of guess work and supposition. To obtain such knowledge with the means you place at each reader's disposal does not entail more outlay than the cost of one common canary, and that one should neglect this means of assistance and go on losing literally scores upon scores of birds in ignorance of the actual cause of the loss is to say the least the very climax of a penny wise and pound foolish policy. Personally, after carefully reading these letters, I have not the slightest doubt that practically all these big losses, whether occurring rapidly or slowly, are due to so-called "Bird-fever." This will answer "J. W. Boocock's" first query. As regards his second, the cause is a typical germ—Septic bacilli; and thirdly, of remedies to cure, I believe, there are none of any practical value. Prevention is the best remedy, and this is best brought about by pure food, pure water, pure air, cleanliness, and general hygiene, and when an attack occurs it is best combated by isolation and thorough disinfection added to the above essentials.

A LOOKER-ON.

SIR,—I am very sorry Mr. J. W. Boocock should be losing so many birds, and hope my answer to his letter may be the means of helping him (partly) out of his difficulty; but before proceeding, I wish to quote from his last letter a few of the lines in same: "I sent a Norwich cock, etc., to Mr. North for post-mortem," and after receiving the answer, doubts as to whether the disease is really bird fever; I ask is this justice to Mr. North or the Fancy? Anybody with half an eye can see that the advice given is doubted by his asking fanciers to give their opinion of it. How many old (or young) fanciers are there who can prove the contrary? How many of the old fanciers can tell for certain whether the disease is other than stated? Very few. One may just as well go to one of the best physicians the world can produce and ask his opinion (after somebody else has given theirs) as to whether a patient has died of cholera or not. No, my dear friend, post-mortem examination is the only way, and when given should not be doubted; otherwise, what is the use of having same? A post-mortem is the only way to find out what your bird died of. Now, I ask: Has he carried the disinfection far enough, and has he isolated all the ailing ones? If not, he will lose every bird he has. Say, for instance, Mr. Boocock contracts a cold; a relative in the same house has no handkerchief, and asks and receives his. The consequence is that that person catches the cold, and so it travels round the house. So it is with birds. Another point is this: Two or more birds peck at one another's beaks, and so carry the germs to one another and to others; hence eight or nine deaths during the day. Therefore, I again ask: Has he carried the disinfection far enough? One more question and answer before I finish: What is the first thing a doctor does after visiting an infectious case? He notifies the Board of Health of the case, and they remove the patient, disinfect the house, also the very clothes the patient was wearing. The same, therefore, should apply to birds and their feathers. The latter should be sprayed with a solution of coal tar or other disinfectant, providing it is not one of those disinfectants that would burn the very life out of a bird.

BERT.

SIR,—Again in my paper, CAGE BIRDS, August 28th, I see there are many who are still on this subject. The experiences, in my opinion, are really, in the Yorkshire phrase, "hard lines," having lost half a dozen myself, though I think I checked further losses after the last two departed. I think the Canary is one of the most delicate and dainty birds we have in the Cage Bird Fancy, but I would like to ask, does the Canary (any variety) receive a true and natural treatment? For instance, there are the breeding cages (of course, up to date) that have a sort of painted or coloured interior with the woodwork in various colours made up of patent mixtures which I am not very well posted up in as to its manufacture, etc. I am of opinion that no description of paint or enamel should be within reach of any Canary, or of any other cage bird. I wonder if our forefathers used to have the loss of their stocks similar to what we hear and read about up to date? I should be inclined to say they did not, so far as my memory tells me, 25 years ago and less. Again, should any amateurs have cages with painted or black lacquered wire front, I advise their having some new ones minus the same. Further, touching on the point of "true nature," some time ago I visited a friend (a breeder) to have an hour's chat in the bird room. After a while he suddenly took up a small package, and put in every water trough a fair good dose of Epsom salts. Each Canary received as much as I thought would have almost taken myself out of the moult, or assisted me with it. On leaving my friend's house (I had my feelings for those birds) I wondered, was it a natural administration? "No." And he had several more curious decoctions from the chemist in readiness for the Canaries, of a very unnatural appearance, and which I should decline to give to my stock. All the same, they were perhaps liquids that would do the necessary when required. If any of my stock of about 50 birds is inclined to be a little shady, I simply take the car into the open (return fare 2d.), and obtain for them some natural grown greens of my own simple collection which generally they devour most freely for some time. So far I have not had the misfortune of a decease, nor do I like to read of it! But such is the case, and a remedy in some directions will have to be got, certain, as these losses we read of must be awful financially, as well as discouraging. In conclusion I say, give the Canary a general treatment approaching to true nature, and the result will be much to their better health. The only preparation I have on hand that I administer to them is colour food; and why? The answer is, because we have it to do for various essential reasons. I wish success to my paper, CAGE BIRDS.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me a little space, seeing so much is being written about bird fever and the fatal disease? It brings fresh to my mind my loss of 15 young Scotch fancies about nine years ago. I will try to give my experience. I had a bath-room, of just a fine shape for four shelves. I made the usual start with five pairs. I bred the birds in the kitchen to get an early start, and put them in the bath-room when they were five weeks old. I was very much afraid of draughts. And my birds were all in fine health when they went to the bath-room, but in a few weeks one after the other died, sometimes two the same day. The sketch of Mr. T. Robson's bird in a recent number was very like the way they went off. I gave them all the known cures I could get hold of, but still they went off. After I had lost 15, I took them out and put them in the room where they did well. I found out after I had paid the penalty it was blood poisoning, caused through bad ventilation. I kept the bath-room door shut, and I was at that time so much afraid of cold that I very seldom opened the window. My wife always had the kitchen window open night and day, and many times I told her that she was killing my birds; but the birds in the kitchen were alright. I may state that that same year I was over-run with red mites; they were sticking to the wall paper all over the house. I was very slow at learning what was wrong, but I have never let them go the same way since. I have 30 young Scotch fancies just now doing well with my window open all day and night, and this more than anything in this wide world, keeps the mites at bay. Of course, my birds are in at the side away from any draught. Now, I am only giving my experience, and I don't say that this fatal disease is blood poison, but to whom it may concern it may prove valuable, as prevention is better than cure—once bitten, twice shy. I believe in plenty of fresh air now. I hope this may meet the eyes of any who shut their birds up in garrets with closed windows. When I look back on things I don't think this disease was infectious. I give my name and address to show good faith, but will sign myself

SCOTTIE.

(Several letters bearing on this subject unavoidably crowded out.)

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The Song of the Linnet North and South.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the letters on the song of Linnets North and South. I see that some correspondents believe the Linnet has its own song. I myself am confident it is a mocking bird, but I don't wish to press anyone into the same belief. A correspondent ("Live and Learn") says, "How is it racing pigeon men say it is the men that make the pigeon, and I wonder if it is the same with the Linnet?" In a sense it is. A real Linnet fancier, who knows the song, will keep nothing but the best he can get, always trying to get a better bird than he has, thus improving his strain. I should like all novices to know that a young bird with a good note or two will improve as it gets older with a little care and attention. I think it is very wrong of the North to call the South names, as they enjoy their style as well as we do ours.

The Human Linnet.

Sir,—I was very glad to read the sensible letter and correct statement of one who signs himself "One Who Does Not Require Teaching." But I am sorry to say that the one who signs himself, "I Like the Best,' I consider is next door to the worst of your correspondents, and his letter, like himself, is nothing but "swank" from beginning to end. He goes and catches 20 dozen a day with no song at all, and yet he advises others they want Linnets that don't "hip." Then, again, he expects me to tell the Linnet's song in the case of birds which I have never seen or heard. Surely he is not in his right mind. Again, he invites me to go and hear the song, when he gives six notes and four of them are bad ones. Fanciers, both young and old, do not want that I should state which are the bad ones, as any fancier that knows a Linnet knows that I am right. If he means "The Blue Anchor," "The Rising Sun," or "The Crown" (I am only mentioning these three), I have been to these houses fifteen years back or more, have won, and have been bored afterwards. I used "The Blue Anchor" in Bill Richardson's time (how's that, swanker?) before you knew a Linnet from a Crow. With regard to Chaffinches, he no doubt speaks the truth about borrowing one for work; it is a complaint with a lot up there. I have No. 1 clincher, cloucher, chibby chay, rattle chock wader; ling, ling, hill, hull, cher, weeder; ling, ling, hull g woader; No. 2, the spinning cher weeder and broken chock wader; No. 3, chow, chow, "kiss me, dear," and "tiddle me, dear." My own are not borrowed, and are all good honest hard workers. No day is too long for them; not walking sticks for the Row Sunday mornings, and when you get away in the country, weeting and shrimping. all day. I should not, of course, have run away from the subject—Linnet song—to the Chaffinch song; but I do so for the sake of fanciers who don't know, and I should not have written at all, but I was pressed to do so by a fancier in the shires. But before I withdraw from this correspondence, I will send you a sketch of two of my London contests cages, one for a very steady bird, and one for a very wild one.

H. N. Barnard.

Sir,—Kindly allow me further space in your valuable paper Cage Birds on the above subject. In reply to "One That Requires no Teaching," he says Mr. Barnard seems upset. I should be very sorry to hurt any one's feelings, although I struck rather hard, but it was only to educate and not to cause ill-feeling against any one. Your correspondent has read our letters on quality singing with a smile, bnt not with as much laughter as we did reading his style of singing. But there are different ways in different counties. He says the Linnet has its own song; then further on he says the Linnet in different counties sings different changes. Quite so; that proves it is a mocking bird. I will just name a few that are not mocking birds—the Titlark, Yellowhammer, Redpoll, Chaffinch, Greenfinch (with its soft rolling chatter and its "ger, ger, ger, gill, gill, gill, chell, chell, chell," etc.). Any of these birds, whether caught North or South, will sing the same, only some will be better than others. But the Titlark, to my mind, is far the best quality singer, particularly when he is coming to the ground. The novice will think he has stopped singing, but it is the finish of his song you should listen to. After "titling" in voices, he will start "light reeing," and then get into "hollow reeing," going deeper as he gets to the ground. I would not say, like Mr. Barnard, if they wanted to advance a step further that I would give up Linnet singing. I would follow the majority. I am too much in love with this little brown-backed minstrel, the poor man's bird, as it is termed by some of our writers. It is the "Nightingale of the North," and I can scarcely find words good enough for him. I am not writing this to suit one or two persons. As a quality singer, I am writing to the world, thanks to Cage Birds and its ever-increasing sale. I will give you a good Linnet song without any faults: "Tit, tit, tit, tit, tit, tit, tot, tot, tot, tot, tot, tot, quee, quee, quee, quee, quee, quee; quy, quy, quy, quy, quy, quy; quo, quo, quo, quo, quo, quo; oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh." I will now give you the same song full of faults, and not pieced up properly—this is the way a bad bird would sing: "Tit, tit, tit, tit, po; lot, lot, lot, lot, qua; quee, quee, quee, quee, archie, sweet; quy, quy, quy, quy; topic, quee, feeit; oh, oh, oh, oh, Archie, sweet." Perhaps a Frenchman could explain a good portion of the latter song. This may interest some fanciers who want to know more about quality Linnet singing.

Geo. Rostron.

Morriston's Winding-up Order.

Decision to Close Down the Morriston Cage Bird Society.

Sir,—Would you please insert the following in your valuable paper? It was proposed and seconded at a meeting of the Morriston and District Cage Bird Society, held on August 28th, at the Forward Movement Minor Hall, that in face of the fact that the members of the Society do not rally round the few who regularly attend, it be decided to wind up the society, and that the cash in the bank to the society's credit be divided between the Swansea Hospital and the Morriston Nursing Institutes, after all debts are paid. It is with deep regret that I have to announce that as we have the best place in Wales for show purposes, and we can be sure of a good financial success. A general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 11th to confirm the above, or to receive a resolution to that effect.

W. H. Lewis, Sec.

A Bucking-up for the Porth and District C.B.S.

Sir,—May I occupy a small space in your valuable paper, Cage Birds (the bird fanciers' Encyclopædia) to try and draw the attention of the members of the Porth C.B.S. to endeavour to bring us a little more in unity than has been the case during the past few months? I will take this liberty of calling a special general meeting to be held on Saturday next, September 4th, having met several of our members, all of whom want to know what is the matter and why no meetings are called? The reason is: because we have no secretary. Our late secretary, Mr. R. Challenger, resigned at the end of the last year, and we have not elected our officers for this year yet, although there were meetings called for that purpose, about three of us turning up. Our members seem to be a little down-hearted at the deficit on and failure of our last show, which were owing to the very poor entry, but every exhibitor was paid his prize-money, we being fortunate in having a loan of the money from one of our local gentlemen; and every member had to pay an equal share, which was 9s. 8d. per member. But there were one or two who did not and have not paid that 9s. 8d. yet, and we trust they will pay it to the society before this year is out. Should we arrange to hold a show this year, I hope it will be a huge success, as we deserve better support than we have had in the past. May I again ask the members to kindly turn up in good numbers, and put the society on a better basis? The general meeting will be held at our usual meeting place, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth.

A Staunch Member.

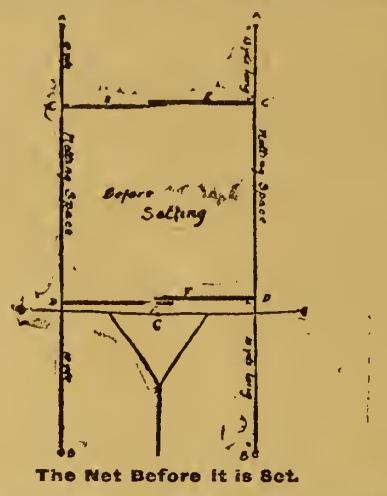
Prize-money at Dulwich O.S. Annual Show.

Sir,—With reference to the letter in your last issue signed, "Truthful James," on behalf of the D.O.S., I must say that the statement is altogether untrue. We owe no member teens of pounds, and moreover, a ten pound note would clear all our liabilities. We have had one member resign, but we have made twenty new members, and in spite of the effort of "Truthful James" (he left out a syllable preceding his nom de plume) to try and injure our future show, we mean to try again and cater for that part of the fancy which appreciates grit and determination, and we think these will excel our enemies. The figures of the workings of the D.O.S. during the year (and we were trying to clear off our show debt), after paying for hall, printing, and all other incidental expenses, showed that we were left with a deficiency of over £30 due to prize-winners in the open and members classes; but by the generosity of the committee (for we have not had to make a levy on the members), we have paid all excepting four gentlemen in the open (and two of these have been paid part), and two members; between them we owe £7, and to remaining members, which does not come to 30s. (thirty shillings). This is how we stand, and do not think it very disgraceful. One thing we are to blame for and that is we guaranteed too many classes, and if some of our specials had been put to the show funds as they were offered for, we should not have had much to make up after the show.

S. J. Kent, Sec. D.O.S.

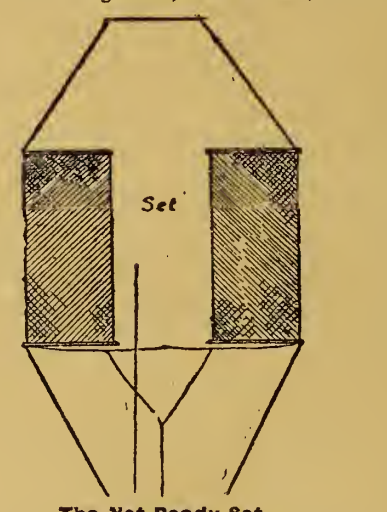
How to Set and Use Clap Nets.

Sir,—Being a lover of this sport, I should very much like to help the gentleman who is in trouble. The first thing is to see that the netting is wider than the height required, with regard to the poles, as the netting should be slack. After the top cords are on the



The Net Before it is Set.

poles, the next thing is to keep the bottom cords in line with the top ones. They do not need an additional pair of poles, as there is a danger of killing the birds in the net. From four to six inches' overlap is quite sufficient for any net. I think you will have little difficulty in setting if you do as advised. Start at "A," drive the staff well into the ground, pull the cords tight to B, and peg pole D in the ground; the same with C.



The Net Ready Set.

Stand E pole erect and lift the cords to same; ditto F. Then peg the bottom cord down. Then comes the main gear. G is a stout wooden staff, which drive well into the ground level with the cords on the staff; then tie cords H to pole F, and all is then ready. You will find this bridle gear a great benefit to you in the windiest weather.

Member of the Middlesbrough C.B.S.

The Defaulting Member.

What Shall be Done to Him?

Sir,—The showing season is now advancing with measured strides, and birdie men are working hard to get their birds successfully through the moult, watching the colour food doing its work, so as to be in good time to stand a chance against their brothers in the field. This is the bright side of the game, and certainly the most exhilarating—the side of joy and pleasure. We will now scan the other side. I mean the "man" side. The birds are alright; show and club secretaries are all alert and scanning the horizon of the fixed show dates, and doing little by little to get their "house in order." The question that naturally arises is, Why can't they get their houses in order? They could if men were "men"! The clubs of 1909 are not unlike businesses that have not a ready-money system. They have bad customers, and book debts. Does not every secretary know them, and are they not a drag upon the market? We will turn our attention to that person (I cannot say member obviously), who does not pay. He is more often than otherwise not a novice, and, generally speaking, one who ought to know better; seeing he is only setting a bad example to more recent recruits. Take a summary of the clubs in general; in fact, we will start a club on "paper." We wake up and find that we want a society in Canaraton. A meeting is called, and it is started. All is fair and sunny. The secretary feels elated, for is he not the "head cook" of this Cage Bird Society? (I must not omit, however, "and bottle washer"). The Fancy is going to hear of this club. He is right. The secretary labours for the benefit of the members; has no salary. It is a labour of love, pure and simple. What a dream! Christmas is over, and subscriptions will soon be coming in. The future success looms large in the mind's eye, and quick as thought, pair show, nest feather show, members' and annual open shows—but stop; it is January, and subs. are due. February comes and there are no subs. March, April, May, June and July come and go, and the nest feather show comes on naturally, with the result that the secretary and committee are a bit out of pocket. It will all come square soon with the subs. August comes, and a few pay, and September with a few more. The secretary scratches his head, and says "I must get out of this job! The men will want the show, but they won't pay. How can you ask the big man with the big gold chain for his subscription? You'll offend him. He usually has it stopped out of his winnings. Did anyone hear of a more degrading and disgusting system?" They've got a committee, you know, and if a man is a committee man, let him pay for it, is what is said in effect. "In fact, I won't show at all if they don't buy a decent lot of specials," some will even say. The cute man now turns his attention to his stock of birds. He looks over them all. On careful calculation he thinks it won't be a very successful year from a showing point of view in this game of love. "Shan't pay my subs. now, because perhaps I can't take more out of the club than I pay in." Do you see the drift, secretaries? You *must* stop it. Refuse all subscriptions after the date in your rule book. Is it not better for Tom, Dick and Harry to know they are paying their money for the upkeep of the club, and not for the upkeep of these vampires? Secretaries must combine, and absolutely bar these men from adopting this pernicious and growing habit. What is the use of an inflated membership of a hundred, say, when only 60 pay? Out with them, I say, and have only 60, but honest members. Combination is the thing. Refuse their money after August, the absolute latest. Federate, and if the worst comes to the worst, expose them as richly as they justly deserve. You will find among them the men who get the biggest prices for their birds, take the biggest winnings, and, what is quite a paradox, the men that won't pay. The Fancy wants purging. It's like "Old London," which needed a great fire, and so have a stop put to this pestilence that is eating at the heart of an exhilarating hobby, and leave behind the men who advance the Fancy, work in the general interest, and, what is a big feature, pay their way.

Ipso Facto.

A Disclaimer from Dublin.

Sir,—Having received a printed circular (see enclosed) on which my name appears as one of the committee of a society to be called the Yorkshire Canary and British Bird Society of Ireland (of which I know nothing) I shall esteem it a great favour if you will kindly inform my friends in the Fancy that I have no connection with this supposed society, neither do I intend taking any part in forming or supporting another Yorkshire club in Dublin, as I consider the Y.C.C. of I. gives enough encouragement to fanciers of the bird I admire. They might also make further inquiries, when they will discover other names in the circular (including Mr. G. Bray, V.P.), who knows nothing about this new society, and has so informed me. Trusting you will give this notice space in your widely circulated paper, so as to prevent my old supporters being mislead

Joseph J. Cloke, late chairman Y.C.C. of I.

The following is the wording of the circular to which Mr. Cloke above refers:—

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

17, Hamilton Street,
S. C. R., Dublin.

Dear Sir,

In consequence of the controversy lately ruling in the Fancy Press it has been decided to form above new club. The following gentlemen have been unanimously elected (pending sanction) to act as officials, and before sending your name to print I shall be glad to hear from you re same. The subscription to the Club will be 2/6 per annum, and as the promoters would like to get to work at once, I shall be pleased to receive same, together with any new members you may wish to propose. Hoping you will give us your valuable assistance and so make our Club a success.

I remain,
Yours truly,
D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec.

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P.S.—It has been decided that all Prize Money and Specials won shall be paid out within seven days from date of Show; also, that it is intended to hold Show early in November.

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A Hint to Fanciers Troubled with "Bird Fever."

SIR,—Seeing so much in CAGE BIRDS about bird fever, I think I may be able to give some hints as to the prevention of this disease. I have until of late years been a great bird fancier (now commenced again), and have had great success, only losing my birds from old age. I took a new house with very pretty and large rooms, and I made a large room (sunny and bright) into a bird room, my birds looking charming in their aviaries there. Suddenly they seemed ill—for what reason I could not say. I tried all known remedies, but I lost my birds one after another. I wondered if it were bird fever. Now aviaries and remedies did not have any effect, and I myself got a bad throat, and I knew it to be a "drainthroat," so called. So I sent for the plumber, and had my ventilating shaft looked at, as I thought it was not carried high enough, and it seemed in a line with the staircase window. Then I looked from the late bird-room window (as I had removed some few of the birds left to a room on the other side of the house), and I found that the window was in a line with the ventilator. When I showed it to the plumber he said that if anyone had slept in that room they must have had typhoid fever. So my poor birds had their disease from that. They must have pure air like ourselves. Since then I have removed into other houses, and I always look now at the height of the ventilating shaft of the drain, and found that same had to be put higher in three houses that were supposed to be alright. Will your readers with cases of bird fever see where their shafts are? I have, I may say, never suffered with such cases since, and I have always had a few birds, and now have a great many.

J. B.

Born with Crossed Beaks.

SIR,—Seeing in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, concerning hybrids with crossed beaks, I may say I have reared one for a friend; it is a Greenie-Bullie, and it is cross-beaked. It has only got one eye, and the hen had not the slightest trouble in feeding it. She had in the same nest two variegated mules and a Goldie-Greenie hybrid. I see the crossed-beaked one can feed itself quite easily every time I fill up the seed tray. It is the first down, too. ROWLEY ELSTON.

SIR,—In reply to "Goldie Linnet," I had a similar experience. It occurred in the case of a Lesser Redpoll and a Cinnamon hen Canary. I had a nest of three all having crossed beaks; two I reared on to the perch, but I came to the conclusion that they were worthless, and would never be able to feed themselves, and so I destroyed them at once. I came to the conclusion that it was a freak of nature. GEO. R. JAMES.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of August 28th an account of "Goldie Linnet's" experience with muling pairs, I may state that I have a Redpoll-Canary which was born with a crossed beak. It is now over a month old, and is strong and healthy, though rather small for its age. The mother, unlike your correspondent's hen, has apparently experienced no trouble in feeding it, and the only inconvenience the bird itself suffers is inability to clean itself properly. After the bird had hatched out, I showed it to some friends, who immediately predicted a short life for it. They again saw it a few days ago, and were very surprised to find it was still alive. The bird presents rather a comical appearance; its top beak is crooked like a Parrot's, and its lower one is twisted round to the left almost at a right angle. I hope this may prove of interest to your correspondent and your readers in general.

F. PARRINGTON.

A Successful Experience.

SIR,—As I have read in your excellent paper CAGE BIRDS, the experience of other novices, I thought I would like to put a little of my own before you. Last summer I bought what I thought was a cock Canary, after hearing it singing nicely outside the shop, and knowing it to be warranted by the dealers. I had it for a few weeks, when one morning on cleaning out the cage, to my surprise I found an egg. When I found I had got a hen I began to think about breeding. I had a cock Linnet, so I paired them up, but had no results. Having had no experience in bird breeding I asked my newsagent to get me a suitable paper. He recommended CAGE BIRDS. Through the interesting articles and information contained therein, also by buying "Canary Breeding for Beginners," House's "Canary Manual," and CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL, I was able to start this season with two cock Canaries and four hens. I have had 52 eggs and 31 young birds from them. I have only lost four youngsters, and these I believe, through overdoing it with bread and milk after taking the young ones away from the old birds. I also add thanks for replies to queries which have helped me out of a trouble or two with the birds at times.

WALLY.

The Breeding of Mealworms.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. J. Hards, I gave the size of boxes I used in an article of March 13th, published in CAGE BIRDS. The whole of the particulars might be repeated, Mr. Editor, by your kind permission, and, in addition, I recommend Mr. Hards, or anyone else desiring to stock boxes, to buy a pint of mealworms, and put them into the boxes when ready, as I directed in the article last March—half a pint in each. Let them alone for two or three months, except to look at the top covering to see how they are working. There will soon be a lot of tiny mealworms, and "clocks," or beetles, and also big mealworms between the layers of sacking. Only use the big, fat mealworms. These boxes will supply two or three hundred a week easily after the first hatch. Buy some to use in the meantime until the boxes are ready.

CHAS. HOULTON.

We have much pleasure in reprinting from Mr. Chas. Houlton's article published in CAGE BIRDS, dated March 13th last, the part which described his own method of breeding mealworms. It is as follows:—

"My method of breeding mealworms was as follows: I procured two very large boxes or tea chests, about 2 feet 6 inches square, and 3 feet high. I had close-fitting lids to these, and in the centre of the lid was a piece cut out about 4 inches square, and a piece of perforated brass plate, or brass wire gauze fastened over. This was for ventilation. At the bottom of the box I placed a false bottom inside, about an inch less all round in dimensions. This false bottom had two ribs nailed across it underneath about an inch thick, which left a space between it and the box bottom proper. On this I would spread a piece of old flour sack, cut to size, flat all over it. A thick piece of brown paper formed the next layer. Then I would put in some crushed oats, bran, and meal, about an inch thick. Another piece of sack, and a piece of brown paper saturated with black treacle and brewers' ale I put next. This should be soaked and left to dry in pretty well before being put in the box. Another piece of sack is put on this soaked paper, and on top of this some more crushed oats, bran, and meal. Don't, when doing this, put any flesh, meat, or dead birds in. I put in another piece of sack and brown paper next, and some more oats, bran, meal, and on top of these I placed a piece of sack which had been soaked with black treacle and beer. I took care not to put too much treacle and beer, but just enough to allow of its being well absorbed into the dry sack. I always had a good supply of mealworms after I had established this method. I used out of one at a time, allowing the other time to regenerate a stock. If kept in warm places, the worms will rapidly thrive and increase."—Editor.

What are a Judge's Duties Respecting Stained Birds?

SIR,—As a fancier and a lover of fair play, there is a question I should like to bring before the Cage Bird Fancy, one which is, I think, of no mean importance, viz., Is it right for a judge to handle a bird that he may consider has been tampered with? Would it not be his duty to merely place the birds in their order of merit? And should any question arise as to his objection to any exhibit, he, or whoever the objector be, should lodge a protest to be brought up before the club for their decision on the matter. Instances have arisen in which, after a bird has been suspected and tested by the judge, and the judge found to be in error, the bird has been spoiled for the rest of the season. The question then comes: who is responsible for the spoiling of the bird? SCOTS FANCY.

A Successful Start.

SIR,—Having seen the various accounts of breeding results of the season, I send you a few notes of my results. This being my first year in the breeding of Canaries, I think I have done very well. I had three pairs of birds to start with—two pairs of Canaries and one Canary hen with a Goldfinch. The Goldfinch got out of the cage and I lost him, or I thought so. But I was told by some that it was a hen; some, however, were sure it was a cock bird. Anyhow, the Canary had two sittings (five eggs in each nest), but all the eggs proved to be clear. Then I borrowed a Yorkshire cock bird, and I got four out of five eggs. The other two pairs hatched out nineteen young ones. Out of these I only lost one bird three days old. I only started keeping birds last year, and I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since. This year I had altogether thirty Canaries, and also a Skylark. The Skylark I brought up last year, and he used to sing in the winter by lamplight; but he does not sing now. He is at present moulting, so I don't expect much song; but I should like to know if any reader would tell me what would bring him into song? I give him the same seed that I give the other birds, besides a few mealworms, a bit of cold boiled potato, and a raw carrot, and I always keep a turf in his cage.

J. HARMER.

(We have to acknowledge the receipt of a charming photograph accompanying this letter, which we hope to be able to reproduce in one of our forthcoming special issues.—EDITOR.)

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A New Cage Bird Society for Leadgate and District.

SIR,—A number of fanciers held a meeting on August 26th to consider the formation of a Cage Bird Society here at Leadgate. A well-attended meeting was held, and it was decided to have a society, to be called the Leadgate and District Cage Bird Society (confined to a radius of six miles). Subscriptions will be 2s. 6d. Fanciers are cordially invited to our next meeting on Saturday, Sept. 4th, at 7.30, at headquarters, 545, Quarry Street, Leadgate. J. A. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec.

Wanted: Novice Classes for Unflighted Norwich Canaries.

SIR,—Now that the show season is close upon us, I pen this to express the hope that societies round Staffordshire will put unflighted classes on for novices in the Norwich section. I am sure that by doing so it will be better for both sides. I think it is a great injustice to class old birds against the unflighted ones, as the officials know as well as I do that an unflighted bird has to be an exceptionally good one to be in the prizes where old birds are competing. Also I should like the officials to look at it this way: a novice goes at the back end each season to buy stock birds, and when the shows come round he is showing these birds and winning. Where then are the birds he has bred? They are at home; and why? Because there are no classes for them. I hope, therefore, secretaries will buck up and let us have classes for the birds we have bred and not for what we have bought. A good stock bird, of course, not properly paired up, does not breed a Palace winner.

UNFLIGHTED NORWICH.

The Sensational Scottish Disqualification Case.

SIR,—Much has been said and written upon this case that has been of little if any value to the Fancy in Scotland, or anywhere else No doubt it has whetted the appetite of a few "busybodies," and that is all. Except for the "coterie," the subject is a dead letter. Mr. McQuiston was tried, "found guilty," and had no defence; and he was ill-advised in putting the blame on Mr. Gemmell, rightly or wrongly. It is well known in the Fancy that Mr. Gemmell's and Mr. McQuiston's interests are almost identical, and of a co-operative nature. "Faking," or dressing exhibits is not confined, however, to Mr. McQuiston and Mr. Gemmell, but has a large number of practisers in the Fancy. This case should act as a warning to others. BULLFINCH.

The Captivating "Umbrella Bird."

SIR,—In reference to Mr. Finn's article headed "Was it Hatched in a Mare's Nest?" I may say I am the purchaser of the "umbrella bird," about which there seems to be some doubt as to its existence. It is a fine specimen, and very tame, and is fond of custard. I purchased it from a dealer in London. I may add that it will never be seen on the show bench, so that the pot-hunters need not think they may still win such prizes. I am always delighted with your paper, CAGE BIRDS. H. C. MOLINEAUX.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Notes on the Lark Family.

By G. E. Watson.

There are but few among us who are indifferent to the pleasure of "keeping" birds. The desire for possession is doubtless due to the attention lavished upon them in their wild state. Is it not enough that we hear the Lark, the messenger of morn carolling in the skies?

The King of the Feathered Tribe.

As the lion is the king of beasts, so may the Skylark claim the monarchy of the feathered tribe; and as the monarch of the jungle maintains his brawny limbs and tough muscles in spite of all, so the Skylark compels our admiration, not by reason of its splendid plumage, its bold flight, or its magnificent song, but by its humility and gratitude.

As soon as the sun peeps from its hiding up springs this brown bird from amongst the grass and speeds heavenwards to give thanks for another day. Higher and higher it mounts till it is no bigger than a bee, and the music of its tiny throat fills the broad expanse. We then shade our eyes, lest we lose sight of the quivering speck as it floats in the sunbeams.

Popular and Long-lived.

Of no song-bird has there been more written than the Skylark. It has been a subject for poets from time immemorial. It is a pleasant reflection that it suffers no way in health and spirits through being kept in captivity. Besides the good qualities enumerated above, there is no reason why, if you get a young and healthy bird, it should not live quite a number of years in captivity. There are many who assert that the Woodlark is superior to his brother, but whatever opinion may exist as to the excellence of either bird, it must be allowed that its power of song, its gracefulness of shape, and its hardihood make the Skylark to come first.

However, the first thing is to get a young, healthy bird. It should be slim, upright and well planted on its legs. It should hold its head well up, so that from the front the whole of the underpart to the extremity of its tail may be seen.

Flick your finger along the cage, and if it instantly puts up its crest, you may be sure it is a healthy bird. To know its age examine its legs; if they are scaly or mottled, showing the scales have been removed, it is an old bird, but if its legs are sleek and clean, and its toes perfect, it is a young bird.

To distinguish the cock bird see that the breast feathers are a dingy white in colour, tinged with light brown; if they are not the breast will be nearly white in colour, spangled with dark brown spots, which denotes that it is a hen. It will also be found that the hen is a smaller bird.

The Second of the Lark Tribe.

We now come to consider the Woodlark. No doubt we can place this bird second in the Lark tribe. It may be easily distinguished from the Skylark by the shortness of its tail, and by the reddish-brown streak which it has above each eye; and it is altogether a smaller bird. Like the Syklark, it builds its nest on the ground, but generally under a bush or hedge. But unlike the Syklark it is a perching bird, and will sing either on the wing or on the branch of a tree.

The poll of the cock Woodlark is a reddish brown in colour, the sides of the head are brown, the breast is a dingy yellow with brown spots, the tail and wings are brown, and two of the feathers of the latter have a light red spot on them. The markings of the hen are altogether darker and the spots on the breast are more numerous. But it may be mentioned that the hen is the more handsome bird of the two.

The Shorelark and the Titlark.

Besides the Skylark and the Woodlark there is the Shorelark, which has a yellow throat and a horse-shoe-shaped crest on its breast. Lastly we have the Titlark. This is the smallest of the Lark tribe, being about five-and-a-half inches long, and even more slim than the others. The upper parts of its body are a rich brown in colour, speckled with black. The underparts are a dingy yellow, each wing is crossed with a yellowish white bar, and the tail is narrow and slightly forked. The only difference between cocks and hens is that the hen is a dingy yellow on the breast, and the underparts of the body and the bars across the wings are a vivid white.

The Titlark resembles the Woodlark as regards the building of its nest, which it always does on the ground, in a tuft of grass or beneath a bush.

How Best to Manage Larks.

We now come to the management of the Lark tribe. With regard to the cages in which to keep them, we may rest assured it is of no use putting a perch inside for the Skylark, as it would only be in the way. But the Woodlark and the Titlark being perching birds will require a couple of perches inside.

The Lark tribe being insectivorous or soft-billed birds require feeding on as much of their natural food as possible, such as ants' eggs, worms, insects, etc. The disease which they mostly suffer from is looseness of the bowels. Another malady which is peculiar to them is a sort of a yellow scale at the base of the beak; this disease frequently attacks them when they are in captivity.

The Beautifully-Marked - - Lizard Canary.

By S. R. COMPSTON.

A lecture delivered before the Lancashire & Lizard Fanciers' Association on Feb. 1st.

A largely attended meeting was held on Aug. 1st for the purpose of hearing a lecture by Mr. S. R. Compston on the subject of the Lizard Canary. Mr. J. Dewsnap ably presided. The lecture was as follows:

It would be very interesting to know the history of the Lizard, who bred the first one, and how long it took to fix the markings. It is not my intention to occupy any time attempting that part of the subject, for the simple reason that we have nothing but conjecture to work upon, and that is rather poor material for a guide. One thing we may be sure about—the Lizard was not made in one season's breeding. Years of patient mating up to produce certain effects have been spent before the beautifully marked bird we possess to-day could be procured.

The bird is well named. There is certainly a close resemblance between the spangling on a Lizard Canary and the markings or scales on a Lizard.

A Bird of Many Points.

There is no variety of Canary with as many points about it as the one we are discussing. All others are quite plain by the side of it. Shape and carriage are the main points in other breeds, along with colour and condition. The Lizard has those properties, but in addition has markings. As there are some members present who have not had quite the same experience as others may have had, I will describe the properties of a good show specimen as well as I can in words without having a model or specimen before me.

The first point a good Lizard judge looks for is the spangling on the back. Some of the old breeders call this spangling "work," because the marking is so regular, even, and distinct, that anyone might be excused thinking the feathers had in some way been worked in order to produce the effect. A good bird has certainly a lot of grand "work" on it. The spangling is in lines down the back, each feather overlapping and showing a nice gold or silver tipping circling the edge of the feather. These lines or rows begin right up in the neck, and continue to the bottom of the back, the spangling increasing in size as they get nearer to the bird's tail, and showing a larger space between each row of spangling.

The back is not the only part of the bird that is spangled; the top parts of the wings are marked in a similar manner. The shoulders are very distinctly marked, and across the middle of the wings above the long feathers there is a row of spangling almost like a row of buttons; one used to hear old exhibitors call them buttons. The longer feathers in the wings and the tail flights are all laced on the outer edge, but not with the same shade of colour until the bird has an adult moult.

A good Lizard shows rows of mooned feathers on the breast and on the lower part of the body, but these feathers are not spangled like the feathers on the bird's back, they are more of a self colour, and almost black.

The Lizard's Marked Peculiarity.

The cap or head colour is a marked peculiarity of the Lizard. We have a dark bird with a light colour on the skull, which has been well described as being the shape of a thumb nail. By that is meant that the cap should be the shape of a thumb nail.

In the early times of exhibiting Lizards, one that had not a good shaped cap was discarded or disparaged, but time proved that breeding for good capped birds had a great tendency to spoil the bird in other respects. Over-capped birds came—birds with caps running down far behind the skull. Over the eyes of a Lizard there is a black line of feathers, almost like a pencilled line; this line goes away when birds are bred too much for cap, and instead of birds with dark cheeks, young are produced which are light in face, and these are called "balled faced." The spangling also suffered; the tippings or light edge round the short feathers increased in size so as to destroy the contrast between the centre of the feather and the edges; the result was that a bird was produced that might have large spangling but bad ground colour, the silvers coming too mealy-looking and losing all the beauty of a good spangle. The good breeders knew the cause of this, and made use of the broken-capped Lizard when mating his birds for breeding.

The broken-capped Lizard, I hardly need tell you, is one with more or less of a black or dark patch of feathers on the head. As time went on the classification at shows was extended, and classes were provided for broken capped Lizards.

In the majority of cases the broken capped bird is the best-spangled one, and a bird without cap will very often beat the lot in work and in all-round beauty of markings. Some Lizard judges attach too much importance to the cap. One does not wish to say anything in any way disrespectful of a fellow judge, but when we see birds high up in the prize list with no good quality except cap about them, one cannot help feeling that the judge has had little experience in Lizard breeding, or in studying the make-up of a Lizard.

Where Great Care is Required.

No one knows how the Lizard was produced. All Canaries spring from the same source. We don't even know how the green bird has been made almost white; some one has spent a lot of time and patience in developing the Lizard, and great care is needed in pairing the birds to keep the variety from going back. That it is possible to lose the best property of the Lizard has been shown by breeding too much for cap. Breeding from full-capped birds a few generations will produce young ones with white flights in both wings and tail; consequently, any one who intends to succeed in producing show specimens must of necessity learn as much as possible about the way they breed.

The description of a Lizard, and standard of points supplied to each member, are good ones, and one is surprised to hear differences of opinion expressed at shows with reference to a judge's awards. There may be a number of us together at a show, all of us knowing exactly what a Lizard should be, and yet not two of us may be alike in our opinions as to which bird should have won. This comes about because our powers of observation are not just alike.

The Bird that is Wanted.

I remember being drawn over the coals after I had done judging at one Crystal Palace show, by an exhibitor who can tell a good Lizard usually. A certain bird ought to have won which was third. I allowed my friend to finish his remarks, and then asked him if he had examined the bird alround? He had done so, he said, and all was right. I asked him to shew me the spangling on the right side of the third prizewinner. He took another look, then confessed that he had been so struck by the good work on the back that he had failed to notice the bird had not moulted its butts.

Another person once drew my attention to a bird I had put low down that had won at several shows, and had secured much higher positions. He could not see a small row of work down the centre of the back, where there ought to have been none. That small row has spoiled the chances of many an otherwise splendid bird. A judge who knows Lizards does not fail to notice these defects, and when he finds birds without them they go up.

I mention these matters in order that you who exhibit may observe your birds more closely, and in selecting some for show, if possible, let them be those that are without those faults. They are not fatal faults, but a judge who knows his work should be able to see them, and give preference to birds that have not the faults.

The Kind of Spangling Needed.

I was judging Lizards once when another judge who was taking other varieties drew my attention to a Lizard and expressed his opinion to the effect that it was the best he had ever seen. That bird had won first at a good show. This judge was surprised afterwards when he found I had not placed it first. He was a little surprised when I told him that the spangling must be in rows down the bird's back, and not like currants in a cake, all over without any design. This is a point the novice must learn if he would succeed in his Fancy.

At one Palace show an exhibitor asked my opinion of certain birds he had exhibited. I told him they were good birds, but badly shown. He answered by saying he did not like to wash them, as he might knock a feather or two out of them, and he had put them on a price to some one. What was the use of his showing them dirty? A Lizard must be shown clean to look well. A dirty Lizard gets its feathers misplaced, and however well-rowed or spangled it may be, dirt jeopardizes its chances on the show bench.

I have said we all know exactly what a Lizard should be, but most of us are inclined to think our own birds are nearest the ideal, especially so when they go to a show.

It is quite right to admire our own stock, but sometimes it is awkward when a number meets each one admiring only his own. It is then the judge catches it. It is well to cultivate a spirit of sportsmanship, and try to feel that a man who cannot suffer defeat is not deserving of victory.

The Staging of Lizards.

There is no great secret either in breeding or exhibiting Lizards. There may have been a time when there was a great art in staging a Lizard to win, but most of the artists have left off showing, and it will never again be profitable to exhibit birds of this variety that require a lot of getting ready. There will always be something that some person will call faking before a team of birds can be sent out to a show.

Some people are foolish enough to object to a bird's being washed. By some it is considered cruel; others contend that an experienced hand has an advantage over the novice in that respect. Experience always has the advantage; the novice must hurry up and get experience.

Every breeder should remember that the Lizard is a made variety, manufactured by judiciously crossing various coloured birds. By observation he will notice results of his pairing up. Sometimes his birds will run too light in colour, others will produce young ones too dark. Sometimes he may breed young ones with a bad ground colour, a shade that does not harmonize with the rest of the colour. Most of these things he can remedy for himself if he is cut out for a fancier. Most older fanciers will give advice to younger ones who are open to receive it.

The greatest tendency a Lizard seems to have is the tendency to throw back or revert to some lighter coloured ancestor. I am now speaking of the older breeder's difficulties. I have drawn attention to the danger of breeding for cap too much; I want now to point out that the colour of the wing and tail flights have a great deal to do with the colour on the rest of the bird. All other points being equal, the birds with the strongest colour in the long feathers will breed the best Lizards. A fading colour in those feathers is an index to what the bird will reproduce.

The Produce of the Breeder's Art.

Time will not allow me to go into all the details of breeding and exhibiting, allow me therefore to conclude by saying that in the Lizard you have a beautiful bird, the produce of the breeder's art, a bird that must have taken more skill and patience to produce than any other Canary. A Canary it is with a beauty all its own, standing out from the rest of the Canary tribe by its beautiful markings. Each feather on the top of its body is pencilled and placed in order to a pattern; underneath are splashes of colour which put away all thought of plainness, and balance the colour on the top, strengthened all round by a sound, strong, coloured wing, matched by the tail; with a light-coloured cap on the bird's head too, to remind us that it is still a Canary, as we are in the habit of seeing a Canary colour.

A number of questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of the audience. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously carried.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

Birds for St. Helena.

Attention has been recently drawn to the fact that our little colony of St. Helena is in need of insectivorous birds, and it has been suggested that Humming-birds should be imported to help in keeping the insect pests down. As it is, the only insectivorous bird on the island is the common Indian Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*), although no doubt some of the Finches which are there, especially the St. Helena Waxbill, do something to keep down insect life; these little birds have been found splendid insect destroyers in a greenhouse, where they kept the plants free from thrips, green-fly, and such-like vermin. I have, however, myself recommended in the Press the introduction of the Pekin Robin, which, as many of our readers know, is cheap and easy to manage, and will account for a great variety of insects of different sizes. To those who do not happen to have met with this delightful little bird as yet, the accompanying rough sketch may give some idea of its appearance, and at any rate, prevent their having Java Sparrows passed off on them as Pekin Robins, a little game which was tried on in the trade not so very long ago.



The Pekin Robin.

An Aviary of Aliens.

The island of St. Helena has but one truly native bird, with the exception of some widely-ranging sea-fowl, this solitary aboriginal being a small species of Plover, very closely allied to an African kind; the familiar St. Helena Waxbills were originaly introduced from the African mainland. The other St. Helena birds, also introduced, are the St. Helena Seed-cater, also an African species by origin, the red Madagascar Weaver, the Java Sparrow, the above-mentioned Indian Mynah, the Guinea-fowl, and the Chinese ring-necked Pheasant. It will thus be seen that there is plenty of room for more "Soft-bills," which ought to find themselves in paradise, for the climate is delightful, and there are no birds of prey of any kind to trouble them.

Bird Breeding in the Open.

Indeed, I think the need of insectivorous birds in this charming island might be taken advantage of to considerable purpose by the introduction and multiplication of two charming American birds, now for some time practically unobtainable by reason of the bird export prohibition law of the United States—the Blue Robin and the Nonpariel. The latter, though a Finch, has very insectivorous tastes, and any surplus of these birds would always command a ready sale in Europe, thus adding to the small resources of the island; while permission could no donbt be obtained from the American Government to ship the original consignment from the States for the purpose of this introduction, as all bird-lovers should sympathise with it.

The Two Nonpariels.

It may be worth while here to mention the differences between the true or American Nonpariel and the so-called Pin-tailed Nonpariel of the East Indies, which is quite an easy bird to procure, and, like the American bird, shows red, green and blue in its plumage, distributed in a somewhat similar way. The American bird (*Cyanospiza ciris*) has the top of the head and the back of the neck purple-blue, the back yellowish-green, and the underparts, from chin to tail, cherry-red. The tail is also edged with red, and is squared at the tip in the ordinary way; in fact, the bird, which is about the size of a Linnet, has no special peculiarity of form. The East-Indian or Pintailed Nonpariel (*Erythrura prasina*), has the face pure blue, the back and wings pure green, the middle of the breast and the tail red, the tail being very long, narrow and pointed. There is also some buff in the plumage, and all the colours blend into each other like those of the prism, in a way not seen in any other equally brilliant bird, while in the American Nonpariel they are boldly contrasted, and look so like paint that a dealer told me once he had been taken to task for exposing for sale "such an obvious fraud" as a Nonpariel he had in his window!

The hens of both species are less gorgeous than the males, the American being merely green above and yellow below, while the Asiatic, though she has a red tail, has no red elsewhere, and but little on the face, while her tail is quite stumpy compared with that of her mate.

A Champion Advertiser.

The recent importation of a specimen of the South American Naked-throated Bell-bird (*Chasmorhynchus nudicollis*) has given me the chance of suggesting what a noble bird this would be for advertising the business of any enterprising dealer. Put your Bell-bird, when in full song, out in a commodious but cosy cage whenever the weather is fine and warm, and I warrant it will not be long before all the neighbourhood know where the bird-shop is. Nor is the note unpleasant, like a Cockatoo's shriek; it is a loud metallic clang, exactly like the stroke of iron upon iron, so full and loud that it is enough to make one's throat sore in sympathy when the bird is seen to open his wide frog-like mouth and give out the call with a positive crash. At a distance it is really tuneful in its way, and is certainly the most extraordinary call I have ever heard uttered by any bird. The adult cock Bell-bird is snow-white, with a naked seagreen face, the hen being dull olive-green in plumage; its size about equals a Missel-Thrush's, but the tail is quite short. The bird is a tree-dweller, and lives largely on fruit, and will thrive well on this and a good insectivorous birds' food. Specimens have been from time to time on view in the Zoo, and have generally done well enough there.



The Bell-bird.

The Pileated Parrakeet.

As two well-known aviculturists, Mr. H. D. Astley and Mr. W. Fasey, have lately succeeded in breeding this rare and beautiful bird, it may be of interest to give a note about its appearance, as naturally there is more inducement to invest in a rarity when one knows it is likely to be a breeder, and thus, not only more interesting, but possibly likely to enable one to recover some at least of the initial expenditure, provided a pair be obtainable. The Pileated Parrakeet can indeed be described in a few words, for no other bird presents its curious combination of colours—cherry-red cap, yellowish-green cheeks, lilac underparts, and green upper portion of the plumage. In size and shape it much resembles the Rosella. Its scientific name is (*Porphyrocephalus spurius*), and it is often known as the "Red-capped Parrakeet" instead of the "Pileated."

The Young Naturalist.

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**A Dead Thrush's Mourners.

Last year my brother picked up a young Thrush. He carried it home, but it soon died, and he threw the dead bird in the garden. We did not trouble any more about it, till the next day, when we saw a large Thrush fly down near the young one's dead body and keep hopping about and making a squeaking noise. Then it flew away and shortly afterwards returned with another Thrush and some worms. They kept on trying to feed it. This continued for about four days. Then I removed the young one's body. The above may at first appear incredible, but it is absolutely true.—Sent by Edward Kelly (age 15), The Green, Pembroke.

*The Kind Crane.

A man out shooting once saw a sight which cured him of wishing to kill birds for sport. A family of Cranes were feeding together, and he fired at them wounding one. Its mother seeing that it was unable to fly, placed herself underneath it, so that its legs rested on her back. In this way they flew, both flapping their wings. The good mother knew very well that she risked her own life by staying behind to help her child, but the sportsman never fired, and she got him safely away. The habit of helping their little ones makes the Cranes show kindness to other small birds. Often when crossing the sea these friendly Cranes will give to tired Wrens and other weary little birds a lift on their backs.—From "Children's Stories," by T. Nelson. Sent by Lorna Ainsley (age 13), Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool.

*The Good Use of a Parrot.

A Parrot at Islington, by his strange cries of "Mother, mother!" saved his home from certain destruction by fire. Hearing its cries its mistress, on entering the room in which the bird was confined, found the room full of smoke which soon turned into flames. One bird was dead from suffocation, and two others were singed and insensible. The Parrot was rewarded with a premium.—Sent by Esther Stagg (age 11), 415, Portobello Road, North Kensington, London, W.

Wild Bird Life.

The Last of the Flycatchers.

Although the weather has again changed to dull skies and moisture, the graceful Spotted Flycatcher still haunts the roadsides and garden boundaries. Looking across the garden over the top of the fence I can just see a dead branch jutting out from the trunk of one of the elms. Upon this branch a Flycatcher may be seen nearly all day long, and it is interesting to watch him at work; sometimes he rises into the air, returning, of course, to the branch. While doing this he is in full view. But when he leaves it to swoop earthwards he is not seen for a few seconds; he is on the wing; but one is always confident he will return to the branch. While out of view one can in fancy follow his flight. If by any chance he should be absent a shade longer than usual the branch is at once taken possession of by another bird. There are always a dozen or so along the fence, and although to our eyes this position should be as good as any, still the dead branch appears for some reason a site to be taken possession of at the very first opportunity. To retain it these dainty birds do not fight and squabble as Finches would, but appear to simply fly at and buffet each other and then separate. Finches would retain possession as long as possible, and with spreading wings and open beak defy all comers, and fight until worsted.

All day long real fights in the bird world are continually taking place between rival Robins for favourite winter quarters, or so we are led to believe; but while watching them one is inclined to think the fighting spirit is uppermost in the cock Robins at this time of the year, and that the meeting with a rival anywhere is sufficient excuse for a combat, for no matter where we meet them, in the garden, in the wood, or along the hedgerow, it makes no difference. It is supposed that these combats are caused by the parent birds driving the young from the district where they were reared; but this theory would hardly hold good in the case of two I once saw fighting along the sea shore, some miles from buildings or woods. To meet a Robin in such a place was quite a surprise, and much more so to see a couple so engaged.

The Solitary Snipe.

The solitary Snipe visits Great Britain at the end of the summer, and is by no means plentiful. Seldom is more than one bird found at a time, and then it is generally when least expected. It is considerably larger than the "Jack" Snipe, and breeds mostly in Northern Europe.

Where Eagles Once Bred.

It is said that the Sea Eagle formerly bred in several parts of England, notably the lake districts, the Isle of Wight, and Dartmoor.

The Commonest Bunting.

The Yellow Bunting is undoubtedly the commonest of the family in the British Islands, although the Corn Bunting is frequently called the Common Bunting.

The Tuneful Blackcap.

It is thought that the song of the Blackcap inspired Shakespeare when he wrote the following:—

"To turn his merry note
Unto the wild bird's throat."

Tame Waders.

Among the birds of the seashore and moors, which are mostly shy and wary, the Dotterel and Dunlin are both tame and confiding. Unfortunately these ways lead to their destruction.

How Terns Nest.

The Terns seldom make much of a nest, but when they do it is composed of the vegetable surroundings, so that a bunch of dried seaweed or dead grass, which to all appearance is part of the drift upon the shingle, is in reality the sketchy nest collected by the bird. The eggs are barely discernible among this refuse and shingle.

Wandering Crossbills.

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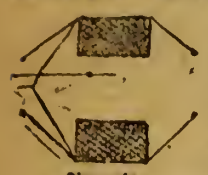
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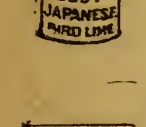
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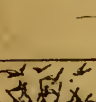
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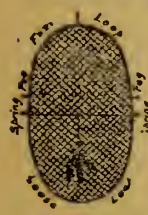



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Club Reports.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held September 4th, Mr. P. Whiteley in the chair. The place and classification for October 9th and November 13th shows were gone into. We have been able to secure St. George's School for the October show, which is more central than our old showroom, being about two minutes' walk from the Town Hall. Mr. King then gave his address on "Preparing for Exhibition," which proved very instructive, our members getting the benefit of his 25 years' experience as a successful exhibitor of both Canaries and British. After the address questions were asked which were quickly and ably answered by Mr. King.—J. CHAMBERS, hon. sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

At the monthly meeting, held September 3rd, a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Feeding and Moulting British Hardbills for Exhibition," was given before a good attendance by Mr. G. G. Henderson, who, in a clear and explicit manner, explained the advantages and disadvantages of the different kinds of seeds to the different species of Hardbills. After this a very interesting discussion took place, in which Messrs. Miller, Young, Campbell, and several others took part. Several questions were asked, and Mr. Henderson replied to them to the entire satisfaction of all. Mr. Maxwell (President), in moving a vote of thanks, touched on the fact of the fulness of detail in Mr. Henderson's lecture, and was sure, he said, that all present would be much enlightened by what they had heard. The meeting accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which Mr. Henderson suitably replied to. Classification for annual show was then arranged, and with such a splendid classification we are anticipating a splendid turn-out. New members may be enrolled up to 1st October. All members who have not yet completed annual subscriptions, I hope will do so at next meeting.—J. HENDERSON, Secretary.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held September 3rd at our splendid headquarters, Lea's Temperance Hotel. Mr. W. H. Cawley occupied the chair. We had a most encouraging muster of members, who soon got to work, compiling a schedule for our first old bird show, to be held in December; the date is not definitely fixed. As this is our first venture we think it desirable to hold only a members' show this year. Our membership radius is fourteen miles, which includes Chester, Liverpool and Birkenhead, and in passing we would ask intending members to send in their names at once. We are catering very liberally, having 37 classes in our schedule. Mr. H. Abbott, of Widnes, will judge. Our next meeting is October 1st, Friday, when Mr. J. Guy (a once noted Crest breeder, now a Norwich enthusiast) will give a washing demonstration. A rare treat is in store for those fortunate enough to be present. Mr. Guy is well known as a washer of birds, and will, in all probability, give some very valuable secrets away. This is the first time he has consented to give a washing exhibition at any meeting.—T. P. BAXTER, Hon. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The club guarantees all show committees to whom they grant their support against any loss, exceeding 21s. on the entire section of Crests and Crestbreds. The following silver cups and bowls and cash specials are in competition for 1909-10, with their respective conditions: (1) The Roberts' £25 silver challenge cup for most points scored, and only one bird in each class to count. The four highest receive a gold, a silver and gold, a silver and a bronze medal, with a diploma for each. Only one bird in each class to count, to be won three times. (2) Silver challenge bowl, value £10 10s., for the best current year Crested Canary, to be won three times. Winner at Bristol, 1904, Messrs. Norwood Bros. Winner at L.C.B.A., 1905, Earl's Court, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Winner at Nottingham, 1906, Messrs. Norwood Bros. Winner at Norwich, 1907, J. Tyson. Winner at Gateshead, 1908, Mr. R. Armstrong. (3) Silver challenge bowl, value £10 10s., for the best current year Crestbred, to be won three times. Winner at Bristol, 1904, Mr. T. J. King. Winner at L.C.B.A., Earl's Court, 1905, Mr. G. Colledge. Winner at Nottingham, 1906, Mr. W. Glasscock. Winner at Norwich, 1907, Mrs. Crow. Winner at Gateshead, 1908, Mr. Bewick. The two £10 10s. bowls will be competed for at Cheltenham this season. There are ten specials, each value 21s., for the best current year Crest or Crestbred that has not previously won a first prize, and must be bred by the exhibitor. Purchased birds not eligible. No member can win more than one of these specials during the season, neither can he compete for any of the cash specials offered by the club at any show at which he may have won one of the 21s. specials. One of these will be offered at each of the undermentioned shows. A handsome plated teapot will be given to all novice members who win their three first prizes in any one show season. The following cash specials will be offered at a quantity of shows, viz.: 5s. for the best Crest not the property of 21s. special winners; 5s. for best Crestbred not the property of 21s. special winners; 2s. 6d. for second best Crest ditto; 2s. 6d. for the second best Crestbred ditto; 5s. for the best bull clear body, any coloured Crest; 5s. for best ditto Crestbred with dark or grizzle cap; 5s. for best Yellow Crest; 5s. for ditto Crestbred. Novice cash specials: 5s. for best Crest; 5s. for best Crestbred not the property of above at all shows, providing two novice Crest classes, i.e., one for Crests and one for Crestbreds. N.B.—There must not be less than four competing members in any one class for any of the club's specials, or they will be withheld, and according to the resolution carried at the last general meeting, all specials given for young or current year birds must be competed for by birds bred by exhibitor, purchased birds debarred. It is therefore absolutely necessary to make a declaration on your entry form (breeder or exhibitor) for all shows to be included in catalogue. Failure to comply with this condition will mean not only disappointment, but disqualification. Each of the following shows will receive the 21s. special, the Roberts' cup, and full cash specials:—Bristol, Cheltenham, Cambridge, L.C.B.A., Long Eaton, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, and Sunderland. Bournemouth has been allotted two 5s. cash specials only. The Roberts' cup will also be offered at Gateshead. Shows accepting our patronage must publish details in their schedules. Not less than eight classes must be provided.—J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec.

DARVEL O.S.

General meeting, held Sept. 14th, Councillor J. M. Cleland, President, in the chair. Secretary reported he had received offers to judge Norwich and Border, cage bird sections, from Mr. Jas. Brown (Sandford), and Jas. Johnston (Kilmarnock), and that he had appointed Mr. Johnston. He also reported on terms to be charged for hall for our proposed members' shows. After consideration these were allowed to drop in the meantime. Schedule of open show on Nov. 6th was finally read over and a few additions were made; it was agreed that specials for inclusion in same were to be handed in by next meeting. In order to have more space in large hall, it was agreed to enquire on what terms we could get lesser town hall for cage bird section. Agreed: "That we procure model prize cards as last year." Secretary was instructed to write local societies re hire of pens. Agreed: "That we solicit subscriptions as formerly," and collecting cards were handed out to collectors in various districts accordingly. Agreed: "That we hold next meeting the last week of September."—J. ROBERTSON, JUNR., Secretary.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

On Thursday, Sept. 2nd, members and friends met to hear Mr. H. J. Hawes' lecture upon "Bird-catching for Amateurs." In the unavoidable absence of the chairman, Mr. E. S. Lugg was elected to fill the post for the evening. In opening the proceedings he called upon the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly read and confirmed. He then called upon Mr. Hawes for his lecture. Mr. Hawes said it gave him much pleasure to deliver his lecture. He proceeded to entertain his audience. It was one of the pleasantest evenings it has been our privilege to spend. He proved himself thoroughly conversant with the subject, and also proved his real love of the sport of catching birds, the many appliances and devices used proving beyond doubt humane. This showed that bird catching was not the cruel sport some would have us believe. After the lecture a short discussion followed, Mr. Hawes answering many questions, at the close of which Mr. Cunningham moved, and Mr. Cranfield seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to him, to which he briefly replied. The Secretary here reminded members of the meeting next month, when Mr. J. S. Clarke had promised to lecture on "The Crested Canary," asking them to make it known to fanciers so that we might get a big muster on that occasion. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lugg for his services in the chair closed a most enjoyable evening.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held September 4th, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a good attendance. Letters were read from the secretaries of the Crested Canary Club, English and Welsh B.F.C.C., and the Border F.C.C., stating that we had been granted their patronage for our annual show, November 19th and 20th. This makes seven specialist clubs who are supporting our show. The secretary brought on the question of putting on a class for foul cinnamons, and it was eventually moved by Mr. H. Gordon, seconded by Mr. J. Riseborough, and carried, that such a class be added. Two beautiful silver cups were on view, presented by Mr. P. Hunter (Bombay, India), and the fine workmanship evoked the greatest admiration, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hunter thanking him most heartily for his splendid specials. It was suggested that the larger of the two cups he presented for the best young bird shown by a member, and the smaller one for most points gained by a member in the open classes, both cups to be won twice in succession or three times in all. This is, of course, subject to the approval of the donor. Will those members who have not yet paid up kindly do so at once, in order that they may be able to compete for these specials? All monies have now been due for some weeks, and I would be very pleased to see all members clear on the books by the end of this month. This will remove all possible cause for complaint from fully-paid-up members, and will also enable them to compete for the many valuable specials.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

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STIRLING AND DISTRICT O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at Douglas Hotel, Mr. Simmers in the chair. After much discussion it was decided to withdraw two young Crest classes (which had been added earlier in the season), owing to poor reports from Crest breeders. It was also decided that we close membership next meeting night, first Saturday in October. Our radius is 10 miles east and south, and as far north and west, so that Stirling is the nearest club that fanciers can become members of. Membership fee, 2s. 6d., and all cage bird fanciers within the radius are invited to join.—G. BISLOP, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Our entry forms for the show are now in the hands of members. Each member is allowed to enter ten birds, as follows: Ten Scotch Fancies, or eight Belgians and two Scotch Fancies. You must not exceed two in each class, one to eight, and four in each class, nine and ten. It is quite optional whether birds are entered for sale or not. We sincerely hope members have had a successful breeding season, so that they will be able to give us a record entry to make a large and attractive show.—J. R. MEIKLE, Secretary.

DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Meeting held September 4th at the new quarters, the Derwent Hotel, London-road. We decided to hold our members' show on November 27th. There will be classes for old as well as for young birds. Mr. S. W. Birchley will give a limelight lecture in Derby during the winter on "The Birds of our Countryside," and the meeting will be held under the patronage of our club, time and place to be announced later. There will be a washing exhibition on October 30th at the club-room; it will be in the nature of a competition, details of which will be arranged at our next meeting, which is the night for paying up for the young bird classes. The washing exhibition will be a public one, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of friends who are interested in the Fancy.—W. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.O.

Committee meeting, held at headquarters, the "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Aug. 26th. Present: Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. Maxwell, Trower, Askew, Newley, Silver, Dewhurst, Goodchild, Plumbridge, and Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. A letter was read from the Dulwich O.S. It was carried unanimously that the secretaries write to the members of the club who, it was alleged, had not received prize money won at the Dulwich O.S. show and forward names to the said club secretaries. A letter was read from Mr. Fullbrook, and the secretaries were instructed to answer same. An application for the club's patronage was read from Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., and a silver medal was granted. The time granted to Mr. S. W. Birchley to take further proceedings in the case of the alleged stalning of a Linnet at the Bristol Fanciers' Show having expired, and no further evidence having been received by the club, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the time given to Mr. S. W. Birchley to prove his innocence of the charge of exhibiting a stained Linnet at Bristol Fanciers' Show having expired, his name be erased from the books of the club until further notice." Notice was given that a discussion take place at the next meeting to consider the advisability of altering the position of the drinking hole in the club show cage. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

In order that the secretaries of the various societies comprising the Union may have a complete list of members up to date, I desire to publish the following list of additional members who have been returned to me since our handbook was printed. Will all secretaries please cut out this list, and gum it in their own handbooks, in order that the new members may get schedules sent to them for the Union shows. Where no town is mentioned it is the town in which the society has its headquarters. Brighouse and District C.B.S.: A. Gill, Bracken Road; H. Kaye, Crowtrees Lane, Raistrick. Bradford East O.S.: W. Brooke, 43, Fieldhead Street, Listerhills; removals, H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane; H. Peacock, Croft Cottage, Denholme Gate. Guiseley, Yeadon and Dis. C.B.S.: W. H. Bolton, Alva Terrace, Guiseley. Halifax O.S.: A. Dewhirst, Common Lane, Southowram, near Halifax; H. Firth, Clough View, Greetham, near Halifax; E. Holroyd, 26, Wadsworth Street, Pelton Lane; F. Senior, Hollins Lodge, Southowram, near Halifax; E. Sutcliffe, 5, Livingstone Terrace, Holmfield, near Halifax; W. Wild, 28, Shaw Street, King Cross. Huddersfield O.S.: W. Brook, 156, Rawthorpe Lane, Dalton; S. Tyas, 100, Kaye Lane, Almondbury. Laisterdyke B.F.A.: J. W. Tarbottom, 34, Maltby Street; J. Walker, 34, Mortimer Row, Leeds Road. Manningham C.B.A.: G. North, 45, Darton Street, Park Lane, Bradford. Queensbury C.B.S.: H. Smith, Mount Pleasant Street. Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A.: S. Moore, Ivy Lane, Allerton, Bradford; W. G. Weston, Springfield House, Wilsden, near Bradford. Shipley O.S.: R. Goldie, 43, Woodview, Manningham, Bradford; W. Halliday, 19, Constance Street, Saltaire; J. Hudson, Wilmer Road; F. Holmes, Kirkgate; J. B. Martin, 37, Woodview, Manningham, Bradford; H. Rennet, 7, Castle Street; J. Taylor, 36, Alreville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. Tong and Dis. C.B.S.: J. G. Hudson, 43, Butler Street, Tong Street; F. Wilson, 2, Loria Street, Tong Street. City of Wakefield O.S.: T. Flatley, Crofton, near Wakefield; L. Mellor, 155, Westgate; G. Oldroyd, Regent Street, New Scarhoro. Total membership 1,221. Will any member of the Union who changes his address please drop me a post-card to that effect, so that it will ensure every member getting his ballot paper?—H. HILL, Secretary.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Committee meeting held recently at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr, the home of that renowned Scotch Fancy exhibitor, Mr. J. H. Jones, who also is the club's treasurer and ardent worker. Mr. D. H. Tedstone, the newly-elected chairman, took his seat for the first time in his new office. Needless to say he steered the meeting in a manner worthy of himself. In the absence of several committeemen, the proceedings had to be carried out by a few. Still, we were pleased with the presence of that well-known Norwich fancier, Mr. J. Pritchard, who always has the club's success at heart. The following were elected as members:—Messrs. Joshua Parfitt, J. J. Probert, J. Pritchard, and H. Mortimer (all of Abertillery, Mon.), H. Thomas and G. Evans (of Llandudno), and H. Williams (Post Office, Llangoed, Anglesea). The club's patronage was granted to the following: Swansea, Treharris, and Abertillery, cups and medals; Pontypridd and Maesteg, cups only. Will members kindly take note of this, saving much confusion? The secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy to Mr. B. Davies in his family bereavement, and to Mr. T. L. Castree, who met with an accident. Will members note that the club show is to be held in Merthyr in November? I find that the show secretary is as busy as the "bee," gathering in specials, etc., and I trust the members will give him every encouragement. It is very gratifying indeed to find new members rolling in. Still there is room, and I shall be most pleased to hear from any fancier in North or South Wales who is anxious to joint the club.—G. T. JONES, Arfon House, Brecon.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a meeting held August 31st, Mr. H. Taylor (Vice-President) presided over a good attendance. The business commenced with Messrs. S. Warner, R. Wilkinson, and H. Broadbent being made members. A few more specials were promised, one being for best cock bird at our first show on October 9th, and another for our washing competition on Nov. 9th. Mr. S. Warner was elected Assist. Secretary, and the following gentlemen constitute the Management Committee: Messrs. W. North, R. Wilkinson, B. Wilman, W. Ketteringham, and J. Hodgson. It was decided we should have a tea and concert in January in connection with our prize distribution. A varied and interesting syllabus was then arranged including washing exhibition, judging, pairing, and washing competitions, and at each of these prizes will be given. We have made arrangements for a few good lecturers, and some of the best lecturers have been secured. It was also decided that the cup be at each show for the member who counts the most points with four highest birds. Any fancier desirous of joining the society should do so at the next meeting, or failing this, send in their name and address, as the first show is yet to be held, and any fancier joining before then will be able to compete for any of the prizes offered. The next meeting will be held on September 28th, the opening night of our winter syllabus.—F. GELDER, Secretary.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held September 1st, Mr. Burke (Vice-Chairman) in the chair. Messrs. A. E. Bishop (Worcester), and H. Wainwright having been elected members, the Secretary reported that the Norwich P.H. Club had given their patronage to Birmingham, subject to the classification being amended, which was agreed to; also that Mr. J. C. Barnes confirmed the engagement to judge Norwich classes, together with any other classes the committee might think necessary in order to relieve Mr. House (the other judge in the Canary section). Mr. J. A. Eckersley was unanimously elected President in place of Mr. Griggs (deceased). Mr. S. W. Birchley's letter was read, offering to give a lecture under our patronage, and same was accepted. Will fanciers kindly note that the subscription to end of year is only 2s., and that by joining at once they will be able to exhibit at our open show at a reduced fee, and that this will also entitle them to compete in the members' show to be held in January. The Society has secured the patronage of Norwich P.H. Club, National British Bird and M.C., and Midland Counties Y.C.C., and look to bird lovers in the Midlands to support them in their endeavours to make the Fancy still more popular. Any fancier wishing to become a member can be nominated at next meeting if he will kindly communicate with me. Eight amateur classes have been provided, including unflighted.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

TROON AND LOANS.

Troon and Loans cage bird show, held in the Unionist Hall in conjunction with poultry and pigeons. The birds were put somewhat too closely together, for want of accommodation, but Mr. A. Shaw, the secretary, and his committee did their best, and are to be congratulated on the event. Ayrshire fanciers distinguished themselves. Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Paton, 1st erect, well placed on legs, decided drive, grand top, good body, wins easily; 2nd, better size and well circled; 3rd, neat typical yell. HEN (4): 1, 3, Paton, 1st real good type, well up, grand reach, fine neck and head, nice shoulder and body, easy 1st; 2, Pearson, beauty, fine circle, good style; 3rd, excellent type. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Lindsay, grand size, rare substance and feather, good colour; 2, McFadyean, good all-round exhibit, nice substance and colour; 3, Livingston, promising type, scarcely in condition. HEN (1): Laidlaw, grand type, will be heard of again. BORD. (11): 1, Livingston, typical yell., sweet head, rare feather and carriage, faultless shape; 2, Findlay, neat buff, tight feather, perfect shape and carriage; 3, Thomson, good type, will be better when finished. HEN (10): 1, spl, Dick, lovely buff, smooth and tight in feather, neat head, grand body and carriage; 2, Murdoch, another fine typical hen, fine shape and carriage; 3, Duncan, really typical yell., smart, well put together, lovely feather, nice carriage. A.O.C. CK. (6): 1, Mossie, unevenly mkd., rare type and shape, in perfect feather and condition; 2, Montgomery, charming green, good shape and carriage; 3, Murdoch, lovely variegs., smart, in grand form. HEN (6): 1, Findlay, varieg., sweet head, perfect feather, shape and carriage, wins with ease; 2, Murdoch, favourite, rare shape and carriage, fine head, tight in feather; 3, Duncan, grand all-round Border, full of quality. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, Calder, rich blaze, nicely tanned, rare moons, in grand condition; 2, Johnstone, nice blaze and tanning, scarcely ready; 3, Irvine, well coloured. LINNET (HOUSE-MOULTED) (11): 1, McQuiston, in rare condition, nicely laced, high in colour, tight in feather; 2, Roxburgh, good feather, well laced, rich in colour; 3, Boyle, finely-marked, well staged. GREENFINCH (3): 1, spl, Calder, large, grand shape, lovely sheen, rich in colour; 2, Murray, another nice, fine, plenty of size and colour; 3, Downie, neat, good colour. MULE, DARK (5): 1, Morrison, large, deep colour, rare sheen, good shape; 2, Crosbie, nice size, colour and shape; 3, Gemmell, finely-marked, little time will make a difference. HYB. (4): 1, Crosbie, lovely feather, shape and condition; 2, Crosbie, presses hard on winner, good feather; 3, McQuistan, good type. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Young, ideal Siskin, grand cap and feather, nicely laced, smooth as wax; 2, Gemmell, another beauty, rare type of Redpoll; 3, Martin, another good Redpoll, full of quality. A.O.S. SMALL (7): 1, spl, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, staged to perfection, rare feather, beauty; 2, Small, Yellowhammer, rare colour and markings, hard to beat; 3, Morrison, another beauty. LARGE (2): 1, McQuiston, Chough, rare colour and prime condition, wins easily; 2, Wallace, interesting Owl. FOR. SMALL: 1, Coward, pair of charming Finches, in rare condition; 2, 3, Morrison. LARGE (3): 1, Cumming, really fine Parrot; 2, Cowan, another nice Parrot, in good feather; 3, Findlay. SELL. (5): 1, McQuiston; 2, Paton; 3, McDougall. GIFT (5): 1, Morrison; 2, Cowan; 3, Montgomery.

(*Shows continued on page 148.*)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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S. W. BIRCHLEY, "Ivydene," Marsland Road, Brooklands, Cheshire. Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

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J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W., Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

ROBERT LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy; 20 years' experience.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries British and Foreign Birds.

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J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds. All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage-Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey-st., Bodmin. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, Specialist, Judge of British and Foreign Birds, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1909.

Judge, Mr. Henry Bennet, Kelso. Schedules from **JAMES ROBERTSON, Secretary, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.**

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Open Cage Bird Show,

OCTOBER 13th, 1909.

Entries close, **Oct. 2nd.** Schedules of—

W. A. CORNISH, 90, Regent Street, Exeter.

ALNWICK & Dis. C.B.S.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

The 2nd Annual Show will be held in the Corn Exchange, Alnwick, on

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Judges: Messrs. J. Maddison and T. Dixon. For Schedules apply to **W. A. BROADLEY, Hon. Sec., 45, King Street.**

LEAMINGTON SPA

Annual Show, **OCTOBER 14th.** Judge: J. H. Roe, Derby. No Schedule. Classification in this journal October 2nd. **F. T. PRITCHARD, 36, Portland Street.**

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Under C.B.U. Rules.

October 14, 1909.

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Fourth Annual Open Show will be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, Saturday **OCTOBER 16th, 1909.** 32 Classes; good specials; prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; entrance fee, 1/-. President, H. Pike Pease, Esq., M.P. Judges: (Canaries) J. Wilcock; (British) F. Marwood. Fanciers should not miss this grand show. Entries close **Monday, OCTOBER 11th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

MORPETH & District C. & C.B.S. Annual Open and Members Show **October 16th, 1909** (under C.B.U. Rules). Good classification. Specials Galore. Popular Judges. **Entries close October 9th.** Schedules from **E. COWLING, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

EASTBOURNE

4th Annual Open Show, **OCTOBER 20th and 21st.** Schedules ready shortly. Entries close **October 7th.**

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Receipts are sent on the Friday of each week for payments of 5/- and over. If a receipt is required for any sum less than 5/-, stamp must accompany same to cover postage, etc.

Twitterings.

We must advise amateurs to send for Peterborough schedule.—(ADVT.)

Kindly note my change of address to 102, Station Cottages, Livingston, by Mid Calder, writes Mr. Thomas W. Peel.

Kindly note, writes Mr. J. H. Jowett, that I have removed from Wapping Works to 31, Westminster Road, Bradford, Yorks.

We had a successful show on August 28th, writes Mr. Andrew Shaw, the hon. secretary of the Troon and Loans Show. All prize money has been paid.

Kindly inform readers of CAGE BIRDS that I have removed from Caerleon Road to the Aviaries, 23, Caerleon Road, Newport, Mon., writes Mr. E. Jones.

We have decided to add a class for "foul Cinnamons" at our annual show, on November 19th and 20th, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary of the Sunderland C.B.A.

The Bournemouth and District C.B.A. has altered its show date to November 16th and 17th, from November 23rd and 24th, writes Mr. Montague E. Feltham, the hon. secretary.

All inquiries for schedules, writes Mr. W. Clarkson, secretary of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.S., will be supplied as soon as same are ready, and schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors at our show.

Mr. C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N., has been elected hon. secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S. in my place, writes Mr. G. H. Neal. All further correspondence should be addressed to him.

Kindly announce that Mr. G. H. Acton has resigned the secretaryship of the Reading and Dis. Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, and that I have taken over the duties of secretary until the next annual meeting. All communications should be sent to me at 25, The Grove, Reading.

If any are desirous of becoming members of the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. (radius Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland), the subscription of 2s. 6d. to be paid by September 15th, will they communicate with me? writes Mr. J. Bertram, the hon. secretary, 95, Gainshro' Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

May I further trespass upon your space for an opportunity of reminding bird lovers of the lecture by Mr. Richard Kearton on Thursday, the 16th inst., writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, hon. secretary of the London and Provincial O.S. I have been inundated with inquiries for tickets for this, and have still a few left at the time of writing. Country fanciers will receive a warm welcome on behalf of the society. My address is Old Barge House Wharf, Commercial Road, Blackfriars, S.E.

Our show is to be held on January 22nd, 1910, writes Mr. W. J. Beaglehole, secretary of the Brotton F.S., when Messrs. T. J. Ambrose and R. Cockburn will judge.

The Ayr and Dis. Cage Bird Club are busy looking after specials, and 21 have already been secured, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the secretary. So there should be a good list by the time the show takes place (8 weeks hence). Those members whose subscriptions are still unpaid are expected at the meeting on September 20th.

The balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s Young Bird Show discloses a net loss on the exhibition of 17s.; but as against this there is an entry of £3 8s. 1d. in respect of special prizes, only 11s. 6d. of which was subscribed for privately, the remainder being provided for out of the funds of the association.

The last few numbers of CAGE BIRDS containing coloured plates, were worthy of every praise bestowed upon them, writes Mr. A. G. Boardman (North Fitzroy, Australia), and especially that issue containing also an art supplement (with our "send-off" to Mr. Elliott reported in it). The fanciers here in Melbourne had all the copies of "C.B." it was possible to get.

We have the patronage of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. (both cup and trophy) Southern Yorkshire novice patronage, Border Fancy, C.C. patronage, and also medals from Yorkshire Canary Club for competition amongst the members of the Y.C.C. residing outside Yorkshire, writes Mr. J. Houghton, secretary of the Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.

On behalf of Mr. Bullions, secretary of the Glasgow and Dis. Derby, and of myself, secretary of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., I have to record our appreciation of the advertisements which appeared in CAGE BIRDS. They were well worth the money. We are convinced that your columns are the best advertising medium. CAGE BIRDS is read by every real fancier.—THOS. SMITH (Glasgow).

At the last meeting of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club it was pointed out that the societies which had been granted the club's patronage, six in all, had been granted it on the condition "that they refuse to receive entries from the expelled members of our society, viz., Messrs. P. McQuiston and M. Craig," and that failing the fulfilment of this condition their patronage would be withdrawn.

We were favoured last week with a visit from Mr. Winter, the popular and capable hon. secretary of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society. Mr. Winter had just returned, with his wife, from a very pleasant holiday at Southsea, and was making the round of the London sights. He informed us that he had great hopes of the forthcoming Scottish National Show being a bigger success than ever.

Having been away on holiday, and my birds being simply a hobby which I try to make pay its way, I have received an enormous number of letters re advertisements. I wish to apologise through CAGE BIRDS (the paper to which I am solely and alone indebted for the large number of customers I have on my books, and which are increasing weekly), for the unavoidable delay in answering letters and forwarding birds.—ARTHUR O'NEIL, Carlisle.—(ADVT.)

After 22 years living in the South of England and working hard to push the Fancy, having for this last 10 years paid special attention to the Lancashire Canary in trying, not without success, to make it popular in the South, I am now, writes Mr. F. J. Green, late of Redhill, Surrey, removed back northwards, to 54, Frederick Street, Loughborough, Leics., where I hope to meet many new fanciers and still make the fame of the Lancashire more widespread. I should like to thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown me since your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, came into existence.

Lack of time prevents me at present, writes Mr. W. Woodley (Plymouth), whose clear buff Yorkshire Canary is depicted on our front page this week, from giving you a few notes on the management, etc., of my birds, but at some future date, possibly I may be able to do so. I have, I may however say, bred birds for 50 years, but for the last 15 I have devoted myself to the Yorkshire, and can honestly say that some of the finest specimens of the variety have passed through my hands. The bird in question took a second prize at Plymouth, and 1st at the Three Towns Fanciers Society.

Mr. C. Edwards (Bromley, Kent), whose variegated Yorkshire Canary appears on our front page this week, writes in reference to same as follows: I have been successful with the bird both on the show bench and in the breeding cage, he having been 1st at Deptford and Greenwich, 2nd at the Horticultural Hall, 2nd at the Crystal Palace, 1st at Battersea, and 1st at Tonbridge, etc. His father also was 1st at the Crystal Palace (novice section). He is bred from two Yellows, although he came very good in feather, I find that as a rule they come rather scanty in feather, and no doubt the correct way is yellow and buff, and I have bred some nice youngsters from him. As regards feeding, I believe in plain feeding. I use for feeding young thin "Social" biscuits, and a small piece of bread (soaked) and egg well mixed together. After the young are three days old I give them plenty of green food and hemp and rape seed. For colour-feeding I use more biscuit and bread with the egg and colour-food, and a little linseed with the Canary seed. When the shows are on I give mixed seed three times a week, and on other days boiled carrot or apple. I find by reading CAGE BIRDS regularly every week (and I have not missed a single copy since the first number), one is sure of success, and I am also sure the cage bird Fancy owes its growth to its guidance.

Will all members of the East Ham F.S. kindly note that there will be "Linnet-Mule" class for young stock show? Also that only this year's birds will be allowed to be shown in classes under the heading of British birds in the schedule for young stock show.—H. RUTTER, hon. secretary.

The subscriptions of the Lancashire Canary Association are now due, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, the secretary. Owing to the extra 12 silver medals that are given and to societies getting schedules ready, we should be obliged if those who cannot attend the meeting at the Great Eastern Hotel, Yorkshire Street, on September 11th, would send the subscriptions on as early as possible; then we should be in a position to allot some of these medals to several of the early shows. We should also be pleased to hear from anyone who desires to give one of the society's medals as a special, and also the names of any new members.

It is proposed to hold a First Feather Show in connection with the Newton P. and Canary Club (Auckland, New Zealand), at about Christmas-time, which is a new feature here, writes a New Zealand correspondent. The show-cages are all the property of the club, but it is suggested that a larger cage be procured, and that every member should buy his own. Under the present arrangement the exhibitors bring along the birds the night before the show, and are given their schedule as they enter the door, and with the numbers of their cages written on; the cages then are (supposed) all ready in their place on the bench for the reception of the birds. The cages are all one pattern with bow front, for all varieties. We are on the eve of the breeding season, and great expectations are in the minds of a few of us. Unfortunately such are not always realised.

Respecting the picture of my Redwing, which you thought worthy of a place on the front of CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. S. L. Cocks (Peterborough), I may say that Cardiff was the last show he went to under my name, as he went direct from there to a fancier in South Wales. Previous to that he was 3rd Peterborough, 3rd at Battersea, and 1st and special at Swansea. He was never out of the money, the chief difficulty being to find a show where the large Softbill class would stand. I found the majority cancelling them. I fed him upon Spratt's Biscuit Meal and Brand's Meat Meal (for poultry), it having also the clearings-up from the smaller Softbills, and I found that he wanted very little else. He never went out of condition once during the time he was in my possession, and was kept in a box cage 20ins. by 18ins. by 18ins. He had a bath every day. I wish CAGE BIRDS further success.

A washing exhibition will be given by Mr. J. Bailey, of Yorkshire fame, at Lockhart's cafe, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on September 17th, at 7.30 o'clock, writes Mr. T. C. Crawball, secretary of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. Mr. Bailey will commence by washing a few birds, so that those who intend coming should be there to time. Then he will give hints on the proper staging of Yorkshires, and their preparation for show. The Northern Yorkshire Club extends a cordial invitation to all fanciers to see this exhibition by one of the masters of the art.

CAGE BIRDS' "LADDER OF PROGRESS" COMPETITION.

After a very long and careful addition of the number of names and addresses sent in, and the constant checking and re-checking of the figures with a view to avoiding any possible error, we have at last arrived at the result of our "Ladder of Progress" Competition. The number of competitors greatly exceeded our expectations.

The Competition consisted in securing the largest total of names and addresses of keepers of cage birds who had never previous to the time of the competition had a copy of CAGE BIRDS brought to their notice. We offered to send a beautiful coloured picture post-card for every genuine signature sent in to us (which has been done), and in addition offered three prizes, viz., £4 (cash), for the first, £1 (cash) for the second, and a handsome pair of framed plates of birds for the third.

The winners of the competition are as follows:—

FIRST PRIZE.
MR. J. HENNERY LEWIS,
Parkside,
Owestry.

SECOND PRIZE.
MR. CHAS. CRAIG,
4, Wardlaw Terrace,
Edinburgh.

THIRD PRIZE.
MR. WM. ROBERTS,
55, Haywood St.,
Shelton,
Stoke-on-Trent.

The gentleman who has won the first prize of £4 succeeded in collecting no less than 472 signatures; the winner of the second prize of £1 sent us 156 signatures, and the third prize winner's total was 144.

This result is subject to protests and objections, which must be lodged with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS within seven days of the date of this issue. Another seven days will be allowed to elapse for the consideration of these protests and objections, if any are received, after which the final result will be announced and the prizes forwarded to the winners.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct. 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30, Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.
*Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.) J.H.R.
*Oct. 7—**Peterborough.**—(S. L. Cocks, Eastfield). J.H.R., and S.H.M.
*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R. and W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct. 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
Oct. 14—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street).
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daw, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England** — (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakeoham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield** — (Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. R. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive-Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street).
*Nov. 11—**Fromo C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne** — (Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitchaven.**—(W. J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.)
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**)—H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Biddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.
*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B. & S.H.M.
*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.** — (E. Brunskill, 2, Dane bury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hotton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.O.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mallet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.
*Dec. 2—**Fromo & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Greco Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11. Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 17—**Maestcg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** —(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Mc.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 11.—**Glasgow and Dis. Derby.**—E. B. Bullions, 124, Adelphi Street.
Sept. 10.—**Scotch Fanoy Derby.**—T. Smith, 56, Minard Road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Swindon C.B.A.—Sept. 11, Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institution, 7.30. Members' show.—W. Dale.

Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.—Sept. 11, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 8.30. Booking of birds for show, etc.—J. R. Meikle.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 18, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Classification for annual show, etc.—W. Reid.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Sept. 14, Ametbyst Club, Church Street, 6.30. 3rd Quarterly Show. Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—Z. G. Rhodes.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Bull's Head, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, on Breeding and Feeding for Colour; will fanciers please attend and make this lecture a success?—A. E. Morter.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—J. Smith.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Fleece Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Dartmoutb Hotel, 8. Members and friends interested in Rollers please attend.—Duffield and Jennings.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Sept. 14, Headquarters. Young Stock Show, Sept. 25, Brook Hall, Mayes Road. Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—T. Callegari.

York C.B.S.—Sept. 13, All Saints' School, 8. Open Show business.—A. Waud.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bradford West C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Special meeting; schedule and smoking concert business.—J. W. Telford.

Bannockburn New C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Lesser Town Hall. Arrangements for schedule and other show business; members' subscriptions are due.—W. Ritchie.

Beamish C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Bird Inn, 7. Annual show business.—M. Crosby.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Sept. 15, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Annual and young stock arrangements.—A. Lupton.

Barton C. and B.B.C.—Sept. 16, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Open Show, shall be pleased to see any new members.—E. C. Dunn.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Sept. 14, Joiners' Arms, Bolton, 7.30. Members' show, important.—W. Massey.

Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S.—Sept. 28.—F. Gelder.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Round House Inn, 8. —T. Mitchell

Bury C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Textile Hall, 7.30. Autumn show business.—H. Jameson.

Bingley O.S.—Sept. 14, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Lecture on Preparing for exhibition, by Mr. J. Bailey; fanciers welcome.—A. Livesey.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Victoria Hotel, 8. —M. Skirrow.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Waverley Rooms, 7.30.—J. Simpson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Maskell's, 8. Appointment of secretary, Open show arrangements, and classification of schedule.—W. Sampson.

Crook Original.—Sept. 15, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Important business.—Bird and Siddle.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 11, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Business very important.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 13, 8.15. Essay competition, entitled "Items of Interest to the Fancy," gold, silver, and bronze medals presented for same; interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Letter from Mr. Birchley; schedule and rules in connection with open show.—W. H. Wright.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 15, Sydenham Palace, Ford-st., 8.30. Schedule for annual show and winter programme.—G. Peters.

Dalziel O.A.—Sept. 18, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Show business.—J. Mathieson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 15, Half Moon Hotel, 8. —W. Underwood.

Dipton C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Council Schools, 7.30. Classes for annual Members' Show, and other special business.—M. Mason.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Sept. 11, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. To arrange for specials for annual show.—L. Booth.

Glasgow National Scot. Fty. Can. Derby.—Sept. 18. Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals. Committee meeting and show, 10 a.m.—T. Smith.

Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 11, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Sept. 11, The White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Important business, forming classes for Annual Show, consider smoker, etc.—D. Hann.

Hyde C.B.S.—Sept. 11, St. George's Schools, 7. Back end Show, and other important business.—F. Barraclough.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Sept. 16, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Issue of new rule books and show business.—W. Parratt.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Sept. 14, 4, Cranbrook Road, 8. Election of stewards for Young Stock Show, presentation of medals and other important business. —A. Webb.

Leek C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Headquarters, 7.30. Specials for Open Show.—R. Hall.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Sept. 11, Old Bear's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. General business, subs must be paid not later than Sept. 22, to leave members eligible to compete at Rochdale for society's specials.—J. Rukin.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 15, Railway Hotel, 8. Special meeting, classification for open show.—A. Bottomley.

London and Provincial O.S.—Sept. 16, Institute of Journalists, Tudor Street, E.C., 7.30. Descriptive lecture and Kinematograph display, by Richard Kearton, Esq., F.Z.S.; admission by ticket, to be obtained on application to H. E. Tringham.

Lancashire C.A.—Sept. 11, Great Eastern Hotel, Yorkshire Street, Oldham, close to Mumps Station, 7. Medals, etc., important business has to be decided; subs are now due.—W. Adams.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Sycamore Hotel, 8.30. Committee meeting at 7.30.—R. Turner.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side.—Sept. 18, Crown hotel, 7.30. Open Show.—A. Wake.

New Stevenston C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Robb's Hall, 8.— J. Lamb.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Headquarters, 7.30. Important show business, specials, etc.—Curry and Hutchinson.

North London C.B.S.—Sept. 15, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Questions and answers, most interesting and instructive; all welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Sept. 15, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Subscriptions due.—J. Bertram.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Show business; will members please assist committee to make the show a success?—J. Davey.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Sept. 17, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Washing exhibition and Hints on Staging Yorkshires, by Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford); fanciers are welcome.—T. C. Crawhall.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 13, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Appointment of show committee; subscriptions are due, members please note.—H. Clayton.

Radford (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Pheasant Inn, 8. General business, fanciers and friends beartily welcome.—F. Walters.

Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 13, Club, 8.30. Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Reigate F.A. (C.B. section)—Sept. 13, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Balance-sheet of Young Bird Show, lecture by Mr. Coster.—T. W. Baldock.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Headquarters, 8.—J. C. Spilsbury.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Sept. 14. Victoria Hotel, 8. Business, Open Show.—B. Buckle.

Swansea C.B.A.—Sept. 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—Arrangements for Open Show, etc.—A. Hitchings.

Stockport B.F.A.—Sept. 14, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Federation business, and discussion on club affairs. —W. Stafford.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.U.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

An Unfortunate Slip.

"Vestro."—Your bird should have its perches placed rather low, and in such a position that it can hop from one to another with the greatest ease, and also reach its food and water comfortably. If food and water are outside, it would be as well to put a little food inside as well for a week or two until the bird is able to get about more freely. Keep it as quiet as possible, and avoid causing it to flutter about. The limb should be fairly well knit in a month, but do not tamper with it out of curiosity. Beyond keeping the bird quiet, and making its movements as easy as possible, leave the cure to Nature, and judge of its progress by the resumption of the bird's activity. Feed on a staple of plain Canary, and give separately a pinch of summer rape each day, twice a week a few grains of hemp, and on two other days each week a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled over with maw seed. Give a little green food daily, more or less as appears to be necessary to keep bird regular in habit during inactivity.

An Ailing Youngster.

S. E. Baker.—I suspect the food is at fault, though you give me no idea what it consists of. As a staple give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and separately twice a week a pinch of hemp, every second day a pinch of maw, and on the alternate days between the maw a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it, and sprinkled over with soft sugar. Give no green food until quite recovered, but a bit of banana occasionally as a substitute will do no harm. Keep cage and perches quite clean, and the floor strewn with clean gritty sand. See the bird is not exposed to draughts or chills. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of syrup of rhubarb for two consecutive days, and after that twenty drops of whisky, and four of tincture of opium in its water for a few days until the looseness is removed. Finally, give four drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid for a few days. Keep the bird fairly warm, as it is very probable it may drop into moult very soon.

Rather Too Prolific.

Old King Cole.—Seeing your hens have, according to your letter, already had five nests each this year, I think you should certainly remove and cage separately the cocks at once until the moult is over, when you might again return them. By this time the hens would probably have lost some of their ardour in the nesting business. But to be quite on the safe side, as the hens are clearly unusually prolific, it would be best to keep the cocks away until next Spring, and during the interval, if caged separately, in an unheated room for preference, would serve the purpose of songsters. If the hens remain well and active, there is no reason why they should not breed successfully next season if the cocks are taken away now to prevent their going on making attempts at breeding all through the winter, which hens of this kind are apt to do as long as the weather keeps the least bit favourable. I have no doubt the reason you have not had better results in the number of young reared is that the aviary is a good deal overcrowded. One cock and two hens are quite sufficient to stock this aviary, so you will see that one of the hens and the five British birds were superfluous and did actually diminish your chance of getting good results.

Undesirable Guests.

Bird Lice.—It is the so-called grey louse with which your birds are infested. Provided the birds have not started moulting and you possess the requisite knowledge and skill to perform the operation, the quickest way to eradicate them would be to hand wash the birds and add a teaspoonful of creolin to the first basin of water, and whilst the birds are drying, clean out the usual cages, wash well with warm soda and water and carbolic soap. This, however, is not advisable if the moult has commenced. As an alternative, see the cages are well cleaned as just advised, then take each bird separately and blow into its feathers by means of a small puff, or bellows, a liberal dose of pyrethrum powder, roll the bird in an handkerchief, leaving only the beak free, and lay it down in a safe place—inside a cage with the door closed is the safest—for five to ten minutes, then liberate it, and after it has shaken itself well, return it to its own cage. Each day afterwards, for a week or so, give a bath and to each pint of water add a small teaspoonful of essence of quassia, or you might add a teaspoonful of the chips to each half-pint of water overnight, and allow them to soak in it until next day, then give the water in the baths. This should thoroughly eradicate them in a short time.

Norwich Gone Wrong.

"Lucky."—Am afraid this bird has not been treated properly, and most likely he has also been exposed to great fluctuations of temperature, or to a much lower one generally than he was previously accustomed to. Keep him now in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily very warm, but still not on the cold side; see he is perfectly free from draughts, and that the temperature is fairly equable night and day. Also see the atmosphere where it is kept is pure and fresh. Feed on a diet of plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and for the first week only a small piece of bread and milk daily. Make latter by soaking a bit of stale bread in cold milk for a few minutes, press nearly dry, sprinkle with a small pinch of maw and soft sugar, and drop three drops of cod liver oil emulsion about it. After the first week give the bread and milk every second day only, and limit diet to these items, with a little green food, or bananas as a substitute, every second day for a month. Stop all other foods and medicines. In the drinking water add six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, five of tincture of lobelia, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give four drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid. Shall be glad to have report of progress at end of fortnight.

Two from the States.

U.S. Canary.—(1) I should not expect the best diet for Canaries in the Northern States differs materially from what is best for our English birds, save that, perhaps, a slightly more liberal allowance of rape might be given, and a little more hemp; say, about a third part of the bulk of rape, or a staple mixture of two parts Canary, one part rape, and a half-part hemp. In addition, you might give a small quantity of egg food or bread and milk once or twice a week, and green food, or sweet fruit when green stuff is out of season, daily in summer, diminishing to three times a week in winter. (2) The lameness may be due to simple foot soreness, even though the feet do not appear sore. What do you use in the cages as a covering for the floor, and what kind of wood are the perches made of? If the sand is very coarse and sharp, or unwashed sea-sand, or the perches too hard, this may account for the apparent lameness and must be remedied before the effect can be permanently removed. Try bathing the feet and legs in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in half a teacupful of warm water once or twice a week for a fortnight or so; dry gently, and smear them slightly with a little zinc ointment. If this is not effectual, write again.

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Mysterious Losses.

No Name.—Your description reads very much like septic fever, but it is certainly curious the deaths should occur with such amazing regularity. I can only account for it by the supposition that the birds were caged separately side by side, and the infection spread from day to day from the occupant of one cage to that of the next, or that you unconsciously spread it yourself by mixing up food or water vessels, or both. In case the remaining bird dies, I would strongly advise you to send it for a post-mortem in order to set at rest all doubts on the matter. Or even if its lives, and remains apparently healthy, I would advise you to test the room and cages before introducing any more valuable birds by keeping one or two of the commonest and cheapest Canaries you can get in them, and see if they become affected in, say, a month or so. Should they do so, get a post-mortem upon one. As you say all your cages, food, and appliances are kept perfectly clean, it seems probable you might have introduced the disease among your birds by a fresh purchase, or by some appliance, if you have been making any such additions of late. In any case, you should, as a precautionary measure, most thoroughly disinfect the room, cages, and all appliances, but for your own satisfaction I think it would be a wise plan to test them as just mentioned before proceeding with the disinfection. For the most effective method of carrying out the latter work you should consult Dr. Clarke's brochure on "Septic Fever," which our manager would send you for 7d., post free.

Canary with Diarrhœa.

G. Hampson.—Why did you not give at least some slight idea how you fed and treated the bird? It should be quite obvious to anyone that in a case of this kind the food and treatment may have a very distinct bearing on the ailment. Withhold green food until the trouble is removed, and give as a substitute a bit of banana about every second day. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed and a few grains of hemp. A little dry crushed biscuit may also be given each day for a week or so. Limit diet solely to this until diarrhœa is stopped. For one day give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of syrup of rhubarb in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, five of tincture of gentain, and five of laudanum, in the water two days in every three until trouble is removed. When a cure is effected, give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week. See that all food and water are quite pure and free from contamination of any kind. If any doubt exists about the water, give only that which has been boiled. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean. It would be well to use pine sawdust in cage to absorb moisture, and burn it when removed. Give a supply of clean gritty sand in a tin if you employ sawdust in cage.

Old and Young Dying.

J. A. Ford.—Your method of feeding requires some correction, and it is probable this is the cause of your losses. But still, I would advise you to get a post-mortem examination upon the next that dies, in order to be quite satisfied whether or not it is septic fever, and in the meantime introduce no fresh birds and keep your stock under strict isolation. Observe the utmost cleanliness in cages, food, water and all appliances. Use pine sawdust in the cages instead of sand, and burn it at once when removed. Give a supply of grit in a tin. Boil all food and water vessels that will bear such treatment for a few minutes twice a week, and if the water is not quite above suspicion, use only that which has been boiled. Should a post-mortem reveal the presence of septic fever, get Dr. Clarke's handbook on the subject, 7d., post free, from our manager, and digest its contents. Continue the staple diet of Canary seed, but give a little summer rape daily, and a few grains of linseed twice a week only, and then only a few grains per bird. I suspect you have been too liberal with this seed, and have certainly been giving it too frequently. When the moult is quite finished you might well withhold it altogether and substitute a little hemp instead. Three times a week give a little maw whilst the moult is in progress, and twice a week a little bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and dusted with soft sugar and a pinch of maw. Give a supply of plantain stalks, seedy chickweed, and shepherd's purse three or four times a week for green food. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and after that give four drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Stopped Singing.

A. H. Earlsfield.—If you had given me some idea as to its age, and its present condition, that is, whether it appears in good health or not, and whether plump or thin, I should have been the better able to advise. At the present time the bird should be moulting again, and therefore you cannot expect it to resume singing for several weeks to come, even if it begins before the Spring, which is doubtful. However, keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, quite free from draughts and great variation of heat, but still in a position where the air is always pure and fresh. Examine cage carefully to see it is free from red mites; keep it and the perches quite clean, and strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed as advised "Lucky" for a month, but give bread and milk every second day only from the beginning, and only add the cod liver oil to it once a week. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food every third day. Report progress in a month and refer to this reply, and if the bird is not better, give the particulars asked for above to enable me to form a better opinion of what is wrong.

Hen Taken Ill.

S.J. (Chester).—Your hen was seized with an epileptic fit, which was undoubtedly helped on by the extra drain on the system caused by the moult. A bird is not necessarily having a very bad time of it when moulting because it loses its feathers nearly all together, and becomes "almost naked." Provided the birds are well cared for and protected from chills this is usually a good sign, but when these precautions are neglected, it is apt to bring about a serious result. Your feeding is not very good. See reply to "Lucky," and feed bird for a month as therein described, with this exception: You must give the bread and milk every second day right away from the first, and only add the cod liver oil to it twice a week. Also give a little green food every day. Keep cage scrupulously clean, well provided with gritty sand, and see it is not infested with red mites. The latter may probably be a contributory cause to the bird's condition. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops each tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid. Should another fit occur, stop these medicines for three or four days, and give instead as much bromide of potash as will cover a sixpence in each two tablespoonfuls of water on each of those days, and then drop this and give the above-named medicines again as advised.

Brevities.

A Lancashire Query (E. G. Calvados).—No; Lancashires are not invariably self coloured. Ticks and marks are bred occasionally, but cannot be regarded as a very common occurrence in comparison with other popular breeds, and when they do occur it is rather as grizzled or grey feathers than the usually understood markings. I should rather doubt the purity of a bird that sported a green crest, and suspect that it contained an appreciable proportion of Crest blood, unless, indeed, in your locality more encouragement had been given to markings in this variety. I believe Blackston says somewhere that dark crested coppies might, and probably would, be bred, though probably not in Lancashire.

A Reputed Cure (Nemo).—Says he has cured a Norwich which was ill, like the birds of some of our correspondents, after many remedies had failed by giving eight drops of tincture of aconite in the water, and a sprinkling of flowers of sulphur in a little egg food until it was well. But as he does not seem to know what was wrong with it beyond that it went light and had diarrhœa, and I have not sufficient data to enable me to make a fair guess even what the mischief was, I cannot advise readers to follow a blind example. This powerful poison has been credited with working marvellous cures in cases where, curiously enough, no one knew authoritatively what was the matter. The explanation probably lies in the fact that the birds were given better attention, and some of them had sufficient strength and stamina to throw off the ailment in spite of the treatment, and would probably have recovered just as well with no treatment at all, save the extra attention to general hygiene and management.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Two Youngsters.

Porthite.—The striped appearance of the young Linnet is due entirely to its age; it is the bird's nestling plumage, in fact. Young hen Linnets are generally more heavily marked than the young cocks. The same remarks apply to the young Lesser Redpoll. Neither bird will be any good for show purposes until it has moulted and assumed its adult plumage, which should take place very shortly now. Of course, it is well to choose a heavily pencilled young bird when having an eye to its future appearance on the show bench; it must also be a big, bonny youngster, and, above all, possess a bold, wide head. Without the latter, it will be useless (more-or-less) as a show specimen. If your two birds will eat a little soft-food, even a little of a good insectivorous mixture, you could give them a pinch of tasteless pepper in it to help the colour.

A Quartette.

Clarendon.—1: Glycerine is used by the majority of fanciers to put in the water used for spraying exhibition specimens. It is perfectly harmless and allowable. Sometimes, however, it is abused, and the bird it is used upon spoiled. This happens through its being used too strong. If the bird is hand-washed, this should be done five or six days before the show. Each day afterwards the bird should be sprayed with the glycerine and water, the proportion being one good teaspoonful of glycerine thoroughly mixed into one pint of water which has been previously boiled. The sprayer should be one with a nozzle which emits the water like mist and not in the form of a jet; further, the bird should not be drenched, but only lightly sprayed. Three or four sprayings serve to get up the "sheen" on the plumage very nicely. If too much glycerine is used the feathers get "clogged," and will not lie properly, this especially being the case round the neck of the bird. Two or three are both covered in the foregoing answer. 4: For the seed-eaters, seed is the more frequently used as a covering for show-cage bottoms; some use oat husks. For Softbills, sawdust (this is an abomination, in my opinion), damped cocoa-nut fibre, or peat-moss dust, (obtainable from florists), or blotting paper are variously used. To my own way of thinking, a sheet or two of blotting paper cut to fit tightly into the cage bottoms is very bad to beat for use in show-cages of all kinds. Of course, proper provision must then be made for the food.

In an Aviary.

T.C.W.—Your outdoor "aviary" is very tiny indeed; many fanciers have their flight cages twice as large. A "house" 3 ft. long by 2 ft. 9 in. wide by 4 ft. high, can only be termed a "toy" house, and the outside flight 3 ft. 6 in. long merits the same description. It would not hold many birds in any case, while for Mule breeding a few hen Canaries and one or two cock Finches would be all you could turn in with any chance of success. I should not like to keep a Thrush in such a place along with smaller birds; they can be very spiteful when they choose, especially if they have been previously in a cage by themselves. I do not know what part of the country you hail from, but even in the sheltered position you describe I expect the birds would find the severe winter weather somewhat trying. It would be an excellent little "flight" to hold a few birds during the summer and autumn, anyway. Some of the tiny Foreign Finches are very hardy, and breed fairly freely; would these meet your views?

From a Beginner.

Leslie Vestre.—1: It is undoubtedly the best, both for song and in the interests of universal peace, to keep Finches caged singly. When in high singing condition, most species get pugnacious and apt to bully their companions. Still, 5ft. 6ins. is a good size for a cage, and in it you can certainly keep the seven Finches you specify. You could, in fact, add a second cock Goldie, and one or two more cock Linnets; but keep Chaffinch and Bramblefinch down to one of each, and even then you may find it necessary to remove one or the other of them. You will certainly get some song from the Linnets and the Goldies. 2: Yes; you could keep your cock Canaries in another such cage. You may get one or two pugnacious individuals amongst them, however. Cock Canaries can fight like game-cocks when so disposed. 3: This is answered in the above. 4: Siberian Goldies would do just as well as British, but Mules are not to be recommended, for they can be very vicious and tiresome towards companions. I hardly think Linnet and Redpoll Mules are so bad in this respect, however, as Goldfinch, Greenfinch and Siskin Mules. 5: You need not fear "disease" if the birds are healthy when obtained, and are kept clean and properly fed. You must, though, at once remove any ailing bird, and cage it alone.

Two Thrushes.

Ignorant Woman.—It does not matter at all aout a bird going "almost bare" when it is moulting. In fact, it is a good sign rather than the contrary, for it denotes that the bird is experiencing no difficulty in getting rid of its old feathers, and is in a fair way to complete its moult quickly and well. It is necessary, of course, that such a bird should be kept out of all draughts, and in a protected (from the cold) place. Softbills are very apt to moult in this way. The Thrush, which "sneezes" frequently, may have a touch of cold, and a harmless and effective remedy is to thoroughly mix a tablespoonful each of honey and glycerine, and to stir a teaspoonful of this into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for several days (fresh daily, of course). Do not use the refined (clear) honey. As regards the other matter, I feel quite sure the mice are at the root of the trouble. It is well known that the presence of mice is inimical to the well-being of birds, and you certainly ought to stop them from getting into the cages of your birds and eating all their food up during the night. No wonder the Thrush dashes about during the night! Cannot you fill up the mouse holes with a mixture of broken glass and plaster of paris; or put the cages where the little pests cannot get into them; or let the mice have a meal or two of virus? The latter would soon put paid to their account.

About a Hoopoe.

Inquirer.—If your Hoopoe is an adult-caught specimen, then I do not think you will ever get it to eat artificial food (that is, the prepared soft-bill mixture of biscuit, etc.). This is the great drawback to the keeping of this species. You will have to provide it with mealworms and whatever other suitable live-foods you can obtain (small garden worms, beetles, gentles, wasp grub, etc., are all relished). Otherwise you will find the bird "go light" and die. It is a hard job to get even the hand-reared Hoopoes to eat artificial food; their manner of feeding, for one thing, is against them. My own I gave scalded "Melox" reduced to the consistency of paste with a good quality insectivorous food. This I made into pellets (either round or oblong), and gave in a deep jar (an old honey-pot). Whatever was left over each day I fed to my Thrush, or Magpie, or Waxwing. I have had a good number of Hoopoes, and though very beautiful and interesting, I found they required a great deal of attention, and time bestowing on them. I never had one which damaged its beak. The cage should be very large, allowing of a "fly" being taken from end to end. There must be a big sand-heap in it (4 to 6 inches deep), for the birds to dust and play about in. They never seem to drink or bathe, but all mine seemed delighted to be sprayed lightly now and again. They raised regular sand-storms afterwards! With all their faults I loved them, as the poet puts it, They would walk all over me, get into my coat sleeves, and play all sorts of pranks.

Keeping Linnets.

A.G.D.—Evidently the two birds had inflammation of the bowels. I expect they will be dead when you read this reply. It is no use writing for advice, or commencing to treat birds, when they are sitting huddled up in a corner of the cage bottom. They are then three-parts dead. Treatment should commence immediately they are observed to sit looking "puffy" (that is, loose in feather), and dull of eye. A complete change of diet (say, on to niger, maw, and wild seed mixture), with a dose or two of saline medicine (as much Epsom salts as will lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of water) or ten to twelve drops of tincture of rhubarb, will then often serve to put them right. You appear to be putting fresh-caught Linnets direct on to dry, hard seed, a practice I am often warning fanciers against, as this often serves to set up internal trouble, with ensuing inflammation and diarrhœa. They should have a very free supply of seeding shepherd's-purse, chickweed, and plantain to commence with. Soaked seed can easily be prepared. Some of the stock mixture can be left in cold water through the night, and be shaken as dry as possible in a towel in the morning, when it is ready to give to the birds. My own "tit-bit" seed mixture is made up as follows: Thistle, dandelion, lettuce, plantain, gold of pleasure, and sesame, half a pound of each, cornflower and wild mustard a quarter-pound of each. This makes a good quantity and is somewhat expensive (thistle, dandelion, and cornflower being dear), but there is no waste, and, of course, the quantities of each seed can be reduced. I sometimes add niger and maw to it; also occasionally bought some "wild seed mixture"; it is the screenings from threshing machines, and very cheap.

Brevities.

Breeding Goldfinches (No Nom-de-plume).—I hope you will succeed in breeding Goldfinches in a cage. You could try a pair of house-moulted birds, if you choose, but I should personally think two of this season's young birds (Greypates) would be even more likely to bring you success, and they would certainly be less expensive. Get British Finches, by all means.

The Broken Melody (J.H.).—It is not true that if two Linnets are kept in the same room neither will sing. I often have a dozen close together, and they one and all sing stoutly. I should think the explanation is that your bird has ceased singing, because he is falling into moult (it is quite time he did so). When the moulting process has been satisfactorily completed you will get plenty of song once again.

Two Birds (In Doubt).—I. All the Chat family have the habit of "see-sawing" the tail when they alight on a perch. Your description favours the Stonechat in all except size; this bird is but about half the size of a Robin. If it looks as though it has a black (or a speckled brownish-black) hood upon its head, then it is certainly the Stonechat. If not, then it is the Whinchat (a somewhat larger bird). You should get the coloured plate of them which was published by CAGE BIRDS; then you could easily decide. 2. You must say whether you mean the Lesser or the Greater Whitethroat.

About a Nightingale (T.M.).—If you will put to me in the form of questions the points upon which you desire information, I shall be pleased to answer them. We have published many good articles which deal more fully with the Nightingale

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than I could possibly do here. You should get the numbers of CAGE BIRDS containing those written by Mr. Houlton and Mr. Jeffrey. The temperature of an ordinary living-room is quite sufficient for any Nightingale in the winter, though the cage should be covered whenever the temperature is likely to fall very low in the night.

Goldfinches in Outdoor Aviary (Mixture).—A good seed mixture for Goldfinches kept in an outdoor aviary would be: Hemp and teazle, three pints of each; canary, two pints; linseed, one pint; charlock and summer rape, a quarter-pint of each. It would really be better, however, to give a daily feed of hemp in a separate dish, as Goldies are so fond of it that they scatter about and waste the other seeds trying to find this particular dainty. Quantity, of course, to be regulated according to the number of birds. They should have occasional feeds of sunflower, niger, maw, wild seed mixture, etc., in addition, likewise thistle heads and the other wild seeding plants.

An Indoor Aviary (P.L.D.).—An indoor aviary of the ground space you specify would comfortably hold two dozen birds; perhaps one or two more if kept scrupulously clean. You could put in any members of the Finch family (this includes the Buntings), except the Crossbill, perhaps, though one odd bird of this species might do no harm. It would probably be better to keep cocks only (the hen Canaries could remain, however). If you have cocks and hens, see that the sexes are equal—not two cocks to one hen, or vice versa. Have only one cock Chaffinch, and one cock Bramblefinch in the place, also one cock Yellowhammer. Sanitary distemper is equal to anything for the inside walls and woodwork. Shrubs in boxes, etc., are apt to get soiled, but privet, box, holly, and the like, can all be tried.

A Disastrous Journey (C.L.H.).—Birds will die far more quickly from the want of water than from the want of food, and a twenty-four hour journey by rail, without water, I can well believe would end a Nightingale, especially if the weather at the time was hot and stifling. Softbills should be packed in boxes with gauze tacked over the wired front, or with holes cut in the sides and covered with perforated zinc (the kind used by fanciers to make egg graters). Then they can see whatever food, etc., is placed inside for them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Treatment for Virginian 'Gale.

St. John.—These are fine, active, and restless birds and need a roomy cage if they are to do well. It should not be less than 24 by 18 by 18in., and the perches should be so arranged that the bird will not damage its plumage against sides, top, or back of cage. Diet: Seeds, Canary, millet, hemp, oats, and sunflower, soft food (see advt. cols.), ripe fruit, green food, and a few live insects daily. Mealworms usually have to be the mainstay for live food, but beetles, cockroaches, smooth caterpillars, spiders, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., are all appreciated. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage, and make some provision for it to have a bath daily, outside its cage for preference. This is a strong and robust species, and providing its cage is large enough to allow the bird to take exercise, it will not need to be kept in a heated room, but it must be protected against draught.

Grey Parrot Sickly.

Aden.—I do not think there is anything seriously wrong with your bird. Give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water for one day, taking away the drinking water overnight, and then the bird will be ready to drink heartily of the prepared water when supplied. Only give this for one day. Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for at least a month, well colouring the drinking water with same. Diet: Seed mixture, Canary, wheat, dari, hemp, oats, sunflower seeds in about equal parts. Also supply ripe fruit; you will find apple and pear cores readily eaten, plain biscuit and a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. As it is so tame and friendly, it would be well to let it come out of its cage a little, at such times as you can keep it under observation, and see that it does not sample your furniture. If it should become worse or very drowsy, you had better repeat query at once with full details.

Treating a Grey.

Anxious.—The dark bird is much younger than your light-coloured specimen, and after the moult it may possibly be twelve months before all the large feathers are reproduced, unless you draw some of the stumps, but only one or two at a time. I should say you have a pair of birds, and the shape of the beak will not influence its power of speech. It is a very risky proceeding to put a newly-purchased bird with an established and healthy specimen. Your diet is satisfactory, but I should keep a piece of clean cuttlefish. You could safely offer the water three or even four times a day, and after about a month it could be left in altogether. You can safely let the birds have any ripe fruit they will take, apple and pear cores are usually appreciated, and grapes and orange in preference to banana, but the latter is very wholesome. As regards the grit, this is better removed, but in the case of birds which are let out of the cage or handled much, retaining the grit secures clean feet. Once a week I should spray them with chilled water, guarding them carefully against draught till dry. Keep the birds where they will not be scared, but where they will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to them frequently, and they will gradually increase their vocabulary and also mimic laughter and any other similar calls, etc., which they frequently hear. The growling will cease as the bird becomes quite tame. Grocer's currants and sultanas, slightly moistened with warm water, are very wholesome and much appreciated by most species of Parrots.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

C. Spray.—This bird has caught a chill somehow, possibly been in a draught while the room has been dusted or aired. I should give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia and get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; put a teaspoonful of the mixture in one ounce of water and let the bird drink as much as it will at least three time a day, removing the drinking water for a time; give it a drink of clear water once during the day; continue this treatment till the cold yields, after which put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a month. A little eucalyptus on a piece of cotton wool, just under side of cage tray, where the bird cannot get at it. If any running appears at the nostrils, spray with diluted glyco-thymoline. Keep it out of draught and in your living-room, where it will get the benefit of a little warmth, but it must not be subjected to extremes of temperature.

Green Budgerigar Unwell.

J. H. P.—I fear by the time this appears in print your bird will be dead. However, there is no telling, and if it still lives, cage it separately for a time and give it two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to its beak; this is easily done from the end of a feather, and if the feather is placed up against the beak the bird will suck it in; repeat the dose after an interval of two days. Diet for Budgerigars: Canary, white and spray millet, a few oats, green food (seeding grass, lettuce, etc.), a small piece of ripe apple, pear, or banana may also be given with advantage. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in their enclosures. They are small drinkers and only take a few sips at intervals. A few pieces of plain biscuit thrown in occasionally make a change for them. Whenever you notice a bird really indisposed in future, cage it up at once, as there is a risk of contaminating healthy stock. Your birds are out of condition, and that is quite sufficient reason to account for their not breeding; moreover, these birds mostly take a few months to settle down.

Australian Magpie.

J.H.—These birds are almost omnivorous, and can have table scraps, soft food, ripe fruit, such insects as you can capture for him, such as grasshoppers, cockroaches, beetles, spiders, etc., and when these fail, mealworms; scraps of cooked meat may also be given, also mice, and it should be allowed a regular bath. At the present time do not subject it to a variable temperature, and see it is kept out of draught. Put one teaspoonful of the under-mentioned mixture for a few days, or till the cold yields, to each ounce of the drinking water. A few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on its soft food mixture daily will also be a help. It is more than probable that owing to domestic details the temperature of your kitchen is very changeable, and that to regulate same the bird has come in the way of draught; this you must avoid, as no bird, however hardy it may be, can stand this for long. Your cage also must be a roomy one, and will require constant attention to keep it sweet. If the bird is tame a fly round the kitchen or room will be very beneficial; but, of course, doors and windows must be kept closed.

A Troublesome Ailment.

"Thank You."—You cannot do much better than make use of the camphorated spirit in the drinking water; if the bird is no better, try eight grains of borax dissolved in each ounce of the drinking water. You ought, however, to isolate each bird that is so attacked, and not re-admit it to the aviary till it is quite recovered. With all ailing birds the bowels should be kept moving freely, but the voiding should not be watery; the best regulator is Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. A course of Parrish's Chemical Food is also very beneficial during the convalescent stage. Is your aviary cage kept near a window? If so, when this is open it is a very dangerous position for the birds, as they easily get a chill, and chills are responsible for very many of the ailments caged birds suffer from. A small sod of turf for the birds to pick over is also a boon to birds kept indoors; half a dozen such, with the aid of a watering can and daily changing, would keep fresh a long time. I can suggest no other addition to your diet, which is a very liberal one. When giving milk sop to a sick bird a little Mellin's Food or Scott's Emulsion in same is a great help. A very weak bird is often helped and stimulated by very weak, chilled brandy and water. Hope your birds will soon recover; if there is no improvement in a reasonable time, repeat query with full details.

What Birds to Keep.

"Amateur."—Your proposed aviary should answer well; see your shelter shed is rain and draught-proof, and also well lighted, or the birds will not use it. I do not think one pair of Cardinals—Black-throated for preference—would harm your small birds. Though the Black-throat has no crest, it is a very handsome species indeed, and I have never known it to harm a small bird yet. As regards foster parents, Greenfinch or Bullfinch would be the most likely to succeed, and it would be better to let them hatch out the eggs. It is not well to overcrowd, but you could keep the following in your aviary: One pair either Red-crested or Black-throated Cardinals, and one pair each Zebra, Ribbon and Spice Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins; White Java Sparrows; Common and Green Avadavats; Grey and Green Singing Finches; Rufous and Long-tailed Grassfinches and Zebra Waxbills. These would all thrive on practically the same diet, but the Cardinals should have ripe fruit and several live insects daily. Ripe fruit is very wholesome for all species of birds, and your best green foods will be seeding grass and lettuce, though any non-poisonous weeds may be given for them to pick over. Supply canary, white, French and spray millet, oats, paddy rice, and in small quantities hemp and sunflower seeds, with the usual grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing; this will suffice to keep the above species fit. When they are feeding young, some good soft food mixture should be supplied.

Breeding and Selling Budgies.

B. H. Warbler.—The first step is to get good stock, the largest and best coloured you can procure. You really want two aviaries to be quite successful—one for Greens and the other for Yellows, as I find the varities very liable to cross-pair, and the progeny of cross mated pairs are almost without exception all Greens, and this cross mating in the end results in the plumage of the birds not being of so pure or rich a hue. Again you must adopt some means of keeping the young of the respective pairs separate, so that you may be able to send out unrelated pairs. There are two sources of disposal open to you—either to advertise them yourself, or to arrange with some dealer of repute to take what you breed at a fixed figure. Either way you should make a profit, once you have got up a stock. The points you must note are: You must start with the best, and by the occasional introduction of new blood, keep your stock up to high-water mark; poor stock takes just as much to keep, and is almost unsaleable, and even if you sold a few, would soon close a market against you.

Cordon Bleus and Zebras.

Constant Reader.—I fear space will not permit full details, and, moreover, they need a little looking up, and for this there is not time before going to press. The Cordon Bleu ranges over Western Africa from Senegambia to the Gaboon, and Eastern Africa southwards to Zanzibar. They seem to prefer cultivated districts, and favour the proximity of villages and farms; in wooded country they prefer the banks of streams, etc., their untidy

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and roughly-constructed nest, which is almost shapeless and domed with a covered sloping passage leading to the nest cavity. Food, indigenous seeds and small insects. The Zebra Waxbill is also an African species, and is usually met with in flocks; it is found over the whole Ethiopian region. It frequents cultivated districts, and the banks of reed-grown streams, keeping to the thick coverts, nesting on the grounds as well as among the reeds in bushes. Food, indigenous seeds and small insects. Both these species, once they are acclimatised, will live out of doors all the year round, and breed fairly regularly in outdoor aviaries, the latter seeming to prefer the long green of a bank to any other nesting site.

Brevities.

Amazon Parrot Lazy (J. Corney).—Your diet is satisfactory, but you would find the following seed mixture more wholesome for the bird: Canary, wheat, dari, paddy rice, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. It would be better without the suet pudding; give it a little plain cake instead. The cooked potatoes should be free from fat. Make the drinking water for one day just saline with Epsom salts, and get a bottle of Parrish's Chemical Food and put three or four spots of sauce on each piece of biscuit you give to the bird. There are several other replies re Blue-fronted Amazon in this issue, the perusal of which should assist you in treating your bird. Put it, make a fuss of it, keep it in your midst, so that it will be kept interested and lively, and not be bored into ill-health with ennui. A few nuts occasionally are a welcome and wholesome change.

Treatment for Grey Parrot (W. Hughes).—There are several answers to other correspondents in this issue which should help you. Keep your bird where it will get plenty of company, hear plenty of conversation, getting petting notice, yet not be scared, and be out of reach of draught. Under such conditions it should soon learn to talk, or, if a talker, increase its vocabulary. Diet: Seed mixture, canary, wheat, dari, hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts, also ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, with grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor yet any kind of animal food whatever. A Grey Parrot does not need coddling, but it is better covered up at nights and the cover not removed till the room has received its morning airing; the cover should go all round the cage, but a space about six inches in diameter should be left uncovered on top of cage. Hope your bird will do well.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Anxious).—This bird died of bird fever and the probability is that your many other losses are attributable to same disease.

Cardinal (Tipperary).—Softening of liver. I think your mode of feeding is the cause of this, and may be considerably improved if you will consult our Mr. W. T. Page. The body was too far decomposed to admit of preserving and mounting.

Canary (W. E. H.).—General debility, ending with rupture of blood-vessel of liver.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cutting (R. Carter).—Many thanks for this.

Wolverhampton Case (G. Osborne).—Please accept our thanks for the cutting.

Partick Lecture (J. Henderson).—We shall be pleased to consider the publication of the lecture

Prosecution Report (J. Hennery Lewis).—Please accept our thanks for this.

Illustrated Idea (D. W. Tatter).—This will receive consideration in due course; the ideas are dealt with in order.

Show Report (A. G. Boardman, Brunswick).—We are obliged to you for sending us this, and shall be pleased to hear from you from time to time.

Club Notice (H. Jameson).—The error to which you refer, was, we may point out, not ours; the previous notice distinctly stated Sept. 7th.

Remedy Wanted (J. L. Clarke).—Your letter partakes too much of the nature of an advertisement to allow of its being printed as written. The article should be advertised in the usual way, in the proper column.

Hallam and Eccleshall Show (H. Green).—You ought to take up a position on "Funny Cuts." Your attempt at humour made our office-boy roll on the floor. Whose leg are you trying to pull—ours—Mr. Colton's—or your own?

Drawing of a Yorkshire (Miss H. Walker).—The issue of CAGE BIRDS dated March 28, 1908, contains a drawing of a typical Yorkshire, and a number of faulty representations. The defects are pointed out in the accompanying article. A copy of this issue can be sent for twopence post free.

HIGHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held Aug. 26th, at headquarters, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. Owing to our chairman having claims elsewhere, Mr. Johnson was elected to preside. The secretary reported progress in the case of our esteemed friend, Mr. W. Shakespeare's health, and trusted he would be at our next meeting. The principal business was down in the name of Mr. W. Shakespeare, but as health would not permit his attendance, Mr. G. E. Weston kindly came forward at a moment's notice, and entertained us with a lecture on staging British birds for exhibition. He told us the little secrets that go to attract the judge's eye. His remarks were very much enjoyed by all. Several questions were asked by Messrs. Neal, Johnson, Jones, Mound, and others, and these were answered by Mr. Weston. Mr. Johnson moved, and the secretary seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, who replied at length. The secretary at this point announced that he regretted that owing to business which was taking him to Nottingham he was compelled to tender his resignation as secretary. Mr. Weston said it was a very strange coincidence, but the last time he came to have a talk with us the chairman happened to be judging away, and the late secretary, Mr. Reynolds, tendered his resignation and was off to Nottingham. Nottingham seemed to be in for a fine thing in having such good-spirited fanciers moving into its midst. It was moved and carried that the secretary see our chairman, Mr. Gardner, with a view to calling a special meeting to elect a new secretary.—GEO. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

EAGLESFIELD, N.B.

Cage bird show held under the auspices of the Eaglesfield H.S., at Kirtlebridge, on September 4th, and which quite upheld the reputation of former exhibitions. The exhibits were beautifully staged in a tent close by Kirtlebridge Station. Borders made a good show, both in numbers and quality, and were well handled by that well-known Cumberland fancier, Mr. J. Thompson (Wigton). Scotch Fancies and Norwich were very fair, but the Mules, British and Foreign birds were of the highest standard. Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow) placed the cards, and appeared to give satisfaction.

BORD., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, B.F.C.C. medal, Davidson, regular model, well drawn, beautifully tapered, grandly rounded, best of wing and tail carriage; 2, Thomson, another good one, similar all over; 3, Varrie, another wee gem, neat, jaunty carriage. HEN (strong class): 1, Ballantyne, sweet little lady, good shape and quality, in good order; 2, model for shape and quality, round as a bottle, sweet head, grand wings and tail, in lovely feather; 3, Robison, another typical exhibit, carries herself gracefully, showing to the best. BUFF CK.: 1, Thomson, strong, robust exhibit, in beautiful feather; 2, Elliott, nicely moulded, many preferred, in good order; 3, Varrie, slimmer got up, did you overlook the "Sunlight," Mr. V.? HEN: 1, Watt, regular model for shape and finish, coat shining like satin; 2, 3, Robison, 2nd will be a stormer when ready, 3rd equally good shape. EVEN MKD.: 1, Elliott, four-pointed buff, best of eye marks, well drawn, nicely tapered, in beautiful order; 2, Studholme, good shape and quality; 3, Watt, four-pointed Buff. VARIEG.: 1, Johnston, yell. good stamp, in faultless trim; 2, Thomson, similar all over, good condition; 3, McEwan and Ewart, presses 2nd hard, in nice order. FOUL MKD.: 1, Mason, taking exhibit, in good order; 2, Robison, some preferred to winner, staged in grand bloom; 3, Watt, presses hard on 2nd, rare order BORD. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dixon, pair of slashing greens in pink of condition; 3, Laidlaw, another green, well known winner. BORD. (CONFINED): 1, Davidson, B.F.C.C. medal winner, already described; 2, 3, Robinson, 2nd good exhibit, not disgraced by being 2nd here, 3rd similar stamp to 2nd. BORD., A.O.V. (CONFINED): 1, Mason, good stamp, in beautiful feather; 2, Robinson, presses hard, in good order; 3, McEwan and Ewart, rightly placed, rattling bird. SCOTCH FANCIES—CL., ETC., YELL.: 2, Thomson, nice size, fine top end, good condition. BUFF: 1, Blount, young bird, will improve, beautiful feather. SCOTCH., A.O.V.: 1, Burnie, buff-pied, good top, nice drive; 2, Blount, close up. NOR.—CL. YELL.: 1, Thomson, cl. yell, rare colour and quality, good shape, in excellent condition; 2, McWilliam, similar all over, trifle weaker in colour; 3, Robinson, presses hard. BUFF: 2, Thomson, nice type and quality, in good order. EVEN MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Murray, four-pointed buff leading, 2nd markings not so well defined, 3rd two-pointer, staged in the pink. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, Watt, cl. buff hen, grand quality, nice type, lovely colour, in good condition; 2, Thomson, fed buff hen. NOR. CK. (CONFINED): 1, 2, 3, Murray, very nice birds, all staged in glorious bloom. HEN (CONFINED): 1, 2, 3, Murray, clean sweep, all value for their respective positions, staged to perfection. MULES: DK.: 1, 2, Crosbie, 1st Goldfinch Mule, rare size and substance, grand flush, simply shining, a credit to its owner, well staged, 2nd Linnet Mule, good size and substance, finely finished off, staged in A1 trim; 3, Dixon, another Linnet Mule, when through will take some stopping, grand bird. LIGHT: 1, Crosbie, four-pointed Goldie, good size, fine, substance, rare flush, in capital trim; 2, Dixon, cl. buff, Greenfinch-Can., in fine feather, we made a female. LINNET: 1, Murray, good size, grand, sound nutty-brown, in beautiful feather; 2, McEwan and Ewart, another good one; 3, Thomson, presses hard on 2nd. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Thompson, good size, rare square face, scarcely ready, well tanned, grand buttons, and bars; 2, Murray, 2nd close on the heels of winner; 3 lacks square face of leaders. LARGE, BRIT.: 1, 2, Thomson, 1st Hawfinch, clean cut, well moulded, grand bib, in beautiful condition, 2nd Crosshill, in beautiful feather. SMALL: 1, Thomson, Redstart, rare size, grand colour, well lashed, staged to perfection; 2, Ballantyne, Bullfinch, fine colour, good cap and hars, in beautiful order; 3, McWilliam, Mealy Redpoll, good size and colour, in rare order. FOR.: 1, 2, McWilliam, 1st well-known winning Ornamental Parrakeet, we understand this makes her 10th first at this show, still looking a picture, in beautiful feather, 2nd Black-beaded Cacque, a study in orange and cream, grand exhibit; 3, Shannon, Plumbeaded Parrakeet, in good order. SELL. 7/6: 1, Laidlaw; 2nd, Watt; 3, Thomson.

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Correspondence.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Bishop Auckland.

SIR,—Will you oblige me by permitting me a small space in CAGE BIRDS in order to call a meeting with a view to forming a Cage Bird Society? This meeting will be held on Saturday, September 11th, and will be held at the Fleece Hotel, Bishop Auckland, at 7.30 o'clock.

H. HUNTER, Pro. Sec.

Fleece Hotel, Bishop Auckland.

The Breeding of Mealworms.

SIR,—There are many of us who are indebted to Mr. Chas. Boulton for his advice re mealworms. But there are one or two points I would like to know, and perhaps Mr. Boulton will be good enough to make them clear to me. The first is: How long do the boxes last? Do they have to be renewed, that is, to turn all out and make a fresh start? The second point is: Do the mealworms come to the top of the material, etc., which is placed in the box, as it would be inconvenient to remove it each time you wished to take out a supply? I find mine go damp this time of the year. Perhaps I do not keep them warm enough. I wish your paper, CAGE BIRDS, all success.

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Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

SIR,—Will you allow me space re the above? For some time past I have read in CAGE BIRDS letters from two parties, and, of course, both parties think they have a grievance. I think both are headstrong. Now, for the good of the Fancy, I would suggest that some true fancier try and get both sections to meet and come to some understanding and unite for this 1909 season. Every fancier knows we are too small to be divided just yet, and if we are divided I fear both will be near death when the shows are over. I hope this will bring about a re-union and that delegates will meet from both sides and patch up old sores for this one year, and perhaps we may see a much brighter side view of things next year. I hope both parties will meet halfway and work together like true fanciers, and have a record show in Dublin this coming season.

A PROVINCIAL MEMBER.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to learn that I have succeeded in curing three of my Canaries after they had been very ill for about a week. In each case the symptoms were the same as in the case of Mr. T. Robson's birds. I have sent a bottle of my remedy to Mr. Wilkinson for him to try on his British birds as I have none ill now of my own. I am anxiously awaiting a reply from Mr. Wilkinson. If the remedy proves successful in his case I shall have no hesitation in placing it on sale, as I am convinced that it cured my Canaries, and noticed a great improvement after the first dose.

E. CHARLES.

SIR,—I have been reading in CAGE BIRDS for the last three or four weeks about fanciers losing their birds, and I see that a remedy is wanted to prevent same. A few months ago I stated in CAGE BIRDS that I successfully pulled my Goldfinch through when I had almost given him up. The very same remedy I use for all my birds, with equal results. The following is the remedy which has been applied in the case of Linnets, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, and Canaries: Tincture of rhubarb one ounce, tincture of gentian one ounce (half teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water). Since using this remedy I have not lost a bird. Only to-day a fancier told me he had lost his Linnet, while three others told me a similar sad story two or three weeks ago. This remedy may be of use to those requiring one, but if anyone tries it, give it the birds as soon as you notice anything wrong, and it will soon pull them round. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

F. PRATLEY.

SIR,—Since I wrote the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of July 31st, I am pleased to say many fanciers have replied to it. Some of the suggestions are, of course, very weak; as if, for instance, an "Old Breeder" would think of using brass or copper drinking or seed vessels. At first I thought it was the seed which might have been kiln dried, but after testing about fifty seeds in a flower pot, I found they all germinated, so I could not lay it at the door of the seed. Neither was it the egg food, which might have become contaminated by passing through a machine, as I always chop it with a knife and give it in clean glass vessels. The water was not the cause either, as it comes from the pump. Some years ago I did lose a lot of birds by giving them soft water from the water tubs, it having been out in the sun and become stagnant. The cages were well disinfected and cleaned before and after each breeding season; so I could not blame the cages. The remedies I have tried have all ended in failure. There is something in Mr. Oddy's sulphur treatment, I feel certain, although I have not tried it. I should have done so had I the convenience, as I know what benefit it is to vines infected with red spider; but it was not the rock sulphur that was used for them, but the flowers of sulphur. I have given the flowers of sulphur in small and large quantities in the egg food to see if that would have any effect, but it had none that I could see. I am sorry to see that Mr. Robson's birds have had the disease so badly. I hope even yet to see some of our medical fanciers give their opinion of it, and, maybe, suggest a remedy. I anxiously look forward each week for CAGE BIRDS to see what answers and suggestions your numerous readers may give.

OLD BREEDER.

SIR,—I have been very much interested in the correspondence which has been going on for these last few weeks *re* "Fatal Diseases," and I feel it my duty to help my fellow fanciers if I can. For two years I have tried a new method of feeding with such good results that I can safely recommend it to your readers. In 1908 I put up twelve pairs and bred 88 young ones. This year (1909) I put up twelve pairs, but unfortunately I lost one hen, which left me with eleven pairs, and I bred 94 youngsters. During the last two years I only lost one young bird after they had got on "sticks," and that happened whilst I was away on my holidays. My method of feeding is as follows:—I use hard-boiled eggs (let them be new-laid) with bread-crumbs, a good supply of milk sop, which I put on boards, as it keeps better this way than in the ordinary egg glass. I also give a good supply of hemp seed, also plenty of green food—dandelion, or watercress or lettuce. When I take the youngsters away I give them milk sop three or four times a day and a good supply of crushed hemp seed about twice a day; no egg food whatever, no soaked German rape seed, the only diet being milk sop and crushed hemp. I fill up the seed hoppers with Spanish seed. I also give them water to drink as soon as I take them away with a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food to one quart of water. This prevents their drinking a lot of water, but what they do drink will do them good. I keep this on all through the moult. My experience of over twenty years teaches me that egg food and the drinking too much water causes inflammation of the bowels—some call it septic fever. Immediately the bird shows any sign of being ill you should examine it to see if it is red and swollen on the stomach. If that is the case, get about one square inch of lard, or vaseline, or olive oil, and as much hot cayenne pepper as you can scoop up with a sixpence. Mix the two together into a salve, then apply with your finger to the affected part. This will remove the inflammation. During moulting I feed my green Yorkshires with some fancy loaf which contains egg, my wife baking these loaves in the ordinary way as for the table. This takes the place of colour food. I wish every success to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I have read from the first copy.

C. PICKUP.

The Glasgow & District Derby and its Membership.

SIR,—The membership of the Glasgow and District Derby is far down. The Secretary has done all he can to dispose of the tickets. He tells me that fanciers to whom tickets were sent put them into an open envelope and returned the tickets without any indication where they came from. Such a callous method is unbusinesslike and, worse still, is discouraging to a hard-working secretary. Another official had a similar experience, and one of the defaulters was the secretary of another society, and the President of the same association has never accounted for the membership tickets sent to him. This discourtesy will "knock the bottom out" of the Scotch Fancy Canary hobby by-and-bye, and no society will eventually be able to get suitable men to take office. The publication of these facts may cause the discourteous to think, and in future show some consideration to our secretaries.

A MEMBER OF THE DERBY.

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Successful Catching with Spring Net Traps.

SIR,—Will you please allow me space in your grand paper, CAGE BIRDS, in answer to Mr. J. Knight, under the above heading? I have got seven of these traps, and find them of great use all the year round. I am only a novice at bird-catching, but I can always get a good catch with these. I have tried trap cages, but Finches fight shy of them. I always thought that these traps were for Nightingales only, but I have caught all kinds of birds with great success.

GEORGE SMITH.

An Australian Hybrid Breeder's Difficulties.

SIR,—I have bred two very nice Hybrids, a cross between a Zebra and an African Silverbill, and another cross between the Blackheart (or Long-tailed Grassfinch) and a Nutmeg Finch. I entered them in two shows out here in Melbourne, Australia, but, unfortunately, the judges are not proficient enough for that class of bird. Give them a common everyday Goldfinch and Canary and it appears they are all right. It is very disheartening to Hybridisers in Victoria. Hybrids are not very easy to obtain, as no doubt you know. At one show at which I entered them, in a class of eight, they were "wrong classed"; in the next show I entered them in the dark class but they "wrong classed" the one, and the other was not looked at. The Zebra cross has distinct white markings on him and is a very good specimen. I am sorry I haven't got photos of them for you, as you would be able to form an opinion of them. I have had quite a number of fanciers visiting my aviaries to see them. These few lines may prove interesting to your English readers. I wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it fully deserves.

A. G. BOARDMAN.

Insectivorous Birds and Soft Food Mixtures.

SIR,—No one seems to have commented on Mr. Finn's recent advice to aviculturists to attempt rearing the young of insectivorous birds on a soft food mixture; but I think his remarks should not pass unchallenged, because it appears to me they hardly do justice either to the modern school of aviculturists or to himself. Mr. Finn urges us to be "experimental," as though we were obstinate people tenaciously adhering to certain antiquated ideas; but, as a matter of fact, our whole hobby is one long experiment, and certainly all the successful aviculturists that I have met have been thoughtful people, always reaching for new ideas. The co-called "experiment" which Mr. Finn asks us to try certainly does not seem to be a novel one. Practically every species of British bird has been kept in aviaries at one time or another, and the great majority on some soft food mixture. If, therefore, it were practicable to rear the young of insectivorous species on these "mixtures," we should expect to find that the great majority of British species had been successfully bred. Yet, as I pointed out in a paper I contributed to the Aviculture Magazine some two years since, of all the insectivorous and semi-insectivorous species (including in this category all the Waders, Larks and Buntings, Warblers, Thrushes, Chats and Tits), only 13 species have probably been actually bred and fully reared. The only additions to this list that I have since noted are the Ring Ouzel, said to have been bred by the Zoological Society, and the Blackcap and Cirl Bunting, bred by myself. It seems not unreasonable to infer that possibly this want of success may be due to the very system which Mr. Finn recommends, namely, that of expecting our birds to rear their young on the artificial and unnatural foods on which the adults have—often with much difficulty—been "meated off." I certainly am not one of the aviculturists to whom Mr. Finn alludes, who cry "impossible!" but I must say that when I come to examine the facts on which Mr. Finn bases his argument, they appear to me to be entirely exceptional and inadequate. He gives us this one instance of a young Bank-Mynah being reared to the age of fourteen days at the Zoo without the addition of live insect food to the ordinary diet. I was at the Zoo the other day and made some enquiries about this case, and ascertained that the young Mynah had not at that date (29th July) left the nest, so we do not as yet even know if it will reach maturity, and also that this occurrence had taken place in the very large and lofty central division of the Western Aviary, where the parents could easily have found a large number of insects if they had foraged for themselves. Assuming, however, for the moment that this young bird really was fed on artificial food alone, and assuming that it will reach maturity, your readers will be able to judge how exceptional this event is when I say that Mr. Sutton, who used to be the keeper of the Western Aviary, and whose experience of that institution extends, I believe, over a period of more than 20 years, tells me that in the whole of that period he never remembers a single instance of any young of any species being reared on artificial food alone. I think, as I said above, that Mr. Finn hardly does justice to himself when he puts forward an isolated occurrence such as this as a basis for further experiments in this direction. He does not seem to see that the principles he derides are not the fads of a few aviculturists, but the outcome of the exhaustive experiments of Nature herself extending over a period of time of which the human mind can form no just conception, because we must all have observed that not only the "Softbills," but also the majority of the smaller "Hardbills" rear their young almost entirely on live insects, and only breed at that period of the year when such insects are procurable. But this is not the whole of my objection to Mr. Finn's precepts. I have spoken above of the "modern school of aviculturists." I am not sure that I have any right to use so magniloquent a phrase, or even whether there is such a thing as a school of aviculture at all, seeing the unfortunate differences of opinion among aviculturists; but after making due allowance for these differences and bickerings, I think we are gradually reaching a consensus of opinion which we may express in the following terms:—

(1) That birds should be kept under as natural conditions as possible, and

(2) That they should be fed on the simplest and most natural foods.

When, therefore, Mr. Finn advises the use of meat and egg he appears to me to be leading us backwards, and not forwards. For instance, all the old books recommend meat and egg for the Nightingale, yet we do not hear of much success in keeping this species. Last year I had a Sprosser (or European Nightingale) which sang for 49 weeks without intermission of a single day, and this summer a Nightingale sang in my birdroom from 14th April to 2nd June. This Nightingale and another, caught in April, have just moulted well, yet they have never had (nor do I ever use) meat, egg, or mealworms. I will not discuss the question whether meat and egg are good foods or not: I merely say that they appear not to be indispensable. The use of vegetable foods is also an old idea; for instance, in all Bechstein's "mixtures" we find "grated carrot" included. Mr. Finn's argument is certainly a quaint one. Because insectivorous birds eat caterpillars, and caterpillars contain some undigested vegetable substances, therefore the latter should be included in the diet of the former. As well might one argue that because mice eat cheese, and Tawny Owls swallow mice whole, therefore cheese must be good for Owls! Probably many of the insectivorous birds besides the fruit-eaters do consume some vegetable matter, and I have myself seen the Chiffchaffs in Italy in the winter picking at the withered olives, but it does not appear to be a necessity for such species as the Nightingale, at all events, and it adds considerably to the time expended in preparing the food. I have thought it advisable not to let Mr. Finn's remarks pass without comment, for two reasons. In the first place, they give a false idea of what aviculturists are doing nowadays. We do not waste our time in "expelling Nature with a fork" (as the Latin proverb puts it), but at the same time we are all of us constantly trying to ameliorate the conditions of keeping and feeding our birds, while adhering as closely as possible to "first principles." I have also another reason, namely, that I think if this advice were carried out it would lead to unnecessary loss of life. I well know, however, that Mr. Finn is as anxious as any of us to improve the conditions of aviculture, and I feel sure my remarks will be accepted in the friendly spirit in which they are made.

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A Skylark of Sixteen Summers.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. Watson's notes on the Lark Family, and more especially in reference to the Skylark, he says that they do not live to a great age. I, however, have a Skylark that is 16 years old, and is a contest bird. He won the championship this season, and has sung many a time this season. He is through the moult now and is singing again. He has sung altogether in 220 contests, and has been in the money 200 times. He has won eight copper kettles from the Bradford and District Skylark Singing Society. The bird's name is "Boldys Tug," and my address is 33, Mount Terrace, Eccleshill, Bradford. INTERESTED.

The First-Year Experience of a Novice.

SIR,—I am writing to let you know my experience as a novice during my first year of breeding Canaries. I started with five birds—three hens and two cock birds—in March. The first young ones were hatched in April, and the last on the 1st of August, and I had a total number of 63. I never had an unfertilised egg, nor have I lost a bird, thanks to information gleaned from CAGE BIRDS. I made my own cages. They are 3ft. long, 11in. wide, and 20in. high. I use sawdust and sand mixed for the cage floor. I give them fresh water and seed every morning, and sometimes I give the water twice a day. I feed the birds on white seed when the hens are sitting. I give them egg food on the 13th day of incubation, and then I give a little dandelion when the young ones are three days' old, hemp when they are four days old, and I continue with a pinch of maw seed until they are twenty-three days old. Then I place them in a double breeder until they are seven weeks old. I also feed them on egg food twice a day, crushed hemp and white seed ground to a flour until they are able to crack the seed for themselves. I find they are able to look after themselves at the age of seven weeks, when I place them in a flight which is 4yds. long, 4ft. 6in. wide, and 4ft. high. They bathe every morning and can take a little green food, that is, dandelion twice a week. I have had ten nests of young ones, five nests of seven, three of six, and two of five, making a total of 63. I had one young one hatched with one wing; there is no sign of any other wing, and it is now nine weeks old. It is a cock bird and is singing and doing well. Is this not a record for a novice? May I wish success to CAGE BIRDS? It has been my only guide.

WM. HUTCHINSON.

The Appeal for an Old Fancier.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space to thank those who have so kindly supported me in my appeal on behalf of Mr. W. Shakespeare, in his time of need. I am glad to see our old friend about with us again, and I am sure Mr. and Mrs. Chillcott, of Southend-on-Sea, will receive their reward for the excellent way they entertained our old friend free of all cost. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery, of Paignton, South Devon, and the members of the Highgate and Hampstead and District C.B.S., who came forward so nobly at the meeting with £1 6s. 2d. are deserving of special thanks. Other donors were: Mrs. G. E. Weston 5s., Miss N. Nickels 5s.; Mr. W. G. Byne 5s., Mr. C. W. Law 2s. 6d., Mr. Reynolds 1s., Mr. Oldaker 1s., Mr. G. Wood 6d., making the grand total of £2 6s. 2d. Our old friend would be glad to do any work that would come his way should any brother or sister fancier require any assistance in any shape or form. A post-card to W. Shakespeare, 233, Kentish Town Road, N.W., would find him. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my children ye did it unto me." Thanking you for your kind support in giving space in CAGE BIRDS.

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LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, September 4th, when 15 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Bland; 3rd shared between Wigfield and Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, P. Madden, J. Whittaker. Also on September 5th, when 19 birds faced judges, Messrs. A. Jennings, B. Mawson, W. Naylor, and some very good singing was heard. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Sissons.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Peterborough (C.B.U.).—Oct. 7, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. S. H. Mays, and J. H. Roe; 31 open classes: Nor. 10, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 9, For. 2, Sell. 3, Extra Stock 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Sept. 27, to S. L. Cocks, Eastfield, Peterborough.

Newmilns (B.F.C.C.).—Sept. 25, Morton Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Hannay, J. Kennedy, Jnr., and J. B. Y. Murdock; 39 open classes: Scots. 12, Bord. 7, Nor. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 7, Sell. 6, Gift 1. Prizes on sliding scale, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Sept. 23, to R. D. MAIR, 22, Riverbank Street, Newmilns, Ayrshire.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Monkey's Bane.

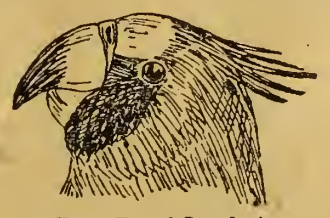
Mr. Kipling says in his delightful "Jungle Book" about the great python, the most fascinating character—in more senses than one—of the story, to my way of thinking, that the whisper of his name makes the monkeys' wicked tails grow cold. In the Philippine Islands the monkeys have got another enemy to shiver over in the person of the terrible Monkey Eagle, which is now creating such a sensation at the Zoo. This awful bird is more like a giant Hawk than an Eagle in shape, but his beak is an exaggeration of the Eagle's, being long, narrow, exceedingly deep, quite bill hook shaped, in fact. One can well fancy how, when a wretched monkey has been gripped by the powerful talons, this fearsome instrument will "cut cleanly through his cervical vertebræ." Another notable point about this bird is his great mop of a crest, striped with brown and white, under which look out a pair of eyes as cold and cruel as a leopard's. Truly, a monkey's life is not all nuts and apples!

A Pigmy Fiend.

A contrast to this Eagle in size, but equalling him in ferocity, is a South American Pigmy Owl, which was recently imported, and has passed into the hands of a well-known aviculturist. This malevolent midget is only about as big as a Hawfinch, but its yellow eyes gleam with ferocity, and from the way in which it endeavoured to intimidate observers by rolling its head about and puffing out its plumage, it might have been the Monkey-killer itself. It is this bird, or an allied species, which is credited in Chili with attacking and killing a large Ibis. Attacking its victim on the ground, it fastens it under its wings, and the big bird, maddened with terror, flies up and up, till at last, exhausted, it falls to the ground a prey to its tiny tormentor. If this really happens, what occurs no doubt is, that the Ibis ultimately overbalances itself in its flight, and turning over and over strikes the ground and is killed by the fall. It is curious that a rather similar story is told by the natives in India about a Pigmy Falcon and the great Sarus Crane, which is what makes me inclined to believe that there is some truth in both tales.

Rarity and Hardiness.

Speaking of rarities reminds me what a curious thing it is that many species which are quite rare in aviculture, are hardier in captivity, and even, often, much more inclined to breed in that state than allied species, which are abundant both in the bird trade and in a state of nature. For instance, the rare Violet-eared Waxbill seems to be a better liver than the common Cordon Bleu; the choice and valuable Parrot Finch



Uvean Horned Parrakeet.

lives far better than the common, if more beautiful, Pintailed Nonpariel, and breeds quite freely; the Silver-eared Mesia is much hardier than its relative, the Pekin Robin; and, while that bird is very disinclined to breed, the Mesia has in every case where it has been given the opportunity of doing so, tried to nest, though owing to accidents no young have been fully reared; while, last of all, we have recently had proof that the Black-faced Lovebird has a very strong tendency to reproductions, and may in time rival the Budgerigar in this respect, while the Peach-faced Lovebird, also comparatively rare, is another good breeder.

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How to Colour-Feed.

By the time your young birds of the first round are from nine to ten weeks' old, you must prepare for getting them on to colour-food. It is advisable to lay in a stock of colour-feed that will see completely through the moult all the birds you may have, if you wish to ensure equal strength for all periods.

A dozen birds can, as a rule, be successfully moulted on one pound of colour-feed, and each pound of colour should be composed of 14ozs. of sweet pepper and 2ozs. of hot. Then add to each 4lbs. 1lb. of ground linseed, or, as it is called, linseed meal. Get this mixture ready at least a fortnight before it is required, so that the colour will get struck into the linseed meal. The idea of adding the meal to the colour is based on the fact of linseed being absolutely the best thing that can be used during the moulting season to get the feathers off, besides furnishing the new ones with oil for proper growth, at the same time giving the birds assistance in getting that desirable sheen so much admired. Many birds will not eat linseed when it is given in the whole seed, and this, therefore, gets over the difficulty.

When your birds are from ten to twelve weeks old you must begin by giving a small quantity of egg food slightly coloured with pepper, gradually increasing it until the quantity added gives the food a bright and solid red appearance, taking care that the strength does not vary much day by day. Then when the blood is thoroughly impregnated it does not matter how quickly the feathers come off—the quicker the better, in fact. You can rest assured the colour will then be alright.

Young birds show the new feathers breaking through at each side of the body and wing shoulders, and as a rule they look very brilliant in contrast with the nest feathers, which are usually pale. The body feathers gradually spread until they meet at the breast, and by this time the soft feathers on the back will be on a long way towards renewal, working up towards the neck and down the centre of the head.

"Tailing" and "Flighting" the Young.

When this stage is reached it is usual to "tail" the Yorkshires, and maybe "flight" them also, but the latter is not desirable, except, perhaps, where an extra good bird has got the flights badly broken, when it is permissible.

"Tailing" is quite easy to attend to. Practically only one care is required, and that is to pull the feathers slightly inwards—the feathers on the left side to the right and those on the right side to the left. The reason for this is that should you pull the feathers outwardly the tail root is disturbed and widened, and is apt to cause the tail to grow wide, instead of being (as is termed in Yorkshire) "like a pipe stopper"; that is, like a pipe stem, very narrow and compact.

Should "flighting" be absolutely necessary, great care must be exercised, and you must not by any means attempt this operation if you are not thoroughly used to handling birds. Also you must not suffer from "nerves," as the merest slip will result in either a broken or a strained wing. Catch the bird, hold well in the hand, place the wing where the feathers grow from between the finger and thumb, and then draw with a gentle pull the few feathers you wish to remove. Return the bird into the cage, but first lower the perches within easy jumping distance of the cage bottom, so as to enable it to get a little exercise without any risk of damaging itself.

When and How to Withhold Colour.

When all the longest feathers on the body appear to be pretty well grown, and only the short ones about the head and neck remain yet to moult, you can begin to slightly wean the birds from the colour. Miss giving it, say, twice a week, as by this time the blood will be thoroughly impregnated, and will only need a small quantity to fulfil the requirements.

Another thing about this matter is that colour-feeding, as a rule, and particularly when used in a moist state, is apt to keep birds a trifle on the soft side, and it is impossible to get birds into good, hard condition, fit for showing, until the colour is absolutely stopped. Should you be using moist food, it is better at the latter end to gradually work the birds on to dry food, as they will then get into condition much quicker.

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BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The September monthly show was held at the King and Queen Assembly Room, Marlboro' Place, on September 1st. Mr. J. Donne judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Dandridge won the special for best cage bird, with a splendid pair of white Javas.

NOR.: Frost. YORKIES.: 1, 2, Dandridge; 3, Rodgers. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Dean. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Riddles. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Swayslaud. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, Dandridge; 3, Swayslaud.—A. RIDDLES, Assist. Hon. Sec.

LEYTON TRAMWAY CLUB.

On September 3rd and 4th a most delightful little show was held in the Concert Room of the Leyton Tramway Depot, by the members of the Social Club, and some very nice birds were staged, especially in the British and Foreign Classes. Mr. J. Fayle made a courteous secretary, and under his direction the committee had all in good working order. Mr. A. J. Marley judged.

CAN. (7): 1, spl, Roberts, variegated Yorkshire, in nice feather; 2, Stevens, good, chubby buff Norwich; 3, Lewis, pretty little German; 2, Griffiths; vhc, Flancy; hc, Gardner; c, Knightley. BRIT. (3): 1, Lever, very neat, well-marked Linnet, good shape and colour; 2, Lewis, grand colour and shape, nicely marked, also a Linnet; 3, Gardner, fine, big Linnet, not ready. FOR. (4): 1, spl, 3, Lever, rich-coloured, nice feathered Bishop, and a pretty little Zebrafinch; 2, Stevens, very nice blue-fronted Amazon, in good plumage; c, Finney.

WELLINGBORO' (Combined.)

The new venture of the Cage Bird and Horticultural Societies in holding a combined show on August 21st, in the Town Cricket Grounds, proved a success. The general secretary, Mr. W. Howe (secretary of the Wellingboro' and Dis. C.B.S.), assisted by Messrs. W. G. Quartermaine and F. Sharman, had the arrangements for the show well in hand, and everybody seemed well pleased. Mr. A. Keech judged and appeared to give every satisfaction.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YELL. NOR.: 1, Smith; 2, Belcher; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Bateman, 2, W. Howe; 3, Martin; spl, Belcher. UNFLIG. YELL. NOR., 1909: 1, Belcher; 2, Smith; 3, W. H. Howe. BUFF: 1, W. Howe; 2, spl, W. H. Howe; 3, Bateman. A.O.V. CAN. MULE OR HYB.: 1, W. Howe; 2, Martin; 3, Charlesworth. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Belcher. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, R. J. Howe; 2, F. Howe; 3, H. Beleher. A.O.S. HARDBILL, SMALL: 1, spl, W. Howe; 3, H. Belcher. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, R. J. Howe. A.O.S.: 1, W. H. Howe; 2, H. Belcher; 3, spl, R. J. Howe. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, F. Howe. LARGE: 1, Morbey; 2, spl, F. Howe. A.O.V. (SELL.): 1, H. Belcher; 2, 3, W. H. Howe, Special for best bird in show, F. Howe.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

First annual club show, held Sept. 4th, in Masonic Hall. Messrs. J. Stenhouse, Fotheringham, and Wylie, acted as judges, and their awards gave every satisfaction. There was a large attendance of visitors; a big entry resulted from the work of the members, fully 130 birds being staged. Mr. Bruce's foreigners were an attraction.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, spl, 2, Fotheringham; 3, 4, Chambers; 5, Stenhouse; 6, Cowan. HEN: 1, 3, Fotheringham; 2, Stenhouse; 4, Cowan; 5, Laing; 6, Chambers. CREST: 1, spl, 2, 3, 5, Veitch; 4, Smart. C.B.: Mr. Vietch took all honours. YELL. NOR.: 1, Barclay; 2, McHale; 3, Smart; 4, Barclay; 5, Dickson. HEN: 1, 3, Barclay; 2, 4, 6, Dickson; 5, Smart. BUFF CK.: 1, 5, Barclay; 2, 6, McHale; 3, 4, Dickson. HEN: 1, McHale; 2, 6, Smart; 3, 4, Dickson; 5, Barclay. YELL. BORD: 1, 2, 3, Anderson. HEN: 1, Hunter; 2, Duff; 3, Anderson. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, 4, Anderson; 2, Duff; 3, 5, 6, Duff. HEN: 1, 3, Anderson; 2, 4, 5, 6, Dunn. YORKS. CK.: 1 spl, 2, 3, Ford; 4, Hunter. HEN: 1, 3, 4, 5, Ford; 2, Hunter. COM.: 1, Dickson; 2, Stenhouse; 3, Duff; 4, Barclay; 5, Anderson; 6, Vietch. MULE: 1, 3, 4, 5, Vietch; 2, Ford; 6, Hunter. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, Stenhouse; 3, Hunter; 4, 6, Sneddon; 5, McConville. FOR.: Bruce took all honours. GIFT CAN.: 1, Fotheringham; 2, Sneddon; 3, Vietch; 4, Smart; 5, Dickson; 6, Anderson. BRIT.: 1, Chambers; 2, Duff.—J. FORD, Sec.

AUGHTON (Ormskirk).

The Aughton Society held their 15th annual open show of cage birds, etc., in four large spacious tents in a field adjoining the Town Green Station on September 1st. The cage bird section comprised eight classes, and these brought out over 40 exhibits, which were better in quality than at any show before, and must be counted extra good just now when so many birds are in the moult. The British birds were good all-round, and Mr. Walker's winning Nightingale, and Messrs. Johnson Brothers' winning Bunting were both about perfect in every feature. The Linnets were above common, too, especially the winner. The hybrids were a strong class, and several promising young Goldfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, and Goldfinch-Greenfinch Mules were on view. Only a few Yorkshires, Norwich and Borders were staged, but the winners in these were very neat specimens. It was a fine show taking all sections, and only the weather spoilt the gate, which no doubt would have been a big one had it been fine. However, the committee and officials all worked hard, and were very cheery, especially the chairman, who gave his men every encouragement. Mr. S. F. Anderton, the live stock hon. sec., is a very capable man, has had great experience, and knows exactly how best to get through his work. This show has great patronage from all the leading local gentry and fanciers, which means a lot, for here are some of the finest all-round exhibitors to be found in the kingdom. You only need to mention "Ormskirk," and it is a guarantee of something out of the common. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged the cage birds, and gave apparent satisfaction. In spite of the weather there were quite a host of motor cars bringing the gentry from all around, and Bold Lane was quite en fete all the afternoon.

Critique.

BRIT. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, Walker, very smart trio, two Nightingales, and a Yellow Wagtail, all in very tight condition and well shown; r, Bell, a good-sized Robin, looking a bit thick or soft when we were taking notes. HARDBILLS (9): 1, 2, Johnson Bros., perfectly-feathered Bunting and a good Hawfinch, latter hardly so good in feather as former; 3, r, Moss, moulted Bullie, in grand feather, very pale yet on breast, and a large Snow Bunting, in good feather and condition; vhc, hc, c, Bell, Bullie, Yellow Bunting and a Goldfinch respectively, hardly up to the form of others. FOR. (3): 1, Walker, very prettily spangled and conditioned pair of Budgerigars, shown on small branches in cage which they evidently enjoy, and keep steady with it; 2, Bell, Blue-winged Lovebird, in nice condition; No. 3 absent. YORKS. (7): 1, Gardiner, pretty-feathered cl. buff, well rounded, and in very tight condition, stands well; 2, hc, Walker, 2nd very heavily variegated, long raking bird, well up on leg, would do for Green breeding with a suitable Green partner; 3, Withington, grand type of a cl. yell., bit puffy or might nearly have won, hard lines to be off condition; r, vhc, Hurst, nice pair hut smaller; c, Price. NOR. (4): 1, 2, J. Foster, big variegated yell., and a very cobby variegated buff, both up in size and other properties; 3, Price, smaller cl. yell., good quality, nice condition. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Tiffen, very smart pair of typical Borders, very gay and jaunty, in splendid feather; 3, Orritt, smaller yell. Border, bit soiled in plumage, nice type. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Crompton Bros., very smart but small Linnet-Can., in perfect feather and condition; 2, 3, hc, Lewis, 2nd fine big young buff Goldfinch-Can.; 3rd, variegated buff Gold.-Can., lost some tail feathers or might possibly have won; hc, young buff Gold-Can., smaller; r, Lewis, buff Gold.-Can., grand feather and condition, white collar round neck; vhc, c, Johnson Bros.; vhc, Young, Goldfinch-Greenfinch. LINNET (6): 1, Moss, fine size, shape and markings, in rare health and condition; 2, Price, deeper colour, good in markings, nice shape and showy on perch; 3, Crompton Bros., upstanding deep bolour, fine quality and condition, good markings; r, Tiffin, fine chested bird, deep colour and glossy, hut equals on heels a bit to-day, or might have gone higher; vhc, Johnson Bros., big bird, but would not take perches.

RUTHIN.

A most successful show was held in connection with the Horticultural Exhibition at Ruthin Castle Grounds, on September 2nd. The weather was very favourable, and the attendance good. A most enjoyable day was spent, the park being open to the public all the time. The arrangements were well carried out, and a splendid marquee was adapted for the purpose. The efficient secretary, Mr. T. Roberts, and the officials were a good staff of experienced hands, and had everything in order. The Yorkshires had almost all the classes to themselves; they were good in quality and in numbers. British and Mules were not so numerous; a few good ones were shown, however. The majority of the classes were for young birds, and a few of the promising youngsters no doubt will be heard of again. Mr. W. C. Roberts (Llandudno), made the awards.

CAN.: 1, O. H. Williams, cl. yell., nice length, stands well, beautifully fed, wings well up; 2, J. W. Hughes, cl. buff, good type, close feather; 3, J. O. Williams, variegated, promising youngster, well through moult, Harlech winner; res., J. O. Williams, wing mkd. buff, grand length, style and quality. MULE: 1, T. Williams, four-pointed Linnet Mule, nice size, quality, well shown; 2, J. H. Davies, variegated Goldfinch Mule, good size, and markings; 3, W. P. Davies, variegated Goldfinch-Can., runs 2nd close; res., R. Williams, very good dark Siskin Mule, in the opinion of some should have been higher. BRIT. (Goldfinch excluded): 1, D. Williams, Bullfinch, grand size, good cap, in nice form, not started to moult; 2, Master J. Williams, another Bullie, lovely type, deep in moult; 3, R. H. Hughes, good Chaffinch, beginning to moult; res., Pinnington, Hawk, very steady, well shown. BEST FIRST FEATHER BIRD: 1, J. O. Williams, cl. yell., rare length and feather, very promising; 2, J. Hughes, already noticed, 3 cl. buff, close feathered, stands well; res., W. P. Davis. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, D. E. Williams, good Finch, square blaze, fine moons, very steady, 2nd good size, colour of blaze, will improve, 3, R. H. Hughes, good-coloured bird, condition against him to-day; res., R. M. Roberts, heavy in moult.

A TRIO OF AUSTRALASIAN SHOWS.

NEWTON P. AND CANARY CLUB.

Twentieth annual show held in the Foresters' Hall, Edinburg-street, Newton, Auckland. This show is considered the Crystal Palace of New Zealand, being until recently the only Pigeon and Canary show south of the line. There were 168 entries in the cage bird section. The Scotch Fancy was represented by four specimens, Mrs. Bane capturing the special for best in the show in that variety. In the Yorkshire clear yellow class (14) Mr. Hanson won 1st and special, and Mr. Vercoe 2nd. In the other classes, Hanson and Vercoe usually came out on top. In the Norwich classes C. R. Duncan was very much to the front with his noted winning team. P. R. Syers also did well, J. J. O'Rorke won special for best clear buff, Syers and Coleman for best yellow and marked, Duncan for best clear yellow with a lovely model, the winner of the cup at Auckland. In the Crests, W. A. Hanson won the North Island championship with a lovely green specimen, whilst C. Otto scored special in Crested-bred. P. R. Syers came on top with Cinnamons. In the Lizards, Ben Lee had five entries. The judge congratulated him on the quality of the birds, and was sorry there was no competition. Cage of four birds any variety, J. Williamson, 1st and special with four splendid Crests, Vercoe 2nd with four Yorkies, P. R. Syers 1st for light Mule, whilst J. J. O'Rorke 1st and special for the best dark Mule (6). Goldies (6), L. Binns, 1st, Tait 2nd. Hybrids, Syers, with a Greenfinch and Goldie cross. What in New Zealand we call a Greenfinch is about twice the size of the English bird, and altogether different. Any Variety Finch, Syers, with a Greenie, 1st. A. E. Henley had a very pretty Ribbon Finch. The usual dinner was held, and the club is to be congratulated on its prosperous state.

NORTH SUBURBAN CANARY I.S.

The above society held their 14th annual show of Canaries, Finches, and Pigeons, in the Brunswick Town Hall, on June 17th and 18th and 19th. The society is to be congratulated upon another very successful show, the exhibitors numbering 675, this being a considerable increase on the number obtained the previous year. It was, in fact, the largest number of exhibits since the society's formation. The public patronised the show in considerable force; in fact, there was hardly room enough on the last night of the show for them to see the exhibits comfortably. The show was opened by the Mayoress, who was presented with a Canary and cage, nicely draped, by Mrs. G. Whaley. The exhibition was excellently managed by Mr. C. F. C. Rose, who proved himself an ideal secretary, and by Mr. G. Ward (president); these were ably supported by their capable committee, Messrs. Alder, Boardman, Baillie, Lockington, Whaley, Stevens, and Thompson, who had everything in capital order, and were courteous and obliging to all. While these gentlemen remain at the helm, there is small chance of any hitch occurring in the arrangements. The exhibitors, no doubt knew this by the way they sent their best birds to the show. The quality of the exhibits was tip-top, and in some of the classes deserved all credit. The first thing that caught the fancier's eye on entering the hall was the Victorian challenge shield, very nicely draped, and no donht they are proud to be in possession of it. This is the first time that it has been won from the Victorian Canary Society, the North Suhurhan Canary Society gaining 34 points as against 11 of the V.C.S., which speaks volumes for the North Suhurhan fanciers. The 25 guineas, open Crest was won by S. Chambers; 15 guineas, open Crest-bred, G. Whaley; 10 guineas, novice Crest, H. Hagg; 5 guineas, novice Crest-bred, J. Wales. The other principal prize winners were: W. H. Stevens, for variegated Crested Norwich; A. B. Mason, for green Crested cock, a real beauty; G. Whaley and S. Chambers for Crest-bred; Norwich challenge trophy was won by G. Whaley, who had some first-class birds on the bench; Norwich Plainhead, Warner and Rose, F. White, C. E. Schieferdecker, and E. Baillie; Cinnamons, W. L. Thompson; Yorkshires, W. J. Myring, G. Worthington and F. Wenk; A. G. Boardman, 1st and special for a lovely pair of Starfinches, and 1st and special for best collection of Finches. Some very rare specimens of Foreign birds were staged by this exhibitor. Messrs. E. Sharpe, G. W. Alexander, A. G. Gardner, A. S. Hyndman, F. Belcher, and G. A. Keartland judged.

Mr. E. Sharp's Classes.

CREST, cayenne fed or nat. colour: 1, Whaley; 2, Bennet. C.B.: 1, 2, Whaley; 3, Drayton; vhc, Stevens. CREST (cayenne fed, Colonial bred, clear, etc., Crest): 1, Whaley; 2, Wales; 3, Hagg. CL. BODY, D.C.: Whaley. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., CREST REN: 1, spl, Stevens; 2, Ness. UNEVENLY MKD., VARIEG., ETC., HEN: 1, Chambers; 2, Stevens; 3, Wales. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, Chambers; 2, Alder; vhc, he, Hagg. CREST (Colonial bred, Nat. col., Cl., etc.): 1, Whaley. CL. BODY, D.C.: 1, Hagg; 2, Stevens. EVENLY MKD. CREST: Mason. UNEVENLY MKD. VARIEG., ETC.: CK.: 1, spl, Mason; 2, Alder. HEN: 1, Chambers; 2, Ness; 3, Bennett. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, Chambers; 2, Stevens; 3, Verey; vhc, Mason. PAIRS, CREST and C.B.: 1, Mason; 2, Whaley; 3, Stevens; vhc, Ponsford; hc, Chambers; c, Bennett. CREST (novices only): 1, spl, 2, Greenwood; 3, Jilhert; vhc, Robinson. C.B. PLAINHEAD (cayenne fed, Colonial bred) BUFF: 1, spl, Whaley; 2, Bennett; 3, Chambers; vhc, Wales; hc, Drayton. A.C. HEN: 1, 3, Whaley; 2, Stevens; hc, Bennett. COCK OR HEN (under 12 months): 1, Whaley; 2, Stevens; 3, Chambers; vhc, Verey; hc, Alder and Bennett. (Novices only): 1, spl, 3, Jilhert; 2, Robinson. C.B. PLAINHEAD, BUFF: 1, spl, Chambers; 2, Whaley; 3, Alder; vhc, Drayton. A.C. HEN: Whaley. COCK OR HEN (under 12 months): 1, Whaley; 2, Mason; 3, Wales; vhc, Chambers; hc, Ponsford.

Mr. G. W. Alexander's Classes.

CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR PLAINHEAD (17): Whaley. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Whaley; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Verey. HEN: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Bennett; 3, Verey. BUFF, CK.: 1, White; 2, Drayton; 3, Hilton. HEN: 1, Whalley; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Hubbard. CL. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, spl, Verey; 2, Whaley; 3, Alder. PAIR CL. (in one cage): 1, Schieferdecker; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Gardiner. TKD. (unevenly mkd., etc.) YELL. CK.: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Drayton; 3, Whaley. HEN: 1, Hilton; 2, White; 3, Schieferdecker. BUFF, CK.: 1, Hilton; 2, Whaley; 3, Drayton. HEN: 1, Gardiner; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Verey. (Under 12 months): 1, spl, Schieferdecker; 2, Whaley; 3. White. PAIR VARIEG. (in one cage), YELL. AND BUFF: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Cole; 3, White. GREEN (any colour): 1, Thompson; 2, White. NOR. NAT. COL. (8), CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Alder; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, White. HEN (7): 1, Warner and Rose; 2, vhc, Baillie; 3, White; vhc, Whaley. BUFF (11): 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Hilton; 3, Alder; vhc, Baillie. HEN (8): 1, spl, Baillie; 2, Alder; 3, Warner and Rose; vhc, Whaley. CL. A.C. (under 12 months) (9): 1, 3, Whaley; 2, Alder; vhc, Hilton. PAIR CL. (in one cage), YELL. AND BUFF.: 1, Baillie; 2, White; 3, Warner and Rose. A.C. (evenly mkd.): Ewhank. TKD., YELL. CK.: 1, Schieferdecker; 2, Hilton; 3, Mathieson ("Marcus"). YELL (unevenly mkd., etc.), HEN (11): 1, vhc, Warner and Rose; 2, Hilton; 3, Baillie. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, 3, Hilton; 2, Schieferdecker. HEN (13): 1, Mathieson ("Trilby"); 2, Alder; 3, Baillie. A.C. (under 12 months) (12): 1, spl, Schieferdecker; 2, Whaley; 3, Ewbank. PAIR VARIEG. (in one cage) (8): 1, Hilton; 2, Cole; 3, White. GREEN, A.C.: 1, 3, Kilner; 2, Thomson. CL. (Novice only) (13): 1, spl, 3, Chapman; 2, Brown. VARIEG. (Novice only) (16): 1, Chapman; 2, Hunter; 3, Malcolm.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner's Classes.

CINN. (Cinn. cup) (7): 1, cup, Thomson. YELL.: 1, spl, Thomson; 2, Francis. BUFF: 1, Thomson; 2, Francis; 3, Hagg. CAY. FED. OR NAT. COL. (under 12 months): 1, Davis; 2, Thomson; 3, Hagg. VARIEG.: 1, Thomson; 2, Francies; 3, Kilner. NAT. COL., YELL.: 1, Thomson; 2, Halse. BUFF: 1, Kilner; 2, Hagg; 3, Thomson. VARIEG.: 1, Thomson; 2, Halse. PAIR (in one cage): 1, Davis; 2, Thomson; 3, Cole. NOVICE: 1, Ward; 2, Ness; 3, Cole.

Mr. A. S. Hyndman's Classes.

YORKS. (Yorks. cup) (6): 1, cup, Worthington. NAT. COL., CL. YELL.: 1, Boston; 2, Goulding; 3, Hull. BUFF: 1, spl, Wenk; 2, Myring; 3, Goulding. VARIEG.: 1, Myring; 2, Boston; 3, Worthington; hc, Wenk. CINN. SELF-COL.: Myring. CINN. MKD.: J. Myring. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, Worthington; 2, Hull; 3, Goulding. A.C. (Novices only): 1, Worthington; 2, 3, Wenk.

Mr. F. Belcher's Classes.

LIZ. (Nat. col.) CK. OR HEN (any colour): Master E. Hewitt. MULES OR HYB., A.V., LIGHT: 1, S. Drayton; 2, P. Alford.

Mr. G. A. Keartland's Classes.

BRIT., GOLDFINCHES (house mtd.): 1, Knight; 2, Verey; 3, Alder. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lee; 2, Knight; 3, Beggs. AUST. FINCHES, STAR FINCH: 1, spl, Boardman. DIAMOND FINCH: 1, 2, Alford. A.O.S. FINCHES: Boardman. A.O.S. SINGLE FINCH: 1, 3, Boardman; 2, Alford. FOR. FINCHES, PAIR: 1, 3, hc, Boardman; 2, Master C. C. Rose. WEAVER: 1, 2, 3, Boardman. A.O.S. SINGLE FINCH: 1, 2, 3, hc, Boardman. COLLECTION OF 6 FINCHES (not less than 3 varieties): 1, 2, 3, spl, Boardman. FOR. AND AUST. BIRDS, A.V.: Dyer. COCKATOO: 1, Miss O'Brien; 2, Mrs. Storie; 3, Adams. ROSELLA: 1, spl, Hilda Hamilton; 2, Carnie; 3, Malcolm; hc, Mrs. Hemmingway. AUST.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Hamilton. FOR.: Mrs. Whaley.

AUCKLAND AND SUB. P.P. & C.A.

The association held its tenth annual show in the Choral Hall on June 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1909. The exhibits in the cage bird section were not so numerous on account of the biggest exhibitor selling out this year, he sometimes having about 60 or 70 entries; hut this circumstance brought to the front a few young fanciers who are just making a start in the hobby. There were 85 Canaries, three Hybrids, and three Finches entered, which accounted for a magnificent display of quality. There were only three colour-fed birds. Most fanciers here appear to be prejudiced against them. Only one Scotch Fancy was shown (Mr. A. J. Vercoe's flecked yellow, a well-known winner). There was strong competition in the Yorkshires, Messrs. W. A. Hanson and A. J. Vercoe being the chief winners, Mr. Vercoe winning the North Island championship. In Norwich Plainheads Mr. C. R. Duncan was very much in evidence, winning the cup for best bird in show, which becomes his own property now, he having won it last year. It was a real typical bird, and the award was rightly placed; it was a good, big clear yellow, standing well up, had a lovely head, nice short tail, and tight feather, was a regular model, and well shown. Mr. P. R. Syers had a number of good birds here. In the Crested, Mr. W. A. Hanson had a number of first-class birds, and won special for best dark Crest with a real beauty, while Mr. W. H. Hammond captured the Light Crest honours. In the Crested-bred, Mr. J. Williamson was awarded the special with a very good specimen. In the Cinnamon classes, Mr. P. R. Syers scored the special, and in every class got home first; there was not much competition, but still there was quality. There were no entries in Lizards. In the colour-fed classes, Mr. Syers again got the special, and also in the Mules, but Mr. J. Williamson some thought had hard luck, and if there had been a better light the judge might have reversed his decision. Mr. T. W. Brown judged all classes. On the Friday night of the show the annual dinner was held, and the visiting fanciers had an opportunity of speechifying. The usual toasts were gone through, and many nice things were said. The Mayor (Charlie Gray) was in the chair, and stated that he had been president of our society for 13 years, and had seen it when it was not in the prosperous condition of to-day. He was pleased, he said, to see the improvement in the quality of exhibits. The exhibitors who failed to come to the top this year were given words of encouragement, and advised to "go in and beat 'em next year."

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

This past breeding season has not been a very favourable one for our district, so far as numbers are concerned. However, quality is again well to the fore, and with a favourable moult a fair number of champions should be heard of during the coming show season. This town has well held its own for some considerable time now in the Border Fancy line, and also in Norwich varieties. Mr. P. McKenzie comes first on the list, as he always does. Somewhat shorter he is in numbers than last year. He has secured 45 Borders and 3 Norwich. Mr. W. Mather has about 30 Borders, Mr. J. Allan 28 Borders, Mr. A. G. Cameron 36 Norwich, and, lastly, Mr. H. Bennet with 155 Borders and 1 Belgian. The above Border teams contain a good mixture of all colours of this variety, and the Norwich are looking well up in size and type.—A LOVER OF THE "WEE GEM" (Kelso).

In the Courts.

A Box of Finches.

Patrick Stanton (30), of 3, Court, Bloomsbury Street, and John Arkinstall (39), also of Bloomsbury Street, were summoned under the W.B.P.A. for having four Goldfinches in their possession.—P.S. Reynolds said that on the 20th ult. he saw the defendants in the Codsall Road, Tettenhall, and seeing that they had a box in their possession he accosted them, and in reply to questions they told him they were carrying some "joeys." Witnes asked to be permitted to see the birds. Defendants at first objected, but subsequently the box was opened, and it was found to contain twenty-five Linnets and four Goldfinches. Also in a basket was a bird net. When asked if they knew they were doing wrong in having the birds, defendants replied that they did not. Defendants said they had caught the birds at Wheaton Aston. On examining the box at the police station witness found that one bird was dead and another had its wing broken, done, it was stated, by the net. Next morning another bird was dead, and witness liberated the whole of the remainder. —Defendants were each fined 5s. costs, and the police were ordered to take possession of the net that was seized.

Cruelty to Birds at Nottingham.

An extraordinary case of cruelty to birds was revealed at the Nottingham Police Court on September 6th, when Henry Swift, alias Tindall, of 13, Pump-street, a bird dealer, was summoned.—On Saturday week Swift sent a boy with four boxes of brown Linnets to the Midland Railway Station to be sent away. The boxes were ordinary chocolate boxes, about a foot long, 9ins. wide, and two or three inches deep. The lid of one of the boxes was broken and overlapped in the middle, and in the crevice the railway clerk noticed one of the birds was trapped and its head smashed. The clerk pointed this out to the boy, and sent him back with the box, and shortly afterwards noticed also the condition of the birds in the other three boxes. He sent for the police.—Police-Constable Sanday told the magistrates on Monday that he obtained a cage and took the birds out of the boxes. In one box there were twenty birds. Most of them were dead. In another box there were seven alive and four dead, and in the third box only three were alive. The live birds recovered well when given water, and later, as the defendant refused to fetch them away, the Midland Railway authorities liberated them. The officer said he went to see the defendant on the Saturday night, on the Sunday, and again on the Monday, but although he admitted sending the birds to the station, he declared he had nothing more to do with them, and would "reserve his defence if there was any trouble." A veterinary surgeon (Mr. Johnson) said that to keep birds in such small unventilated boxes in which the birds could not stand, and must have been tightly packed, was gross cruelty. —Swift, in his defence, produced several boxes of birds. He placed the latter in the previous night, he said, and he wanted the magistrates to see how lively they still were. The magistrates declined to look at them, and fined the defendant 15s. or seven days.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**Blackbird's Artistic Taste.

A Blackbird commenced building her nest in the gable of our washhouse, which is thickly covered with ivy. On taking in the bleeching from the green close by a lace doily was left by mistake. On the following morning the doily was discovered neatly arranged round the nest in a most artistic manner, and the Blackbird apparently well pleased with the adornment.—Sent by R. Hay Fenton (age 10), 73, Fonthill Road, Aberdeen.

*"Let 'em Wait!".

A young couple once had a Parrot, which was kept in the kitchen with the servant. One day the gentleman thought he would like Polly upstairs, so he sent for her. She was very quiet at first, but when her master and mistress were having their dinner, and rang the bell for dessert, she startled them by making the following tell-tale remark: "Let 'em wait." The couple then knew what had been said by the servants whenever they rung for pudding.—Sent by A. Kemp (age 9), Nineveh, near Hayle, Cornwall.

*The Kindly Robin.

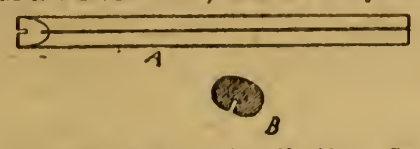
A Redbreast was a few months back seen to do a kind act to a young Starling one very cold morning. In vain kind people offered the Starling bread, but it refuse to eat till a little hungry Robin came on his daily visit to the house. The bird, on seeing the baby bird, flew away and soon came darting back again with a worm, which was gratefully accepted.—Taken from "Chatterbox," and sent by D. Jodrell (age 11), 5, Orchard Terrace, Waley Bridge, Cheshire.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 342.
A Red-mite Trapping Perch.
Sent by Mr. David Jones, c/o 49, The Inhedge, Upper Gornal, Dudley, Worcs.

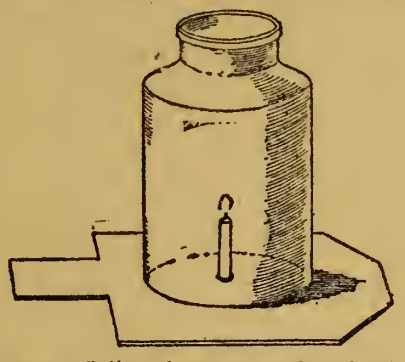
Although many devices for trapping and killing red mites have been published from time to time, not one has been so simple and generally applicable as the special perch here shown, whilst I can vouch for its being extremely effective in operation. It consists of making a longitudinal sawcut on the under side of one or more of the perches, preferably the perch which the bird usually roosts on at night. The depth of the cut should be about half the thickness of the perch, and must not be more than a sixteenth of an inch wide. This forms a darkened recess, which is peculiarly attractive to red mites, which harbour in it very freely. The perch should be taken out about once a week, and a match stick trimmed small enough to fit in the space, drawn through from end to end a few times, when the deadly effect



of the perch will be soon be self-evident. Such a cut should be made by a tenon saw; or a small penknife might be used. Sketch A shows the underside of one of these perches, with a notch in the end to engage with a wire in front of the cage; B is a section of the perch, showing size and depth of the sawcut.—DAVID JONES.

No. 343.
A Lamp for the Bird-room.
Sent by Mr. W. Stapleton, Gwinear Church Town, near Hayle, Cornwall.

I enclose a sketch showing the way to make a lamp for the birdroom, which I find very handy; and when one is going from one house to another it will stand any rough weather and won't blow out. The idea is very simple. Get a piece of wood, 1ft. long by 8ins. wide;



measure off 4ins. from one end, and cut off 2½ins. each way to form the handle; and to make the thing look neater, mark off 2ins. each way on the other end, and cut off the corners as indicated. Then get a 3-lb. glass jam pot, and break out the bottom by putting boiling water into it. To make the socket for the candle drive in three nails. The pot is placed over the candle to act as a globe. When the candle is alight it will burn even in the hardest of winds. Don't forget to drive in four or five nails outside the pot to keep it from falling off.—W. STAPLETON.

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Under the White Rose.

THREE more weeks and we shall have the shows with us for another season, and surely the amount of competitions we have will produce some good effect on the entries. Practically every sub-variety of the "Yorkshire bird" has something to go for, the novices all through being exceptionally well catered for. One thing we shall miss, and that is the Green Yorkshires. For several years this variety has had one or two shows (with the Green Canary Association's patronage) in the West Riding districts, but up to the present they are wanting. The British birds, etc., have a nice lot of shows to run through, all with very good classifications, and the "Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C." are to be complimented on at last awakening the interests of those societies who are known to be very strong in these classes, and without a doubt it will do much to strengthen, both numerically and financially, this enterprising club.

IT is with great regret that I have to mention the fact that the popular secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S. has been seriously ill, having been laid up with that dread complaint, pneumonia. But having taken precautions in good time, our friend is now in a fair way to a rapid recovery. A speedy return to his usual alertness and health is my sincerest wish, and I am sure he will have the same good wishes from all who know him personally, and all who have come into contact with him at their shows.

THE Bankfoot C.B.S. are making great efforts to secure their fair share of the patronage of fanciers in the districts. At their last meeting the membership was still further increased, as was also their prize list, and they have decided that at the end of the season they will have a tea and concert in connection with the distribution of prizes won during the current season. A syllabus of lectures, shows, washing competitions, etc., is to be issued shortly, and for these they have secured the very best talent available.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Meeting held in the Institute, Bathgate, on 4th September. Mr. Arrighi (President) in the chair, before a very representative number of members from various districts. The following new members were admitted: Messrs. Jamieson (Glasgow), R. and P. Gentleman (Avonbridge), R. Jamieson, jun. (Linlithgow), R. Kirkwood (Falkirk), W. Bishop (St. Ninians), Telfer Bros. (Douglas), J. Clark (Rothesay), T. Sharp (Uphall), W. McLaren (Broxburn), W. Smith, Geo. Haldane, and J. Hossack (Bathgate), and R. McKay (Edinburgh), which is very gratifying. Patronage was a record this year, no less than 18 clubs applying for same, which says a lot for the growing popularity of this Society. After every one was fully discussed, the following were successful: City of Glasgow (medals and trophy), Avonbridge, Stirlingshire (medals and trophy), Broxburn (medals and trophy), Scottish National (medals and trophy), Bathgate and Dundee (medals). All the societies were granted patronage on condition "that they refuse to receive entries from the expelled members of our Society, namely, Messrs. P. McQuiston and M. Craig," failing this condition, the patronage will be withdrawn. The Secretary then read the correspondence passed between himself and Mr. D. Smith re the McQuiston case. All present duly endorsed the terms of the Secretary's reply to Mr. Smith. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, no member present in any way dissenting, that we had heard no satisfactory reason why we should in any way alter the decision which was come to at the annual general meeting in March last in connection with same. The Secretary was also instructed to forward a communication to the Secretary of our sister Society—the National British Bird and Mule Club. This being all the business, a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. There are still a few members to pay their subscriptions yet, which they might kindly do as early as possible, and oblige. Will be pleased to give intending members any information. The President, Mr. Arrighi, has very generously agreed to withhold his entries, this oncoming show season, for competing for the S.B.B. and M.C. handsome trophy.—A. W. WATSON.

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Wild Bird Life.

September Bird Notes.

The wet weather has retarded the gathering of the harvest, and consequently the birds are having a grand time of it, for somehow they seem to prefer to feed from the standing stocks to seeking a meal on the ground. It is astonishing what a quantity of good sound corn is scattered by the process of cutting and gathering. One has only to carefully examine a square yard of the stubble to be convinced of this, and all along the footpath crossing the field the golden grains are scattered broadcast; and so there is food in plenty for all the vast flocks of Sparrows and Finches which will roam the fields for some months, possibly, until the winter snows cover the ground and drive them to the rickyards. Around the old country lanes, where the wide farm waggons trundel with heavy loads, the sides brush the luxuriant bramhles, so that after the carting the hedgerows are quite yellow and untidy with the corn stalks. All this will in time be eaten by the birds. Although insect life is still plentiful, the Starlings cannot resist the tempting elderberries; these they devour as soon as they are ripe, picking off the black ones and leaving the red until later. And so numerous are these greedy birds, that cottagers have some difficulty now in collecting enough for the making of wine. I have noticed, year after year, that these berries are the first to go, for other birds besides the Starling are fond of them.

Most of our Warblers have left us. We can see nothing of them in their accustomed haunts, but the Reed birds are still here. The reeds have now grown to their full height and are heavily laden with brown seed tops; when the wind sweeps across the marsh, they bend and sway in all directions, much resembling the waves on the seashore. The more the wind blows, the louder the Reed birds chatter. Their peculiar song appears to atune well with the rustle of the stalks, although a very indifferent performer, as we measure bird song. No other bird's notes harmonize so well with these surroundings. Could we but hear the full-throated Blackcap warbling among the reeds we should consider him out of place, and wish him back in the copse or garden. There is a small patch of marshland adjoining the river with a few stunted bushes growing along the mud wall, where that rare bird, the Marsh Warbler, is to be found year after year. He is so tame and confiding, appearing so interested in your visit to his haunts, that it is almost impossible to miss seeing him.

Considerate Fowlers.

In the West of Ireland the fowler cannot be induced to shoot at a Swan, for the general belief is "that whoever should be so unlucky as to meddle with them would pay for his temerity by the forfeit of his life ere the year had elapsed." Swans enter largely into mythology and were generally credited with being the souls of maidens who could assume human form at will.

The Nest of the Buzzard.

A few years since an experiment was made to reintroduce the Great Bustard into East Anglia. They were gradually killed off, until only a pair remained five or six years afterwards. These nested and sat upon two unfertile eggs. The nest was a large shallow hollow, scraped in the ground, and sparsely lined with dry rye grass. The depression was irregular in shape, enlarged upon the side used by the bird in going and coming. It was about 20 inches across. The eggs were strong, large, and well coloured.

Breeding of Wild Creatures.

We look upon the spring and summer as the time of reproduction of birds and animals in a state of nature. So regular are the nesting habits of birds that we can almost tell to a day when to look for a nest of any given species. With animals there is no fixed season; young rats, mice, and rabbits may be found in mid-winter. Hares, hedgehogs and otters are governed a good deal by the state of the weather. Domestication of both birds and animals increases reproduction.

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WANTED Parrot and cage, or offer in Lizards for Zonophone and records.—Crosthwaite, 71, Sheffield-st., Stockport.

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries and British birds, will deposit cash.—Jones, The Aviaries, 23, Caerleon-rd., Newport.

WANTED offers in breeding cages for three Blue and White Dutch.—Lindley, 50, Shawthorne-grove, Castleford, Yorks.

WANTED all your surplus live stock not required; purchase, or exchange for other Fancy.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, quantity of 1909 cock Canaries, also cock Linnets and Goldfinches; state price.—47, Camberwell New-rd., S.E.

WANTED pair Canaries; exchange rolled gold watch (John Forrest, London), 15/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED at once from catchers, British birds; send prices to—Grosvenor Bird Stores, 6, Rampayne-st., Vauxhall Bridge-rd.

WANT Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; must be in song; state lowest price for cash.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED Canaries; exchange all kinds of boots, electro-plated goods, etc., to value; particulars exchanged.—Wressell, Crowle.

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinches, etc., from catchers for cash; please state price.—T. Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED recorder and large horn for phonograph; exchange Yorkshire Canaries; approval.—Hairdresser, Union-st., Southport.

WANTED 20 pairs Scotch Fancy, Crests, Norwich, and Yorkshires; must be reasonable and good.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

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WANTED lady's or gentleman's tricycle, or circular saw bench; give African talking Parrot and cage.—Marshall, Pemberton-st., Nottingham.

WANTED, cheap for cash, or exchange cages, cock Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or any live stock.—Write, Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

WANTED Canaries, exchange champion pedigree fox terrier dog, 18 months, good guard, ratter, fond children, value 25/-; approval.—Harry Smith, Connah's Quay.

WANTED, offers, Canaries; exchange treadle fretwork machine, hand camera and accessories, pair opera glasses in leather case, all in good condition.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

WANTED Foreigners, exchange or sell grand cock Goldie and Green hen Canary, parents 10 Mules, 9/6; Siskin and Norwich hen, parents 8 Mules, 8/6.—Preston, 31, Dudley-rd., Grantham.

GOOD double-barrelled, breech-loading gun, 12-bore; exchange four grand pairs 1909 Crested and Crest-bred Norwich, Barnett's strain; three cock Goldfinches, one 2nd Norfield, guaranteed breeders; four Yorkshire cocks, four hens; approval.—Parkinson, Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

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TWO cock Goldfinches and two hen Canaries, lot 9/-; exchange opera glasses; offers.—James Manders, Market Yard, Aberdare.

TWO cock Greenfinches, pair Chaffinches, all cage moulted; exchange cock Goldfinch, or sell.—School, Alderton, Chippenham, Wilts.

WANTED to exchange nearly black Yellowhammer for young cock Linnet Mule, or offers.—E. Morley, 47, Bells-rd., Gorleston-on-Sea.

TWO handsome cock Linnets (1909), will sell 3/-; or exchange well-bred young carrier pigeon.—C. C. B. Gordon, Thorncombe, Crowcombe, Taunton.

COCK Goldfinches, 2/- each; cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, caged October last; exchange for a pair green Budgerigars.—Exton, Newtown, Easton, Stamford.

EXHIBITORS; two dark Greenfinch-Canary Mules, cocks, £1 each; or exchange; good Norwich wanted; approval, deposit.—Lynch, 57, Cliffe-rd., Strood, Kent.

GENUINE cock Lark, caged 12 months, large bow-fronted runner cage, and dulcimer; exchange for good disc gramophone.—C. Keeler, 186, Brunswick-rd., Poplar, E.

PURE, noted 1903 cock Goldfinch Mule, in full song, exchange 1908 cock St. Andreasberg Roller, in full song.—Noden, Lyndale Villa, St. George's-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

YOUNG Kestrel Hawk, tame and healthy; eight travelling bird cages, various sizes, new; what offers cash or exchange; wanted Norwich hen Canaries or breeding cage.—C. J. Beckett, Upwell, Wisbech.

GOLDFINCH, stout hand-reared, splendid catcher, 10/6; two clean moulted Linnets, 6/-; two good stout Linnets, 10/6; hand-reared, finger-tame, exhibition Titlark, 5/6; useful exchange, or household goods.—G. Matthews, 21, West Side, London Fields.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

GOOD three-joint roach rod; exchange for two hens, Norwich.—Whibley, 22, Florence-rd., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE Canaries for gent's or boy's boots or clothes; stamp reply.—Dyer, Park-st., Iron Acton, Bristol.

THREE pair Yorkshires, 18/6; four-compartment breeding cage, 10/6; a bargain.—Oswald-st., North Reddish.

THREE pairs Canaries, £1; exchange pair, rod, winch and tackle.—Butterfield, 15, New-st., St. John's Wood, London.

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EXCHANGE two typical buff Yorkshire hens, for mincing machine or billiard cue and case.—A. Haynes, Roundhay, Leeds.

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EXCHANGE two 1909 Yorkshire hens for house-moulted cock Goldfinch; yours first.—F. Carter, 1, Ida-terrace, Wyke, Weymouth.

EXCHANGE three Roller cocks, six Roller hens, for bird seeds, ladies' or gent's boots; offers.—11, Lynn-st., Hyde-rd., Manchester.

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THREE pure Seifert Roller cocks, and six hens, same strain; exchange for good cycle, or sell, 30/-, or nearest offer.—Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

BARGAIN, three strong variegated hen Canaries, 1/6 each; or exchange for three cock Greypates, Goldfinches; offers.—Drewett, King's-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

EXCHANGE Yellow Norwich cock and Buff variegated hen for house-moulted Britishers; no rubbish wanted or offered.—Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshires, own breeding; Greens, Yellows, Buffs, from 4/- each; exchange household goods.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WHAT offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, tweed, value 25/-; or lady's dress length, value 12/6.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

WANTED lady's or gent's cycle, in exchange for high-class Crests and cages, value £6; mutual approval.—White, Pioneer-avenue, Desborough, Harborough.

WHAT offers in Norwich hens for three high-class Yorkshires, yellow cock, and two buff hens; or sell 15/-; or offers.—Hardman, 34, Hibson-rd., Nelson, Lancashire.

GOOD large 1908 Green Crest-bred cock, one of C. Roberts', sell 15/-; or exchange Seifert Roller Schoolmaster; offers.—Ascroft, 159, Enfield-st., Pemberton, Wigan.

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AVIARY, cost £4; three pairs Cinnamons, King's strain, four Norwich cocks, all show and breeding cages; offers cash and exchange lot.—Norton, Station-rd., Winslow, Bucks.

WANTED to exchange young cock and two hens Norwich, for 1908 St. Andreasberg Roller cock, through moult; must be good songster.—E. Miller, Barton-lane, New Milton, Hants.

LARGE aviary, close galvanised wire, mahogany bottom, stands 8ft. high, 3ft. front, 18in. deep; rust and mouse proof, as new; cost £13, sell £3; exchange common cock Canaries to £4.—Clarke, 82, High-street, Sydenham.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

GRAND Amazon Parrot and cage, in England 12 months, sell 60/-; or exchange.—Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE gent's free-wheel cycle, value £2, for Grey Parrot, or Budgerigars; offers.—Giddings, Kibsbury-rd., Berkhamsted, Herts.

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SALE or Exchange, two pretty half-Persian kittens, seven weeks old.—21, Norwood-rd., Shipley, Yorks.

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SILVER English lever watch, good timekeeper; will exchange for good Schoolmaster Roller Canary.—Toward, Victoria-bridge, Leeds.

EXCHANGE mahogany aviary, zinc sand trays, glass panels, etc., cost £3, splendid condition; offers.—Pillans, 16, David-st., Kirkcaldy.

EXCHANGE good Fox Terrier bitch, 12 months, for cock Goldfinch Mules, or offers, sell 10/6.—Binks, Clapham Cottages, Bedale.

EXCHANGE a grand white Bull and Terrier dog for Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, or sell 25/-; approval.—Lee, 6, Chapel-st., Stanley.

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EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives for one cock Canary, or three cock Bullfinches.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip-rd., Sheffield.

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EXCHANGE good Melodeon, value 7/6, for Goldfinch Mule or Hybrid, good songster; yours first.—W. Monk, Angle End, Gt. Wilbraham, Cambs.

SEVEN gramophone records; exchange cock or two hen Canaries; pair Bullfinches, 3/6; exchange cock Canary; offers.—Criddeford, Honiton.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, full song, 5/6; cock Canaries, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6; exchange sheets, boots; stamp reply.—Amos, 57, Hollingbury-rd., Brighton.

TWO well-marked Dutch rabbits, in kindle; exchange two good singing Mules, no rubbish.—Weatherill, 144, Burbank-st., West Hartlepool.

NEW clap nets, 18 yards by 6 feet, complete; Lark net, 20 yards by 5; exchange for black spaniel pups, or guns, etc.—Pennor, 7, Winbolt-st., Stockport.

BLACK Pomeranian dog, five months, pedigree, 30/-; exchange Yellow Norwich hens, unflighted preferred, value 50/-.—Gilbert, 74, Bosworth-st., Leicester.

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EXCHANGE 72 CAGE BIRDS, and Canaries for cock Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, and pair of Budgerigars, or offer.—Depradine, Eaton Stores, 220, East India Dock-rd., Poplar.

PAIR acclimatised Waxbills, 4/6; Norwich cock, 6/6; double breeding cage or flight, 5/6; exchange for exhibition British or Foreign; yours first.—Ferguson, 40, Fisher-st., Glasgow.

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WANTED first-class Yorkshire, also good phonograph or gramophone; exchange 1909 B.S.A. road racer, little used, cash £7; exchange to £9.—F. Naylor, 709, Rochdale-rd., Manchester.

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THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, 1909 bred, 3/6 each; one 1908, 4/6; pair good clap nets, 9 yds. long, as new, poles and store cage, 10/- lot; exchange Goldfinches.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

THREE 1908 buff Orpington hens, laying, 10/6; gent's silver watch, correct timekeeper, nearly new, 15/-, cost 21/-; exchange singing cock Canaries or Mules.—Roper, 134, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

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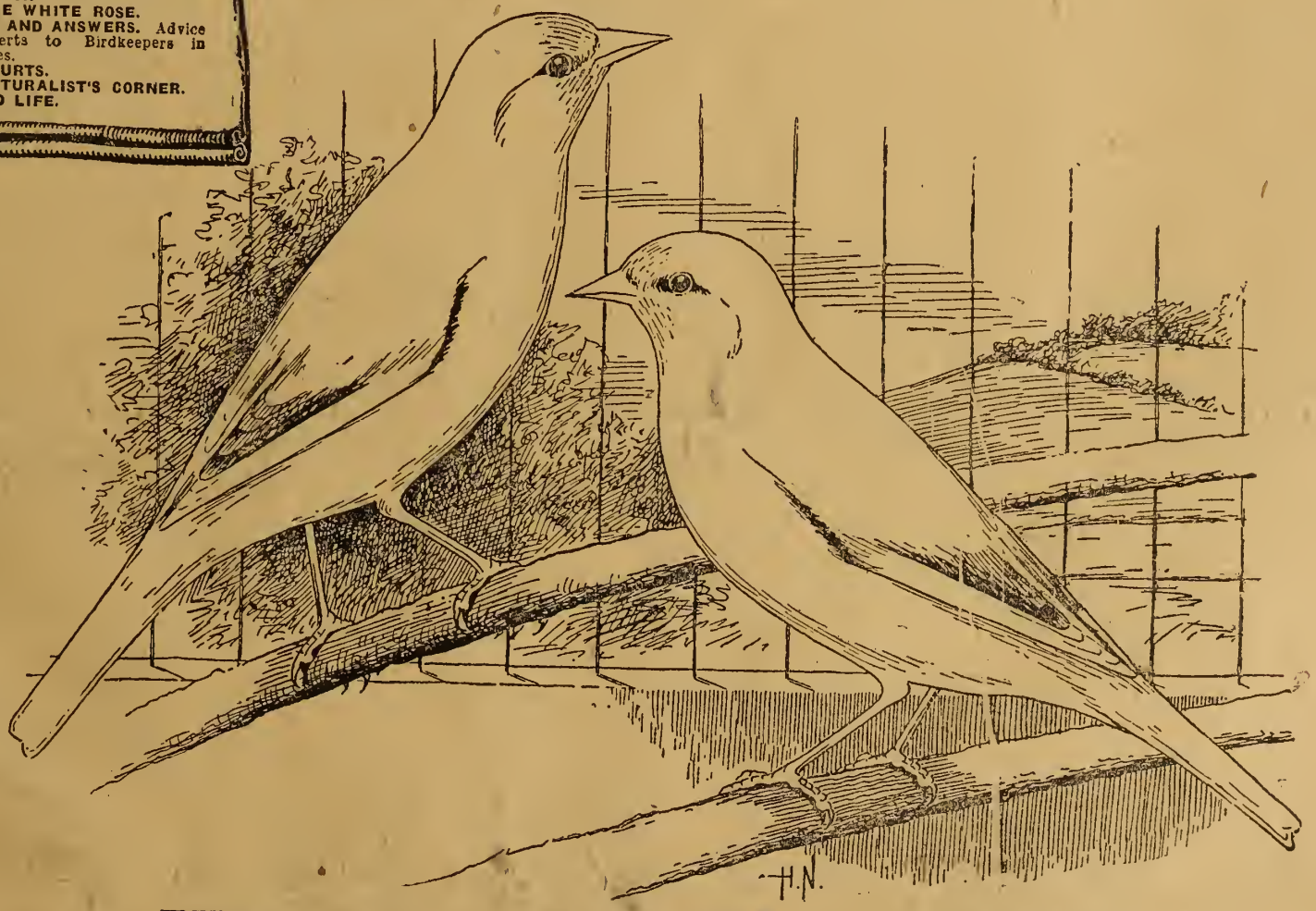
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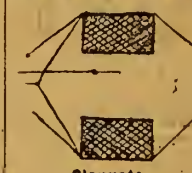
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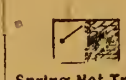
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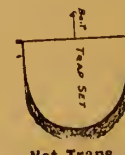


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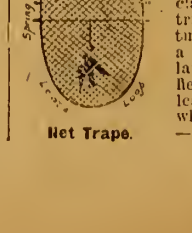


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WANTED, offers in Yorkshires for seven-chamber revolver.—3, Cavendish-rd., Camhridge.

HAWFINCH wanted for exhibition, good price given.—Blaikie, Eildon Hall, St. Boswells.

WANTED Mules, Goldfinches, Linnets, Larks, Redpolls; cash sent first.—Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED, weekly, Goldfinches, Linnets, for prompt cash.—Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Linnets, young rabhits, pullets; state price.—Savory, Wheeler-st., Birmingham.

WANTED Canaries; exchange violin, Wedgwood placques, Ingersoll watch.—587, High-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED, Goldfinches and Mules for cash.—Merrington, Mule Breeder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange lady's bicycle, free wheel, good condition, sell 30/-.—Andrews, Builder, Harrow.

WANTED a few good Yorkshire Canaries or Mules, must be good healthy birds.—Clone, 28, Elm-grove, Peckham.

WANTED Yorkshire or Norwich cock Canary; exchange Bussey's table hilliard game.—Appleby, 195, Gilesgate, Durham.

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SCOTCH Fancy show cages wanted for telescope and box for same; cheap; approval.—Gillies, Hill of Beath, Crossgate, Fife.

WANTED, packs secondhand playing cards for men's club, in good condition, for cash.—73, Lumley-rd., Horley, Surrey.

WANTED, offers in cock Canaries, for English lever watch, brand new, sell 30/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, six pairs large, clear Yorkshires; cold room bred; cheap; cash; approval, deposit.—R. Else, Leawood, near Matlock.

WANTED Canaries, cheap for cash; exchange sealskin jacket, dresses, also workmen's suits.—South Studio, Granton-on-Spey.

WANTED, from catchers, any quantity of Goldfinches; tip-top price given.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED pair of very large Yellow Norwich; exchange seven hens, two cocks, Norwich; approval.—Reed, London-rd., Stroud.

WANTED Canaries; exchange all kinds of boots, electro-plated goods, etc., to value; particulars exchanged.—Wressell, Crowle.

WANTED, good Roller cock; exchange pure noted Goldfinch-Mule; full song.—J. Terry, 19, Gladstone-st., Desborough, Northants.

WANTED singing Canaries; exchange nearly new Yorkshire Terrier show box, used once.—F. Radcliffe, 9, Stephenson-st., Gateshead.

EDISON phonograph and records, must be good; exchange winning high-class Yorkshires or Borders; offers.—Price, Idle, Bradford.

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, acclimatised Foreigners; exchange Canaries, Archangel Pigeons.—Skelton, Chilworth, Guildford.

WANTED offers for fresh-caught Goldfinches, cocks or hens; guaranteed; also working Spaniel.—French and Veale, Fanciers, Holsworthy.

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WANTED Canaries or British for heavy silver chain and medal, sell 15/-; approval both ways.—Richards, 187, Bolton-rd., Westhoughton.

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WANTED lady's or gentleman's tricycle, or circular saw bench; give African talking Parrot and cage.—Marshall, Pemberton-st., Nottingham.

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WANTED British; will give 11/-; cock Bullies or Goldfinches, 4/6; hen Goldies, 7/6; hen Bullies, 2/3 dozeu; cock Linnets and Larks.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED offers Canaries; exchange hand camera and accessories, good condition, fishing rod and tackle, also grand Linnet Mule, pure note.—Dawson, Blyhurgate, Beccles.

WANTED good Buff Norwich hen, 1909; exchange pair of high-class O.E.G.S. Bantams (early-hatched); approval both ways.—D. Reavley, Ridge-terrace, Bedlington, Northumberland.

WANTED to buy two good pair of Canaries, one Norwich and one Yorkshire, cocks, must be in full song; buy on approval; cash deposit.—T. Speakman, 13, Brandwood-st., Daubhill, nr. Bolton.

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The Shows.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' second First Feather Show, held on July 31st, when a good number of birds were staged. Mr. T. Bentley, of Cleckheaton, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. TK. YELL.: 1, c, Dean; 2, hc, Ramsden; 3, Booth; vhc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, hc, Ramsden; 2, c, Booth; 3, Crossley; vhc. Rean. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (GREEN): 1, Wilson; 2, hc, Ramsden; 3, Booth; vhc, Crossley. BUFF: 1, 2, Ramsden. CIN. MKD. TICK YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Gamble. BUFF: 1, Crossley; 2, 3, Dean; vhc, Pyrah. FOUL MKD. 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Ramsden. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, FISHER; vhc, Holliday. (The above has only just been received hy us. —Editor.)

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Monthly show held August 28th at Barley Mow Hotel, Wakefield Road, thirty-nine birds being staged in twelve classes. There was keen competition for points for the society's medals. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) placed the cards.

OPEN CLASSES.—CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Thompson; 3, Casey; vhc, Firth; hc, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Casey; 3, Firth; 4, Thompson; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Helliwell. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, Thompson, 4, Casey; vhc, Firth. BUFF 1, Thompson; 2, 4, Helliwell, 3, Casey; vhc, Firth. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Gledhill; 2, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Helliwell. NOVICE CLASSES. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Robinson and Sharpe; 2, vhc, Hattershy. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Robinson and Sharpe. TKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson and Sharpe; 2, Hattershy. BUFF: 1, Robinson and Sharpe.

WIVELISCOMBE.

This show was held on September 9th, and was a great success, the weather being splendid, and the attendance large. Messrs. Denling and Morant made a most excellent pair of secretaries, and they were ably assisted by a good staff of stewards, who looked well after the exhibits. Only two classes were given. Mr. T. Broomfield judged. We understand a protest was lodged against the 1st and 2nd in A.O.V. class because they were pairs.

CAN. (10): 1, spl, Mrs. Southcombe, Nor., nice colour and bloom, sweet head, wins well; 2, Robinson, Nor., nice wings, good colour, lovely feather; 3, r, Wehher, buff York., nice length, good tail and wings; vhc, hc, Gilling. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Southcombe, grand pair of White Java Sparrows, lovely colour and feather; 2nd, Yellow Budgerigars, good condition; 3, Pitman, nice Goldfinch Mule; r, Ardagh; hc, Smith; c, Vickery.

GAERWEN (Anglesey).

Show held at Gaerwen School, September 11th, in connection with the Flower Show, etc., but only one class was provided for cage birds, the same as in previous years. We hope to see a few more classes in time to come. The show was held in the centre of Anglesey, a most convenient place for exhibitors. There were a good many visitors for this time of the year. Mr. Lewis, the energetic secretary, as usual, had everything in good order. Some excellent birds were brought together. Mr. Gladwin (Mottingham) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. W. H. Williams (Llangoed) won the special with his well-known Crest.

CAN. (11): 1, spl, W. H. Williams, wing mkd. dark Crest, immense size and quality, good radiated crest, well through moult; 2, vhc, J. O. Williams, wing mkd. buff Yorks., rare length, style and quality, in grand form, vhc cl. ycll. Yorks., plenty of length; 3, Miss L. Roberts, Nor. cl. yell., nice type, well over perch; vhc, R. W. Roberts, wing tkd. Yorks., buff, good length, 2nd at Vaynol; vhc, Jones Bros., buff Yorks. hen, wing and neck mkd.; vhc, J. Williams, varieg. Yorks. Cin. green, plenty of length; hc, W. Roberts, Yorks. yell; hc, Jones, same variety, deep yell.

GLASGOW DERBY.

Under favourable weather conditions on September 11th, this annual show was held in the Grand National Halls, Main-street, Glasgow. Entries were about the average in number, and the members who took part in the competition in the judging. The worthy president was in attendance, and had a genial smile for everyone, and the painstaking secretary, Mr. Bullions, had the business well in hand. All that was required was three times the membership, and at least double the entries. We are glad, however, to learn that the leading fanciers in Glasgow have been awakened by this event, and have resolved to make an effort to intensify the interest in the Scotch Fancy Canary. The cup and gold medal were won by the president, Mr. Black, with an ideal model of a buff piebald hen, the runner-up being a yellow hen of Mr. Clarke's. The judges, Messrs. Nisbet (Galston) and Carlaw (Falkirk) officiated, and got through the work easily, their awards giving satisfaction. Among the visitors were the president of the City of Glasgow O.A.; Mr. McLellan, president of Glasgow Southern Confined; Mr. Fleming, secretary of that society; Mr. Hart, honorary president of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.; Messrs. Brown (East Kilbride), McIlwain (Mount Florida), Ferguson (Renfrew), Calder (Springburn), Orr (Glasgow). Lang (Rutherglen), and others. The fair sex graced the show by their presence, and took a keen interest in the exhibits.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. CL. ETC.: 1, Smith (Govan), promising bird, erect, prominent round shoulder, clean front, long body and wing, nicely positioned; 2, Renwick, erect, nice shoulder, direct drive, neat head and neck; 3, Ward, well up, good back, and drive; 4, Stewart, neat and typical, well positioned; 5, Orr; 6, Buchanan; 7, Muir. HEN: Strong in quality; 1, Clark, grand size, solid back, decided drive, clean front, long body, straight erect posture; 2, Jardine, model hen, erect, well-circled, nice shoulders, rare neck, sweet head, fine front and body, quick in action; 3, Renwick, erect, neat bead, good reach and shoulder; 4, Smith (Govan), very good all-round model; 5, Montgomery; 6, Jardine; 7, Craig. YELL. CK. PIED, ETC.: 1, Anderson, neat typical green, erect, nice reach, good body; 2, Fenwick, erect, good drive, fine neck; 3, Ward, some thought might have been little more forward, erect rare neck, neat head, fair shoulders; 4, Kego, typical exhibit, tight in feather; 5, Galston; 6, Bennet; 7, Buchanan. HEN: 1, Muir, erect prominent shoulder, clean front, nice drive, good neck, neat head, long body and tail; 2, Bennet, reachy exhibit, erect, good shoulder, clean front, and quick; 3, 4, Buchanan, pair smart neat typical birds, good quality; 5, Main; 6, Galston. BUFF YELL. CK. CL. ETC.: 1, Montgomery, slender, well-built bird, erect, well set back on perch, prominent shoulder, nice front, long body and wing; 2, Stewart, erect, good reach, plenty of shoulder, fine front; 3, A. Orr, good size and substance, erect, round shoulder, fine long body; 4, J. Orr, erect, nicely circled, good reach; 5, Clark; 6, Black; 7, Ward. HEN: 1, Renwick, erect, prominent shoulder, decided drive, neat head, nice body and wing, very steady; 2, Clark, well set on perch, grand top, fine front, good reach, body and wing; 3, Black, grand neat typical hen, well set on legs, nice back, drive, body and wing; 4, Ward, fine reach, neat head, nice body and wing; 5, McElhenney; 6, Kego. CK., PIED, ETC.: 1, 3, Kego, 1st good size, grand body and wing, round shoulder, fine reach; 3rd, smart, well built, takes good position on perch; 2, Stewart, erect determined drive, neat head, long neck, good shoulder, body front and wing; 4, Orr, well up, nicely circled, good body and wing; 5, Clark; 6, Black; 7, Ward. HEN: 1, Black, cup and medal winner, real model, erect, solid and prominent shoulder, very determined droop, neat head, good neck, clean cut front, fine body and wing; 2, McLachlan, erect, good top, shoulder, body and wing, very steady; 3, McCrae, well set on leg, nice reach and shoulder, good long body, quick; 4, Ward, erect, fine drive, good shoulder and body; 5 Lees; 6, Wilson; 7, Orr.

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Club Reports.

WHITBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

At a meeting of the above club held on September 10th, it was agreed to hold our first show on October 2nd, confined to a five-mile radius. The membership fee is 1/, and the entry money for show 3d. each bird. J. FORREST, Sec.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held August 24th, at Station-road, Ashington, Mr. Thompson in the chair. Annual club show is fixed for November 13th, and will be held in the Harmonic Hall, Ashington. Mr Thos. Dixon (Bedlington Station), is expected to place the cards. We are to have a prize drawing in connection with show, 15 Canaries (singing) to be given away; tickets, 6d. each, which entitles holder to participate in draw, and also admits to show free.—G. R. HENDERSON, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Nag's Head Cocoa House, September 7th, Mr. Crane in the chair. The schedule for annual show, after a slight addition, was passed. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. S. W. Birchley respecting his lime-light lecture on "The Birds of our Countryside," and asking for the co-operation of the members. We are now awaiting particulars re date, etc. The lecture should prove interesting and instructive to fanciers and non-fanciers alike. The discussion on the classification as per schedule was of a very animated description, and we are looking forward to a record entry, as we are catering very liberally The members all report a very successful season, and our extended radius should meet with a good response. The Secretary will be pleased to forward full particulars to anyone desirous of joining.—JAMES SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Rooms, 142, High-street, Edinburgh, on September 4th. The president, Mr. John Young, was in the chair, others present being Messrs. W. Aitchison, J. McLay, J. Smeaton, J. Winter and the secretary. The president intimated that he would provide a president's prize, value £2, to be competed for at the patronage shows during the coming show season, and Mr. Aitchison offered to provide three novice prizes of 12s., 8s., and 4s. for competition at same shows. Both offers were accepted, and the donors were thanked for their gifts. The secretary read applications for club patronage from 13 societies, and, after due consideration, the following eight shows were selected, viz., City of Glasgow, October 15th and 16th; Dysart, October 30th; Kilmarnock, November 19th and 20th; Inverness, November 24th; Dundee, November 26th and 27th; Aberdeen, December 17th and 18th; Scottish National, December 31st and January 1st; Bathgate, January 15th. Points will count at each of those shows for the president's and novice prizes, and two silver medals will be granted by the club. In addition, two gold medals will be granted the club show at Aberdeen on December 17th and 18th. The international contest takes place at Preston on November 12th and 13th. A number of members have not paid their subscriptions yet, and I shall esteem it a favour if they will kindly do so as early as possible. I would also remind members of the existence of the special prize fund, and hope it may be considerably augmented ere the show season opens. Inquiries are invited from intending members.—J. BROWN, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on September 11th. A goodly number of members attended from Oldham, Glossop, Manchester, Middleton, Shaw, Hazel Grove, Rawtenstall, etc. No doubt we should have had even a larger meeting if it were not for the unfortunate clashing with a meeting of the Lancashire C.A. on the same date, some members belonging to both societies. A successful evening's business was gone through, a pleasing feature being a remark from our esteemed Chairman that our membership had exactly doubled since last season, and as we have several novices of the right stamp, prospects are very brigbt for the old Society. A letter from the Rochdale Good Intent O.S. was read, asking for special prizes, a hearty response coming in promises of specials from Messrs. Dewsnap, Garner, Fuller, Hampshire and Rukin. The last-mentioned gentleman's special of a cock chicken brought forth several jocular remarks as to age, etc., Mr. Dewsnap especially relating a good story as to the age of lamb some time ago sold at Glossop. Several pointed remarks were brought forward regarding the length of time it took the Secretary to get home from last meeting at Glossop. It was decided that the Secretary send a letter of thanks to Mr. S. R. Compston for his excellent lecture on the Lizard Canary. Novice classes for Lizards and Lancs. are promised for Rochdale Good Intent, and novice Lancs for Manchester, so that the novice will be catered for even better than last season, and possibly classes may be promised for other shows yet. So, novices, buck up and show what you can do to keep these classes. We have 37s. 6d. promised for a new Lancashire challenge cup; of course, much more is wanted, and I shall be pleased to receive any contributions to the cup fund from any fancier, and credit him with the same through the Fancy Press. Promised to cup fund: Mrs. J. Rukin 2/6, Messrs. John Garner 5/-, A. Wellings 5/-, J. Vickers 5/-, J. Dickinson 2/6, J. Swalwell 5/-, J. J. Brookes 2/6, J. Oldham 5/-, and J. Rukin 5/-; total, 37/6. The next meeting will be at Glossop on October 2nd, at Nelson's Hotel. I trust all members will try and attend, as some important business will by that time he ready. Subscriptions should be sent on to me at once, to be in time for special prizes. Still plenty of room for new members; subscription, 5/-, and many valuable cups, medals, etc., for competition. A vote of thanks brought an enjoyable meeting to a conclusion.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

I should be glad to receive schedules of any future show, writes Mr. P. Crowther, 502, Ashton Road, Oldham.

I have moved to larger premises from No. 7, to No. 15, Back Lane, Barking, writes Mr. H. W. Barnard.

My address now is 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow, writes Mr. Alex. Macdonald, secretary, Scotch Fancy Section of the City of Glasgow O.A.

The report of the Mule class at Ruthin Show, writes Mr. J. Williams (Ruthin) should have read: 1st, T. Williams, six pointed Goldfinch-Mule.

Kindly note for the convenience of secretarics that I have removed from Lochief Street, Glasgow, to Cart Land, Main Street, Bushy, writes Mr. Hugh Jardine.

I have received a grand lot of postcards for schedules, which I shall send out this week, hoping fanciers will excuse delay, writes Mr. Enoch Tams, show secretary, of the Longton C.B.S.

I have only just been able to execute the orders from my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Brown (Whitchurch). I received in all 109 orders from the one insertion, thanks to your paper.

You will be pleased to know, writes Mr. J. Stredwick (Wood Green, London, N.), that I have received a nice order from Switzerland for my Yorkshires, as the result of my last advertisement in your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

All entries for the Edinburgh O.S. Club Show on October 9th, writes Mr. W. Macdonald Campbell, the hon. secretary, must be received by September 25th. Entry forms may be had of me, at 14, Clerk Street, Edinburgh.

Kindly thank all who made inquiries in answer to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, as I could not reply to the dozens who wrote me, writes Mr. D. Carstairs (Perth). It says a lot for CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium.

Mr. Sam Cook, Norwich Plainhead Cup Winner, 1908-9, writes last week: "Send 12lbs. of Royal Red; birds coming a grand colour." So don't forget Sandiford's Royal Red to finish off your birds. Price, 2s. lb., 2lbs. 3s. 5d., 5lbs. 7s. 6d. Hot Natal, 2s. lb., 2lbs. 3s. 8d. See other advertisements.—(ADVT.)

At the meeting of the London and Counties O.S., to be held on September 20th, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, a number of entirely new photographic slides of ornithological subjects will be shown. Fanciers and other friends are invited, and especially ladies.

The Green Canary Association have issued a syllabus of their 1909-10 events in the handy form of a pocket card. On September 23rd Mr. F. Handley is down to deliver a lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." Particulars of the monthly meetings may be had of the hon. secretary, Mr. S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

Will all members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., writes Mr. H. W. Cook, secretary pro tem, kindly make a special note that the next meeting on September 23rd will be an extraordinary general one, at which we shall have under consideration a letter received from the secretary resigning his position, and the drawing up of the annual show schedule.

Mr. G. Crabb, our esteemed friend and treasurer, writing to me from his holiday retreat in West Runton, near Cromer, says that up to the present he has seen and noted no less than 38 different species of birds. This may interest your many readers, and that is the reason I ventured to send it along.—H. E. TRINGHAM, hon. secretary of the London and Provincial O.S.

I have found your paper, CAGE BIRDS, a great help to me, a novice. I read a year or two ago a reply given to some querist about feeding Greypates, to keep them in health. It read: Give inga and maw seeds at first, gradually weaning them on to crushed hemp, and that advice is worth being recorded in every bird-lover's book. It is a great success.—THOMAS CROWTHER (South Shields).

It may be of interest to the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Joseph Dawson (Carlisle), to know that a pair of Yellowhammers were found nesting at Belle Vue, near Carlisle, on September 9th. After disturbing the old bird, with a view to looking into the nest, it was found to contain only one egg. Surely this is rather late for this to happen? I shall certainly watch to see how they go on.

The Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. are only in their second year, and have been most fortunate in the matter of their patrons, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the hon. secretary. Mr. Robt. McKay, hon. president, has presented a cup for most points, and Mr. Christie (Glasgow) one for Crests. We have also been presented with a few medals. Mr. Dan Swan gives a washing exhibition at our meeting on September 20th, when we hope to see a great turnout of members.

Will those fanciers desirous of becoming members of Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S., please do so at once, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, the hon. secretary, as the entrance is free until October 1st. Afterwards 1s. entrance and 1s. per quarter will be the fee for membership, which is open to 5 miles radius. It was proposed at our last meeting to hold a members' show some time in November, date, etc., to be decided at our next meeting, October 13th, when we hope to have members' rule cards ready.

The 1909-10 rule-book, with the names and addresses (96 in all) of members of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, has just been issued. It is nicely produced, and contains, besides the rules and the members' names and addresses, the standard of excellence and scale of points, a grand list of trophies, money and other valuable specials for both open and novice competition, and a balance-sheet for the season 1908-9 showing funds in hand to the extent of £1 3s. 6d. The hon. secretary is Mr. O. Mitchell, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford, from whom particulars of membership, etc., may be had.

A very tastefully produced booklet, containing the rules and the names and addresses of the members, has been issued by the Yorkshire Canary Club. Members will note that the cups, medals and specials to be offered by the club during the forthcoming show season amount in value to no less a sum than £43 17s., on which they are to be congratulated. The club, judging from the 1908-9 balance-sheet, is in a flourishing condition, and the list of members is a really splendid one. The hon. secretary is Mr. John Greaves, to whom applications for membership should be made at 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

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Members of the Stratford and East London F.S., writes Mr. W. Maxey, the hon. secretary, are requested to note that there will not be any meeting on September 23rd, it having been cancelled on account of a local young stock show being held on that date, and the majority of members wanting to visit it. Our committee meeting, October 14th, will be changed into a general meeting, when it is hoped a good muster of members will be present, as our members' young stock show is arranged for October 26th. The following gentlemen have recently joined the society: Messrs. F. Wilson (Plaistow), J. Reed (Leytonstone), E. Oakes (Ilford), and G. Kempton (Romford).

The many exhibitors who have written for schedules will have them forwarded in due course, write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, managers, Dulwich O.S. Show. (These applications prove the benefit of having show dates in your Fixture List.) The D.O.S. Show should prove especially interesting to Yorkshire fanciers, as both the Y.C.C. and S.Y.C.C. are supporting us, and that popular judge, Mr. W. Mundell, officiates. With Messrs. Vardy and Gardner judging the Norwich sections, and Mr. W. H. Vale the British and foreign, we think exhibitors, remembering our difficulties, will rally round and help us to make the show a record one. Novices will be specially looked after.

The following gentlemen have joined the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. J. Hopkins, the hon. secretary: Messrs. J. Wileock, E. W. Smith, J. Ellison, R. Anderson, A. Hirst, G. Bateman, Harrison, and Raynor, W. Midgley, A. Williams, F. Turner, W. Halls and J. Norman. Will any other intending members kindly let me have their names as early as possible so that they may be in time to compete for the grand list of specials (including the £1 1s. cash special for new members only), offered by the club, full particulars whereof they will find in CAGE BIRDS issue of September 4th? Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions oblige me by letting me have them at once? I am particularly anxious to have money matters straight before the show season opens so that there can be no question of anyones's not being eligible to compete for specials.

The Crested Canary Club.

In view of the generous programme placed before the Fancy by the Crested Canary Club, I venture to appeal to all members thereof, and any lady or gentlemen interested in the variety, to support our "Special" prize fund. I am pleased to acknowledge a subscription of 10s. 6d. from that well-known fancier and judge, Mr. Thomas Heath. Will any members who desire an advertisement in the club's rule book kindly communicate with me at once, or it will be too late.—J. S. CLARKE, hon. secretary and treasurer, "Sunnyside," Prospect Road, Woodford, N.E.

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*Oct. 7—**Peterborough.**—(S. L. Cocks, Eastfield). J.H.R., and S.H.M.
*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R. and W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct. 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
Oct. 11—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street).
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 60, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Taos, Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay,) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
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*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street).
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Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tolleross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bv. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 5, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

Wales.

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygralgwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 134, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 23.—**Newmilns.**—R. D. Mair, 22, Riverbank Street.
Sept. 20.—**Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby).**—J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

I have taken over the whole of the stock of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger (Bradford), writes Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford), and shall show in future as J. Bailey. I have close on 400 young birds; we have had a record breeding season.

The Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., writes a correspondent who signs himself "A Scotch Fancy Breeder," have close on 250 entries for the annual event in the Grand National Halls, Main St., Gorbals, Glasgow, Saturday, September 18th, and quality is of exceptional merit. The classes throughout are strong, and competition will be keen. Mr. Wright, of Greenock, the esteemed president, has stuck well by the association, and he and his colleagues have done much for the Scotch Fancy Canary. To know Mr. Wright is to appreciate him.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. Annual show business.—J. Spencer.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8.—J. S. Napier.

Ayr C.B.C.—Sept. 20, Good Templer Hall, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. D. Swan; specials, etc.; all members' subscriptions should be paid at this meeting by latest. C. C. Irvine.

Ashton-u.-Lyne O.S.—Sept. 21, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Back end show business, and passing new rules.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road, 8. Confirmation of Table shows; a series of 7 shows to be held fortnightly; members kindly attend to hear the conditions.—T. Harrison.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. Show business.—G. Harper.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Clarence Hotel, 7. Open show arrangements.—E. Carlisle.

Bramley O.S.—Sept. 25th, Carnival Rooms, Bramley, 7.30. Lecture on Preparing Birds for Exhibition, by Mr. W. Richmond; fanciers invited.—A. H. Craven.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Drawing of open specials, etc.—G. Havver.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Sept. 21, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Schedule for old bird show and delegates for Amalgamated show, etc.; fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

City of Wakefield.—Sept. 18, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Will members look at Rule 7? All entries to be in on 24th, for show on 25th.—Parker and Parkes.

Dalkeith C.C.—Sept. 25, Ship Inn, 7. Ballot of specials, also final arrangements for show and all entries to be handed in at this meeting. J. Ewing.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Sept. 19, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. Dates for Witner Shows, etc.—G. G. Stafford.

Darwen F.A.—Sept. 21, Albion Hotel, 7.30. Receiving entries for afternoon show, Sept. 25, arrangements for Oct. meeting, electing new members.—J. T. Walsh.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Sept. 22, George Hotel, 8. Members' subscriptions must be paid up at this meeting, in accordance with Rule 8.—R. S. Black.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 20. Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Report of Grand United Metropolitan Show Committee, arrangements for young stock show, Sept. 23, at Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove; extra stewards required, and specials to be allotted.—H. Rutter.

Ealing, Hanwell F.S.—Sept. 23, Mission Hall, Church road, Hanwell, 8. To arrange members' show and monthly table show; visitors welcome.—W. Bird.

Fife and Kinross Nor. P.C.—Sept. 25, Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6. Purchase of medals, etc.—A. Dickson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Classification for Open Show, specialists' Clubs' Patronage, and other important business.—G. Buck.

Green C.A.—Sept. 23, Oldham Hall, 4, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Arranging season's special card, and discussion on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," opened by Mr. F. Handley; all fanciers invited.—S. Hadwin.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, 8. To consider letter of resignation from the secretary, and to draw up show schedule.—H. W. Cook.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Victoria Hall, 7.30. Forming classes for Open Show.—T. Smith.

Keighley C.B.S.—Sept. 21, King's Head Hotel, 7.30.—W. Wright.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 22, headquarters, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. The Art of Exhibiting, by Mr. W. Stevens; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30. Paying up night of young birds, and other important show business.—A. E. Wigginton.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important, hall not available for Jan. 11, must select another date.—D. John.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Church Hall, 7.30. Confirmation of schedule, rules, etc. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leigh C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Mr. Ordish will read a paper on his experiences of Breeding and Moulting.—P. Hart.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Sept. 21, White Swan, Market Place, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. W. A. Gibbons; all fanciers will receive a hearty welcome.—J. E. Wood.

London and Counties O.S. — Sept. 20, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8. Social evening, with music, and an entirely new set of photographic slides of ornithological subjects. — W. Gilbert.

Musselburgh O.S.—Sept. 25, Brown's Rooms, 83, High Street, 7.—W. Nisbet.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Sept. 23, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. To arrange business of forthcoming annual show, to be held October 14.—E. Box.

Manchester and N.C. O.S.—Sept. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October show business.—E. H. Jones.

Oldham C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Textile Dining Room, 8. Meetings to be held weekly until date of show, Oct. 16.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Sept. 20, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, Salford, 8. Show committee meeting. Classification open show.—H. Clayton.

Pendlebury, Swinton C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Wallwork's shop, 8. Arrangement for ramble on Sept. 26.—A. Donnelly.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Sept. 23, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Ordinary business.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 20, Club, 8.30. Town hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

South Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Gregg's Cafe, 8. Show business; subscriptions are now due to compete in members' classes.—J. Barrass.

Sale Open O.S.—Sept. 20, Technical School, 8. Confirmation of open classes and other show business.—J. Irlam.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Sept. 22, Societies' Hall, 8. Ten minute lectures, with specimens.—H. G. Whibley.

Uddingston O.S.—Sept. 18, Reading Rooms, 7. Forming classes for annual show; members' subscriptions are due, and other special business.—J. Kilpatrick.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for Assn. show, and points for cup.—W. Elliott.

West Auckland C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Talbot Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—J. Gill.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Sept. 22, Station Hotel, 7.15. Annual show business; fortnightly meetings until show.—Richardson and Greenwell.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Horse and Groom Inn, 2. Bowling match and social, tea 5.30 p.m.; two quartette parties, and humourist; ladies and friends cordially invited.—E. W. Johnson.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Seed Samples, etc.

J. Tweedale.—The sample of Canary marked A is a very good all-round quality and quite good enough for anything. Sample B is smaller, rather thinner, and not so well ripened, therefore, although quite sweet, is inferior to A. For feeding Rollers add to the Canary a third part its bulk good summer rape, and give as a staple diet. Give separately twice a week a pinch of hemp to each, and vary this occasionally by giving instead half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, maw, and a sprinkling of linseed among the bulk, and now and again a kernel or two of sunflower or safflower seeds, broken into bits which the birds can manage. Twice a week give also a few crumbs of sponge cake, which you may vary by occasionally substituting a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or a little egg-food. Give a little green food every second day as long as the weather is mild and no frost about from now until spring, and daily during the summer months. When green stuff is not available, or the weather renders it inadvisable, give a little sweet fruit as a substitute. Keep cages clean, well supplied with gritty sand, and free from draughts, but in a fresh, pure atmosphere.

A Question of Diet.

Hilda.—A staple diet of plain Canary only is best throughout the winter months. This should be given in unlimited quantity in the seed boxes. Give separately in the egg drawers a pinch of rape about every second day; twice a week give the cocks a half teaspoonful of hemp, and the hens a pinch of inga, and occasionally vary this by substituting a half teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, maw, millet, linseed, and now and again a few broken kernels of sunflower, or a few crushed oats or coarse oatmeal. The last two items, however, should only be given with any freedom to birds in large cages or flights. Once or twice a week give a little bread and milk, varied occasionally with egg food. Give a little green food three times a week when the weather is quite mild and free from frost, and when these conditions do not prevail, substitute a little banana or other sweet fruit. Birds should certainly not have iron in the water all the year round, nor at any time as long as they keep well and healthy. If run down and loose in feather, and at the close of the moulting season, a small crystal of sulphate of iron may be dissolved in the water two or three times a week with advantage, but the constant use of any drugs without real necessity is to be avoided.

Five in One.

J. W. Bolton.—(1) Yes, the weed is shepherd's purse, which is a great favourite with Canarics, as well as many British birds. (2) It is not in the least necessary to employ any heat at all to dry plantain stalks for use in winter. If you gather them in dry weather when they are getting brown or purplish with ripeness, spread them on a sheet of paper in the sun for an hour or two, then tie the stalks in bunches, put the heads in paper bags and suspend them from the ceiling in a dry and airy place; they will keep in perfect condition and finish ripening the seed, a large proportion of which will drop out into the paper bags, so do not omit the bags if you wish to save all the seed. Personally, I never found Canaries very partial to this seed when fully ripened and cleaned of the husk. (3) Where one finds tincture of aconite so freely prescribed, the ordinary tincture is obviously meant in the absence of any indication to the contrary. But as I very rarely advise the use of the drug, I cannot take responsibility of saying what anyone else may mean. (4) Syrup of buckthorn is a very safe and useful aperient which may be used when necessary to relieve constipation. It is most effective when the bird is out of order through too high feeding, or the excessive use of egg food. (5) I cannot tell whether black rape, English rape, and cole seed, are one and the same thing. The two former might be synonymous, but cole should certainly not be the same thing as rape. But one can never tell. An old friend of mine planted some "rape" seed and grew from it, if my memory serves me rightly, something like a dozen different species of plants, including such things as cabbage, cole, and turnip.

Started Moulting Again.

Miss Woodward.—It is most likely the moult last June was interrupted by some means towards the close, and that the bird is now simply completing the normal moult. As it appears in good health there can be nothing seriously wrong, so beyond taking ordinary precautions against draughts or chills you need not worry. Keep him in a fairly warm place until moult is quite finished, but see the heat is regular night and day, and the air pure and fresh. Avoid any position near the ceiling, or over a burning gas or lamp. Allow him to bathe as often as he likes, if he does not seem affected by it afterwards; otherwise only allow the bath in nice mild weather. Whilst it is moulting you might with advantage add to its present diet a piece of sponge cake about the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with maw seed twice a weeek, or, as a substitute, a bit of stale bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw seed. In about a month hence, or as soon as the feathers have ceased dropping, stop the maw seed, and give instead a pinch of hemp and a pinch of inga each once a week for a time. Keeping the seeds in a tin will not affect them in any way.

Norwich and Yorkshire.

Anxious.—You are quite on the wrong track. Instead of the birds suffering from diarrhœa, as you imagine, they are troubled with constipation. Unless you err in the quantity of different seeds given, I cannot see how your diet can be the cause of this, and suspect you must give something not mentioned. Have you been giving any egg food of any kind, or any iron in the water? The latter in particular might well be the cause. The following will put matters right in a short time: Plain Canary as a staple, half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, a fairly liberal supply of green food daily. Limit diet solely to this for a week, unless you are colour feeding the birds, in which case you must, of course, continue the daily supply of colour and soft food. In the drinking water give daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, ten drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. At the beginning of the treatment catch the birds and drop one drop of olive or castor oil in the vent. Do this once only. Keep cages nicely strewn with clean gritty sand. If you have been giving iron of any kind in the water, stop this for the present, and only give it in considerably smaller quantity in future.

Hen Dying and Young Moping.

Peter.—Am strongly inclined to think the illnesses and subsequent death of your hen were due to a sudden chill either by being temporarily exposed to a cold draught, or by being in a situation exposed to draughts in certain conditions of weather. The cause of the young dropping their wings and seeming "thick" at times may also be accounted for by the same means, but in their case moulting would naturally make them appear rather thick and loose in feather, though thickness that is due to the moulting should be permanent rather than periodical whilst the moult lasts. The first and principal thing to do is to see the birds are fully protected from cold draughts at all times; that they are not exposed to sudden and violent changes of temperature; that the room and cages are quite free from damp; and that the cages are quite free from red mites. Then if any of those that remain show similar symptoms, you must move them to a fairly warm and comfortable place, being careful that the warmth is regular, and not hot during the day and cold at night. But see the air is pure and fresh, and not the exhausted emissions from around burning lamps or gas. Give first, by way of treatment, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb in the water daily for three days, and after this go on with twenty drops of whisky, and six each tincture of gentian and oxymel of squills in the water two days in every three for a week. Also add three drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the soft food every second day for a week.

The Value of Discretion.

Constant Reader.—Your letter ought really to have been sent to our Mr. Weston, but as it refers almost solely to my recent article on moulting, I will reply to it. In the first place, I am afraid you cannot have read my article very carefully, as I do not think you will find anywhere in it the advice which you say it gives, viz., "that birds accustomed to outdoor life should be left there all through the moulting season"—without some unmistakably qualifying term. Read the article again and see if you cannot find in the very first paragraph and right through the first instalment, qualifying expressions on the subject. Then under the heading "Abnormalities Considered," you will find certain instances referred to wherein it distinctly states that the subjects should not be put outdoors at all except for an hour or so when the weather is warm and sunny. I see nothing in your letter that is not fully replied to in the first instalment of the "Moult" article. Birds in cages are in a very different position to those in large aviaries as regards taking exercise to resist the effect of cold, and consequently cannot he so fully exposed to the elements, and all the vagaries of a fickle weather clerk, with safety. Certainly I should not advise you to hang out birds permanently, night and day, in hard frosty weather. I should rather regard it as refined cruelty to treat birds in cages in this way. Provided the weather is fair and sunny, your birds might be put out in the middle of the day during frost, but must not be left out permanently in such conditions.

Crests Going Thick, etc.

T. Williams.—The fact that one young bird is going thick after singing right through the moult until now, when it is nearly clean moulted, certainly does not show that the liberal dietary recommended is too rich. On the contrary, the diet has probably hitherto quite warded off the depressing effect of the moult. I should rather suspect it was suffering from a little constipation. Give it six drops each of syrup of buckthorn and syrup of rhubarb daily in the drinking water for two or three days, as may seem necessary, and after this give six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water two days in every three for a week. Give pure water each third day. Do I understand you to say you give egg food three times a week, and also "sop food" twice a week? This is a little too often. Three times a week would be sufficient to give soft food in addition to the liberal seed diet advised, so that when you give sop it should be as a substitute for, and not an addition to, egg food. Stop the millet and coarse oatmeal, for a time at least, and reduce the linseed to a very light sprinkling; very few grains of this are sufficient at a time. The birds that have not quite recovered from the coughs will probably go on coughing a little, more or less, according to the prevailing weather, until the moult is finished. See there is no down-draught in your chimney to send fumes from the lamp into the room at intervals. Stop the medicines and give instead twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after, if necessary. Also add two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion to their soft food each time for a week.

Red Mites and Asthma.

Cingalee.—Although you say you cannot find any trace of red mites on the bird, even with a lens, I think these pests are partly the cause of his condition. It is useless looking on the bird for them unless you looked a few hours after it had retired to roost. Examine the cage carefully, probing any small hole or open joint with a pin, and if you find the pest established, eradicate it as a first step. Keeping the cage in the window is doubtless the remaining cause. The fluctuations of heat and draughts, which are almost invariably very great in such a position, must be avoided at any cost if the bird is to recover. Having attended to these points, feed as frequently advised here for song birds, but instead of egg food give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed twice a week. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of syrup of rhubarb daily for three days, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give twenty drops whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together. If the bird is not quite well in that time continue the last-named medicine, plus six drops of malt extract, for another week, or write again, referring to this reply. Of course, you must not expect it to sing until after the moult.

A Wrong Diagnosis.

A.M.J. (Cricklewood).—You were very decidedly on the wrong track in treating the first hen for egg-binding. I feel quite convinced that the sole cause of her trouble was over-feeding, and probably constipation as a natural consequence. Put her now on a diet of plain Canary only, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape on two different days, and a supply of green food daily, for one week. During this time give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of syrup of rhubarb in the water every second day. After this initial treatment give in the water for one week more six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and add to the staple diet of Canary half a teaspoonful of rape, given separately, every second day, a few grains of hemp or linseed once a week, and a half teaspoonful of egg food, or bread and milk, once a week. Give a little green food four times a week as long as the weather is favourable, and afterwards substitute a little banana, apple, or carrot, two or three times a week. This you will see is considerably modifying your present regime, but you should adhere to the scale given for the winter months with this hen, and also the rest of your stock. You ought not to have had any birds breeding now. Should the eggs now due to hatch prove unfertile, separate the birds at once; and even if young are hatched, should the hen show any signs of beginning to nest again, take away the cock if the young cannot do without the hen, or if the young are beginning to get out of the nest, and the cock feeds them well, leave him with them, and remove the hen right out of sight and earshot.

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A Pumping Action.

Tom.—The birds are practically certain to be suffering from exposure to draughts, chills, or damp, or a combination of these. It is also likely the exposure is very great, or constantly recurring, otherwise it is difficult to account for birds of the year being already so afflicted. You ought to have given me some idea how they are fed and treated. However, first of all, place the affected birds in a fairly comfortable position, quite out of the reach of draughts, but yet where the air is pure and fresh, and the warmth regular—not hot by day, or in the evenings, and correspondingly cold at night. The temperature need not necessarily be high so long as it is regular, and not really cold. Keep cages clean, and nicely strewn with clean gritty sand, and see they are perfectly free from red mites. Only allow the bath in quite mild weather until the birds are better. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape to each. On the alternate days give a small piece of banana instead of green food, and a bit of bread sopped in hot milk, sprinkled with a little soft sugar and a pinch of maw seed. Limit diet to this for two or three weeks. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops syrup of rhubarb daily for three days, and after this give twenty drops of whiskey, five each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week or fortnight afterwards as may appear necessary. If the birds are not quite well after this write again, referring to this reply. Also say how you have been feeding them, and where they were kept, prior to this.

Brevity.

Not Singing (Ignorant Woman).—It seems clear the bird has been ruined by violent changes of temperature, and probably draughts. It is very doubtful whether he will ever recover. To give him the best chance, keep him in a fairly warm place to advance a speedy and good moult, but see the warmth is regular night and day, and do not move the bird about. Strictly avoid chills, and any situation exposed to the heat and fumes of a burning gas or lamp. See the cage is perfectly free from red mites. Feed as frequently advised for song birds, and keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and after this twenty drops of whiskey, five each tincture of lobelia æth., and oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, two days in every three for a fortnight, and every second day for another fortnight. Report progress at end of month, and refer to this reply.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Starling's Troubles.

L. Watkins.—If you really think there is something in the Starling's throat, you might try dipping a smallish feather in salad oil, putting it well down the throat and turning it round once or twice. This will aid the bird to throw it up, and do no harm, anyway. Get someone to hold the beak widely open. If the bird has only a slight cold, then well mix a tablespoonful each of thick honey (not the refined) and glycerine, and stir a teaspoonful into each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. You can't sex young Starlings with any certainty. The adult hen carries much larger spangling than the adult cock, and is much duller in sheen, while the latter in the spring has a yellowish bill, and his spangling then is often very minute in character.

Siberian Goldies Abroad.

U.S.A. Goldie.—I have never had the pleasure of visiting the United States, but cannot see that Russian and Siberian Goldfinches would require any different treatment out there than they get here in England. These foreign Goldfinches appreciate the same seeds and delicacies as our British Finch, but need indulging less freely with fattening, stimulating foods—especially so during hot weather. A good stock mixture would be hemp and teazle, three parts each, Canary two parts, and linseed one part, with just a sprinkling of charlock and summer rape. Give a little maw and niger frequently, also a good feed of white sunflower seeds (cracked if necessary) —not all at one time, of course, but one or other daily. Thistles, hardheads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed and other wild seeds, are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they may starve or die of thirst, never before having seen a waterhole. Seed and water should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Inga (niger) seed is their staple food during importation, and they must have an unlimited supply of this, and maw seed, at first. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it, and it is a grand food for them) gradually wean them off the niger. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble. (2) Either kind of teazle can be used, providing it is well ripened and free from mustiness. (3) You can only spray him. He will bathe in the hot weather. Different kinds of bathing utensils might be tried. (4) The above feeding should be sufficient, with, in addition, the special mixture advised "A.G.D." last week. (5) With regard to the bowel trouble, should a bird seem to droop at any time, give it at once a dose of sulphate of soda for one day, as much as will lie on a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water. Repeat the day after, if necessary. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron and quinine crystals, as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; it is constipating when given too strongly.

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The Redpolls.

Novice.—A Redpoll, whether the Mealy or the Lesser, should be moulted on the same lines as the Linnet. One of the best possible seed mixtures is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part, by measure. During the moult add one part of hemp, and towards the finish of the moult increase the proportion of linseed to one part. Also give a little maw seed now and again, and a little niger, too, while wild seed mixture is very much relished, and can be given freely during the moult. Seeding green food, such as shepherd's-purse, chickweed, knotgrass, plantain, etc., is very good for them, and these things, too, require to be given more freely during the moult than at any other period. In fact, it is a free supply of them, and a free use of the bath, which put colour into, and gloss on to, the plumage. These wild seeding plants should be gathered fresh as often as possible, and the more minute, crawling insect life there is about them, the better for the birds. Redpolls also like thistle and hardheads. On such a diet they will come into condition and on to song at the earliest possible moment after the moult is over. To "force" them, use the special mixture advised "A.G.D." last week. A Mealy Redpoll must certainly not be colour-fed; the bird should be, in my own opinion, mealy in colour, as its name indicates. No doubt many Lessers get some colour-food given them (see other replies given recently concerning colour-feeding), but it is not essential, by any means. Broadly speaking, the chief differences 'twixt Mealy and Lesser lie in size and colour—the former is a very much larger and greyer-coloured bird.

A Bullfinch for Show.

Puzzled.—A seed mixture alone is of no use in "getting up" a Bullfinch for show; much more depends on the wild seeds and berries and the way in which he is moulted. Many fanciers hold that it is not necessary to colour-feed a Bullfinch to have him a good enough colour to exhibit, providing one gets hold of the right coloured bird to start with. But I fancy many of the owners of show Bullies give them a little sweet pepper. It can be given amongst their seed (note the many replies on colour-feeding recently given) if the bird won't eat soft food. If natural colouring agents be used, Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries (in both red and black stages) and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash (rowan), dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants, I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's-purse, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel tops, etc. Let your bird bathe freely. A most important point in the production of gloss on the plumage is a free use of the bath. A bird which is not a free bather never comes out so polished as one that revels in cold water. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed, summer rape and charlock one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. Don't give hemp. Your Norwich Canary question will be answered next week by Mr. St. John (note rules).

An Exhibition Nuthatch.

Weekly Reader.—It is not easy to give by description an idea of any exhibition bird. For instance, essential points of the exhibition Nuthatch are size, shape, and markings, and these can only be gauged by comparison with other specimens. It needs to be as large as possible, with a bold chest and broad skull (not a thin bird), while the slate-blue and warm brown tints in the plumage must be as rich as possible, the white parts pure, and the eye-streak dense and well-defined. The female resembles the male, but is much paler all over in her colours. Steadiness is another very important show point. There is no regulation size and pattern of show cage. A box pattern cage, about 16in. long by 14 high by 9 wide, would answer well, with a piece of bark (as flat as possible) fixed to the back so that the bird cannot get behind it, and water and food vessels which fit inside, preferably swinging from the front. The inside and wires should be enamelled a warm cream colour. In the stock cage I strongly advise you to have two pieces of cork (or "bark," as some term it) and change them fairly frequently, thoroughly scalding the one last used with boiling water, or stoving it for a time in a fairly warm oven. This is necessary to keep down insect pests. The bird is very fond of bathing, and should be allowed to freely. Its main food should be good quality insectivorous mixture, such as is supplied to small softbill birds, moistened with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, or other green-food. Several very good "soft-foods" will be found advertised in our columns. Suitable live-foods must also be given, according to season, and a few small nuts (cracked, if necessary) and sunflower and hemp seeds. One particular favourite I had, possessed a wonderful appetite, and very varied tastes. He liked (in addition to the above things) hard-boiled eggs, bits of cake, currants and things, all sorts of nuts (especially the mixed shelled nuts from the greengrocers), mealworms, live ants' eggs, wasp grub, gentles, flies and tiny beetles, and many kinds of fruit, peeled grapes being a "speciality."

Brevities.

Colour-Feeding a Goldfinch (Anxious).—I have discussed this matter frequently of late. There is no "must" about it. It is for every owner to please himself. I hold that a colour-fed Goldfinch has no advantage over a non-fed bird for show purpose—very much the contrary, in fact, if the colour-feeding has been overdone. At the same time, if a fancier likes to heighten the colour of the wing bars, he can certainly do so.

A Light Mule (C.E.L.).—Your Mule is certainly very lightly marked, but its value depends even more upon its sex, size, and shape. Hens, for instance, fail in colour and generally in size, and are of small value compared with cocks. There are so many very good light cock Goldfinch Mules being exhibited now. Your bird should certainly be colour-fed for show purposes, whether cock or hen; if the latter, however, it might not be worth the time and cost involved. I hope it may turn out to be a "champion" for you. A Mule requires to be at least two years old before it is really at its best for show purposes.

Identity of Bird (Arion).—I think that for once the catcher was quite right; the description you give leads me to say with certainty that the bird is a Spotted Flycatcher, and not one of the Chat family. If this identification is correct, then the bird will have a very wide gape and very pronounced rictal bristles—hall-marks of the Flycatcher family. I do not think you will get much satisfaction out of it as a cage pet, for the Spotted Flycatcher (unlike its prettier and more rare relative, the Pied) has no song. Its mannerisms, however, are highly interesting.

A Young "Mule Canary" (H. Timms).—I really do not know what you mean by a young "Mule Canary," unless you are under the impression that a Canary having dark feathers is a "Mule Canary." But a Mule is one bird and a Canary another bird; no bird can at one and the same time be both. The notes of all young birds are "weak," and if your own bird was bred this season you cannot expect it to sing out loudly until it has gone through the moult and recovered from the effects of this. A little egg-food twice a week (or one of the "egg-breads" advertised in our columns) will help the bird. You do not tell me how you are feeding it, but a little hemp and maw, with a few cracked sunflower seels, now and again, should be given, as "tit-bits."

A Strange Bird (F. Olley).—Your description is a bit puzzling, but I should hazard a guess that you have come into possession of a young Linnet-Canary Mule. It not infrequently happens that Mules escape from the bird-rooms or aviaries of fanciers and gain the open country, to be then snared by a catcher amongst a flock of Linnets, etc. Still, this is merely a guess. Anyway, I can think of no British bird which fits in with the description you give. Still, you may have come across an escaped Foreign bird of some kind. I may say I have myself this summer had the misfortune to let escape three or four fine young Mules, including a dark Greenfinch, a dark Linnet, a dark Goldfinch, and a lovely cinnamon Goldfinch. Quite an addition to our country's avi-fauna! What has become of them, goodness only knows.

Thrush Not Moulting (Loco H.B.).—It often happens that certain birds are late in commencing to moult, or hang in the moult, although kept under similar conditions to other birds which moult early and without hitch. There is no accounting for individual idiosyncracies of this nature. Of course, it is not particularly late yet; I expect there are many other Thrushes besides your own which have as yet not began to cast their coats. If you were to remove the bird's cage to the corner of a room near a fire (a warm corner), and gradually cover over the cage until the bird is practically in the dark, I think you would find this procedure soon result in the feathers beginning to fall freely. The little unsteadiness you speak of will disappear with the moult, I feel confident.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Treatment for Grey Parrot.

G. Goodwin.—This bird is suffering from the effects of improper diet, and it will be a work of time and patience getting it into condition again. The only method is to diet strictly as below, and to give alternately Parrish's Chemical Food and Dinneford's Magnesia, the magnesia to be given (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) every other day so long as the voidings are not watery. When this occurs the interval between the doses must be lengthened. The chemical food may be given in the proportion of one part to three of water. Diet: Seed mixture, Canary, hemp, wheat, paddy rice, small maize, dari, and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage; also give regularly at intervals during the day, to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, such greenfood as it will eat, with cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing. A little cooked potato is permissable, but it must be given free from fat of any kind; bread may be given, but it must not be buttered and should be stale; soaked biscuit is satisfactory, but it should only be moistened (in water) only, and not saturated. Twigs, cotton reels, etc., for the bird to cut up are very useful in such a case as yours. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. See other Parrot replies.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

Hirondolle.—The front of the roofed-in portion should be glazed and boarded up (it must be well lighted or the birds will not use it), with two openings, say, 1½ by 5ft. equi-distant, for ingress and egress and cleaning purposes, etc.; these apertures will not need doors. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside, as birds do not appear to recognise glass as an obstruction. You can then leave the birds outside all the year round. You would find my booklet, "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful (see advert.). The Cockatiels are quite safe, but do not let the fine appearance of Budgerigars tempt you to include these, as sooner or later they mischievously kill or mutilate birds of the Finch tribe. Finches: Zebra, Ribbon, Spice, Rufous-tailed, Long-tailed Grass, and Grey and Green Singing Finches. Munnikins: Bronze, Black-headed and Magpie, Grey and White Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey, Zebra, St. Helena, and Orange-cheek Waxbills. Save for such species as you can purchase from some outdoor aviary where they have been out-of-doors all the summer, you must not put new purchases out-of-doors at this time of the year, but wait till next Spring. Pleased to assist you at any time.

A Northern Aviary.

D.R.A.—I should advise putting in the hot-water pipes as you suggest. Put a shelf over the pipes and then case them in with wire netting to prevent birds perching on the pipes. The narrow shelves will make cosy roosting quarters in severe weather. The East end of aviary should also be board and glass; the front of the roofed-in portion should also be boarded and glazed; it must be well lighted or birds will not use it. Leave an opening in the middle of each section, say 2ft by 5ft.; this will supply the birds with ingress and egress, and also yourself for cleaning purposes, etc. With such provision the birds named below should thrive and increase. Aviary with 8ft. by 4ft. flight and shed will accommodate 40 birds; the other aviary will accommodate three pairs of Parrakeets and three or four pairs of Budgerigars. Finches, etc.:—Ruficauda, Ribbon, Zebra, Spice, Yellow-rump, Long-tail Grass, Red-headed and Saffron Finches, Grey-necked Serin; Diamond Doves, Zebra Waxbills, Common and Green Avadavats, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Java Sparrows, and Silverbills. Parrakeets: Rosella, Red-rump, and Cockatiels, with two pair Yellow and one pair Green Budgerigars; with these you could keep, say, half-a-dozen Cardinals, Starlings and Thrushes, or a mixture of all three. Unless you can purchase from some outdoor aviary, which you should be able to by advertising, you must defer stocking your aviary till Spring.

Brevities.

Show Cages for Rock Parrot and Orange Bishop (C.T.).—You will require a cage for the Rock Parrot not less than 18 inches long, 12 inches deep, and 30 inches high, the perch to be so fixed that head is clear of top and tail of bottom of cage. For the Orange Bishop a cage 10 to 12 inches long, 9 inches deep, and 12 inches high, will suffice. Consult our advert. columns and write one or more of our advertisers for lists. A visit to some local show would also be of much assistance, as you would then see the various types of cages and note how they suited their occupants.

Treating a Sick Gouldian (Foreign Bird).—Your treatment is very satisfactory, but can well be carried further. Keep bird warm and out of draught (yet where it will get fresh air). Keep bowels well regulated by judiciously using Dinneford's Magnesia; also give two drops pure olive oil direct to beak. If it will take it, supply milk sop daily; prepare it with boiled milk, and add a little Mellin's Food or Scott's Emulsion. Supply this till bird is fit again. In addition to Canary, white and spray millet, supply ripe fruit (such as it fancies—try pear, apple and banana), seeding grass, fresh and tender lettuce, paddy rice, and a few crushed oats. The cage should be roomy and fitted with twiggy branches. If bird appears weak, stimulate it with very weak brandy and water. Probably exhaustion from effects of moulting may be responsible.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

An Indisposed Lovebird (E.T.).—I consider it would be best to painlessly destroy this bird, as I fear any recovery can be but partial, and the bird would remain more or less a cripple. However, you can give it Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), every other day so long as the voidings are not watery. In between, that is, when not giving the magnesia, well colour drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food and continue till the bird is fairly fit again. Of course, it must be caged separately, and a dry turf or piece of peat would be a good feature at one end of cage. But if the bird were mine I should destroy it.

Green Parrot not Fit (Toby).—Heat is not needed so long as it is kept out of draught. Soft food (I do not gather what kind) should not be given, as regards diet. The reply to "G. Goodwin" will fully meet your case; note also warning against slops and table scraps. Give it a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia twice weekly for a couple of months—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water—in between, that is, when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food and continue this till the bird is thoroughly fit again. If it is merely partly digested food the bird brings up and then re-swallows, this is perfectly natural.

Rosella Parrakeet with Overgrown Beak (J. Spall).—Overgrown beak usually occurs from a lack of cuttlefish, hard wood, etc., for bird to exercise its beak on. The lower mandible will have to be trimmed, and if you are not accustomed to performing this fairly simple operation, seek the assistance of a "vet.," or some local fancier who is accustomed to trimming beaks of birds. A "vet." should be the better, as he would have proper tools for the operation to hand. In future, keep a piece of clean cuttlefish, small lump of hard mortar rubbish, and a piece of some kind of hard, non-splitting wood in cage or aviary, and the bird should keep its beak in condition on these.

Parrot with Swollen Feet (Elephantis).—Soak feet in hot (of course, not scalding) water for from, say, five to ten minutes, dry them, and while moist paint with whisky, using a camel-hair brush, which should be well cleansed after each occasion. Apply treatment twice daily. Its bowels should be kept moving freely, but the voidings should not be watery. Dinneford's Magnesia is a good regulator, one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. Do not give this two days running, but merely at intervals as required.

Only Partial Success (J.T.).—I cannot give you really helpful advice without knowing something of the way you feed and treat them, and where they are kept. The cause of your young dying at from 8 to 10 days old may be due to many things, but the most likely is that the hens stopped feeding them, and probably wanted to start nesting. This is almost, if not quite, invariably the result of injudicious feeding and management. If you will send me the above particulars therefore, and also say whether the young usually died with food in the crop, and what green food you gave the parents, I shall be pleased to give you all the assistance I can. The best advice I can give you now is to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from this office, and digest contents. Of course, the birds should be separated, and no further attempts made at breeding until March or April.

A "Stately" Trio ("U.S.M.Q.").—(1) It may be within the bounds of possibility to obtain the eggs you name fresh in England and export them to the States, where they might hatch successfully, but I do not think the probability very great. Anyway, you must not regard it as an easy matter to be accomplished every day. I should say that Finches offer the least and Budgerigars the greatest prospects of success, though it seems scarcely worth while experimenting with the last-named when the birds themselves are so cheap. (2) No, Paprika and tasteless pepper are not the same thing. The former is what one might call a semi-cold pepper. It is warm, but not hot like Natal, nor yet cool like the pure tasteless red peppers. (3) The sample (which you say is known in the States as both inga and thistle) is a rather pure sample of inga.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (S. Thacker).—Bird fever. You seem to be doing everything possible to get rid of the infection.

Greenfinch (Miss Foster).—Softening of liver ending with rupture of blood-vessels of that organ. Nine years is a long time to keep a Greenfinch; but even these hardy birds will not live for ever.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor

Cutting (J.H.J.).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

Yellowhammer-Canary Hybrids (J. C. Eagleton).—We hope to deal with this matter next week.

Sudden Death to Red Mites (W.E.G.).—We appreciate the joke, but dare not let it see light of day. It might bring the R.S.P.C.A. down on us!

Cage Making (Porter).—The subject of cage-making is dealt with in "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," post free 2s. 3d. from this office (cloth bound and fully illustrated).

Canaries Wholesale (Roffe).—The absence of replies may be due to the fact that you did not enclose a business (trade) card. You could certainly write the advertiser mentioned and see if he would supply smaller quantities.

In Return for a Loan (M.W.M.).—Not knowing the parties concerned, we are afraid it is beyond us to suggest what "would be considered a fair return" for a loaned Canary. It is one of those things best settled beforehand. Glad to hear of your success.

Prize Money at the Dulwich O.S. Annual Show (M.T.).—It seems to us that the matter of alleged grievances arising out of the above show has now had ample ventilation in the Press. With regard to the Cage Bird Union patronage, this you could very well bring direct to the notice of the secretary of that body to he dealt with by them.

A Remedy (E. Charles).—We do not quite understand your question, but may say that we believe the only way to fully protect your remedy is to patent the same. You can get full particulars by writing the Patent Office, Chancery-lane, London, W.C.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Meeting held September 11th, President C. R. Drysdale in the chair. The entries for exhibition were taken. The following gentlemen kindly volunteered their services as committee for show day: Messrs. J. McLennan, W. Thornton, J. Robertson, J. Dalgleish, P. Blair and P. McNiven. The closing date for receiving entries has been extended to Monday, 20th September, positively the last day, as all matter for catalogue must be in printer's hands then, in order to be got ready in time. The attendance of members was somewhat less than usual, no doubt accounted for by the Budget demonstration in the city. Our general meeting will be held very shortly after show, and I earnestly appeal to members to turn out in large numbers.—J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, August 26th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair. It was decided that Mr. Wellings take the whole of the Green classes at Altrincham. The drawing-up of the syllabus for 1909-10 was then proceeded with. A new feature in the shape of a novice night show was arranged, and a host of medals and cash promised for this event, which looks like being very popular. Mr. Brunskill (Darlington) was present, and on being asked to speak by the Chairman, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be amongst such a sterling lot of fanciers as the men of Liverpool and district, and to receive such a kindly reception when visiting their rooms. Commenting on the syllabus, he said they in the North had a system of novice night shows running through the season, and the points gained in the aggregate counted for a good special given for competition throughout the shows. This had been found a good plan for bringing the members together and for bringing out a good entry at each show. Mr. Brunskill found that judging pairs was a very difficult matter, it being impossible to say what any individual pair would throw without knowing something of the pedigree of the birds. Mr. Brunskill had "knocked about" a good deal lately, and found that whilst in the old days most fanciers kept a little Green blood in their rooms for colour producing purposes, they were now breeding for Greens pure and simple. Whilst recognising the great strides the Norwich Greens had made during the past few years, he did not think the Yorkshire Greens were so good in colour as formerly, this no doubt being due to the introducing of light blood for type purposes. Mr. Brunskill advised the members to visit as many shows as possible and dress the Greens with the visitors. If they did so, they would not only popularise the Green as a variety, but would also open up a market for their surplus stock. He was glad to see the patronage for this year so well distributed.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A. monthly meeting, held September 4th, in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, President C. Hunter in the chair. A large number of cups and trophies were on the table for inspection, and it was agreed to get two silver rose bowls and a silver flower pot for the Crest, Border and Mule sections of annual show. Messrs. W. Woods, F. Haddow and J. Nime were enrolled as new members. An exhibition of cage making will be given at the next meeting by Mr. A. Lennie. Mr. Hunter then gave a washing exhibition, and put two birds through the operation in a few minutes' time, showing and explaining the different positions of holding the birds during the process. The roll book is still open, and fanciers of Crests, Borders and Mules should enrol now to enable them to compete for these handsome trophies.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND

Meeting held August 31st in Duncan's Restaurant, London-street, Glasgow, a good number of members being present. As the club had granted the application for patronage made by the City of Glasgow O.A. for their forthcoming open show, the members were a little disappointed with the classification offered, and after a discussion it was unanimously agreed to withdraw patronage unless that club extended their confined Yorkshire classes by adding a hen class to the two already offered. An application by Paisley O.A. was unfortunately sent after closing date for receiving same. The following shows are under our patronage:—Kelty, October 23rd; Ayr C.B.A., October 30th; Glasgow and West of Scotland, November 12th and 13th; Kilmarnock, November 19th and 20th; Dundee, November 26th and 27th; Alexandria, December 11th; and Aberdeen, December 17th and 18th; with City of Glasgow, October 15th and 16th, providing they accept our terms.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

Meeting held September 9th, to consider a letter received from the secretary resigning his position, owing to lack of support. The matter was thoroughly gone into, and it was proposed that the secretary pro. tem. be requested to write to Mr. Hamer, asking him to kindly withhold his resignation until there was an opportunity of calling an extraordinary general meeting, when the subject could be more fully gone into. All present were loud in their praises of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Hamer in the past, and they trusted that, notwithstanding the way they had treated him, he would not resign his position, as if he did, we should lose a valuable servant, and they were sure they could not readily find another equal to take his place. The chairman (Mr. Meades) proposed that the drawing up of the annual show schedule he left over until the next meeting, on September 23rd. The Young Stock Show balance-sheet was passed as read. Seven signed the attendance book; meeting closed 10 p.m.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec., pro. tem.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held in the Cloak Room, Town Hall, on 4th. Sept., Mr. Johnston in the chair. The following new members were proposed: Messrs. Jarvie, Morrison, M'Kendrick, Kilpatrick, and three others. The show rules were discussed, and adopted, except that the prize money is reduced to 6s., 4s., and 2s., and entry fee to 1s., per bird, as the show is to be a members' show only. The rule governing the issue of prize money in the classes with not more than 7 and 4 respectively, was amended to read "Half prize money given in not more than 7 classes, and half of 2nd and 3rd prize money given to 1st and 2nd prize winners in not more than 4 classes." Morocco cards were also abolished for this show, and the cards issued will be free. Catalogues are to be unmarked this year. Members who are not on duty on the show date will be admitted to gallery up to 1 p.m., after that time they will be allowed into the body of the hall. They must bring their members' receipt, or he otherwise identified before admission. The classification (revision of) is held over until next meeting. The subscription sheets were next discussed, and various alterations suggested. The following gentlemen were appointed the official collectors to the society to receive 20 per cent. on all amounts (except specials) collected: Messrs. J. B. Smith and A. M'Kendrick. This closed a very interesting and instructive meeting. The President and Mr. Haddow occupied the chair during the latter half of the evening.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, on September 2nd, Mr. Currah presiding. As there appears to be some doubt about the sections novice members can show in at our forthcoming show, they are reminded that they have the privilege of showing in all three sections, i.e., the open, members' and novice members'; but they will not be allowed to make three entries with any one bird. They can show a bird in the open and transfer it into the members' or novice members' class, as they choose. Birds shown in members' classes must be young ones, and bred by the exhibitor, excepting British and Foreign birds. The following were made members: Messrs. G. Graham (Newbiggin-by-the-Sea) and James Parkinson (West Jesmond). Mr. Hutchinson read a letter from Mr. Dodds, secretary of the Northumberland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, re better protection for British wild birds. Our members wish the close season to be extended to the 1st September instead of the 1st August as at present. It was announced that a lantern lecture would be given by Mr. Birchley in the Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook, on 22nd and 23rd of September, when it is hoped he will receive the support of both Newcastle members and members of neighbouring societies. Mr. Currah was appointed show manager. It was arranged to hold meetings fortnightly until our show on October 22nd and 23rd. In the meantime, it is hoped members will do all they can to maintain our reputation for "specials." Those who reside at a distance desirous of giving one, will oblige by communicating with the secretaries.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Hon. Secs.

Correspondence.

Y.C.C. of Ireland Matters.

Sir,—I saw a letter in your last week's issue from a person signing himself "A Provincial Member." Would he be good enough to state what he is a member of, for I do not think that any Cage Bird Society would care to admit any man who would be afraid to write over his own name. Neither would they be foolish enough to allow themselves to be advised by such a person, although a fool's advice might be the best of any.

Jas. Devins.

Making a Suitable Frame for Punched Bar Cage-Fronts.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to ask if some of your numerous readers will kindly give an illustration of how they make their punched bar fronts, and what kind of frame they use to fix bars in? I have made a few in frame similar to a picture frame, and have stood the frame up and put wires in from the top. I sawed a slit in the top and middle bar nearly to end of frame, but found when I took the fronts out that they were not upright or level.

One Willing to Learn.

For Members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

Sir,—It is with great regret that I hear of the intended resignation of Secretary Hamer of the above society. I feel sure, notwithstanding the fact that the members have not supported him as well as they should have done, they esteem his valuable services, and would be sorry to lose him. It is to be hoped he will reconsider his decision, and stick to them, looking for better support in the future. Should this letter reach the eye of any member of the G. and D. C.B.S., it would be as well for him to carefully read it through, as I feel sure he will understand how hurtful it is to the feelings of the Secretary to find when he turns up at a meeting that there are only two or three in attendance; and this has occurred, I believe, more than once when a lecturer has been advertised to be present, which is an indignity to the Lecturer and to the Secretary. I understand an extraordinary general meeting is to take place on September 23rd, and it is to be hoped that all members will do their utmost to attend. It has been uphill work for this society this last two years, and the genial secretary, Mr. Hamer, is not to be envied his position during this period, as he has done more for the society than any of the members can possibly conceive. Now, members, turn up in full force on the 23rd, and put on record your appreciation of his services. You cannot afford to lose a valuable servant.

Syntax.

Rearing Insectivorous Birds on Soft Food Mixtures.

Sir,—I was very much interested in Mr. W. E. Teschemaker's letter on this subject. Many of us know he is an experienced aviculturist, and takes the keenest interest in all that appertains to bird-keeping. But his communication, although at first it gives a sweet flavour, ends by leaving a bitter taste behind. He tells us what he does not feed his birds upon. Perhaps he will now inform us what he gives them? If he will, I feel sure every one of your readers will be grateful to him.

Enquirer.

Sir,—Mr. Teschemaker is surprised that no one has taken Mr. Finn to task for his remarks anent the rearing of young Softbills on soft food. I take it there are two classes of people who read his advice—those who know and those who don't know better. Those who know passed his remarks by for what they are worth. Those who do not know would see nothing particularly wrong in them. I agree with every word Mr. Teschemaker says. For years and years I have written the same thing, but in vain. Some people think (who, by the way, have never probably bred a Softbill) that anything they say is infallible. A few weeks ago an "Oddment" was thrown to me anent my Sacred Kingfishers. Why did not Mr. Farrar try raw meat? I might have answered, "Because Mr. Farrar had respect unto his birds." However, I refrained my lips and kept silent, though it was pain and grief to me. But I remember enough of my old friend Juvenal to cry, *Semper auditor tantum nunquamne reponam.* Must I always be a listener, and say nothing? No; for the sake of the dickies yet unborn, I will join my protest to that of Mr. Teschemaker. As an old, and probably one of the most successful rearers of softbills, I have suffered much from the cabinet naturalists. Again and again I have been refused a medal on the plea that "*So-and-so had been bred at the Zoo.*" It was no good to protest; it was no use to ask where the birds were; it was no use to express incredulity, *the birds had been bred at the Zoo years and years ago.* I always go to the Zoo when up in town, but I can *never see the young birds in evidence,* and I know Mr. Sutton well, and have had many a long and interesting talk with him. The treatment I received so annoyed me, that I have long since ceased to bother after medals, and now simply rear for my own amusement. I have said many times, and I now say it again, that Softbills will not and cannot rear their young on mixtures. They require live insects. Nobody, except people like Mr. Teschemaker, knows what rearing a nest of Softbills means; but when I say that the old birds think nothing of taking six and eight mealworms a time to the nest, and that from dawn to dusk, every few minutes, then those of my readers who will listen to common-sense, will understand that "Oddments" is not a bad name for this of Mr. Finn's advice. At any rate, it is so odd that I for one do not intend to follow it. I shall still, like Mr. Teschemaker, "follow nature," and I venture to think that we shall rear more youngsters than Mr. Finn is ever likely to see. I would ask Mr. Finn a little conundrum. While he is experimenting with his mixtures, what about the young birds? They have tender stomachs, and cannot bear a prolonged fast! (Rev.) C. D. Farrar.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Teschemaker's letter, the young Bank Mynah at the Zoo has been out of the nest for weeks; it was not bred in the large high central division of the Western Aviary, as he says, but in one of the three roofed compartments opening into this. The parents were confined in this indoor place all the time they were rearing the young bird, and any insects that got in would have had to run the gauntlet of various insectivorous birds in the outside flight. This was not the only instance of rearing without unlimited soft food which I gave, but it is, I think, needless to worry any more at present about the statements of a writer so careless in investigating evidence as Mr. Teschemaker shows himself to be.

Frank Finn.

A Skylark that Sings Every Day.

Sir,—During the last few months I have read various notes touching upon the Lark family in Cage Birds. Being a great lover of the Skylark, am pleased to give brother fanciers the benefit of my experiences on Skylark keeping, especially Mr. Harmer, as he wants to know how to make his bird sing. I take a tin of Fox's Insectivorous Food and another of Fox's Egg and Biscuit, and thoroughly mix them together. Then I take a good teaspoonful of cured wasp grub and add as much of the mixed food as will last the bird a day and give it to him. The mixed foods will keep fresh any length of time if kept in a tin with a lid on. Give the wasp grub alive once a week. This diet is for summer time. In winter I give nice young mealworms (three or four a day) with the mixed food. I prefer young mealworms to the big ones, because the latter take such a lot of bashing about before they can be eaten. As to green food, I give every day one or other of the following: Chopped lettuce, chickweed, groundsel, scraped carrot, brussels sprouts, watercress, clover, and grass, as they come in season. I don't often give a clover turf, as the bird's feet get clogged up with excreta, but I give him good road sand and grit half an inch deep, and clean water twice a day. I make a pet of him and talk kindly to him. My bird is now moulting and sings every day. It is kept outside except in windy weather, frosty and snowy days as well. He seems to enjoy being out in a good shower of rain, trying to catch the drops. I have tried many of the Lark foods on the market and find the above very good. My next bird is to be a Nightingale, which I intend to keep on the same food, and I guess I shall have some music. If Mr. Harmer would like to correspond with me I will give him my idea of the best cage for a Lark, which I make myself. You are at liberty to give my address to him or any other Lark fancier.

E. N. Smith.

P.S.—Larks are not seed-eating birds, so take my advice and don't give your bird any seed at all, no matter what other people tell you. I have tried it without the slightest success, and should be pleased to show my bird to anyone. He can be heard three hundred yards away.

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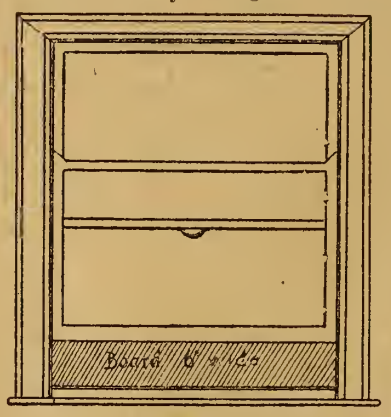
"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

Sir,—I have scanned the correspondence in Cage Birds very eagerly, but have failed to see a satisfactory answer to "Nimrod's" question. No doubt there are plenty of fanciers who know the cure for this malady; but they will not divulge. Well, I have only been a bird keeper for 24 years out of my 34, so I am only a novice. However, I can cure the "going light" disease if I can get hold of the birds in the early stages. Greenfinches I have had by the score, and I never lost many through this malady. Prevention is better than cure, and if you feed on natural food, such as shepherd's purse, red neize, and plantain stalks, you won't have many that will contract the disease. Greenfinches are delightful pets, and are worth some trouble. They are very easily tamed British birds. Canaries are carried off by the score by this disease, and it is in regard to them I give particulars of the cure. I saved a good few last year and this (my only two seasons at breeding), and I think what will cure mine will do the same for others. I have 114 young doing well, and nine fertile eggs yet to hatch, so "Going light" has not played the game with me it has with some fanciers, and I therefore willingly give the remedy. As soon as you see the birds dumpy, and sitting a long time at the seed box eating nothing, you must be up and doing, for if the bird gets too thin it is out of the reach of all human aid. Catch it and put it in a cage by itself; put in its drinking water some finely ground Epsom salts (as much as will lie on the end of a teaspoon handle), boil some milk, and let it soak well into some home-made bread; mix well with a few drops of lemon, and make it nice and sweet with glycerine. On the second day remove the water and salts, and keep the bird without water altogether. The milk sop will be nice and sloppy, and the bird will not need it. I have cured five out of every seven birds by these means. Good luck to Cage Birds.

John Canning.

How to Ventilate the Bird-room and Avoid Draughts.

Sir,—I enclose you a sketch which will show your readers how I ventilate my bird-room, thus keeping any draught off the birds. It is very simple and I think will be a great benefit to the Fancy during the moulting season. You cut a board about six inches wide and sufficiently long to allow it to go in between the pulley stiles of the window, then raise the bottom sash, put the board into position (putting it tight up to the parting lath that divides the two sashes), pull down the sash on to same and it is complete. The ventilation passes up to the ceiling between the sashes.



For Ventilating the Birdroom.

E. E. Miller.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

Sir,—Just a few notes on the Linnet song. A bird that can "ree" and "pee" and "scrape," and change it (all these want changing) is a good one. It is what I call a fine Linnet. About thirteen or fourteen accidental notes, and the ability to change well, make a bird a good fiddler.

Fiddler.

Sir,—I have been very interested in the above subject. Although I have never been present at a Northern contest, I have, through your correspondence, come to the conclusion that the Northerner requires quality and quantity of song. The Londoner wants quantity of song. I have heard some really good racing Linnets (birds that have won) lay on one short "Lym," as racing men term them. The quality of the London Linnet is its pluck, *i.e.*, its endeavour to sing its opponent down. I quite agree with your correspondent, "One Who Does Not Require Teaching," that it is undoubtedly fair. Again, I can assure your correspondent, Mr. Barnard, that the percentage of good birds (one in a thousand) is considerably underestimated as far as London goes. As regards the idea of a mocking bird, your correspondent, Mr. Geo. Rostron, gives us some passages which if uttered by a Linnet are undoubtedly acquired. It is quite easy to prove, as I have done by hand-rearing out of sound of any Linnet song. I heard of a Linnet last summer kept by itself that called; in fact, did everything you would expect from a respectable Sparrow upwards. This bird was not hand-reared, but I believe was caught in July. It not only surprised me but surprised a very old fancier friend (not forty years' experience); not very many people require all that time to gain a little honest knowledge. Again, get a stout old bird and some young branchers from any county, and keep them absolutely within his hearing alone, and nine out of ten will sing his song entirely.

One Who Knows a Linnet From a Crow.

Sir,—In your issue of August 21st, your correspondent, H. Barnard, asks why I don't come out in my true colours, *i.e.*, sign my name. There are two reasons. The first is because others who wish use *noms de plume*, so why not I? Secondly, I don't wish to be accused of wanting "a free ad." Mr. B. also asks what it matters whether I hail from Jerusalem or Lincolnshire? Nothing at all to him, as I asked "London Fancier" this and not him. I have noticed one peculiarity about Mr. Barnard, it is this: he is so very sure he is perfectly right and everyone else (who does not see eye to eye with him), is perfectly wrong. For instance, all who agreed with him in the recent correspondence wrote (so he says) the only sensible letters; but the other letters were all "swank," and were written by "swankers." Please give others credit, Mr. B., for knowing a little, for no man knows it all in any one business, and never will. Very different are the courteous and gentlemanly letters, written by Mr. Rostron, Fred Allen, and others. Now, I should like to ask Mr. Barnard one thing. He claims that every cock Linnet has its own song bred in it from the nest. If this is so, what makes him keep his youngsters under a good old bird? If the song is bred in them and cannot be improved, what does he want to put them under a tutor for? On the other hand, if they do take the old bird's song, then this proves conclusively they are mocking birds—in captivity, if not outside. Again, if they are not mocking birds, one could put quality-singing Linnets and time-singing Linnets together without fear of spoiling the former; but who is there who would risk it? Not many, I'm quite certain. Would you, Mr. B., keep your racing Linnets with Chaffinches or Goldfinches? I don't think so; yet if they are not mocking birds (*i.e.*, do not take up other birds' notes), why don't you hang them in same room? As Mr. B. does not object to all who use a *nom de plume*, I will take the risk of again signing myself

Linnet Fancier.

Two Crests and a Cup at Far-away Cape Town.

Sir,—Referring to "Double Crest's" letter of August 7th in your valuable paper, and his statement *re* my bringing forward a witness to prove my case, I may state I thought it absolutely unnecessary, especially as an "expert" was purposely asked to attend and prove the age of the bird; but he having made such a *ridiculous blunder* in his attempt to prove same, the Committee of the Cape Town Canary Society were not long in arriving at their decision, and unanimously decided that my Crest was a young bird, and correctly entered, and upheld the judge's (Mr. Morton's) decision. I may also draw attention to Mr. Steven's letter in same issue, stating that the bird was *without a tail.* This I, of course, most certainly consider unjust towards the judge. The bird's tail was perfect in every respect. I appeal for proof to the members of the Committee who were present the evening the bird was exhibited, and they, I am positive, will bear me out. As to the writer's statement about the smoke on the feathers from the ship's funnel, it clearly shows his ignorance of the importation of birds. They are not kept in or near the coal bunk, but are generally carefully looked after by one of the stewards or the butcher on board. Why do these gentlemen write 6,000 miles away, instead of face to face in our local papers? It is a pity some people cannot take a beating in the right sporting mood. Happily I do not enter my birds ono in a class as a money-making concern, and our society, I feel sure, can fortunately do without the services of such breeders and fanciers who seem so proud of boasting the absence of their entries at our shows.

L. C. Carrick.

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New Cage Bird Society for Bishop Auckland.

SIR,—A meeting was held on Saturday, September 11, at the Fleece Hotel, when there was a good attendance. Twenty-three members joined. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25, to fix day for the show. Any one wishing to join is invited to attend.

Fleece Hotel. H. HUNTER, Sec.

The Scottish B.B. & M. Club's Patronage.

SIR,—With reference to the report of Mr. A. W. Watson, Secretary of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, I beg to differ from him on the "record" applications for patronage. In 1907 the applications exceeded the number of this year, and more societies received the patronage of the club; in fact, if it is correct that six societies only have this year been granted it, and that conditionally, this is the smallest number for the past six years, if not in the first year of the club, and clearly indicates the true position of the club. And by endorsing their recent decision the club are simply playing into the hands of borrowers and lenders—a matter which is a very important one in the rules of the club. I wish, however, to state, in writing to the Press, that I hope no one will misunderstand my intentions, for the good of my former club friends is my sincere desire.

R. FARMER.

Morriston Society's Winding-up Order Rescinded.

Resolution to Close Down Withdrawn.

SIR,—At a well-attended meeting of the Morriston and District C.B.S., held on September 11th, to consider the resolution proposed at our last meeting (and published in CAGE BIRDS of September 4th) to wind up the society. After a good discussion, the resolution was rescinded, and it was unanimously decided to hold an open show on the date already fixed, viz., November 18th. Judges for same are Messrs. W. Mundell and H. Norman. The classification for the schedule was decided upon, 35 open classes being provided, and all prize money is to be guaranteed. So we hope exhibitors will not forget us when the time comes, as we are looking forward to having a good show this year and for many years to come.

W. H. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

A Question for Users of Long Clap Nets.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in CAGE BIRDS in answer to the gentleman who speaks of his experience with spring net traps. I have lately taken up the hobby of bird keeping, but have only bought two birds. I am now the proud possessor of 32. All the others I have caught myself with these traps, and all are doing well in an outdoor aviary. Being a new beginner I wish to thank CAGE BIRDS for the grand hints I have received from it week by week, which have kept my birds from dropping.

F. LIGHTFOOT.

SIR,—My friend, who signs himself "A Member of the Middlesbrough C.B.S.," has been exceedingly kind in publishing diagrams and explanations with reference to the working of long clap nets. I thank him very sincerely for his kindness. Perhaps he will pardon me for saying that I cannot follow him in one particular, and that is with reference to the stout wooden staff G, which he says "should be driven well into the ground level with the cords on the staff." I would like a fuller explanation of this bridle gear, which he says is very useful in windy weather. Does this particular stout staff "G" work on sockets? Or is it an upright peg driven into the ground opposite the socket peg of each net, and around which the arms of the pull line or the bridle cords go? I really do not understand this part of his instructions. How long is this staff G? I quite follow his explanations with regard to the four poles and the eight essential pegs. Shall we agree to call the four stretchers "poles," and all other things driven into the ground "pegs" so as to avoid confusion? I cannot understand "G" nor do I understand the fastening point of the pull line arms. Will our friend explain further, please? He is a "brick" for troubling at all, and I hope he will favour me with fuller details with reference to the bridle gear only. All the rest is plain sailing.

QUERIST.

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A Useful Lamp for the Birdroom

SIR,—Mr. Stapleton, in last week's CAGE BIRDS ("Illustrated Ideas") gives the method for the making of a handy lamp. I wish to show the best and safest way to get the bottom out of the glass jar. With a drop of gum water mix a drop of thick ink out of the bottom of a nearly-dried-up inkpot; make a series of dots round the bottom of jar where you want to cut it; next take a three-cornered file, and with a sharp light draw stroke make a tiny nick. Next take a stout piece of wire about a foot long, curve one end for about an inch to fit the outside of jar, and then bend over other end to form a handle. Make the curved end of wire red hot, and apply to nick, holding it there firmly till you hear a slight cracking sound. Heat up the wire again, and follow up the crack along the dots which serve as guide till you have gone round the jar; then tap it all round with the back of a table knife, when the bottom will drop off. Rub the sharp edges with a stone.

J. CROWTHER.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I beg to express my opinion on the dying off of young cage birds. It is, I believe, owing to their want of "teeth," or a substitute. Some fanciers recommend sawdust, and others pine wood dust, which should not be used, except for old birds, and only in their case in order to save the eggs if they are dropped from the outside of the nest. When the young leaves the nest it gets into the bottom of the cage and begins to pick about, and if wood dust is about it is sure to get some of it into its crop, and as it cannot digest it, the wood dust is more likely than not to cause trouble. If a little sand is placed in the tin it is knocked out into the wood dust, and the bird is still liable to pick it up. Of course, sand runs into a big item where a number of birds is kept if bought from the corn dealer's, but river sand, from the builder's yard, sifted can be bought for one shilling per bushel, and that quantity lasts a long time used alone, and no doubt the young birds will find plenty of sharp grit (teeth) to enable them to digest their food. Another great danger is in allowing the food which has been knocked out of the vessel to the cage bottom to get dry and hard and sour. Such food is also liable to get picked up, and often sets up inflammation, another trouble. My advice is, see particularly to this wasted food; clean the cage bottom out every day. Where the fancier has to leave early in the morning, and does not get home until late, if he feeds his birds in a small cage outside hung in front of the door, the waste will not get into the breeder. It can too be easily unhung and cleaned out with a shake every evening. This method would only be required for about a week or ten days, for the birds could be fed in the ordinary way outside. Another danger is in having more pairs up than one can attend to. Sixty pairs would take all one's time to attend to, as they should be attended to. Better far try twelve pairs and keep them clean; otherwise you will only breed disease and lose all the birds. Clean water, good, sweet food, little and often, and plenty of river sand are essential; cages should be washed out with vinegar and allowed to dry; then apply some linseed oil with a brush, which application will keep down the red mites.

W. PAVEY.

SIR,—Yes, indeed! some remedy is wanted, and that right away, from some of our old fanciers with regard to the fatal disease referred to above. I have been a breeder (but not of show birds) for the past five or six years, and I may say have been very successful, and especially fortunate in rarely losing any young after they have been parted from their parents. This is my season's work this year, after being up as early as 5.30 o'clock nearly every morning for many weeks, and attending to them as late as possible in the evening. Two months ago I had 29 young (Canaries and Mules), and have had more hatched since. Now I have but nine, all told. The young began to "go off" one by one when about six or seven weeks old; then my hens went, and the last one died to-day (August 26th); the cocks followed (I have one left), and then all my British birds, so that I have lost quite 40 birds, after having tried every possible remedy I could think of. Directly I noticed any signs of illness the bird was placed by itself away from the rest, but I found they would eat little or nothing, and lasted about two days. I noticed that as they began to droop the legs became very white, the rich pink colour seen in healthy stock being entirely absent. I bought several odd birds at the beginning, or soon after the beginning of the season, and conclude that some unscrupulous person must knowingly have sold me contaminated stock. Should I by any means save any of the remainder I shall be terrified to breed with them next season for fear the evil still "lurks within." Do let us hear what some of the "old hands" have to say.

C. K. EATON.

Suggested Treatment During an Outbreak of "Bird Fever."

Readers will doubtless remember the sad tale of losses in his bird-room related by Mr. Thos. Robson in our issue of August 21st last. His letter was accompanied by a picture showing the peculiar position in which the majority of the birds were found after death. Mr. Robson sent two of the bodies for post-mortem examination to a gentleman in every way qualified to undertake this task, and the appended report upon them has just reached us for publication.—EDITOR.

SIR,—I have examined the remains of two Canaries sent me by one of your esteemed correspondents, Mr. T. Robson, when I found the cause of their death to be the microbe of "bird fever." There was no doubt it was introduced into your correspondent's bird-room by the three birds purchased from his friend (?), who should not have sold them when he knew he had the disease in his own bird-room. If your correspondent has not been careful and carried out strict isolation and thorough disinfection, he has in all probability lost the majority of his birds—British, Foreign or Canary. Aerial disinfection, such as sulphur burning or chlorine gas evolution is useless, and no disinfection is of any use as long as the birds have the germs of the disease in their bodies. For to kill the germs in the bird's body one must burn the bird or destroy it with some powerful disinfectant. The birds should be strictly isolated, not changed from cage to cage, unless an apparently healthy bird is put into a thoroughly disinfected or clean cage. The diseased birds should be killed off at once as, as long as they are allowed to live, they are a source of danger to those who have not the disease within their system. If it is possible the birds of a contaminated bird-room should be put into the open and exposed to the sunlight, which is the most powerful disinfectant next to actual fire, or perhaps superheated steam. Many of the so-called chemical disinfectants are not disinfectants at all; they mostly create a stink, and that is the best that can be said of them. The water utensils should not be mixed up together, but washed separately, preferably under a tap, and then immersed in boiling water containing a little washing soda, and kept in it for a short time every day. Care should be taken that the bulk of seed is not contaminated by one's hands, or by mice going into the cages, soiling their feet with the diseased bird's faces (excreta) and then running over the seed. A bird-room or aviary containing mice may be kept comparatively free of mice by the use of Danysz Mouse Virus, used three or four times a year. It is harmless to birds and other animals—semi-domesticated and domesticated. I have used it repeatedly, and have not observed any danger from it. The straining observed in diseased birds is due to soreness of the bowel, which is the seat of acute catarrh. In apparently healthy birds one might try in the drinking water—quinine sulphate 10 grains, dilute sulphuric acid ½oz., and water one pint. Of this solution a dessertspoonful to be given as drinking water every other day. Cages of no value should be burnt. If one does not care to do this, scrub them with boiling water and soda after scraping off the hardened fæces, and then put them in the open, exposed to the sunlight to dry. Keep them there for a fortnight, and then wash them with formalin one part to 40 parts of water. Don't buy any fresh birds after you have paired up your birds. The disease spreads quicker during the moulting season. It is more prevalent during the summer and winter months. It is a *preventable* disease. It does not arise *de novo*. Egg food *is not the cause*. Bird fever is very often confounded with other diseases, especially those caused by exposure, chills, and bad food. It attacks every species of birds, whether they live on fruit, seed or insects. It is regulated by the same laws as other contagious diseases of man and animals.

EXPERIENCE.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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*A Religious Parrot.

Lord Selborne possessed a valuable Grey Parrot of talking propensities, and one day Polly made its escape and took shelter in the trees of Regent's Park. When Lord Selborne and a crowd collected to capture it, the Parrot put its head on one side, and said very solemnly, "Let us pray."—Sent by Doris Lycett (age 13), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

**Story of a Tame Siskin.

During a snowstorm in January a Siskin was driven against our window. Dropping a duster over the bird which was exhausted, I caught it and put it in an old cage. Warmth and food soon revived it, and in a day or two it was quite alright. It is now so tame that it will fly about the room, and, alighting on my shoulder, will peck at my neck till I give it food out of my mouth.—Sent by N. F. Scarborough (age 14½), 4, Royd Terrace, Halifax.

*Songs of the Night.

A little brown bird which sang tirelessly from ten at night until three in the morning once became famous. The bird, a Nightingale, took up its residence at Audlem, Cheshire, and each night its thrilling notes attracted to the spot crowds of people, who came from Crewe, Market Drayton, Nantwich, and even from the Potteries to hear the nocturnal song. One Sunday night the bird's audience numbered hundreds of persons. Many motorists and cyclists were among the listeners. Several of the former shone their lamps among the trees where the bird was thought to be, but failed to locate "the platform."—Cutting, sent by Fanny Solomons (age 11), 6, Anthony Street, Commercial Road, London, E.

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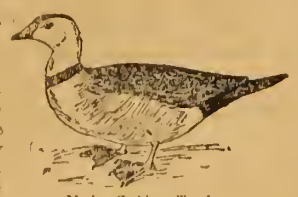
ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Impossible Duck.

I think readers of CAGE BIRDS will be willing to allow that I do not bore them by giving undue prominence in these notes to my especial favourites, the water-fowl; but I venture here to say something about my experience with the Cotton Teal, or Pigmy Goose, of India (*Nettapus coromandelianus*), because it illustrates the principle I have always gone upon of never being too ready to believe that a thing can't be done because it never has been done yet. This beautiful little duck is even smaller than our Teal, not quite equalling a pigeon in size, and the plumage of the drake is very handsome, being mostly white, with the wings and back metallic green; the duck is soberly coloured with brown and dull white, but is very neat and pretty. When I saw these exquisite little pigmy water-fowl being freely sold alive for food at about fourpence each in the Calcutta market, I was very anxious to keep and send some to Europe; but our leading dealer, the late W. Rutledge, whose experience extended over forty years, told me that he had often tried it, even shipping birds with a specially made cage containing a tank, and then never got them landed alive.



Male Cotton-Teal or Pigmy Goose.

The Modus Operandi.

When I came to try keeping the birds I found there was no difficulty in the feeding; they would readily eat Canary seed and paddy-rice, and soon became steady, being far less shy and nervous than wild ducks usually are. The trouble was that they were very weak on the legs and awkward walkers; but nevertheless, being strong-clawed, would insist on climbing up the sides of their cage and falling down with a ruinous bump time after time. Obviously this was the difficulty in keeping them, and I got over it by lodging them in a metal tank with a wire-netting cover, the tank having about four inches of water put into it fresh every day, the dirty water being drawn off by means of a plug. A platform was placed at the side of the tank furthest from the light, and on this the birds rested. When towards evening they began to get restless, they would waddle to and fro on this and fly up, only to fall back into the water, and as they could get no foothold on the smooth sides, they could in no way hurt themselves. Accordingly they did well, and in order to send them home I devised another plan. Their travelling-cage was a Chinese made cane one, tarred floor, only just high enough for them to stand upright in, and along with this I shipped a tin bath made to fit the bottom of the cage, which could be plunged into it daily to give the birds a wash. Some survived the voyage, and thus were landed the first of this species to reach the Zoo, and though they were not given at all proper quarters there—it was some years ago, before the present management—they survived for some time. Unlike some of our no-egging friends, who are better at carping than at giving practical advice, I told some other people interested in water-fowl of my method, and a few other specimens were imported and reached our dealers, but there is so little demand for rare small water-fowl, however pretty or interesting, that there has been no encouragement to the trade to exert themselves to get any more of the birds over.

Breeding Waxwings and Boarded Tits.

Although there are certain difficulties about keeping both of them, those two delightful birds both have a strong tendency to breed in captivity, though no young have left the nest in either case so far. It would be a good plan for any admirer of these delightful species to devote a small aviary to a pair of each; they are always worth having even if success be not obtained in breeding them, and they ought to do well together, having habits so very different that they would not interfere with each other, while in one way they are similar in their requirements—they must have a good insectivorous mixture, but not much rich food like egg and bread crumbs or biscuit, owing to their tendency to over-fatness. Such an aviary should have a couple of trees at opposite ends for the Waxwings to fly to and fro between, while the ground should be planted with dwarf bamboo to imitate a reed bed and well grassed, as the Tits feed much on grass seeds. Currants and bananas are good food for the Waxwings, and if the Tits partook of these they would come to no harm thereby.

Horned Parrakeets.

The importation of some specimens of the Uvean Horned Parrakeet (*Nymphicus uraeensis*, illustrated in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, deserves note, as both this and its relative, the *Nymphicus cornutus* are very rare in aviculture. The Uvean species comes from the island of Uvea, in the Loyalty group; it is about as big as a Rosella, and similarly shaped, but green in general colour, with a red forehead and black mask. On the head is a weedy-looking straggly crest of a few feathers. The other species is very similar in general appearance, but has a much more remarkable crest, of two feathers only, long and narrow, but expanded at the tips, which are red. Both species have been on view at the Zoo, but not of late years.

Go for the Blue Beak.

In these Parrakeets—the Uvean species, at any rate—the beak is blue-grey at the base, and black at the tip; so it is in the Zealand Parrakeets (*Cyanorhamphus*) and in the rare Racket-tailed Parrots (*Prioniturus*). It is therefore a wise proceeding to keep an eye on all Parrots about Rosella size with a blue bill, as all those I have mentioned are very rare and desirable acquisitions. New Zealand Parrakeets used to be not uncommon, but are not to be had now so far as I know, since the export of all New Zealand birds has been prohibited, with the exception of the Kea Parrot (*Nestor notabilis*), the notorious sheep-vivisector, and the Weka Rails (*Ocydromus*), which, though unable to fly, are as mischievous and destructive as Carrion Crows.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A

Farewell "Smoker" to the late Assistant Secretary.

A farewell gathering was held in the Waggon Inn, Low Walker, to bid God-speed to our late assistant secretary, Mr. J. R. Cox, who leaves on Monday night for Johanneshurg. Mr. Cox is well known on Tyneside, and has left several birds in the care of Messrs. Ronald and Affleck. He expects these birds will hold their own at the local shows, especially three of them—an uneven marked Border, a Siskin, and a big Siskin Mule, which was an easy 1st at our Nest Feather Show. Mr. Cox takes six Norwich birds with him, and is likely to join the Rand C.B.A. Mr. Cox's kindly disposition made him many friends, and there was a full turn-out of members at the "smoker." Mr. Macdonald (in the chair) made a few choice remarks in opening the meeting, and wished our friend every success in his venture, and also remarked that such men as Mr. Cox were the men for our Colonies—honest and straightforward, and always ready to do anyone a good turn if it lay in their power. We shall miss him at our annual show, as he was a very hard worker, but we hope that he may improve the Fancy in Africa, and that we shall soon hear of his doing as well as we wish him to do. After a pleasant musical evening we ended by singing "Auld Lang Syne," all shaking hands and wishing him good luck.—W. G. RICHARDSON, Sec.

NORTHAMPTON (H.-in-H.) C.B.S

A ramble of the members of the society took place on September 11th. The start was made from the Midland Station, by the 2.20 train for Horton Station, from which place the ramblers walked to Piddington. The first thing that attracted our attention was a very splendid pair of gates, and railings which stand at the entrance of Mr. Winterbotham's estate. We were told these were all made by hand, therefore taking a great length of time to complete. After this the party journeyed to Salcey Forest. The weather being most beautiful, a most enjoyable ramble was made. A most interesting feature was the collection of various seeds which will come in most useful during the coming months as tasty meals for the different specimens of birds. The beautiful birds which came under observation were the Blackbird, Thrush, Starling and that well-known bird, the Woodpecker, with his rap, tap, tap, on the tree. Upon a former occasion one of the members saw a most determined fight between a Woodpecker and Starling. After spending some hours in the forest, the journey home had to be resumed, and, calling at Mr. Howe's, "The Spread Eagle," Piddington, a well-earned meal was greatly enjoyed; our thanks to the host and hostess for the kindly manner in which they entertained the party, sending them on their way with flowers and apples, free of cost. Quite a race had to be made to catch the train. How those birdy men wished for the wings of a bird just then, they alone know best! Had it not been for the stationmaster catching the notes of those poor birdy men, and in his most kindly manner holding the train in hand for a few seconds, they would have come off badly. Their song would not have been so sweet had they had to walk back home with the return half of their railway ticket laughing at them in their pockets. So ended a most enjoyable ramble. All thanks are given to Mr. W. Tahor, our forest guide and conductor, for his most useful information and experience.—A. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

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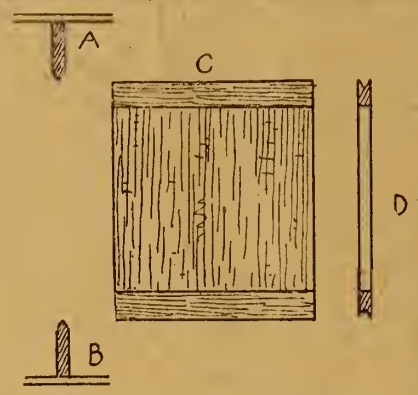
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No. 344.

An Improved Division Board.

Sent by Mr. A. Newcombe, 49, Gloster Road, Barnstaple.

I enclose a sketch of a division board which I find a great improvement on the ordinary grooved ones generally used; there is no harbour for dirt or red mite. A and B are plain pieces of wood about ⅜ of an inch thick, with the ends bevelled, as shown in the sketch. They



An Improved Cage Division.

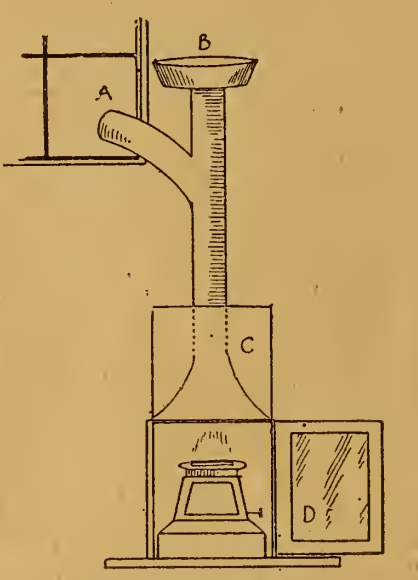
are fastened to the top and the bottom of cage. The slide should be clamped, that is, narrow slips about ¾in. wide and ⅜in. thick should be nailed on to the ends across the grain, as in C; this prevents the slide from warping, and also enables it to slide better on the bevelled runners. It should then be cut at a V shape on the ends to fit A and B, as in D.—A. NEWCOMBE.

No. 345.

Useful Combination Stove.

Sent by Mr. A. Nickelson, 34, Bicester, Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

I send you another sketch of a combination stove, which I have used with success. In fact, I have not taken it down this summer. Of course the stove is portable and can be used in an outhouse or shed as well as in a birdroom if required. In the bowl shown at top of sketch water can be used for a moist air, or sand for a



A Combination Stove.

dry atmosphere; or it can be disposed of altogether and a hand lamp used instead of the oil stove if needed. The whole thing is made of sheet iron, and does not cost so much as hot-water pipes to be fitted in one's birdroom for the winter. The pipe marked A carries the fumes through the pane of window; B is the bowl before referred to; C is a door (of sheet-iron) made to let down over D, a glass door, which latter can be dispensed with altogether if necessary. The whole structure should, of course, be lifted on to a stand so as to be off the floor. The combination consists of heat, light and moist air. Of course, the light is wanted to feed birds by at night, when the days are shorter.—A. NICKELSON.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week end quality singing contest, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane. Result, very good singing, and keen competition: 1st, Soloman's Derby Winner; 2, Mr. Farrer's Mug Catcher; 3, Mr. Farrer's Snatcher. Two consolation prizes were given to Mr. Martin's Laugh-Laugh, and Mrs. Kendall's Mad Jack. Judges, Messrs. A. Lorriman and T. Johnson.—J. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., September 11th, when 15 birds sang: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Farrer; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Johnson. Also on September 12th, when some very good singing was heard, and 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. B. Mawson, A. Jennings, and W. Naylor. 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, Wigfield.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

In the Courts.

Taking Goldfinches in the Close Season.

Edward Powell, labourer, Frankwell, Shrewsbury, and Jerry Burgwin, labourer, Frankwell, were charged with being in possession of eight Goldfinches at Meole Brace.—P.C. Evans said he saw defendants in a field. When they saw him they ran away, but he caught them and found in their possession eight Goldfinches.—Powell said he was not aware that it was the close season, or he would not have taken the birds.—Powell was fined £2 and costs, and Burgwin £1 and costs.

A Trapper Trapped.

At the Machynlleth Petty Sessions recently, John Coakes, gamekeeper, Llanbrynmair, was summoned by Samuel Burroughs, 43, High Street, Dover, for a breach of the Wild Birds Protection Act.—Mr. Edmund Gillart appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. H. Meredith Roberts for the defence.—Mr. Burroughs said he was an inspector under the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds, and was at Llanbrynmair on August 11th. Passing through a field, his attention was drawn to a steel pole trap set for catching birds. Shortly afterwards he found two more traps which were closed, but in working order. He considered this quite sufficient for his purpose. Later he met the constable and in consequence of what he told him they went back and informed defendant, who said, "you are mistaken." Defendant told him Mr. Downing had seen the trap. He (witness) came to Llanbrynmair to carry out his duties. He had seen traps before.—Defendant said the pole was about three feet in length and the chain about a foot; but the bird caught would hang on the ground.—Mr. Gillart said the Society wanted it to be known that these practices were not allowed, and it was time the law was recognised. It was the duty of the keepers to know this. The trap was produced in court.—Replying to Colonel Norton, defendant said he did not use the trap often, and knew it was against the law.—Fined 5s. and 9s. costs.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cannock.—Oct. 13 and 14, New Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 15 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 9 to H. W. BRIGGS, Walsall-road.

Caterham (C.B.U.).—Oct. 13 and 14, Public Hall, Caterham Valley.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 19 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 1, and three local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 2 to J. KILBY, Caterham Valley.

Southall (C.B.U.).—Oct. 14, St. John's Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 30 open classes: Yorks. 7 (1 for novices), Nor. 7 (1 for novices), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 2, and 9 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., and 1s. 6d., and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 7 to T. G. JEFFERY, 10, Western-rd., Southall, Middlesex.

Selkirkshire (B.F.C.C.).—Oct. 9, Union Hall, Selkirk.—Judge, Mr. H. Bennet. 19 open classes: Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Fee, 1s. Entries close Oct. 2 to J. ROBERTSON, Green-terrace, Selkirk.

Paisley.—Oct. 2, Geo. A. Clark Minor Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. A. Stewart, D. Kennedy, W. McGeachie, and A. Livingstone. 14 open classes: Scots. 12, Sell. 2. Prizes, 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 2s., and specials. Entries close Oct. 2 (morning of show) to J. KELLY, 7, Underwood-lane.

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Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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MY CRIMSON WINGS; continued.

The winter passed, as is usual in birddom, with nothing happening. It is a time that has to be lived through, but with the advent of spring I always grow excited, because then from day to day we never know what is going to happen in the aviary. I got such a surprise one fine morning in late March. The weather, though cold, was fairly open, and I had noticed that for some days the Crimson Wings had been uncommonly noisy, and that the cock was continually chasing the hen about, and that she received his advances coyly, yet evidently with considerable pleasure. I saw also one day that the log had been receiving attention, as there was quite a heap of chips below, so I began to hope that last year's experiment was to be begun over again. It seemed as if the "Fortunate Gods" were going to favour me.

The log was a very big one that I had got out of the woods, and ripe rotten inside, so that the hen had no difficulty in excavating it to her liking. She worked away most industriously for days, often coming out with the fruits of her labour evident in the shape of fragments of chips on her back and wings. The cock, so far as I could see, did nothing. but sit and look on.

After a decent interval in arranging the log to her taste, Mrs. Crimson Wing disappeared in the log, and then there was "a long wait." I often wish I had the receipt for fern seed to walk invisible and see how things are going on; but, alas! I had it not, so had to possess my poor soul in more or less patience.

The love-making of Crimson Wings is very funny. The cock spreads out his wings and ambles along the perch, and the hen coyly retreats before him, rubbing her beak along the perch; this goes on until she thinks he has been sufficiently tried, and then at last he is made happy. If she is too long about it, he opens his beak savagely and goes for her, and then she thinks better of it and becomes amenable to discipline.

For three weeks nothing happened. The hen had disappeared in the log, and the cock sat in sulky silence always exactly on the same perch, dozing away his time. Once or twice I caught a glimpse of the hen, after evidently just returning from the seed tray; but it was only a glimpse, as she was gone like a flash and into the log. The whole performance was lifted into what is called in the theatre a situation of suspense.

At last one morning I saw the cock sitting on the branch outside the log, looking very guilty, and as if caught in some unseemly act. I suspected that he might have been engaged in feeding the newly-hatched young, or rather, the hen, for these Parrakeets always begin by feeding the hen, who in turn passes on the food to the babies. Of course it was only a supposition, for he might have been sitting there by accident; still I hoped that my theory was correct, and his sheepish looks certainly made me think so.

After this nothing happened for a week, for, watch though I might, I saw nothing to confirm my hopes. I know of nothing so crafty as a nesting Parrakeet. If ever he betrays himself it is by the merest accident, and you may wait as long as you please, but he will never go near the nest while you are about. It is only by coming silent as a shadow that you will sometimes catch him stealing from the log. Some days later the hen began to come off in the daytime, and once more hopes were aroused, especially as she went back at regular intervals and remained inside. Then one day I heard the peculiar little grumbling sound that young Parrakeets make, and then I knew that I had not waited in vain, neither laboured in vain. Days once more passed, and though as yet I knew nothing definite, I went about with a face as cheerful as the sun.

One morning, however, I received a horrid shock. Looking beneath the log I saw a little Crimson Wing on the floor, kicking very feebly and looking about as uncomfortable as a poodle who has been shaved for the first time. To pick it up and warm it in my hand was the work of a minute. The warmth soon brought it back to life, and then I made a great venture. I opened the top of the log and popped it in. Luckily the hen was off feeding, and I think that in coming out she must have dragged the youngster out, just as hens will sometimes get a chicken caught in their feathers and drag them about miserably.

I am very truthful, and so I confess that I just took a peep into the log, as I felt if I did not something inside me would give way. It was only a momentary glance, and it was dark, but it was long enough to show me three little birds like squeaker pigeons just beginning to feather. They must have been then three weeks old, but then big Parrakeets take a long time in coming to maturity, and this I suppose accounts for their longevity.

I watched my avaries for a time to see whether the hen had noticed my interference with her home. Apparently she had not, or she had confidence in my integrity. At any rate, when next I went round, she was inside the log, and by the contended sounds I knew that she was feeding.

About a fortnight later I observed that both birds had ceased to go near the nest, and I at once feared the worst. I gave them another day, and then I opened the log and looked. Picture my agony when I saw three young Crimson Wings lying side by side, quite dead, but very nearly in full feather, so much so, that it was perfectly easy to see that they had been two cocks and one hen. The cocks are perfectly easy to tell by the wider band of crimson on the wings. I lifted them out of the log, sent for a friend who loves birds, and together we mourned as only true bird-lovers can. However, it was no good to go on mourning, as nothing could alter things. The only thing was to let hope once more set her bow in the clouds, and as the season was still young I did so.

The next time the Crimson wings went to nest they left the log severely alone. Whether they remembered the former mishap or not, I cannot tell, or whether it was pure love of change. But about a fortnight after the late catastrophe I observed the hen busily scratching a hole in the ground at the back of her house, turning round and round just as a dog does before he finally lies down. I thought that she was an exceedingly idiotic bird, but I knew it was no good to interfere, as Parrakeets, like Yorkshiremen, will be led, but not driven. The only thing to do was to make the best of things.

I accordingly put two bricks at right angles in the corner, and in a few days Mrs. Crimson Wing laid an egg in a little hollow, and subsequently two others. She then began to sit like an old broody hen, and at the end of about three weeks I saw something moving under her feathers; just a little fluffy ball, something like a tiny duckling. One other was duly hatched the following day; but the third egg proved clear.

I could see very little of what was going on for some days, except an occasional disturbance of the breast feathers of the old hen; but as she remained on tho nest I felt sure the chicks were all right.

For long weeks she continued to feed them, and it was not till they got quite big that she ever left them. After about a month she came off more, and then you could see the two youngsters quite plainly from the front of the aviary, sitting side by side on the floor, just like a couple of squab pigeons. The old ones both fed them most attentively, and got quite savage if I entered the aviary, even though my intention was merely to supply their wants.

After a time the young began to crawl about on the floor like kittens do when they first leave their nests. I should say it was quite nine weeks before they finally left the ground and began to perch. As I said before, it is perfectly easy to tell the sex of young Crimson Wings, as the red band is quite wide in the young cocks. Mine proved to be a cock and a hen.

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YORKSHIRE Canary Club have just issued their year book for 1909-10, containing list of members, rules, the club's standard, particulars of competitions, etc. A grand list of prizes is given for the season's competitions, and should be the means of stimulating the interest of the variety and the club. The amateurs and novices are well catered for, and when the list is seen it will doubtless attract a few new members.

HAVE been favoured with a list of prizes, etc., which are to be given by the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. To the open section 6 good prizes are allotted; to the amateurs (CAGE BIRDS prizes) three, and to the novices no less than seven are given. At each show where the patronage is given, 4 classes for the open and two classes for novices are to be provided, and it is confidently expected the competition will be very strong. The numbers in this society have advanced at a rapid rate since the novices were specially taken in hand, no less than 140 new names being registered, and a very large percentage of them are recruits to the ranks of fanciers of the variety. The secretaries of both of the above clubs will be pleased to forward particulars to intending members, so if anyone would like to be in for some good prizes they had better join at once in readiness for the commencement of the season.

DURING this week I am spending a little time out in the country, where there is a good chance of studying bird life in its wild state. The Swallow family are congregating ready for their departure to warmer climes, but their numbers are not so strong as last year, the season not being quite what is required for them to multiply to any extent. I observed a couple of Hawks one morning hovering at great height, but though I kept them under observation for some time, I had not the opportunity of seeing either of them swoop down for prey. Starlings are greatly in evidence, hundreds upon hundreds of them scouring the fields and pastures, and when they rise in a body the sky seems simply black with them over a wide area.—As the post leaves two hours earlier here, I must close and hurry off.

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Wild Bird Life.

Migration of Thrushes.

Signs are not wanting of the autumn migration. We occasionally detect in our gardens birds not generally seen in the district. Large flocks of Missel Thrushes and smaller birds have been seen flying south. My own garden and the adjoining field are crowded with Song Thrushes. Never before have I seen so many of this species together. They line the boundary fence and crowd in the fruit trees and upon the lawn, like House Sparrows in winter time. We have had these visitors with us a couple of days; they are not likely to stay long, and some passing flock will probably entice them further south. All these birds that are now with us have doubtless journeyed from the north. They may have come from one district, or starting with a few may have increased in numbers.

Bird migration may be likened to rivers, the main streams being constantly increased by smaller tributaries. But although these rivers drain the land of bird life as they pass through, corresponding rivers from further north leave of their abundant flood to irrigate barren lands. Thus the fly line that passes over the British Isles deposits large flocks of these refugees that it has brought down from the Arctic regions, no doubt taking up some of the summer migrants to carry them away to more southern latitudes. Our Islands are in the direct line of flight of many species which migrate both Spring and Autumn, and this is one reason why our country is so rich in birds. At no season are we deserted by our feathered allies, because when the time arrives for the Summer migrants to go, it is time for the Winter migrants to come. The food supply is that which determines the coming and going of birds. In the Spring and Summer the plentiful supply of light-winged insects, the various kind of moths, beetles, and caterpillars tempt the Summer wanderers home again.

It is the abundant supply of grubs and larvæ in the soft earth, and berries in the woods and along the hedgerows, that invite our Winter visitors. The truth is, the birds have no other thought than that of their own advantage. They choose the time and season to suit themselves, but their coming and going are equally to our advantage—each species comes when most needed. In the Summer troops of happy Warblers and Swallows keep in check the insects that are so destructive to plants and fruit. The Winter birds in turn dig the grub from the ground, thus saving many a valuable crop.

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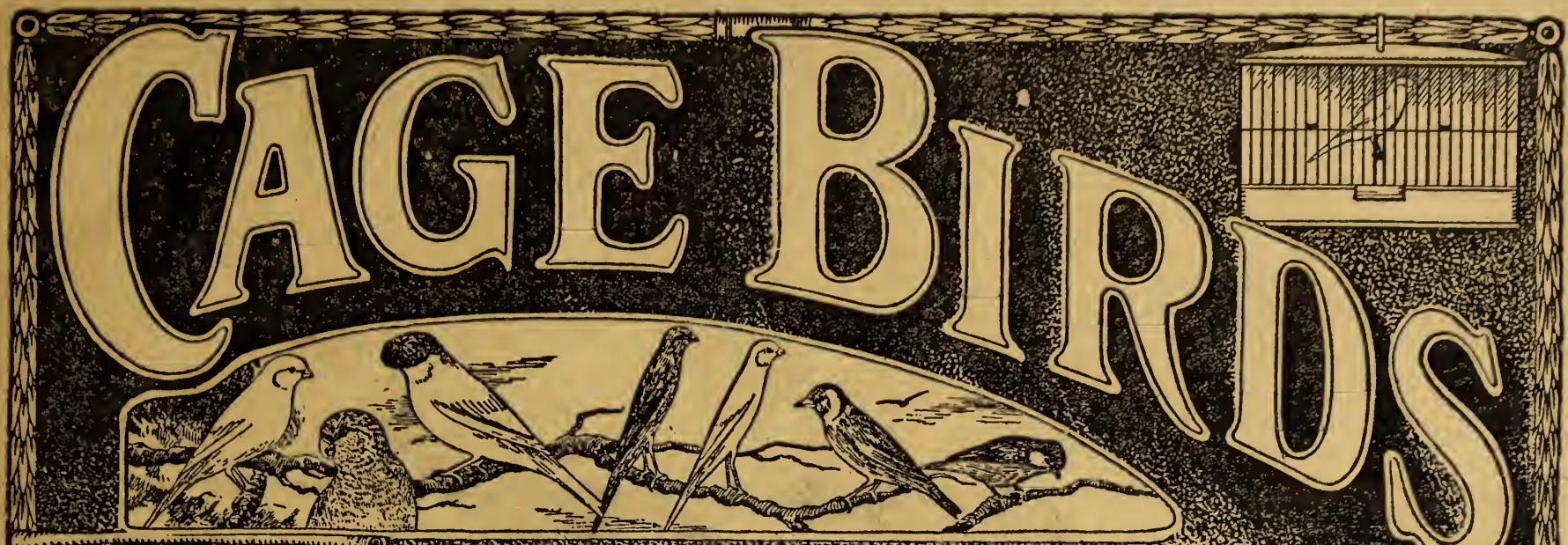
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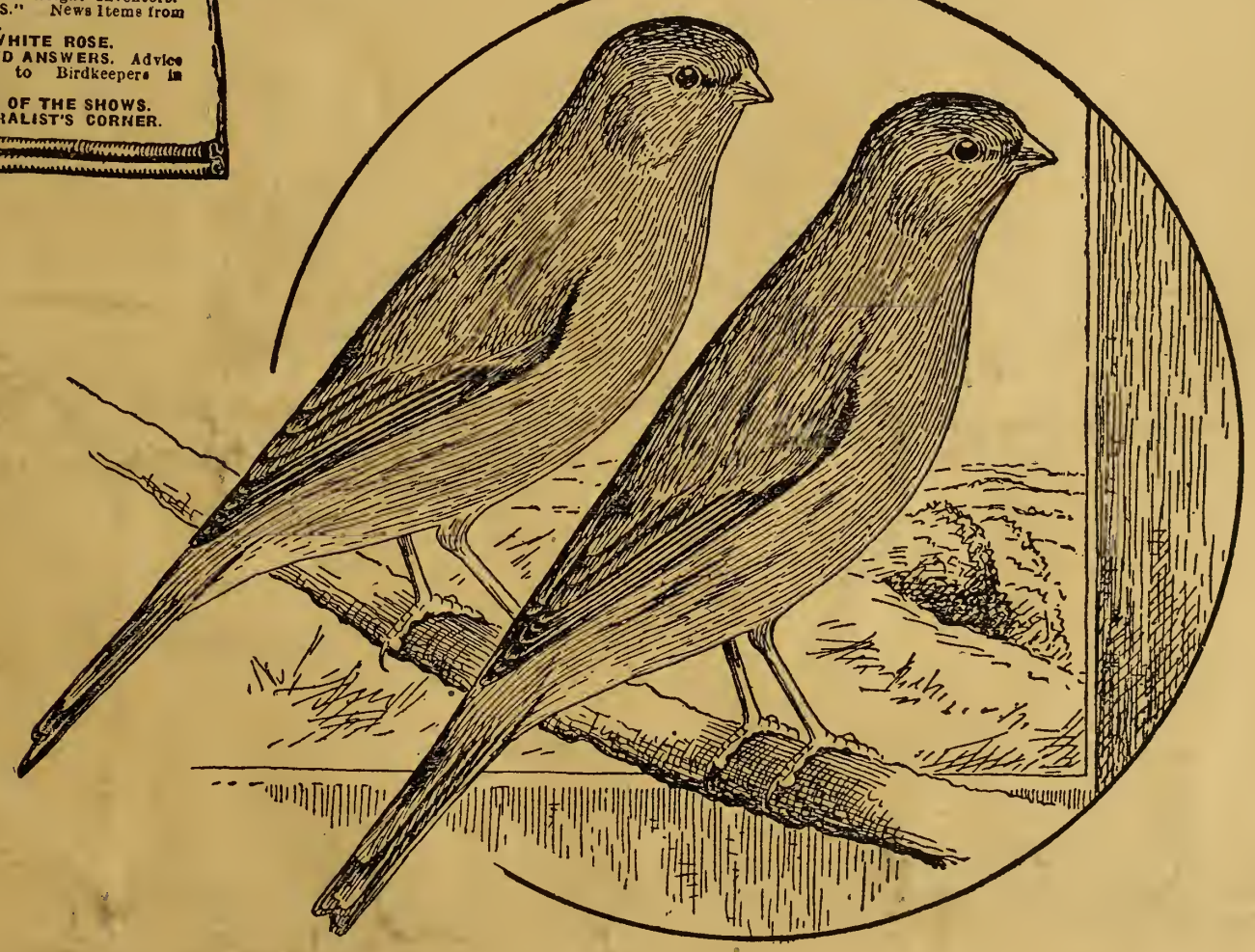
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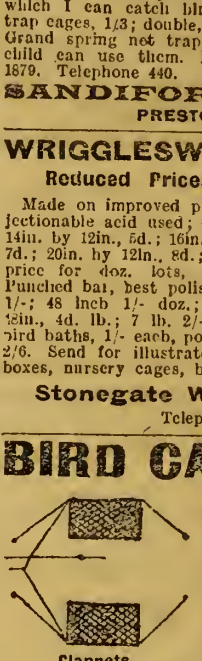
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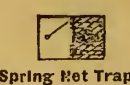
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COCKS; Goldfinch, 2/6; Linnet, 9d.—Miss Rosey, Eastbourne.
LINNETS; Belgium cocks, 4/- dozen.—Edmonds, Naturalist, Eastbourne.
COCK Bullfinches, 1/6; hens, 1/-.—H. Green Baxter-row, East Dereham.
NINE classes for British birds at Peterborough, October 7th; send your entries.
GOLDFINCHES; Belgium cocks, 18/- dozen.—Edmonds, Naturalist, Eastbourne.
BANNOCKBURN cock Linnets, three for 2/-.—Morris, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk.
CHARING Cross Aviaries, Neal-st., London, require British regularly; cheques promptly.
COCK Goldfinch 3/-, Bullfinch 2/9; Redpoll 6d.—Feltham, 128, Commercial-rd., Bournemouth.
THREE young cock, two old cock Bullfinches, guaranteed, 6/6 lot.—Rich, Holcombe, Bath.
REAL Welsh cock Greypates, 1/6 each.—Lewis, Dderwendeg, Velindre, Henllan, Cardiganshire.
HAWFINCH, grand cock, house-moulted, fit to win, 10/6.—French, New Writtle-st., Chelmsford.
LARGE Scotch cock Linnets, 1/3 each, three 3/-. —James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.
LOOK! Old firm again. Yorkshire cock Linnets, 4/- dozen, 2/6 half-dozen.—Sparkes, 6, Tindall-lane, Beverley.
BRITISH birds, any quantity; Redpolls, 2/6 doz.; approval, deposit.—G. Scarratt, 1, Warren-st., Longton, Staffs.
GRAND tame piping cock Bullfinches, nice pets, 1/6 each; hens, 1/-; pair, 2/3.—Ada Young, Misterton, Somerset.
GOLDFINCHES; several large young cocks, 1/6 to 2/- each; wanted large Hawfinch.—Lewis, Parkside, Oswestry.
COCK Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-; cock Linnets, 1/-, two 1/6; all guaranteed.—Charles McCann, 15, North-st., Lurgan.
FEW selected cock Linnets, 1/- and 1/6; grand cock Goldfinches, 2/- and 2/6 each.—A. E. Buck, 53, Helen-rd., Oxford.
MR. JAMES PILOT, Draper, Welshpool, has a few choice cock Goldfinches (not hens), price 2/6, new cage included.
WARRANTED cock Goldfinches 2/- each; cash returned if not satisfactory.—E. Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.
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HANDSOME cock Bramblefinch, clean moulted, win local class, only 3/6; bargain.—K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.
LINNETS, strong healthy cocks, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; prompt delivery.—Vanner, 16, Rawling-rd., Gateshead.
HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet, good catcher, bargain, 3/6; week's approval.—Enoch Tams, Clarence-avenue, Church-st., Longton.
WARRANTED cock Goldfinches, 1/6; few selected larger, for show or Muling, 2/- each; hens, 9d.—Duckfield, saddler, Narberth.
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WARRANTED cock Linnets, 3/- dozen; Redpolls, 2/6; well mixed seed birds, 1/6 dozen.—Arthur Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.
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BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Bradford East Society have again arranged a splendid syllabus of lectures, competitions and social evenings for the winter session commencing Tuesday, October 5th next. Some of the best known men in the Fancy have kindly consented to give the benefit of their long and varied experience to the members and friends, who, it is hoped, will turn up in goodly numbers and give the officials every encouragement to put the best talent possible before the members. The Society are to be favoured on October 5th by a lecture from Mr. S. Dean on the subject "Faults we don't want in a Yorkshire," and he will be ably assisted in his lecture by Mr. P. Jowett, who will sketch the faults on a blackboard, so that all present may grasp the principles which Mr. Dean wishes to place before them. As a lecturer, Mr. Dean has made a name for himself in his efforts to give to others the knowledge he has acquired through long experience. On October 19th, a members' washing competition should prove highly instructive to those novices. On November 2nd a practical man (Mr. Wm. Cruise) gives his past experience on the subject "Aids to Successful Breeding." Many members of the Society already have him to thank for advice extended to them in times of adversity. On Tuesday, November 16th, there will be a members' show, when Mr. W. A. Cowgill will judge; birds to be staged by 7 o'clock prompt. December 7th, Mr. F. Gelder will give a paper on "Yorkshires," his first attempt, and I can promise a most instructive evening. On December 14th there will be a members' judging competition. December 27th will be the final members' show for the present year, the birds having to be staged by 10 a.m. prompt. New Year's Day promises to be a red-letter day, as our 2nd annual show takes place. The Society hopes by an enlarged classification to secure the loyal support of all Yorkshire fanciers. The Society are determined to leave no stone unturned to make it a sound success. The rose bowl, which was won by Mr. G. Bray, of Holmfirth, last year will be again competed for in the unflighted classes. The Society were highly complimented last year on the management, and hope to eclipse that effort. January 11th will bring the 4th annual general meeting, and on the 18th we shall hold our 3rd annual tea and concert and distribution of prizes, when those who desire to spend a jovial evening with us will receive a hearty welcome. Mr. H. W. Walsh will lecture on February 1st, his subject being "Breeding and Management of Canaries." This should prove most beneficial, seeing Mr. Walsh's past experience. On February 15th Mr. C. Whiting lectures on "Breeding and Rearing the Yorkshire Canary." I have heard it said that what Charlie doesn't know about a Yorkshire isn't worth knowing. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Whiting are new lecturers to our Society, and I feel sure they will receive a hearty reception. March 1st, members' "Impromptu Questions and Answers," this being the opportunity of the novice members to ask questions which may be perplexing them in their hobby. The syllabus will be brought to a close on March 15th by Mr. W. Blakey opening a debate on "Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires." Mr. Blakey has given a great amount of time to the study of Cinnamon-marked, and what he says will be the outcome of sound practical experience. Looking at the various lectures, etc., one cannot help but be struck with the variety provided. The members will do well to try and get to them all (especially the novice members), as there is nothing more instructive than hearing other people's opinions. We have been favoured by these gentlemen, and I hope as an act of courtesy to them that members and friends will turn up in good numbers to hear them. We have a nice comfortable room for our meetings, and the officials give all fanciers a hearty invitation.—H. Hill, Sec.

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October 14, 1909.

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Open Show **October 15th and 16th** in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge Street. C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh. Grand classification and specials. 8 Novice classes. N.P.C. and Southern N.P.C. contest. Schedules apply
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Fourth Annual Open Show will be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, **Saturday OCTOBER 15th, 1909.** 32 Classes; good specials; prize money, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-;** entrance fee, **1/-.** President, H. Pike Pease, Esq., M.P. Judges: (Canaries) J. Wilcock; (British) F. Marwood. Fanciers should not miss this grand show. Entries close **Monday, OCTOBER 11th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

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(Under Poultry Club Rules). Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds.

OCTOBER 20, 1909.

Entries close **October 13.** Upwards of **£100** in prizes; numerous specials. Schedules ready. All prize money paid in full. Dr. W. CURTIS. Hon. Sec. Fur and Feather Section. Mr. H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec. Dog Section.

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Under patronage of Kent Cage Bird Association

OCTOBER 20 & 21.

Numerous classes and specials. Judge: Mr. G. Gardner. Entries close October 8. **J. W. GAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton Road, Folkestone.**

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4th Annual Open Show will be held

Oct. 20th & 21st.

Judge: C. A. House, Esq. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry **1/6.** Schedules ready. **Entries close October 7.**
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KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Fanciers' Association Seventh Open Show, to be held on **THURSDAY, October 21st, 1909.** Entry fee, 1/9 per pen; members, 1/6. No model cards. Judges: Poultry, Mr. P. Proud, Clitheroe; Pigeons, Cats, Rabbits, and Cavies, Mr. Arthur J. Gladwin, Nottingham; Cage Birds, Mr. John Hannay, Maxwelltown; Dogs, Mr. Robert Thomson, Dumfries.—Particulars from **W. R. CRUICKSHANK, Secretary.**

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HANLEY and Dis. C.B.S.

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"WHAT IS THIS?"

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C.B.A. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds to be held on **Oct. 23rd,** in Co-operative Hall, 66 open classes. Over **£70** in prizes and specials. Specialist Judges. Send on your entries and I will classify. Entries close **Oct. 18,** last post. Schedules to be had from

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OCTOBER 23rd, 1909.
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Under C.B.U. Rules and the patronage of F.B.C. and N.B.B. and M.C. Points gained at this show to count for Hardbill Cup. Open Show

October 23, 1909.

41 classes, 45 specials. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance Fee **1/6.** Judge: Mr. J. Robson. **Entries Close Oct. 16.** Schedules apply **ELLIOTT & WOOD, 69, Queen Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

AYR & DISTRICT

Cage Bird Club.

Second Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in Masonic Hall, Nile Court, Ayr, on **Sat. October 30th.** Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, and Border Fancy Canary Club. Judges: Jas. Paterson, Chirnside and Jas. Clarke, Rothsay. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Fee **1/6.** Schedules ready. **C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.**

REMEMBER **THE HARTLEPOOLS**
October 30th, 1909.

DYSART & Dis. C.B.S.

5th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, to be held **OCT. 30** in Normaud Hall; large classification. Popular judges and numerous specials. Also under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead Club. Entry money **1/6** each bird. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entries close **Oct. 25th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN, Hon Sec., 23, High Street, Dysart, Fife.**

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules, and may be supported by members of the Union. All competitors for the medals must send the names of shows where they intend competing on to me before the entries close. Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show not appearing in this list, which is published monthly, or at any show which has not the Union's Show Rules appearing in its Schedule.

Oct. 1/2.—Burnley.
2.—Longton.
7.—Peterboro.
7.—Oxford.
8/9.—Accrington.
9.—Admiral Duncan, Nottingham.
9/11.—Wellingboro.
11.—Norwich Record.
12/13.—Dulwich O.S.
13.—Alnwick and Dis.
13/14.—Cannock and Dis. F.F.S.
Caterham Valley.
14.—Southall and Dis.
15/16.—Bolton.
16.—Morpeth and Dis.
Coventry (Godiva).
Oldham and Dis.
Notts and Dis. P.O.S.
19/20.—Western Counties.
Northampton Good Intent.
21.—Hanley.
21/22.—Battersea.
22/23.—Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Rochdale O.S.
Hinckley.
23.—Burton-on-Trent.
27.—Grimsby and Dis.
27/28.—Torbay.
Clapham and Dis.
Gloucester.
28.—Treharris Fan. Soc.
28/29.—Wolverhampton; Lewis F.A.; Harrington and Dis. P.P. and C.B.S.
29/30.—Shields N. and S.
Manchester and N.C.O.S.
Hucknall Torkard.
30.—Norwich Alliance.

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Twitterings.

Will secretaries kindly send me show schedules, writes Mr. A. Raynes, 34, Beechfield Road, Doncaster.

Change of address: Will show secretaries kindly note that Messrs. Gill and Pethick's address is 1, Elliot Terrace, Plymouth.—(ADVT.)

Kindly note our new address, write Messrs. A. and G. H. Edwards; it is now 106, Vaughan Road, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, London, S.E.

I have already received a large number of replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Leahy (Lismore, Co. Waterford).

Will secretaries please send me schedules of shows, writes Mr. H. Wadsworth, Victoria House, Droylsden Road, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Owing to the large circulation of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have received orders from Montreal, Canada, writes Mr. E. Smith (Southfields, London, S.W.).

Kindly announce my change of address, writes Mr. F. Gelder, secretary of Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S., from Centre Street, to 91, Marsh Street, Little Horton, Bradford.

There is a slight printer's error in our schedule, writes Mr. W. Clarkson, secretary of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.S. Classes 23 to 28 read as novice, whereas 23 and 24 only are for novices.

Mr. J. Hennery Lewis, of Owestry, writes that owing to a printers' error (which we regret), he was last week made to offer Goldfinches at 1s. 3d. each, when the price should have been 1s. 6d.

The Arniston and Gorebridge O.S. are holding their annual show on November 27th, writes Mr. John Lambie, the secretary, when Mr. Robert Lambie (Whitburn) will judge the cage-bird section.

I notice in your excellent report of our last meeting, writes Mr. John Rukin, hon. secretary of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., I have given the place of next meeting as Glossop; this should be F. W. Nelson's, Stockport.

Kindly note, write Messrs. A. Emery and H. Hathaway, that we have gone into partnership and will exhibit in future as Emery and Hathaway. All communications to be addressed to 239, Shrobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Provost Smith has kindly consented to present the prizes at the Leith Society's Show, on October 23rd, writes Mr. G. Brown, the secretary, and has generously given £1 1s. as a prize, as this is the jubilee show of the society.

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), has experienced a very good breeding season, having reared over 200 young ones (Norwich and Yorkshires), amongst them some fine specimens, which are coming well through the moult.

Kindly note I have been appointed secretary of the South Manchester C.B.S., in place of Mr. Spilsbury, resigned, writes Mr. Fred Washbourne. Communications should be addressed to me at 320, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, Manchester.

Schedules for Darlington Show have now been sent out, writes the hon. secretary, Mr. R. S. Black. Fanciers who have not yet received one should apply at once. This is the first open show in the district, and we are looking forward to a good entry.

I am so over-run with orders that it will take me a good week to execute them all, writes Mr. S. Capsey (Lincoln). I have had to engage another catcher to help me. I cannot speak too highly of the use of the advertisement columns of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

We mean to make a name for our show, held October 27th and 28th, and become "the" show of the North, writes Mr. J. C. Bell, secretary, Border City (Carlisle) O.S. We shall provide 46 classes, with good prize money and specials for everything. So we expect exhibitors to rally round.

Kindly notify fanciers that the Kirkstall and Dis. C.B.S. commences the winter session, writes Mr. W. Hornby, the hon. secretary, on September 25th, at headquarters, the Abbey Inn, commencing at 8 p.m. Prize money of last show will then be paid. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I shall be glad to hear, writes Mr. D. Carrall, hon. secretary, Yorkshire Cage Bird Society of Ireland, from those who have not sent on their names for memberships. Our specials will be worth competing for. I shall be glad also to hear from secretaries of clubs wanting our patronage for their coming show. My address is 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.

Bird Catching for Amateurs:

Some Characteristics of Different Species.

By H. J. HAWES.

A lecture delivered before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on Sept. 2.

The members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. were on September 2 last entertained by Mr. H. J. Hawes with a lecture on "Bird-catching," which he delivered some time ago to the members of the L. and P.O.S. (then reported fully in CAGE BIRDS). Mr Hawes took along his nets and other paraphernalia and showed the method of working the same, this rendering the lecture more than ordinarily enjoyable. He also added some fresh notes, entitled "Some Characteristics of Different Species." These were as follows:—

While dealing with the many commoner species of the Hardbill, I had almost overlooked one of our most fascinating and pleasing birds, both as a companion and as a fine exhibit—I mean the Siskin. It has as many "nicknames," as there are wooden crutches in a London hospital—Aberdavat, Twister, etc. And I once heard an old gentleman in the Midlands declare that the species is the very origin of the wild Canary, and he was also rather bitter on poor Aberdee, for he said the bird was sent to Scotland with a black cap, and was commissioned to pass sentence of death upon all Nightingales that should venture on those shores, hence his permanent black cap.

Another Peculiar Characteristic.

There is yet another peculiar characteristic about this particular bird, if we are to be governed by the statements of many eminent men who are supposed to be authorities upon the subject. They assert that the Siskin only flies as the Linnets, Chaffinches, etc., do in their migrating flight, viz., once in three years. Be that as it may, I myself have to confess that I am betwixt and between, as it were, to believe that statement, and I venture to state that a very old bird-catcher whom I was speaking with at Barking on Saturday last, asked me if I had a hen Siskin to sell him, as this was their year to fly, and he was going to be after them?

Yet, I can take you almost any year to a spot not a hundred miles from Peckham where you can see as many Siskins in one tree as you would see perhaps in a 60-mile tramp through the country. But, of course, that spot abounds with Aldertrees, and if you want Siskins that's the tree in which to look for them.

How to Catch Siskins.

But, seeing them is not the only thing you're after; you want to catch them. So I would remind you that to do so they want a little "special catering," for the Siskin won't drop into your net as a Chaffinch will, for instance, on to a bit of chaff or earth, for you have never seen a bird the equal in cleanliness to the Siskin.

If you wish to catch him the best way to go about it is to find an old bit of bush or bramble, and put it into your nets, and, placing your call or decoy bird under the shrub or bush; then as soon as she or he hears the "shrwee" of the birds on the wing, sets about business, and down drops your quarry, and you do the rest.

A Saucy Customer.

The next interesting subject is that saucy customer, the Redpoll, who carries the danger flag of his feathered kind. If you chance to be out for a day's sport at catching about the 28th or 29th of September, and you happen to get a dozen or so Redpolls in your net, you can tell your friends, with no fear of contradiction, that birds are on wing, and in the course of a couple of days or so will be on full flight—that is to say, leaving this happy England of ours, with all the troubles of the Budget and dear beer behind, until the following March perhaps.

That is providing you or any other bird-catcher cannot catch them, and from the time the Redpoll is seen in big numbers, that species being the first, until the Twite is seen in a like capacity, you may go into the country at the break of day, almost any morning, and see flocks upon flocks of our feathered pets departing these shores.

They can also be heard travelling at night time. What a fine outlay for an enterprising would-be bird-catcher to hire an aeroplane or a "Wrights," and be like the colonel in the militia when giving his order to his squad, to "meet 'em acoming and giving 'em a poke!"

The Chaffinch's Bodyguard.

Whilst speaking of the peculiarity of birds, I may state that the Bramblefinch, if it does nothing more, performs a part in his life which, if taken on sentiment, is a rather noble one; it is he who acts as a body-guard, as it were, to the Chaffinch. You will always notice, if you catch a Bramblefinch or two, that there are more to follow, and you can bet ears to earwigs that before long you will be paid a visit by a squad of Chaffinches. And the most strange part of it is that these two particular species put together in one cage produce more strife and loose feathers in one hour than a dozen mothers-in-law at Southend would in a day; for I am convinced that a Brambkefinch and a Snow Bunting are the most vicious birds in the feathered world. Yet I love them both, and, to quote Burns, "with all their faults, I love them still."

A Powerful and Deadly Enemy.

There is yet another danger to avoid whilst bird-catching. That is the danger of losing one's braced birds at the hands (or, must I say, to be correct, the feet) of that powerful and deadly enemy of the feathered tribes—the Sparrow Hawk. If you are unlucky enough to have to make his acquaintance whilst catching, you must pit your cunning against the Hawk's. As he hovers you must attract his attention from the birds to yourself, and if that is impossible, look out; for once he starts to strike (and strike he must) this is the time to test one's ability in handling the line and nets. And one must gauge the striking distance to a nicety, so that although the Hawk intends striking the brains out of your valuable trained braced birds, you yourself mean to strike the "stuffing" out of his body, and when he gets, as you think, just inside the net, pull and make sure.

Now, we will presume you have got him. Ah, that is one part; the other parts are not so easy. Now he is in the nets you must get him out, and sharp at that, if you want any net left to go a-catching again at some future date.

So you must imitate Shrubb for the time being, and get to your nets, taking off your coat on the way there; then throw your coat over the Hawk (you will see where he is, where the net is torn most). Then, having got the coat well over him, put your hand down one of the slieves and hold down the Hawk with the other, with the coat protecting it, of course. Then with the hand down the slieve, pull back the topmost net, and try to claim the Hawk by his legs and neck, drawing his neck into the same two fingers as you hold his legs by.

If then you want to keep him, put him into a bag and take him home with you, but don't make a mistake, however, and put him in with your Goldfinches. If you don't want him—well, please yourself.

Catching Wary Goldies.

Speaking again of Goldfinches, some of you have probably tried to catch them at some time or other, and have found them so sharp (that is, extra timid by being snatched at, probably by some inexperienced catcher), that, although your song fetches them down to you as soon as they see those few yards of "twist," they seem to say, "hello, there he is again—I'm off." And off they go.

Here again is where man's cunning must combat the bird's. You must bring into play the method known as "furrowing"; that is, you must, instead of pegging your net down as described in the first part of this article, go directly opposite, and instead of pegging the bottom of the net flush or level with the cheek or shoes where the staff hooks on to, peg the net down directly under the top or armour line, and when that operation is complete, you must get a small spade or garden trowel and dig a furrow parallel with the line, so that all the lines, nets, staff, etc., are buried, as it were, out of sight. Cover them again lightly with some loose earth or leaves, or whatever herbage there is about, and, if catching sharp Goldies, have a running Goldie in your nets with some thistles, also a braced bird. When the "sharp" see this, and hears your song, he thinks things all "O.K.," and in he goes. One sharp pull then, and all is over.



Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Winner of 2nd prize at the Metropolitan C.B.S. Show, held this year at Clapham Junction, exhibited by Mr. E. Fulbrook.

I once had to resort to this method myself to catch some Linnets that were "sharped," and Linnets at that time were fetching 6s. a dozen; so, after I spent a couple of hours digging trenches in a heavy stubble field, and had got things just right for action, the farmer suddenly thought, and expressed the opinion, that if I did not pick up and get home he might imperil my liberty. Discretion being the better part of valour, I took his tip, much crestfallen, only to go next day and be successful.

I would strongly advise any would-be catcher not to have a weak heart, for one often sees notice boards erected by greedy land-owners—"Trespassers will be prosecuted." But one must console himself with the thought that the landowner forgot to say, "If caught."

The Trapping and Keeping of Bullfinches

Although in another part of this article I have already dealt with the trapping of Bullfinches, both by the method of trap cages and by means of birdlime, I may say they can of course be taken by netting in the same way as you would net Linnets, etc.; only instead of laying the net in an open field to catch them, one most find out where the birds are—which hedge they are running in—and use a smaller pair of nets than for Linnets, etc.

You proceed in the ordinary way, using a couple of brace birds, a "runner" and a piper, and as Bullies flit over their ground one has to be smart with the line, or they are in and out again. Just allow them to get a little more than staff high, when, let go the painter, and, if lucky, bag the birds.

Having now caught your bird, the next thing is, as I have before mentioned, to keep him; and if you care to take my experience of the keeping and weaning of Bullies for what it is worth, you are quite welcome to it.

During the first days they are in the cage, my method is as follows: If I catch Bullies on blackberries I get some berries, taking them home with me. If on privet, or whatever I catch them on, I do likewise. I give them a good supply of the berries, also a little crushed hemp and some soaked sunflower seeds. I water the birds from a pot by dipping their heads in, so that they must drink; then I put them away in a light place out of sight of sky for a couple of days. Then I have the chance of saving most of my catch.

Although I mentioned water last, it is far from being the least, in my estimation. I add a few grains of permanganate of potash, and a few grains of moist sugar to their drinking water. These respective ingredients have a very valuable property. The first tends to harden and to prepare the stomach of the birds to perform the natural digestion of the strange food. The other, the sugar, has a gentle and mild purgative action, for I have by experience proved that 99 out of every 100 deaths are due to the digestive organs refusing to battle, as it were, with the strange food, and the birds becoming constipated, which proves fatal.

This peculiar form of death I have found is very common to such birds as the 'Gale, the Blackcap, etc. And in order to counteract this I always, on getting my birds home, put just one drop of oil of olives on the vent, and, in very obstinate cases of constipation, I gently clear the vent of all feathers and moisten as before mentioned.

Methods of Catching Goldies.

The Goldfinch may be caught by the method of birdlime as well as the Bullies, only the difference is that the "Button Jack" or "Red Nob," which are "nicknames," is more frequently caught on thistle and hardheads. They are also caught with cotton bobber made by stretching cotton over a number of small sticks which are stuck in the ground at frequent intervals apart, and baited with hardheads, thistle heads, etc.; then as they fly up they become entangled in the cotton. But neither this method nor the bird lime is to be recommended by which to catch these or any other birds.

Soaked seed should be offered to fresh-caught Goldfinches, and more especially to the Greypates. For removing birdlime I always carry a small phial of vaseline, this being a quick and clean method.

I could go on all night dealing with my favourite sport, and speak of the many other methods of snaring; but being afraid I have already overtaxed your indulgence, with your kind permission I will draw this paper to a close, endeavouring to give you some illustrations of the various methods I have mentioned—bracing birds, setting nets and spring traps, etc. There may be many better methods practised by other bird catchers which I would not attempt to criticise; I only give the methods employed by myself, methods which have proved sufficient for my need, and there is no reason why they should not prove satisfactory to others. I trust this paper has proved interesting and instructive to all, and if any of you feel inclined to try your hand and luck, I hope you may derive the same pleasure I have derived from this fascinating sport, for, personally, I would rather spend one day's holiday at bird-catching than a week by the sea. If there is any point on which any one is not quite clear, or any on which further information upon any subject appertaining to bird-catching is wanted, I should be happy to apply myself to such to the best of my ability. In conclusion, I beg to remain always, "A British Bird Fancier and Amateur Catcher."

At the conclusion of the lecture many questions were asked Mr. Hawes, and ably answered. He said he always used black linenette bags to carry home his birds in, and found them fill every purpose. A bird came to less harm than when carried in a cage. Flue nets he considered most useful for the amateur, besides being inexpensive.—Mr. Lugg, on behalf of the company present, conveyed their heartiest thanks to Mr. Hawes for his able discourse, and a most instructive evening then came to a close.

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In Nature's Fairyland.

A cinematograph lecture delivered before the L. and P.O.S. on Sept. 16, by Mr. Richard Kearton, F.Z.S.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society are to be congratulated upon the eminently successful character of their meeting held at the Institute of Journalists, Tudor Street, London, E.C., on September 16th, when Mr. Richard Kearton, F.Z.S., the well-known and popular naturalist, delivered a cinematograph lecture upon what, for a better term, he called "Nature Studies." This was the first lecture of its kind ever delivered before a cage bird society, and the enterprising spirit of this society, in going to the trouble and expense of providing for it, is to be commended as reflecting the greatest credit on the officials. The one and only drawback of the occasion was the lack of room, the hall engaged, though spacious and handsome, being crowded by the two hundred odd fanciers and their friends who were present.

In his introductory remarks the chairman, Mr. Geo. Crabb, stated that the lecturer's connection with the L. and P.O.S. was an old one; he supposed it was a matter of ten or fifteen years ago that Mr. Kearton was greatly instrumental in their obtaining from Messrs. Cassell and Co. certain Crystal Palace show specials. Since then he had risen to one of the topmost rungs of the ornithological ladder. They had, as a society, brought this representation before the Fancy, thinking they would do it good; and if they could, through this or any other means, obtain recruits to its ranks, they would be only too pleased to welcome them. (Hear, hear.)

Individual Characteristics of Birds.

Before having the lights lowered and the illustrations thrown on the screen, the lecturer said he claimed the indulgence of his audience because this was not one of his ordinary lectures. He had tried in the slides to introduce something of the individual characteristics of birds. He was, he said, a believer in the idea that birds of one species differed as much in individual character as human beings did. Anybody who wished to study wild birds at home, he added finally, could do so with a pair of good field glasses and by means of photographs.

At this point the lights were lowered, the lantern set in operation and the photographs thrown on the screen. Great interest was at once evinced, for not only were the pictures excellently clear and exquisite in themselves, but the subjects were such as appealed to all, and particularly to the British bird fanciers, of whom there were a large number present. The reproductions served, whatever else they did, to show at a glance the extent of the achievements in the direction of bird study by photographic representations.

Bird Pictures 200 Years Ago—and Now.

The first photograph thrown upon the screen was that of a painting of a cock Robin made direct from nature some 200 years previously; it was more than a tolerably good representation, but the next picture, a photograph of another Robin, dating some 30 years back, drew forth the applause of the audience. Still, infinitely better and more appreciated was the slide we were next favoured with, a picture of Robins photographed direct from nature, which was followed by a 200-year-old picture of a Gannet, which was afterwards "put into the shade" by a recently taken photograph of a bird of the same species. The lecturer here remarked parenthetically that it was not necessary to take long railway journeys into the country in order to study wild bird life; a goodly number of the photographs that were to be shown were, he said, secured within a 30-mile radius of Charing Cross, London.

The theory that flies never alighted on the backs of live birds was, the lecturer proceeded, effectually disproved by the picture then before his audience, which showed a Wood Pigeon with a "blue-bottle" serenely and comfortably settled on the bird's back.

Creatures of Moods.

The camera was a valuable apparatus for settling disputes in the bird world; it was never safe to come back from the North Pole, or from anywhere else, without convincing evidence—(laughter)—and this the camera made possible. The camera, too, served to show that birds, like ourselves, were creatures of mood; they had to accept the circumstances of life in which they found themselves and make the best of them. Photographs were shown illustrative of this.

The lecturer related that on occasion birds of one species had been known to feed the young of another. A gentleman he knew in Cumberland had a Robin which came regularly to his house, and which had only one leg and so, being unable to get married, the bird had to remain a bachelor, but he took to feeding the young ones in a Song Thrush's nest. Another instance was that in which a pair of Robins took care of a young Thrush in the absence of its parents, they themselves having just lost their own little ones.

Some people, continued the lecturer, thought that birds were not capable of any kind of facial expression. This was not so, he said, and the assertion was backed up by some charmingly appropriate illustrations, the first of which was of a mother Missel Thrush anxiously asking questions on the nest. The next showed her with a more subdued look on her countenance, and in the next she was seen trying to take a well earned rest.

Then followed a study in expression. It was a picture of a Brown or Wood Owl asleep, or almost so, in an old barn; but a moment after the same bird was to be seen with an expression suggestive of "Who said mouse?"

The Cowardly Husbands.

The Green Woodpecker was the subject of the following illustration, photographed, we were informed, by the lecturer's brother, Mr. Cherry Kearton. The Curlew was next depicted to the now fascinated gaze of the audience, and then the Wheatear. The Wheatears, he said, were sometimes cowardly in the extreme, and he was sorry to have to admit that it was as a rule the male birds who first showed cowardice at the nest when danger was in sight. He once caught the male bird of a pair in the cowardly act of passing some food he had for the young ones over to the female to carry into the nest, he being afraid to come nearer it than the piece of rock which figured on the screen.

The Sweet-voiced Marsh Warbler.

A photograph of a Marsh Warbler, taken in the West of England, introduced the remark that ornithologists, after long and hard work, had now established beyond doubt that this species bred in many parts of the British Isles. The lecturer stated that he was lying once beneath some undergrowth near a Marsh Warbler's home for a long time, and had then the opportunity of studying their wonderfully sweet song. The Marsh Warbler is, he said, a clever imitator, but he does not splutter out his notes and mix the songs, but will imitate the song of one bird and then pause, as if to allow the effect of the song to "sink in" before starting a fresh song.

Parasites among birds was the subject which next claimed attention. Some birds, we were assured, were thieves. Rooks would steal from the nests of other birds, and even Robins had been known to steal from a Song Thrush's nest; and the Gannet, too, was a thief. Then there was the case of the parasitic Cuckoo, which had been seen to lay an egg on the ground and then carry it in its beak and deposit it in the nest of another species.

The Hungry Cuckoo.

The ensuing pictures gave one an idea of the "hungryness" of young Cuckoos—from the first anxious waiting for the foster parent to the feeding of "the young brute," the parent bird standing on the young one's shoulder. One of the illustrations told its own tale of "a big appetite and no bread." The lecturer here related to the evident enjoyment of all, an incident which occurred when he was lecturing once in the North; when he showed this picture, to his amazement and great amusement, a boy at the back called out, "Come in out of the wet." And certainly it looked as though the poor little foster-mother might easily fall into the cavernous depths of the young Cuckoo's mouth. The Cuckoo photographs were very much appreciated.

That of the Corncrake, taken in the Outer Hebrides, gave the lecturer an opportunity of referring to the fact (published recently in our columns) that the species are now passing over London on their way south. The Corncrake made a comparatively shallow nest, we were told, in which it usually laid some six or seven eggs. But it sometimes laid as many as eleven, in which case a difficulty, with respect to accommodation, arose, which it got over by adding material day by day to the nest until the nest assumed the shape of a basin rather than of a saucer.

At this juncture the lecturer entertained his hearers to a very clever representation of the call-notes of the Corncrake, which was loudly applauded.

As people, he resumed, were very desirous nowadays of flying—(laughter)—perhaps his audience would like to know how to use their wings here or hereafter—(renewed laughter). The picture then thrown on the screen showed a Black-backed Gull in the act of alighting; this was followed by one showing the bird preparatory to a down stroke, with its wing-tips pointing to the zenith, and about to literally force itself upwards and allow room for the swoop. The bird was afterwards depicted "in the air."

The Birds "At Home."

After one or two more photographs the meeting was put into more animated spirits by the introduction of "moving pictures." We have ourselves seen some of the best cinematograph displays, but seldom, if ever, have we witnessed anything so good in quality as Mr. Kearton's wonderful representations. They are excellent in every way. The films are perfect, and the operation of the apparatus all that could be desired. The pictures as they followed one another in rapid succession, depicting bird-life under the most natural conditions, exhibiting traits of birdie character representable by no other means available, and producing a fascinating sense of reality, seemed to leave one at once pleased that such a triumph of photography had been made possible and profoundly thankful to Mr. Kearton for his splendidly able reproduction. There were woodland scenes, with the Woodpecker at work finding food for its young, and the Wryneck dexterously searching in all directions over the trunk of the tree in which its nest was situated for the insects its young depended on; there were rock scenes where were to be found Kestrel Hawks carefully tending their young.

Then there were field scenes in which Rooks were greedily feeding, much to the chagrin and disappointment of others less fortunate than themselves, until these in turn were chased away from the appetising feeding ground by an overpowering number of other Rooks; and there were beautiful lake scenes in which Starlings were to be found drinking and bathing, in company with an occasional Hawfinch and a Blackbird or two, and a pair of graceful Swans with their brood of Cygnets ever near them. The Woodpecker who bathed very gingerly caused much laughter. First he had a splash with one wing, then the other, finally entering the water tail foremost!

The peculiarities of the personal habits of the different species were also brought vividly before the interested meeting, such as the regurgitating method of the feeding of young adopted by Linnets and Bullfinches as opposed to the Chaffinch's method of feeding with live insects direct from the bill.

Mr. Kearton related that once he found the wing of an adult Blue Tit in the mouth of a young "Butcher Bird," showing what the young of this voracious species were sometimes fed on.

The exigencies of space do not permit of our going more into detail. Suffice it to say that the other species, whose private realms had been successfully "invaded" by the photographers and whose habits were thus brought before the eyes of human spectators, included the Yellowhammer, with its fat young ones, the Linnet and its family associations, the Robin and Wrens, the Nightjar (photographed near Caterham Valley, Surrey, while covering her eggs), the Great Crested Grebe, the Wryneck, the Rooks (very much "at home"), the Nightingale tending three young ones in the nest, the Song Thrush, securing food for the young, the Reed Bunting, the Wheatear (and its nest carefully obscured from view and requiring the removal of a number of stones before it could be seen), the Peewit (the lecturer here gave an interesting representation of the old ones' cry), the Redstart, the Lesser Tern, the Yellow Wagtail and many others.

The lecturer concluded his exhibition by throwing on the screen several coloured views, which we understood him to say he had himself never before seen portrayed on the sheet. They were certainly very exquisite, and made a fitting conclusion to a two hours' lecture.

A few questions having been asked and answered, Mr. Crabb proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Kearton, which was seconded by Mr. H. Goodchild. The former in his remarks emphasised the instructive value of the lecture, and the latter the kindness of the London and Provincial O.S. in providing them with so excellent an entertainment. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and Mr. Kearton's reply brought the proceedings to a close.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

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A Noteworthy Success.

Every aviculturist who values a really striking and beautiful bird will be glad to hear of the success of Mr. Teschemaker, recorded in the last number of "Bird Notes," in breeding the splendid giant or "Twelve-tailed" Whydah (*Chera procne*) of South Africa, for the first time in this country. This is far the largest and finest of the Whydahs, equalling a Starling in size, with a long trailing tail, of which all the feathers are elongated, more or less, not only a pair or two, as in most other Whydahs. This tail, with most of the rest of the cock's breeding-plumage, is black, with a peculiar silky sheen, but when he is out of colour the sexes look much alike, being of the streaky-brown of the Skylark, although the cock retains the orange epaulettes and black quills of the breeding-dress, the wings, as is usual in such cases, not changing like the rest of the plumage.



The Giant or "Twelve-tailed Whydah."

Dangerous Decorations.

The huge tail of this Whydah is stated by those who have observed it as a wild bird to be a source of danger to its owner; sometimes the Kaffir boys catch the cocks by stretching limed strings across the fields, on which the tails get caught as the birds fly low over them; and in wet weather the tail gets so draggled that the handicapped owner cannot fly enough to escape capture. So observers agree in stating, but from what I have seen of these birds in the Zoo aviaries, I should say their plumage was particularly waterproof; they will trail their tails all over the wet grass for a whole rainy morning without any noticeable effect. Probably it is only certain individuals, with a poor quality of feather, which get draggled in the wild state in the manner described. This Whydah has peculiarly large and broad wings, and a flight very unlike that of any other Finch, the action being very butterfly-like, especially when the male is indulging in a show flight; it is essentially a bird for a large aviary, as its beauty can only be fully appreciated when it is on the wing.

An Important Correction.

I see in my last notes, either through the fault of my handwriting, or that of the "printer's devil," I was made to say that I shipped my pigmy geese to England in a cage with a "tarred" floor. It ought, of course, to have read "barred"—a tarred floor, except that it would not let dirt soak in, would have no especial advantage; but a barred floor is what I have always used and recommended for long-distance transport cages. Of course the bars should be cane, except for Parrots, in whose case wire has perforce to be used. The difference that a floor of this sort makes when birds, especially Softbills, have to be kept in close quarters, is something astonishing, and it is chiefly due to his use of this very simple device that John Chinaman turns out his exported birds in such fine condition, as I think I have remarked before. The only thing to look out for is that the sliding tray is not so far below the bars, or the bars so close together as to prevent the birds picking up food which may have been spilled; otherwise there is a risk of their being starved if they throw their food about, though the feeding vessels ought, of course, to be of a type to prevent this. It goes without saying that they should be fixed so that they cannot be accidentally upset.

The Softbill Rearing Question.

The difficulty which many aviculturists have experienced in getting Softbills in captivity to feed their young without an unlimited supply of live food is certainly a serious point to be considered, but it will be observed that the difficulty is rather a mental than a physical one; that is to say, it is not impossible to rear young Softbills on artificial food, but it is not easy in many cases to induce the parents to believe this and use the stuff! In fact, the parent birds when breeding go back to a greater or less extent to the frame of mind they were in when they were newly caught and had to be "meated off."

It seems to me therefore that what breeding Softbills want is to be meated off afresh, so to speak, when feeding young. Everybody is pretty certain to be able to get *some* live food, if not an unlimited amount; and maggots, bisected mealworms, etc., should be mixed up with the soft food, so as to make them pick some up when collecting the food for their young. To allow for the tenderness of the baby birds' digestions, it would be as well to supply a better grade of soft food than that usually used for the parents; *i.e.*, Mynahs or Thrushes, if feeding young, might well be put on Nightingales' food for the time being. A friend of mine has also suggested that the difficulty of picking crumbling stuff up and carrying it may influence Softbills against feeding with artificial food, so that it would be well to squeeze it through perforated zinc or something of the sort, so as to make elongated pellets, and it would probably aid the food in "binding" to mix it with raw egg. It is worth while taking a good deal of trouble to find out some easier way of breeding Softbills than continually closing them with "live bait," and fanciers may be reminded that a great deal of the world's progress in aviculture has been in the direction of getting our birds to take substitutes for natural food, useful and important as the latter undeniably is.

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We have extended our radius from 12 to 30 miles, writes Mr. B. Bullough, hon. secretary, Southport and Dis. C.H.S. Our subscriptions are 1s. entrance fee and 4s. per year, payable quarterly. Our annual show will be held on December 11th, when Mr. Albert Hirst (Accrington) will judge; a grand list of specials will be offered.

Last year, writes Mr. M. W. Morgan (Aberdare), I only succeeded in rearing 1 yellow hen, but this year, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, and your "Canary Breeding for Beginners," I have 9 healthy young birds. I have also your book on "Budgerigars and Cockatoels," and if time permitted would go in for the foreigners. I was interested in Mr. Wm. Hutchinson's letter in a recent issue.

The Northern Yorkshire C.C. have issued a neat little handbook, containing the club-rules, a list of the specials to be competed for during the forthcoming show season (and this includes 3 cups and gold and silver medals for both champion and novice members), and the names and addresses of the members. The secretary is Mr. T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

We have 66 open classes for our show on October 30th, writes Mr. R. Roll, hon. secretary of the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.S., having added several to last year's classification. We shall make a special effort to pay prize and sale money promptly. Our committee can be relied upon to give every attention to all exhibits that may be entrusted to them. All we want is fanciers to send their entries along and not to leave everything till the last minute. Schedules will be posted to all last year's exhibitors.

I was surprised to find on opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday, September 17th, the photo of myself and birds, along with prizes won with same, reproduced in the journal. It is through following the advice given week by week in your valuable paper that I owe my success. I am pleased to say that I have had a record season, having reared fifty Norwich and Yorkshires. My advice to all beginners is to take in CAGE BIRDS, and join a society. This, I think, is the one true way to success. —JOHN LEES (Rochdale).

Allow me to thank you for the honour you have done me in placing on the front page of CAGE BIRDS the picture of my Cardiff 3rd winning Goldfinch-Mule. I may say it is a splendid picture of him, and reflects great credit on your artist. The bird is a 4 pointed Mule, and won for me over 20 prizes last season, 1sts, specials, 2nds and 3rds at all the leading shows. I am pleased to say he is now coming out better than ever—just finishing moult—and I hope he will do me many more such honours. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—G. EDWARDS (Leominster).

The most conspicuous feature of "Bird Notes" —the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—for September, is the magnificent coloured frontispiece of the Black-winged Lory, from the brush of Mr. H. Goodchild, the picture being taken from a living specimen in the possession of Mr. O. Millsum, who contributes some notes on the species. There are several articles (including Mr. W. E. Teschemaker's on the the Nesting of the Dwarf Ground Dove, the Cinnamon Tree-Sparrow and Pelzeln's Saffron Finch, and Mr. H. V. Johnson's on the Ruddy Bunting), besides numerous breeding experiences, and British bird notes; all which afford interesting reading.

What is a Tick?

We notice from the schedule of the Oxford Show, to be held on October 7th, that the old-time question of "What is a tick" has been solved. A tick, it says, is a mark not larger than a sixpence.

The O.N.P.C. and Burnley Show.

Will amateur members of the Open Norwich P.C. please note that there is an omission from the Burnley Show schedule (CAGE BIRDS prizes and conditions), writes Mr. W. Clarkson, the secretary. This might lead members to think they are not being competed for at this show. Such is not the case, however, and all entrants must mark "C.B." on their entry forms.

Crested Canary Club.

Having received this morning (September 21st) a letter from Mr. Ley, stating that I had not given the details of his scheme correctly, writes Mr. J. S. Clarke, hon. secretary of the Crested Canary Club, I have decided on my own initiative to avoid confusion and loss of time by asking the secretaries of shows receiving the club's support, to cut out the paragraph referring to the guarantee against loss. This matter can then be deliberated by the club, and put before the Fancy in a proper shape. I am writing the secretaries of the shows individually.

Polly's New Occupation.

The ingenuity displayed in frauds in these days is sometimes remarkable. A woman was recently charged at Liverpool with using postage-stamps which had been previously cancelled. Each stamp had been blotted over with writing ink to conceal the cancellation mark, and upon the back of one of the letters was written, "Excuse blots; ink upset on all my stamps." This was ingenious enough, but when a postal official called upon the defendant she said she had a Parrot which escaped from its cage and upset the inkstand. "The bird walked through the ink and then over the stamps, smearing them all." But the magistrate pointed out that the bird must have been a very discriminating one, for the ink-blots only appeared where there had been cancellation marks. The case ended, it need hardly be said, in a fine.

This is my first year of Canary -breeding, writes Mr. Fred J. Young (London, S.E.), and I have done fairly well for a start, thanks to your paper, CAGE BIRDS, and to "Canary Breeding for Beginners," published by you.

Mr. J. S. Wilson will judge the Canaries, and Mr. T. Kearton the British and foreign birds, at our annual show on November 12th and 13th, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas, hon. secretary of the Whitehaven Cage Bird and H.S.

The annual members' show of the Gosport and Dis. F.A., we hear from the secretary, Mr. F. C. Harvey, will be held in the Connaught Drill Hall, High Street, on October 27th, when 20 classes will be provided for the cage-bird section.

"British Birds" for September contains a specially interesting article, written by Mr. P. H. Bahr, M.A., M.B., M.B.O.U., etc., on "The Supposed 'Colour-change' and the Spring Moult of the Black-headed Gull"; it is accompanied by eight well-drawn diagrams. "The Brown Flycatcher in Kent" ("A New British Bird") forms the subject of some observations by Mr. Mr. J. Nicoll, M.B.O.U., and there is also a large number of "Notes."

The open show to be held Nov. 19 and 20, writes Mr. H. Clayton, hon. secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S., will be one of the largest ever held by the society. Patronage has been granted by the following: Green Canary Association, Norwich P.H. Club, Lizard Society, and Yorkshire C.C.

A series of table shows has been arranged for in connection with the Suffolk C.B.S., the first of which will take place on October 7th, writes Mr. W. Barritt, hon. secretary. Two classes have been catered for, viz., Class 1, A.V. Adult Buff Norwich P.H.; class 2, A.V. Young Yellow Norwich P.H., which will be judged by Messrs. Mouser and Barham. The committee hope that this will be a means of bringing the members together, and remind them that the society is still in existence.

A number of short, but interesting, articles grace the pages of the September issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," which also contains several illustrations. Mr. Reginald Phillipps' notes on the Pied Rock-Thrush are duly continued, and Mr. Hubert D. Astley, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., writes summarily concerning Townsend's Flycatcher or Solitaire. The same writer has something to say, too, about the nesting of the Magpie Tanager, while the Rufous-backed Mannikin forms the subject of an article from the pen of Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A. Mr. Finn again contributes some observations on "Aviculture at the Zoo," and there are also many notes and letters on various subjects.

Things are looking brighter in our varieties, writes Mr. John Rukin, hon. secretary of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., as our membership is double that of last season, and practically almost all are paid-up members. I noticed in your report of the Glossop meeting you omitted the addresses of the new members. The address given for Mr. E. Fuller was omitted, I presume, owing to the peculiar address of "Rogues Den." There was nothing harmful in this, as it was the address given me by himself, and at our last meeting he showed me a handful of picture postcards, all bearing this peculiar address. His shop being frequented by lovers of birds, dogs, poultry and other fanciers, some wag dubbed it the "Rogues Den," and Mr. Fuller evidently treats it in a humorous way, as he generally gives it as his address.

"Ladder of Progress" Competition.

A scrutiny has been demanded in our "Ladder of Progress" competition, and we are now investigating the claim (which is for the second prize). We shall, we hope, be in a position to make a final announcement in our next issue.

CLUB NOTICES will this week be found on page 179.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 27.—**Peterborough.**—S. L. Cocks, Eastfield, Peterboro'.
Sept. 28.—**Burnley.**—W. Clarkson, 30, Pine Street.
Sept. 29.—**Oxford.**—H. Teden, 5, Fairacres Road.
Sept. 29.—**(1st post) Longton.**—E. Tams, Church Street.
Sept. 30.—**Brimington.**—J. H. Baker, Station Road.
Oct. 2.—**Caterham.**—J. Kilby, Caterham Valley.
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*Oct. 7—**Peterborough.**—(S. L. Cocks, Eastfield). J.H.R., and S.H.M.
*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R. and W.Bh.
*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.
Oct. 14—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 30, Portland Street). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Covontry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.Wk. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98. Embankment Road.) C.A.H.
*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Drake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
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*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.R.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.)
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
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Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**)—H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
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*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
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Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.).
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Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.P., J.Lse.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
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Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
Nov. 25 & 26 —**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Demerits of Glasshouse.

F. Groves.—The glasshouse would prove a most unsuitable place for Canaries, and you would soon find the occupants very "groggy" and in a state of perpetual moult, unless you could devise means of equalising the temperature. This you might do by having a sufficiency of sash "lights" in the top and sides made to open on ratchet irons, which could be kept open whilst the sun was beating on the glass. The cold at night would not be of any moment if the abnormal heat of the day were prevented. If you arrange sash "light," you must cover the space with wire netting in case a bird escapes. The alternative, used by itself, or in conjunction with the first-named, the latter preferably, is to have sun-blinds fitted over the glass to draw down when the sun is up, or to cover the glass with a "summer cloud," a kind of paint used by horticulturists to prevent over-heating. The ideal method is hinged sash lights to open as suggested, and hinged drop shutters of wood to fit over the glass for use at night.

Bare and Swollen.

E. M. H.—There must be something wrong with your management. In the first place, thoroughly examine cage, probing any crack or nail-hole with a pin if necessary to see if you can find traces of red mites, which, if you do, eradicate. Full directions will be found in a number of recent replies. Next sec its cage is kept out of reach of draughts, and where the atmosphere is pure and sweet. Keep it also strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. In additiou, give separately a few grains of hemp twice a week, which may be varied from time to time with a pinch of maw, or gold of pleasure, or a few grains of inga as substitute. On two other days each week for the next mouth give a small piece of bread scalded in milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with soft sugar. A little green food should be given every second day. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and during the following week six drops of tincture of gentiau and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day. On the alternate days in the second week you may add a few grains of citrate of iron and quinine to the water if the looseness is still pronounced; otherwise it should not be necessary. If it is not quite well in, say, a month, write again.

Outdoor Bird-house.

Doubtful.—You seem to have arranged your building very nicely, and I see no reason whatever why your Canaries should not thrive in it just as well throughout the winter as up to the present. What you now have to guard against particularly is damp, and if your floor is of the proper kind to meet this contingency you should have little trouble. Either a hard concrete floor, or a wooden one raised a few inches above ground, would do well. The former would be the better if the ground is full of dampness. The windows, or rather the open wired spaces, I presume are also filled with glass, in which case I see no provision for efficient ventilation. I should advise you to make these glazed spaces in wood frames and fix them in position by hinges on the bottom edge, and fit ratchet bars at the top so that the sashes can be opened to any required degree to suit varying conditions of weather and keep the house well ventilated. On the other hand, if these spaces are only filled with wire it would be an advantage to have a blind of felt running on a roller fitted to each of the larger spaces, which you could draw down temporarily during times of cold winds or storms of rain, hail, or snow, which might otherwise render the interior uncomfortable. Altogether the glazed sashes with the extra wire protection are quite the most desirable. I think the birds will thrive best without any artificial heat at all.

An Unpromising Outlook.

J. Horme.—Honesty compels me to say that unless you get the birds in a very different state, the outlook is not promising. Perhaps after carefully reading the book which has been sent you, you will be able to detect many weak points in your present management and to "put your house in order" well in advance of next breeding season. One of the greatest evils is, to protect the birds from draught, damp, or fluctuations of temperature. These, I feel sure, are the chief cause. The diet, too, needs material alteration. Thoroughly examine cages to see if they are infested with red mites; if they are, eradicate them. Keep cages perfectly clean and strewn with fresh gritty sand. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Give separately twice a week a few grains of hemp, varied occasionally with a pinch of inga, maw, or a few grains of linseed, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of egg food, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake, and every second day a little green food or a bit of ripe fruit. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week, and after this twenty drops whisky, six oxymel of squills, and two eucalyptus oil well shaken together, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid. You might also add three drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the soft food each time you give it for the next fortnight. Report progress in two or three weeks' time, referring to this reply, and I will advise further if necessary. Consult our advertisement columns and deposit cash with the Editor; this is a sure safeguard.

Wash for Insect-infested Cages.

B.A.C.—Either of the following "washes" is excellent for ridding your flight of insect pests. 1. Into one gallon of boiling water place a pound of soft soap and two fluid ounces (practically four tablespoonfuls) of carbolic disinfecting fluid, as obtained from chemists. Stir well until soap is all dissolved and the water is in a creamy lather; then add four gallons of cold water, and it should be ready to use at once. Use it nicely warm, and work well into the corners, and any cracks or open joints, with a small brush. A whitewash or distemper brush is suitable for washing down walls, etc., of aviaries or large flights. No. 2 "wash" for the purpose is prepared the same as above, but by using a quarter-pint of Creolin, obtainable from the chemists, instead of carbolic fluid. I have given the quantity of "wash" you ask for, but I should imagine two gallons would be almost sufficient for any ordinary job for one dressing, and quite ample for your flight. I would, therefore, rather advise you to make up this quantity, adhering to the above proportions, and repeat dressing with a freshly-made "wash" after an interval of a week, or fortnight if the weather keeps cool.

Two Extremes.

W.W.—(1) I do not think your Roller hen, which has had six nests and twenty-eight eggs since February, constitutes a record, though I have not actual figures by me at the moment that "go one better." (2) Whether this same hen will, as you say, do well if you breed with her next year, time only will show. The policy you have adopted in taking so many nests is equivalent to the time-honoured adage of killing the goose which lays the golden eggs, and you must not be surprised if you find by experience she is not worth a brass button for breeding with next year. (3) You must first see this bird is kept in a comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, but free from draughts, or chills, or vitiated air, and where the warmth, whatever the degree may be, is fairly regular, and not always varying between "summer heat" and "zero." Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape; twice a week give a few grains of hemp, inga, and linseed, mixed in equal parts, and on two other days a small piece of bread and milk or sponge cake; and each time of giving this for the next month add two drops each of port wine and cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkle with gold of pleasure or sesame seed. Give a little green food every second day. See that cage is strewn with clean gritty sand, and that it is free from red mites. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three days, and after that twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Finishing Touches for Cages.

F. Taylor.—Whether you paint, enamel, whitewash, or leave untouched, the insides of your cages is entirely a matter of taste. If properly done, any of these may be adopted with absolute safety so far as the birds are concerned. I favour a tinted sanitary distemper, which dries hard, without gloss, for the insides of breeding cages, and stain and varnish for the outsides; it can be done as cheaply as painting. Leaving the wood in its natural state is not to be recommended unless cages are made of a good hard and close-grained wood. Whitewash is the least durable, and the frequency of doing them up afresh is the chief objection that can be brought against it. It would not harm the birds unless made with fresh-slaked quicklime, in which case it would be advisable to allow the cages to stand empty a few weeks until the heat of the lime had dispersed. First sand-paper cages all over, blow off all dust, fill all cracks or open joints inside and outside neatly with putty, or with some of the thick distemper inside if this is the covering selected. All open joints and cracks would have been better filled with hot glue during manufacture. If inside is to be left in the natural wood give it a coat of shellac reduced to the consistency of thin paint with methylated spirit, and put a coat of priming outside. Otherwise give outside and inside a coat priming. When quite dry put on paint, distemper, or enamel, whichever you choose, inside, in two or three thin coats rather than one thick coat, and allow each coat to dry before applying another. Then put a coat of paint, or stain, as preferred (ebony or mahogany stain makes the best job) on the outsides, and when quite dry go over it lightly with very smooth sand-paper to remove any slight roughness. Put on another coat of the same material, and when this is dry add a coat of clear copal varnish. Allow all to stand a few days to dry thoroughly before handling or introducing birds. All the materials named can be obtained ready for use at any oil and colour store. If you decide to use paint inside, and want it to dry without gloss, ask for "flatting" when purchasing.

Winter Feeding in an Outhouse.

G. Dear.—You omit one very important piece of information; that is, the size of your outhouse, and whether the birds you are going to winter there will be confined in cages or allowed to fly at liberty. In the latter case, having more exercise to enable them to resist cold, which would also enable them to withstand the effects of high feeding, they would have a great advantage over caged birds similarly situated. I should advise you to increase the proportion of rape in the staple food to about a third part the bulk, and later on, when the weather begins to get very cold and damp, make up a mixture of one part each hemp, black rape, and broken groats, and a half part each of inga, linseed, and yellow mustard, giving the twenty birds from three to five teaspoonfuls of this mixture, according to the severity of the weather, three or four times a week. Twice a week give also a small quantity of crushed biscuit, or bread and milk pressed nearly dry, as a variant of the soft food you are now using, and which you may continue to use generally. A few grains of coarse oatmeal, or a pinch of malt culms sprinkled among the soft food, will also prove very useful in severe weather, as will a few sunflower or safflower seeds, if shelled, and broken in pieces, which the birds can manipulate. As a substitute for green food you will find bananas unsurpassable, and also most appreciated; next come apples, though any sweet, fleshy fruit that is not too relaxing will do for a substitute.

Colds, Moulting and Nerves.

A.A.A.C.—The severe cold doubtless brought on the moult a little prematurely, and you should not take any measures to stop the natural course of the moult unless you are convinced the moulting has already been a complete one, and the feathers now being dropped casually are new ones this season. It is not unlikely the effect is also partly due to fluctuations between the day and night temperature, or to exposure at certain times to hot and vitiated air, such as being hung near burning lamps or gas. Its diet is also rather faulty. In addition to the present staple diet give a few grains of hemp twice a week, and on two other days about half a teaspoonful of egg food, or an equivalent amount of bread and milk, in either case sprinkling it with a pinch of maw seed. Give a little green food four times a week. Keep cage now in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, but equable, and where the air is pure and sweet. For the dregs of the cold give in the drinking water twenty drops whiskey, five each oxymel of squills and sweet spirits of nitre, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week. See the cage is quite free from red mites, as this pest may possibly be responsible for prolonging the moult. As regards the "bad temper," this is simply excessive nervousness, and the symptoms are due to fright or shock. You should not attempt to handle such a bird unless absolutely necessary, as such will not infrequently die instantaneously from fright when caught. Medicines are useless.

Swelling Around Eyes.

Skotty.—You do not give sufficient details to enable me to form any definite opinion as to what is wrong. You ought to have described the appearance of the swelling, and the colour of skin around it; whether it was hard or soft, or forming a "head"; whether the skin was bare of feathers, or otherwise; the length of time it had been coming; and whether there was any discharge from the eyes. It would also have been best to have said what the nourishing diet consists of. I can only suggest you give the following a trial for a fortnight, and if there is no material improvement, write again, and give the above particulars. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a spray of green food, watercress preferably, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of bread and milk sop,

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not too sloppy, slightly dusted twice each week with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean, and the floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Also see they are perfectly free from red mites and not exposed to draughts. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence two days in three for a week; and during the next week give six drops of tincture of gentiau and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Bathe the eyes daily for a week in a lukewarm decoction of poppy heads, with a spray of camomile added if available. Keep birds apart from others not similarly affected.

Brevities.

What Breed? (F.W.D.).—Am inclined to think the bird is a variegated Norwich Plainhead. It is, however, impossible to say definitely without seeing it. You had better get some fancier conversant with the different breeds of Canaries to look at it and tell you to what breed it belongs. To help you to form an opinion, if the above surmise is correct your bird, when compared with a common German songster, will show a richer colour, be distinctly larger in size, and of a more stout and chubby build generally.

To Start the Moult (Puzzled).—Feed on plain Canary and give separately a pinch of summer rape and a few grains of linsced every second day, and on the alternate days half a small teaspoonful of maw seed and a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Hang cage in a warm corner of kitchen, quite on the warm side, providing there is no very great drop in the temperature at night. But be careful to avoid exposure to draughts. Add to the drinking water six drops of sweet spirits of nitre and a few blades of saffron two days in every three for a week. If this does not have the desired effect, remove cage to a cold room for a few days, but again be careful to avoid draughts. Finally, think twice before trying to enforce a moult upon a healthy and apparently well-conditioned bird.

A Singing Hen (H.W.).—It is not true a hen which sings well is necessarily of no use for breeding. There are, however, lots of singing hens which do not settle down to breed, so you cannot tell whether yours will be of use or not. Time and trial alone can prove. In some cases these "masculine" hens owe their condition to abnormalities in the sexual organs, and these are just the cases that are likely to prove worthless. Feed the hen plainly through the winter months in order to keep her in a somewhat spare condition, and when the breeding season arrives feed her up for a week or so, but do not get her into very high condition; and mate her with a lusty young cock fed up into the freshest possible condition. If he does not succeed in sending her to nest I think you may confidently give her up as an incorrigible, and relegate her to a singing cage for the rest of her unnatural life.

Mountain Ash Berries (E.R.).—I have never offered these to Canaries, so cannot say whether they are either useful for, or appreciated by, these birds. Many British birds, particularly the Thrush trihe, are very fond of them. For information on this branch address a query to our British bird department. You can preserve the berries for some time by burying them in jars or boxes filled with dry sand, and then burying these receptacles a few feet deep in a dry place in the ground. For this purpose they should be gathered in dry weather, and before they become over-ripe and therefore soft.

Not Moulting (Inquirer).—As you will see by another reply, I am not much in favour of artificial methods of forcing a bird into moult when it shows no signs of dropping into it early, especially when a bird is healthy. It is none too late yet for birds to commence, and there are many that have not yet made a start; with proper care, when they do begin, however, they will get through in good time. To help the process place the bird in a warm corner of the kitchen out of reach of draughts, and where the temperature is regular. Feed as advised in another reply, and add a few blades of saffron, or six drops of tincture of saffron, and ten drops of whiskey, to the drinking water every second day for a week. If the bird still shows no signs of dropping into moult, remove to a cold but dry and draught-proof room, for a week, which should have the desired effect.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Exhibition Bramblefinch.

Novice, H.P.—It is impossible to convey in words any adequate conception as to what constitutes "good size" in show birds. It can be gained only by visiting exhibitions and studying the winners. One has to consider not only mere length (measurement from the tip of the beak to the end of the tail), but also the girth (width through the chest). Thus a very long bird may very readily be beaten by a bird which possesses a broad, well-rounded chest, even though it loses a little in mere length by comparison. As regards the show points, the exhibition Bramble has usually a "laced" head; one with a glossy jet-black ground colour, regularly but not over-heavily spangled is the ideal. This "spangling" is caused by the brownish edging to the feathers. The hood requires to be cut cleanly under the beak, leaving the centre of the throat free from black, the hood finishing in sharp, well-defined (not ragged) lines on either side. The wing markings require to be very distinct (the colours not confused, or merged into one another), with a wide, rich brown bar across the shoulder. The bird wants to be as rich in colour as possible, and as big as possible, consistent with a graceful carriage, with a wide chest and bold head.

Giving Mules a Good Start.

Microbe.—Whata choice nom-de-plume! I agree with you as to the necessity of young Mules being given a "good start" after leaving their parents. Still, they do not need to be kept on strong egg-food (containing a lot of egg). I find that an "egg-cake" (many good recipes have appeared in our columns) crumbled or given without being moistened will answer every purpose, especially if it has had a little Plasmon powder mixed in it. When the Mules commence to feed themselves it is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible." The egg itself can be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. In addition, offer Canary and maw seeds, soaked (germinating) summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, when I gradually discontinue the soaked seed. A few groats occasionally are relished, and a little coarse oatmeal. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a mistake. I don't believe mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce watercress and the like. What they want, and what is conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of the "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, mouse-ear, knot-grass, groundsel, plantain and the like, especially the three first-named. But don't gather it off dusty roadsides, and strip off all large, coarse, stringy leaves. I like my young Mules to have a good fly in a large cage; some, however, turn out mischievous, so one needs to watch them.

Concerning Song Thrushes.

Lorenzo.—As I have often stated, it is not possible to sex with certainty either young or adult Song Thrushes from their plumage—cock and hen are garbed alike, and the hen is often a bigger, better-looking bird than the cock. Song is the only sure guide to the sex. If there is any other method of distinguishing the sexes, I should be glad to hear of it. As regards the food, the very cheapest satisfactory way of feeding Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., is to get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, soften this with hot water, then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be made fresh daily), and find it very cheap, too. Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Blackbeetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush trihe. Such a varied menu will keeep any Thrush or Blackbird and the like in grand health and song, provided it has a good, large cage, hung in a suitable position, and kept thoroughly clean.

A Goldfinch Failure.

H. Thomson.—I agree with you that there is "something funny" about the fact of your house-moulted Goldfinch failing to fertilise a single egg, though apparently in the very best of health and singing from dawn to dusk. It is exasperating; still, every Mule breeder ought to have at least two Goldies in his room (especially if their breeding propensities are not known to him), as it is an undoubted fact that some seem to absolutely refuse to consider marriage to a hen Canary. Your bird is apparently one of the latter kidney, as he "refused to look at the hens even when they called." I should advise you to get another one for next season. It is said, that the presence of cock Canaries in the same room is not good for Mule breeding. Indeed, my own experience some years ago led me to banish cock Canaries from my own room. The hen Canary's natural instinct must be to fall in love with a male of her own species. The latter are in breeding condition long before the Finches as a rule, and consequently the hen Canaries are almost certain to form attachments with them, and thus resent the "intrusion" of the Goldies when they are ready to be "married off." When the

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latter is the case, however, they often let you know it unmistakably by attacking and squabbling with the Finches. If you read an up-to-date book on Canary breeding you will find this tendency to form attachments to birds by voice, etc., dealt with therein. I must say, however, that this year, having only one bird-room, I have bred both Mules, Hybrids, and Canaries together with success. To be sure of the hens "calling" to the Goldies (presumiug you are not satisfied on the point) you could take in a cock Canary and hang him in front of the breeding cage just as the hen is beginning to build, and when he bursts into song she is almost certain to at once "call"—then the Goldie, who, of course, will be along with her, should accept the invitation. If he does not, then the clear eggs may be his fault. Keep out of sight yourself when trying this dodge.

A Nightingale for Song.

Anxious.—Your manner of procedure has been so strange that evidently you have had no experience in the keeping of insectivorous birds, and I should advise you to get at once a book (such as Part II. of the "British Bird Manual"), which deals with the subject. A "brass Canary cage" is a most unsuitable cage for such a bird as a Nightingale, and a sitting-room which has a fire in it but "about twice a week" is an unsuitable room in which to keep it during cold weather. I hope the bird is still alive (you do not say how you have attempted to feed it). I think it would have been best had you acquired some idea as to its housing and management before the bird reached

you. It requires feeding on a high-grade soft-food mixture (several good ones are advertised in our columns). Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (mealworms, flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.), one can possibly obtain, as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is liked, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Ripe fruit should also enter into the menu; banana, very ripe, pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated by tame 'Gales. The average 'Gale cannot be said to sing so freely as either Lark or Thrush in captivity.

Sex of Song Thrushes (B. B. B.).—Note the reply given "Lorenzo" this week.

Brevities.

A Catching Item (F. A. Allen).—You should have stated the county you live in, as the catching season varies in different parts of the country. Will try to get it from the office and reply next week.

A Goldfinch's Wing (Inquirer).—I am afraid you cannot mend matters. Evidently the wing has been broken, and has set in its present "cocked up" position; that being so, nothing can now be done. There will be no harm in binding the tips for a time, if you think well to do so.

Feather Trouble (E. Allfrey).—Undoubtedly your method of feeding is to blame. Crushed oats, currants, and german paste can easily be bettered for regular use. Note the reply to "Lorenzo" this week, and follow the advice. The bare place should be lightly anointed daily with mild sulphur ointment (give 3 or 4 applications).

A Siberian Goldfinch (Devonian).—Many Siberian Goldies are as "tame as kittens." Still, it all depends upon the individual, for there are plenty of wild specimens among them. An experienced fancier can pick out the "kind" birds. Cold does not harm them; but damp and draughts will. I dealt with the feeding in the reply to "U.S.A. Goldie" last week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

The Ruddy Cowbird.

"**Bunvip.**"—This species requires seed, soft food, ripe fruit, and a few living insects; as regards seeds, a mixture of Canary, millet, paddy rice, oats, hemp, and sunflower will meet their needs. Any good soft food mixture (see advert. columns), and any insects you can capture, such as spiders, beetles, maggots, smooth caterpillars, will be greedily taken, or, failing these, give three or four mealworms daily. A roomy cage is needed, as it is a somewhat restless bird. None of the Cowbirds can really be called songsters, but, of course, they have some notes, and when these are uttered rapidly and in succession, as they often are, it is a rather pleasing song, but there are rather shrill notes among them. You give me no idea of your cage, which makes it difficult to advise you; however, a Zebra Finch is too small a species. Providing your cage is large enough to accommodate them, Red-crested Cardinals would be as good as any, and a handsome contrast to the Cowbird.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

G.B.—It certainly appears to be in a very bad way. Keep it warm; not in a vitiated atmosphere. Keep bowels moving freely with Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. Give this frequently, but do not scour the bird. Get from your chemist a box of boney and borax, and with a camel hair brush wipe round its mouth and throat with same two or three times daily. It would be as well to put ten to twenty drops of Parrish's chemical food over daily supply of boiled maize. As it is rather weak, a few sips of weak brandy and water may also be given several times daily. As soon as its mouth and throat are better, keep a tin of seed mixture (canary, millet, oats, hemp, wheat, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in equal parts) continually in cage. Tit-bits are permissible when wholesome, but, tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food must not be given. Ripe fruit, plain cake, biscuits, nuts, and greenfood will give you an ample range wherewith to vary its diet. You have unfortunately let it get into an advanced stage before asking advice.

Brevities.

What Bulbul? (McLeod).—It is the Red-whiskered Bulbul. It is a native of India, and is very common about the gardens and cultivated areas; it is also found in the jungly and wooded districts. Its value is never large, but it varies with the quantity on the market. They have been offered as low as 3s. each this summer. At the same time I should not consider 15s., or even a little more, excessive for a true pair, and if they were acclimatised in addition, 25 to 50 per cent. more would not be out of the way.

Indian Green Parrakeet (Parrakeet).—Probably you have two hens, but I really cannot help you, save casually, as you do not tell me how you are keeping them, whether in cage or aviary. Again, these birds nest in holes in trees, which they excavate and fashion to their own liking. In captivity you must supply them either with a natural log or a nest-box with concave bottom, so that the eggs cannot roll about, but will remain naturally in about the centre of the box. If you thus provide for their needs, I should say they will lay and duly incubate next season. If you describe the plumage of each to me, I can tell whether you have a true pair, and if you also describe how they have been housed, etc., I can probably say why they failed to incubate.

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F. CARL, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London.

Sexual Distinctions of Virginian Cardinals (A. F. Morrison).—In most cases where the plumage of the sexes is distinct; this only applies to adult birds, as mostly with such species the young resemble the adult female, and often a supposed female turns out a young male in immature plumage; so that such distinctions can only apply to adults. With Virginian Cardinals there can be no mistake; the female has none of the rich pure scarlet areas of the male; her colouring is not so deep, and is much mixed with brownish red. The same applies to the black portion of the plumage; in the female the black facial markings are more restricted, and are distinctly brownish. Once see an adult male and female together, and you can never mistake them again.

What Bird? (F.W.D.).—It is a Roscate Cockatoo, a native of Australia. It is hardy, but the majority in this country do not make good talkers; though in Australia they bear a good reputation in this respect. They make droll and companionable pets however, mimic many noises and cries, and are accomplished acrobats. They should not be teased or scared, as this may cause them to become confirmed screamers. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing.

Treatment for Firefinches (Anxious).—You cannot do better than follow the treatment given in the article. Dried ants' eggs (cocoons) will answer the purpose if moistened (steaming them is best); the cocoons should be moistened, not given saturated with water. If you have no convenience for steaming, they must be dried in a cloth after soaking. Ripe fruit, as in season, is very wholesome, for almost any bird that will take it; most certainly it is for Firefinches. I always give my birds green food all through the winter; this consists of lettuce, the tender variety usually sold as French lettuce by most greengrocers. Keep them out of draught, and they should do well.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Treating Java Cockatoos (E. D. G.).—(1) Do not continue to give tea sop. Get a bottle of Parrish's Chemical Food and well colour some tepid water with same; soak the bread in this and you will have no difficulty in deceiving the birds, and this is perfectly wholesome. Keep a tin of the following mixture in cage: Canary, millet, hemp, maize, wheat, and sunflower seeds; well mix before supplying. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, also cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. Excepting the tea and coffee sop, all the other items of diet are quite wholesome; (2) I think it would be safer to just fumigate with sulphur, and then when the room has been thoroughly ventilated and aired, it should be safe to place any of your birds therein. Many thanks for informing me that the treatment prescribed has proved successful.

Shamas Disagreeing (T.T.).—Unless kept in a fairly large enclosure, Shamas often do not agree (that is male and female). Their courtship, too, is rather a violent one, though they settle down afterwards. At this period when the space is somewhat confined, they are apt to do each other harm. It is a good plan to keep them in separate cages, side by side, and so placed, that they can caress and feed each other through the wires. Of course, when they reach this stage they could be tried together again, and nesting material supplied. It would be well to fix up in the darkest corner, fairly near top of cage, the lid of a small wicker basket as the base of a nest for them. I presume you have a true pair; in colouration the female is a very washed-out replica of the male. If you find it impossible to keep the hen, kindly let me know.

Budgerigars in a Cage (J. M. F.).—A male for preference will live alone. This species does not need heat. Keep it in the coolest part of your room, out of draught, but where it will get some sun. Canary and white millet in equal parts, with a leaf of fresh lettuce or piece of apple and a millet spray two or three times a week will meet their requirements. Cuttlefish, grit, and water, must also be supplied, so long as you can procure it free from frost; seeding grass (grass in flower is greedily eaten) is very wholesome; in fact, is the natural food. Do not keep it in a small cage; have one not less than 15 inches square and from 15 to 18 inches high. Use branches of varying thickness, with the bark on, for perches. Am rightly not allowed to recommend special dealers, and can only refer you to our advert. columns. Budgerigars travel well, being but small drinkers.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Anxious).—Bird fever.

Canary (G. R.).—Acute pneumonia or inflammation of lungs.

Tui Parraquet (No name sent).—Softening of liver and rupture of blood-vessels of that organ.

Canary (Anxious).—Inflammation of lungs, liver and spleen, ending with apoplexy. All symptoms of bird fever.

Canary (P. M. Johnson).—It undoubtedly died of bird fever, and in all probability your other mysterious losses may be attributed to same disease. Those that succumbed after process of disinfestion had, in all likelihood, got the disease incubating in their systems beforehand.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cutting (W. Dunn).—Many thanks for your kindness.

Fresh-Caught Birds and Drinking Water (F. Hartley).—Note the reply given H. Platt.

A Bird Spray (C. F. Killick).—Reply given H. Platt applies also in the case of your spray.

An Exchange (W.H.).—It is seemingly fair that the party to a contemplated exchange who first receives the goods should be the first to return the same.

About Young Canaries (H. E. Kent).—Your query reaches us too late to be answered this week by our specialist. You will find all the information given in detail in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (post free 7d. from this office).

Illustrated Ideas (W. Harker).—This is too much like the one previously published, and we have more than once given the water bottle idea. (Bakewell Bros.).—We receive a great number of ideas, which have to be considered in turn, and even then, of course, we cannot possibly publish them all. (W. J. Eddowes).—We have already utilised a similar idea.

A Seed Box Top (J. Machin).—We really cannot follow your idea; it is not clearly explained. What kind of seed box is it?

Larne Society (Wm. Geddis).—We are glad to hear of your successful start. Will you kindly communicate your address to us?

Wild Birds and Water (H. Platt).—We have, we believe, on more than one occasion illustrated the method you give (or a very similar method) in our columns.

A Skylark Matter (A. Hopkinson).—It is against the rules to disclose the addresses of correspondents without their permission. We shall be glad to address and forward on your communication if sent duly stamped.

Machine for Cage Making (Constant Reader).—Your question puzzles us. We do not know of any "machine for making cages"—except, of course, the "human machine." When did you hear of it? If you are referring to suitable tools for cage-making, then such are advertised in "Cage Birds Annual" by Mr. A. House, 170, Falcon-rd., Clapham Junction, London.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting held September 13th, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding. The arrangements for annual open show, to be held at Forester's Hall on October 27th and 28th, were completed. The schedule comprises 36 classes, open to all comers. Valuable cash prizes and specials are offered, amounting to upwards of £40. Tickets of admission, if purchased before the show, will entitle the holder to participate in the prize drawing, for which a high-class pure-bred Norwich Canary and cage will be offered. This will be on view and drawn for immediately after the opening ceremony. Novices are specially catered for.—H. HARNING.

UDDINGSTON O.S.

A largely-attended meeting was held in the Reading Rooms on September 18th, to hear a proposal by the Game and Game Bantam Club asking us to hold our Cage Bird Show in connection with theirs, which is hooked for 11th December, in the Public Hall. Mr. Hugh Anderson (President) occupied the chair, and as their terms seemed in every way satisfactory, it was unanimously agreed to hold our show in connection with them. The show will be open, and as this is our first open show, I trust that cage bird fanciers will give us their loyal support, and perhaps by another season we will be able to hold an open show of cage birds alone. We are providing 42 classes for Canary and British birds.—JNO. KILPATRICK, Assist. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

A record meeting was held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, on September 17th, when Mr. J. Bailey, of Sandy-lane, Bradford, gave a washing exhibition, Mr. Davison in the chair. There was an exceptionally large muster of members and friends to pick up hints from so able an exponent as Mr. Bailey. It was regretted that many members were unable to attend, but if they had come it would have been difficult to have found room for them. Those who were there were delighted with the way Mr. Bailey handled the bird and the quickness with which he performed the operation; so quick were his movements that many had a difficulty in following. But he carefully explained all the process as he went along, and what they missed seeing in one bird they picked up as he did the next. After washing three birds he called for a member to do the fourth, and Mr. W. Curry, the esteemed secretary of Newcastle C.B.S., put the other through. He explained that it was only his second attempt, but the way he did it, and the result when finished, proved that with experience he would soon be an expert in the art. While the birds were drying, Mr. Bailey explained his method of feeding and preparing for exhibition, his great point being thoroughness and attention to detail. Most of the points he mentioned were new to the majority of the visitors and members, and many valuable wrinkles were learned. An amusing feature of the discussion was the difficulty the Northumbrians and Yorkshiremen had in making themselves understood, and on more than one occasion the secretary was called upon to act as interpreter. Hearty votes of thanks closed one of the most agreeable evenings in the history of the club. Members are now all agog to know who is going to win the specials, and the O'Neal Cup is coming in especially for a lot of discussion. Some are openly boasting of their birds; others have a merry twinkle in their eyes and say nothing. What a pity there is not a cup for each!—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A ramble took place on August 29th through Bradley Woods via Mirfield and Kirkbeaton Moors. A large number of members turned up at the "Red Lion," Bankfoot, at eleven o'clock, and proceeded along Roolcy-lane to Dudley Hill. Taking the car here, we rode to Birkenshaw and changed cars for Liversedge. The trams were left behind at Millbridge, and the party proceeded to climb up the hill, turning off at the top, finding their way across the fields to Lee Green, Mirfield (on the way across the fields several members took the opportunity to make a start in collecting "rats' tails," of which our feathered pets are so very fond). On reaching Lee Green a halt was called for lunch at the hotel kept by a friend of some of the party—Mr. Fred. Wright. After a rest of an hour, the party again wended their way through Battyeford to the Ha'penny Bridge, where much amusement was caused when the old watchman came out and tried to stem the tide of people to collect the halfpennies for toll. A large number of our party had not been this way before, and they thought the watchman was taking a "rise" out of them, and the why and the wherefore took quite a lot of explaining before the toll was paid. On leaving the Bridge the party proceeded along the side of the new Midland Railway line which is in course of construction between Bradford and Huddersfield, and here again the ramblers started picking "rats' tails," some of which were twelve inches long. There were some very nice poppies growing, and several large bunches of these pretty flowers were gathered. From here the party dropped into Colnebridge, and tea was partaken of at the "Spinners' Arms," the landlord, Mr. Joe Hirst, putting a very good "knife and fork tea" on the table, to which full justice was done. Even the champion eater of the party got so much that he had to refuse a third lot of beef. After a stay of two hours here the party proceeded by way of Bradley-lane into Bradley Woods, and while going through the fields it started to rain, which made things rather uncomfortable travelling. However, this did not "damp the spirits of the party, who went on their way "as merry as sandboys," singing and cracking jokes until the tram was reached at Brighouse. The party then rode to Bailiff Bridge and walked up Wyke Bank to the Wyke Cass. Home was reached at 10 o'clock, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, despite the rain in the latter part of the journey.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting it was decided to have a table show on October 27th for young and old birds along with British, also a class for Foreigners, making 17 classes in all. Birds are to be staged at 7 p.m. prompt. Will members please note Rule 8, viz., "That all subscriptions for the present year must be paid up to and including the November meeting to allow to compete in members' classes at our open show on November 27th." This rule will be strictly enforced.—W. UNDERWOOD, Assist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

For our meeting held on September 11th, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, there was only a moderate attendance owing to unforeseen circumstances; but a fair amount of business was transacted, Mr. J. Swalwell in the chair. Business of previous meeting was confirmed, including show patronage. We had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. B. Mella, of Rochdale, to our ranks. We decided to give medals at present to shows where our support is being given; the Sec. was asked to get same as early as possible. It was also decided to write members not having paid their subs. to the effect they will not be able to compete for specials till such are paid. It was also decided to write the Manchester and N.C.O.S. in regard to Lancs. classes, and that we hold our next meeting at Rochdale O.C. Rooms on the second Saturday in October. Medals are allotted as follows:—Best Lancs in show in champion section, Rochdale O.C., Nottingham, Frome F.A.; best Lancs in novice section, Manchester, Rochdale "G.I.," Littleborough; best vhc bird, Middleton and Palace.—WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

I am now in a position to place before the members of the Midland Counties Y.C.C. a full list of shows which have been granted our patronage, along with dates and names of judges. I have not up to the time of writing received all subscriptions from members whose names are down on my books, and if there are any fanciers who wish to join, will they send along their subscriptions as they will still be in time? We must have all the fanciers who are interested in the Yorkshire Canary residing in the Midland Counties as members of our club; then we can depend upon its being a success. So please rally round us and join at once. The subscriptions are small and the prizes large. I should be pleased to forward rules and full particulars to any wishing to join. The names of shows, etc., are as follows:—October 21st, Hanley (4 novice classes only), judge Mr. W. Mundell; October 28th and 29th, Wolverhampton (4 novice and 6 champion classes), judge Mr. J. C. Barnes; November 17th and 18th, West Bromwich (6 champion classes), judge Mr. J. H. Payne; December 1st and 2nd, City of Birmingham (4 novice and 6 champion), judge Mr. C. House; December 11th, Tamworth (6 champion classes), judge Mr. J. H. Roe; December 18th, Long Eaton (6 champion classes), judges Messrs. R. Rhodes and J. Brown; January, M.C.Y.C.C. (6 champion, 4 novice), judge and date to be decided at a future meeting. This is a wind-up show for members only, to finish the season, to be held at headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station-street, Birmingham.—W. H. UZZELL, Hon. Sec., 76, Drayton-road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Questions and Answers on the Norwich Canary.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, September 6th. Mr. Carr occupied the chair, and about 60 members and friends turned up. The topic for the evening was "The Norwich Canary—Questions and Answers." The mode of procedure was: To place a number of questions and some blank slips in a hat, each member to draw one. If a question was drawn the drawer was supposed to answer it. Mr. Carr, who drew "How would you improve quality?" said that in his opinion you must start with quality and introduce colour if any is required after. Mr. B. F. Forse drew: "Do you believe in double buffing?" Mr. Forse said no, he did not, as, in his opinion, it did not increase the size of the offspring a bit, but only gave longer feather; at least, that was his experience with Yorkshires. Mr. Carr said that it should be done with very close-feathered ticked birds. He had done so with beneficial results; it made the offspring look larger. But don't use coarse-feathered birds, he added.

Mr. Burbidge, who drew: "What is your opinion of Green blood; is it best on the cock or the hen side?" said that he preferred the colour on the hen side, but liked cinnamon better than green blood. Mr. Carr said he did not care for cinnamon, as, in his opinion, it did not improve the feather of the Norwich, and, once got into a strain, took some getting out. Mr. Ovenden here said that he introduced it 16 or 17 years ago, and it had lain dormant until last year, when he had a clear yellow cinnamon, and had had the same again this year. Mr. Corley drew: "How would you get over the fault of birds with brow?" and said that, in his opinion, it was best to breed from tight-feathered birds with good round heads. Mr. Carr said he thought it was owing to the introduction of the Crest-bred into the Norwich. Mr. Wilson drew: "How would you get over the fault of bad wing carriage?" Mr. Carr said the only way was not to pair up two birds with the same fault. He would not discard a cock with bad wing carriage, but should be very careful about the hen. Mr. Garner who drew: "How would you improve colour?" said that he would breed from green ticked cocks, and should also like some green blood in the hens.

Mr. A. B. Forse drew: "What remedy would you suggest for a bird that is over fat?" He said he would be very careful about diet and give plenty of boiled rape and bread and milk; and keep the bowels well open. Mr. Rhodes, who drew: "How would you improve head qualities?" said it was a "poser" for him, as he was only a beginner, but if anyone wanted to know what to do for a bad head in the morning after a "thick" night, he might be able to give them a tip. Mr. Carr said he would not breed from a flat-headed hen, as, in his opinion, you got type from the hen. Mr. Stephens drew: "How would you treat a bird with a stiff claw?" and caused roars of laughter by saying he did not know what a stiff claw was, but he should say that a liberal application of Elliman's would put matters right. Mr. A. B. Forse recommended the use of different sized and shaped perches. Mr. Ovenden, who drew: "How would you improve size?" said that, in his opinion, you must have it to start with; you cannot produce it. Mr. Hale drew: "How do you stop feather-plucking?" and in reply said he would like to know himself, but he thought the best plan was to find out the ones that did the plucking, and put them into cages by themselves. Mr. J. S. Clarke said that it was his experience that it was only young birds that did any plucking. He had never known a bird a year or more old do so. Mr. Wallace proposed, and Mr. Wood seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, which brought a most interesting and instructive meeting to a close.—J. A. BARNARD.

Correspondence.

"Hereby Hangs a Tale."

SIR,—I have a young Scotch Fancy cock Canary four months old, and up to the present time it has not grown any tail. We often hear of birds with crossed beaks, and so on, but for a bird not to grow a tail is a somewhat unusual thing. I have kept and bred all kinds of Canaries for the past twenty-five years, and never in my experience did I ever breed one but what duly grew a tail. Has any of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS ever experienced the same thing? The bird referred to is well over the moult, but there is not the least sign of any tail growing, which, I think, is a very rare occurrence. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

CHAS. KELSEY.

Whose Ideas were they?

SIR,—It will be remembered that on April 5th, at the Leyton and District C.B.A. headquarters, a lecture was given by Mr. C. H. Cooper, of West Ham, on "Breeding Cages," where questions were asked after the lecture was over, and which resulted, on May 8th, in my acceptance of his request of a full meeting to prove the truth of my statement. Up to the present I have not heard anything from him in reference to this, through CAGE BIRDS or otherwise. I shall be very pleased to have this meeting arranged, and will with pleasure meet Mr. C. H. Cooper, Mr. Ashwood, and Mr. Sidney Bartrop. As it is the wish of Mr. Cooper to have a general meeting, and being in a working-man fanciers' district, I should like to be permitted to ask members to attend from the neighbouring societies—Ilford, Poplar, Stratford and East London, East Ham and Leyton and District.

A. MALLETT.

The Yorkshire C.B. Society of Ireland.

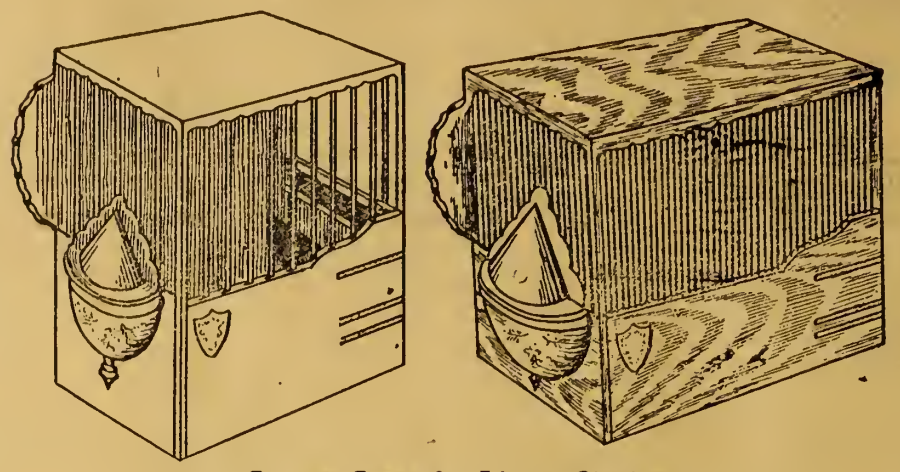
SIR,—The above-named club having been formed for the furtherance of the Fancy in Ireland, a general meeting was held at the Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, on September 9th, when a good muster of members and intending members attended. The society, at the first meeting, received 26 names for membership, and at the adjourned general meeting held on September 13 the total number of members amounted to 34, comprising, I may say, the cream of the Fancy in Ireland. When the society has behind it such staunch supporters and fanciers as Messrs. Devins, Mulligan, McQuade, Hawkins, Fleming, South and Coyne from the provinces, and Messrs. Sheridan and Fry, Gillen, Rooney, Dowling, Birse, Huggard and McDonald in Dublin, the society bids fair to be a huge success. With regard to cups, the appeal has been amply responded to. Mr. Birse kindly promised to give a ten-guinea challenge cup, to be won three years, and Messrs. Sheridan and Fry promised a cup for the novice classes, with a good "special" from Mr. Rooney that will be worth winning. A committee meeting was held on September 16th to go into the classification, date of show, etc., all fanciers being well provided for. D. CARRALL, Hon. Sec.

17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.

Concerning the Sweet-voiced Skylark.

SIR,—Doubtless there are many readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, who have lately been appreciating various articles given by experienced fanciers upon one of our lovely songsters, viz., the Skylark. Personally, I desire to tender my thanks for last week's article—"A Skylark that sings every day," by Mr. E. N. Smith. Permit me to call him a true fancier, he having detailed the secret of his success for the education of others. May this practice long continue, and the corners of selfishness in the Fancy be made to disappear. There are many Lark lovers who would gladly welcome details of the cage made by Mr. E. N. Smith. How varied the cages are! One often wonders who has the most desirable cage for the comfort of his favourite pet. Recently I have been drawn into the Fancy mainly through the valuable notes appearing from time to time in CAGE BIRDS, not forgetting an attractive Lark, which can any day be seen outside the upper window of one of the most noted public buildings of Sheffield, although situated in one of her remotest slums. Here day by day the Skylark pours forth its song uninterrupted by the vast amount of traffic constantly passing—at one moment electric cars pass; then the ambulance, or a "Black Maria," and not least the fire-engine, which dashes along under the bird's cage. But perkily and unconcerned the bird continues to pour forth its song. How I wish Mr. Smith, or any other true fancier, could come and see it. I regard the Skylark as the king of songsters. I can readily understand how many fanciers locally have tried but failed to obtain a similar bird—possibly through not having a successful mode of treatment. Thus fanciers like our friend Mr. Smith are sowing the seeds of human kindness when they furnish your readers with the secrets of their success whereby others may benefit.

J. H. TAILBY.



Contest Cages for Linnet Singing.

(See Mr. Barnard's letter.)

No. 1, for Steady Birds. **No. 2, for Nervous Birds.**

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—I send you sketches of two Linnet contest cages as promised. No. 1 is for a very steady bird, and No. 2 for a very wild bird. If you care to publish the same I should then be pleased to see the class of cage the Northern Linnet fanciers use. Respecting "Linnet Fancier's" letter, a man not ashamed of his name is my version of a fancier (with or without a free advertisement). I say again that I have mentioned the most correct and the best Linnet song that it is possible to get. What is more, "Linnet Fancier" can come and hear it. Not every one of my Linnets has got it, of course. All are kept in the same room as Chaffinches singing stout; so here is one who risks it. What I keep a tutor for is known to myself. I have expected a lot of French fanciers to answer Mr. Geo. Rostron's best Linnet song, as it is not known in English as a Linnet's song, and I trust it never will be. Again, Mr. Rostron runs on to say the Chaffinch sings the same song whether caught North or South. This is the biggest mistake he ever made in his life. Travel the world over you cannot find song to equal Chingford's (Epping Forest).

H. W. BARNARD.

Rearing Insectivorous Birds on Soft-Food Mixtures.

SIR,—I see in the last number of "Bird Notes" that Miss M. E. Baker has been breeding the Malabar Mynahs this year, and says that she gave them live food in variety, but also that "although so much insect food was given, the young were not brought up on that alone, as they consumed a lot of ants' eggs (as bought), dried flies, some small pieces of beef and milk sop." Evidently some people's birds will feed on non-living food, if Mr. Farrar's won't, and that is enough answer to him for the present, I think.

FRANK FINN.

SIR,—If "Enquirer" cares to write to me I shall be very pleased to tell him anything he may wish to know in respect of the method of feeding my birds. As a matter of fact, the question of food is a different problem for each and all of us; in my case, the problem is how to get 200 birds so simply and methodically fed by an ordinary housemaid, in addition to her ordinary work, that I can leave home any day of the year and stay away as long as I wish. If "Enquirer" lives in my district, and would like to give me a call, he will be able to judge for himself whether I am right or wrong in saying that Softbills can be moulted on the simplest possible foods as successfully as on the heterogeneous and expensive mixtures which we see advertised. W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

Ringmore, Teignmouth.

SIR,—I am glad that my letter on this subject has elicited such an interesting expression of opinion from Mr. Farrar. No aviculturist has had such an extensive experience of breeding insectivorous birds as Mr. Farrar, and therefore I am pleased to find that he is able to endorse my statements. I am sorry, however, to learn his reasons for no longer supporting the Avicultural Society. I fully agree that some of the earlier breeding records of the Zoological Society are extremely mythical, and also that some of the decisions of the Avicultural Society have not been felicitous; but at the same time I do not forget that the A.S. has done much useful work, and for that reason I think we all ought to support it. Had I not wished to thank Mr. Farrar for his letter I should not have had anything more to say on this subject, because I have never yet wasted my time in exchanging personalities with anyone in the public Press, and I certainly do not intend to do so now. When I said that the young Bank Mynah was bred in the Central Division of the Western Aviary I was simply repeating a statement made to me by one of the keepers, and, as I expressly said that I was prepared to assume that this individual bird had been reared to a certain age on artificial food, it is relatively unimportant whether the parents had access to the whole of the Central Division or to a part only. I notice that there was also an "Oddment" apparently intended for me last week. Some people, we were told, are better at carping than at giving practical advice. My object in writing was simply to protest against our poor birds being made the subject of freak experiments. Had I wished to carp at or hold up to ridicule Mr. Finn's views, I should certainly not have selected a subject on which his views are, at all events, comprehensible, but some of his other remarks, such as the suggested experiment of attaching coloured glass balls to a nest to warn off Pekin Robins! As a matter of fact, the truth is that when Mr. Finn tells us how Bulbuls are braced in India, he writes most interestingly, but when he tackles subjects which are outside the scope of his personal experience, his advice is, as Mr. Farrar says, very, very odd. For instance, last week we had a paragraph on how to breed the Bearded Tit. We are first told that no young have as yet ever left the nest in confinement. If Mr. Finn had taken the trouble to look up a few of the back numbers of the magazine of which he is at present Editor, he would have known that this is quite incorrect. Then we are recommended to make an imitation reed-bed of dwarf Bamboos. I know there are many worthy people whose ideas about British birds are drawn from books, who imagine that because this species is found in reed-beds, therefore it nests in such situations; but, as a matter of fact, in this country at all events, the nest is never found amongst growing reeds. The Reed-Warbler knows how to attach its nest to the stems, but the Reedling apparently does not. Also, has Mr. Finn any idea of the cost of making such a reed-bed? I have several times planted bamboos, and I have never been able to purchase them for less than 3s. 6d. per clump of roots of about nine inches in diameter. I will not say anything about the food suggested, but, may I ask what is an "insectivorous mixture"? We all know that "insectivorous" means "insect-eating," but what an "insectivorous mixture" may mean we can only conjecture. It is certainly surprising that the author of so slip-shod a paragraph as this should have the audacity to tell anyone that his statements are so inaccurate as not to be worth considering. As I said before, I do not intend to have anything more to say about this subject, because my interest in aviculture most certainly does not extend to the bickerings which seem somehow to be inseparably connected with it. W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

We have deleted a paragraph from the above letter which dealt with the Avicultural Society and its personnel—matters foreign to the subject at present under discussion. At the same time, should Mr. Teschemaker desire to discuss the management of the Avicultural Society our columns are freely open to him if he chooses to treat it as a matter distinct from the feeding of insectivorous birds.—EDITOR.

Observations of Bird Life on the Norfolk Coast.

SIR,—In the course of a recent visit to the North-East Coast of Norfolk, I identified the following species: Misselthrush, Songthrush, Blackbird, Wheatear (plentiful; singly as usual—I caught 40 in one day), Whinchat, Stonechat, Redstart (several, all immature), Robin, Whitethroat (two or three), Hedge Accentor, Blue Tit (two or three only), Pied Wagtail (a fair number), Meadow Pipit (a few), Pied Flycatcher (a few, immature), Swallow, Martin, Sand Martin, Greenfinch (not many), Goldfinch (three Greypates, also one ditto), Sparrow, Chaffinch, Linnet (plentiful, mostly in pairs, but sometimes six or eight together), Yellow Bunting (a fair number), Starling (of all the birds I saw this was the one most in evidence), Jackdaw, Crow, Rook, Lark, Swift (one only, on September 4th, not in same place later), Kestrel (three or four), Heron (four), Woodpigeon, Pheasant, Partridge, Moorhen, Coot, Peewit, Redshank, Curlew (30 or 40 in all), Blackheaded Gull, Herring Gull, Lesser Blackheaded Gull, and Greater Blackheaded Gull. I had been on the look-out for a week before I saw any of the following—Rook, Chaffinch and Misselthrush. Tits were very little in evidence. Several days following September 4th were wet and rough, with N.W., N. and N.E. wind, chiefly N.W., and probably the Swift took advantage of them to be off. I found Wheatears, Stonechats, Whinchats, Redstarts, Pied Flycatchers and Whitethroats on an uncultivated knoll near the sea on September 11th and following day. No doubt all were on migration from the north, brought in by the northerly winds referred to. The above date was probably the first day of the autumn migration from the north, and is, I believe, somewhat earlier than usual. The Pied Flycatchers disappeared in a day or two (one I saw, well, seemed very miserable in the cold and the wet, with wings drooped and tail up), and the other migrants soon thinned off. However, the Wheatears did not seem in a hurry to move, evidently finding a fair amount of their food in the newly-mown cornfields. Mr. Cody, the aviator, said the other day that with a good wind at his back he could do 80 miles in the same time that he could do 50 miles without wind, and time is probably of more importance to a migrant than to an aviator, seeing it wants to economise time "between meals," and so it knows the value of a good strong wind at its back. Sea birds were not much in evidence. The coast was sandy, with almost nothing of a rocky nature. My list indicates that a number of the Summer migrants had already gone from the district. The disappointments of a time of observation as described above are, as every one knows, probably more important than the successes, and so it was in this case.

A. B. C.

How to Prevent Young Canaries Getting Dirty.

SIR,—I have been a reader of your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS for a year or so, and have received a lot of information from it. This is the first year I have tried to breed Canaries, and have 13 young from one pair—Norwich. They are about sixteen weeks old, and were very clean when young; but as they got older they became dirtier, and now they are of a dirty yellow colour. I give them a bath about twice a week, and feed them on a diet of plain Canary and a pinch of rape seeds, and egg food three times a week. I keep them in a kitchen in large flight cages. I would be much obliged if some of your readers could kindly tell me how to get them clean, and how it is they get so dirty. I may say some of the birds have finished moulting, and are going dirty already.

H. FOSTER.

"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

SIR,—In reference to the recent correspondence in CAGE BIRDS, under the above heading, kindly permit me to state that I have obtained excellent results in regard to this troublesome malady by the use of Fellowes' Syrup of Hypophosphates, given in doses of ten drops in the birds' drinker. The mixture is rather expensive, but I have found the outlay amply justified in the improved physique of the stock due to its use. The remedy was given me some years ago by an old and very experienced Yorkshire breeder, and I believe it is largely used in the rooms of prominent breeders in the county of the White Rose. I may say I always give the syrup in the water of my young birds, on the principle that prevention is better than cure, and as I have had no case of "going light" in my room for some seasons now, I have naturally attributed my good fortune to this practice. I would strongly advise fanciers troubled with the malady in question to give the syrup a good trial.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

LIVE BIRD LABELS

For the convenience of readers we have had printed a quantity of address labels suitable for use when despatching live birds on journeys by rail, etc. These are printed in red ink on paper gummed at back, and are

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A Cure Wanted for the Cramp in a Linnet.

SIR,—Would any of the readers of CAGE BIRDS tell me the cause (and cure if there is one) of a Linnet's loss of use of legs? I obtained a dozen Linnets through your paper, and put them in a 5ft. flight cage, cracked all their seed for them, put plenty of bird grit in and clean water, and I have had them for over a week. I found one of them recently with cramp; it is lively, but had no use in its legs. It cannot stand. I am ready for CAGE BIRDS every Friday.

H. W. HILL.

How to Get the Seed Out of Thistle Heads.

SIR,—I have been "trying my hand" at making the machine for extracting thistle seeds as described in CAGE BIRDS of August 21st, and after much trouble I find mine does not work satisfactorily. I should be much obliged to Mr. Edwards if he would help me in regard to the following details, through your most useful columns. What is the diameter of top drum inside; what thickness are the revolving teeth; how far apart are they set in spindle; are they spiked, and what diameter do they cover in revolving; what height should the fixed teeth stand, and what space is allowed between the two rows; also what size of slot (if any) runs between them for seed to drop into perforated drawer?

J. G. LEIGH.

The John Farquhar (Newcraighall) Subscription Appeal.

SIR,—I have just had the sheets for the above-mentioned subscription handed to me. It will be remembered that several members of the Musselburgh O.S., seeing the necessity of something being done for Mr. Farquhar, a well-known fancier, who has been unable to follow his usual employment for some considerable time, invited subscriptions from all fanciers, and the following gentlemen were appointed to carry out the work: Messrs. W. R. Dunn, D. Kay, S. G. Carruthers, M. Kavanah, and W. Nisbet, Mr. Kavanah acting as treasurer. The following is the result: Musselburgh O.S., £2 8s.; Edinburgh Southern, £4 16s.; Edinburgh Metropolitan Derby, £1 4s. 6d.; J. Kean, Edinburgh, 2s., making a total of £8 10s. 6d. The above sum has been handed over to Mr. Farquahar.

WM. NISBET.
Hon. Sec. Musselburgh O.S.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I am very pleased indeed to see on reading your paper, CAGE BIRDS, the common-sense article *re* suggested treatment of bird fever, and hope and trust it will be the means of saving a great deal of bird life in the Fancy, and also that it will be the means of getting a good hold of and lead to the eradicating of this terrible scourge.

W. R. EVERETT.

SIR,—I was much interested in the result of examination of my birds, and thank you for taking so much trouble in the publication of matter. I suppose the term "bird fever" means enteric, or does it cover enteritis, dysentery, bird plague, enteric, inflammation, and other terms we are accustomed to see in various post-mortem reports on birds? My friend, who has also lost his valuable stock from the same disease, sent one for examination, and the report was dysentery. I would like to correct a statement made in a report published. My friend did not know he had any disease in his bird-room when he sold me birds, as stated, and I could not blame him in any way. Neither of us had any deaths until the breeding operations commenced. His commenced to die first, but he started breeding earlier than I did. Neither of us had any mice to carry infection from one cage to another. I never had any, and my friend cleared all his out with virus before he started breeding operations. The strangest thing about it is that we both lost the hens first, and fanciers who have experienced the "fever" proper say it is nothing like the same disease we have had. In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have taken the trouble to write and try to help, and I am glad to say I have lost no more. The six birds I have left seem to be in excellent health.

THOS. ROBSON.

The Scottish B.B. & M. Club's Patronage.

SIR,—I notice a letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS signed R. Farmer. Will this be the late secretary of the above club? He hopes that no one will misunderstand his intention "for the good of his former club friends." I think no one can misunderstand; he wants to make out that the secretary, Mr. A. W. Watson's report was all a lot of bluff in saying that he had a record application for patronage (which says a lot for the ever-growing popularity of this society). Now, Mr. Farmer says (and he should know) that in 1907 the applications exceeded the number for this year, and that more societies received the patronage of the club. He goes on to say, in fact (if it is correct), that six societies only have this year been granted it, and that conditionally. He says that this is the smallest number for the past six years, if not in the first year of the club, and that it clearly indicates the true position of the club. What could your readers think from Mr. Farmer's statement but that the above club is going back? He simply condemns Mr. Watson's report to CAGE BIRDS as being untrue; he wants to do the club all the harm he can when he attacks the Secretary's report, and gives the "true position." If Mr. Farmer wanted to do the club no harm then he should have let the Secretary's report go unnoticed. I suppose he cannot entertain anything but the truth, which is a very good principle. Mr. Farmer was a very hard-working secretary for the club during his term of office. He put it in a good position by starting a subscription fund for the trophy which is now in competition; they say it cost over £7. I know that the late secretary, Mr. Farmer, was the means of getting this money for the above trophy, as I believe I was the first subscriber towards it. I suppose, then, that Mr. Farmer doesn't want Mr. Watson to surpass him (or appear to) in the working of this society by sending false reports to your valuable paper.

OLD MEMBER.

Larne and District Cage Bird Association.

SIR,—The above newly-formed Association held their preliminary meeting in Magee's Temperance Restaurant on September 14th. The attendance of local fanciers was good. Mr. Sam Magee was voted to the chair, and was subsequently appointed Chairman of Committee. Mr. Wm Kane was elected hon. treasurer, with the following committee (with power to add to their number): Messrs. Wm. Owens, J. Harte, T. Streight, Wm. Smith, and C. McConkey. It was arranged to hold the first show open to all Ireland in January next. The Secretary was instructed to write and ascertain if the Association could have the patronage of the Crest and Norwich Plainhead Club and the Yorkshire Canary Club. It was arranged that the membership fee be 2s. 6d., payable on entering.

WM. GEDDIS, Hon. Sec.

A Note on the Handsome Cirl Bunting.

SIR,—The Cirl Bunting is a handsome bird, but, like all other Buntings, is a very poor songster, having a kind of squeaking call very unpleasant to the ear. The species is not very plentiful. In Somerset they are rather shy; they are found mostly in the agricultural districts in the corn fields, as they feed a great deal on corn, such as oats and wheat and other small seed. The birds are also fond of a little insect food. In the winter they can be seen in the farm yards with other small birds. The Cirl Bunting can be easily kept in confinement, being very hardy. Its staple food should consist of good Spanish Canary seed, with a little hemp seed and a little linseed occasionally. Also a few good white oats and a little insect food should be added. The sex can be easily distinguished, the male showing the yellow markings on head, while the female does not show any marking on the head. The young resemble the female. The species commence breeding at about the beginning of May. Their nest is placed on the ground in some rough grass under a hedge. The hen lays about four or five eggs, the ground colour being a dirty white, and they are rather heavily marked with streaks and spots. A good show specimen it is difficult to obtain, as, like the Yellow Buntings, they vary so much in head markings, and this is very important. A show bird should be of a good size, fairly stout in body, with a full neck, and the head showing the yellow markings distinctly, starting from the base of the upper mandible and coming over the eye, well back over the head, and another starting from the base of the lower mandible under the eye, running well back to meet the yellow band round the throat. The top of the head should be black in ground colour, with just the tips of the feathers of a slight brownish tint, and another black mark starting from the mouth back over the eye and down the neck, with a good black bib bordered with yellow. The body should be of a reddish brown colour showing the lacing on the back and sides. The lower part of the body should be a yellowish brown mingled with red. The upper part of the breast should be of a pale green mingled with red, which gives it a really handsome appearance.

OLD FANCIER.

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The Dreaded Septic Fever.

SIR,—After reading the various letters in your valuable paper, I think perhaps my case may be of interest to those who have, like myself, suffered such great losses from septic fever. Being only a novice, and it also being my first year to attempt the breeding of Canaries in earnest, it is very disheartening to meet with such a disaster as I have done. I began the season with a new, large eight-compartment breeding cage, which I can convert into two large flights, 5ft. 6ins. long, 18ins. high, 11ins. back to front; it had new seed boxes, all of which I made myself. I stocked the cage with two cocks (Norwich and Yorkshire), and four hens. With every prospect of success (which I had). I finished with 35 young ones, out of which 30 were on the perches, and on hard seed, when the misfortune overtook me. My friends who saw them from time to time were greatly surprised at my success. I paid every attention to the birds as regards cleanliness of cage bottom, and always kept sea sand quarter of an inch deep, sifting it usually every day, but always putting fresh sand in once a week and very often twice. All egg food I threw away if there were the slightest suspicion of its being stale. I also sifted the seed weekly when cleaning out. I attribute my trouble to a strange hen which I introduced into the cage six weeks before the birds began to fall off. Although the hen appeared in good health, and reared three young, she was the first to die, her young ones immediately following. Then the rot commenced; six or seven birds died daily, and 33 in all died in less than a fortnight. I tried separating them by putting them into clean cages in another room, and gave them for diet: Milk sop and Canary seed; and even chalk did not stop the diarrhœa, the excreta being of a milky colour. I have lost all now, including one Linnet and four Redpolls—altogether 46 birds. I am only a working man on a small wage, and am endeavouring to add a little to my income, which I had every reason to expect after such a successful season. As it is now, I am afraid I shall have to wait a year or two before I can commence on the same scale again. I can sympathise fully with others who have suffered through this disease. With best wishes to CAGE BIRDS,

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Several letters unavoidably held over.

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Poplar C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Headquarters, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, 8. Washing competition.—H. W. Cook.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) O.S.—Sept. 24, Mare Street, Hall, 8. Show business.—Geo. N. Thomson, 328, Allison Street, Govanhill.

Reading C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Palmer Hall, 8. Discuss schedule for members' show.—W. H. Pyke.

Runcorn C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Lea's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Bird-washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. Guy; intending members cordially invited.—T. P. Baxter.

Radford C.B.S. (Nottingham).—Sept. 30, Pheasant Inn, 8.30. Show business; all entries to be in on the 30th, for show on Oct. 2nd.—F. Walters.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 25, St. George's Hall, 8. To arrange annual show, and other important business.—G. Oakes.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Rochdale O.C. — Sept. 27, Club, 8. Committee meeting; 8.30, Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent. — Sept. 29, Temperance Club, 8.—W. Adams.

Stirling O.S.—Oct. 2, Douglas Hotel, 8. Membership due, last night for joining.—G. Hislop.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 2, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Confirmation of open classes. Drawing up members' classes, and other important show business.—W. Reid.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Headquarters, 8. Important business; will all members bring subscription cards.—F. Washbourne.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Rooms, 142, High Street, 8. Show posters, and other business.—R. T. Jack.

Southsea C.B.S.—Sept. 27, St. John's Schools, 8. Final arrangements for show.—T. G. Jeffery.

St. Helens O.S.—Sept. 27, George Inn, 8.30. Annual show business, etc.—R. Gibbie.

Stockport B.F.A.—Sept. 28, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Printing and other show business.—W. Stafford.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Sept. 25, Blue Bell Hotel. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Broadley.—E. Broadley.

Wigan C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Fleece Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Preparation for washing exhibition and classification of schedule for annual show.—Duffield and Jennings.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30.—G Havver.

Bradford East.—Sept. 25, Park Chapel Schools, Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax). Birds to be staged 2.30; entries taken Friday night or Saturday.—H. Hill.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Arrangements for members' show, and lecture by Mr. R. Halliday.—F. Gelder.

Bradford West.—Sept. 25, Red Lion Hotel, quarterly show, birds to be staged 2.30; judge, Mr. J. Greaves.—J. W. Telford

Belgrave F. and F.S.—Sept. 28, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8.30. General business; also table show of Canaries bred 1909; friends invited.—W. H. Riley.

City of Wakefield. — Crown and Anchor Hotel, Members, show for cup and medals, Sept. 25; judge Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax); birds to be staged 2.45. Parker and Parkes.

City of Bradford.—Sept. 25, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' show; judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill). Birds must be staged at 2.15.—F. Rhodes.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Sept. 27, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Special meeting.—Bird and Siddle.

Civil Service F.A.—Sept. 27, Rising Sun, Carter Lane, Ludgate Hill, E.C., 8.30. Committee meeting. Next meeting, Sept. 29, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 7.30.—A. Watson.

Derby C.B.C.—Sept. 25, Derwent Hotel, London Road, 7. Paying up and classification for young bird show.—W. Stevens.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—Oct. 2, Granite Bar, Forfar, 7. Report of collection committee.—W. Grewar.

Federation of C.B.Ss (Ashton-under-Lyne Centre).—Sept. 25, Boar's Head, Stockport, 7. Important business.—A. Ackroyd.

Glasgow and West. Counties B.C.—Sept. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table show, Light Mules, Dark Mules, or Hybrids, and wild birds bred in house; classification for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Great Horton Good Intent. — Sept. 25, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane); also judging competition, entries taken up to 3.—H. Schofield.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Albion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for open show and to receive money due to society.—B. Peake.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Sept. 28, Lello's, 7.30.—W. Simpson.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Crown Inn, 7. Business, annual show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood O.S.—Sept. 28, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Discussion on the Yorkshire Canary, to be opened by Mr. J. W. Howarth. Fanciers welcome.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Sept. 30, 8.30, Lecture on Seeds, by Mr. T. B. Trower; visitors welcome.—Chas. W. Law.

Inverness O.A.—Sept. 29, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. General show business.—A. Urquhart.

Kirkstall C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Abbey Inn, 8. Commencement of Winter Session. Payment of prize money.—W. Hornby.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 25, Miners' Hall, 7. Show business.—J. Pollock.

Leek C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Headquarters, 7.30. Entries for Federation show.—R. Hall.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arranging for annual show. Please note: It is the last day for bringing special slips.—C. J. Cafferty.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 29, Railway Hotel, 8. Arrangement for schedule, etc.—A. Bottomley.

Longton C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Castle Inn, 8.15.—E. Tams.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Oddfellows' Hotel, 6.—W. Jenkins.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Vose's Rooms, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—E. Cowling.

Middleton O.S.—Sept. 27, Old Boar's Head, 8. Alteration of society's name; selecting judges for back end show, and important correspondence.—J. Oldham.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Committee meeting, 7.30.—R. H. Turner.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Daybrook Street School, 8. Selection of judge and business concerning back end show.—F. Broadbent.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—Sept. 30, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Club show cage.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 27, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Show business; important matters will arise.—H. Clayton.

Provincial Roller C.C. — Sept. 25, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show and other business; friends invited.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.C.—Oct. 1, The Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8. General arrangements for annual show; members please note yearly subscriptions are due at this meeting.—J. Henderson.

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It is our intention to again publish as full and complete a list as possible of open shows held in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland during the forthcoming season. It will be remembered that last year our list gave the date and name of show, the names of the judges officiating at same, the approximate number of classes provided, and the names and addresses of the secretaries. The list was of incalculable benefit to our readers, as the shoals of letters we received at the time attested.

We already have a fairly full list of fixtures, which will be found printed below. Will secretaries and officials of societies holding open shows kindly look over this list, and if the name of any show is omitted, notify us of the date and supply us with all other particulars? We shall also be glad if those who have not as yet supplied us with the names of the judges officiating at their shows will do so at once, together with the approximate number of classes being provided. A POSTCARD WILL DO, BUT POST IT AT ONCE.

Fanciers will assist us greatly if they will draw the attention of the friends and officials of the society to which they belong to this notice, so that we may be sure none are overlooked.

Here are the names of the fixtures we have already on our list.

Accrington, Alnwick, Ayr and Dis., Arbroath, Airdrie and Coatbridge, Avonbridge, Altrincham, Aberdeen, Alexandria, Admiral Duncan, Armiston and Gorebridge, Burnley, Broughty Ferry, Bolton, Battersea, Burton-on-Trent, Bristol F.A., Bromley and W. Kent, Bonnyrigg, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Blackburn, Bo'ness, Braintree, Banbridge, Bournemouth, Buckhaven, Birkenhead,, Belfast (City of), Bristol C.B.S., Berwick-on-Tweed, Birmingham, Belfast, Bury, Broxburn. Bolton and Dis. Roller, Bradford West, Bradford East, Brimington, Bridgend, Caterham, City of Glasgow, Coventry Godiva, Clapham, Cheltenham, Camborne, Cleator Moor, Cambridge C.B.S., Clydebank, Consett, Coventry O.S., Crook Original, Cirencester, Cardiff, Chester, Cambridge O.S., Canterbury, Crook and Dis., Carlisle, Cannock, City of Bradford, Dalkeith, Dulwich O.S., Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., Dysart, Derwent Valley, Dover, Darvel, Deans, Dundalk, Deal, Dundee, Darlington, Douglas, East Ham, Exeter and Devon, Eastbourne, Edinburgh Southern, Eastfield Side, Edinburgh Northern, Edinburgh East, Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S., Edinburgh Open, Egremont, Eccleshill, Forfar, Frome C.B.S., Frome F.A., Falmouth, Ferryhill, Glasgow Derby, Gloucester, Grimsby, Galston (Ayrshire), Gravesend, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Galashiels, Goole, Garston B.B.A., Gateshead, Guisborough, Gt. Horton, Gt. Horton Good Intent, Hanley, Hinckley, Hucknall Torkard, Hartlepools, Highgate, Hayle, Hull, Hetton-le-Hole, Harrogate, Hasland, Houghton-le-Spring, Highbridge, Hoyland, Hastings United, Huddersfield, Halifax, Inverness, Ilkeston, Jarrow and Hebburn, Kirkcudbright, Kelty and Blairadam, Kirkcaldy, Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., Longton, Loanhead, Leamington Spa, Leith, Lewes, Liverpool O.S., Leicester H.-in-H., Lowestoft, Leek, Lancaster Primrose, Leicester C.B.S., Lochcraig, Llanelly and County F.A., Luton, Lurgan, Long Eaton, Llanelly C.B.S., Launceston, Ludlow, Laisterdyke, Liskeard, Morpeth, Middlesbrough, Manchester, Maidstone, Malton Norton, Maesteg, Morriston, Millom, Metropolitan (Grand United), Molesey, Muirkirk, Musselburgh, Morecambe, Milngavie, Manningham, Newmilns, Northampton "Good Intent," Newcastle, Norwich Alliance, Nottingham, North London, New Stevenston, N.P.C. of Ireland, Oxford, Ormskirk, Paisley, Peterboro', Plymouth, Perth, Penzance, Preston, Pendleton, Poplar, Portsmouth, Pontypridd, Plumstead and Woolwich, Provincial Roller, Queenshury, Queen's Park, Rochester, Rochdale O.C., Rochdale Good Intent, Ramsgate, Reading, Scotch Fcy. National Derby, Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby, Selkirkshire, Southall, Shipley, Shields, Sheffield, Stockton-on-Tees, Swansea, Sunderland, Stamford, Sale Open, Sudbury, Six Bells (Abertillery), Southport, Sanquhar, Sligo, Scottish National, Stratford, Sandy Lane, Tottenham, Tunbridge Wells, Torbay O.S., Treharris, Tring, Tideswell C.B.I.S., Tonbridge, Torquay, Tamworth, Tredegar, Wood Green, Whitburn, Wolverhampton. Weybridge, Wigan, Wallsend, Wimbledon, West Bromwich, Woodside and Bucksburn, Woking, West Stanley, Wakefield Roller, Windhill, Whitburn, Waunarlwydd, Whitehaven, Wakefield (City of), York, Y.C.C. of Ireland (Dublin), Yarm, Uddingston.

Judges' Names, etc., Wanted.

The judges' names, and the number of classes being provided and (where indicated) other particulars of the undermentioned shows are wanted in order to enable us to make this list complete:—

Alexandria, Belfast, Bury, Bolton Roller, Brimington, Bridgend (and sec.'s address), Bonnyrigg, Banbridge, Bournemouth, Clapham, Chester, Canterbury, Cirencester, Derwent Valley, Deal, Egremont, Eastfield Side, Forfar, Galston (Ayrshire), Gravesend, (and sec.'s address), Glasgow and West of Scotland, Galashiels, Grand United Metropolitan, Goole, Garston B.B.A., Highgate, Hayle, Inverness, Jarrow, Kirkcudbright, Lockcraig. Lurgan, Long Eaton C.B.S., Llanelly C.B.S., Liskeard, Lewes, Launceston, Manchester and N.C.O.S., Milngavie, Muirkirk, Morecambe, Northampton Good Intent, Ormskirk (and date), Plumstead and Woolwich, Provincial Roller, Queen's Park (London), Rochdale O.C., Ramsgate, Sanquhar (and sec.'s address), Stratford, Treharris, Tredegar (and sec.'s address), Wigan, Waunarlwydd, Whitehaven, West Stanley, and Border City (Carlisle). (Since the above list was set in type we have been favoured with the required particulars of Brimington, Kirkcudbright, Treharris, Bridgend, and Long Eaton shows.—ED.)

Secretaries' Names & Addresses Wanted.

The names and addresses of the Secretaries of the following fixtures are wanted, and we shall be glad to learn of them at once.

Braintree, Nov. 6; Berwick-on-Tweed, Nov. 25; Consett, Nov. 13; Cirencester, Nov. 24; Douglas, Dec. 11; Falmouth, Dec. 3; Highbridge, Dec. 9; Maidstone, Nov. 5; Molesey, Nov. 25; Sudbury, Nov. 30; Tonbridge, Nov. 24; Tredegar, Jan. 20; Uddingston, Dec. 11, and Y.C.C. of Ireland, Nov. 25 and 26.

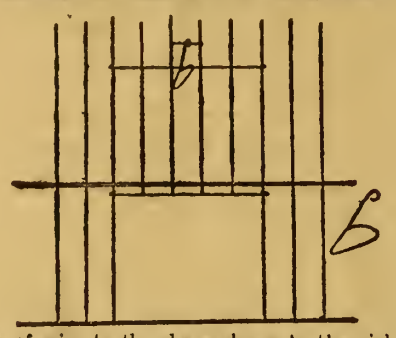
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Self-acting Fastener for Sliding Doors.

Sent by Mr. F. Barron, 84, Chestnut Street, Hirst, Morpeth.

I enclose sketches of a self-acting fastener for sliding doors in cage fronts, which I find is very handy when doing anything in the cage or for hanging the bath on. To make, bend a

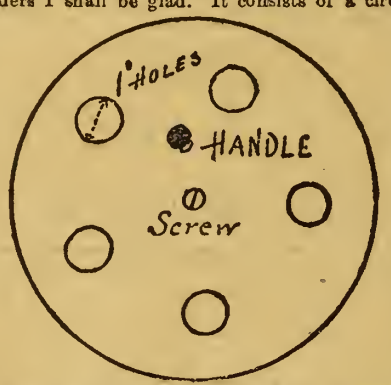


piece of wire to the shape shown to the right of the drawing. The larger sketch shows the contrivance in position. When you push the door up it fastens itself. I have a space for egg drawer in the corner of front with a small sliding door, which is very handy for stopping birds from getting out while washing the drawers.—FRED BARRON.

No. 347.
How to Ventilate a Birdroom.

Sent by J. Moor, 18, St. Mary's Terrace, Nunnery Lane, York.

The illustration shows a sketch of a ventilator for a birdroom. If it be of any use to your readers I shall be glad. It consists of a circu-



lar piece of wood or tin about 10ins. diameter, with 5 holes drilled or punched in it. The drawing shows these, and the hole in the centre for a screw. Then drill the holes in the woodwork of the side of your birdroom or wherever you want them. You can then turn it on or off, or half on, as you wish. I have this contrivance in use at the present time, and it affords good ventilation.—J. MOOR.

Under the White Rose.

ANOTHER week and we shall have the shows with us. Many are complaining that the birds are not ready; but as of yore, when the birds that are ready are gathered together, we shall see that plenty are practically fit. Of course, a few more weeks will see a lot of birds in better condition, the end of October being considered by many fanciers as quite early enough to begin showing. But, really, all old birds and most of the first round of youngsters should be in first-rate order early in October.

THE show season for the Yorkshire Union commences on October 2nd, at Sandy Lane, with Mr. P. Mason as judge, and should the weather be fine it will be worth anybody's while to pay the show a visit and make a holiday of the day or half-day. Chellow Dene and Harden, two of Bradford's beauty spots, are in close proximity to the show. The former is only five minutes' walk away, and at present is looking exceedingly well; the latter takes about twenty minutes to reach, is situated in some grand country, and, like the Chellow, is clothed in all its autumnal glory; and what can beat this for display of colour?

OPEN Norwich Plainhead Club has issued its year book for 1909-10, and gives in a nutshell all that can be given appertaining to the club. Ninety-six members are now enrolled, and the financial side is, as the Yankees say, "all O.K." The club's patronage, too, is given to 10 shows; and the list of specials is excellent, champions, amateurs and novices being all well catered for; and it is expected that next season will even "top" the splendid record of last season.

YORK district has lost one of its most enthusiastic fanciers, Mr. Nicholson having removed to Skipton. No doubt Mr. N. will find much to interest him in his new district, as it is very well supplied with birdy life; and he will find congenial company in the few fanciers (few, but ardent), in this little market town.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

CLUB REPORTS—continued.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held September 18th in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar in the chair. The attendance was not large, doubtless owing to the football match in the town, and probably some of the members had not got over the effects of the "licking" inflicted on Sunderland by the Newcastle United. A letter from the secretary of the Cinnamon Canary Club was read to the effect that we had obtained their patronage for our annual show. November 19th and 20th, this making a total of eight specialist clubs. A large amount of show business was got through, when the members proceeded to draw up the open classification, 54 classes being provided, subject to confirmation at our next meeting. Will those members who have not yet paid up kindly do so at once, as this will greatly facilitate the work of the secretary.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (Confined) SOUTHERN ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOC.

Monthly meeting held in the National Halls on September 6th. There was a large attendance. In the absence of the President, Mr. John Renwick (Vice-President) occupied the chair. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming show in the National Halls, on October 30th. It was agreed to have 12 classes, the same as last year (with two classes for amateurs), and first, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each class, Ayrshire blankets as firsts, white bed quilts as seconds, and half-a-dozen knives and forks for third prizes. Thirty-one special prizes were allocated by ballot down to the 8th birds, with gold medals for the best cock and best hen. It was unanimously agreed to have Ritchie's large prize cards. A census of young birds bred by members present was taken; results showed an average of about 10 birds per member. Messrs. Alex Paterson (Edinburgh), Wm. Webster (Greenock), James Ward (Shuttleston), and James Watson (Glasgow) will judge the show. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.—SCOTCH FANCY.

HIGHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Special members' meeting held at headquarters (Spencer Hall) on 2nd September, for the purpose of electing a new Secretary, on the retirement of Mr. Geo. H. Neal, who is going to Derbyshire. The Chairman (Mr. Geo. Gardner) spoke at some length of the valuable services rendered the Society by Mr. Neal. He said it was only those who had undertaken such work who knew what it was. There were all kinds of worries, anxieties and responsibilities connected with the post. Also the work entailed the sacrifice of time and recreation. Mr. Gardner mentioned the splendid work Mr. Neal had done and wished him "God-speed" in the name of the Society. Mr. Neal replying, said how sorry he was to leave the Society, as he had always done the work as a labour of love; he loved the Fancy. He said he would be miles away in person, but that his heart and thoughts would always be with them. After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded Mr. Neal, he was invited to be present with the members at the "social" to be held on November 25th, when the prizes won at the annual show, which is to be held November 12th and 13th (Mr. Geo. Gardner, judge) are to be distributed. The Chairman then gave a short talk on preparing birds for exhibition, which was greatly appreciated by all. —CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held on Saturday, September 11th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (President) in the chair. The business was important, but was expeditiously got through. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected members: Messrs. C. Cowgill, F. Gelder, W. Laycock, J. Northrop, W. Stables, J. Stobart, A. Lister, and A. Gledhill (Bradford), E. Saville (Halifax), and B. Wood (Cleckheaton). The club has now enrolled 101 members. The tender for the printing of the club's year-book was, after some discussion, left in the hands of the Secretary and Mr. Walsh with instruction to accept the lowest tender. The club's patronage was granted to the following societies: October 9th, Queensbury (Mr. C. A. House); October 16th, City of Bradford (Mr. A. Hirst); October 23rd, Shipley (Mr. W. H. Shackleton); November 6th, Bradford West (Mr. W. Mundell); November 20th, Manningham (Mr. R. Halliday); Nov. 27th, Eccleshill (Mr. J. Greaves); December 1st and 2nd, City of Birmingham (Mr. J. C. Barnes); December 4th, Gt. Horton O.S. (Mr. H. W. Battye); December 18th, Halifax O.S. (Mr. W. A. Cowgill); January 1st, Bradford East (Mr. E. Radley). They also decided to offer money specials for competition at the ten patronage shows, 3/- being granted for most points gained by members' 4th awards, and 2/- for most points gained by 5th awards. First prize winners in Green Marked classes were debarred from these specials. We hope to have out this week the club's handbook.—F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting September 13th at headquarters, 60, Baddington-street, W., with Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Mrs. Weston was elected a member. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. L. Crisp, Mr. Burn gave a report of the meeting of the London Federation. Arising out of this, Mr. A. W. Curtis (the delegate) tendered his resignation on the grounds that he was unable through business pressure to attend the meetings, thus doing an injustice both to the Federation and our association. He proposed that Mr. C. Prior be asked to accept the office. Mr. Prior remarked that as this was the first intimation of it, he must take time to consider, as he knew nothing about either the workings, the dates, or times of meetings. Whilst asking Mr. Curtis to reconsider his decision, he (Mr. Prior) was not unmindful that if his business arrangements prevented him from attending, then the association was bound to release him. Both the chairman and the secretary thought that Mr. Curtis might endeavour to retain the office till the end of the year. Mr. Prance then moved that Mr. Curtis be asked to retain office till the end of the year. Mr. Prior again pointed out that it was unfair to Mr. Curtis if it came between him and his work. The matter was then adjourned till the next meeting, Mr. Prance asking permission to withdraw his motion. The balance-sheet of the young bird show duly audited, showing an income of £12 11s. 4½d., an expenditure of £13 8s. 5½d., with a loss of 17s. 1d., was read and confirmed, statistics of the same being given ranging over a period of six years. Three essay papers were received for the competition entitled "Items of interest to the Fancy," but as five papers constituted the lowest number eligible to compete for the three medals, the secretary asked for instructions. After considerable discussion it was proposed and carried that the gold medal be withdrawn, leaving the silver and bronze for the competition. The three essays were then read and voted upon by the whole of the members present, the result being as follows:—1st, "Yes and No"; 2nd, "Pink Eye"; 3rd, "Dr. Cook." The medals were then presented by the chairman. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**The Robin at Breakfast.

A gentleman has in his garden a Robin that carries to its mate oatmeal crumbs, butter, bits of candy, etc., and when it has to cater for the little ones, it forgets its toilet and its song in the "rush." It will help itself to toast from the breakfast-table and, moreover, it is of no use the gentleman's breaking pieces off for it, as its method is to hop to the table and pick for itself what it considers the daintiest bits. It has been known to come in five times to breakfast. —Sent by Mary Townsend (age 11), 73, Great Western Road, Gloucester.

*Nest in a Beehive.

An unusual sight was to be witnessed at West Ashby, near Horncastle, where a Wagtail built its nest in a beehive, and sat on ten eggs, despite the bees being busy at work below. The bird enters the hive through a hole in the roof, and has made quite a cosy nest of hay and other material. The bees are by no means disturbed by their lodger.—Taken from the "Echo," by Mary Crompton (age 11), 25, Moor Street, Ormskirk.

*Little Bird! Little Bird!

"Little bird, little bird! come to me!
I have a green cage ready for thee;
Beauty-bright flowers I'll bring to you,
And fresh ripe cherries, all wet with dew."

"Nay, little damsel; away I'll fly
To greener fields and a warmer sky;
When spring returns with pattering rain,
You will hear my merry song again."

Cutting, sent by Frank Burgess(age 9), 47, Highfield Street, Market Harborough.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Broughty Ferry, October 9th, Good Templar Hall, Gray-street.—Judges, Messrs. C. Berwick, W. Hailstones, D. Buchan, J. Stevenson, and A. W. Watson. 47 open classes: Scots 8, Crest 6, Nor. 8, Bor. 6, Cin. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close October 4th to ROBT. WHITTON, 2, Churchill-place.

Admiral Duncan (C.B.U.), October 9th, "Admiral Duncau," Coalpit-lane, Nottingham.—Judge, Mr. T. Oliver. 27 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 9, A.O.V. 1, Stock Pairs 2, Sell. 4, Brit. 4. Ent. fee 1/6. Ent. close October 7th to WM. HEALEY, 37, Victoria Buildings, Bath-street.

Peterborough (£5 Linnet) (C.B.U.), October 7th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. S. H. Mays, and J. H. Roe. 31 open classes: Nor. 10, Yorks 4, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 9, For. 2, Sell. 3, Extra Stock 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close September 27th to S. L. COCKS, Eastfield, Peterboro'.

Oxford (C.B.U.).—October 7th, Corn Exchange, Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 28 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. (£2 limit) 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8, Novice (£2 limit) 1, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Sept. 29th to H. TEDEN, 5, Fairacres-road.

Morpeth (C.B.U.).—October 16th, Town Hall—Judges, Messrs. W. P. Barnes and A. Brown. 24 open classes: Nor. 8, Novice Can. 1, Cinn. 4, Bord. 3, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/- and 1/-, and specials. Fee 1/-. Ent. close October 9th to E. COWLING, Fulbeck Cottage.

Burnley (C.B.U., N.P.C., O.N.P.C.).—October 1st and 2nd, Weavers' Institute, off Hammerton-st. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye. 36 open classes: Nor. 14 (4 amateur), Yorks 10 (2 novice), A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, For. 3. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close September 28th to W. CLARKSON, 30, Pine-street.

Exeter and Devon (C.B.U.).—October 13th, Lower Market, Exeter. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—29 open classes: Bord. 1, Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks 4, Mule 3, Novice A.V. 1, Lady's Can. 1, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close October 2nd to W. A. CORNISH, 90, Regent-st, St. Thomas, Exeter.

Brimington.—October 6th, Mr. Creswick's Park, —Jdge, Mr. W. H. Sylvester. 4 open classes: Yorks 2. A.O.V. 1, A.V. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 1/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Sept. 20th to J. H. BAKER, Station-rd., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield.

Bridgend.—October 20th, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. H. Melhuish. 12 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, Belg. or Scots 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close October 13th to FREW AND JAMES, 46, Dunraven-place.

Longton (C.B.U.).—October 2nd, Old Free Library, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 37 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks 8, Cinn. 3, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Limit 2, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 9 Federation classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close September 29th (first post) to E. TAMS, Church-st.

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The Shows.

BALA.

Show held September 10th. One class only was provided for Canaries and one for Britishers. Being such a well-known show we hope the committee will extend the classification for future shows. Messrs. Furness and Johnson made the awards in this section. Mr. Roberts, as usual, made an efficient secretary.

CAN.: 1, spl, Parry, extra big Yorks., winning; 2, J. O. Williams, choice breedy yell., ticked, same variety, nicely drawn, grand type; 3, Watt Roberts, looks like a Yorks.-Nor. cross, in good condition; res, J. E. Jones, typical Nor. buff, good type and condition. BRIT.: 1, 3, Pritchard, Goldfinches, good blaze, tanning and buttons; 3rd, square blaze, good size; 2, Miss E. Jones, Crossbill.

DULWICH O.S.

Successful members' show of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, held August 26th, judged by Messrs. W. H. Vale and F. Easterling, both handling their sections admirably. Mr. P. G. Sprules made a popular win by securing the silver Rose Bowl for best unflighted Norwich, pressed hard by the exhibits of Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni. Mr. Rees won in the novice section with a splendid exhibit; other winners included Messrs. G. Woolhouse and Taylor. The British section was not large, but Messrs. Garlick, Smith, Rees, Rogers and Mazzoni showed some nice specimens, Mr. Garlick's light Linnet Mule having a host of admirers. The show was well attended.—S. J. KENT, Sec.

MOFFAT, N.B.

In connection with the Moffat A. and H.S. a splendid show of cage birds was held on September 17th, and proved a huge success. Scotch Fancies were not very numerous, although four classes were provided, but some good specimens were exhibited. Borders were out in great numbers, and here some good birds were on view. Mr. Mason had hard lines with his foul yellow, winner of two firsts at Eaglesfield, which would have carried off the B.F.C.C. medal had he been a member of the club. The medal was eventually passed on to Mr. Clark's clear buff hen. The Mules and British birds were really a grand lot. Mr. D. Watson (Douglas) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

SCOTCH FCY.: 1, Edgar. YELL. PIED: 1, 3, Edgar; 2, Thomson. BUFF: 1, Edgar. GREEN, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Edgar; 2, Thomson. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Varrie; 2, Mason; 3, Marchbank; 4, Walker. HEN: 1, Bryden; 2, Watt; 3, spl, Kerr; 4, Walker. BUFF: 1, spl, Thomson; 2, 3, Clark; 4, Watt. HEN: 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Clark; 2, Walker; 3, Watt; 4, Calderwood. EVEN MKD.: 1, Calderwood; 2, Watt; 3, Bryden. UNEVEN: 1, Small; 2, Marchbank; 3, 4, Watt. FOUL: 1, Mason; 2, spl, Walker; 3, Kerr; 4, Watt, A.O.V.: 1, Thomson; 2, Botterill; 3, Calderwood; 4, Pagan. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Thomson; 3, Watt. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, Crosbie. BRIT.: 1, 3, Thomson; 2, 4, Burnie.

BRISBANE (AUSTRALIA) C.I.S.

The annual show of the Brisbane Canary I.S. was held in the Trades Hall, Turbot-street, on 16th and 17th July. This building is well lighted and ventilated, and altogether is very suitable for such an exhibition. Great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. Hodgson, who was assisted by an able committee, for the excellent manner in which he carried out the arrangements. The staging was worthy of special mention, the forms being arranged in a square two deep right round the hall, and the staging was beautifully draped with white calico, a thing seldom seen in any of the great shows of England or Scotland, which gave the whole a very clean and pleasing appearance. Some very fair specimens were shown in the Norwich section, although most of them were a shade on the small side. Yorkshires, too, scarcely came up to the standard length, although a few good positioned birds were forward. A few fine Crests were on show, notably the young hen, shown by Mr. G. Durston, which won the champion breeders' prize. Alderman C. P. Buchanan, ex-Mayor of Brisbane, who is an enthusiastic fancier, had a few birds entered, including three Lizards, the only ones in Queensland, but unfortunately could not get them to the show on account of the very wet weather. Mr. H. Palmer (Brisbane) judged, and his awards were received with general satisfaction. The entries numbered altogether 177.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Thompson, ck., nice length, stands well; 2, Hodgson, hen, just a bit open on chest or might have held premier position; 3, Durston, highly-coloured bird; vhc, Burston; hc, Soden. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Williams, ck., well-shaped, good-positioned bird, was half colour-fed, and some thought might have stood down a peg; 2, Bettany, ck., good all-round bird; 3, Soden, some preferred for best Yorkie in show; vhc, hc, Hodgson. YELL. TKD.: 1, 2, Hodgson, very neat, well put down; 3, Day. BUFF TKD.: 1, 2, Hodgson, both head ticked cocks, win with something in hand; 3, Day, rather short; vhc, Williams. YELL. VAR. (8): 1, spl, H. C. Hodgson, head and chest marked bird, good length, fine condition; 2, Porter, presses winner hard; 3, Day. BUFF: 1, Bettany, on short side but of nice shape and condition, well put down; 2, Hodgson, little to choose between the two; 3, Day, good length and position; hc, Hodgson. PAIR CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Hodgson, 1st two hen (rather an unusual way of showing pairs); 2, Williams, nicely matched pair of youngsters; 3, Day, again two hens. BUFF: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Williams. PAIR, ANY COL.: 1, Day; 2, vbc, Hodgson; 3, Rae. CHAMP. CLASS (7): 1, spl of 20/-, 3, Bettany, good long all-round youngster; 2, Hodgson, another promising youngster, but not the stamp of winner. LIZ.: Absent. CINN., YELL.: 1, 2, Grace, two hens, grand substance, wonderful quality, well shown; 3, Soden, another nice one. BUFF: 1, 2, Grace, wins again hands down; 3, Burston, nice bird, but roughly got up; vhc, Hodgkinson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Day. PAIRS: 1, Day; 2, Grace. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Bettany, good big well-coloured bird; 2, Reid, good body, but a trifle weak in head and neck; 3, McGrory, long, fine colour and quality; No. 73, Lillystone, buff cock, wrong-classed, could have won easily in his own class, in fact most typical Plainhead in show. BUFF (8): 1, Bunham, good size and shape, well staged, wins quite comfortably; 2, Grace, loses in size and condition only; 3, Bettany, well-coloured hen, on small side; vhc, Burston. VARIEG. ETC. YELL.: 1, Bunham, big-chested varieg. ck., grand colour; 2, Bettany, fine type and quality; 3, Lyle, grand size, fails only in quality; vbc, Hodgkinson. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Bunham, very typical big varieg. hen, grand quality, well turned out; 2, McGrory, fails a little in quality and staging; 3, Lyle, might have gone one up; vhc, Day; hc, Bettany. PAIR BUFF: 1, Bettany. YELL.: 1, Bettany; 2, Soden. CHAMP. CLASS (9): 1, spl 20/-, Grace, buff hen, good size and shape; 2, 3, Bettany, eye mkd. buff, and tkd. yell., youngsters, fine shape and condition; vhc, McGrory. CRESTS, YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, Day. BUFF: 1, Lyle, good big feathery grizzle crest, nice frontal; 2, Williams, fails only in head; 3, Grace. CL. BODY D.C.: 1, Grace, heavy on body; 2, 3, Durston. VARIEG., ETC. (7): 1, spl, Durston, var. grand leafy crest, fine length of body feather, well up in size, clear whi; 2, McGrory, green hen, nice-bodied bird, good crest, but a bit rough; 3, Grace, fine length of body feather, but goes back in head; vhc, Williams; hc, McGrory. BUFF LT. VAR.: 1, Durston, right up for points all round; 2, 3, vhc, Hodgkinson. PAIR YELL.: 1, Durston. VARIEG.: 1, Durston, lt. var. hens; 2, McGrory; 3, Day. CHAMP. CLASS.: 1, spl 20/-, Durston, clinking good young hen, grand size and shape, heavily feathered on body, crest of fine leafy texture, altogether very nice headpiece; 2, Durston, another very good one; 3, Williams, fails a trifle in points all round to winners. C.B., YELL.: 1, Durston. BUFF: 1, Durston; 2, Hodgkinson. BUFF GREEN (10): 1, spl, McGrory, very heavy bird, grand width of skull, abundance of feather, outstanding exhibit, rather soft in condition when we were taking notes; 2, Grace, another fairly heavy bird, but lacks the head and feather of winner; 3, Soden, good one again; vhc, Lyle. BUFF LT. VAR. (10): 1, McGrory, wing-mkd. ck., good length of feather, fine broad skull, wins; 2, Grace, another good one and runs hard for top position; 3, Thompson, falls only in size; vbc, Soden. CINN.: 1, Burston. PAIR CL. ETC.: 1, Durston. VARIEG.: 1, Durston, right at top for size, feather, and condition, easy win; 2, Dixon, weak on head; 3, Thomson; vhc, Day. CHAMP. CLASS (11): 1, 2, 3, spl 20/-, Durston, clean sweep and well-deserved, standing a long way from other exhibits. MULES: 1, Williams, ben Goldie-Can. EVENLY-MKD. (1): Hodgson, heavily varieg. buff Yorks. hen. What constitutes an even mark in Queensland, Mr. Hodgson?

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY.

Annual show of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A. held in the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, on 18th September. The entries were 272, as against 383 last year, the lower number being compensated for by the quality of the birds, which was of high order. The competition was so keen the judges had great difficulty in awarding the prizes. They got through their work in good time, however. The gallery was filled while the judging was going on. When it was known that Mr. David Black's buff piebald hen, the winner of the Glasgow Derby corresponding honour on September 11th, had won the cup and gold medal, the hall resounded with a hearty applause. Mr. McLennan secured the prize for the opposite sex to the winner with a very fine buff cock. The runner-up to cup winner was Mr. Black's buff hen. The president, Mr. Wright, of Greenock, who was honoured recently by the publication of his photograph in the "Greenock Herald," is as popular as ever, and was happy in presiding over the event. Mr. Smith, the secretary, spared no pains in the secretarial work of the show, everything being well arranged; and we have seldom met with a more agreeable company. The judges were: Messrs. Nisbet (Galston), Sommerville (Neilston), Brown and Dalgleish (Edinburgh), the latter kindly acting for Mr. Paterson, who was indisposed. Mr. Drysdale, president of the Metropolitan Derby, Edinburgh; Mr. McDonald, secretary of the City of Glasgow O.A.; Mr. McLelland, president of the Glasgow Southern Club; Mr. Black, president, and Mr. Bullions, secretary of the Glasgow Derby; Mr. Thornton (Midlothian), Mr. Hope (Edinburgh), Councillor Hogg (Oakley, Fife), and others were present.

YELL. CK. (29): Good average quality; 1, Jackson, nice size, erect, fine round shoulders, long neck, neat head, purchased at a substantial figure; 2, McClure, well positioned, neat made head, fine neck, prominent shoulders, very steady; 3, King, erect, decided reach, good shoulder, fine depth throughout, long body; 4, Jackson, another fine specimen; 5, Maxwell, erect, substantially built; 6, Muirhead; 7, Renwick; 8, Johnston. HEN (32): Full of merit, grand team; 1, Brown, fine size, nicely positioned, neat head, long neck, rare front, fine body, rib and wing; 2, Jardine, beauty, erect made head, fine neck, round shoulder, clean cut front; 3, Johnstone, erect good reach; 4, King, good size, nice droop, fine depth through chest; 5, McLennan, erect head, well down; 6, Smith; 7, Burnside; 8, Edgar. YELL CK., PIED, ETC. (30): Superior collection; 1, McClure, extra well circled exhibit, nicely positioned, neat head, long thin neck, fine body, tail right under perch; 2, McLennan, large, well-positioned, nice head and neck, rare shoulder and drive; 3, Anderson, very similar in style; 4, Johnstone, well up, good reach; 5, Caldwell, grand size; 6, Morrison; 7, Nairn; 8, O'Donnell. HEN (35): Very good lot; 1, Caldwell, large fine head, long sweet neck, good reach, heavy top, clean front, good wing and body; 2, Morrison, massive frame, fine head in right direction, prominent shoulder, displaying fine front; 3, McClure, well up, sweet head and neck forward, bringing out fine heavy top and clean front; 4, Maxwell, really good all-round exhibit; 5, Leslie; 6, Frew; 7, O'Donnell; 8, Hope. BUFF CK. CL ETC. (29): Rare quality; 1, McLennan, large, fine head, heavy top, well set on legs, long body and wing, taking style; 2, Muirhead, perfect model, well built, very neat head, long neck, prominent shoulder; 3, Maxwell, erect well set, nice top, body and wing; 4, Montgomery, very fine model, erect decided drive, good top and front, well fitting wings; 5, Brown, nice type, erect; 6, Smith; 7, W. Lees; 8, Thornton. HEN (30): Nice selection; 1, Black, model, well set on perch, rare droop, neat head, grand neck, heavy top; 2, Brown, erect neat head, fine neck, shoulder, body and wing; 3, Fulton, grand head and neck, prominent shoulder, fine body and wing; 4, Beattie, long reach, smooth-feathered stylish hen, worthy of place; 5, Morrison, massive frame, good style; 6, Burnside; 7, Renwick; 8, Muirhead. BUFF CK. PIED, ETC.: 1, 2, McLennan, 1st large light-marked, erect, good top and body; 2, grand frame, nice reach, body and wing; 3, Maxwell, erect, good drive, heavy shoulder, sweet body and wing; 4, 5, Kennedy, sweet substantial pair, grand size; 6, Fulton; 7, Lang; 8, Kennedy. HEN (38): Exceptionally strong class, containing grand green birds; 1, 7, Black, winner of cup and gold medal, ideal model, erect, rare shoulder, neat head, fine neck, determined droop, excellent body and wing, finely tempered, the more the cage is handled the better she shows; 2, Neil, superior stock bird, massive frame, erect, grand top and body, wings nicely placed; 3, Hope, ideal green, grand size, prominent shoulders, long body and wing; 4, McClure, well set up, heavy top, fine front; 5, McLennan, large and nice; 6, Johnstone; 8, O'Donnell.

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DROGHEDA.

Seventh annual show held in the show ground, Drogheda, on September 15th and 16th. The committee are to be congratulated on the manner in which they had matters arranged. There was a large gathering of visitors, and the weather was beautiful. It is a pity the Drogheda fanciers do not hold an open show, and thus add to the number held in Ireland. There is no reason why it should not be a success financially. With Mr. Gray and the present workers at the wheel we feel sure their enterprise would be crowned with success, and many recruits enlisted into the cage bird Fancy. Yorkshires were very strongly represented, and some really taking exhibits shown. The awards were made by Mr. Duigenan. The show was confined to co. Louth and Meath.

YORKS. CL. CK. (10): 1, Miss Smith, nice yell., good carriage of wings and tail, good quality; 2, Miss O. Smith, fine position and nervy; 3, Keating, nice unflig., grand length and carriage, not quite finished moult. HEN (6): 1, Keating, lovely unflig. buff hen, easy win, stands well up, grand quality, hard to find fault with; 2, Miss Long, good all round, nice quality; 3, Dr. Lavery, grand lass, not yet finished moult, fine position and good carriage. YORKS. A.O.V. CK (7): 1, Miss Long, unflig. buff, red-hot colour, grand quality of feather; 2, Dr. Lavery, grand shape and style, will be a clinker when fined down; 3, Keating, nice length, shape and position. HEN (5): 1, 3, Keating, two nice exhibits, well shown; 2, Dr. Lavery, fine quality feather, grand carriage, well cut away, will be heard of again. CAN (Confined to working men) (7): 1, 2, Meehan, good shape and style, 2nd wee bit unsteady, wants more handling; 3, Kearns, nice length and style. MULE, LIGHT, ETC.: Cancelled. DARK (5): 1, D. Cooney, nice Mule of promising nature; 2, Meehan; 3, Lennon. A.O.V.: 1, Meehan; 2, McEvoy; 3, Miss Smith.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Some fine classical quality singing was held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, 19th September. The birds having got over the moult, we had an entry of 23; all sang vigorously. Mr. Soloman's Derby winner still holds his laurels. We invite fanciers to come and hear or try conclusions with this clever quality singing bird. 1st prize, Solomans; 2nd prize, T. Johnson; 3rd prize divided Messrs. C. Lorriman and W. Farrer. Judges, Messrs. I. Madden and J. Clark.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., September 18th, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. 1 and 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sissons. Also on September 19th, when 20 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Wigfield. Judges Messrs. Jennings, Mawson, and Naylor.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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Wild Bird Life.

Habits of the Siskin.

As the Summer migrants leave us, birds from the far north wander south to fill up the gaps. Among these Winter visitors are many interesting species, some of which are hardly recognised by ordinary observers, the time of their visit probably having much to do with it. Bird watching in the Winter months is not the pleasant occupation that it is in summer, and only the ardent naturalist will brave the cold, cutting winds and the hard weather. Among these winter migrants the Siskin is one of the most interesting. It is a bird of the wild northern pine woods, only wandering south in winter. In the North of England it appears to take the place of the Greenfinch in the evergreens and shrubberies.

I have said the Siskin is a bird of the North, but as there are exceptions to every rule, so we occasionally find a pair of these active birds staying in some favourable spot in the south to nest. Such a pair once came under notice upon the edge of a Surrey common where the tall pines grew thickly among the furze and brambles. At this time of the year Siskins unite into small flocks and appear in their usual haunts, which are generally along the banks of a stream where the alders and firs flourish. Sometimes we may meet a pair or even a single bird attached to a flock of Tits or Redpolls, from which birds they are easily recognised by the black cap and greenish yellow plumage, although in acrobatic performances they are the equals of their companions. They diligently search the trees, clinging to the clusters of seeds in any position, or fluttering in butterfly fashion before a twig. They will hang by one leg as cleverly as a Tit, swinging backwards and forwards in the Autumn breeze, passing from tree to tree. They cover great distances during the day, continually calling in a Tit-like manner.

It is seldom the Siskins visit the ground. Their food is among the trees, and while the seeds hang they seek it there, although various seeds upon which they could feed are plentiful upon the land. The Siskin commences to warble as soon as the moult is completed, and continues in song the Winter through. No doubt our British-bred birds are greatly reinforced by Continental visitors, as this species breeds plentifully in the pine woods of Scandinavia and Russia.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED, British birds, Parrots, Pigeons, dogs, guinea pigs, rats, poultry, etc., purchase or exchange, over fancy.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33, 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, a Siberian cock Goldfinch, also a really good songster, to train mules; exchange glazier's diamond or Norwich; approval.—37, Barry-terrace, Newtown, Pontypridd.

WANTED, cock Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches, 1909 birds, or anything useful, for black Perkin cockerel, bantam or 4-st. cooking apples, or both; offers.—Longbottom, Wisbech.

WANTED any kind of British birds or cast-off clothes for sets of carvers, ivorine handle dessert knives, nickel silver forks, ditto tea spoons.—F. Hill, 95, Eyre-lane, Sheffield.

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1908 dark Greenfinch-Canary cock Mule, exchange; offers in Canaries, sell 10/-.—Bourne, Bournville Cotts, Bournville, nr. Birmingham.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

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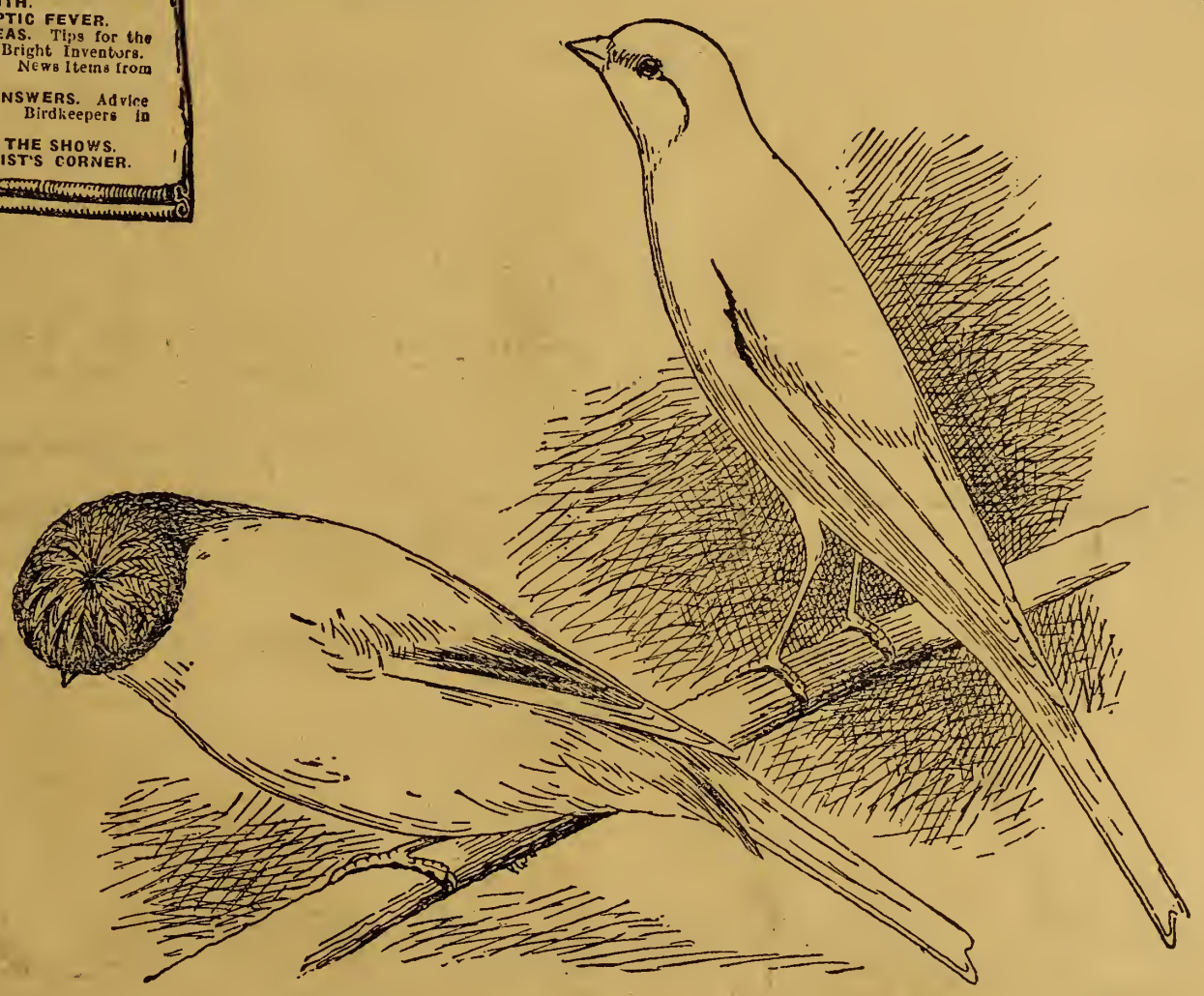
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LINNETS; fanciers requiring showing or muling cocks, pick hundreds offered, 1/- each, six 5/-; cash or deposit.—Vanner, 16, Rawling-rd., Gateshead.

BULLFINCHES, young cocks, 1/3; hens, two for 1/6; all birds well on seed; please note my change of address.—Barson, 131, Cottesmore-rd., Leicester.

REAL Siberian hen Bullfinch (very scarce), aviary moulted, took 3rd prize, 10/-, approval, deposit.—Anderton, 7, Romer-place, High-st., Lewisham, Kent.

DEALERS wanting good warranted cock Linnets, strong healthy birds, carefully packed at 3/6 and 4/- dozen, send to K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

LINNETS; healthy cock Brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/- dozen; selected, 2/6 dozen; hens, 9d. dozen.—Freeman, Birdcatcher, 25, Stanhope-st., Nottingham.

IRISH Goldfinches, suitable for muling or exhibition, from 5/6 to 12/-; Irish selected Linnets from 3/- to 4/6.—Wm. Daly, Lismore, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

EXHIBITORS. Large house-moulted cock Bramblefinches, grand colour and marking, can win, 2/-, 4/-, 6/- each.—Alston, Yondercroft, Darvel, Ayrshire.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; Goldfinches, 2/-; real beauties, 2/6, 3/-; thistle seed, 4d. oz., 4/- lb.—Easterlings, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

WARRANTED cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each; cock Linnets, 6d., 4/6 dozen; all other birds and animals in stock; state wants.—J. Mace, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.

SHOW specimens of Linnets, 2/6; Chaffinches, 2/-; Redpolls, 2/-; Greenfinches, 1/6; Goldfinches, 4/-; approval; caged three to six weeks.—Cockerill, Atherton-st., Stockport.

GRAND cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen; every bird a cock and no waiting; I can supply you from one to fifty dozen a week, and reliable stuff.—Crossman, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

MAGNIFICENT singing cock brown Linnet, complete in new cage, 1/6 lot. Beautiful singing cock Redpoll, in new trap cage, 1/6.—Zoological Emporium, Sutton, Birmingham.

WARRANTED cocks, 1909, Linnets, singing, trained under contest Linnets, new cage, brass fittings, complete, 1/6 each, two 2/9; approval.—Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

LINNETS, Linnets; large healthy cock Brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/- dozen; selected, 2/6; hens, 1/-; satisfaction guaranteed.—John Barker, 9, Roseyard, Bellar-gate, Nottingham.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, strong healthy birds, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; cock Larks, young runners, 3/6 dozen; prompt delivery.—R. Hall, 52, City-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LINNETS, Linnets; warranted cock Brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; selected, 3/-; hens, 1/-; sex and satisfaction guaranteed.—Marriott, 27, Sun-hill, Colwick-st., Nottingham.

OVERSTOCKED. Cocks, Goldfinch, 2/6; Chaffinch, 2/-; Ortolan Bunting, 2/6; Cardinal, fine plumage, 7/6; Linnet Mule, 3/6; no rubbish.—Beck, 2a, Stannington-place, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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LINNETS; Cambridge red-breasted cocks, warranted, 2/6 dozen; large picked birds, for showing, 3/- dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- dozen; 24 mixed birds, cocks and hens, 2/-.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

LINNETS. Large cock brown Linnets, with blood-red breasts and nut brown backs, 2/6 dozen; old caught, 3/6 dozen; hens, 1/- dozen; every bird warranted well on seed.—Marshall, 44, Pierrepont st., Nottingham.

NOTICE to dealers and fanciers; for disposal, large quantity of red-breasted cock Linnets, sex warranted, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; approval; if not satisfied, money returned.—Dickson, Fondulac, Dunstable, Beds.

LINNETS, Linnets; warranted cock Brown Linnets, 3/- dozen; selected red-breasted, 3/6 dozen; all well on seed; fine healthy birds; all orders receive prompt attention.—Kendrick, 54, Kingsmeadow-rd., Notts.

GIANT Scotch cock Linnets, 1/- each, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; cock Chaffinches, six 2/6; performing Redpolls, with cage and fittings, 3/- each; Linnet and Goldfinch cages, 4/6 and 6/6 dozen.—Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

RED cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen; hen, 1/-; cock Greypates, Goldfinches, 1/3 each, or 12/- dozen; full-coloured cock, 1/6; hens, 5/- dozen; well on seed; cash with order.—A. Webb, Birdcatcher, Headington Quarry, Oxford.

LINNETS, healthy cock brown Linnets 2/6 dozen; extra large, old caught cocks 3/6 dozen; guaranteed well on seed; safe delivery and satisfaction guaranteed, hens 1/- dozen.—Flinders, Gibraltar-place, Bellar Gate, Nottingham.

LINNETS; genuine red-breasted cock Brown Linnets, strong healthy birds, well on seed, 3/- dozen, sex guaranteed; grand large upstanding cock Larks, warranted, 3/- dozen; birds warranted as advertised.—Mayo, 7, March-st., Nottingham.

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RARITIES. Two white Goldfinches, very pretty, reasonable price. Exhibition Linnets, two splendid all-round birds, one 21/-, one 30/-; fine show Bramblefinch, 30/-. With latest pattern show cages. Very cheap, owing to removal. See my Mule advertisement for more bargains.—G. E. Weston, 45, Clevedon Mansions, London, N.W.

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GOLDFINCHES, cocks, 1/6, 1/9 each; hens, 9d.; our A1 specials are absolutely the best class of Goldfinches in England, only 2/6; Linnets, for contest singing, muling or exhibition, selected from our daily catches before going to dealers; now you fanciers, don't miss this chance, 1/- each, three 2/-; approval.—Amos Haynes Bros., The Reliable Worcestershire Catchers, Dawlish-rd., Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

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REDPOLLS, 500 very fine red-headed birds, 2/3 dozen, three for 1/-; Lesser Mealy Redpoll, fit to show, 1/-; Goldfinches, Welsh, the very finest, 1/9, 2/3, 3/-, 4/-; Linnets, big, brown birds, 1/-, 1/6; Greenfinches, extra fine, 1/- and 6d. pair, very large yellow, 2/-, mixed doz. for aviary, bargain, 2/-; Larks 8d. each, 4/- doz.; one in song, very fine, 1/6; Bullfinches, no one can beat me for English Bullfinches, fine cocks, 1/6, 2/-; one fit to show, 2/6; hens 9d., 1/-; house-moulted Linnet and Redpoll, fit to show; bird-lime 6d., 1/- tins, post free; cages, all sorts; send for price of anything you want; see my new stall in Hanley Market.—Enoch Tams, Clarence Aviaries, Church-st., Longton.

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Guaranteed cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/6, 12/- dozen; cock Larks, Linnets 8d., 1/-, 4/6 dozen; Redpolls six 1/3, 2/- dozen, 12/- hundred; cock Mules and cock Canaries 5/-, 7/6, 48/- dozen; no waiting.

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Cocks, not half hens, with nut brown backs, three for 1/6, six for 2/6, 12 for 3/6; six dozen 20/-; Goldfinches, 1/6 each, three for 4/-, six for 7/-, 13/- dozen; cock Larks, 3/6 dozen, all warranted cocks, not fresh-caught rubbish.—Matthews, bird specialist, 24, Avenue-st. Aviaries, Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

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Large selected cock Goldfinches, on song, 1/6, 2/-; cock Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, 8d., three 1/6; Redpolls, Greenfinches, 6d., three 1/3; large Goldfinch, Linnet, or Lark cages, 6d., 4/- dozen; call cages, 2/3 dozen; trap cages, 6d., 9d.; large net traps, 9d.; Sparrow nets, on 15 ft. poles, 5/-; 19 ft., 5/6.—Savory, Wheeler-st., Birmingham.

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Thirty large Goldies, guaranteed cocks, been in flights since August 4th; nearly through moult, 2/6 each; Welsh cocks, 1/9 each; two grand specials, for bench, 5/6 each; a monster cock Linnet, very steady, can win, 6/-; two other toppers, 2/6 each; Welsh Moor Linnets, 6d. each; cock Bullfinches, 1/8; hens, 9d. each; honourable dealing only.

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Large selected English cocks, 1/6 each, three for 4/-; white-legged monster cock Goldfinches, 2/6 and 3/6 each. We have largest stock of Goldfinches in kingdom, and send them on approval, if money deposited with Editor. Don't buy Goldies on any other terms; dealers send for prices; send for catalogue, post free.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

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Notice to fanciers. If any bird I send you should not give fullest satisfaction, all you have to do is return them, and have your money back in full, as I do not wish you to keep them; seven days' approval. These birds are kept in and caged off, and proved to be in song before sent out, not brought straight from fields, and so-called kept in large outdoor aviaries. Warranted English cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 12/- dozen; hens 1/- each; selected for show bench. Or light muling 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-, 15/- dozen. Goldfinch Mules, sing pure song, 4/6, 5/6; cock Linnets, with nut brown backs and red-breasted, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen, four dozen 12/-. Grand Linnet Mules, 4/-, 5/- each. Two-year-old call bird Linnet, 2/6. Young branched cock Skylarks, 1/- each, in song three 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, three 1/-. Cock Canaries, 4/-, 5/- each, three 11/-. Six months' approval. Canary cages, 1/6 each, worth 2/6. Pair new bird nets, 12 yards long, 8, 6. Talking Parrot, say 20 words, 30/-, 40/-.—Baker, Phillip-st., Bedminster.

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man would think of buying anything before he saw it, so why should you buy birds before you see them and know they are satisfactory? My system of trading is this: I send everything on approval on receipt of cash or deposit system of this paper, at my own risk, and unless purchaser is perfectly satisfied and birds realise every expectation, he only has to return them and back comes the whole of his money promptly and cheerfully without question or comment. I was originator of approval system in connection with wild birds, and never have I traded under any other conditions. I make no idle boasts or false statements, but claim to be the largest dealer in Worcestershire birds in the world, and have more through my hands in one season than all others together. At present time I have considerably over two thousand British birds in stock, including about 50 dozen Goldfinches alone, and bear in mind these are on view at all times. Grand large Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, all in pink of health and condition, 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/-, twelve 12/-, six dozen 66/-, twelve dozen £5. Specially selected larger cocks, to moult for show or Muling, and guaranteed now in song, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-, twelve 16/-. Few extra special clean moulted cocks, in full colour and superb condition, fit for keen competition, 3/- each, three 7/6. Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-, twelve 7/-, three dozen 18/-. Splendid lot cock brown Linnets, all clean moulted and perfect condition, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; specially selected larger cocks, fit for show, Muling, or contest singing, and now in free song, 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 6/-. Every Linnet I sell is guaranteed to have nut brown backs and rose-red breasts, and same as the hundreds of contest winners I have supplied to fanciers of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Durham, London, etc., etc. I hold the record for cheap contest winners, having sold a cup winner for 4d. Grand lot cock Bullfinches, 1/6 each, three 4/-; specially selected cocks, 2/- each, three 5/-; few clean-moulted exhibition specimens, 2/6 each. Cock Chaffinches, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Redpolls, 6d. each, three 1/3, six 2/-, twelve 3/6; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Four hand-reared Grey-backed Shrikes or Butcher Birds, in perfect health and finger-tame, 6/- each. Grand lot cock Siskins, in pink of health and feather, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-. Specially selected exhibition specimens, 3/- each. Hen Siskins, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-. 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Have hundreds for proof; send for catalogue of same. Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th, 1909:—"Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. I can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.—Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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TWO yellow Cinnamon hens, one Crestbred Norwich, ditto, 12/6; 6 show cages, as new, and case, 12/6; stamp reply.—Edwards, 16, Church-rd., Lowestoft.

TWO 1909 cocks, Hartz Yorkshire cross, clears. buff, and yellow, 5/- each; variegated hens, 1/6 each; splendid singing strain.—Drewett, King's-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

BARGAINS. Real Yorkshire or Norwich, 1909, full song, colour-fed, cocks 6/6, 5/6; hens, 3/-, 2/6; approval willingly; inspection invited.—Brown, 44, Hassop-st., Beswick, Manchester.

TEN splendid Yorkshires, 25 good Norwich for sale; would exchange some for good pair of Yorkshire Greens or Cinnamons; offers.—Roe, Watchmaker, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

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THREE grand cock Linnet Mules, singing, 5/- each, three 13/6.—J. Siddons, 2, Off Chorley-rd., Swinton, Lancs.

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J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries British and Foreign Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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17th ANNUAL SHOW.

October 13th and 14th,

Judge: Mr. J. Robson.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Licensed under C.B.U. Rules. Good specials. Entries close **October 2nd, 1909.** For Schedules apply **J. KILBY, Sec., Caterham Valley.**

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The **Fifty-sixth Annual Show** of Scotch-fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border-fancy Canaries, also Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, on **Friday & Saturday, OCTOBER 15th & 16th.** Popular Judges. Large Classification. Ents. cls. Oct 9. Prize-money:—**15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Guaranteed throughout. Schedules now ready. Secs.—Scotch-fancy & Belgian, **Alex. Macdonald, 279, Crow-rd., Partick, Glasgow;** Norwich, etc., Section, **John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.**

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Under C.B.U. Rules. Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held at the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street, on **Saturday, October 16th, 1909.** Good classification for Canaries and British. J. Robsou Esq. is judging Show. Please write for Schedules and other particulars of W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec., 12, Berry Street, Coventry. Entries close **October 9th, 1909.**

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110 Nor., cl. tkd. or unevenly mkd. buff.
111 Nor., cl. tkd. or uneven. mkd., yell. or buff hen.
112 Nor, unfl., cl. tkd. or unevenly mkd. yell.
113 Nor., unfl., cl. tkd. or unevenly mkd. buff.
114 Yorks., cl. tkd. or unevenly mkd., ycll. or buff.
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OCTOBER 20 & 21.

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Oct. 20th & 21st.

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The Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(Continued from page 570.)

Starting a Birdroom.

The first thing a fancier has to decide is whether to go in for an outdoor or an "indoor" aviary. Either may be chosen, but for the successful breeding of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries the "indoor" aviary is preferable. These high-class birds no doubt would breed if allowed to fly about a room, and were permitted to mate as they pleased. Such an arrangement at first sight seems to be alright, but reduced to practice it would not suit. Judicious pairing to get the best possible strain is imperative, and therefore each pair should be carefully selected, point to suit point being essential in order to produce in the progeny the stamp of bird aimed at.

A large square room with window or windows facing the east or south, to secure sunshine, should be chosen. The eastern is in my opinion preferable to the southern, as the sun pours in earlier, and rouses parents and foster parents to duty. Young birds are ready at an early hour to be fed, and the sooner their wants are supplied the more apt they are to gain strength and to develop.

The cages should be placed on a rack tier upon tier. The supports for the frame should be in the centre, so that mice or other pests cannot manage to mount the shelves. The frame, cages and nest-boxes should be painted white, or a very light colour, to shed as much light all around as possible.

Beginners who do not wish to incur much expense are sometimes tempted to purchase second-hand cages, gathered from all quarters—all sorts and sizes. Needless to say, such a basis is wrong. Different sizes will not admit of a neat arrangement. When commencing, cages of an uniform size and shape should be chosen, and in the end new cages, solid and well put together, will be the cheapest in the end. I should perhaps here point out that in having second-hand cages there is a danger of a foul cage finding its way into the room; the result might be that the entire stock would catch fever, and be cleared out. This may appear to be overdrawn, but it has happened.

Furnishing the Birdroom.

In furnishing a bird-room a good plan is to entrust the furnishing to a man who is an adept at cage-making and kindred work; such men are to be found in almost every town. Fanciers find it to be a benefit to be in touch with a good cage-maker; he can assist in several ways, apart from the making and repairing of cages. There are so many odds and ends required that guidance is needful.

The seed should be kept in tins or vermin-proof boxes or barrels. Some goodly-sized baths should be in every bird-room, which should be at the disposal of the live stock once a week, on a bright morning. Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries are very fond of disporting themselves. An eye should be kept on them, however, to see they do not overdo themselves.

A nest block is most useful in the course of the breeding season. If the nests are of flexible material they get out of shape, but they can be put into shape again by a press in the block. A properly formed nest is an aid to the keeping of young together. A sieve should form a part of the furnishing. The seed in the seed-box should be run through the sieve every morning, so that the birds have it in prime condition. No bird-room should be without a scraper of some kind to remove the droppings, etc. As I have said before, I advocate this being done daily. When birds are sitting or bringing up young, if accustomed to it, they will not be disturbed.

A number of spare cages and nursery cages should be at hand, as a breeder never knows when they may be required. The life of a Scotch Fancy, or the lives of a nest of Scotch Fancies, may be saved by having nursery cages at hand just at the moment when the parent or foster parent begins to clear away the feathers. Young ones have been known to be stripped of every feather in a very short time.

A supply of wire should be available, for the purpose of mending any defect. No room is complete without a pair of pliers or nippers. A bird getting out of a cage and rushing through the apartment sets every hen off her eggs; and every fancier knows what that means if the birds are left unchecked for two or three hours.

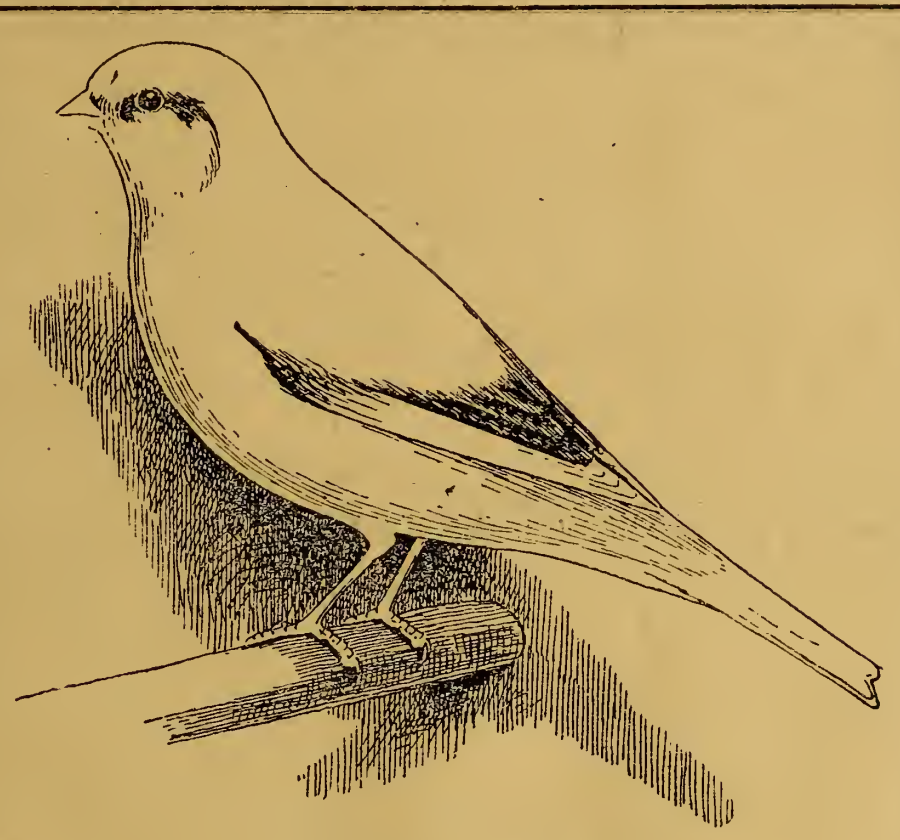
Spare Utensils.

Spare utensils of all sorts, including drinking glasses, egg dishes, etc., should be at hand. A spray, which can be purchased for sixpence, is useful to spray birds with that will not wash themselves. Perches should be kept scrupulously clean, and that can easily be done by having a perch scraper with teeth like a saw. Happily Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries do not as a rule get their feet clogged in the same way as other birds do. They evidently take a pride in keeping themselves tidy. Spare nests, nest boards, and perches, should be available where the cages are uniform and of one size.

Spare breeding cages are indispensable in a tidy room. By a change of cage of the same size, etc., the stock is kept clean, and there is no danger of upsetting the hen. Mouse traps should be constantly set, and so placed that in the event of a bird getting out of cage there would be no chance of its getting trapped and ending its career. Trapping mice is a great aid where they are very numerous. They may get on to the shelves in spite of every precaution, and supposing they are not successful in getting up, the presence of mice causes a fusty disagreeable smell, which becomes positively sickening. A good way to have a room clear of mice is to block up the holes with tin filings. A tinsmith will be found only too glad to give a supply; they are not of much use to him, but can be put to excellent use in blocking the ingress of the room. The absence or banishment of vermin contributes in a large measure to the comfort and well-being of the birds.

Where it is possible to have two distinct apartments, it is a very great benefit. In the case of sickness breaking out the sick bird or birds can be isolated, and treated quickly. In the height of the breeding season the breeding pairs can be left free from disturbance, the weaned young being removed and finished off in another compartment. It reduces overcrowding too, which every breeder knows is attended with a numerous train of dangers from a health point of view. An ideal aviary should have two or three separate apartments, if possible adjacent to each other, to render working convenient.

(To be continued.)



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Yorkshire Canaries and their Management.

By SAMUEL DEAN.

Lecture recently delivered before the Pendleton and Salford C.S.

(Concluded from page 145.)

Separating the Show Birds.

When you have got your birds nearly through, sort out the better-looking ones, and cage them separately, or (if this is not possible) in pairs, putting together a cock and hen; these will agree much better, and you run much less risk of plucking than by keeping two cocks together, the latter being very liable to do a little scrapping, and to make the feathers fly when coming into condition.

Having got the show birds, the work of preparing for exhibition commences. In Yorkshires, of course, you must avoid all fattening foods, except, perhaps, when you have one or two that are on the snaky side. Get them hard and dry in feather, and do not wash them too early. It is better to miss one show than to spoil a bird for several by being in too big a hurry at the start. When they are fit and need washing, what you require are three basins (good big ones), a nice badger hair brush, a large bar of mild soap (white Windsor or Castille)—do not forget to secure this many months in advance and place it in a dry position, so that it gets thoroughly hard by the time you require it; you will then get a much finer lather, and run less risk of getting too much soap in the neck, and causing thereby a frill that would do credit to a Dutch Canary.

Washing Birds.

In the first basin you get a good lather with fairly warm water. Try the water for heat with your elbow, just so that you can bear it in the water without discomfort. Catch the bird in the left hand, and commence by washing the flights and tail, at the same time wetting all except the head about the eyes. Then wash between the shoulders and the neck, using plenty of the soapy water. Turn over, and treat likewise the under part, from the neck downwards; then wash the head and the upper part of the neck as quickly as you can, and for the feathers over the beak, which are usually very dirty, rub your fingers on the soap and rub quickly. Turn to No. 2 basin and rinse all the soap well off. Then in No. 3 repeat the process. In this last a small cup is very good, as you can by this method rinse exceptionally well about the neck and the soft feathers round the tail root—two places which a novice usually makes a mess of in the first wash.

When the birds are rinsed thoroughly, wrap them up gently in an old cotton cloth; hold them in the hand a few seconds to let the cotton draw out the water. Do this a second or third time, until the bulk of the water is extracted; then you can either roll them up and place them before the fire for about ten minutes or put them straight into a drying cage. The latter is my method.

When the birds are getting dry about the head move them a little further away, so that they may not dry too quickly, as this is apt to curl the feathers. Keep them downstairs all night, returning them to the bird room early in the morning before the fire is lit. Put them a bath on, and keep it on, say, an hour; this will give them a chance to get all their feathers straight, and in their proper positions.

On Sending Birds to Shows.

For a Friday show I prefer to wash on the Monday previous, and Tuesday for Saturday shows. Many times it takes all my care to keep them clean even this short period. When sending to shows have nice clean cages, and don't be late in sending; better an hour too soon, so as to give them a chance to get something to eat and settle down. Should you be fortunate enough (or should I say have a bird good enough to win a money prize), don't forget to draw the cash; it comes in useful to buy seed with.

Mr. Jackson: Re leadpiping as used round the top of nest pans, is there any danger of poisoning?—No; I have used these for 12 years or more, and never had any trouble on that point.—Mr. Cann: Is there any special way of mixing colour-feed?—No; all I add is a small quantity of linseed meal, then add to egg food not very much egg, say about half strength you would use during breeding, making the food for a start slightly coloured, and gradually increasing amount of colouring matter to make the egg food a very bright red.—Mr. Atkinson: Do Yorkshire fanciers find it absolutely necessary to keep Belgian stock to keep up position, etc.?—Yes, a small quantity of Belgian blood must be kept in the stock, or they will get too thick in body and plain in appearance, and lose that swagger so much admired. Of course, not much is required, or you get the faults attendant with it, viz., thin neck and frilly front.

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The Reminiscences - - - - of an Old Fancier.

By SAMUEL HONEY.

I think I must have been born a bird fancier, as my eldest sister, who had to carry me out when I was a youngster, often tells me how I used to almost jump out of her arms in trying to get a bird that might have been flying along; and now that I am 65 years of age there is nothing that gives me so much pleasure as attending to my birds and watching the wild ones in and around our district.

My First Pet.

My first pet was a Jackdaw (or Chough, as we called it), or rather, I should say, half of this bird was mine, as I caught it with the help of my schoolmate. It had fallen from the nest half-way up a very high rock, and was hopping about on the beach below when we caught it. We fed it on bits of bread; and meat when we could get these. We kept it in a box with wooden bars in front whilst we were at school, but directly we came out we spent all our time with Jacko.

He became very tame and would follow us about. Unfortunately he was very inquisitive. An old maiden lady who lived near us used to wear white stockings and shoes with buckles, and Jacko always "went for" the buckles or stockings, so much so that my father, to whom she was always complaining, got so wild that he put an end to poor Jacko's life, and, although I have lost many a good bird since, I have never felt so bad as I did then.

First Attempt at Bird Breeding.

My first attempt at bird breeding was in 1863, when a friend brought me a pair of real Belgian Canaries, as he called them, from Antwerp (they were what we now call Dutch Frills). I was very proud of them. I made a nine-compartment breeding cage to fit the whole of the inside of the kitchen window (as I had no other place suitable), with glass back and wire front. I bought four pairs of Canaries—none of them of any particular breed—from various parties, and I reared from these 28 young birds. But the Belgians did not breed, although the hen laid two nests of eggs.

I was, of course, very proud of my success and, seeing there was to be a bird show some ten miles off, I determined to enter the Belgian cock bird, also two of the young cross cock Canaries. To my great delight I won second with the Belgian, but the young birds were not even noticed, although at the show I thought them much better-looking than the first prize birds; in fact, I said as much to a grey-headed old gentleman who happened to be looking at them, and I well remember his look when he asked me what I called them—Norwich or Yorkshire or what? I told him I did not know. He took me around to the different classes and taught me more about the different breeds in one half-hour than all the bird fanciers I know have taught me since.

From the time of that show I have bred and exhibited pure Norwich (Crests and Plainheads), Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Cinnamons, Lizards, Lancashire Coppy, etc.; in fact, every variety of Canary except the Border Fancy (which I have never kept), and won many prizes with each of them, including silver cup for Belgians. I also pride myself upon the fact that every bird I won with was bred by myself; but, of course, I bought many birds to breed with, and every breeding season since 1863 I have had from five to thirty pairs, except two years when I was away from home.

How I Make my Cages.

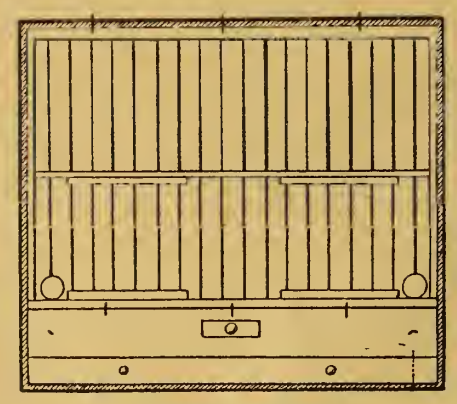
My ideas after over 40 years' experience I will now put before my patient reader. As to breeding cages: being a carpenter I make my own. I believe in plenty of room, and so I make them 2ft. 2in. long, 16in. high, 11in. deep, ⅜in. thick, with separate front of wood and wire; wood top rail ¾in. by ⅜in.; middle rail ⅜in. by ⅜in.; bottom rail ¾in. by ⅜in.; stiles ½in. by ⅜in.; the whole of the rails pierced ⅝in. apart for wire, and the whole bradded together for front, a rail 2½in. by ⅜in. being let in fair with edges of cage and ⅜in. up from bottom, a slip ¼in. wide being fixed with pin through at one end for turning out, so as to enable me to scrape out bottom. The front is fixed in with three pieces of wire projecting from bottom rail, so as to go in holes in fixed rail, and three pieces of wire through top of cage in head rail of frame.—Doors—two wooden rails with wires driven ½in. through inside of each.

The sketch will, I think, make it perfectly clear what I mean.

I always keep the bottom of my cages covered with fine sea sand. I paint the inside a light blue, the paint being mixed with nearly all turpentine and driers. The outside is black japanned, thinned with turps.

For the nest I use round zinc with concave perforated bottoms lined with sadler's felt; and I give the hens dried grass and flock to build with. I always well dust the nest with insect powder, and also use a little flowers of sulphur.

I keep a piece of cuttlefish shell between the wires. The perches I put from front to back, with a sharp piece of wire in end of perch projecting about 3-16in., and I cut a V-shaped notch for the wire in the other end, and two or three times during the breeding season I take them out and hold each end over a lighted wax match for a few seconds, so that I am never troubled much with red mite. I keep the hens in a large flight cage during the winter (the cocks in separate cages), and feed all on plain Spanish Canary, with, every other day, first German rape; third day, hemp; fifth day, inga or maw—just a teaspoonful per bird in a separate tin. I hang up a bath twice a week so that the birds can bathe if they wish.



Mr. Honey's Cage-Front.

I never have any fire or lamp in my bird rooms, and I have never lost any bird through the cold weather. I do not believe much in medicines for birds; if a bird is not healthy I get rid of it. In the event of a bird getting egg-bound, I always get a small-mouthed jug and fill it with boiling water; then I take the bird in my hand with the little finger under the tail to lift it. I hold the vent over the hot steam as long as I can bear it to my little finger, and then I drop a little warmed olive oil on the vent and put the bird on the nest. I have always found the egg laid soon after.

The Pairing and Feeding of Birds.

I generally pair my birds the first week in March. I always put the birds together at once, and let them make friends. I have tried other ways, such as putting the hen in a small cage in front, but my experience is that they do better if put together and left to make friends by themselves.

I always take the eggs out each morning until the third is laid, when I return them to the nest. I feed the birds when paired and for a week before with egg and biscuit ground together with a little sugar added. For green food I am a great believer in young dandelion leaves washed clean and given fresh. Of course the cages and water bottles should be kept perfectly clean; no true fancier would leave them dirty.

I always talk to my birds, even when they are breeding, and I try to get them so used to me that I may take the sitting hen off her nest. I know a great many writers say, "do not on any account interfere with the sitting hens, or go near the birds more than you can help," but I have had no trouble; in fact, I always look at the eggs when the hen has been sitting for five days, and I see if they are fertile or "coming down," as we call it, and if they are not, I destroy them and take away the nest. If the eggs are alright I take the hen off on the thirteenth morning to see how the hatching is going on.

I have never had much trouble with sweating hens, as I always try to keep only strong hens. I believe sweating is owing to a weakness in the stock.

(To be continued.)

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The Goldfinch at Large and in Captivity.

By JAMES BEATTIE.

The Goldfinch, the most beautiful of our native songsters, is fast disappearing from among us, owing to the activity with which he is pursued by bird catchers, and trapped before the young are able to feed themselves. He cannot be termed a high-class songster in the true sense of the word, but we are never tired of hearing his merry wild song. The birds are also imported in large numbers from Russia, Spain, France and Germany, the Russian or Siberian Goldfinch being the largest of all.

Where Found and How Distinguished.

The Goldfinch is found in all parts of the British Isles, but the finest specimens are caught among the hills and mountains of Cumberland and Westmoreland, the wilds of Dartmoor, and along the coast line of Sussex and Hampshire. He can be easily distinguished by his red face with its creamy white cheeks, black collar, golden wing bars, and rich russet-brown back and chest.

The nest of this species is usually built in the fork of an orchard tree and in fruit gardens, apple, pear and plum trees being generally selected. April is the usual month in which it commences to build the nest, which is beautifully constructed, the Goldfinch being quite a past-master in the art of nest-building. The same nest is never used for two broods. The materials used are fine roots and stalks interwoven with wool and moss, and lined with down. Lichens are used for covering the exterior, which is ingeniously made to resemble the bark of the tree it rests upon.

The Food of the Species.

In its wild state the Goldfinch feeds on the seeds of groundsel, thistle, poppy, and plaintain—wild seeds of all kinds. When taken as nestlings, Goldies are very tender and delicate, and it requires much care and attention to rear them.

Grind up a little Canary seed and a pinch or two of thistle seed, and mix it with some boiled bread and milk. Feed the young birds with this and a little soaked biscuit every two hours, till they are five weeks old. Slowly wean them from the soft food and get them on to a staple diet of Canary, rape, hemp, teazle, and charlock seeds.

The Goldfinch should be kept well supplied with thistle seed, lettuce, groundsel, stalks of plantain, knotweed and dandelion in seed. To procure a supply of thistle seed, gather a quantity of thistle heads, shake them well in a bag, and the seed will fall out. It may then be put away for winter use. Many young Goldfinches die of indigestion soon after their capture, in consequence of being suddenly transferred to a diet of hard dry seed, but if they are fed with hemp seed slightly cracked for them, and scalded rape seed, they will do better.

This bird is very fond of bathing, and should have a plentiful supply of fresh clean water, say, twice a week in summer and once a fortnight in winter on warm days. The drinking water should, if possible, be soft, but if this is unobtainable, the water given should first be boiled, for hard water is a fertile source of kidney disease, which is seldom recognised until it has proceeded so far as to preclude all hope of recovery.

At the Moulting Time.

At moulting time give them lettuce, and a blade of saffron in their water. If loose, give them a lump of chalk or cuttle-fish to peck at, and always keep the tray of the cage well strewn with fine gravel and coarse grit, of which they partake freely to assist digestion.

You may know a cock from a hen Goldie whatever the age by the superior depth and brilliancy of all its colours, black, yellow and red. In the male the edges of the wings are black up to the shoulder, and it is also black round the base of the bill, the "blaze" being a deep red. The black on the hen is much lighter, and round the bill it is grey.

The Goldfinch is usually caught with limed twigs baited with thistle heads. When first taken it is rather wild, but with kind and careful treatment it soon becomes tame and reconciled.

For Muling Purposes.

It is frequently used for breeding Mules with the Canary, or Hybrids with other birds, and will also produce young with a mate of its own species, both in cage and aviary, though more freely in the latter.

If it be desired to breed Mules, I would strongly recommend two hens for one Finch. All three should be put in a cage, and as soon as you see him taking more notice of (or liking to) one hen than of the other, let him and the one he likes be left alone until she is about to lay. Then take the Goldfinch away and put him in with the other hen, for if left he is almost sure to break the eggs as soon as his "mistress" lays them. He is a very mischievous young gentleman, pulling the nest to pieces and sucking the eggs.

If, however, the Finch does not interfere with the nest, and feeds the hen, I prefer to let him remain with her. One often meets with a cock Goldfinch that is a pattern of propriety, and makes a trustworthy and devoted father, bringing up the brood himself.

In the case of breeding either Canaries or Mules, always take each egg away as it is laid, and place an artificial nest-egg in its place, until your hen has laid her third. By this means the young are all hatched out at the same time, instead of having some a few days older than the others. If it is wished to breed from hen Goldfinches, the best way is to procure a hand-reared one, or one which has been hatched and reared by Canaries; they are more likely to nest in a cage than those which have been captured when full-grown.

The food to give to Goldfinch Mules is the same as for the Goldfinch. Hen Mules make very good foster mothers when well cared for, and anyone wanting a good songster should procure a good cock Goldfinch Mule.

(We print Mr. Beattie's article as written, though we do not agree with the opinion expressed that "the Goldfinch is fast disappearing from among us," nor that the "disappearance" is due to the activity of bird-catchers.—EDITOR.)

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Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6. Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds. 80 Classes. A Special Prize in addition to first prize in every class. Under the Patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C. and C.C.C. Judges: C. A. House, Esq., J. Robson, Esq., T. Heath, Esq. No amalgamation. No Cancellation of Classes. Full Prize Money in every Class. Free collection to and from Railway Station. Entries close **October 9th, 1909.** Schedules now ready. **Hon. Sec., Thomas Pope, 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.**

ROCHDALE ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB, 29TH ANNUAL SHOWS The largest and best Show of Lancashires and Lizard in the World. **October 22nd and 23rd, 1909.** Over 60 Open Classes. Judges: Messrs. C. A. House and H. W. Battye. Money Prizes, 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Schedules ready next week. **J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith Street, Rochdale.**

SHOW OF THE NORTH.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Under C.B.U. Rules. 4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Friday and Saturday, October 22nd and 23rd, 1909.** Entrance fee, 1/6. 81 Open Classes and 41 Members' Classes. £1 1s for best Exhibit in Show. 2/6 (Cash), for most points in each class. 10/6 (Cash) for best bird in each section. Under patronage of O.N.P.C., N.P.C., C.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B., and M.C., F.B.C., N.B.B.M., and F.B.C. Judges: W. Vardy, T. Heath, W. Mundell, W. C. Duncan (Duncan & Logan), J. Robson. Prize Money Guaranteed. Schedules ready, apply CURRY & HUTCHINSON, Secretaries, 6, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S. 3rd Annual Show **OCTOBER 30th, 1909** open to the United Kingdom. Good Classes for Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in the Church Hall, Hamsterley. Judge: Thos. Dixon. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Entry fee 1/6, Members 1/-. 40 Open classes. For Schedules apply to—**J. BROWN, 12, HUMBER STREET, CHOPWELL, EBCHESTER.**

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C.B.S. 4th Great Annual Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds, **FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th and 30th.** Exhibition Buildings. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. and Y.C.B.B. & M.C. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and valuable specials. Entry, 1/- per cage. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Grantham, and W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Entries close **October 25th.** Schedules ready.—**A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.**

THE BRITISH HOTBED.

AYR & DISTRICT OPEN SHOW, October 30th,

MASONIC HALL.

Specials galore. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Under patronage of Border and Yorkshire Clubs. Entries Close **October 25th.** **C. IRVINE, Secretary, Ayr.**

HARTLEPOOLS

5th Annual Open and Member's Show. **Oct. 30, 1909.** Good classification. Grand lot of Specials. Popular Judges. Entries close **Oct. 25.** Schedules from **J. W. Papple, 89, Durham St., West Hartlepool.**

GALSTON (AYRSHIRE) on **30th OCTOBER 1909,** Twelve Classes for Scotch Fancies; 10 Classes for Borders; 5 classes for Norwich. Judges: Jas. Ward, Wm. Urquhart, W. G. Muir.—**ALEXANDER FREW, Secretary, 26, Duke Street.**

NORWICH

ALL ENGLAND OPEN SHOW.

Oct. 30 & Nov. 1st, 1909.

C.B.U. Rules. C.C.C., F.B.C.; and N.B.B. and M.C. patronage. 66 Open Classes. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, C. A. House, J. Robson and J. Stark. Entries definitely close October 25, 1909. Schedules from R. ROLL, "Dalwood" Cecil Road, Norwich.

SOUTH WEST LONDON CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S Members' Annual Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 6th,** Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. Fanciers joining now entitled to compete for all specials.—**LILLEY and MILLER, Secs., 5, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, London.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

Sixth Annual Show of Cage Birds,

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOV. 5th and 6th, 1909. Judges Mr. J. Robson, London, and Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. 47 Open classes, good specials, cups, medals, bronzes, etc. All prize money guaranteed. Entries close **October 30th, 1909.** Schedules, apply **GEORGE HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society (Under C.B.U. License and Rules).

Sixth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons, and Cage Birds will be held in the Market Hall, on **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: Bantams, Mr. Binns; Pigeons, E. H. Crow; Cage Birds, Alb. Bentley. A grand classification, specials galore in every class. Entries close **October 30th, 1909.** Schedules now ready from the **Secretary, JAMES E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

WIGAN & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Open Show

of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, stuffed specimens, and Roller singing Canaries, in the Victoria Hall, Wallgate, Wigan, **NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.** C.B. Union Rules. Judges: H. Tams and W. Massey. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules from **W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

STOCKTON - ON - TEES

AND DIS, C.B.S.

5th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, open to the United Kingdom, **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: H. W. Battye and C. Houlton. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry Fee, 1/-. Specials every class, and most points. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules—**J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A. (affiliated to Cage Bird Union)' Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Wallsend, **NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909.** Patronages: N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. 56 Open Classes, including 7 for Novices. Judges: J. H. Roe, J. Wilcock ,and J. W. Bruce, Esqrs. 4 Cash Prizes, and cash special for every class. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from **RICHARDSON AND GREENWELL, Secretaries. 35, The Avenue, Wallsend.**

Twitterings.

October 2nd is the last day for entries at Caterham. Write secretary, J. Kilby, Caterham Valley. (ADVT.)

Entries close Broughty Ferry October 4th. Fanciers should send at once to secretary, R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.—(ADVT.)

Intending exhibitors at the Leamington Spa Show on October 14th should not overlook the fact that the entries close on October 5th.

I have had a great number of postcards applying for schedules which will all be sent this week-end, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, hon secretary of the Bolton O.S.

Mr. H. W. Battye, along with Mr. C. A. House, are the two judges elected for our show on October 22nd, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, hon. secretary of Rochdale O.C.

We are giving 2s. 6d. special (cash) for most points in each class, writes Mr. W. Curry, joint sec. of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S., and a 10s. 6d. special (cash) for best bird in each section.

At the great open Dulwich Show on October 12th and 13th, 1909, there are about 100 valuable specials to be competed for, in addition to the ordinary prize money. Be sure you show there.—(Advt.).

The Cinnamon Canary Club has issued a capital little booklet containing the rules of the club, the standard of points, and a list of the names and addresses of the members. The hon. secretary is Mr. R. J. Pretty, 6, Old Burlington St., London, W., from whom particulars of the club may be had on application.

Mr. Sam Cook, Norwich Plainhead Cup Winner, 1908-9, writes last week: "Send 12lbs. of Royal Red; birds coming a grand colour." So don't forget Sandiford's Royal Red to finish off your birds. Price, 2s. lb., 2lbs. 3s. 5d., 5lbs. 7s. 6d. Hot Natal, 2s. lb., 2lbs. 3s. 8d. See other advertisement.—(Advt.)

Mr. W. R. Miles, of Chichester has, we hear, been appointed to judge at Winchester (November 18th) and Canterbury (December 8th) Shows.

A very excellent classification for their seven forthcoming table shows is provided by the Altrincham C.B.S. The first show is being held on October 5th.

Mr. J. R. Hyland writes that he is now the hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Ireland, and that communications intended for the club should be addressed to him, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

Mr. Cridland has resigned the secretaryship of the Glastonbury and District F.A., writes Mr. E. W. Radford, of Edgarley, Glastonbury, and I have taken over his duties. Our show will be held on November 17th.

I have lost an address of a gentleman at Bath, writes Mr. H. Anstee (Luton). Will he kindly write again? I may say I have had a host of replies whenever I have advertised in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

There will be a committee meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club on Saturday afternoon (October 2nd), at Burnley Show, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, the hon. secretary, where we shall be glad to meet all committee-men.

Owing to expiration of lease, Mr. G. E. Weston, we hear, is removing very shortly, and therefore is compelled to sell out his stock, with the exception of a few breeding couples, which he hopes to be able to take with him to his new quarters.

Will all members who have not paid up their subscriptions, writes Mr. G. T. Jones, hon. secretary of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, kindly forward same to me, at Arfon House, Brecon, so as to make them eligible to compete for cups, etc., at the various shows favoured with our patronage (Rule 2)? Also I give a hearty invitation to all intending new members to join us at once. I am glad to say that we are increasing in numbers rapidly.

(Twitterings continued on next page.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct. 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30, Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.

*Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.) J.H.B.

*Oct. 7—**Peterborough.**—(S. L. Cocks, Eastfield). J.H.R., and S.H.M.

*Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R. and W.Bh.

*Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.

*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.

*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.

*Oct. 14.—**Southall**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.) C.A.H.

Oct. 14—**Leamington Spa.**—(F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland Street). J.H.R.

*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (J. Parkinson, 60, Oxford Grove) J.C.B. and J.W.

*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.Wk. & F.M.

*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.

*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H.

*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.

Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.

*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.

Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.

*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.) C.A.H.

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.

*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F My.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)

*Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.

*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.

*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)

Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.

Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).

Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England** — (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.

Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.

*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.

*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.

*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.)

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),

*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.

Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.

*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.

Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.

Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.

*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street).

*Nov. 11—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 123, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne** — (Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.

*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.

*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.

Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 1—5, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)

Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)

*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E R Ribby, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Milliom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str

*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.R.

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B.

*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., H.J.H

*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5 High St.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.

*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.** — (E Bunskill, 2, Danebury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) J.B

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.** — T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(S. H. Lee1, Church St.)

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. F. Hawes, 120 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Bluks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane) J.A.S., W.McG., D.K., A.L.

Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.Hns., D.Bn., J.Stn. A.W.

Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.

Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.) G.D., A.M., J.N., G.H.P., W.H., J.Brn., J.Lse., J.Wtn., R.F., H.R.C., A.A., J.McF., W.T., J.K.

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.Hp., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.As., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.Clk.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J.Brn., D. L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.Sd., W.Mn., J.Tn., W.C.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tolleross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wtn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bx. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J Dh., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Audrew St.).

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Lse.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 11—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W, W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Wales.

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 60, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.) J.H.P., C.H.

*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.

Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llandishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.

Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.

Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R.. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

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TWITTERINGS—continued from page 193.

The following judges have been appointed for Earlston N.B. Show, to be held December 18th, writes Mr. John Brockie, the secretary: for Border Fancies, Mr. John Tait (Galashiels); for other classes, Mr. Walter Bell (Earlston).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS respecting a Red-crested Cardinal, writes Mr. T. A. Webster (Aldershot), as the replies were so many I could only answer those who sent stamps.

The membership of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club now totals 100, and judging by the good number of inquiries, re particulars of competitions, etc., there is every probability of a considerable increase. I shall be pleased to forward a copy of our Year Book to all intending members, on receipt of 6d., which will be deducted from their subscriptions.—O. MITCHELL, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

Dulwich O.S. Show will be held at the magnificent Municipal Hall, Dulwich, centrally situated, and splendidly lighted, write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, the show managers, Exhibitors, we hope, will rally round us (for we are making a special effort for a huge success), and remember that last year the majority of the members waived their claims so that the open exhibitors could all be paid in full. Several prominent gentlemen have come forward with financial help.

In sending us a copy of the National Green-marked Yorkshiro C.C. Handbook, containing the rules and regulations of the club, the list of club shows, competitions, etc., and the members' names and addresses, Mr. F. Armstrong, the hon. secretary, writes: I think you will agree with me on perusal that the latest fledging of 1909 is an exceedingly promising youngster, and bids fair to equal, if not excel, its forefathers. We have struck out on progressive lines as you will note. We have both novice and junior novice competitions. These we are hoping will be good feeders for the premier competition. The competitions are likely to be keen from what I have seen at the different young bird shows this season.

We were pleased to receive a call last week from the well-known Norwich bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd. Our readers will remember that in the latter part of the summer Mr. Rudd was severely indisposed, as the result of overwork and a too strict application to his business. However, a short holiday in Switzerland seems to have set him up completely; he is quite his old self again, and ready, as he informed the writer, for any amount of business. Mr. Rudd gave us a most interesting account of his experiences. He appeared to have enjoyed especially his trip to the Great St. Bernard; he had never been in such a wild and desolate country before, and the sublimity of the scenery seems to have greatly impressed him. On his homeward journey he seized the opportunity of coming again into personal touch with the leading Continental breeders of Dutch Frills. Mr. Rudd seems to think there is a great future for this variety, and intends paying special attention to it, though, of course, not neglecting in the slightest his reputation as an all-round expert on every kind of cage bird.

London Federation of C.B.S.

There will be a Council meeting of the London Federation of C.B.S. on Friday, October 8th, at 7.45 p.m., at "The Feathers," Westminster, writes Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the secretary. The business is very important, including the consideration of a communication from the Cage Bird Union; also railway and insurance matters, and the question of dealing further with defaulting members.

Questions and Answers.

For Rules see "Cage Birds" of Sept. 18.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bare Neck and Enamelled Cage.

M. C.—(1) The probability is this hen is an old one; in that case the trouble will be difficult to get rid of. If there is any likelihood of its cage being infested with mites treat it as advised to "Ripley." Keep it in a rather warm place now the moult has commenced, but see it is quite free from draughts and great fluctuations of heat. Allow it to bathe frequently if it does not show any ill effects afterwards. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts of canary to one part summer rape, and once a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, maw, gold of pleasure, and linseed. Every third day give about half a teaspoonful of egg food, slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with a few grains of maw seed. The egg food you may vary now and again with an equivalent quantity of crushed sponge cake, or bread milk. Continue for six or eight weeks until the bird is getting well through moult. Give a little green food three times a week. You may just moisten the bare skin around neck once a week for a month with a small feather dipped in strong vinegar. (2) No, the white enamel will not be injurious if it is put on tolerably well, and allowed to dry before the bird is returned.

Various Points.

A. M. J. (Cricklewood).—Am glad to hear the hen is so much better. Persevere with the treatment and she will soon come alright. After the course previously advised, if you cannot see any quills starting on the bare places, give twenty-drop doses of Chemical Food in the water every second or third day for three or four weeks. The swelling at side of neck is not unlikely to be nothing worse than the food in the bird's crop. The treatment for egg binding would not cause the loss of feathers, if properly carried out. Examine muslin cover over the cage daily for red mites. Young birds do not lose their tails and flights the first moulting season, so your three-months old male is not likely to lose his flights. He might have met with an accident and loosened tail feathers. All birds are more or less loose and puffy in feather whilst moulting, and many snatch "forty winks" during the day, but as long as they are generally bright, and active most of the time, no harm need be apprehended. I should rather suspect the bird in question was addicted to overfeeding, and would advise you to give him a dose of six drops of syrup of buckthorn and syrup of rhubarb twice a week for a fortnight, and limit his diet in same way as the hen for a week or two. Also see whether it is troubled with sore feet, and if so bathe them in warm water in which a few crystals or permanganate of potash have been dissolved; dry gently and anoint with a little zinc ointment, or cold cream.

Clearing Cages of Redmites.

Ripley.—The details for doing this have appeared in quite a number of replies of late. There is no necessity to put anything on the birds, as red mites live about the cage, and not upon the birds, only visiting them at night to feed. Still, you may hang on a bath in which you have soaked a teaspoonful of quassia chips overnight, In each half of the water, and let the birds bathe in it as freely as they like; a few hours later transfer them to clean temporary cages. Now thoroughly overhaul infested cages, scrape all over the insides, especially in all corners, and rake out with a pin any crack or open joint, or crevice. Burn debris at once. Get, say, a small teacupful of paraffin (methylated spirit is better), and dissolve in it half-ounce of camphor, and by means of a small paint brush, thoroughly wash over the cages inside and out with this mixture, working it as deeply as possible into all cracks and joints. Put cages outdoors, in a sunny spot for preference, to dry. Give the nail or hook on which the cages hang, and the wall, too, a good dose of the fluid. If wall is papered see if paper is torn, and act accordingly. Next day, or on the second or third day, repeat the operation, and again next day stop any cracks or holes with putty and re-paint or distemper the cages inside, re-stain, if necessary, and re-varnish the outsides. When quite dry this time, the birds may be returned. A quassia bath, as above, may be given each day whilst they are in the temporary cage.

In a Bad Way.

E. S. (Ardwick).—It is impossible to say what the substance is without seeing it, but I am inclined to think it is due to an enlargement of the liver, and at the age of this bird, there is little likelihood of its making any material improvement. Try what the following will do for it, and report progress in a month, referring to this reply. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give separately three times a week about half a teaspoonful of scalded rape seed, and on two other days a small piece of bread sopped in milk, and sprinkled with maw seed. Keep cage nicely strewn with clean gritty sand, and give a little green food daily. Keep it in a comfortable place quite out of draughts and fluctuations of heat, and not on the cold side. At the same time do not keep him too warm—try to strike the happy medium, and go for fresh, pure uncontaminated air, and equable temperature, as

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being of the greatest importance. Let it bathe freely in fine mild weather in tepid water, if it does not appear to suffer from chill afterwards. Examine cage carefully, and if infested with insects follow advice to "Ripley." In the drinking water give six drops each syrup of buckthorn and syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and afterwards three drops of diluted sulphuric acid, a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give it again for another fortnight if necessary. Use a glass or china drinking vessel when giving this medicine—by no means a metal one.

Yorkshires Dying.

G. Read.—If any more die I should strongly advise you to send one for post-mortem, and meantime keep your birds in strict isolation and not introduce any fresh bird. Your diet is certainly faulty, and is probably the cause. You should not give boiled rape and hemp daily, and whilst you are colour-feeding there should be no necessity for any other soft food, such as bread and milk. Continue present staple seed diet. Give about a small teaspoonful of the egg-food with colour for each bird daily, and twice a week, not oftener, you may give a few grains per bird of a mixture of hemp, maw, and linseed. Give a little green food daily, but until this illness has passed off use only such things as half-ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's-purse, or seedy sprays of chickweed. Stop the fruit and boiled carrot for the present. See all food and water vessels, and cages and perches, are scrupulously clean. Keep birds in a comfortable temperature, quite out of reach of draughts and chills. See all food and water are clean and free from contamination. In the drinking water give six drops each syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn each day for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, and on the alternate days in the latter period give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, continuing the latter for a week. If you cannot get these things easily you may substitute for the buckthorn and rhubarb a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice, and for the second medicine you may try as a substitute six drops each of malt extract and meat juice and ten drops of port wine. Sorry cannot give addresses. Perhaps the directory in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL would help you.

Crested Hen Unwell, etc.

G.M.D.—It is likely the chief trouble is constipation, though she may also be feeling the strain of moulting. It is unfortunate she does not seem to care about "sop." Try following method of preparing it, if your method does not already coincide with it; prepared in this way, I find the vast majority of Canaries quite partial to it. Put, say, two tablespoonfuls of stale bread crumbs into a cup, add a teaspoonful of soft sugar, or castor sugar (crystallised is not so suitable), and pour over it just enough boiling milk to saturate it. Stir well, allow to stand until cold, then drain off as much of the surplus fluid as possible, by pouring it on a piece of butter muslin loosely suspended over a cup, and allowing it to remain until the moisture has ceased dropping through. Put the sop in another cup, keep in a cool place, and it will be quite fit for use for several days. When giving it, put the required quantity in the egg drawer or a finger drawer, and sprinkle a little maw seed on top of it. Concerning the Crest, continue your present staple of Canary and rape, but drop all other seeds and foods for a week, and give instead a small teaspoonful of milk "sop," as above, every second day, and on the alternate days a little green-food, varying the groundsel heads with watercress, chickweed, and plantain stalks. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and after this give fifteen drops of port wine and six of malt extract daily for a week, or until the symptoms are quite removed. After a week go back to your usual dietary, but only give the seed mixture twice a week, and a little egg or sop—one or the other, but not both—three times a week. Keep her in a bright, well-lit portion of the room, but be careful to avoid draughts, or great fluctuations of temperature.

Brevities.

Hoarseness (Mah.).—This is probably simply the effect of the bird's moulting. See it is not exposed to any draughts, and give a few drops glycerine and Chemical Food, say ten of each, in the water for a few days, and every second day for a week give a small piece of bread scalded in milk, pressed nearly dry, three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. A mealworm a day would be useful, though the above will doubtless be sufficient to set matters right in a few days.

Letter of Thanks (A Novice).—Glad to know advice was appreciated. It is always a pleasure to assist. The extra details you give of the outdoor aviary show a pretty good general management. The only thing you seem to require to complete the efficiency of the ventilation is a few one-inch holes near the highest point of the roof to act as exits for the heated and foul air. These should be covered with a sliding shutter to regulate the size to suit prevailing conditions of weather. The covers you contemplate using (over the wire gauge ventilators, are quite correct, and very useful adjuncts, especially if you make the front portion to work on hinges at bottom edge, so that it can be closed over the gauze opening like a flap, if it is deemed desirable to do so.

Stopped Singing (M. L. Johansen).—It is quite natural for it to stop singing when beginning to moult. This is the usual order of things. All you need do as long as the bird seems tolerably bright and well, is to see it is not exposed to any draughts or chills, and to keep it in a comfortable place; see it is not festered by red mites in its cage, and feed it as frequently advised for song birds. Given these simple precautions the bird will probably get through its moult before the end of October, and may be in full song again soon afterwards. You may give a little egg or biscuit food twice a week; and twenty-drop doses of chemical food in the drinking water three times a week would help it, but is not essential unless the bird seems to get run down. Do not be disappointed if it does not commence to sing right away. Some specimens begin much sooner after the moult than others, and some will not recommence until getting towards spring.

A Brace of Posers (Storm Petrol).—(1) I have no doubt that by running a cock with two hens, and all going well, it is quite "possible" for the cock to put each hen to nest three times in the season. But things that are quite "possible" are not always the most "probable," and this is one of them. If all does go well you should manage it. Only the actual experiment can tell. As regards the cock, which you seem to overlook, I should say it was not at all advisable to take six nests from one, in one season, and should only be attempted with strong, healthy, and vigorous birds. (2) I have never tried to rear the young from the nest upon equal parts of Indian meal and bread crumbs, so cannot speak from practical experience. Theoretically, it should be possible, but the parents would have to be reckoned with first, and the food prepared so that they would take it freely and with relish. Try the Indian maize if you like, but only with one or two pairs the first year.

Growth Near Eye (P.C.).—If the growth is soft and appears to contain fluid or pus, bathe it in fairly warm water for a minute or two, then prick it with a clean needle and gently press out the contents, dry carefully, and anoint place with a little carbolised vaseline each day for a few days afterwards. If the swelling is firm to the touch it is probably a tumour, and I would not advise you to attempt any interference. If the bird is valuable you might ask your medical man or a veterinary surgeon to remove it. Otherwise try painting it once a week for a month with tincture of iodine, using a small feather, such as a bird's wing or tail feather. If that does not cause its absorption you had better leave it alone. See the diet is correct, as frequently advised here, and give a fairly liberal supply of green food, or, failing that, add a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice to its drinking water occasionally to keep bowels freely open.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Moulting a Goldfinch.

Chorister.—It is not in any way necessary to moult an exhibition Goldfinch in a dark place; quite the contrary, in fact. A sun bath is valuable at the end of the moult; when the blaze is "coming up" in colour. The cage you mention is too small; he should have room to exercise his wings. As regards the treatment, if you are colour feeding (it is not really necessary) I have dealt very fully with this recently. The sweet (tasteless) pepper should be well mixed amongst their seed, the latter being cracked if necessary; or make a mixture daily of colour food (soft food) and cracked seed, and let him eat this. Let the stock food be good, sound teazle seed three parts, Canary and linseed one part each. In a separate dish give a teaspoonful of good old hemp seed one day, and a dessert-spoonful of cracked sunflower seed the next day, with a good pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. Don't give hemp freely until the moult is drawing to a close. Above all, however, the bird must have a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. Many like a tiny white mealworm (just cast its skin) or two now and again. He should have provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important. Failing this he must be sprayed on all suitable days; but spraying is at best but a poor substitute for a bath taken of the bird's own free will.

Nightingale Matters.

Anxious.—The book which deals with the Nightingale is Part II. of the "British Bird Manual" (post free 1/1 from the office of CAGE BIRDS). The cage you have now obtained should be suitable. Special Nightingale cages are sold by many of the cage-makers advertising in our columns. The food also ought to suit the bird. Remember that it is well to offer variety now and again; also that mealworms should mainly be reserved for winter use, when other live foods (such as wasp grub, small well scoured gentles, live ants 'eggs, etc.) are unobtainable. Six mealworms per day are doubtless enough; more must be given if the bird is not freely eating the soft food. You might extract three broken feathers from each side of the tail without harming the bird; handling, however, is not conducive to steadying them. Nightingales will certainly sing during the winter in captivity. You need have no fear of the notes of the Song Thrush "spoiling" those of the 'Gale.

A Lengthy List.

Bermon.—I am not in love with aviaries erected on top of fowl runs. Fowls are very liable to the attentions of parasites, and the latter can hardly be expected to leave the smaller birds alone. I have had several cases brought to my notice of bad plumage and bald patches amongst birds kept in close proximity to fowls. I think the latter supplied the cause. The size of the proposed aviaries is pretty good, and no doubt the birds would winter alright in them if in a sheltered position; (2) As regards Blackbirds and Thrushes agreeing together, see another reply given this week; (3) You would get song from the birds, certainly, but possibly not so much of it as you would were they caged singly; (4) You do not describe these spots well enough to help me. A white spot in the eye itself usually indicates total blindness. Could you not give a rough sketch of the position of the spots, and say whether there is any running or matter? Bathing with a warm weak solution of Condy's Fluid could do no harm, and would be likely to cure any running; (5) To get wasp grub, one has to take a wasps' nest. You can buy "wasp cake" (which contains the grubs) from many advertisers using our Food advertisement columns.

Sex of Young Blackcap Warblers.

Durham.—It certainly seems odd that of the nest of five Blackcaps (hand-reared), all the youngsters should moult out with brown caps. Still, I should venture the opinion that all are hens. The matter of when the young males attain the full black cap is to some extent in dispute. All that I have ever hand-reared, or bad in nestling plumage, have certainly come into their ebony polls at the autumn moult; and I notice that Mr. Teschemaker, who has bred them recently in his aviaries, records the same thing. Dr. Sharpe mentions cases of a "blackish head" (i.e., the black cap obscured by brown margins to the feathers) "worn through the first winter," and the full black cap assumed at the following spring moult (Naumann declares, by a partial change of feathers). Dr. Sharpe adds,

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however, that this is by no means the invariable method of passing from the young plumage to that of the adult. He instances cases of young birds caught when in full moult (August) which "had nearly assumed the perfect black head of the adult." Probably, therefore, it is variable. So, if the two extra fine youngsters of which you speak (or any of the others) have merely brown-edged caps on inspection, then they will be males. I feel sure that it is not correct to say the Blackcap has all males in one nest, and all females in the other. It will be in isolated instances where such happens, if at all. Birds are odd creatures, and do not act by "rule of three." For example, I have had some nests of Redstarts this season. Certain of the young males have moulted out into the full glory of spring plumage right away; others, under precisely the same conditions, have assumed the more sober usual winter garb of the male.

Brevities.

Bathing (G. P. Morgan).—All my own Mules and Hybrids have free access to the bath (in the early part of the day), whilst being moulted and colour-fed. Glad to bear former answers have proved so useful.

Management of Goldfinch (Trooper).—You cannot do better than follow the advice given "Chorister" this week. After the moult, add two parts of hemp to the stock mixture. The best general cage is that known as the "Finch stock cage" (stocked by all up-to-date cagemakers). It should be not less than 16in. long by about 8 deep by 10 or 11 high.

Names of Berries (Berries).—Some of the things you send are certainly not "berries." No. 1, fruit of the Dog Rose; 2, Privet berries in very unripe state; 3, Hardheads; 4, Elderberries; 5, one of the Plantains; 6, Persicaria. All except No. 1 excellent for Bullfinches, and the seeding kinds good for Goldies. Rowan berries (often called Mountain Asb berries) are fine for Bullies.

A Mixture (Name enclosed).—Such a question as yours is very difficult to answer. A Thrush, a Blackbird, and a Skylark might agree in a cage 5ft. by 2ft. by 2ft.; at the same time, they might not. Or they might agree in the winter and fight in the spring and summer. Much depends on the individual birds. If newly-caught (not house-moulted) and put in at the same time, they might agree very well for a period. My own Thrush (a moulted one) will not tolerate any other bird in the same cage. I certainly think it would be better to cage your birds singly.

An Aviary (W. Smith).—In my opinion a width of 2ft. is not enough for an outdoor aviary to be a success. It affords no privacy and but little shelter. Pity you can't give at least another foot. I should leave out the Siskin, for they are often very mischievous. The others should be all right. A few hen Canaries might succeed in breeding you a few Mules. A good seed mixture would be Canary, teazle, and hemp, three parts each, linseed, charlock, and summer rape, one part each. Give some sunflower now and again with the other seeds (including a wild seed mixture) in general use occasionally, for the sake of variety.

Goldie-Bullie "Gaping" (Cornwall).—I have found my own Bullie Hybrids apt to develop, during the moulting season, attacks of the "silent gaping" of which you speak. It cannot possibly be a cold, and I put it down to a "touch of the liver" brought on by the soft food (or egg food) on which they largely subsist whilst being colour-fed. "A congested state of the liver will cause panting," writes the late Dr. Greene, in one of his books; and this lamented fancier often told me the same thing. A dose or two of fluid magnesia (a small teaspoonful in a fluid ounce of water) has always put my birds to rights. A day's interval should be allowed between each dose. I give at the same time a good feed of lettuce (white) seed and maw seed.

Identity of Bird (A.B.).—Your description reads like that of a ben Redstart. If so, the bird will have a big bold eye and a habit of "flirting" its tail.

Weeds (New Readers).—You should get CAGE BIRDS book on "Seeds and Wild Plants" (post free 1/2), which gives full descriptions of them all, and is well illustrated. Or get a sample lot of these wild foods from one of the advertisers offering such in our columns (food advertisements). Hardheads look like tiny thistles, but the leaves and stem are not prickly; the bloom is purplish in colour. Knot grass is a weed (troublesome to farmers), which grows along the ground, and is very full of seed. It is a fine incentive to fluent language when one's fishing line gets on it. Shepherd's purse has heart-shaped seed-pods running up the stem, and clusters of very tiny white flowers at the top.

A Damaged Wing (J.H.B.).—If the wing was damaged by the hen, no treatment will prevent the drooping. If it is merely sore (as may be the case) then it will come right in due course. Should there be any broken quills, these must be carefully extracted. Any palpably sore-looking places must be gently anointed three or four times with a little carbolic ointment. Probably the hen wanted to go to nest again, in which case you should have provided a fresh nestpan and plenty of nesting material. If the youngster was out of the nest, it should have been separated from its mother by a wired slide (or put in a nursery cage) if she persisted in the plucking. Some hens are very cruel that way. Dark green is the best colour for the wires and inside of show cage for yellow variegated Mules.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Too Old to Talk?

Silver Grey.—No, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and whenever you go near its cage repeat some short sentence or word; fondle it at the same time, and it certainly should begin to talk before six months are over. The female has usually a dark eye, the male a light one. Young birds are of much darker plumage than the adult, being mostly blackish grey, and the eye of the young male is dark like that of its female parent. Add a little wheat, oats, and canary seed to the sunflower and hemp, and it will ultimately take to same, and it will be the better for the variety; also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit and cuttlefish; cover the sand tray with gritty sand, and if it does not overdrink leave the drinking water continually in the cage, otherwise you must let it satisfy its thirst two or three times daily.

Wintering Finches Outdoors.

Beginner.—The term "acclimatised" is used in a loose manner, and often birds which have only been in this country two or three weeks are so described; and "acclimatised" hardly applies here. It is not sufficient for a bird to have been in this country even for a considerable time; if it has been kept indoors it cannot be put out at the end of the summer and left through the winter. Birds to winter outdoors must have been outside for the greater part of the summer, and unless yours have come from some outdoor aviary, where they were for the greater part of this year, it will not be safe to put them out now. All you name, if turned out in spring, can be safely left outdoors the year round. The provision for perching is ample, but put in also two or three husks and nest boxes as shelter; the nest boxes are best in the form of a small cube with a hole about 1¼in. dia. for entrance. If your county is a northern one, it will be better to have a glazed shutter to fit over wire netting during cold nights.

Breeding Green Singing Finches.

Torquay.—Though Green Singing Finches are quite ready to nest, the young are not often reared; for one reason and another, eggs get broken and also mysteriously disappear (eaten in most cases). It is late in the year now for nesting, but these birds should bring you off a brood or two next season. I have found this species very fond of the small

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twig travelling cages Hartz Canaries come over in as nest receptacles. Hang up two or three of these under the shelter. You must remove the fittings and cut away one or two of the twigs to make an entrance hole. Supply hay and long grass as nesting material. Your diet is satisfactory, but if young are hatched out I should supply a little soft food daily while they are rearing them, also any blighty foliage you can procure. I find my Finches all appreciate ripe fruit, apple, pear, banana, etc., and it is very wholesome for them. It will do no harm to let them make the attempt to nest.

Brevities.

Fire Finches and Cordon Bleus (M.G.L.).—Once acclimatised, these can be kept outdoors providing there is a good shelter. These have bred this year in the Isle of Wight, and the young have survived the inclement season in larger numbers than those of reputed hardy species. I always make a practice of keeping small Finches under observation during the winter, and if I notice one apparently ailing and feeling the cold, I at once remove it indoors and do not turn it out again till the spring. To be quite clear, providing your aviary enables them to take flying exercise and the shelter shed is weather-proof, they will do well and should breed next season.

Breeding Budgerigars in Winter (Keeper Hill).—Leave the birds to take their own course, unless the winter should be a very mild one. It is seldom they attempt much breeding during the winter, though I have had young leave the nest in the depth of winter and all have survived. For your cage try a pair of Long-tailed Grass Finches; these are handsome and interesting birds, live on a seed diet, but, like most Finches, are the better for a little soft food when feeding young. Fresh green food should be regularly supplied, particularly seeding (grass in flower) grass. A Hartz travelling cage makes a good nesting receptacle with the fittings removed, and a couple of the bars cut away to form an entrance.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (J. Rodger).—Chronic liver disease, acute inflammation arising therefrom, in which the lungs became involved.

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GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cutting (J. L.).—Many thanks. We already have a report of the case in type.

A Suggestion (Jacko).—We thank you for the trouble taken, and will give the matter consideration. Maybe we can manage it.

A Contribution (Miss Palmer).—We are much obliged to you, and will find a corner for your contribution in an early issue.

Suggested Article (A. Chillcott).—The matter shall certainly have our consideration. The trouble is to find the person who will write such an article.

A Charge (Puzzled).—Yours is not an easy question to answer, for much depends upon the circumstances, but we should think 2/6 per week a reasonable enough charge for keeping the two Canaries over a holiday period.

Touting for Advertisements (T. A. Webster). We are content to leave it at what *you* think. Results appeal to advertisers more forcibly than words; our pages are proof of that, were any needed. Glad to know you were so successful.

A Photograph (Wilson Bros.).—Many thanks; we will try to find a corner for it in the near future.

Yorkshire Show Cage (W.Murdoch).—We should think the Yorkshire show cage is about 9in. long, 6in. wide, and 13½in. high. It is all wire at top, fixed on a wood frame about 3in. high. The woodwork inside and out must be black; the wires also.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tunbridge Wells (open to Kent, Sussex, and Surrey).—October 21st and 22nd, Sussex Assembly Rooms, Ye Pantyles.—Judge, Mr. J. North. 21 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 13th to H. G. WHIBLEY, 56, Beulah-road.

Kelty and Blairadam (Y.C.C. of Scot., Fife and Kinross N.P.C., B.F.C.C. of Scotland).—October 23rd, Co-operative Hall, Kelty. Judges, Messrs. W. Rodger, G. Hislop, A. G. Cameron, J. W. Bruce, and G. Marlin. 66 open classes: Scots 10 (2 sell.), Bord. 9 (1 sell.), Yorks. 7 (1 sell.), Crest 7 (1 sell.), Nor. 11 (1 sell), Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Gift 1, Mules 3, Brit. 13 (1 sell.), For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, medals, and many other specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 18th to J. FORD, Eldon-place.

Coventry Godiva (C.B.U.).—October 16th, Chequers Hotel, Little Park-street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 31 open classes: Nor. 6, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 3, Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Can. Pairs 1, Sell. 5, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 9th to W. H. BRAY, 12, Berry-street.

City of Glasgow (U.K.B.C.A., S.N.P.C., S.C.C., B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—October 15th and 16th, in the Drill Hall, 138, Stirling-road. Judges for Scots Fancy, Messrs. R. Findlay, A. Allerdice, W. Thornton, J. Watson, H. R. Caldwell, and J. McFarlane; for Belg., Mr. J. Kean; Nor., Messrs. G. Davidson and A. Malcolmson; Crests, etc., Mr. J. Noble; Yorks., Mr. G. Hislop; Mules, Brit., and For., Messrs. J. Brown and J. Livingstone; Bord., Messrs. G. Hislop and W. Hamilton. 91 open classes: Scots 19 (2 sell.), Belg. 5, Nor. 20 (4 novice and 2 sell.), Crest 5 (1 sell.), Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Bord. 12 (1 sell.), Mules 8, Brit. 15, For. 3. Prizes, 15/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-, cups and many specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 9th to A. MACDONALD, 279, Crow-road, Partick, Glasgow (for Scots and Belg.), and J. YOUNG, 80, High-street, Rutherglen (for the remainder).

Darlington (C. and B.B.F.A.).—October 16th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Wilcock and F. Marwood. 25 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 8, and Sell. 3, and 7 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close October 11th, to R. S. BLACK, 42, Brook-terrace.

Eastbourne.—October 20th and 21st, Floral Hall, Devonshire Park.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 27 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Gift 1, and Local Can. 1, and 3 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 7th to R. M. DALY, 120, Whitley-road.

Folkestone (K.C.B.A.).—October 20th and 21st, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Cardner. 21 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Bord. 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/9. Entries close October 9th to J. W. GAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton-road.

Treharris (C.B.U., W.C.B.C.).—October 28th. Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. L. Harber. 16 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Bord. 2, Scot 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close October 21st to W. J. DAVIES., 6, Edward-st.

Kirkcudbright.—October 21st.—Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Hannay. 23 open classes: Scots 2, Bord. 6, Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close October 14th to W. R. CRUICKSHANK, Daar Lodge.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 2.—**Selkirk.**—J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace.
Oct. 2.—**Caterham.**—J. Kilby, Caterham Valley.
Oct. 2.—**Exeter and Devon.**—W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street.
Oct. 4.—**Accrington.**—J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle.
Oct. 4.—**Broughty Ferry.**—R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.
Oct. 5.—**Queensbury.**—W. Jagger, 6, California, Mountain, Queensbury.
Oct. 5.—**Leamington Spa.**—F. T. Pritchard.
Oct. 6.—**Alnwick.**—W. A. Broadley, 45, King Street.
Oct. 7.—**Admiral Duncan.**—W. Healey, 37, Victoria Buildings, Bath Street, Nottingham.
Oct. 7.—**Eastbourne.**—R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road.
Oct. 7.—**Southall.**—T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Road.
Oct. 7.—**Dulwich.**—Woolhouse and Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstans Road, E. Dulwich.
Oct. 8.—**Folkestone.**—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton Road.
Oct. 9.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
Oct. 9.—**Coventry Godiva.**—W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street.
Oct. 9.—**Glasgow (City of).**—J. Young, 80, High Street, Rutherglen.
Oct. 9.—**Cannock.**—H. W. Briggs, Walsall Road.
Oct. 9.—**Morpeth.**—E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 4.—**(1st post) Peterboro'.**—S. L. Cocks, "Eastfield."

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Arbroath Scotch F.C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8.—J. S. Napier.

Ardwick C.B.S. Oct. 5, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. Annual show business; something startling for all.—J. Spencer.

Accrington C.B.S.—Oct. 4, 8. Entries close.—J. W. Philpott.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road, 8. First of a series of six table shows. Judges, Yorkshires, Mr. T. Brennan; Norwich, Mr. W. Wilkinson; Borders, Mr. T. Harrison; British, Mr. D. White; fanciers welcome.—T. Harrison.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.45. Table show. Judges, Messrs. J. Mellor and S. Marlor.—H. Foden.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Oct. 6, 8. Last meeting before show. Regulations for show; members' subscriptions now due.—J. C. Bell.

Battersea C.B.A.—Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Final arrangements for open show.—Easterling and Allen. (*No date given.*—ED.)

Bristol C.B.S.—Oct. 6, headquarters. Final list of specials for schedule will be read.—W. H. Manley.

Bolton O.S.—Oct. 4, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8.—H. Parkinson.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean on "Faults we don't want in a Yorkshire," also other important business; fanciers and friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Show business.—Elliott and Wood.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Oct. 6, Jolly Gardeners, 8. Closing of entry for young stock show.—A. Lupton.

City and County of Perth.—Oct. 4, City Cafe, North Methven Street, 8. Arrangements for open show, Oct. 22.—J. Kerr.

Clapham C.B.A.—Oct. 4, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. To allot specials for open show, Oct. 27 and 28. Look to Rule 11.—A. C. Askew.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Oct. 5, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Consider C.B.U. scheme of insurance, important, correspondence from Mr. S. Birchley re proposed lecture, and other business.—J. Swindley.

Crook Original.—Oct. 6, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7.—Bird and Siddle.

City of Dundee C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Doig's Rooms, 8. Club show business.—A. Miller.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 6, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Schedule, boys' bird drawing competition, etc.—G. Peters.

Crewe O.S.—Oct. 5, Burton Hotel, 8. Important show business, honorary members' subscriptions, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

City of Birmingham. — Oct. 6, Crown, Station Street, 8.30. Arrangements for limelight lecture and open show schedule.—J. H. de Maillet.

City of Wakefield.—Oct. 2, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8.—Parker and Parkes.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Church Hall, 6.30. Special prizes, etc.—J. Brown.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Arranging for next show.—J. Holroyd.

Dulwich and Peckham.—Oct. 7, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Lecture on the Crested Canary, by Mr. J. S. Clarke; shall be pleased to welcome fanciers.—W. Hodson.

East Ham F.S.—Oct. 4, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street. Prize money for young stock show to be paid out. Arrangements for annual show, and G.U.M.S.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh Western.—Oct. 7, Riego Street Hall, 8.—R. Lile.

Eccleshill B.F.A.—Oct. 6, Fountain Inn, 8. Arrangements for open show.—T. Elsegood.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Oct. 4, Gardener's Hall, Abbey Mount, 8.—G. R. Smith.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. To consider place for open show, specials, etc.—R. Binks.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Cotter, Towngate, 8. Members' show.—J. Wilson.

Grangemouth O.S.—Oct. 4, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Special business for forthcoming show.—G. Smith.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S. — Oct. 1, White Lion Hotel, 6.30. Smoker, to commence at 7.30. Passing of classes, etc., smoker and lecture by Mr. A. Brown.—D. Hann.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 2, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule for old show, Dec. 17 and 18.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Y.M.C.A., 8. Open show arrangements, and other business.—J. W. Papple.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 4, Northumberland Street School, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. H. Mallinson.—R. Greensmith.

Hull C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Specials, open show, and washing exhibition, by Mr. Geo. Harland.—E. R. Ridley.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. — Oct. 5, Cricket Players, 8. Show business.—W. Cottingham.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Oct. 7, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Mr. F. Greenwood's exhibition in washing and preparing birds for show.—W. Parratt.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Oct. 5, 4, Cranbrook Road, 8. General meeting, election of stewards, for young stock show, and other important business. — A. Webb.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Mason's Arms, 7. Final arrangements for show, members please have entries ready.—W. B. Smart.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 2, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Show and other business.—T. W. Walton.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Oct. 2, Boar's Head Hotel, Stockport, 6.30. General business, show patronage; important.—J. Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 9, Miners' Hall, 7. All intending to exhibit at annual show must be joined by this date.—J. Pollock.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Church Hall, late Infants' School, 7.30. Show and other business; fanciers invited.—J. A. Turnbull.

Lewisham C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Rockbuck Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Easterling, on the Yorkshire Canary; fanciers heartily welcome.—G. H. Phillips.

Leith O.S.—Oct. 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Final arrangements for show; members should be clear on books.—G. Brown.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Co-op. Guildroom, 7.30. Important show business.—A. Wigginton.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper discussion.—P. Hart.

Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. H. Woof. Fanciers cordially invited.—J. Chambers.

Leyton C.B.A.—Oct. 4, headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition; all fanciers welcome.—B. F. Forse.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand. Oct. 5, White Swan, Market Place, 8. Clearance night.—J. E. Wood.

Morriston C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Forward Movement, Minor Hall, 7.30. To make final arrangements for annual show.—W. H. Lewis.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. — Oct. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Important show business, specials, etc.—E. H. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A. — Oct. 2, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Open show business.—W. Holroyd.

Middlesbrough C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting.—A. Wake.

Nottingham and Notts. Oct. 6, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Open show business. Curry and Hutchinson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Bull Hotel, 8. Show arrangements, specials, and arrangements for lecture "Birds of the Countryside," by Mr. S. W. Birchley.—J. England.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Oct. 4, headquarters, 8. Schedule for old bird show, Nov. 27; Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), judge.—H. Tiffen.

Pendlebury, Swinton C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Mr. Wallwork's shop, 8. Show business.—A. Donelly.

Preston O.S.—Oct. 7, the last meeting before show.—R. Taylor.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Oct. 6, Temperance Club, 8. Show schedule, and other important business.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 2, Club, 8.30. Town hall meeting, allotting of specials.—J. Butterworth.

Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.S.—Oct. 2, Buchannan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 7.30. Financial statement. Election of office bearers, etc.—J. R. Meikle.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. All specials for open show, and all members' subs. to be in, and other show business.—J. W. Lowes.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Vicarage, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Harry E. Wilkinson.—H. Wilkinson.

Stonehouse C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Public Hall, 7 p.m. Intending members invited.—J. Govan.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Commercial Hotel, 8. Table show, two classes; entries taken up to 8.30. Judge, Mr. T. Smith (Cleckheaton).—J. Lewis.

Sale Open.—Oct. 4, Technical School, 8. Open show business. Passing of rules, and other important business.—J. Irlam.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 5, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for open show.—H. Martin.

Uddingston O.S. — Oct. 9, Reading Rooms, 7. Selecting of judges; intending members invited to attend; yearly subscriptions due.— J. Kilpatrick.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Dawson (Gt. Horton).—E. W. Johnson.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Oct. 4, 6, Broadway, 8. Arrangements for annual show, judging competition, Yorkshires.—H. Smith.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Oct. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—E. Broadley.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Fixing up schedule, etc.—J. Gibbons.

West of Scotland.—Oct. 2, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Exhibition of cage-making, by Mr. Lennie; young fanciers invited.—G. Smart.

Wath C.B.A.—Oct. 3, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. Fixing date of show, etc.—H. A. Watson.

West London F.A.—Oct. 7, Bush Hotel, 8. Annual show, schedule.—J. Dewhurst.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Oct. 7, headquarters, 8. Lecture on our British Bunting, by Mr. Wm. Mallinson.—W. Mallinson.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne.—Oct. 7, Station Hotel, 7.15. Annual show business, printing of specials in schedules; all subscription sheets to be brought in.—Richardson and Greenwell.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held September 25th, when some very good classical singing was heard before a crowded house, 17 birds singing. Mr. Soloman's bird, "the Derby winner," as it is called, was beaten by Mr. S. Hardcastle's "Chivey." Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Soloman; 3, Stead. Also on September 26th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, and resulted in a win for Mr. Wigfield's birds, Mr. C. Lorriman 2nd, and Mr. Martin 3rd. There was a good entry, and some good quality singing was heard. We had a debate *re* North v. South, and it was proposed to have a meeting on October 3rd at 8 p.m. on the subject. Will be pleased to see fanciers. Judges, Messrs. J. Clark and A. Lorriman.—J. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Kindly notify secretaries of my change of address from Lumsden Street, to 21, York Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, writes Mr. E. Freeman.

Owing to delay at the printer's we are unable to send out Hanley Show schedules until this week-end, writes Mr. Peake, the secretary.

All schedules have been sent out, writes Mr. E Cowling, hon. sec. of the Morpeth Show. Anyone overlooked should apply for one at once.

The Blackburn Quality Linnet Club has commenced, write Messrs. T. Slater and G. Rostron, secretaries, and we shall welcome old and new members.

Will exhibitors kindly note, writes Mr. W. Howe, hon. secretary of the Wellingboro' C.B.S., that through our not being able to arrange with the C.B.U. for a suitable date, the society have had to abandon their open show. We hope, however, to meet all old friends and make new ones next season.

We have been favoured by Mr. W. Rudd (Norwich) with a perusal of the remarkable testimonial (in the original envelope) to the efficacy of his "Asthmarine," which was sent him by Miss K. Downes (of Bath), and which is printed in Mr. Rudd's advertisement this week.

Owing to business engagements Mr. W. Sowden has been compelled to resign the post of assistant secretary to our society, writes Mr. H. Martin, hon. secretary of the Shipley O.S., but I am glad to say that we have been most fortunate in securing the services in his place of Mr. J. Robinson, who is a real worker. This friend will manage our winter members' shows and without doubt he will make them a success.

Correspondence.

The Larne & District Cage Bird Association.

SIR,—Many thanks for the report you published of the preliminary meeting of this new society. We had a committee meeting on Thursday, September 23, when it was arranged to have a two-days' show on January 20 and 21. We have made eleven new members. We hope to decide on our judge next week.

WM. GEDDIS, Hon. Sec.

The Giant Whydah.

SIR,—In Mr. Finn's article on the Giant Whydah, he says that observers agree that the said bird is easily captured in wet weather. Now, from personal observation I noticed that the Giant Whydah cast its long tail during the rainy season, August to October. I have seen the Kaffir boys catch them with the limed strings. They call it the king bird, as it is followed about by two small birds constantly. I wish success to "C.B." W. S. ROY.

The Dreaded Septic Fever.

SIR,—I was very interested in the letter signed "Not Disheartened" under the heading "The Dreaded Septic Fever." Cannot something be done by your readers to help your correspondent to start afresh next season? He is evidently a good tryer, and should be encouraged by other fanciers. I am willing to send him one bird (an early hatched 1909 Norwich hen), and if a few more fanciers will do similarly, it will show him that Canary breeders are practical as well as sorry. G. F. NEVE.

The Crystal Palace Annual Show.

Tong and District C.B.S. Start a "Visitors' Club."

SIR,—At our last meeting a motion was brought forward with reference to the Crystal Palace Show in February. It was unanimously decided to form a money club for all members and friends, each to pay 6d. per week until the end of January to enable us to visit the show. Eleven have joined up to now, and we are looking forward to many more when the idea becomes more widely known. I shall be pleased to receive the names of anyone wishing to join, and I invite all interested to come and join us and let us have a good number to make the journey up to the Crystal Palace for the great show.

J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

An Eleven-year-old Greenfinch that Sings.

SIR,—Reading in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS of a correspondent keeping a Greenfinch for nine years, I thought your readers might be interested to hear about my old Greenfinch, "Pippin." I bought him (quite a wild bird) of a dealer in November of 1898, judging him by his appearance to have been hatched in the Spring preceding; so that would make him eleven years old this past summer, and he is now as well as ever, and sings and warbles nicely, despite the oft repeated assertion (which in his case is quite incorrect), that Greenfinches cannot sing. He has been kept in a large cage in a light, airy kitchen. All his summer days, from June to October, he spends out of doors, coming in again at night. His staple food all these years has been German rape only. Canary he cares little for. For extras he has plenty of sunflower, bread (of which he is very fond), apple (especially the pips, which gained him his name), hard crusts (to nibble), and occasionally plaintain, dandelion, flowering grass, etc., and a little mould from the garden to pick over now and again (which amuses him); also when my foreigners have discarded their millet sprays, he has them to finish off, and sometimes he gets a little piece of mutton fat. In conclusion, I must add that he is now a fine, noble-looking fellow, tame enough to eat from the hand, and unless some unforeseen accident occurs appears likely to live for a long time yet.

E. B. J.

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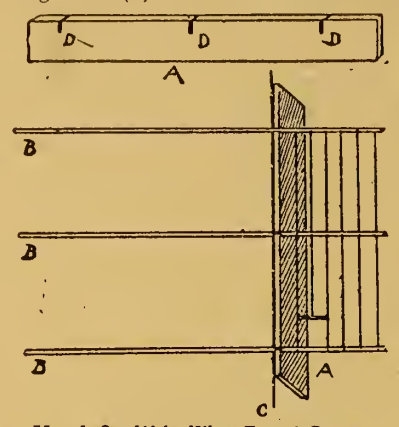
A Goldfinch Mule's Daily Holiday.

SIR,—I thought I would let you know the following. Whilst in the garden of a friend of mine at Hockley, Essex, on a recent Sunday, I noticed that his young son had a small cage hanging up with the door of it open, and there was no sign of any bird. On coming back after tea I called the youngster's attention to the empty cage, and I was surprised to hear that the bird (a hen Goldfinch mule), belonging to the cage, was out in the woods somewhere, but would come back shortly. And it seems he has been in the habit of letting the bird out for a fly daily for some weeks past. Shortly after, and while we were in the garden, I saw the bird come back; it flew straight into the cage, and commenced feeding as if nothing had happened, and it took no notice of us.

THOS. JONAS.

Making Moveable Wire Fronts.

SIR,—To make a cage front, 18 ins. by 12 ins., take a piece of wood (See A) and saw three slots in it (See D). The outside slots should be 12 ins. apart. Thread a long piece of cage-wire (C) in the third hole of each



Mr. J. Smith's Wire Front Gauge.

crossbar (B), put the bars in the slots cut in the wood, and push the wire straight to wood. Thread the first wire in (having previously cut it to the correct size), and solder it. Now move the long wire and the wood to about the sixth hole in the crossbars, and so on until the job is finished, not forgetting to make drinking and seed holes. J. SMITH.

(Further letters on this subject will be published next week.)

My Baby Hawfinch.

Notes on the Management of Hawfinches

SIR,—One of the most interesting pets one can have in the way of British Hardbills is a hand-reared Hawfinch. If not quite the equal of the Bullfinch (another tame pet), he runs that bird a good second for tameness, quaintness and interest. Now, my young Hawfinch, although only a nestling this year, has already moulted out into splendid condition. He will let me stroke him, take hold of him, feed him from my fingers and does not mind taking hold of one of my fingers and trying the strength of his powerful bill on it. I have kept Hawfinches on and off since I was a schoolboy, and the second bird I ever had was a beautiful hand-reared cock Hawfinch. He still lives in my mind, and I never saw another like him until the Crystal Palace Show of 1907, where in the Hawfinch class standing fourth was a bird like the one I kept when a "nipper." The owner of it was Mr A. Howe. The only other Hawfinch I have seen since, that looked like my old bird, was one belonging to Mr. George Potter, of Broseley, Shropshire. This bird the owner most kindly let me have, and it has already this year won me five first prizes and three seconds, and I have never heard a Hawfinch sing like this one does, although my young one has commenced to sing very well. A good number of people who are acquainted with birds, and seem to know a lot in their way, are very ignorant as regards the Hawfinch, and you hear such remarks as "gone in flights," "damaged tail," etc. Now, no other British bird, and only one foreign bird has wings like a Hawfinch's. The feathers in the wings, except the four end ones, are just as if someone had clipped them short. A habit peculiar to the Hawfinch when it is at rest during the day, is to sit with its wings drooping, just as other birds do; when ill, its tail also appears to be really too short for the size of its body; this, no doubt, is the cause of the curious flight that it makes when flying. For a number of years I have had the chance of studying the Hawfinch in its native haunts in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, and Shropshire. Every Hawfinch's nest I have yet known was within the vicinity of water, and this year I have caught Hawfinches in spring net and wire cage traps that were set on mud near a small pool of water. The young of this species when in nest plumage have not the bib and the eye marks of the adult bird, and their breasts are speckled. The length of the bill of the adult bird is seven-eighths of an inch and one inch and a-half round, while in the young bird the bill measures six-eighths of an inch. The cock bird is much richer in colour than the hen, although I have seen him so poor in colour that he might have been taken for a hen. The largest number of Hawfinches I have seen flying together has been eleven, but mostly they are seen in twos and threes, and singly. I have never seen more than four young in a nest, and a nest of youngsters reared this summer by a friend of mine, Mr. H. Salter, contained three. To see the male Hawfinch making love to his lady is a sight not to be forgotten, and one that is not equalled by the love-making of many of our foreign birds. Hybrids will be bred by this most beautiful bird, I believe, in time. My father, Mr. W. Bell, of Edwinstowe, Newark, Notts, managed one summer to get a fertile egg from a hand-reared male Hawfinch and a hen Bullfinch. I do not know, however, whether the Bullfinch was hand-reared or wild-caught. Mr. Cutmore, in the most interesting article he gave in CAGE BIRDS some time ago [This article appeared in our issue of October 31, 1908, and November 14, 1908.—EDITOR] on the Hawfinch as a cage pet, stated that he had never had a Hawfinch that would crack a cherry stone. Now, my old bird will soon perform that operation if given the chance. And the Hawfinch in its wild state feeds a lot on the kernels found inside wild cherry stones. The most natural picture of a Hawfinch I have ever seen in any paper or book was that beautiful plate given in CAGE BIRDS a few months ago.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

How to Use Long Clap Nets.

SIR,—I am very sorry that "Querist," in your issue of September 18, could not understand the working of the bridle gear on the sketch I sent. G staff is a plain piece of hard wood two inches round and twelve inches long with a small hole through one and a-half inches from the top. Drive this into the ground level with the pole, and then open the net. Get a good strong cord and fasten it to the pole top; pass the cord through the hole and make it fast (not to slide). Then fasten the other end of the pole top and fasten your pull line arms in the centre of the cord between G Staff and pole top; make them tight so they will not slip.

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Robbie Burns Not Guilty!

SIR,—Mr. Hawes is to be congratulated on his recent performance at the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. His lecture is really very instructive and interesting, and his style racy. He may be all very well on "Dickies," however, but when he meddles with Burns he burns his fingers. There is no need for him to follow the other singer (not Burns either) in saying: "Far awa' to Bonnie Scotland, has my fancy ta'en its flight." Mr. Hawes may be an adept at stopping the soaring of a Sparrow Hawk, but when he attempts to soar into the realms of poetry, he should be careful, as he will soon "come a cropper" like other aviators. It may interest him and others to know that the Poet Cowper wrote in the middle of the century before last, "England, with all thy faults I love thee still, my country." I hope everyone, whether socialist or tariff reformer, can still re-echo these sentiments. SCOT.

"That Delightful Pet, the Skylark."

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Tailby's very courteous reply to my letter on "A Skylark that sings every day" (which you kindly published in the September 18th issue of "The Fanciers' Encyclopædia," I mean CAGE BIRDS), I am pleased to say it will give me the greatest pleasure to illustrate my favourite pattern of Lark cage for the benefit of Mr. Tailby and the Lark fancy in general. I will also go so far as to have a photograph of my bird and cage taken at an early date. I will also go more into the feeding subject, and should be highly pleased if you could spare a corner in your valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS, for same. I am not a cage manufacturer, and would beg of you to make it quite clear that I do not make cages for sale May CAGE BIRDS continue long to prosper, as I find it a splendid medium to enable fanciers to get into touch with each other. Having the Fancy at heart, anything I can do to make the Skylark's lot a happy one will be done by me, and that right manfully. E. N. SMITH.

[We shall be pleased to reproduce a sketch or photograph of Mr. Smith's Lark cage, and to publish particulars, as he suggests, of his method of feeding Skylarks.—EDITOR "C.B."]

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Moorhens Feast on Plums.

SIR,—A most unusual sight of Moorhens feeding on ripe plums was to be witnessed on the canal here (Stratford-on-Avon) during the week ended September 25. The tree is growing in a garden belonging to an old lady who lives in the cottage on the bank of the canal, the cottage being situated in a very quiet corner just before the canal empties itself into the Avon. The Moorhens are not satisfied with the lower branches, but get right on to the top of the tree on the outside branches, and peck away at the ripe plums. I made a visit to the place one morning just after six o'clock. There were then four Moorhens in the tree "stocking" away, and four more swimming in the water. There was also a Swan. They all appear very tame. The old lady, I suppose, feeds them every day. The place is one where barge boats used years ago to be built, and is never without its Moorhens. I noticed they were not very good perchers, for they appeared to slip down the

CHAS. BURROWS.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—If Mr. Barnard's Linnets have "the best song it is possible to get," he must have the best Linnets in the world. The Northern style (so says Mr. Barnard) is no good, and the birds are "only used for catching in the South." And he has said he could write down any Linnet song. Perhaps he would write down the following notes, viz.: Whinny titter, jingle titter, running chatter, rolling chatter, chattering ree, whistling pee, poing pee, filly whinny, huffing whinny, laughing whinny, Woodlark woodle, and Cuckoo pether. If he does not recognise them by those names, will he please give the song of "those they only use for catching in the South." Then Northern fanciers will know if there is any truth in this assertion. Mr. Rostron did not name all the Northern quality song, by any means. Mr. Barnard has sneered long enough at the Northern song; we will soon see if he knows anything about it. I am sure all Northern fanciers will be delighted to hear the song of "those they only use for catching in the South." F. G. M.

The Feeding and Management of a Stock of Canaries.

SIR,—It is four years since I first started breeding Canaries, and I thank CAGE BIRDS for the success I have had. I first bought two pairs, and kept them in breeding cages in our kitchen. From these I bred eleven young ones. Having what I thought good results, and liking the hobby very much, I thought I would go in for breeding on a larger scale. So I visited a fancier I knew, and had an idea of building a bird house. Seeing his, I took a pattern from it and built one like it. The material I used was inch match boarding for the outside. The house was lined with ¼in. match-boarding on the inside, and had a galvanised iron roof, this being boarded first. But I was like a good many beginners—too anxious, and taking my birds out of their warm room, I put them into my outdoor aviary too soon, with the result that they all went into the moult. From the four pairs I only got five young ones. Last year (my third) I had one cock bird and three hens in my flight. I ran one cock with two hens in cages. From these I bred 52 young ones, and succeeded in rearing them all. This season I paired up the same number of birds, and I have 31 young ones. Although this is not so many as I had last year, I have only lost four, and those through their falling out of their nests. In regard to feeding; I give my birds mixed seeds in the winter—three parts Spanish Canary seed, one part hemp, and one part rape. If the weather is very cold I give them more hemp (I never used any heat whatever). About a fortnight before I pair my birds up I give them egg food every other day, and some dandelion leaves every day. After the hens have gone to nest, and are sitting, I give only plain Canary seed. I have never been troubled with cases of egg-binding. When I think my hens are about to lay, I put a few drops of glycerine in their drinking water, and give them a little inga seed, and a liberal supply of green food. When young ones come I give egg and bread four times a day—5 o'clock a.m., 8.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., and at 6.30 p.m.—still keeping plain Canary seed as the staple diet. I give them as much hemp as they will eat. For green food, I use nothing but young lettuce plants, for which I always sow seeds at the back of my bird shed. When taking my young ones away from their parents, in order that they may do for themselves, I always feed them on egg food and crushed hemp, gradually reducing the quantity of egg food, so that by the time they are six weeks old, they are well on to hard seed. But I still give them about a teaspoonful each of egg food, and the same quantity of crushed hemp until they are through their moult. I never use colour food, because I prefer to see them in their natural colour. I do not remember ever losing a bird during the moult; in fact, it is very rarely I have one die at all.

R. DALLEY.

The Future of the Crested Canary.

The C.C.C. New Scheme of Guarantee and Classification.

SIR,—Our late hon. sec., Mr. Tyson, issued an invitation to the committee and members to try and formulate some scheme for the benefit of the C.C.C. Being a member of committee, I thought it my duty to help with my humble efforts to that purpose, with no private aims, as "Bird of Freedom" so kindly suggests. Being an exhibitor, I had noticed the Crest and Crest-bred Canaries becoming more and more unpopular, to my mind not through lack of breeders and exhibitors, but lack of classes to show the different varieties in. I was receiving schedules of coming shows, and ten schedules out of twelve only offered two classes for the Crested variety, viz., Any variety of Crest, and A.V. of Crest-bred. Now, there are many reasons why these two classes are not strong in entries, consequently giving committees little encouragement to extend the classification. One reason is that exhibitors with first-class exhibits will not send their best specimens into a mixed competition; another reason: an exhibitor might have two birds which could win in these two classes, but an exhibitor who makes a regular practice of sending to shows does not, as a rule, provide himself with a travelling box to hold two cages only, but four, six, or eight. Here is another very important reason: the first prize, if he wins it, would not cover entry fees and travelling expenses for any travelling case which keeps birds secure from knocking about, consequently he will not give a schedule a second look with only one or two classes. It is not worth the bother. I could give other reasons, but think two enough. Now, to induce committees who have had poor results with two classes to increase the classification to eight sounds almost impossible, let alone the full classification of 15. They would say at once they could not afford to risk it—they would sooner cut the variety out of their schedules—and this is what many have already done. To solve this difficult problem was my object. Knowing there are more winning birds kept at home than are shown (for want of classes), consequently feeling sure that given proper classification the classes would fill, I took the catalogues of five shows giving the largest open classification and worked out the profit and loss on the Crest and Crest-Bred sections, taking into consideration half prize money for under eight entries, with the following results for 1908 shows: Cheltenham, 10 classes (half prize money in three), loss 14s. 6d., average loss per class, 1s. 5½d. Nottingham, 13 classes (half money in one), loss 28s. 3d., average 2s. 1½d. Norwich, 9 classes (half money in one), loss 51s. 4½d., average 5s. 8½d. L.C.B.A., 11 classes (half money in four) loss 12s., average 1s. 1d. Gateshead, 11 open classes, taking entry fee all round at 1s. 6d., loss 17s.; average loss per class, 1s. 7d. (no half prize money). Total, 54 classes, combined loss 123s.; average loss per class, 2s. 3½d. Now, as you will see, the guarantee scheme is worked out from the above particulars, bearing in mind that all breeders have in their rooms to breed from both Crested and Crest-bred, Yellows and Buffs, cocks and hens. If a good, or as some would call it, a sporting fancier, and believing in his own judgment, he naturally thinks his birds would stand a chance, in other words, win, if shown in their own class. There are hundreds of breeders in the country who have the birds at hand ready to show (given the classes); but how many have a clear body Crest bred with a dark cap good enough for exhibition? I question if there are enough to fill a class in the whole of Britain, and I think it is these side lights, or oddments, which kill classification and competition, consequently the giving of a good plain classification for birds which all breeders must possess before they can breed this variety for exhibition is the way to fill classes. So I submitted the following classification and scheme of guarantees, which was unanimously adopted at the last annual meeting of the Crested Canary Club:—

To induce show committees to give the classification of the Crested C.C., the C.C.C. are open to guarantee the section against loss upon payment of the fee not later than one week before the issue of schedules to the Fancy. The classification adopted by the C.C.C. is 15 classes (which is not necessarily the maximum). The minimum is 8 classes, and the C.C.C. will not give support or recognise points won at any show giving less than the said minimum of 8 classes, as drawn up by the club. The charge for guarantee will be 21/- for 8 classes, rising 2/6 per class up to 15 classes. No show taking the guarantee could be allowed to reserve any one class to themselves in the said classification. All classes having under 8 entries to be paid half prize money, example as follows:—Blankton Show. Number of Crest and Crestbred classes 10. Entry fee, 1/6. 1st prize, 10/-; 2nd, 6/-; 3rd. 4/-; 4th, 2/-. Class 1, 8 entries, 12/-, loss 10/-, full prize money. Class 2, 7 entries, 10/6, loss 6d., half money; Class 3, 18 entries, 27/-, gain 5/-, full money; Class 4, 12 entries, 18/-, loss 4s., half money; Class 5, 20 entries, 30/-, gain 8/-, full money; Class 6, 2 entries, 3/-, loss 8/-, half money; Class 7, 4 entries, 6/-, loss 5/-, half money; Class 8, 1 entry, 1/6, loss 6/6, half money; Class 9, 5 entries, 7/6, loss 3/6, half money; Class 10, 3 entries, 4/6, loss 6/6, half money. Total loss, 47/-; gain, 13/-; nett loss and liability of C.C.C., 34/-. Now, the classification is as follows (as adopted at the C.C.C. 1908 annual meeting): Buff Section, Class 1, A.V. buff, dark crest, cock. 2, ditto hen. 3, A.V. buff, clear or grizzle crest. 4, buff, clear body, dark crest. 5, A.V. buff Crestbred cock. 6, ditto, hen. Yellow Section: Class 7, A.V. yellow, dark crest cock. 8, ditto hen. 9, A.V. yell., clear or grizzle crest. 10, A.V. yell. Crestbred cock. 11, ditto hen. Young Bird Section: Class 12, A.V. buff crest. 13, ditto Crestbred. 14, A.V. yell. crest. 15, ditto Crestbred. The minimum to be not less than 8 classes. Minimum classification: Class 1, A.V. buff Crest cock. 2, ditto hen. 3, A.V. buff Crestbred cock. 4, ditto hen. 5, A.V. yell. Crest. 6, A.V. yell. Crestbred. 7, A.V. Crest, young birds. 8, A.V. Crestbred, young birds.

GEO. C. LEY.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

The Shows.

NEWMILNS.

The Newmilns O.S. held their Annual Open Show on September 25th, in the Morton Hall, which is all that one could wish for a bird show, being roomy and free from draughts. Too much credit cannot be given to the management for the way they carried the event through, and Mr. Nisbet (President) and Mr. Mair (the secretary) had everything well in hand; and we must add our congratulations to others. The entries of Scotch Fancies were not up to the usual, but the quality was good. Borders were out in strong numbers, and the type and quality were all there, the judge having some difficulty in separating the winners. Norwich were not so strong, but good. Britishers were present in excellent numbers. The judges were Messrs. J. Hannay, J. Kennedy and J. B. Y. Murdoch, whose decisions met with approval, no grumbling being heard. There was a large turn-out of visitors in the afternoon, many well-known faces at the shows being seen.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FCY.—YELL. CK. (6): 1, Price, grand drive, splendid back and shoulders, fine, long neck (wins); 2 (no name), another good one, splendid neck and shoulders; 3, spl, Ralston, pressing winners hard, some fancied, will again be heard of; 4, spl, McGeachie; 5, Pearson; 6, Lyon. BUFF (1): 1, Pollock, fine drive and position. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Craig, grand back, fine carriage; 2, McGeachie, good one, splendid drive, fine shoulders and neck. BUFF (2): 1, Craig, easy win, great back and shoulders, splendid drive and carriage; 2, Kilpatrick, whistling when we were taking notes, good bird, but evidently in wrong class. YELL. PIED CK. (1): 1, Mitchell, real good one, difficult to beat. BUFF (3): 1, Lyon, good position, fine back and shoulders; 2, Mitchell, some fancied, grand bird, plenty of substance, great back and shoulders; 3, Craig, another nice one, will improve. YELL. PIED HEN (5): 1, Ralston, easy win, in great form, splendid position, fine back and shoulders, grand drive; 2, Pearson, nice bird; 3, Ralston, pressing 2nd hard, same stamp as 1st; 4, Armour; 5, Pollock. BUFF (4): 1, McGeachie, grand hen, fine position, great back and shoulders, splendid neck, wins well; 2, Pearson, another good one, barely through moult; 3, Mitchell, fine bird; 4, Kilpatrick, nice bird. GREEN CK.: Cancelled. FOUL CK. (2): 1, Ralston, grand position, fine drive, wins; 2, Mitchell, nice bird. GREEN HEN (1): 1, Price, good one, fine neck and head. FOUL (2): 1, Dykes, grand hen, great back and shoulders, fine neck and head, splendid drive and position, we thought as good as any in hall; 2, Price, another good one. SELL. CK. 20/- (2): 1, Craig; 2, Dykes. HEN, 20/- (3): 1, Taylor; 2, Ralston; 3, Pearson. CK., 10/- (4): 1, Taylor; 2, Pollock; 3, Lyon; 4, Mitchell. HEN, 10/- (1): 1, Ralston. BORDER FCY.—YELL. CK. CL., ETC. (9) grand class, a lot of beauties being staged: 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Brown, wee gem, splendid type, full of quality, finest of feather, wins well; 2, Willison, another good one, grand type, splendidly staged; 3, 6, Findlay, good type, fine quality; 4, Mossie; 5, Montgomery. HEN (2): 1, Findlay, wee beauty, full of quality, grand type, easy win; 2, Montgomery, another nice one, will tone down. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Jamieson, nice round bird, good neck, well filled in back, fine position and carriage; 2, Gibson, tick on head, pressing winner hard, scarcely through moult; 3, Duncan, fine type, good position; 4, Montgomery; 5, Dempster; 6, Findlay. HEN (splendid class) (8) some of the birds were very dirty or would have been more forward; 1, spl, Hutchinson, wee gem, full of type and quality, grand feather, splendid neck and head, well staged; 2, Mossie, another typical one, fine wing-carriage, good feather; 3, Clark, nice head, fine wing carriage; 4, Crosbie; 5, Dick; 6, Smillie. EVEN MARK (1): 1, Clark, even marked Cinn. hen, splendid back and wing carriage, wee bit drooped in tail. UNEVEN MKD. (6): 1, 2, McKeand, 1st uneven yell. cock, full of type and quality, teeming with colour, splendid position, 2nd variegated buff hen, another good one, same stamp; 3, Guthrie, wee beauty, variegated yell. cock, fine head and neck; 4, Clark; 5, Willison; 6, Hutchison. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Findlay, beauty, fine markings, splendid type and quality, wins easily; 2, Jamieson, nice position, good head and neck, ground colour, very smoky; 3, Montgomery. SELL 7/6 (9) splendid class, some could have won in open classes: 1, Hutchison; 2, Duncan; 3, Guthrie; 4, Mossie; 5, Gibson; 6, Dempster. NOR. CL. CK. (3): 1, Johnston, grand body, good position, fine wing carriage, nice tail; 2, Calderwood, pressing winner hard, fine style and carriage; 3, Muir, good as any, but moulting. HEN (4): 1, Calderwood, full of substance, grand back, fine wing carriage, well set on legs; 2, Muir, another good one, fine head and neck, excellent carriage; 3, Guthrie, pressing, young bird, grand type, will be a good one; 4, Devoy. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, spl, Watson, great size, grand body, could not find a fault with, easy win; 2, Calderwood, good one also, but rough with moult, will improve; 3, Muir, moulting, nice shape and position. HEN (3): 1, Calderwood, fine, round hen, good style, head well set on; 2, Muir, typical one, pressing hard, but not through moult; 3, Devoy, nice type. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, McQuiston, 1st hyb., great size and colour, steady as a rock, 2nd two-mark Goldie-Mule, beauty, faultlessly staged ("How happy could I be with either"); 3, (no name), heavy in moult. DARK: 1, spl, McQuiston, Linnet-Can., in great form, showing markings well, grand size, wins well; 2, Morrison, another Linnet-Can., fine size; 3, Reid. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (cancelled). GOLDFINCH, FOR. (3): 1, Hutchison, beauty, nice size, lovely colour, fine big blaze, very steady; 2, Reid, another nice one, showing markings well; 3, Hoyle. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Dunsmuir, fine size and colour. REDPOLL (10): 1, McQuiston, wee beauty, nicely marked on breast, fine even colour; 2, Lawson, another topper, as good as 1st, but unsteady; 3, Hoyle (Mealy), some preferred for rarity, fine size and markings, not much between the three; 4, 5, Allan; 6, Palmer. LINNET (4): 1, 4, McQuiston, again leading with a beauty, great size, splendid markings, very steady; 2, McGavin, nicely mkd.; 3, Palmer, very nice bird. SISKIN OR TWITE: 1, McQuiston, Twite, real beauty, grand size, lovely lacings, very steady, wins; 2, McGavin, Siskin, nice cap and bib, good size, steady; 3, Lyell, Siskin, nice lacings; 4, Hoyle, Twite; 5, Morrison; 6, Robertson. A.O.V.: 1, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, in spanking order, tight as wax, well staged; 2, Morrison, Whydah, nice taking exhibit. SELL. 10/- (1): McQuiston. GIFT (3): 1, Ralston; 2, Reid; 3, McGeachie.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Second annual exhibition and competition held in the Drill Hall, Grindlay-street, Edinburgh, 25th September. It will be in the recollection of the Fancy that the Association was reconstructed over a year ago, when the rules, etc., were altered; the movement resulted in a large increase to the membership, which this year shows a very satisfactory advance. The total is 185. The entries numbered 319, slightly lower than last year's, due, no doubt, in some measure to the early date of show. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. J. R. Meikle, to whom the proceedings were a great credit. The committee were: Messrs. J. Dalgleish, J. McLennan, and A. Paterson. Auditors, Messrs. M. Petrie, J. Sinclair, and W. Whitefield. The Scots Fancy judges were Messrs. M. D. Brown (Edinburgh), G. Fulton (Partick), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), and P. McDougall (Edinburgh). The Belgian judge was Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). President Drysdale and the acting committee, besides the Secretary, are to be congratulated upon the ample arrangements made. Visitors turned out in large numbers. The exhibits were arranged to perfection, and many well-known faces in the Fancy world were to be seen; amongst others, Messrs. James Thomson, J. Hogg (Oakley), James Ronaldson (Belfast), F. Strathearn (Alloa), and J. Greig (Aberdeen). With a feeling of regret one well-known figure was missed—the late Harry McDougall, who did so much in his day for the Fancy; he was one whose memory still holds a hallowed place in the hearts of fanciers who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. As was expected, there were one or two surprises. When the judging was over, and that in good time, it was found a new record had been created. Mr. D. Black's (Govan) buff pied hen again won the Blue Ribbon, thus creating the record of winning three Derbys in succession, and in each case, cup and gold medal. Needless to say, Mr. Black's record success was most popular, and was received with every satisfaction. Mr. McLennan was again runner-up, and was winner of silver medal in the Belgian classes. The Belgians were a disappointing collection. Mr. Fairley (Coatbridge), a well-known breeder of Belgians, was well to the front. The first Belgian hen was a typical bird, and when finished in the moult will be sure to be heard of again. Several promising birds belonging to this same breeder were back in the moult. The cup in the Belgian class was won by Mr. J. Greig (Aberdeen) with a fine cock bird of good size. The quality all through was excellent, some typical birds being staged. The prize cards were of a new design in leather, and were most artistic. One feature worthy of mention was the erection of a board giving in detail a list of the winners for the benefit of the visitors, who appreciated the idea very much.

The Critique.

SCOTS YELL. CK., CL, ETC. (26): 1, J. D. Maxwell, foul cock, excellent merit, fine style, good reach and wings; 2, W. McClure, good head and drive, barely finished in moult; 3, J. Sinclair, neat shape, good style; 4, J. Dalgleish, fine reach, nice depth through; 5, W. Allan; 6, J. King; 7, J. Ward; 8, J. Hendry. YELL, PIED, ETC. (28): 1, W. McClure, pied, grand head, fine length of neck, well set, determined drive, tail well in, nice-sided bird; 2, J. McLennan, pied, nice length, good substance, head, and drive, grand worker, fine pose; 3, J. D. Maxwell, pied, neat shape, good style; 4, J. Ward, pied, neat head, grand top and nice shoulder, wings, and tail; 5, P. Blair; 6, J. Main; 7, J. Begg; 8, R. Johnston. BUFF, CL., ETC. (41): 1, W. Muirhead, clear buff, excellent merit on all points, second Glasgow; 2, J. McLennan, first at Glasgow, grand head and top, nice pose, body and wing, fine style; 3, J. D. Brown, foul, nice head and wing, fine reach and droop; 4, W. Thornton, nice bird, good substance; 5, 6, J. D. Dalgleish; 7, J. Johnston; 8, D. McLennan. PIED, ETC. (40): 1, 2, J. McLennan, first at Glasgow, grand size, fine head and top, good body and wing, very steady, 2nd nice model, graud condition; 3, J. Dobson, lacks in substance, fine style and droop, neat head and wing, very stylish; 4, J. Morrison, excellent drive, good top and front; 5, J. Johnston; 6, J. Kennedy, jun.; 7, D. McLennan; 8, J. Hendry. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (37): 1, 6, J. McLennan, clear, runner-up, splendid type, plenty of depth, grand back, wings and tail; 2, J. D. Brown, nice free action, splendid droop, fine pose; 3, J. King, grand substance, neat head and wing, fine top end; 4, R. Johnston, nice head and length of neck, tail nicely in; 5, D. Black; 7, J. Dalgleish; 8, P. Maxwell. PIED, ETC. (34). Excellent class: 1, M. Petrie, yell. green, grand head and length of neck, nicely set on, good shoulder and depth; 2, A. Dodds, fine size, grand style, good head and neck; 3, W. Whitefield, very stylish, neat head and action, barely as thick through; 4, 8, J. King, nice head and neck, fine back and steady on pins, good substance; 5, G. C. T. Hope; 6, J. Sinclair; 7, J. Cook. BUFF HEN, CL., ETC. (43): 1, J. D. Brown, clear grand merit, nicely set on perch, neat droop and wing, second at Glasgow, looking well to-day; 2, 5, D. Black, nice model, first at Glasgow, presses on 1st; 3, D. McLennan, fine head and neck, good top end; 4, W. Beattie, nice droop and feather; 6, J. Ward; 7, J. Johnston; 8, D. McLennan. PIED, ETC. (42): 1, D. Black, winner of three Derby cups and gold medals, shown in lovely condition, with a shade more size would be the finest type of a Scotch Fancy seen for years, excels in all points; 2, W. McClure, fourth at Glasgow, showing well to-day, rare droop, neat head, nice top and wing; 3, G. C. T. Hope, nice head and neck, good substance, nearing style of winners; 4, R. Menzies, very nice pied, full value for place; 5, J. McMillan; 6, A. Howden; 7, A. Gorrie; 8, J. Beattie. BELG. CK. (11): 1, J. Grieg, nice size and quality, cup bird; 2, 3, 6, 8, J. Fairley, 2nd barely finished in moult, better type than 1st, 3rd will improve; 4, 7, P. Vanderanwera (Belgium), 4th nice style and shape, fails in substance; 5, H. S. Fairley. HEN (10): 1, 3, 4, J. Fairley, 1st fine type and size, grand quality, nice position, when finished in moult will be a model; 3rd nice shape, like 4th lacks substance; 2, 6, 7, J. Greig, 2nd shows crossing S.F. type; 5, P. Vandcranwera; 8, H. S. Fairley.

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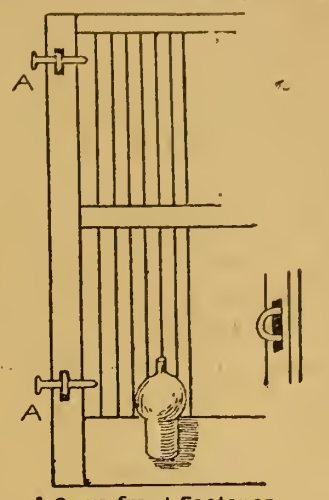
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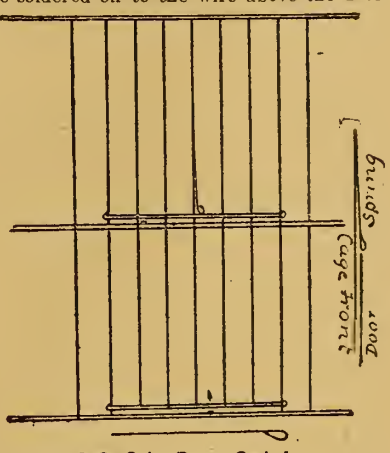
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position on the cage I drive in the staples leaving enough of them projecting to permit of a small wire nail being passed through to hold the front in place. If one or two small nails are driven into the cage with heads projecting ½in., they prevent the front fitting close to the cage, and so save a lot of trouble with red mite.—P. SUTER.

No. 349.
A Safety Door Catch.

Sent by Mr. A. A. Cause, 4, Ilfracombe Avenue, Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea.

The sketch below shows a method for preventing the loss of a bird. It has saved me more than one, and I thought it would be useful to other readers. It consists of a piece of wire soldered on to the wire above the door so



A Safety Door-Catch.

that the bent end rests on the top of the door. It prevents a bird from getting out should the cage fall upside down, and at the same time the door can be opened in the usual way. The bent piece of wire is depicted at the bottom of the sketch which shows it in position, and needing to be pressed down in order to allow the door to open.—A. A. CAUSE.

Heavy Haul by Burglars.

A Caution and a Reward.

On Monday night, September 27th, between 8 and 10.30 o'clock, as Mr. M. Dawson, an old fancier, and member of the Crook Original Cage Bird F. and F. Society, was attending a meeting, some person or persons broke into his bird-house, containing nearly 100 fine specimens, and got clear away with about 20 of the best birds in the collection, including Crests, Crestbreds, Yorkshires, Norwich, a Bullie, and a Bramblefinch. The matter was at once placed in the hands of the police, and fanciers are warned against purchasing birds from this district. The above society, writes Mr. A. Bowes, 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Durham, offer £1 reward for any information leading up to the recovery of the missing birds or the arrest of the thieves.

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THE FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY OF... PLYMOUTH SHOW.

An Interesting Story of the Long and Honourable Career of the Western Counties O.S.

On October 19 and 20 next, the "Jubilee" Plymouth Show will be held by the Western Counties O.S., who this year are straining every nerve to achieve a success befitting the occasion and their long and honourable record. To mark this interesting event—in some of its circumstances unique—the present able and popular secretary, Mr. Thos. Pope, has very kindly compiled a record of the "olden times" of the W.C.O.S., which we have pleasure in putting before our readers. We would, in conclusion, ask them to accord a generous measure of support to this fiftieth venture, and so embark the Plymouth fanciers upon a bright future which may, we trust, hold for them a brilliant centenary.—EDITOR.

The cage bird fanciers of Plymouth are proud of their society, for this year is its Jubilee, and what is more, the Western Counties O.S. is the first society to celebrate such an event. True, the Crystal Palace held its fiftieth show last February, but the Palace shows have not all been held under the auspices of the same society, whilst the Plymouth show has always been run by the W.C.O.S.

A Secretary in 1872.

Fifty years ago can hardly be said to be prehistoric times, but it is a far cry in the cage bird Fancy. Fifty years ago there were few railway facilities, and no Press confined to the Fancy, these making it an utter impossibility to get exhibits from any distance; but there is no doubt that fifty years ago the W.C.O.S. did hold a show of cage birds, and has continued to do so up to this present time. Although no actual records exist of these early shows, there is living in Plymouth now a gentleman (Mr. W. H. Harper), who was Secretary to the society in 1872, and who remembers the earlier shows before he took office. These shows were local, of course, and the varieties exhibited were but few, mainly consisting of Mules, British, and what were described as common Canaries; and the great endeavour of the members was to produce the elusive clear Goldfinch-Mule by the method of in-breeding for sib hens.

When having a chat a few weeks ago for the purposes of this article with Mr. Harper, I was very interested to hear from him that his opinion was then, and is now, that the Clear Mule is a freak of nature, and that all sib breeding is waste of time—an opinion, I believe, held by others in the Fancy at the present time.

If the Jubilee of the W.C.O.S. had arrived a few years sooner it would have been possible to have had information first-hand from one who probably was the leading spirit in the starting of the society, viz., Mr. James Doel, one of the best-known men in the West of England, and one who was nearly 100 years old when he died. "Jimmie" Doel, as he was familiarly called, was a keen bird fancier, and it was at his house, the "Prince George Hotel," that the society's meetings were always held. If there was a good bird to be had anywhere in the district "Jimmie" would always be after it. In this respect a story is told by Mr. Harper of how the other members tried to get the better of him (Mr. Doel) and failed. It appears that a real tip-top Mule was for sale, and a few of the members decided to purchase the bird "on the quiet," and allow one of them to show it as a surprise packet. The show day arrived, and the bird was exhibited, but in Mr. James Doel's name.

Only Three Survivors.

In 1872 Mr. W. Radmore, well known as a Crest breeder and judge, joined the society, and it is to him I am indebted for the following account of the doings of the W.C.O.S. at that period. Mr. Radmore said that when he joined the society in 1872 the membership was fifteen, and of these there are but three alive at the present time. Mr. James Doel was the largest exhibitor, taking all the first and second prizes, and leaving the thirds to be fought for amongst the rest of the members. There were always three judges, who collectively judged all classes. For many years in succession the judges were—Messrs. John Edwards, Richard May, and Philip Hancock, all of whom are now dead.

The method of entrance was very primitive; no entry forms were issued, nor were entrance fees paid; neither were the cages numbered. Exhibitors would stage their own birds, having previously written their names on the inside of an envelope, which was sealed and tied to the cage. If the bird got a prize the judge would open the envelope, and if not approved of the class was rejudged. At the close of the show exhibitors would gather up their own cages. At this early date we used to have exhibited by Mr. Doel all his Crystal Palace winners—Belgians, Norwich, and Mules. Yorkshires, Lizards, Cinnamons and Crests were never exhibited or kept in this district.

A Hot Time.

In 1874 Mr. Radmore purchased and exhibited in Plymouth the first Crested Norwich that was shown in the district; this bird was the foundation of his stud of Crests, and to that variety he is staunch even to the present day. Mr. Halse, who for many years later was the secretary (for twelve years), and mainstay of the W.C.O.S., joined the society in 1874, as also did Mr. Steer, who is still a member. From 1876 the shows began to grow in importance, and were held in the Assembly Rooms of the Royal Hotel; and at one of these particular exhibitions a Crest was shown by Mr. Radmore which created a mild sensation. The bird in question was a Dark-crested Yellow, cayenne fed, and up to that time the hottest-coloured specimen ever seen in Plymouth. It took premier honours in its class, much to Mr. Doel's chagrin. Allegations of staining were advanced, and Mr. Doel tested the bird with a liquid before the committee, but he failed to remove any colouring matter. On the next day the bird was taken to a prominent chemist in the town, who certified that whatever caused the colour of the plumage was administered through the blood. Up to this time cayenne feeding had been little known in the society.

During the next two or three years, through jealousy amongst the members, the society suffered somewhat of an eclipse, and only by the tenacity of Mr. Radmore, who was then chairman, was the old ship kept afloat. At times the monthly meetings were reduced, only the Chairman being present, and at the best six or seven members constituted the meetings; and the shows, too, dropped back to purely society exhibitions. But with Mr. Thos. Bryant as secretary things began to look up, and in 1880 an open show was held at the Plymouth Guildhall in connection with the Chrysanthemum Society's show.

The Revival.

Two years later, during the secretaryship of Mr. Martin, the members were very anxious to get the late Mr. W. A. Blakston to judge, and funds being low, a few of the committee subscribed five guineas to pay his expenses from Sunderland, the show at that time being held at the Royal Hotel Assembly Rooms. This was the first time the show was adjudicated upon by a judge from an entirely different district. One of those who took a leading part in this innovation was Mr. R. B. Tope, the well-known Crest breeder and judge, who was then a novice, and had just commenced his membership of the society, which has continued to the present day.

There have been many members of the W.C.O.S. in the later eighties, and early nineties, who have won great honours on the show bench, prominent among them being Messrs. Kent and Langman, whose Norwich Plainheads were at that time practically unbeatable. The two Yellows shown at the L. and P. O.S. show will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to see them; and their "Fiery Snowball" hen was in her day about the best Buff Norwich existent. Messrs. Findlay and Holman staged some Crests which were second to none, and the "Prince of Wales," shown by the latter gentlemen, is spoken of at the present time as a bird hardly ever surpassed.

Mr. Radmore's Crests were known throughout the length and breadth of the land, many enthusiasts paying a visit to Plymouth immediately before the show season started each year, to secure the probable winners. The late Mr. W. H. Halse (who joined the society, as stated above, in 1874) was a well-known all round judge, and relinquished the office of secretary to the society in 1896 through illness.

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We have a Bullfinch which is very tame. One day my brother gave it a piece of hard biscuit, and Bullie tried hard to eat it, but found it too much for him. What do you think he did? He went up to the drinker which is outside the cage, and dipped the biscuit in the water for half a minute until it was soft enough to eat, and then he opened his mouth for more. Don't you think that this bird really does "take the biscuit?"—Sent by Ada Coleman (age 11), 27, Railway Street, Hertford.

*A Couple of Parrots.

A tradesman who kept a shop in Old Bailey, just opposite to Newgate prison, London, possessed two Parrots, one Grey and the other Green. When a knock was heard the Green Parrot would speak, but when the bell was rung the Grey answered. One day the Parrots were hung outside the first floor window, hidden from anyone approaching the door. A person knocked at the street door. "Who's there?" said the Green Parrot. The man replied, "The man with the leather." The Parrot answered, "O! O!" After some time the man again knocked. "Who's there?" "Who's there?" cried the man; "why don't you come and open the door?" "O! O!" repeated the Parrot. The man then rang the bell. "Go to the gate," said the Grey Parrot. "What gate?' cried the man, not seeing anyone. "Newgate!" cried the Grey Parrot.—Taken from "Stories of Animals" R. Reader (age 13), 70, Bournemouth Road, Merton Park, S.W.

*A True Story of a Sparrow.

A young Sparrow happening to see a window open flew into the house quite unaware of what it was doing. The woman in the house put the bird into a cage and hung it inside the window. The mother bird hearing the young one chirping flew round about the window for nearly two hours. At last the woman took out the cage and put it on the ground. She opened the door, and the old bird went into it, and afterwards flew away quite happy with the young one.—George Davie, 4, Station Street, Renton, Dumbartonshire.

Some time ago, writes Mr. W. S. Negus, I wrote announcing that owing to my having to take up residence at Abergavenny, I was obliged to resign the office of secretary to the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., but that I intended taking my stock of Yorkshires with me. This I have managed to do successfully. My new address is 4, Monmouth Road, Abergavenny. Will fanciers who have purchased a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL please make this correction?

Will secretaries of shows kindly send me schedules, writes Mr. F. Marsh, 1, Nicholson Street, Deeplish, Rochdale.

Mr. W. H. Vale has kindly offered a box of cigars to the member of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. gaining most points at Dulwich O.S. show, write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, is always a source of pleasure to me, but when I got my copy this week and saw you had honoured my birds by a place for their picture on the frontispiece, I felt more pleased than ever. I had only been in the Cinnamon Fancy one year, when I bred the birds that did so well for me. The unflighted cock was out five times and stood 1st Gt. Harwood, 3rd Accrington, and 5th at the Palace in the Champion Class, and it now looks better than ever. The buff hen I had only out twice, 2nd Manchester. My yellow stood 1st and 2nd at Sunderland. I have some very promising young from her this time. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. T. HILL (Levenshulme).

Edinbro' "Metropolitan" Echoes

That the show was a grand success; that the exhibits were a grand lot; that the Derby hen has made a record, winning three Derbys in succession and three cups and gold medals; that she is expected to add Paisley and Glasgow to the list; bravo, Davie, and what about the other "Guid Yui" at hame?; that the Derby winner is the most popular man in the Fancy; that his friends are jubilant at his success; that it is doubtful if they all are; that president Dalgleish was in good form; that his heart is in the hobby; that secretary J. R. Meikle was happy; that his board was a good idea; that all said so, and appreciated his forethought; that the judges got through in good time; that the awards met with general satisfaction; that the Belgian Fancy are becoming a rarity; that the Glasgow Southern Cup may go to Patrick, some say to Dennistoun, others Corkerhill, and what about Belgrove?—"SCOTCH FANCY."

Fanciers' Autumn Ramble.

The London and Counties O.S. autumn ramble takes place on Sunday next, October 3rd, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, who has charge of the arrangements. Train leaves Marylebone (Great Central) at 9.30 a.m. for Aylesbury, each member taking his own ticket (cheap return 3s. 3d.). Hot lunch will be supplied at "The White Hart," in that old-fashioned village of Quainton, Bucks, at noon. We then proceed across the Quainton Hills, on the top of which we can overlook the whole of Aylesbury Vale; also get a view of Oxford and the surrounding country. Proceeding down the other side, we get to Hogshaw, where there is an abundance of teazle growing (bring big bags this time). We then proceed across country, arriving at Botolph Claydon for tea. Returning from Grandboro' Road by the 6.20 train, we arrive at Baker Street at 8.10. Friends are invited. Will any who would like to accompany the party communicate with me at 6, Old Burlington Street, W.

Club Reports.

KILSYTH F.A.

At the meeting on September 23rd, the president, Mr. Hardie, in the chair, it was reported that Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) would judge the Canary classes, and Mr. J. R. Burnett (Govan) the British bird classes, at our show on December 18th. The classification was revised, and 17 classes allocated to Norwich and B.F. Canaries, and 11 for British and Foreign birds.—A. D. DUNCAN, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held September 25th, at Swan Hotel, Fountain-street, Manchester. Mr. James Lyons presided, and a good muster of members from nearly all parts of Lancashire attended. After the general business a discussion on judges and their methods of judging took place. A novice judging competition was arranged to take place at our next (October) meeting. A very enjoyable evening was spent, which passed away all too quickly.—ANDREW PERCIVAL, Hon. Sec.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIS. O.A.

Monthly meeting held September 20th, Mr. Robert Livingstone presiding. Mr. Lappin reported re catalogues, and it was agreed that we issue them for the show. The following members were appointed as committee to look after advertisements: Messrs. McAnlay, Hutchison, Bennett and McNair. It was agreed that the show be kept open till 7 p.m., so that there will be no disappointment to intending visitors.—FRANK WILSON, Sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

At the extraordinary meeting held on September 23rd, the schedule for the seventh Annual Show was adopted. Twenty-eight classes have been given to the Open Section, and the prize money is guaranteed. Amersham Hall, New Cross, has been engaged for November 18th and 19th, and being free from draughts and well lighted, is admirably adapted for bird shows, and we are looking forward to a bumping entry. Will members and friends do their utmost to secure entries, and so make it a great success?—F. W. HAMER, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held September 22nd at headquarters, the chairman (Mr. Almond) presiding. Correspondence was read by the secretary from several specialist clubs regarding patronage, etc., for our forthcoming show. The following additional clubs are giving us their patronage: The N.P.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., C.C.C., F.B.C., and the U.K.B.C.A., making a total of twelve clubs' support. The drawing up of the schedule: It was decided to give 82 open classes this year, so that fanciers will see we are again catering for another "Palace of the North." It will be interesting for some of our friends to know that we are giving four classes to the "King of the Fancy," and trust the Belgian exhibitors will send a good entry. Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions kindly do so as soon as possible, as it will save a lot of unnecessary expense and trouble?—G. BUCK, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held on September 23rd, Mr. Fry in the chair. Present: Messrs. Rooney, Sheridan, Huggard, Dowling, McDonnell, Callaghan, Holly, Stewart, Gillen, Birse, Lea and Turley. With regard to the report in your last issue, the words "on behalf of the committee" should read after Mr. Birse's name as presenting cup. The society has now four cups for competition at the forthcoming show, viz.: 10-guinea challenge cup, a clocering cup, novice's cup, and a British bird cup. The first business was the election of judge, Mr. Mundell being unanimously elected. The society is now in full working order, the committee being well satisfied with the results up to the present. Five new members were proposed and elected, their names being: Messrs. R. Phillips, Stitt, Geo. Graham, Collins, and Winkup (Cork), this bringing the total number of members to 39. Our schedule will be published shortly, composed of 63 classes. One of our vice-presidents (Mr. Hawkins, of Cork) has presented the society with a donation of two guineas, to be used as the committee think fit.—D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members had a bowling match and social evening on September 18th. During the afternoon matches were played on the Wibsey Park bowling green, and at 5.30 the members were joined by the ladies for tea at headquarters, where a splendid "knife and fork" tea was partaken of. The company then sat down for an evening's music. Several members of the West Bowling Glee Union were in attendance. The Glee party sang several glees during the evening, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Parker, and songs were sung by Messrs. J. Brown, H. Barker, J. Seed, A. Atkinson, and A. Hiley. Messrs. Brown and Barker, with their humorous songs, were great favourites with the ladies, and the glees were very well rendered and received their share of applause. The time passed very quickly. Mr. J. Crowther proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Glee party, and this was seconded by Mr. D. Thornton. Mr. A. Hiley replied on behalf of the singers, and said it gave them much pleasure to come amongst the bird men and sing, and he hoped it would not be the last time. Before parting, the Glee party sang "The Gipsies" outside the headquarters, and everybody went home thoroughly pleased.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF AND DISTRICT O.B.S.

Monthly meeting held September 16th, at Victoria Restaurant, Queen-street (which will be our meeting place until further notice, in consequence of the destruction by fire of our previous headquarters). Mr. Jones, the Chairman, in opening the meeting, referred to the removal of the Secretary (Mr. Negus) to Abergavenny, and read the formal letter of resignation, in which he intimated that he would still retain his membership. The Chairman spoke in terms of regret of the loss the Society had sustained, but was assured that Mr. Negus had the very best wishes of the members for his success in his new sphere of labour. He proposed that congratulations he conveyed to him on his promotion, which was carried unanimously. Some difficulty then arose in appointing a successor, as no member at the present time was in a position to undertake the duties. Under these circumstances, the Show Secretary, Mr. W. Sampson, agreed to resume the general work of the Society. Messrs. Hopkins and Allsopp were enrolled members, the addition of whom made up for the loss of Mr. Negus. Mr. Allsopp, of Norwich fame (late of Swindon) we are pleased to say has recently become a resident in the city. Arrangements were made for the 13th annual show at the Cory Hall. It was resolved to adhere to our policy of payment of full prize money in all classes, with no cancelling nor amalgamation. It was also decided to extend the classification in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections, the other sections, with a slight alteration, remaining as last year. Provision for novices was briefly considered, but the evening was too far spent for full discussion, and it was deferred until next meeting, when it is anticipated that novice classes will be provided.—W. SAMPSON, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

Interesting Limelight Pictures.

This society, always to the fore with novelties to interest its members, had a most successful gathering at headquarters, The Sessions House Hotel, E.C., on September 20th, when a remarkably fine series of lantern slides were thrown on a screen. The lantern was manipulated by the smiling and affable Mr. R. J. Pretty. The chair was occupied by Mr. F. W. Sharpe, who, in opening the proceedings with a neat speech, put all visitors at ease by the welcome he offered them. As picture after picture was thrown upon the screen, the audience were almost spellbound, and not a sound could be heard, but the hissing of the lime light apparatus. Ably assisted by Mr. G. A. Morrison, Mr. Pretty acted in an admirable manner in the dual capacity of lecturer and operator. The pictures were such as would be of most interest to members of Ornithological Societies, and were a monumental testimony to the skill and patience of the photographer. It is impossible to enumerate them all here, but mention must be made of the Sparrow's Nest, in the nostril of one of the "Embankment lions," another in the pocket of the coat of a scarecrow, another in an old teapot, and a Robin's nest in an old, overturned flower pot. At the conclusion of this series, a surprise awaited the members, for, keeping his chef d'œuvre until the last, Mr. Pretty threw upon the sheet a photograph of the group who attended the last country ramble, and great was the pleasure of the members. The lights were now turned up, and the pianist being in readiness very soon songs were sung by Mrs. Wood, little Miss Whitehouse, and others. But when the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert sang "For me, for me," and "Comrades," enthusiasm reached the limit. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed, proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. Tringham, was accorded. He referred to the pleasure it gave him to see Mr. E. Pretty once again amongst them. Mr. E. Pretty, in reply, said how pleased he was to see the old faces, and to note that the L.C.O.S. was making headway. This brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S

Members' Show held Sept. 25th. Judge Mr. J. Broadley.

CL. YELL.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Rushworth. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Taylor. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor. UNFLIG. YELL: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Martin and Tidswell; vhc, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Exley; 2, Martin and Tidswell. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe and Son. YELL HEN: 1, c, Chippendale; 2, Martin and Tidswell; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, Exley; hc, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF: 1, Exley; 2, Martin and Tidswell; 3, Rushworth; vhc, Broadley and Son. SELL. HEN: 1, Chippendale; 2, vhc, bc, Broadley and Son; 3, Rushworth; c, Exley.—E. BROADLEY, Sec.

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FOREIGN BIRDS—continued.

HARRIS.

Skylarks, 1/- pair; Linnets, 1/3; Goldfinches, 3/-; Bullfinches, 3/6; Redpolls, 9d. pairs; Kestrel Hawks, 3/-; Seagulls, 2/6; Blackbirds, 1/6 each; Javas, Nuns, Spice Birds, Waxbills, 2/6; Quaker Parrots, 11/6 pairs; Corella Cockatoos, 18/-; Slenderbills, Cockatoos, 18/-; acclimatised Amazon Parrots, 35/-; special colour food to clear, 6d. and 1/- tin; our holdfast birdlime, 1d., 2d., and 6d. tins; lists.—Naturalist, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WILLSON'S.

37, New Oxford-st., W.C. 'Phone, 7708 Gerrard; telegrams, Highhred, London. Hill Mynah, 35/-; Combassous, in colour, 2/6; Paradise Whydahs, perfect tails, 7/6; others, 5/-; out of colour, 2/6 pair; Pintailed Whydahs, in colour, 7/6 pair; Ruddy-headed Weavers, 12/6 each; Orange Bishops, full colour, 6/- each; Atlas Weavers, 7/6 each; Black-shouldered Troupials, 7/6; Sulphury Tyrants, 17/6; Yellow and Brown Troupials, 17/6; Blue Magpies, £1; Piping Crow, 50/-; Blue Mountain Lorries, 50/- pair; White-headed Nuns, 3/6; Nonette Finches, 2/6 pair; Cordon Bleus, 2/6 each; Green Singing Finches, 3/6 each; Bronze-winged Mannikins, 3/-; Californian Quail, 30/- pair; cock Zebras, 2/- each; Yellow Budgerigars, 9/-; White Javas, 9/-; Green Budgerigars, 7/6; Siskins, 2/6; Crested Cardinals, 3/6; Gorgetted Finches, 7/6; Cockatiels, 9/-; Pileated Jay, 25/-; American Golden Song Sparrow, 7/6 each; Firefinch, 2/6; Mocking Bird, 16/-; tame Mongoose, 30/-; pet Monkey, 21/-; Gerboa, 7/6; rare Eagle Owl, £3; Macaw, £5; goldfish, 12 in. long, 5/-.

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VARIOUS BIRDS.

FOR Sale, cock Linnet, songster, 4/-; Goldfinch, 5/-; pair Bullfinches, 5/-; Java Sparrow, 3/-; also grand pair Yorkshires, 8/6; separate or 24/- lot.—A. Deans, Diss.

ONE hundred Redpolls, on approval, deposit, 2/- per dozen, also some grand pairs of Norwich Canaries, good stock birds, cheap.—Joseph Davies, 6, Prospect-place, Longton.

GENUINE bargain; 15 clean, healthy young Canaries, as bred, 2/6 each, 4/6 couple; two hens, parents of above, 2/- each, 3/6 two; Redpoll, two Yellowhammers, two Linnets, six Greenfinches, 6/-, or £2 lot; terms cash with order.—Beattie, Scholes, Leeds.

ST. HELENS AVIARIES.

Young Canaries, 1909 bred, 1/6 each, three for 3/6; Border Fancy hens, 2/-; cocks, 3/6; guaranteed cock brown Linnets, 7d., three for 1/6; cock Chaffinches, 6d.; Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/- each.—Sherlock, 136, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

WANTED.

WANTED good light exhibition Mule for cash.—Carr, 19, Talbot-st., Mansfield.

WANTED a good sound 15 or 18-inch aquarium.—Lott, 97, Cheapside, London, E.C.

WANTED singing Canaries, exchange new disc records (latest).—32, Cross-st., Didsbury.

WANTED, pair secondhand clap nets, cheap; approval.—Vernum, 7, Orbain-rd., Fulham.

WANTED Mules, Goldfinches, Linnets, Larks, Redpolls; cash sent first.—Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED, dark trousers; exchange fountain pen, mole-skin watch chain.—F. Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED British for Albo-silver snake chain, or sell 5/-.—Richards, 187, Bolton-rd., Westhoughton.

WANTED pair ball-bearing roller skates, will exchange Canaries to value.—South, 40, Vernon-rd., Luton.

LARGE cock Mules or Hybrids wanted for cash, or exchange good Norwich.—Butcher, 62, Fylde-rd., Preston.

WANTED two hand-reared 1909 cock Bullfinches, feed from finger; approval.—S., 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

WANTED pair Cockatiels, aviary bred, young birds, in good health and feather.—David Low, Duke-st., Denny.

WANTED Canaries or offers for Yorkshire terrier brood bitch and fret machine by Hobbies.—3, Cable-st., Preston.

WANTED, from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Yellowhammers; state price.—Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

WANTED gramophone and records or bicycle for pair Crests and pair Norwich, value £1.—Lloyd, Tryfer, Harlech.

WILL give 13/- cock Goldfinches; 6/- hens; 3/- cock Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches.—Savory, Wheeler-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, customers for weekly supply Blackbirds, Thrushes, cheap.—Smith, Waverley-terrace, Highworth, Wilts.

WANTED pair Linnet nets, 9 yards long, 4ft. fly, exchange Greypates, Linnets.—Welsh, Victoria-sq., Portishead, Bristol.

WANTED Norwich and Lizard show cages; exchange high-class Lizards.—Reid, Plantation-rd., Pallion, Sunderland.

WANTED, British or Foreign Seedeaters, for black curly retriever dog pup, 10/-.—30, Station-rd., Summer lane, Barnsley.

WANTED offer 50 Norwich, Yorkshire and Crested Canaries, grand cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6.—Bolten, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

WANTED Yorkshire hens for gent's silver watch, almost new, or offers; sell 14/-; yours first.—Peters, School-st., Little Hulton.

WANTED, offers in Greypate cocks for two Norwich, one Roller hens, clears; yours first.—Scoteber, Abingdon Lodge, Cambs.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches; exchange nets, 12 yds., cock Canaries, Greyhound pup, 27 in.—Smith, 19, Chelsham-rd., Croydon.

WANTED cock Goldfinches, 1/3-; Bullfinches, 12/-; Linnets, 3/- dozen; or exchange 98 pullets.—W. Gray, 12, Orchard-st., York.

WANTED four cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches, in exchange for set of stag handle beef carvers.—F. Hill, 95, Eyre-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, offers, cash, anything, 130 Hobbies', 144 designs, 10 specials.—Shaweross, 704, Atherton-rd., Hindley Green, near Wigan.

WANTED Greyhound pup or snack, about year old; exchange Yorkshires, four cocks, four hens.—Luke, North-st., Byers Green.

WANTED fresh-caught Linnets, Goldfinches, cocks, or offers; exchange high flying tipplers.—Fish, Craisher-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

I WILL give 1/- each for hen Goldfinch Mules; 1/- each for old hen Goldfinches for export.—Fancier, 15, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

WANTED Roller cocks, Canaries; give in exchange black Pom., stud dog; particulars; stamp reply.—3, Lincoln-view, Newtown, Leeds.

WANTED large 1909 Norwich hens; exchange large square Parrot cage, cost £2; approval; birds first.—Johnson, 50, Greetby-hill, Ormskirk.

WANTED, Crests, Plainheads, and Yorkshires, for good birds; fair money given.—Scott and Houston, 109, Coventry Drive, Glasgow.

WANTED Canarics or cock Mules, in exchange for Hyacinths, good new bulbs, or sell 1/6 dozen, 10/-100.—Cloke, 28, Elm-grove, Peckham.

WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches and other British birds; the best price given for healthy birds.—C. Evans, 12, Key-bill, Birmingham.

WANTED offers in 1909 Yorkshire Canaries, or cash, for Part 1, to 51 "With Flag to Pretoria," clean.—T. Bent, Hill-street, Wexford.

WANTED Canaries; exchange all kinds of hoots, electro plate goods, etc., to value; particulars exchanged.—Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, British Hardbills; exchange tortoise Dutch buck, winner 3rd only time shown, or sell 10/-.—McKnight, Mains, Dalmellington.

NOTICE, wanted 10 pairs each Norwich, Crests, Yorkshires, Scotch Fancies; must be reasonable.—McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED buyers for Larks (as caught) at 2/- dozen, or 11 dozen £1; cash with order, or deposit with Editor.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WANTED cock Pope Cardinal, acclimatised; cash, or exchange Canaries or Mule; approval.—T. Southam, Honeybourne, S.O., Worcestershire.

WANTED, offers for pair Silver Cheq. show Homers, winners, and are ideal stock birds; sell £1; cheap.—Glover, Hairdresser, Nantwich.

WANTED bird catchers to send for sketch, particulars, price, movable decoys, without assistance; stamp, reply.—Fryett, Brampton, Wangford.

WANTED acclimatised Foreigners; exchange set 18 Whitworth taps, 3-16 to ½, or sell 20/-, cost 25/-, new.—Booth, Back-lane, Newbold, Chesterfield.

WANTED Norwich or Yorkshires; exchange hand-made cloth hearthrug, large size, value 15/6.—Cooper, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED offers in clap nets for pair of Seifert Rollers, 1908 birds; would give little cash if good; offers sent first.—E. Wade, Elston, Newark, Notts.

WANTED offers in Norwich Canaries for five volumes Modern Practical Farriery, cost 32/6, new condition.—Wilson, Stobb-hill, Gainford, Darlington.

WANTED cock Canaries, Mules, pullets, draperies, boots, groceries, anything useful; exchange 8 st. good, sound, cooking apples; offers.—J. Longbottom, Winbech.

WANTED, British birds, Parrots, dogs, guinea-pigs, rats, poultry, etc.; purchase, or exchange other Fancy.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33-35, Woolwich rd., Greenwich.

WANTED lady's or gentleman's tricycle or good set pony harness, give talking Parrot and cage, or splendid writing desk.—Marshall, Pemberton-st., Nottingham.

DEALERS to take regular supply cock Canaries, £2 2s. per dozen; hens, 15/- per dozen; any quantity; cash only.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

WILL take any quantity of common hen Canaries at 10d. each; hen Goldfinch Mules, 8d.; British birds bought, both sexes.—Raine, 18, Cheapside, Birmingham.

WANTED good singing bird and drawing-room cage; give three good Yorkshire hens and house-moulted cock Linnet; offers.—Raud, 8, Law-yard, Tow Law, Durham.

WANTED, 200 Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, must be in song, on approval; will deposit cash with editor.—Carter, 45 and 47, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED offers for three Bullfinches, one cock, two hens, cock Linnet, two Magpies, all hand-reared, three young common hen Canaries.—Coward, Sunnyside, St. James, Shaftesbury.

WANTED, young Buff cock Norwich, fit for exhibition; will exchange two pairs good stock Yorkshires; part Ambler's strain; yours first.—Whitehead, 69, Grasscroft-st., Stalybridge.

WANTED bicycle, 48-key English concertina, or best offers for prize-bred Yorkshires, 1909; two double breeders and hig flight; for particulars apply—Vasley, 119, Robinson-st., Westol, South Shields.

WANTED to sell five young Norwich cocks, warranted, three clear yellows, one marked yellow, one clear buff, 4/6 each, or 21/- lot; exchange for a British Goldfinch, house-moulted, that can win; Siberian ditto; three days' approval; stamp, reply.—Wyvill, Newbro-st., York.

WANTED high-class Canaries, Linnet Mules, sectioned boarded-out buildings; exchange racing cycle, value 9 guineas; pair fine-thread clap nets, 30 ft. by 5 ft., value 15/-; also large quantity of gold-moulted cylinder records (genuine Edison, Edison-Bell, Clarion, Columbia, etc.), and comprise piano, concertina, accordion, cornet, band, flute, and Piccolo solos also vocal records, sentimental and comic, by the best artiste living, guaranteed in real good playing order, sell 6/- dozen, half cost price; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both sides.—Charlie Cubley, Godney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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Mainly British

To be Sold or Exchanged.

TWO 1908 cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; offers.—Caretaker, 126, Asylum-rd., Peckham.

TWO Bullfinch cocks, two hens, 4/6; exchange Goldfinches, or Siskins, cocks.—Pepper, High-st., Dunmow.

I HAVE two nestling Larks on song; what offers in hen Canaries?—W. Butler, 20, West-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE two Goldie Mules, 1909, for house-moulted ben Bullie; approval, deposit.—Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

COCK Thrush, 1908, band-reared, full song, fit for show, new cage; sale or exchange.—Northam, 71, Burrows-rd., Willesden.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, hc, 7/6; Canary-reared Greenfinch, champion songster, 4/-; cock Linnet, 1/6. Burge, Whittington Moor.

PAIR of Green Budgerigars, exchange field-moulted yellow cock Siskin, or two ditto cock Bullfinches.—Colville, Coaltown, Markineb.

I INVITE exhibitors, breeders, and working men to write me for most reliable British; approval.—Cockerill, Atherton-st., Stockport.

TWO exhibition house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 10/- each, worth double, or exchange Canaries.—Russell, Alpine Villas, Rowley Hill-st., Worcester.

FOR sale, six extra large cock Linnets, also one house-moulted; six cock Redpolls, would exchange Canaries.—Dodd, painter, 11, Congreve-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

WANTED Bullfinches, Mules, or small Foreign birds; exchange pied Flycatchers, Redstarts, Whitethroat, Wagtails, Wheatears, or sell.—Lowne, Naturalist, Great Yarmouth.

LIGHT Goldie Mule, 20/-; Linnet-Greenie, 15/-; Yellow Norwich, 15/-; Chaffinch, 5/-; show specimens; exchange Orpingtons, early batched.—Hull, Brandon House, Gt. Yarmouth.

WHITE-LEGGED Goldfinch, warranted Muler, 6/-, two cock Goldfinch Mules, 1909, almost through moult, 10/-; sell lot 15/-; or exchange, revolver wanted.—B. Youngs, Oulton Stores, Oulton Broad.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 1909 bred, ditto Linnet Mule, parents of Linnet Mule, exhibiting Linnet, winner, sell or exchange lot for exhibition British bird or Hybrid, on approval; apply—21, Hardy-rd., S. Wimbledon, S.W.

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Mainly Canaries.

To be Sold or Exchanged

CRESTED hens for sale, or exchange Crest-bred.—435, Old Kent-rd., S.E.

WHAT offers show or singing cages for five hen Canaries.—James Magee, Hanover-st., Portadown.

EXCHANGE four hens for Norwich Canaries, must be good.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

FOUR young cock Linnets, clean moulted; sell, or exchange hen Canaries.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

GRAND 1909 cock Canaries, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; exchange, British preferred.—Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

YORKSHIRE Canaries; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 2/6; pairs, 9/6; or exchange Norwich.—Welland, Grocer, Haslemere.

FOWLS, Rocks, Leghorns, Bantams, fat Ducklings, exchange Yorkshire Canaries.—Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE clear Yorkshire cock, 1909, for four new Yorkshire show cages.—Chapman, 6, Park-view, Upper Bristol-rd., Bath.

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MATHERS, 36, Wellfield-rd., Preston, Lancashire. Four cocks, four hens, Canaries, cheap; exchange talking machine; give cash.

NORWICH; six hens, three Green, Yellow, Buff marked, 15/-; or useful exchange.—G. Goode, Berghers-hill, Wooburn, Bucks.

GRAND buff Norwich cock Canary, two yellow, unrelated hens, 12/-; approval; exchange, worth double.—Tebay, Back-lane, Sedbergh.

SIX Norwich cocks, 5/-, lot 25/-; six hens, 10/-; two pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, 10/- pair.—Fred Hollingworth, Whittington Moor.

TYPICAL Yorkshire cock, Bailey, Swanger's, 10/-; deposit; exchange silver watch, chain; yours first.—Anstee, 28, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

ROLLER cock, two hens, for Yorkshire show cages and case, or five cock Goldfinches, sell 7/-.—Whiting, Ravenshury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale, or exchange for gent's watch and chain, or good cycle.—Ellis, 54, Chadwick-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

TWO pairs prize-bred Border Fancies, sell 25/-; or exchange blankets, or anything useful.—Walter Ramsey, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, N.B.

TWO Roller hens, Seifert strain, house-moulted cock Redpoll; exchange Goldfinches, or good Roller cock.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

EXCHANGE four good Cinnamon-marked cocks and three hens, Yorkshires, for gramophone or bike.—Cornish, Wellington-rd., Crowthorne, Berks.

GOOD Norwich Canaries; exchange gent's cycle, 22 or 24 inch, or cob's harness; must be light and good.—F. Shrimpton, 140, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries or foreign birds for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

GRAND pen Golden Wyandotte, six hens, cock, cheap at 60/-; offers Canaries or Goldfinch Mules; take 25/- cash; approval.—Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft.

WINNING strain Norwich, 12/6 or 15/- pair; exchange cock for Greypates, or moulted Linnets; offers anything.—Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

TWELVE common hen Canaries, good feeding strain, all young birds; over-stocked; what offers for lot; exchange entertained.—Logan, 23, High-st., Dysart, Fifeshire.

FEW PAIR of 1909 Seifert Rollers, 8/6; two good pair of 1908 Yorkshires, 10/- pair (deposit); exchange Budgerigars or Parrot.—Maxwell, 10, Railway-st., Colne, Lancashire.

GENT'S cycle, frame 26in., good condition, £2; prize-bred fox terrier dog, 25/-; pair of home-bred Rollers, 25/-; Bull's-eye Kodak camera, 25/-; cash or exchange exhibition British, Mules, joiner's tools.—Ernest Fairhurst, Premier-st., Wombwell.

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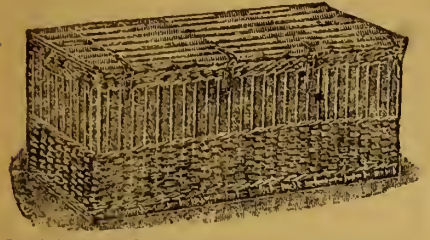
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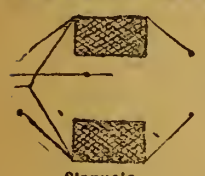
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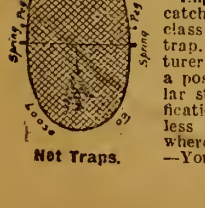
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Thos. Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham

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Notice to fanciers. If any bird I send you should not give fullest satisfaction, all you have to do is return them, and have your money back in full, as I do not wish you to keep them; seven days' approval. These birds are kept in and caged off, and proved to be in song before sent out, not brought straight from fields, and so-called kept in large outdoor aviaries. Warranted English cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 12/- dozen; hens 7/-; selected for show bench. Or light muling 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-, 15/- dozen. Goldfinch Mules, sing pure song, 4/6, 5/6; cock Linnets, with nut brown backs and red-breasted, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen, four dozen 12/-. Grand Linnet Mules 4/-, 5/- each. Two-year-old call bird Linnet, 2/6, young brancher cock Skylarks, 1/- each, in song three 2/-; cock Woodlarks, king songsters, 2/6, 3/-; cock Chaffinches three 1/3, 3/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, three 1/-, cock Canaries, 3 months approval, 4/-, 5/- each, three 10/6; Canaries' cages 1/6 each, worth 2/6; pair new bird nets, 12 yards long, 8/6; talking Parrot, 18/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; says 20 words, upwards.—Baker, Philip-st., Bedminster.

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Gentlemen, why I keep sending prize winners out every day is because I have the largest stock in the world to select from; this is well known by all the leading exhibitors. Contest singers, and Mule breeders, also the finest aviaries. Mine are not old hencotes, same as most backyard dealers when you come to inspect them. Over 2,000 birds to select from. Not picked out of a dozen; also refreshments and teas provided at any hour for all clients; so don't be gulled by so-called specialists; send to the largest bird dealer in the world; all at working men's prices; Linnets, Linnets, Linnets, ready for show bench; real giants, well pencilled, good ground colour, Norwich type; real gems, same sort of Linnets that won 1st prizes all over England, which I have sent out, only 2/-; few extra specials 2/6; Linnets for contest singing in full song, taught under my well known Cheshire champions, 1/6 each, a few extra specials ready to win contest, 2/6 and 3/- each, with book of instruction and new polished singing cage; packet of extra special seed 3/6. I can dispose of a few catching Linnets, all well worked, used to nets, in full song, real stoppers, 2/- and 2/6 each; Goldfinches, Goldfinches, real English Peartree Goldfinches, over 500 in stock, all netted from the Cheshire fruit gardens, not foreign rubbish; few large giants, with good broad square blazes, well tanned on breast, extra well buttoned, long Yorkshire type, ready to win in keen competition, 2/6; a few large giants extra special, 3/-; a few Goldfinches, in full song, used to the nets, snit catchers, 2/6 each, real bargains. Yellow Giant Greenfinches, like Canaries, 1/-; few specials 1/6 each; large Yellowhammers, 1/- and 1/6 each; massive large Redpolls, sure winners, 1/-; over 500 splendid nestling Larks, all in full song, finger tame, 1/6 each, also 200 house-moulted Larks in full song, 2/- each; over 80 hand-reared young ones, will peck from hand, finger-tame, and in full song, ready to win any singing contest, taught under the champion Larks of Cheshire, 3/-; or any other kind of British birds you require. Please write for Softbills or Hardbills; singing contest clubs and aviaries supplied by return of post. Ladies and gentlemen, all I send out are on 7 days' approval, cash, or deposit with "Cage Birds." So, gentlemen, send at once to Matthews, Bird Specialist and Judge, 24, Avenue-st. Aviaries, Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS

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COCK Blackbirds, Songthrushes, 8d. each, selected 1/-; Chaffinches, brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; Redpolls, Larks, 2/- dozen; mixed aviary birds, 1/- dozen, 20 for 1/6, Linnets, Chaffinches, Yellowbuntings, Greenfinches, Redpolls, Larks, 6d. pair, Goldfinches, 2/- pair; Robins, Oxeyetits, Bluetits, 1/- pair; exchange Mules.—George Fenn, Bowers-lane, Isleham, Cambs.

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Gentlemen, my special book of secrets tells you how to feed old Linnets, young Linnets, how to feed young Goldfinches, old Goldfinches, young Bullfinches, how to box moult, how to moult for show, how to cure soft moult, how to moult old Larks, how to feed young Larks, how to spring for contest singing, how to make your own soft food for Larks, how to make Linnets sing with their wings down, how to spring them for contest singing, and scores of other useful items. Gentlemen, this is the finest hook in circulation. No fancier should be without it. Send at once; 1,000 now ready, only 1/2 post free. I have no agents. Send to Matthews, Bird Specialist, 24, Avenue-st. Aviaries, Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

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BUFF cock, ticked both eyes, otherwise clear, even marked strain. Few self Cinnamons and Greens (correct size and style), clears, etc. Also several from even marked strains. All 1909, cold room bred, and in pink of condition. No better blood obtainable. Not a dealer.—Cogdon, 88, St. Leonard-st., Sunderland.

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LARGE Norwich Cinnamons, cocks 10/-, hens 5/-; approval.—Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

NEW 1909 Cinnamons through moult, bred from winners; several that can win in best company; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTED hens 2/- each, cash, or deposit.—Baker, 50, Poplar, Smethwick.

WANTED first-class birds only, cheap for cash.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

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SIX splendid Crested Norwich cocks, May-hatched, coming in full song, light and variegated, 5/- each.—Green, Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Brighton.

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W. NEAME, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.—Now is your opportunity for procuring some of the finest Crests and Crest-breds in the Fancy, bred from my noted strains. It will be to every fancier's advantage to write me. Having such a large collection of high-class birds, I am able to offer them at 25 per cent. cheaper than elsewhere. Crests from 10/- to £5. Exporters should note this advertisement.

MONSTER clear Crest cock, 12/-; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive feathery even-marked ditto, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; massive feathery ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; massive feathery ditto, 8/6; massive clear ditto, 8/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6; feathery ditto, 8/6; all massive healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition Crest, £1 5s.; monster clear Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; massive heavy-feathered Green Crest cock, 15/-; massive feathery Yellow even-marked dark Crest cock, beauty, 15/-; monster variegated dark Crest hen, gem, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; massive heavy-feathered, even-marked ditto, 11/6; monster Yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, £1; monster Buff variegated ditto, fine skull, £1; monster clear Crest-bred cock, 18/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered ditto, 12/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 12/-; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

DO YOU WANT CRESTS OR CREST-BREDS?

I have them, good, and to suit all pockets. List free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills, 20/- pair.—Bird Stores, Bruynooghe, Antwerp, Belginm.

DUTCH FRILLS, Divers, other birds cheap; exchanges taken.—Edward Williams, 9, Thirlmere-st., Liscard.

Greens.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 62, Church-st., Widnes.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

FIVE, as bred, three Coppy, two Plainhead, off good stock; lot 20/-; two cocks certain.—Reid, Burnside, Perth.

ONE Yellow, two Buff coppy cocks, can win in local show, 25/- each; four Lancashire show cages and case, 16/-; approval.—Donnelly, 46, Swinton Hall-rd., Swinton, Manchester.

Norwich.

NORWICH cocks, 6/- each.—Game, 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

NORWICH cock, 6/6; two hens, 3/- each.—Fryer, 63, Rhyl-st., Kentish Town.

CHARING Cross Aviaries, Neal Street, London, require Norwich; cheques promptly.

FOUR Norwich hens, 9/-; Irish Terrier pup, six weeks, 5/6.—Eastoe, 64, Benwell-rd., Holloway.

LARGE unflighted Norwich cocks, 5/-; approval anywhere.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

CINNAMON-MARKED buff cock, 3rd prize winner, sacrifice 10/-.—E. Sparks, 46, Hamer-st., St. Helens.

BIG Norwich Canaries, all colours; cocks, 7/6 to 20/-; hens, 5/ -to 15/-.—L., 40, Uxbridge-rd., Ealing.

NOTICE; grand Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—M'Keaud, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

SEVEN Norwich hens, 2/- each, 12/- lot; exchange British, anything useful; stamp.—Faulkner, Bellevue, Redruth.

NORWICH and German cross, nicely on song, 3/- each, hens 1/6.—W. Gardner, 23, Marchand-st., Preston, Lancs.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 12/6; pairs from 10/6; warranted 1909 birds.—A. Missenden, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

FOR Sale, pair of Norwich green cock, yellow hen, 8/6, or offer, no live stock.—E. Dale, 9, Parliament-st., Sheffield.

LARGE Norwich cocks, colour fed, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; cold room; approval.—E. Awde, 120, Kasson-rd., Darlington.

MATCHED pair Norwich, six months old, 8/6 cash or deposit system.—G. Mason, Park-rd., Worsboro' Bridge, Barnsley.

TWENTY large chubby clears and marked, colour fed, 10/-, 12/6 pair; must sell; deposit.—6, Norwood Gardens, Ashford.

D. DEVOY, breeder and exhibitor high-class Norwich; single birds, 7/6 to 20/-; approval.—23, George-st., Stranraer, Scotland.

STURDY stock now ready, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; all varieties; easy terms to working men.—Broadbent, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

LARGE chubby Norwich, all colours, cocks 7/6 to 20/-, hens 5/- to 15/-; approval.—King, 49, Severn-st., Ashington, Northumberland.

TWO big Norwich cocks, 1908, 3 large hens, 18/-; or exchange good Yorkshire cocks.—Jeffries, 55, Meeson-rd., Portway, West Ham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, bred from the best of stock; several that can win; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

MUST sell twelve excellent Norwich Canaries, nearly all cocks, approval, what offers.—Ward, Melrose, Deben-rd., Woodbridge, Suffolk.

AMATEUR has several Norwich cocks and hens for sale, hens, 3/-; cocks, 7/6 each; or offers.—W. J. Jess, 152, Embankment-rd., Plymouth.

1909 NORWICH cock, 6/-; two hens, 1909, 2/6 each; one house-moulted cock Greenfinch, 2/-.—A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

OFFER wanted in cash for a dozen young Norwich, all good-bred birds, but run a bit small, nonfed; mostly cocks.—Holness, Jeweller, Herne Bay.

COLOUR-FED, would win in novice classes, clear yellow, marked yellow, clear buff, marked buff, 12/6 each; honestly worth double.—Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

TEN young Norwich hens, cold-room bred, 30/- lot; or will separate; strong young cocks, 6/-; pairs, 8/6; all on approval.—John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

YELLOW cock, winner, 15/-; another 10/-; variegated 7/6; four grand unflighted buff cocks, 7/6 each; quarter value, to clear.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

WORTH notice; grand lot high-classed Norwich, for show or song; many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

WINNERS, yellow cock, yellow variegated hen, even marked buff hen, buff variegated hen, big winner; also a few unflighted birds, fit to win.—Milne, Newtyle Station.

EXTRAORDINARY value; large cobby Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; worth double; approval.—R. Hanford, Derby.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain; few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; real bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EXTRA large Norwich, yellows or buffs, clear or ticked, cocks 10/- to 15/-; hens 5/- to 7/6; matched pairs 15/-, all unflighted; approval anywhere.—James Bunting, 58, Black-lane, Macclesfield.

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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Oct. 2nd. There was a large turn-out of members, who reported a splendid lot of specials for the forthcoming show. The schedule was also considered satisfactory, and everything seems promising.—G. Havvsr, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLETON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 27th, at Old Boar's Head. Mr. W. Bescoby was chairman. It was decided to change our Society's name from Middleton Ornithological Society to Middleton Cage Bird Society. We also appointed Mr. W. Hardy, of Oldham, and Mr. Croft, of Bradford, as judges at our annual open show, to be held December 4th. We have secured the patronage of the L. and L.F.A., also the L.C.A., and we are looking forward to having one of the best shows ever held in Middleton.—J. Oldham, Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held October 4th, at Oddfellows' Hall, a large number of members being present. Previous to the ordinary business, a washing exhibition was given by Mr. Geo. Harland, who washed two birds supplied by Mr. Calam. After the washing, Mr. Harland asked if any of the novices present would like to try their hands, but no response being forthcoming Messrs. W. T. Pepper and Stamford, two champion members, gave a further exhibition, each washing one bird; thus three different styles of washing and handling birds were shown, which were greatly appreciated. Specials for open show were discussed, but as the special prize fund is still open, it was decided to leave it to committee to arrange at a later meeting. Any member wishing to contribute is asked to communicate with the secretary as early as possible.—Ernest R. Rimley, hon. sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

ALB BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood, Judge of all varieties of cage birds; over 20 years' experience; terms moderate.

S. W. BIRCHLEY, "Ivydene," Marsland Road, Brooklands, Cheshire. Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W., Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

ROBERT LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy; 20 years' experience.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries British and Foreign Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of cage birds; specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds, All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey-st., Bodmin. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, Specialist, Judge of British and Foreign Birds, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience

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A reduction will be made for a Series of not less than Nine Weeks.

CAGE BIRDS, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

ALNWICK
And Dis. C.B.S.

Second Annual Exhibition. Under Cage Bird Union Rules, will be held in the Corn Exchange, Alnwick, on **Wednesday, October 13th, 1909.** Classes short. Entries extended to **Monday morning, October 11th, 1909.** Send on entries, and we will classify.—**W. A. BROADLEY, Hon. Sec., 45, King Street, Alnwick.**

CANNOCK
& District Fur and Feather Society. Oct. 13 & 14.

See last week's show advertisement, and send us your entries at once. If you have not got a schedule, send on your entries, I will classify. Classes for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Do not let this be a failure, every entry helps. **H. W. BRIGGS,** Hon. Sec., **Walsall Road, Cannock.**

LEAMINGTON SPA SIXTH ANNUAL of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds. Entrance Fee 1/6. **Thursday, Oct. 14.** Entries bearing this issues post date will be received. Classification last week.
F. T. PRITCHARD, Portland Street.

DARLINGTON Canary & British Bird Fanciers' Association

Fourth Annual Open Show will be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, Saturday **OCTOBER 16th, 1909.** 32 Classes; good specials; prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; entrance fee, 1/-. President, H. Pike Pease, Esq., M.P. Judges: (Canaries) J. Wilcock; (British) F. Marwood, Fanciers should not miss this grand show. Entries close **Monday, OCTOBER 11th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

NORTHAMPTON Good Intent 38th Show.

OCTOBER 20th & 21st. Cage Bird Union Rules. Entries close **OCT. 12th.** Grand Schedule apply to **G. M LARKMAN. 210, Wellingboro' Road.**

BOLTON

OPEN SHOW

Oct. 15th & 16th.

In the Co-operative Hall, Bridge-street, Bolton. C.B.U. Rules. Grand list of specials. Judges: J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh. 43 Classes: 7 Yorks., 10 Norwich, 2 Natural Colour Norwich, 1 Crest, 1 Crest-bred, 2 Cinn., 3 Border Fancy, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule or Hybrid, 3 Selling, 4 British, 1 Foreign, 1 Gift, 4 Novice Yorks., 4 Novice Norwich, silver medal for best Norwich in Novice Classes. N.P.C. and Southern N.P.C. Contest, 4 money prizes per class. Entries close, **Monday, October 11th.** Schedules from **H. PARKINSON, 69, Oxford-grove, Bolton.**

LISKEARD SHOW

(Under Poultry Club Rules). Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds.

OCTOBER 20, 1909.

Entries close **October 14.** Upwards of **£100** in prizes; numerous specials. Schedules ready. All prize money paid in full. Dr. W. CURTIS, Hon. Sec. Fur and Feather Section. Mr. H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec. Dog Section.

Entries for this well known fixture a failure.

FOLKESTONE OCTOBER 20 & 21.

Splendid classification, see Review. Accept entries if posted Monday to **J. W. GAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton Road, Folkestone.**

EASTBOURNE OCT. 20, 21. 1909.

Entries so short compelled to extend to **Tuesday, October 12th.** Genuine appeal, Fancier's please help. **R. M. DALY, 120, Whitley Road, Eastbourne.**

HANLEY & DIS.

Cage Bird Society.

One-day Open Show, **OCTOBER 21st.** Judge, W. Mundell. Classes, 8 Norwich and 8 Yorkshires, Novice 4 each. Good classes for all other variety of Cage Birds. Schedules out this week-end.—Apply **B. PEAKE, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs.**

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

FIFTH ANNUAL SHOW

(Open to Kent, Sussex and Surrey) of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, Cats & Cavies,

Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22, 1909.

Entries close positively 13th October, 1909. Old Calabar Co., pen and feed exhibits. Schedules from H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HINCKLEY

Annual Show, Oct. 22nd and 23rd.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and Cage Birds.

CAGE BIRDS.

Judge: J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby.

Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, 1/6.

Entries close OCTOBER 16th.

Class.

42 Nor. (P.H.), any col., except evenly mkd. nat. col.
43 Nor. (Plainhead), clear, tkd. or varieg., except evenly mkd. yell.
44 Nor. (Plainhead), cl. tkd., or varieg., except evenly mkd. buff.
45 Nor. Hen (Plainhead), except evenly mkd.
46 Nor. (Plainhead), unflig., cl., tkd., or varieg., except evenly mkd. yell.
47 Nor. (Plainhead), unflig., cl., tkd., or varleg., except evenly mkd. buff.
48 Yorks., cock or hen, any col., except evenly mkd.
49 A.O.V. Can., except Crest or Crest-bred.
50 Any variety Mule or Hybrid.
51 British Goldfinch or Bullfinch cock.
52 British Linnet.
53 Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite.
54 Any other variety British Finch or Bunting, including hen Bullfinch.
55 A.O.V. Brit bird, not larger than Missel Thrush.
56 A.V., For. bird, not larger than a Cardinal.
57 Any other variety Foreign bird.
58 Sell. Class, single bird, any variety, except Crests, or C.B., price not to exceed 15/-.
59 Sell. Class, pairs, any variety, except Crests, or Crest-bred, price not to exceed 25/-.

Enter from above, or apply for schedule. Numerous specials. Please enter and assist good management by early entries, to **H. TOWERS, 12, Orchard Street, Hinckley.**

"WHAT IS THIS?"

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM

C.B.A, Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds to be held on **Oct. 23rd,** in Co-operative Hall, 66 open classes. Over **£70** in prizes and specials. Specialist Judges. Send on your entries and I will classify. Entries close **Oct. 18,** last post. Schedules to be had from

J. Ford, Hon. Sec. Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.

MIDDLESBRO'

AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S. 4th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

OCTOBER 23rd, 1909.

Judges—W. Mundell, J. Maddison.

4 Money Prizes. 1/- Entry Fee. Good Specials and Challenge Bowl. Entries close **Oct. 18th.** Schedules apply—**A. WAKE, 41, Aske Road.**

PAIGNTON

TORBAY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Open Cage Bird Show, **Wednesday, OCTOBER 27th, 1909.** 29 Open Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-.** Special prize in each class. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close **October 20th.** Schedules from **C. PARNELL, Secretary, Palace House, Paignton, S. Devon.**

Cage Bird fanciers and lovers of feathered pets be sure and visit the great exhibition at

DULWICH

Tues. & Wed. **Oct. 12 & 13,** at the Municipal Hall, Goose Green, E. Dulwich, S.E. You will be delighted. Cars and buses from all parts pass the doors. Admission Tuesday, 2 to 5 p.m., one shilling, after 5 sixpence. Wednesday, 12 to 5 p.m. Sixpence. Tickets at doors, or from **Woolhouse and Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstane Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.**

CITY OF GLASGOW (OPEN TO THE WORLD).

The Fifty-sixth Annual Show of Scotch-fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border-fancy Canaries, also Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, on **Friday & Saturday, OCTOBER 15th & 16th.** Popular Judges. Large Classification. Ents. cls. Oct 9. Prize-money:—15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-. Guaranteed throughout. Schedules now ready. Secs.—Scotch-fancy & Belgian **Alex. Macdonald, 279, Crow-rd., Partick, Glasgow;** Norwich, etc., Section, **John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.**

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held at the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street, on **Saturday, October 16th, 1909.** Good classification for Canaries and British. J. Robson Esq. is judging Show. Please write for Schedules and other particulars of **W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec., 12, Berry Street, Coventry,** Entries extended to **October 11th, 1909.** (1st post.)

MORPETH

AND DISTRICT C. & C.B.S. Annual Show. OCTOBER 16, 1909. Open to the United Kingdom (under C.B.U. Rules). 24 open classes. 4 money prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry fee 1/-, members 9d. Special every class; numerous extra specials including case of carvers, value 10/6, most points. Ham, second, most points in Norwich classes. 5/- most points unflighted Yellow Norwich class; ditto unflighted Buff class. 5/- most points, also 2/6 best yellow; 2/6 best buff for open novice class, etc. Judges: Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, Mr. A. Brown, Gateshead. Apply for Schedules at once:—**E. COWLING, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.** Entries close Oct. 9.

Affiliated to Cage Bird Union. Western Counties Ornithological Society.

PLYMOUTH

Jubilee Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 and 20.

Entries close **Oct. 9.** Eighty classes. No Amalgamation or cancellation. Full prize money in every class. A special in every class in addition to 1st prize money: Prize money paid first day of show. Patronage of S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C. and C.C.C. Judges: C. A. House, Esq., J. Robson, Esq. and T. Heath, Esq. Don't forget our Jubilee. Schedules now ready. **Thomas Pope, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.**

BATTERSEA C.B.A.

Affiliated to Cage Bird Union and London Federation.

Under patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C.; and N.B.B. & M.C.

Hold their Fourth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds at the Battersea Town Hall **Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 20 and 21.** Prize money **12/6, 6/6, 3/-, 2/-.** 45 Open Classes. No Amalgamation. Judges: Yorkshires, A. Patrick, Esq.; all other varieties, J. Robson, Esq. **Easterling and Allen, Secs. 340, Battersea Park Road, S.W.** Entries close **Oct. 12.**

THE LARGEST SHOW OF LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS IN THE WORLD.

ROCHDALE

Ornithological Club, 29th Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, also stuffed Specimens. Town Hall, **October 22nd and 23rd.** Entries close **Oct. 16th.** The following Monday's Post in time. Under the Patronage of L.C.A., L. and L.F.A., Y.C.C., F.B.C. Cup Show, N.P.C. Cup Show. 67 classes, entrance fee 1/6. Prize Money, 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Medals and Specials each Class, also Extra Specials each Variety. Classification:—13 Lancs., 7 Lizards, 8 Yorks, 2 unflighted, 4 Crests, 14 Norwich Plainheads, 1 Pair, 2 Mules, 3 Selling, 3 open Novice, 1 A.O.V., 4 British, 6 Foreign, 1 Stuffed. Judges Messrs. C. A. House, and H. W. Battye. Prize Money paid to successful exhibitors on Sat. 2nd day of show. Shdls. now ready from **J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith St, Roohdale.**

SHOW OF THE NORTH.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Under C.B.U. Rules. 4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, on **Friday and Saturday, October 22nd and 23rd, 1909.** Entrance fee, 1/6. 84 Open Classes and 41 Members' Classes. £1 1s for best Exhibit in Show. 2/6 (Cash), for most points in each class. 10/6 (Cash) for best bird in each section. Under patronage of O.N.P.C., N.C.C., C.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B., and M.C., F.B.C., N.B.B.M., and F.B.C. Judges: W. Vardy, T. Heath, W. Mundell, W. C. Duncan (Duncan & Logan), J. Robson. Prize Money Guaranteed. Schedules ready, apply **CURRY & HUTCHINSON, Secretaries, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.** Entries close **Oct. 18.**

City and County of PERTH O.A.

Grand Annual Open Show in Co-operative Hall, Canal Street, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1909.

Under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.C.C. Judges.—Messrs. G. Fulton, G. C. T. Hope, G. F. Adamson, J. Sandison, J. Craig, J. Adams. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-,** Entry Fee **1/6.** Entries close **October 16th.**

Secretary, J KERR, 18, James Street.

Show of the West.

GLOUCESTER Oct. 27 and 28 1909.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 50 Classes. Numerous Specials to each section, also three Challenge bowls. Under the Patronage of Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C. Judges: W. Vardy and H. W. Battye. Prize money guaranteed. Schedules ready. Entries closed **Oct. 23.** Hon. Sec. **J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Rd., Gloucester.**

WOLVERHAMPTON

3rd: Great Show. October 28 and 29

Schedules apply **J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Rd., Wolverhampton.**

MANCHESTER

OCTOBER 29 and 30

BELLE VUE.

Under patronage of all Specialist Clubs. Over 100 Open Classes. Novice Classes for Lizards, Yorkshires, Norwich and Cinnamons. Prize Money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in every variety. Judges—Messrs. Garner, Battye, Roe, Hadwin, Godley, Cobb, and Houlton. Entries close **October 23rd.**

Exhibitors making over 3 entries receive Free Ticket for Belle Vue and the Show.

Belle Vue is the most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best collection of Animals and Birds outside the Zoo. Endless amusements, Dancing, Boating, Figure 8, and after close of the Show, the finest display of Fireworks in England. Cheap Railway Excursions from everywhere.

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Tickets 6d. each, if purchased beforehand, admit to both Show & Belle Vue at any time on either day.

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October 23, 1909.

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of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, stuffed specimens, and Roller singing Canaries, in the Victoria Hall, Wallgate, Wigan, **NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.** C.B. Union Rules. Judges: H. Tams and W. Massey. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules from **W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

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AND DIS. C.B.S.
5th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, open to the United Kingdom, **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: H. W. Battye and C. Houlton. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry Fee, 1/-. Specials every class, and most points. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules—**J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

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Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Wallsend, **NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909.** Patronages: N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. 56 Open Classes, including 7 for Novices. Judges: J. H. Roe, J. Wilcock, and J. W. Bruce, Esqrs. 4 Cash Prizes, and cash special for every class. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from **RICHARDSON AND GREENWELL, Secretaries. 35, The Avenue, Wallsend.**

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Cage Bird and Pigeon Show.
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JANUARY 18th, 1910.

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Twitterings.

Entries for Glasgow close October 9th. Send entries on at once. See show advertisement.—(ADVT.)

Kindly note my change of address from Albert Street to 58, Black Lane, Macclesfield, writes Mr. James Bunting.

Will show secretaries kindly send me schedules, writes Mr. F. J. Child, to 42, Allerton Terrace, Kirkstall Road, Leeds.

We finish receiving entries writes Mr. S. L. Cocks, the secretary of Peterboro' Show, with a total of 350, most of which came late.

The September number of that bright little journal, "The Canadian Fancier" (published at 44, Lombard Street, Toronto), has just come to hand.

Mr. W. Hardy, along with Mr. Croft, are the two judges selected for our show on December 4th, writes Mr. Jos. Oldham, secretary of the Middleton C.B.S.

Will secretaries and friends kindly note that Mr. E. Sexton has moved from Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, to 201, Fallsbrook Road, Mitcham Lane, Streatham.

We do not muster 50 entries in all sections so far, writes Mr. R. M. Daly, secretary of the Eastbourne Show, October 20th. Many specials are being provided, and there is a good classification.

Will show secretaries please note in sending schedules that my address is not Victoria House but Victoria Terrace, 326, Droylsden Road, Newton Heath, Manchester, writes Mr. H. Wadsworth.

We are holding our open show on November 25th, under C.B.U. license, writes Mr. Arthur R. Tremlett, hon secretary of the Sidmouth and Dis. F.S. Mr. J. Robson will judge the 30 classes provided.

Class No. 3 in our show schedule, should have been "Norwich hen," writes Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. secretary of the Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S., and special No. 13 was omitted, viz., prize value 2s. 6d.

I hear that Mr. C. Pickup has sold his Yellow Green Marked Yorkshire to Messrs. Hartley for £6 10s., writes Mr. F. Holdsworth. I hope it will do the present owner good. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Exhibitors and show secretaries are requested to note that Ramsden's specials will be withheld at any show where the condition of printing "Ramsden" against competing entries is not complied with.—(ADVT.)

The committee of the Norwich Plainhead Club have decided to hold their next cup show at Rochdale on October 22nd and 23rd, when the judge will be Mr. H. W. Battye.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. secretary.

At Dulwich Show we have decided, write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, the show secretaries, to accept entries to Saturday's post, October 9th; not later. See review of schedule for classes, and send on; we will classify.

There will be an extra special for the Border Fancy class for best bird of other colour than winner (which is not included in schedule), writes Mr. Thos. Pope, hon. secretary of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth) Show.

I have removed from Shrewsbury Road to 36, Nightingale Road, Harlesden, London, N.W., writes Mr. F. Eaton, Norwich and Yorkshire breeder. I am pleased to say I have had a good breeding season—86 youngsters doing well.

It may interest you to know of my breeding results this season, writes Mrs. M. J. Bright (Bideford). I have reared 3 Norwich-Roller crossed Canaries from 5 hens, losing only one bird, which was crowded out. Last season I reared 71 birds from 6 hens.

I have sent over 1,400 schedules out, writes Mr. Curry, joint secretary of the Newcastle Show, October 22nd and 23rd. If any have been overlooked, will they please apply? Our address is 60, Grosvenor Gardens, and not 6, as printed last week in our advertisement.

Our next meeting (October 18th), writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C., is the last date for accepting the annual subscription. Any member whose subscription is not paid will not be eligible to compete for members' specials at the open show.

Lancaster Open Show will be held on November 19th and 20th, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler, the secretary, when we shall be giving 22s. per class prize-money, with good specials in addition. We have a very nice hall, and our railway facilities are equalled by few other towns.

Our show this year looks like being a "knock out," writes Mr. R. Taylor, secretary of the Preston O.S. We have the Norwich P.C. contest, and the patronage of the Green Canary Association, also the E. and W.B.F.C. Fanciers please note that our membership is open to all.

Things are progressing well for our open show on January 1st, 1910, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary of the Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S., when we hope to have a record entry, as the Border Fancy Club are holding their annual meeting here, and we hope to meet many fresh faces.

We have been favoured with the patronage of the Yorkshire C.B.S., of Ireland, writes Mr. R. J. Hamilton, secretary of the Banbridge Cage Bird Show, November 11th and 12th. At the committee meeting held recently a new cup was presented by Mr. J. Chalmers for young Mules. We anticipate a record show.

While at Longton Show, writes our reporter, I had the pleasure of looking round Mr. E. Tams' shop and bird rooms, and was very much surprised and pleased to see such a fine display, including all kinds of cages and foods and birds. I noticed some very promising young Norwich among the latter.

Finding that the hall for the holding of our annual show was not available for the date fixed (January 11th), writes Mr. Daniel John, secretary, Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., I have just been informed that the hall has been granted to us for January 18th, when we are in hopes of having a successful show.

Will secretaries and friends kindly note, writes Mr. Herbert J. Chick, that I have removed from 44, Radford Road, to 39a, Radford Road, Nottingham, where I have opened a first-class fish, game, and poultry shop. I shall be able now to devote more time to the hobby, and hope to come out as a judge of British birds next season.

There is no other show in the North on October 27th and 28th, and with our popular judges we should get entries from all over the South of Scotland and N.E. and N.W. of England in good numbers for our fixture on those days, writes Mr. J. C. Bell, secretary, Border City O.S. (Carlisle).

I have moved to Hope Cottage, High Street, Melbourn, near Royston, Cambs., writes Mr. F. R. E. Handscombe, for the benefit of my health, which was not very grand at Walthamstow. I am pleased to say that it has improved. I have not had a big rearing year. I shifted my birds in May, while they were in the first round, and then they came out of an indoor room into a special house built for them, but what I have bred are very good considering. I miss the society of London fanciers, such as the Leyton C.B.A. and the Walthamstow F.A., but I hope in due course we shall see a society near here.

We are giving a series of 5 table shows for novices only, to be held monthly at headquarters, Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Hr. Openshaw, writes Mr. F. Washbourne, secretary of the South Manchester C.B.S. Prizes, 1s. 6d. special each class, and a gold medal, silver, etc., and a handsome pipe and case for first, second, and third, most points gained at the end of the season. Prize money on 5d. sliding scale. Now, novices, support the committee by sending a record entry for first show on October 9th. Entries taken till 2.30 day of show. Mr. George will judge. Free admission, fanciers invited.

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Green Canaries: Preparation for the Exhibitions.

By J. W. METCALFE.

A Lecture delivered recently before the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association.

One of the greatest essentials towards the success of a show specimen is the manner in which it is staged. How many exhibitors have wondered why they were not "in the money"! But they would soon have found why if they had compared the staging of the winners with their own. Many a bird without a ticket has been of better type and quality than the winner, but owing to its condition has had to be passed. Staging, on its own, will not win, but if a bird is worth sending out, it should be sent out in the pink of condition, well groomed and in a cage worthy of the exhibit; then if it comes to a matter of two birds being of equal merit, the one that is staged well is sure to get the preference. Getting birds ready for exhibition is a fine art, and only comes to one by continual practice and patience.

At the Time of the Moult.

I will commence with the moult, which is the main thing, for if you don't get a good clean moult you may put your specimen away for another year. My own method is to put all my birds into as large a flight as I can get. For about six or seven weeks previous to this all the young birds have had a thorough training, to be used to the show cage, so that they will not take so much training when they leave the flight.

As soon as the youngsters are half way through the moult I cage them off in twos. It is not necessary to do this with the old birds until they have almost finished their moult, because you know their show points, and it gives you more room for the youngsters.

At this time of the year your birds should be fed on the most nourishing foods, to keep them up to their usual strength, because the moult naturally weakens them. I give them plenty of mixed seeds, without hemp. Hemp I give separately once a week, as too much hemp makes a Green too dark; but I think the giving of mixed seeds helps to improve their colour. Egg-food should be given twice a week.

Selecting and Training Show Specimens.

When you have got all your youngsters caged off, keep a sharp look-out for the most promising show specimens, and those that you are certain will not be good enough for the bench along with those which look like developing into stock birds, you may throw back into the flight. You will now have more time in which to train the most promising birds.

You should have them in the show-cage at least three times a week. A good idea is to put up a small board in your room to hold, say, six show cages. As soon as you go in to look to your stock, run out six of the youngsters and put them on this board, while you are knocking about the room; they will become less frightened, and will so steady themselves. It also puts them through their paces, which they will have to go through at the show.

Too much handling cannot be given to young birds, because a judge will not trouble much with a bird that is wild; in fact, a bird cannot pull itself together to the judge's liking after knocking itself about, so this is where patience is required. I will admit some birds will never become steady, and I have found this bad point has developed in their progeny. A good way to try to steady them is to give them a thorough spraying and then carry them about wherever you go in the room. I have cured many a bird this way.

Concerning Baths and Foods.

Now, as regards baths, it is advisable to hang one on the cage each day, because there is nothing like water by which to brace a bird up; as any exhibitor will tell you; it tightens their feathers. Best Spanish Canary seed should be always in the seed hopper, good mixed seed should be given twice a week, and egg-food, made up as follows, should be given to your best show birds, as it is too expensive to give all round:—One hard boiled new laid egg, half a round of bread crumbs, two teaspoonfuls of maw seed, and two teaspoonfuls of cream, well mixed together; give one teaspoonful to each bird twice a week. One a week I have given my birds tenpenny ale, instead of drinking water; on this day you must omit the bath.

I have been asked what is tenpenny ale? It goes by this name here. It is the strongest ale you can procure. It seems a farce to give ale to birds, but this recipe was given to me by a very successful exhibitor, and I tried it with beneficial results.

I forgot to mention that if a bird wont bathe itself it is absolutely necessary to give it a good spraying three times a week. Keep a cage specially for spraying them in. Afterwards run them back into the stock cage—many a bird has caught a cold through being left in a wet show cage. Keep a sharp look-out for broken flights or tail feathers. If you find any, pull the stumps out, they will then be replaced by others by the time the show season opens.

As your young birds are finishing moulting I should advise spraying them with a few drops of glycerine in the water. When they are dry give them a good grooming with a camel hair shaving brush, especially on the head and back.

When the Birds are Ready.

Now, supposing your birds are fit for the show. Get your cages enamelled and the perches well washed. It is surprising how different a bird looks in a bright and clean cage. Should you not be successful at the first shows, don't give up unless you can see for yourself that you are hopelessly outclassed. On the other hand, don't think you are going to sweep the decks, if you have the good fortune to win at the first show.

When the birds come back from the show give them all a pinch of cayenne in their egg-food, and give them a good bath. I have always found that Greens will stand three shows before they require washing, and then if possible wash them eight or nine days before they go out again. Washing seems to take the green lustre off at first, but it will come back again before the show comes round.

My method of washing is to get three bowls of water, as generally used. After tubbing the birds I give them a thorough drying with a silk handkerchief. Don't be afraid to use these; often enough birds have been put back in the cages before they were half dry. Put them in flannel before a good fire, give them about ten minutes in this, and then take them up and give them a good polishing with a nice piece of silk. On no account put a bird back into the cage before it has been polished. There are many methods of getting birds up. We all have different opinions, and certainly each of us is entitled to our own, especially when we have found them successful.

The Discussion.

MR. ISAAC: I see you advise looking for the young birds with the best type and quality; you do not mention colour. What chance has a young bird against an old bird? Answer.—Looking back upon this last three or four show seasons you will find that the majority of judges have gone in for type and quality, and have ignored colour. That is why I advise looking for type and quality. Certainly colour should come first, but it has been the reverse. A young bird does not carry much colour until it has had an adult moult; therefore an old bird should beat a youngster in colour, and if they are of equal merit otherwise, the old bird is bound to win, when colour is taken into consideration. So I should advise exhibitors to put their young birds out at the first shows.

Mr. BRATHERTON: You advise a bath every day. How about a man who has to go to his work very early?—Hang the bath on before you go to work, and if possible get "the better half," to take them off at dinner time, or else leave them on the whole of the day. Birds get into a habit of bathing early, and they won't go in again until the next day. My own baths are on day and night.

MR. J. ABBOTT: Do you use any special cage for training the Yorkshires to improve the position?—No. I use the ordinary Yorkshire cage. Generally I tie a piece of string at the top to hang down three inches. The youngsters will pick at this, and the picking helps them on a bit. But never get this out of your head that you must breed position into them. You cannot make position if it is not bred in them.

MR. ISAAC: I don't believe in washing the Norwich Greens. I well spray them, which I find answers the same purpose. Certainly I wash the tail and wings if they are dirty. —Yorkshires are improved by washing, without a doubt. But sometimes if you wash a Norwich, you make it look smaller, and if it is not blessed with too much substance, it might look too small for exhibiting. On the other hand a big bodied Norwich is greatly improved by washing.

MR. J. WALKER: Does not a flight make the birds very wild —Yes, a little. But thoroughly train them before putting them into the flight. The good it does a bird, as regards growing and health, quite counteracts this wildness, in fact, it will cure a bird of bad wing carriage.

Mr. Isaac proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for his lecture, adding that it was only through the old exhibitors giving these hints to the novices that they could expect to win.—Mr. Brunskill, secretary of the Darlington C.B.S., seconded the vote of thanks. He said he endorsed all the lecturer had said, and at the same time told the audience of the various methods that were used by fanciers on the North East coast.

Helpful Hints for the Show Season.

A lecture by Mr. R. HALLIDAY (President of the Yorkshire Union), given before the Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S. on Sept. 28.

Having been asked to give you a lecture on "Hints for the Show Season," I should like to point out that it is most essential you should have your birds in good condition to ensure a successful moult, and for this purpose I give the birds mixed seed in a separate vessel. Now that the Yorkshire Union have decided on a standard water tin, the old ones previously used will answer this purpose very well if you hang them inside the cages.

Colour-feeding.

In giving the colour food I take, say, a slice of home-made bread and soak it in water, then squeeze out as much water as possible, and add colour food and maw seed, mixing all well together with a fork.

As regards the kind of bird required for show, opinions differ. I prefer a bird with a good head, nice shoulders, plenty of length of wings and tail, and the body tapering away from shoulders to end of tail like a perfect wedge. It would be worth the money if you could afford to spend, say, four or five pounds in purchasing a good show bird that has won under several judges for use as a guide for breeding the exhibition bird.

A Hint to Novices.

I should advise all novices to attend as many shows as possible, and try to find out, "on their own," where the first prize bird beats the second, and so on.

If you happen to be showing, and get beaten, take the losses as you would the wins, as a bad loser does not deserve to be a winner. Don't get big ideas of your own, as these will be of little use to the judge who is judging your bird. When the birds are finishing the moult, take notice of the wing ends and tail; if they happen to be broken or frayed at the ends, this is the time to pull them out. In doing this get a firm hold on the bird, and pull as straight as possible. If they are very bad, I prefer leaving them over until another year. If you should have two or three birds in a cage, and there is a bird or two plucked, take out the one with the neatest appearance, as this is the one that is doing the mischief. Twice a week you can give a little biscuit along with the bread crumbs and maw seed.

Training the Birds.

In training the birds you must go about it in as gentle a way as possible—get the birds' confidence. Let them see that you do not intend to harm them, and do not put them in front of, or under, a strong light. In giving them the baths, see that all perches are clean, and have all baths off again by dinner time.

When washing birds for the show see that the water is not too hot, or you will wash the sheen off the plumage. Wash the bird in as gentle a way as possible, and also as quickly as possible. Rough washing is often the cause of bad necks, as though the soap had been left in. In drying my birds I do not use cloths, but instead use a drying cage. This has a bottom made of canvas, and is placed over a tank of hot water. In the drying cage I have a thermometer, and I find that from 80 deg. to 86 deg. is a nice heat for them to dry gently. Always have plenty of light about the cages while the birds are drying; then they will plume themselves most readily.

The Show Cages.

Regarding the show cages, see that they are nice and clean, and black all over. I am alluding now to those of the Yorkshire pattern. See that the perches are in straight, and that the ticket is tied in the proper place. Also see that the water tins do not leak, as sometimes, when the cages are staged one over the other, and the water tin of the cage above is leaking, the water runs into a cage below and spoils someone else's bird, besides leaving your own bird without water.

In sending your birds to distant shows get them off in good time, as these do not always get the same attention as passengers, but are sometimes left over for another train. Also see that your cases are in good order, so that your birds may travel in comfort.

Before finishing my lecture, I should like to bring to your notice the various advantages of the specialist clubs, for which, I may say, Yorkshire is the best provided for in all England, as, apart from the valuable trophies offered for yearly competition, there is the prize at each show for best 4ths, etc., giving those that do not get first a chance to get their expenses back. If any of you should have any questions to ask I shall be only too pleased to answer them to the best of my ability. (Applause.)

Questions were then "hurled" at Mr. Halliday from all directions, which at once proved that he was quite at home in solving the various doubts and difficulties of our members. Many of the questions were exhaustively dealt with, and the following are some of those included:—

Some Pointed Questions.

Question: Does Mr. Halliday put anything in the water to tighten the feather?—Ans.: No; I use nothing but pure water.

Do you use anything for fixing the colour?—I do not bother with this myself, but I have no doubt citrate of iron would do good in this respect.

Can nervousness be conquered?—Yes; I believe with kindness the bird will lose all trace of it, but it requires a great deal of patience.

Questioner. I have a bird that is marked on one wing and a small tick on its body. Will Mr. Halliday tell us what he would call it?—I should call it a tick. This question was the means of opening up quite a discussion on "the tick question," which proved very interesting to all. A little amusement was caused here by Mr. Chittenden asking the lecturer what he would call a whole green with the exception of a few light feathers on head?—Mr. H. replied: A foul green. Mr. Chittenden: I should call it a tick (a light tick).

Does type count before markings? asked someone.—Yes; and should do in all typical varieties.

Do you believe in giving boiled carrot?—Yes; it no doubt gives good effects. Mr. Chittenden here stated that carrot was one of the finest conditioners known. Will Mr. Halliday give us a receipt for reducing fat on birds? was the next question.—Give rape seed, he said, and put a little treacle in the water.

Will Mr. Halliday tell us what to do with a bird stuck in the moult?—I do not believe much can be done in this direction. No doubt a milk sop would be as beneficial as anything, although borax placed in water is said to soften the quill. Mr. Halliday here stated that he did not believe in medicines. He had a few bottles but they were all dusty.

Does Mr. Halliday approve of egg cake mixed along with colour food?—I prefer home-made bread and colour food.

Do you believe in baths all through the moult? he was next asked—Yes, he said; the bath is one of the finest things out for the moult, but see that it is removed by dinner time in order to give the birds time to dry.

Can Mr. Halliday tell us the reason of a bird cracking seed and leaving the kernal?—If you have only one bird doing this I should say it is the bird that is out of condition; but if a lot are leaving it in the same state, I should say the seed was not to their liking.

As it was now more than 10 o'clock we were reluctantly compelled to bring our meeting to a close. I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the fellow members, to again thank Mr. Halliday for his kindness in opening for us our first winter syllabus, and at the same time giving the very first lecture before this society. I am sure Mr. Halliday has only to promise a lecture before any society, and a sucecessful gathering is sure to follow.

Mr. H. Taylor proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for his kindness in giving us such an interesting lecture. Mr. J. Taylor seconded, and Mr. Halliday suitably responded, at the same time congratulating our society on its strong position, and the pleasure it gave him to lecture before such a gathering. He also expressed the hope that he might again find time to spend another evening with us, a remark that was received with acclamation and one that our members will not soon forget.—F. GELDER, secretary.

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Some Hints by a Successful Exhibitor.

So much has been written about fresh-caught birds and their treatment that the subject presents a rather threadbare appearance. But perhaps a few homely hints based on experience, on the process of steadying Hardbills, may not come amiss at this time of year, and may be appreciated by those who are not experts in this fascinating pursuit—for "fascinating" it really is. The real fancier spends his spare time ungrudgingly among his stock, looking after their comforts, studying their peculiarities, and making their caged life as happy and cheerful as possible, and not a wearied existence eked out by poor feeding, spasmodic attention, bad sanitation and neglect. The difference can easily be detected between the birds in one category and those in the other: those with proper care and attention are bright, sprightly and tractable; many of the others are mopy, dull-coated, and "mad as March hares."

The query is often put: "However do you manage to get your birds so steady? I can't do it." What a fallacy! Never an easier problem presented itself to the real bird-lover. True, he may have more leisure time than others, or he may have less; he may be credited with possessing the "knack," so-called, but these qualities he must have in abundance — namely, patience and a love of his task. These contain the whole "personal element," so to speak, of the secret of steadying British birds, backed up as it is by a minute consideration of the peculiarities of each bird in the matter of food—natural food, or as near as you can get to it. Undoubtedly the easiest method of steadying your bird is through its "mouth," if the phrase is allowable. The British bird in captivity is undoubtedly an epicure—see him run through his larder, find out the tit-bits, and "jib" at the commonplace on his menu. He will sort out the various seeds in the hopper a lot quicker than his owner could do the task, and those not to his palate will be speedily discarded.

Well, we will make a start. The birds we wish to steady have, since being caught, had a week or two in the aviary or large flight-cage. You will have regaled them (Goldies, Bullies, Linnets, Greenies, Brambles, or what not) with all the fresh-gathered wild seeds you could manage—thistle-heads, plantain, shepherd's purse, dock, and the host of others obtainable here and there; supplied them also with crushed seed, as well as whole Canary, rape (soaked and dry), teazel, niga, hemp, —the whole scattered "all over the shop," for your fresh-caught one is no civilised creature, and prefers barbarian habits for a while; berries and greenstuff have been added, as well as a supply of clean, fresh water and plenty of grit.

A month of this ample treatment will enable you to make a wonderful beginning with your birds, and there will not be many complaints of initial losses. Gradually wean your birds from the undesirable seeds, if you consider there are any—personally I don't think any of those enumerated, reasonably used, are harmful. Then you can introduce them severally to the stock cages. A good box-cage, about 18 by 12, and as deep as you please, will be found a good general size. (Don't, please don't, favour the vile "back-cage," for it is an abomination). Place the seed-pots at first right under their "noses," and they will soon find out their dining place; continue the wild-seed stuff as well. Do not worry or fidget them for a day or two after caging up—"feed the brutes," and otherwise let them be. In about a week they will show signs of settling down a bit.

Now is the time to indulge their little likes and dislikes. Goldie!—oh, I know what he likes; a good hard thistle-head provides the wherewithal. Cut the head into pieces and you will espy a few small juicy maggots; place one on the end of his perch and stand aside. No pressing invite is required, for master Goldie always has an eye for a good thing. Stand close up after a while and offer him one from your fingers. He will knowingly turn his head aside, perhaps, at first, but he will soon fall an easy prey to your artifices. I know of nothing more simple with which to steady a Goldfinch than these little occupants of an apparently rotten thistle-head, which will soon be dislodged by master Goldie in his eager anticipation of a succulent mouthful.

Master Bullie, like the Goldfinch, has also a soft spot or two—and a big appetite. Tempt him with some privet berries, hips and haws, sunflower seed, blackberries (ripe and unripe), and, in fact, berries of all kinds. With his powerful beak he is very accommodating. He will soon look for your coming, and snatch at your personal offerings.

The Greenie also has a fondness for anything he may pound with his big beak, and neither of these two birds will take long before submitting to your attentions.

The Linnet, perhaps, will appear a bit nervous on first being caged. But try him with some nice ripe (blue or brown) plantain stalks; he is very fond of these, perhaps more so than shepherd's purse or chickweed, though all three are relished, and he will clear the stalks, a half-dozen or more a day, with gusto. Shell a sunflower seed and place it at the end of his perch. Gone? —well, give another. Offer him one from your fingers. He won't take it? Well, hold it till your arm aches, and he will, in time. Once acquired, he will not forget the lesson.

Our poor old friend the Bramble has a shockingly bad name—never mind! He hardly deserves it, and I am sure he amply repays you for all the trouble expended on his education. He may at first prove a dull or stubborn scholar. He will also often try to play the tenant, in his own way, and, like the bad boy, may upset some of his fellows in the process, especially when time is nearing the witching hour, the moon is shining, and everything else is asleep. But time will work wonders, and Mr. Bramblefinch will soon steady down. A nice fat mealworm, or a "daddylong-legs" spider, the dahlia-loving earwig, or the smooth caterpillar, will assist you, and your Bramble cannot resist temptation.

These latter trifles are much to the taste of the Chaffinch, and all the Buntings as well. Chaffie is a bit irritable when he likes, and comes next to the Bramblefinch in this respect, though both are closely followed for awhile by the Buntings. However, all will submit to kind and considerate treatment, and once gain the confidence of your birds, and they will seldom misbehave themselves.

Endeavour to have your own way with each bird, and when you offer something you knew he wants, make him take it from your fingers, notwithstanding his apparently fidgety ways while doing so. Once again, please remember in this connection that patience is more than a virtue, it is a necessity, and you need a goodly supply of it.—R. C. (East Dulwich).



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The Shows.

PAISLEY.

The Paisley and Dis. Scotch Fancy Association's 27th annual show was held in the George A. Clark North Manor Hall on October 2nd. The weather was mild and bright, and it was a pleasure to visit the show, the hall being comfortable and commodious. Entries were down 30 in number compared with last year's; this was discouraging to the enterprising fanciers who conduct the show. Only 11 exhibits came from Glasgow, including Govan and Shettleston. Mr. Allison, the president, who is well known for his tact and courtesy, made the most of the event. Mr. Kelly, the secretary, who has creditably run the exhibition for sixteen years, carried out the work in his usual masterly way. He is the proper man for the position. The committee did yeoman service which cannot be overestimated. The quality of the exhibits was superior throughout; indeed, there was a grand collection of high-class birds. The famous buff piebald hen again distinguished herself by securing the fourth silver cup and gold medal on successive Saturdays—an unprecedented feat. Mr. Black, of Govan, has just reason to be proud of her. The judges are to be complimented on the way they got through their work, which was by no means easy. They were Messrs. J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), W. McGrachie (Newmilns), and D. Kennedy and A. Livingstone (Paisley).

The Critique.

SCOTS FCY. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Price, grand size, nice drive, long neck, clean front, solid back, long body, and wing; 2, Thornton, smart, well set on, fine head in forward direction, good reach and shoulder, nice body front; 3, Fulton, scarcely finished in moult, nice typical bird, full of promise; 4, Borland, full of style and action; 5, 7, Jackson; 6, Hart; 8, Currie; 9, Maxwell. HEN (7): 1, 3, Thornton, 1st very neat hen, erect, fine head, long free neck, solid shoulder, clean front, good body and wing; 3rd, similar type, but not equal to 1st; 2, Stewart, well set on legs, neat head, rare body and tail; 4, Mitchell, very neat and typical, smooth in feather; 5, Donnelly, fine size; 6, Millar; 7, Craig. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, Cook, beauty, lovely markings, erect head, forward and neat, long neck and reach, heavy back; 2, McClure, much improved since last appearance, runner-up for cup, erect, good drive, sweet head and neck; 3, Nairn, well set on legs, head neat and forward reach, good neck; 4, Black, a model, erect nice drive and reach; 5, Maxwell, smart; 6, Main. HEN (9): 1, McClure, easy win, large neat head, fine reach and droop, good shoulders, clean front; 2, McCallum, well built and typical, close feather; 3, 7, Bowman, 3rd nice good-all-over exhibit, slight ruffle in feathers on left shoulder; 4, Monteith, erect, neat and typical; 5, Frew, erect; 6, Burnside; 8, Millar. FOUL CK. (15): 1, McClure, buff, grand size, erect fine head and droop, heavy top, long body, wing and tail, well cut out frontal; 2, Reid, buff, well set on legs, solid top end, decided drive, good body and tail; 3, Main, buff, erect good shoulder, body and wing; 4, Jackson, yell., grand substance and style, erect posture; 5, Strathearn, yell., hard up; 6, Hart; 7, Allison; 8, Cook; 9, Kelly. HEN (5): 1, Price, large, good reach, rare depth of chest, solid back, long body and wing; 2, Strathearn, nicely set back, prominent shoulder, fine body, wing and tail; 3, Jackson, erect head, directly forward, plenty of top end, nice front; 4, Allardice, good all round; 5, Bowman. GREEN CK. (16): 1, 2, J. Kennedy, similar in type, 1st excels in size, both erect, determined reach, solid back, long body and wing; 3, Smith, well set on, nice drive, heavy top end; 4, Strathearn, nicely set back; 5, Thornton; 6, McDonald; 7, Main; 8, O'Donnelly; 9, Kennedy. HEN (14): 1, Strathearn, well-known winner, erect, easy droop, heavy top, good body and wing, fitting closely; 2, Allardice, erect head, in proper direction, good top, long body and wing; 3, 7, Neil, 3rd grand young exhibit, might some thought have been more forward, erect, determined drive, heavy top; 4, Price, finely set up, good droop, round prominent back; 5, Wyllie; 6, Caldwell; 8, Stewart; 9, Fulton. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Muirhead, medium size, grand crouch, sweet head, long neck, rare worker; 2, Thornton, large, great substance, erect, nice drive, prominent shoulder, splendid frontal, gracefully fitting wings; 3, Burnside, well set up, neat head, in proper direction; 4, Montgomery, fine type, well set on perch, sweet head; 5, Millar; 6, Kennedy; 7, Watt; 8, Caldwell; 9, Phillips. HEN (12): 1, Montgomery, superior in size and style, extra well set on perch, grand droop, heavy shoulders, extra fine body and wing, best of quality; 2, Douglas, erect, decided in reach, grand top end, very good body and wing; 3, Thornton, another clinker, grand size and style; 4, Frew, good quality throughout, takes her position easily; 5, Black; 6, Baird; 7, Craig; 8, Ward; 9, Kennedy. BUFF PIED CK. (12): 1, Mitchell, large erect good drive, rare shoulders, long body, wings and tail; 2, 5, Kennedy, 2nd nicely set on perch, good droop, plenty of back, fine body and wing; 3, Jackson, good quality, and merits position; 4, Thornton, grand size and style, rare body; 6, Martin; 7, McCallum; 8, Main; 9, Bowman. HEN (19): Strong in quality and numerically; 1, Black, winner of cup and gold medal, extra well set on perch, very decided droop, neat head, long neck, prominent shoulder, good body, beautiful frontal, graceful worker, all there and never makes a mistake; 2, McClure, erect, very decided drive, sweet head and neck, grand top end, long body, wing and tail; 3, Hart, well set up, good drive, shoulder and body; 4, McClure, grand size, nicely posed head well down; 5, Burnside; 6, Montgomery; 7, Smith; 8, Millar; 9, Wyllie. SELL. CK. (17): 1, Kennedy; 2, Paton; 3, Meikle; 4, Baird; 5, Smith; 6, Allardice; 7, Craig. HEN (2): 1, McDonald; 2, Powell; 3, McDonald; 4, Taylor; 5, Livingstone; 6, Baird; 7, Malcolm.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in Templars' Hall, Ingram-street, on September 28th. Mr. Thomson presiding over a good attendance. The secretary stated that Messrs. Watson, Hay, and Ward had accepted the classes for our annual show. The table show for Mules was the next business. Two specials were given by Messrs. Pettigrew and King. A visitor, Mr. Stewart, was appointed to judge.

DARK MULES: 1, Pettigrew, good Greenie Mule, fine size and shape; 2, 3, spl. Johnstone, 2nd another Greenie, in first-class order, runs winner very close; 3rd, Hyb. Linnet-Bullie, nice bird, in fine condition, just on the small side; 4, Knox, nice Greenie, a fight one; 5, Johnstone; 6, McInnes; 7, Drysdale.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Members' show, held at Crown and Anchor Hotel, on September 25th, for cup and medals. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Parker. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Parkes; two absent, Jones. YELL. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, Parkes. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Parkes; 2, 4, vhc, Parker. UNFLI. CK. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Parkes. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Parker; two absent, Jones. NOR. HEN: 1, Taylor. UNFLI. CK. (5): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, vhc, Oldroyd; 4, Taylor. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Atkinson; vhc, Taylor. MULE OR HYBRID (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Talbot. LINNET (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Netherwood. GOLDFINCH: 1, Taylor. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Isherwood; 4, Parker; vhc, Green-Long.—PARKER AND PARKES, Secs.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Third Members' Show of season, held September 25th at the Church Schools, Southfield Lane. The entry was not so big as usual, "Not quite ready," being the cry; however, close on 40 birds faced the judge, Mr. Jas. Bailey (Sandy Lane), including some very good exhibits. The following were point winners: Messrs. Hartley, A. Holden, F. Oldfield, C. Sharp and Son, and the winners of the special for starred birds were Messrs. Hartley.

CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Brook. BUFF: 1, vhc, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Holden; 3, Oldfield; 4, Schofield; hc, Brook; c, Ackroyd. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (Void). BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, 3, 4, Messrs. Hartley; vhc, c, Sharp and Son; hc, H. Schofield. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Messrs. Hartley; 4, Holden; vhc, Sharp and Son; hc, Schofield; c, Brook. BUFF: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Holden; 3, vhc, Gornall; 4, Ackroyd. UNN. MKD.: 1, 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Oldfield. HEN: 1, Messrs. Hartley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Ackroyd.

EAST HAM F.C.

First Young Stock Show, held in the Harmonic Hall, Pashet Grove, September 28rd. The entry was fairly good, and some very choice birds were shown. Mr. Skinner won the specials for best cage bird and best Yorkshire, with a very handsome wing-ticked yellow; Mr. Rout took that for best Norwich, with a chubby, nice quality variegated yellow; that for the best Mule went to a good dark Canary-Linnet, shown by Messrs. South and Son, Mr. Ansell winning the special for best Hard-billed British, with a lovely Linnet. The British birds, like the Canaries, were all 1909 birds, which is somewhat unusual. The exhibits were nicely staged, and formed an attractive feature of a good show. Mr. Rutter and his committee had all the arrangements well in hand. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL., ETC. (9): 1, Batchelor; 2, Rout; 3, Hand; res, Hines; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Cahill. VARIEG. (6): 1, spl, Rout; 2, vhc, hc, Gillingham and Woolf; 3, Batchelor; res, Paxman. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, and two spls, Skinner; res, South and Son. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Skinner. VARIEG. (3): 1, South and Son; 2, 3, Hatch. A.O.V.: 1, Paxman; 2, 3, res, Pask. MULES (6): 1, vhc, spl, South and Son; 2, res, Freer; 3, Hatch; hc, Smith. BRIT. GOLDIE (5): 1, spl, Smith; 2, Freer; 3, Ansell; res, Paxman; vhc, Rout. LIN.: 1, two spls, Ansell; 2, Paxman; 3, Rutter. A.O.V. (1): 1, Rout. SELL. 15/- (3): 1, 2, Skinner; 3, South and Son. GIFT: 1, Skinner.

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Second open show held in the old Free Library, Town Hall, on Oct. 2nd. There was a capital entry—nearly 120 more in number than last year, and the quality was A1. The entry in the Norwich section was grand, and the quality here was much in advance of other years. The unlighted classes filled well, and the exhibits took some sorting out. The winning buff was a topper, and a good big one. We were surprised to see the birds so forward and in such excellent condition. The Yorkshire classes were a good display, some grand unlighted ones being on view, and many noted funciers being represented. Both Crests classes were cancelled. We expect it is a little too early for this variety. The classes allotted to British birds were a splendid success, and a very fine entry was obtained right through. The Goldfinches were a nice lot; Linnets were also a very level class, and took some deciding upon. The A.O.S. Hardbill was a wonderful class, the winning Chaffinch being an extra fine exhibit in the best possible condition. The two Foreign bird classes included some rare birds. Also the Mule classes were well filled, and quality A1. The staging and care of the birds was all that could be desired. And what a magnificent display of birds they had! A good staff of helpers worked hard and well under Mr. E. Tams, who makes a fine secretary, and had everything well in hand. Others who put in long hours to both unpacking and despatching of the exhibits were: Messrs. C. Birks (president), J. Davis, J. Edward, Lovett, A. Hallam, C. Hodson, E. Tams (secretary), H. Perrings, J. Rowley, F. Hallam, A. Reeves, etc. The attendance was good. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. The society look like having to consider the advisability of engaging another judge as well in future, as the work is almost too much for one, especially when such an entry is obtained. The winner of Hyde's special was Mr. Hemmings, and Mr. Davis won Sandiford's. Other special winners were: Messrs. Jeffs, Houghton, Peake, Dykes, Haliday, Dormer, Bond, and Morris.

The Norwich and Yorkshire Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Jeffs, grand shape and substance, nicely rounded cheek, short neck, good head, lovely colour, latter excellent shape, nice col. and quality; 2, 3, Yates, beautiful col., full of quality, neat shape, not quite the size of winner, and rather wild at time of taking notes; latter splendid head and neck, good shape, nice short body; vhc, Emery and Hathaway, one of the best in class, only badly moulted; hc, Needham; c, Smith. BUFF (10): 1, Houghton, magn'ficent quality, nice shape and substance, lovely back, neat tail, grand col., A1 bloom; 2, Weaver, lovely head and neck, grand wings, good shape, nice chest, hardly ready yet; 3, Bowyer, nice close feather, neat, short, tail and wings, good back, lovely col. and condition; 4, Moore, splendid shape, good col., in A1 form; vhc, Dallman, shapely, nice col. and quality; hc, Hall; c, Greaves. TKD. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Houghton, grand shape and substance, rare head, neck and back, lovely feather, grand level col., in good form; 2, Sced, varieg., beautiful col., grand head and neck, nice shape and carriage, good flights and tail; 3, Emery and Hathaway, head and wing mkd., capital shape, grand quality, lovely col., good wings and tail; 4, Davis, neck mkd., good col., nice condition; vhc, Kelsall; hc, Bowyer; c, Emery and Hathaway. BUFF (7): 1, Yates, wing tkd., good shape, nice wings and tail, fine head and neck; 2, 3, Emery and Hathaway, two grand varieg., leader rare shape and substance, full neck, good back, lovely col.; latter nice col., shape and quality, fine back, good head and wings; 4, Beven, very smart varieg., good shape and quality, not ready; vhc, hc, Bowyer; c, Jeffs. HEN, YELL. ETC. (7): 1, Whetstone, cl., rare size and quality fine head and neck, good quality feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Yates, good size and shape, excellent quality of feather, grand shape, nice level col. all over; 3, Veven, neck tkd., good col., fine head, nicely shown; 4, Houghton, very neat and useful bird; vhc, Davis; hc, Davis; c, Hall. BUFF (14): Grand class; 1, Davis, good shape and size, splendid head, deep round chest, hot col., in A1 condition; 2, Houghton, very smart varieg., nice shape, chest well rounded, lovely quality of feather, splendid carriage, in nice form; 3, Hall, extra large, nice shape, grand head and wings, fine back and tail; 4, Garfield, well-shaped body, nice colour, good carriage, neat tail; vhc, Whetstone, nice shape and feather, fine round chest; hc, Emery and Hathaway; c, Gardner. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Jeffs, head and tail mkd., magnificent col. and feather, very close, short, lovely quality, short flights and tail, A1 form; 2, Garfield, cl., good col., A1 shape and condition, neat head and tail, nice full neck and head, full of quality; 3, Bellamy, nice-shaped varieg., well cut away behind, good col., not quite so full in chest; 4, Rathbone, neat varieg., neat head and wings, nice col. and condition; vhc, Rathbone, good head mkd., not hardly ready; hc, Needham; c, Yates. BUFF (20): 1, Davis, eye and wing mkd., beautiful col., magnificent shape, rare size, lovely quality, short, well-carried wings and tail, good neck; 2, c, Greaves, wing tkd., full of quality, good head and neck, fine size and shape, nice col. and finish, wants another week; 3, Houghton, nice shaped, head and wing mkd., good head and neck, nicely rounded chest, will be heard of again; 4, Rathbone, very smart varieg., nice shape and col., good wings, neat tail; a grand class for quality; vhc, hc, Bowyer, two nice exhibits, not nearly ready, very much in pen, YORKS. CL. ETC. (9): 1, Hemmings, good col., fine length and position, nice back and flights, well up on leg, in fine trim; 2, Hawley, warm col., capital quality and position, beautiful wings and tail, stands well; 3, Brotherhood, fine specimen, well up in position, excellent quality feather, capital legs; 4, Porter, nice style and feather, fair col.; vhc, Williams; hc, Foden; c, Rowley. BUFF (10): 1, Allen, warm col., good length and position, A1 stand and style, well-filled back, good legs; 2, Burke, stylish and upstanding, beautiful tail and wings, rather pale in colour, in grand form; 3, Peake, rich quality and col., fine length and stand, nice tail and legs; 4, Rowley, slim and upstanding, but coarse in feather; vhc, Dickson, good length and quality; hc, Porter; c, Dykes. YELL. TKD. ETC. (9): 1, Peake, mkd wing, hot col., very lengthy, slim and upstanding, perfect wings and tail; 2, Burke, head and wing mkd., smooth as glass, good position, capital quality and col.; 3, Porter, fine stylish variety., stands well, good length, very neat specimen; 4, Ramsden, head mkd., good length and feather, capital carriage and tail; vhc, Williams; hc, Halliday; c, Dykes. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, head and neck mkd., unbeatable for position, splendid type, legs, and wings, A1 col., will be still better in a week or two; 2, Ramsden, head tkd., rare quality, superior quality, fine length, A1 back and flights; 3, Howley, variegated., very warm col., full of style, nice condition; 4, Seeding, slim and upstanding, not one of the longest; vhc, Evans; hc, Burke; c, Williams. YELL. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Dykes, thigh tkd., neat and narrow, superb quality and col., splendid length, good legs; 2, Allen, neck and wings mkd., very lengthy, capital back and flights, good legs and tail, in nice bloom; 3, Millingcamp, wing mkd., lengthy and slim, good in feather, well up on leg; 4, Peake, splendid back and wings, clever legs, in nice form; hc, Price; c, Foden. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Dykes, with a brace of good ones, former cl., neat and narrow, grand quality and feather, good length, in nice form; 2, clear mkd., stands well, capital back, flights and tail, in grand trim; 3, Ellis, varieg., well shown, A1 quality and stand, well-carried flights; 4, P. V. Williams, neat colour and position, good legs and tail; vhc, Sharp; hc, Evans; c, Brotherhood. YELL. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Halliday, magnificent cl., splendid position, feathered to perfection, fine length, good carriage and flights and tail; 2, Ellis, varieg., very lengthy and stylish, capital feather and col., stands on good legs; 3, Williams, very stylish cl., rattling quality and length, neat tail and legs, in nice order; 4, Perrins, good-coloured cl., grand length and stand, well-filled back, neat flights; vhc, c, Dykes; hc, Foden. BUFF (22): 1, Ellis, cl., unbeatable for position, very slim and upstanding, not a feather out of place, capital flights and legs, neat even col., smooth as wax, well shown; 2, Allen, cl., good hot col., slashing quality and position, shines like satin, capital legs and tail; 3, Bryan, beautifully drawn, fine length and stand, capital quality, col. and finish; 4, Foden, very neat and upstanding, neat head and wings, capital quality; vhc, Brotherhood, lovely col., lengthy, of good quality; hc, Evans, stands well, smooth as wax, fine youngster; c, Perrins, grand class.

The Remaining Classes.

CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Dormer, good shape, nice size and quality, good short wings and tail; 4, capital shape, neat head and wings, good youngster; 2, vhc, Godley, neat skull, good shape and col., grand wings and tail; 3, Nason, fine shape and feather, hardly so bright in col. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Godley, grand in shape and size, splendid col. and quality, nice round skull; 2, 3, Dormer, lovely quality of feather, nice wings and tail, good shape; 3rd splendid col. nice shape short flights and tail; 4, Nason, nice-shaped body, excellent col. and feather, in fine bloom. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Dormer, yell. leading, grand skull, splendid size and shape, nice level col.; 2nd, buff, again splendid size and shape, good feather, in A1 bloom; 3, vhc, Tams and Sons, yell., well up in size, nice shape, good col. and quality; 4, hc, Godley, good col., feather and shape a shade loose. CREST AND C.B.: Both cancelled. BORD. (6): 1, 3, Lawton, leader smart cl. yell., neat neck and shoulders, good back and tail, excellent carriage; 3rd, buff, full of style and quality, neat and compact, well shown; 2, 4, Hancock, grand-shaped cinn., very stylish, good wings and tail, capital carriage and feather, 4th very neat shape and style; vhc, hc, Hopwood. SELL. (2/-). SINGLE OR PAIR (7): 1, No name; 2, Ellis; 3, Bancroft; 4, Edwards; vhc, hc, Seed; c, Moss. (12/6) (10): 1, Hemmings; 2, Foden; 3, Allerton 4, Tams and Sons; vhc, Oliver; hc, Hawley; c, Gardner. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, 2, Bond, leader very neat wing and neck tkd. Siskin-Can., nice specimen for size, lovely col. and feather; 2nd, Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, shown in rare form; 3, Caller, extra large Can.-Goldie, only very loose in feather, smart col. and shape; 4, vhc, hc, c, Edwards. DARK (10): 1, 3, Bond, leader very fine Bullie-Can., splendid size and col., in good form; 3rd, Greenie-Can., very large, nice shape, grandly finished; 2, vhc, Edwards, Linnet-Can., rich colour, good-shaped and size, in nice feather; 4, Hall, very smart Goldie-Can., in A 1 order; hc, Jackson; c, Large. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Davis, in splendid feather, well cut blaze, rare size, good all round; 2, Tams and Son, lovely stylish Goldie, excellent col. and polish blaze, of nice shape and size; 3, Judd, another very stylish one, with a good large face, but off a little in col.; 4, Jackson, fairly good all round, nice condition; vhc, Davis; hc, Morgan; c, Lockett. LINNET (20): Good class, only many too wild to be judged, only fresh-caught; 1, 2, Hunt, leader grand feather, splendid shape and size, very steady and well pencilled; 2nd, another well-feathered bird, very sound in colour, grand shape, very steady and stylish; 3, Seed, good size, lovely shape and carriage, sound col., good form; 4, vhc, Tams and Sons, in fine trim, good bird for col. and quality; hc, Bancroft; c, Hallam. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Bancroft, good one all round, wonderful size and shape, rich even col., beautiful condition; 2, Tams and Sons, Redpoll, good size, rich sound col., very nice pencilling, perfect feather; 3, Jones, Siskin, excellent for size and shape, nicely laced, in good form; 4, Bell, Redpoll, rare good bib, fine build and shape, nicely pencilled; vhc, Woolridge; hc, Edwards; c, ——. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Bancroft, nice size, very rich even col., lovely quality, fine head and wings; 2, Livingstone and Sharpe, well built, very stylish bird, nice quality, in A1 form; 3, Tams and Sons, good one, finely built, grand head and chest, excellent wings and tail; 4, Jones, good one for substance and shape; vhc, Osborne; hc, Hallam. HAWFINCH (7): 1, Jones, nicely built, very rich, sound col., very silky in plumage, excellent bib and wings; 2, Westley, another good one for size, nice col. and chest, good head and bib, fine carriage; 3, Harrison, splendid size, good head and bib, lovely colour and markings, fine shape, close up; 4, Merrison, grand col. and shape, smaller; vhc, Bell; absent, Cotten (2). A.O.S. HARDBILL (22): 1, Judd, Chaffinch, bird of great size, and lovely shape, full of quality, plumage beautifully polished, steady, shown to perfection; 2, Livingstone and Sharpe, Bramble, wonderful size and shape, splendid rich col. throughout, very lustrous and tight in plumage; 3, Harrison, Bullfinch, looks like the noted winner, coming in to grand form, very steady and stylish; 4, c, Tams and Sons, splendid Yellowhammer, good deep rich colour, fine size and shape, in the pink; vhc, Moss, Snow Bunting, large and well built; hc, Osborne Bros., also a Snow Bunting. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Williams, Cornish Chough, great size and substance, wonderful depth and brilliancy of colour, very deep red bill and legs, shown in A1 style; 2, Stocker, Waxwing, marvellous col., very tight and sleek in plumage, exceptionally good wings and tail, in splendid condition; 3, Knowles, Flycatcher, neat throughout, splendid col. and markings, grand size and shape; 4, Mackwell, Redstart, nice exhibit, but not in col. or condition; vhc, Davis; hc, Hemmings. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, 2, vhc, Stocker, leading with a fine Necklace Tanager, in beautiful plumage; 2nd, Magpie Tanager, wonderful markings, shown in the finest condition; 3, Hadley, Black-headed Gouldian, in grand condition, well shown; 4, Williams; hc, Davis; c, Leese. LARGE (5): 1, Williams, Sulphur-crested Toucan, in grand condition, very tight and rich plumage; 2, Stocker, Blue Mexican Jay, in lovely form, well shown; 3, Hadley, capital pair Parrakeets, wonderful col. and markings; 4, Davis, a fine King, in A1 bloom; vhc, Tomkinson.

The Members' Classes.

NOR. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Roberts, very good head and wing mkd. yellow, in fine form; 2, Fowler, cl. yell., neat head and wings, good back and flights, nice size; 3, Morris, stylish, eye-mkd. buff, good size and col., nicely shown; 4, Davis; hc, Oliver. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Lovatt, capital varieg., nice size and col., neat head and neck; 2, Smith, cl., fine back, good wings, nice quality of feather; 3, Topliss, rich cl., good substance and quality; 4, Fowler; vhc, hc, Leadbeater; c, Rowley. BUFF (11): 1, 3, vhc, Perkin, eye mkd. leading, nice size and shape, good quality; 3rd, cl., sound col., in good form; 2, Smith, cl., full of col., nice shape and condition; 4, hc, Rowley; c, Leadbeater. BRIT. (2): 1, Davis, pied Linnet, in nice bloom; 2, Perrins, Linnet, well pencilled, well shown.

SANDY LANE.

Sandy Lane and Dist. C.B.S. opened the show season for the Yorkshire Union on Oct. 2nd, and although so early in the season the birds, taken as a whole, were in good condition—far better than has been the case in the two previous years. In all 25 classes were provided, and these drew an entry of 365, an average of 14.6 per class, staged by 124 exhibitors. Strange to relate, the first two classes (clear Yellows and clear Buffs) each contained only seven entries, as also did the cinnamon-marked Yellow cock class, all others being well patronised. Is the clear bird losing its sway, or are they a little late, we wonder. The show was held under Union rules, and had the patronages of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C. Mr. P. Mason, of Windhill, judged, his awards being very well received. Mr. B. Buckle, the energetic secretary, and his young and very able assistant, Mr. S. Edmondson, had things well in hand, and had a good and useful committee to back them up, including Messrs. Simms and Whitwham (the stewards). J. Wilson, F. Smith, H. Edmondson, R. Millburn, etc. As usual at this show teas were provided for visitors, and a great many partook of the good fare, such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Knight, Mason, Hill, Hammond, Simonette, Myers and Edmondson all having their feet under the table. The members expect the balance to be well on the right side, as they had an exceptionally good gate, many non-exhibitors making a half-day holiday of the occasion in this beautiful country.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Wilcock, grand length, very slim and shapely, beautifully drawn, lovely quality and colour, neat wings and tail, in splendid trim; 2, Hardaker and Sample, nice shape, well up on leg, good quality, trifle nervous; 2, Bastow, typical, nice back, neat feather, but hardly ready; 4, Helliwell, very shapely, stands well, good shoulders and back; vhc, Bailey; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Priestley. BUFF (7): 1, Wilcock, extra good quality and col., very mealy, nice shape and position, looks well; 2, c, Wilson, neat, typical, fine narrow shoulders, lovely quality and col.; 3, Thornton and Bower, very shapely, well up on leg, very neat in wings and tail, fine quality; 4, Bailey, lovely type and style, full of quality; vhc, Towers; hc, Watmough. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, spl, A. Radley, good length, very typical, straight as a rush, lovely quality and col.; 2, Wilcock, neat, grand type, rich quality, nice wings and tail, excellent bird; 3, Hartley, nice shape, leggy, neat wing carriage, hardly fined down in quality yet, will improve; 4, Towers, stands well, grand shape and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Lingley; c, Moss. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Bailey, splendid type, leggy, good wings and tail, lovely col. and quality; 2, Hartley, lengthy, stands on good legs, nice quality, just a trifle fat under or would look better; 3, A. Radley, grand shape, well on leg, neat all through, rich col., lovely quality; 4, Wilcock, very typical, full of quality, smart; vhc, Tate; hc, c, Wilson. UNEVEN MKD. (14): 1, spl, Walsh, yell., red-hot col., full of quality, nice position and shape; 2, Hartley, yell., longer, grand shape and quality, lovely wings and tail; 3, Lingley, buff, very shapely and stylish, marvellous quality, very neat; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, yell., neat markings, very slim, good shape, nice quality and stylish; vhc, Dewhirst; hc, Shackleton; c, Drake and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, spl, Wilcock, true Yorkie, very narrow, well drawn, stylish, full of quality, looks well; 2, Bailey, lengthy, grand shape, stands like a soldier, lovely quality; 3, Hartley, trifle stronger, nice shape, very leggy, neat feather; 4, Helliwell, shapely, shows plenty of breed, well up in position, good quality and col.; vhc, Dewhirst; hc, Watmough; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, spl, Bailey, lovely shape, grand head, neat wings and tail, full of quality and col.; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, very clean made, true type, smart wings and tail, lovely quality, close race; 3, Brook, neat type, slim, shapely, and nice feather; 4, Moss, stronger built, nice shape and quality, will improve yet; hc, Spencer; c, Battye. YELL. HEN (17): 1, spl, Hartley, smart lady, nice length, grand shape, lovely head, good wings and tail, splendid quality, a gem; 2, Walsh, nice length, good type, neat narrow bird, well drawn out, fine quality; 3, Hill, not quite as long, nice shape, plenty of leg, fine feather; 4, Edmondson and Son, good length and shape, grand back; vhc, Wellock; hc, Helliwell; c, Priestley. BUFF (23): 1, spl, E. Radley, very shapely and stylish, neat head, extra quality, a gem; 2, Bailey, grand type and position, rich quality, not quite filled up in back yet; 3, Wilson, very stylish, extra position and type, lovely quality and col.; 4, Shackleton, trifle stronger, extra quality; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Tate; c, Spencer. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Towers, very typical, leggy, nice position, full of col. and quality, looks smart; 2, Wilcock, the old bird, lovely shape, extra position, grand quality and col.; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, full of quality, lovely type, neat narrow bird; 4, A. Wright and Son, nice bird for quality and shape, not yet in the best of order; vhc, Walsh; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (11): 1, 3, spl, Hartley, leader grand shape and style, nice [illegible] wings, full of quality; 3rd, big bouncing stock [illegible], nice shape; 2, Towers, very typical, grand position, lovely quality, neat throughout; 4, Halliday and Chittenden, good shape and position, nice quality and col.; vhc, Cooper; hc, Shackleton; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 4, spl, Wilcock, winner grand length, good shape, first-class position, fine quality, looks well; 4th, rather pale in col., nice type and style; 2, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, grand shape, lovely position, neat; 3, Towers, nice hen, splendid shape and quality and shows well; hc, Jowett; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1 Cooper, lovely exhibit, grand shape, full of quality, stylish, very neat in wings and tail; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, stronger, full of quality, shines like silk, well up in position, nice shape; 3, hc, Jowett, shapely, well up in position, rich quality and col.; 4, Ogden Bros., slim, neat shape, nice position, lovely quality; vhc, Hartley; c, Drake and Son. SELL. CK. (15/-) (11): 1, Pacey; 2, Nicholls; 3, Wood; 4, Simms; vhc, Smith; hc, Holmes; c, Ratcliffe. HEN (12/6) (10): 1, Hellas; 2, Horsfield; 3, Priestley; 4, Baslow; vhc, Battye; hc, Holmes; c, Kilner.

The Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Clarke, good length, nice shape and position, well drawn out, lovely quality; 2, Lodge, good shape and position, plenty of col., nice quality; 3, Hiles, red-hot col., good length, splendid back, nice shape; 4, Hall, typical bird, good round back, lovely feather; vhc, Thomas; hc, Priestley; c, Denby. BUFF (22): 1, Smith, grand shape, nice position, full of quality and col.; 2, Rigg, good type, nice quality and col., apt to cross wings a little; 3, Gibson, excellent size, nice shape and quality; 4, Lodge, slim, good Yorks. stamp, well up, nice quality; vhc, Denby; hc, Bateman; c, Jeffreys. TKD. ETC.: 1, Holroyd Bros., good lengthy buff, well up in position, extra col. and quality; 2, Varley, yell., nice length, very typical, leggy, nice quality; 3, Worsman, buff, good size, nice quality and shape, trifle low on leg; 4, Battye, yell., shapely, grand wings and tail, full of quality; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Priestley; c, Bateman. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Casey, yell., good shape and position, leggy, nice head, back and wings, neat qual.; 2, Elsegood, lengthy buff, grand shape, long wings and tail, full of quality and col.; 3, Burdekin Bros., good length and shape, neat wings, lovely quality, yell. mkd.; 4, Walker, good shaped buff, stylish, nice feather; vhc, Kay; hc, Hall; c, Denby. YELL. HEN (22): 1, Turton, lovely hen, all there for shape and style, extra quality; 2, Walker, rather stronger, nice shape, style, and quality; 3, H. Dewhirst, very neat, narrow shoulders, typical, and good in feather; 4, Hall, pale col., well up on leg, very nervy, nice qual.; vhc, Casey; hc, Lodge; c, Rigg. BUFF (37): 1, 4, Elsegood, leader good length, nice shape, full of quality, good position; 4th, big bird, fine shape, nice feather; 2, Nicholls, fine position, good shape, excellent quality and col.; 3, Holroyd Bros., neat narrow shapely bird, nice position and quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Craven; c, Mann. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Hillas, yell., nice length, grand shape and position, straight as a rush, nice quality and col., trifle fat or would look better; 2, Elsegood, buff, nice shape, stylish, neat quality; 3, Grayshon, yell., lengthy, rather strong, shape and quality good; 4, Burdekin Bros., big bouncing buff, nice shape, good quality; vhc, Wood; hc, Wellock; c, Mitchell. HEN (8): 1, Edmondson, yell., well up on legs, neat shape, nice quality and col.; 2, E. Grange, buff, strong, grand quality, nice shape and carriage; 3, Smith, yell., neat type, fine position, rich quality and col.; 4, Reynolds and Waite, buff, smart typical Yorkie, nice quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Lumb; c, Simonette. NOR. CK. (15): 1, Plowright, yell., good shaped body, rich col. and quality, nice head; 2, Jeffreys, good substanced buff, nice chest, fine quality and col.; 3, c, Thomas, buff, extra quality, grand substance, chesty, good quality and col.; 4, Johnson, mkd. buff, very cobby, rich col. and nice quality; vhc, Jackson; hc, Ramsden's medal, Naylor. HEN (16): 1, Birkbeck, good yell., nice substance and shape, fine quality and col., just a trifle weak in head and neck; 2, 4, Pawson, both buffs, leader grand col. and quality, fine substance; 4th, very cobby, neat compact wings and tail, lovely quality and col.; 3, Thomas, buff, nice shape and substance, rattling good head; vhc, Naylor; hc, Jackson; c, Clarke.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Fourth members' show for present year, held September 25th, in Park Chapel Schools. Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, officiated as judge, and gave the members every satisfaction with his awards. Entries came up splendidly, no less than 88 birds being staged in 18 classes. Some good exhibits were on view, and the majority seemed well through the moult. The following won most points: Champion section, Messrs. W. Cruise and Laycock, 21 each; L. Briggs and W. Stables, 19 each. Novice section, Messrs. E. Dinsdale, 24; F. Gelder, 19; S. Warner, 16; and Wilkinson Bros. and C. Walker 11 each. Extra Novice section, W. Walker, 3. There was a good attendance.

CHAMP. CL. YELL. YORKS (5): 1, Stables; 2, Crise; 3, Farrar; 4, vhc, Briggs. BUFF (6): 1, Cruise; 2, Laycock; 3, vhc, Briggs; 4, Northrop; hc, Farrar. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Cruise; 2, Briggs. BUFF (6): 1, Cruise; 2, vhc, hc, Laycock; 3, Stables; 4, Briggs. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: Void. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Laycock; 2, Briggs; 4, vhc, Farrar. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, Laycock; 2, Briggs; 4, Stables; vhc, hc, White. BUFF (11): 1, Stables; 2, 4, Briggs; 3, vhc, c, Cruise; hc, Northrop. CINN. MKD. and HEN classes both void. NOVICE CL. YELL. (3): 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Warner. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, Warner; 4, Busfield; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Baldwin Bros.; c, Priestley. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Warner; 3, C. Walker. BUFF (6): 1, Warner; 2, Dinsdale; 3, vhc, Gelder; 4, Taylor Bros.; hc, Baldwin Bros.. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Walker; 3, Gelder. BUFF (2): 1, Warner; 2, Busfield. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Greenwood; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Baldwin Bros.; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Walker; 2, Wilkinson Bros.; 3, Priestley; 4, Gelder; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Dinsdale; c, Baldwin Bros. CINN. MKD. (1): 1, Walker. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Gelder. EXTRA NOVICE YORK: (2) 1, 2, W. Walker. HEN: Void. STOCK YORKS: Void. SELL. 12/6: Void. HEN 10/6: Void.—H. HILL, Sec.

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Shows marked (*) are under Cage Bird Union Rules: those marked (†) under the rules of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. As fresh shows are constantly being licensed by the Cage Bird Union, however, exhibitors should refer to the official list published monthly in "Cage Birds" for these additional fixtures which are being held under C.B.U. rules.

DATE.	SHOW.	Approx. No. of Classes.	JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
Oct. 8-9	***Accrington**	45	J. H. Roe and W. Booth	J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle, Accrington.
„ 9	**Selkirkshire**	20	H. Bennet	J. Robertson, 4, Green-ter., Selkirk
„ 9	Loanhead	25	J. McLennan, P. McKenzie, and T. Knight.	W B. Smart, 13, High-st.
„ 9	**Broughty Ferry**	48	C. Berwick, W. Hailstones, D. Buchan, J. Stevenson and A. W. Watson.	R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-pl.
„ 9	†Queensbury	15	C. A. House	W. Jagger, 6, California-rd., Mountain, Queensbury.
Oct. 9	Edinburgh Western	54		R. Lile, 9, McLaren-ter.
„ 12-13	***Dulwich O.S.**	53	W. Mundell, J. Robson, W. H. Vale, W. Vardy and G. Gardner.	Woolhouse and Rogers, 54, Welbeck-ter., Dunstans-rd., E. Dulwich.
„ 13	***Alnwick**	16	J. Maddison and T. Dixon	W. A. Broadley, 45, King-st.
„ 13	Exeter and Devon	30	J. H. Payne	W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent-st.
„ 13-14	***Caterham**	18	J. Robson	J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables, Caterham Valley.
13-14	*Cannock	15	T. J Ambrose	H. W. Briggs, Walsall-rd.
„ 14	***Southall**	30	C. A. House	T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western-rd.
„ 14	**Leamington Spa**	25	J. H. Roe	F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland st.
„ 15-16	***Bolton**	43	J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh	H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford-grove.
„ 15-16	**City of Glasgow**	90	G. Davidson, A. Malcolmson, J. Noble, G. Hislop, W. Hamilton, J. Livingstone, J. Watson, J. McFarlane, H. R. Caldwell, R. Findlay, W. Thornton, A. Allerdice, J. Brown and J. Kean.	J. Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.
16	*Oldham	12	W. Bowyer	F. Steeple, 133, Baliour-st.
16	Johnstone N.B.	7	J. Smith	A. Laird, Quarrelton-rd.
16	**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**	25	J. Wilcock and F. Marwood	R. S. Black, 42, Brook-ter.
16	***Morpeth**	24	W. P. Barnes and A. Brown	E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage.
16	***Coventry Godiva**	30	J. Robson	W. H. Bray, 12, Berry st., Coventry
16	†City of Bradford	35	A. Hirst and C. Whiting	F. Rhodes, 115, Fitzroy-rd.
19	Dunstable	7	H. Tarbox	E. Mooring, 55, Waterlow-rd.
19-20	***Plymouth**	46	C. A. House, J. Robson & T. Heath	T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.
20	Bridgend	12	T. H. Melhuish	Frew and James, 46, Dunraven-pl.
20	Liskeard	16	R. B. Tope	Dr. W. Curtis, 6, Dean-ter.
„ 20-21	**Eastbourne**	27	C. A. House	R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley-rd.
„ 20-21	Folkestone	21	G. Gardner	J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton-rd
„ 20-21	***Battersea**	43	J. Robson and A. J. Pattrick	Easterling and Allen, 340 Battersea Park-rd.
„ 20-21	***Northampton "Good Intent"**	24	J. R. Roe and G. Hobbs	G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro-rd.
21	Tunbridge Wells	21	J. North	H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah-rd.
21	Sunbury-on-Thames	3		Rev. J. Mogg, Fern Cottage, Green-st., Sunbury, Middlesex.
21	***Hanley**	48	W. Mundell	B. Peake, 6, Rhodes-st., Birches Head, Hanley.
21	Kirkcudbright	23	J. Hannay	W. R. Cruickshank, Daar Lodge.
21	Blackwood	—		J. Hamilton, Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.
„ 22-23	***Hinckley**	18	J. H. Roe	H. Towers, Orchard-st.
„ 22-23	***Newcastle**	84	T. Heath, J. Robson, W. Vardy, W. Mundell and W. C. Duncan.	Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns.
„ 22-23	***Rochdale O.C.**	60	C. A. House and H. W. Battye	J. Butterworth, 28, Smith-st.
23	**Perth**	52	G. Fulton, J. Sandison, G. F. Adamson, J. Adams, T. G. C. Hope and J. Craig.	J. Kerr, 18, James-st.
23	**Kelty and Blairadam**	66	W. Rodger, G. Hislop, A. G. Cameron, J. W. Bruce and G. Marlin.	J. Ford, Eldon-pl., Kelty, N.B.
23	**Middlesbrough**	34	W. Mundell and J. Maddison	A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.
23	***Burton-on-Trent**	40	J. Robson	Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen-st.
23	Leith	36	W. Brown, J. Carson, J. McLay, H. Bennet and J. F. Dewar.	G. Brown, 1, Coalhill, Leith.
23	†Shipley	25	W. H. Shackleton	H. Martin, 11, Mariboro'-rd.
23	Forfar	32		W. Grewar, 5, Bell-pl.
27	***Paignton**	31	J. H. Payne	E. C. Parnell, Palace House.
„ 27-28	***Gloucester**	40	H. W. Battye and W. Vardy	J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd
„ 27-28	***Grimsby**	36	J. H. Roe and F. Medley	W. H. Moore, 39, Lord-st.
„ 27-28	**Bristol F.A.**	48	C. A. House and T. Heath	G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown, Bristol.
„ 27-28	***Clapham**	50		A. C. Askew, 152, Manor-st.
„ 27-28	Carlisle(BorderCity O.S.)	46	J. Robson and W. Nicholson	J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate.
„ 28	Bromley (£5 Limit)	15	C. A. House	H. E. Speller, The Laurels, Talbot-rd., Bromley, Kent.
28	*Treharris	16	G. L. Harber	W. J. Davies, 6, Edward-st.
28	Herne Bay	5	F. J. Gibbs	W. A. Holness, Mortimer-st.
„ 28-29	***Wolverhampton**	38	J. C. Barnes and R. J. Howe	J. Gibbons, 66, Napier-rd.
„ 28-29	*Harrington	27	J. Patterson	W. Irwin, Ellerslie, Harrington, Cumberland.
28-29	Lewes	—		F. Huggett, 26, High-st.
29-30	***Manchester**	100	J. Garner, H. W. Battye, J. H. Roe, E. Godley, S. Hadwin, W. B. Cobb and C. Houlton.	Jones and Gray, 45, Whitby-rd., Fallowfield, Manchester.
Oct. 29-30	***Hucknall Torkard**	31	W. Vardy and R. Rhodes	H. Marshall, 41, Truman-st.
„ 29-30	**York**	32	W. P. Barnes and W. A. Cowgill	A. Waud, 3, Wilton-cres., Fulford-rd.
„ 29-30	***Shields**	56	C. A. House and T. Dixon	J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough-rd.
„ 30	**Derwent Valley**	40	T. Dixon	J. Brown, 12, Humber-st., Chopwell, Ebchester, R.S.O.
„ 30	Bonnyrigg	—	J. Dalgleish, J. Tait and W. R. Dunn.	G. Harper, 38, Lothian-st.
„ 30	Galston	27	J. Ward and W. Urquhart	A. Frew, 26, Duke-st., Galston Ayrshire.
„ 30	**Dysart**	54	G. Holmes, G. Hislop, J. Brown and D. Low.	J. Logan, 23, High-st.
„ 30	**Hartlepools**	18	W. A. Cowgill and J. Wilkinson	W. J. Papple, 89, Durham-st., W. Hartlepool.
„ 30	**Ayr and Dis.**	40	J. Patterson and J. Clark	C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd., Ayr.
„ 30	Arbroath	30	J. Winter and W. Sharp	J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigean's -rd.
„ 30	Edinburgh Southern	30	J. Cook and C. Miller	S. Hewitt, 56, Prince Albert Buildings, Edinburgh.
„ 30	†Laisterdyke	25	J. Bailey	A. Bottomley, 65, Wilberforce-st.
„ 30 N. 1	***Norwich Alliance**	66	C. A. House, W. E. Greeves, J. Robson and J. Stark.	R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham, Norwich.
Nov. 2	*Barnstaple	35	H. Norman & R. Blackmore	P. Harris, High-st.
„ 2-3	***Weybridge**	14	C. A. House	H. E. Parrott, Grove-pl.
„ 3	***Cheltenham**	55	J. Robson and W. Vardy	A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-ave.
„ 3	Tring	—	C. A. House	H. J. Fincher, 28, Western-rd.
„ 3-4	Gravesend	20	J. North	E. R. Fox, 12, New-rd.
„ 3-4	Dover	26	T. Heath	Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric-rd.
„ 3-4	Midland Roller	—	F. A. Lester and J. Netherwood	J. H. Willows, 39, Upper High-st Wednesbury.
„ 4	Camborne	26	W. G. Poole	C. J. Allen, 13, Trelowarren-st.
„ 4-5	Yorks C.B.S. of Ireland (Dublin).	63	W. Mundell	D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton-st., S.C.-rd. Dublin.
„ 5	Maidstone	15	C. A. House	— —
„ 5-6	***Sheffield**	34	J. Broadley and W. Vardy	Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King-James-st., Walkley, Sheffield.
„ 5-6	***Blaydon-on-Tyne**	47	J. Robson and H. W. Battye	G. Havver, 1, Theresa-st.
„ 5-6	***Liverpool O.S.**	50	J. C. Barnes, W. Mundell and G. E. Weston.	J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield-rd, Everton, Liverpool.
„ 5-6	***Blackburn**	45	A. Wellings	J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.
„ 5-6	***Wigan**	50	H. Tams and W. Massey	W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock.
„ 6	***Leicester H.-in-H.**	30	J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe	J. E. Wood, 79, Paget-rd., The Fosse Leicester.
„ 6	***Rochdale "Good Intent"**	38	J. H. Roe and R. Barrass	W. Adams, 35, Bedford-st.
„ 6	**Stockton-on-Tees**	30	H. W. Battye and C. Houlton	J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.
„ 6	Edinburgh Northern	—	T. Muirhead, G. Hope and J. Winter	T. Purdie, 42, Stewart-ter.
„ 6	Darvel	24	D. Holden and J. Adam	J. Robertson, jur., 5, Hastings-pl.
„ 6	**Bo'ness**	50	J. Sandiford, J. Thomson, J. Brown, W. Cullen.	F. McGillivray, Gauze-rd., Chance, Bo'ness.
6	***Cleator Moor**	18	A. Bentley	J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.
„ 6	Airdrie and Coatbridge	25	T. Smith, R. Menzies and Mr. Watson	A. Murdoch 98, Peel-st.
„ 6	†Bradford West	40	W. Mundell	J. W. Telford, 15, Westfield-rd., Heaton, Bradford.
6	Braintree (£5 Limit; 20-miles radius)	16	C. A. House	F. A. Hunnable, 102, High-st.
„ 6	Eastfield Side	14		J. Carlin, Beighton-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.
„ 6	Brechin	35	W. S. Gowans, W. Shearer and P. Lyon.	G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose-st.
„ 6	Glasgow Southern	13		J. Fleming, 5, Bellgrove-st.
„ 9-10	***Hastings United**	25	J. Robson	A. E. Godden, 50, Harold-rd., Clive Vale, Hastings.
„ 10	Lowestoft	36	W. E. Greeves	E. L. A. Crow, 64, London-rd.
„ 10	***Leek**	21	W. Vardy	R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs.
„ 10	Bodmin	21	C. E. Silk	A. E. Jago, 1, Robartes-rd.
„ 10-11	***Swansea**	50	J. H. Payne and C. Houlton	A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-rd., Landore, Swansea.
„ 10-11	*Penzance	33	C. A. House	J. Pearce Sampson, 41, Parade-st.
„ 10-11	**Ramsgate**	30		A. E. Allen, 84, Queen st.
„ 11	Blackwood (Mon.)	10		J. Christmas, 35, Gordon-rd.
„ 10-11	Southend	20		W. D. Franks, Eric Cottage, Tintern-ave., Westcliff.
„ 11	Malton Norton*	14	W. Mundell	G. M. Horsley, 25, Vine-st., Norton, Malton, Yorks.
„ 11	***Frome C.B.S.**	13	T. Heath	W. Minty, 7, Stony-st.
„ 11-12	***Cambridge C.B.S.**	70	J. Frostick and J. Robson	T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.
„ 11-12	**Banbridge**	62	H. W. Battye	R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down
„ 12	***Whitehaven**	44	J. S. Wilson and T. Kearton	W. J. Douglas, 17, King-st.
„ 12-13	***Wallsend-on-Tyne**	60	J. H. Roe, J. Wilcox and J.W. Bruce	J. Johnston, 60, Neptune-rd.
„ 12-13	***Preston**	60	Parker Robinson, A. Wellings, and A. Hirst.	R. Taylor, Limekiln Inn.
12-13	**Glasgow & W. of Scotland**	95		F. Bowman, 5, Parkview-gdns., Tolleross, Glasgow.

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Nov. 13	**Kirkcaldy**	54	D. Low, J. Watson, A. Chalmers and P. Pettigrew.	T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare-st.
„ 13	***Tideswell C.B.I.S.**	18	W. Mundell and J. Trengove	Bagshaw and Flint, High-st., Tideswell, near Buxton.
„ 13	Clydebank	16	A. Melrose, J. Dalgleish, W. Wright and W. Watson.	A. Kirkwood, 35, Livingstone-st.
„ 13	Edinburgh East	26	J. McLennan and D. Buchan	G. R. Smith, 16, Lochend-rd. West.
„ 13	Deans	—	J. Strachan and D. Brown	J. Kay, 112, Livingston Station, Mid-Calder.
„ 13	†Huddersfield	34	R. Carr	R. Greensmith, 18, Fenton-rd., Lockwood, Huddersfield.
„ 13	Consett	36	W. P. Barnes	W. H. Hutchinson, jun., 21, Park-rd., Consett, Co. Durham.
„ 13-15	***Nottingham**	67	T. Heath, C. Houlton and W. Vardy	G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-sq., Parkside, Nottingham.
„ 16	***Wimbledon**	40	H. Norman and J. Robson	H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.
„ 16-17	**Bournemouth**	46	J. Bastock	M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial-rd.
„ 17	Reading	26	J. Frostick	W. H. Pike, 25, The Grove
„ 17	***Maesteg**	20	H. Norman and J. H. Roe	W. Jenkins, 43, John-st., Nantyffyllon' Bridgend.
„ 17	Glastonbury	—		E. W. Radford, Edgarley, Glastonbury.
„ 17-18	Deal, Walmer (Open to Kent).	20		W. Wadhams, Norbury, Churchpath, Deal.
„ 17-18	***Hayle**	35	W. Vardy	H. Ware, 2, Pond-rd.
„ 17-18	**Dundalk**	—	J. Wilcock	P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.
„ 17-18	***West Bromwich**	30	J. H. Payne and W. G. Poole	T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook-st.
„ 18	***Morriston**	43	H. Norman and W. Mundell	W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway-rd.
„ 18	Winchester	—	W. R. Miles	—
„ 18-19	Greenwich	28		F. W. Hamer, 106, Verney-rd., S, Bermondsey, S.E.
„ 19-20	*Lancaster Primrose	6	W. Mundell	J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary-st., Lancaster.
„ 19-20	***Hull**	35	W. Vardy and E. Brunskill	E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.
„ 19-20	***Sunderland**	54	T. Heath and J. Stanger	W. Reid, 14, Plantation-rd., Pallion, Sunderland.
„ 19-20	***Pendleton and Salford**	45	A. Wellings and J. C. Barnes	H. Clayton, 42, Anne-st., Higher Broughton, Manchester.
„ 19-20	**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**	62	J. Dalgleish, A. Paterson, J. Winter, W. Shearer and A. Cockrane.	J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside-st.
„ 19-20	***Millom**	32	J. H. Roe	W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale-rd.
„ 20	***Coventry O.S.**	36	J. H. Roe	G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.
„ 20	Avonbridge	23	J. Holmes and A. Cochrane	P. Gentleman, Forresters'-buildings.
„ 20	Buckhaven	42	J. W. Bruce	J. Lawrie, 3, Anderson-la.
„ 20	City of Belfast	—	A. Hirst	S. Bamford, 3, Ulsterville-pl., Lisburn-rd.
„ 20	Birkenhead	46	E. Tams	J. Richardson, 7, Thompson-st., Church-rd.
„ 20	Woodside & Bucksburn	42	C. Campbell and D. Ross	A. Thomson, 100, Gt. Northern-rd., Aberdeen.
„ 20	**Crook Original**	20	A. Brown	Bird and Siddle, 15, Church-st.
„ 20	Edinburgh N.C. &M.B.S	44	A. G. Cameron, W. McAdam, and J. F. Dewar.	W. Holton, 30, Blackwood-cres.
„ 20	†Manningbam	26	R. Halliday	W. Holroyd, 4, Lincoln-rd.
„ 20	**Galashiels**	32	A. Paterson, D. Lowe, J. Smellie and J. Mason	C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew-st.
„ 20	Pathhead (Kirkcaldy)	21		—
„ 23	Woking	8		L. C. B. Hocking.
„ 23	Grand United Metropolitan.	—		A. Watson, 116, Maurice-ave., Noel Park, Wood Green, N.
„ 24	**Inverness**	40		A. Urquhart, 86, Telford-rd
„ 24	Cirencester	13		—
„ 24	***Ludlow**	22	J. H. Roe	J. Bessell, 5, High-st.
„ 24-25	***Bristol C.B.S.**	65	R. J. Howe and J. H. Payne	W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze-rd., Horfield, Bristol.
„ 24-25	Tonbridge	20	J. North	J. Nealon.
„ 25	Goole	8		A. Roberts, 13, Manual-st
„ 25	Molesey	6	C. A. House	—
„ 26-27	Egremont	25	A. Hirst	W. Lewthwaite, Bridge End House.
„ 25	Berwick-on-Tweed	30	J. W. Bruce	Smart and Gray, 36, Main-rd.
„ 25	*Sidmouth	30	J. Robson	A. R. Tremlett, Market-pl.
„ 25	***Stamford**	16	S. H. Mays and W. P. Barnes	A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.
„ 25-26	**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)**	65	W. Mundell	J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy-av., Dublin.
„ 26-27	***Sale Open**	32	J. C. Barnes and A. Wellings	J. Irlam, 97, Cross-st.
„ 26-27	**Dundee**	56	C. Campbell, A. Malcolmson, D. Hamilton, D. Black, G. Fulton and J. Livingstone.	Alex. Miller, 3, Park-ave.
„ 26-27	†Ecclesbill	30	J. Greaves	T. Elsegood, 72, Mount-st.
„ 26,27-29	London C.B.A.	100		Tyson & Mugford, 169, Sloan-st., W.
„ 27	Muirkirk	15		J. G. Torbett, Smallburn.
„ 27	Jarrow	54		R. Blore, 28, York-st.
„ 27	West Stanley	10		J. G. Cousins, 20, Far West-st. East Stanley.
„ 27	Denny & Dunipace	24		—
„ 27	**Darlington C.B.S.**	42	W. P. Barnes and J. Maddison	E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury-ter.
„ 27	Musselburgh	32	T. Todd, J. Ferguson and P. Pettigrew.	W. Nisbet, 101, High Street.
„ 27	**Hetton-le-Hole**	18	A. Brown	A. J. Notley, 1, Minor-st., Hetton Downs, Co. Durham.
„ 27	Arniston & Gorebridge	—	R. Lambie	J. Lambie, 24, Old Store, Arniston.
„ 27	Ormskirk	28	A. Hirst	T. H. Tiffen, 83, Wigan-rd.
„ 27-29	***Ilkeston**	40	J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood and C. Houlton.	T. Smith, 5, King-st.
„ 30	Sudbury	12	C. A. House	V. Machin Goodall, The Mount.
„ 30	***Launceston**	12	J. H. Payne	N. H. Reed, Church st.
„ 30 D. 1	**Morecambe**	43		J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.
Dec. 1	Garston B.B.A.	40		J. F. D. Alexander, 1, Seddon-rd.
„ 1-2	***Cardiff**	44	J. H. Payne and J. Robson	W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen-st.
„ 1-2	***Birmingham**	23	J. C. Barnes, C. A. House and R. J. Howe.	J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.
„ 1-2	***Portsmouth**	26	G. Gardner	Hawes and Frampton, 125, Commercial-rd.
„ 2	***Frome F.A.**	16	J. Robson	C. I. Young, 8, Palmer-st.
„ 3	Falmouth	15	C. A. House	W. J. Medlin, 89, Marlborough-rd.
„ 3-4	***Altrincham**	32	S. Hadwin and A. Wellings	T. Harrison, 4, Shaws-la.
„ 3-4	Belfast	50		J. Stewart, 57, Donegall-ave.
„ 4	Lochcraig	—		R. Balloch, 68, North Glencraig, Lochcraig.

DATE.	SHOW.	Approx. No. of Classes.	JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
Dec. 4	*Chester	10	C. Houlton	J. Swindley, 11, East View, Handbridge, Chester.
„ 4	**Milngavie**	—		Muxwell Frame, Woodburn-pl.
„ 4	Forres	35		J. Russell, 16, Urquhart-st.
„ 9	Highbridge	—	C. A. House	—
„ 4	**Harrogate**	26	A. Hirst	G. H. Barnwell, 20, College-rd.
„ 4	**Ferryhill**	24	J. Stanger and J. Maddison	R. Binks, 27, West-st.
„ 4	**Hasland**	—	W. Vardy	C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent-st.
„ 4	Houghton-le-Spring	—	W. Reid	D. Hann, 8, Brickyard, Bankhead Fenchouses, Co. Durham.
„ 4	†Gt. Horton O.S.	32	H. W. Battye	J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-st.
„ 4	New Stevenston	—	H. Moreland and A. Allerdice	J. Lamb, Curfew-st., New Stevenston Holytown, N.B.
„ 4	**Stonchouse, N.B.**	40		J. Govan, 7, Union st.
„ 4	Middleton	12	Messrs. Hardy & Croft	J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-la., Middleton Junction, Manchester.
„ 4-6	***Leicester C.B.S.**	—	J. H. Roe and J. F. Dewar	J. Tyler, 229, Narborough-rd.
„ 7	Llanelly F.A.	8	C. A. House	S. H. Gascoign, 32, Gilbert-rd.
„ 8	***Luton**	44	J. Robson and A. Silver	E. Cherry, 4, Peel-st.
„ 8	**Six Bells (Abertillery)**	—	J. H. Payne	W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin-st., Six Bells, Abertillery.
„ 8	***Canterbury**	30	W. R. Miles	J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-st.
„ 8-9	Cambridge O.S.	26	C. A. House	W. Driver, 17, Sussex-st.
„ 10-11	***Gateshead**	82	J. Robson, J. F. Dewar, J. Dixon, R Halliday and T. Taylor.	G. Buck, 30, Keswick-st.
„ 10-11	Wakefield Roller	6	F. A. Lester, J. B. Hesling and F. Oldroyd.	J. Netherwood, 74, Northgate, Wakefield.
„ 10-11	Lurgan	—		S. M'Collum, Drumgor.
„ 11	Sanquhar	15		W. Moffat.
„ 11	Uddingston	42	A. Malcolmson and A. W. Watson	A. W. Forrester, Tower View, Bellshill-road.
„ 11	Douglas	20	J. W. Bruce	W. McCulloch, The Bungalow, Douglas, Lanark, N.B.
„ 11	Alexandria	32	H. Moreland and J. Webster	R. Conely, 9, Westonlee-ter., Dumbarton.
„ 11	Edinburgh Open	25	A. Nisbet, J. Hogg, G. Fulton, J. Watson and J. F. Dewar.	J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian-rd.
„ 11	Tamworth	15	J. H. Roe	G. E. Spencer, 4, Aldergate.
„ 11	†Windhill	16	J. C. Barnes	E. Broadley, 39, Prospect-st., Windhill, Shipley.
„ 11	Whitburn	40	Allan Chalmers, A. Hay and S. Ward	J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.
„ 11	Southport	—	A. Hirst	B. Bullough, 104, Cemetery-rd.
„ 11	Thornton	48		J Moyes, Belmont House.
„ 14	Leighton Buzzard	10	C. A. House	A. Page.
„ 15	***Pontypridd**	20	C. A. House	McLucas & James, 11 Pantygraigwen-rd
„ 15-16	**Sligo**	42	H. Norman	C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan, Sligo.
„ 17	Aberdeen	65	W. Watson, J. McLay and J. Livingstone.	J. Bryson, 8, Broombill-rd.
„ 17-18	†Halifax	36	W. A. Cowgill	J. F. Thackray, 82, St. Augustine's-ter., Hanson-la.
„ 17-18	Bury Roller	5		H. Jamieson, 45, David-st., Elton.
„ 18	Earlston	20	J. Tait and W. Bell	J. Brockie, 3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B
„ 18	Ayr O.S.	28	W. Mundell	C. H. Paterson, Albion House.
„ 18	Kilsyth	28	A. Chalmers and A. Burnett	A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.
„ 18	**Broxburn**	40	T. Sharp, J. Brown, G. Hislop, J. Winter, and W. Slateford.	D. Anthony, Main-st.
„ 18	**Crook and Dis.**	16	J. Sandiford	W. Rutherford, West Roddymoor, near Crook, Co. Durham.
„ 18	***Long Eaton**	45	R. Rhodes and J. Bexson	A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station-rd.
„ 26	Truro	25	S. Tickell	J. Tippett, 6, Alverton-ter.
„ 31 & Jan. 1	**Scottish National (Edinburgh)**	125	W. Booth, A. W. Watson, T. Taylor, R. Wright, J. Elder, J. Patterson, J. W. Bruce, J. Robson, J. Dixon, J. Goodfellow and C. T. Maxwell.	J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh
„ 31 & Jan. 1	Bolton Roller C.S.	5	T. W. Walton and G. Foulds	W. Massey, 105, Oxford-grove, Churley Old-rd.
Jan. 1	***Carlisle**	56	J. Stanger, J. Maddison and T. McCreadie.	W. H. Wright, 35, London-rd.
„ 1	**Guisborough**	34	J. C. Barnes	G. Atkinson, 5, Market-pl.
„ 1	†Bradford East	25	E. Radley	H. Hill, 31, St. Stephen's-rd., West Bowling, Bradford.
„ 6	Tredegar	25		J. W. Griffiths.
„ 6	Waunarlwydd	—		J. Walters, Mynydd, Bach y Glo, Waunarlwydd, near Gowerton.
„ 6-7	Plumstead & Woolwich	45	J. Robson	Pawley & Newnham, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead.
„ 7	**N.P.C. of Ireland (Belfast)**	36	G. Harland and G. Spence	J. Stewart, 57, Donegall-av., Belfast
„ 8	†Wakefield	25	J. Broadley	P. Parker, 30, Carter-st.
„ 8	**Yarm (Eaglescliffe)**	25	C. Houlton	Wilkinson and Danby, High-st., Yarm-on-Tees.
„ 11	Stratford	—		W. Maxey, 16, James-pl., Poplar.
„ 14-15	Provincial Roller	7	F. Lester and T. W. Walton	A. Percival, Smitby Bridge, near Rochdale.
„ 15	†Gt. Horton "Good Intent."	21	T. Bennett	H. Schofield, 137, Beldon-rd.
„ 18	**Llanelly**	32		D. John, 9, Pottery-pl.
„ 22	†Hoyland	17	J. N. Harrison	J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st., Hoyland, Barnsley.
Feb. 4,5, 7-8	**Grand National (Crystal Palace)**	140	H. W. Battye, T. Heath, W. Mundell, J. Robson, J. Dobson, G. E. Weston, H. T. Camps, Russell Humphrys, W. Swaysland, J. F. Dewar F. Finn, F.Z.S., A. Silver.	J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine-ave., Brixton, S.W.

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BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Third quarterly show held at headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends, on September 25th. Sixty-nine birds having been staged, Mr. J. Greaves placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction.

CRAMP.—YELL. YORKS.: 1, Cowgill; 2, Wood. HEN: 1, 4, Wellock; 2, vhc, Ross; 3, Wallbank. BUFF HEN: 1, Wallbank; 2, Wood. COCK: 1, 2, Cowgill; 3, Ross; 4, Wood. NOVICE.—YELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, Helliwell; 3, 4, Bennett. BUFF: 1, Bennett; 2, S. Lister; 3, Bennett; 4, c, Whitley; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Whitley. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Cockroft; 2, Craven; 3, Helliwell; 4, Bennett; vhc, Ireland. YELL. HEN: 1, Bennett; 2, Cockroft; 3, Ireland; 4, Helliwell; vhc, hc, Graham; c, Craven. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Whitley; 3, Helliwell; 4, hc, Cockroft; vhc, Bennett. Mr. A. Bennett received special for best bird in show with his Buff Yorkshire. During the evening a discussion took place, Mr. J. Greaves being in the chair, and a great number of members and friends took part. Everybody was well satisfied.—J. W. TELFORD, Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' Show, held in the Baptist School, on September 25th, when 70 birds faced Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax), who placed the awards.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: I, Kirk; 2, 4, Thomas; 3, Fowle; vhc, Pratt Bros.; hc, Nichol; c, Briggs and Jagger. HEN: 1, Lumb; 2, McDonald; 3, Thomas; 4, Pratt Bros.; vhc, S. Jagger. BUFF CK.: 1, Myers; 2, Hartley; 3, Lumb; 4, Fowle; vhc, Thomas; hc, c, Grundy. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Myers; 3, Hartley; 4, Nichol; vhc, Brook; hc, Pratt Bros.; c, Jowett. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Hartley; 2, Craven; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, Allen; vhc, Nichol. HEN: 1, Thomas; 2, Pratt Bros.; 3, Smith; 4, Briggs and Jagger. BUFF CK.: 1, Jowett, 2, Thomas; 3, Pratt Bros.; 4, Alderson; vhc, Allen; hc, Grundy; c, Fowle. HEN: 1, Myers; 2, Thomas; 3, Hartley. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Brook; 2, 4, Thomas; 3, Allen. YELL. HEN: 1, Fowle. BUFF CK.: 1, Grundy. BUFF HEN: 1, Lumb; 2, Pratt Bros.; 3, Craven; 4, Smith; vhc, Myers; hc, Thomas; c, Grundy.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

On September 25th we held at headquarters our third members' show. The entry was fairly good, 70 birds being staged. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Lingley; 2, Helliwell; 3, Morenent; 4, Denison. BUFF: 1, Lingley; 2, Ludbrook; 3, vhc, Helliwell; 4, Denison. UNEVEN ETC. YELL.: 1, Lingley. BUFF: 1, Lingley; 2, Helliwell. YELL. HEN: 1, Lingley; 2, Helliwell; 3, Denison; 4, Moremont. BUFF: 1, 3, Ludbrook; 2, Helliwell; 4, Lingley; vhc, hc, Denison. NOVICE.—CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Greenwood; 2, Bateman; 3, West; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Bromham. BUFF: 1, 4, Bateman; 2, West; 3, Hunter; vhc, Bromham; hc, Smith; c, Greenwood. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL.: 1, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, 2, Bateman; 3, Brown; 4, Birbeck; vhc, Greenwood. YELL. HEN: 1, Brown; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, West; 4, Birbeck; hc, Fawcett; c, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Bateman; 2, hc, Horsfield; 3, Fawcett; 4, West; vhc, Bromham; c, Brown. NOR. CK.: 1, Plowright; 2, 3, Bateman. HEN: 1, Birkbeck; 2, 3, 4, Plowright. A.O.V, CAN. OR MULE: 1, Birkbeck.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held on Oct. 2nd, at 8, at headquarters, the Horse and Groom Inn; 106 birds were staged in 11 classes, and very good birds were put before the judge. The uneven marked cock class was specially strong for quality, Mr. W. Hillas's uneven marked yellow standing third after being first at the Sandy Lane Open Show earlier in the day. Mr. J. Dawson officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction. The point winners were: Mr. L. Briggs, 1st, with 23 points; Mr. C. Hardaker, 2nd, with 21; Mr. W. Jowett, 3rd, with 17; Messrs. Wilman and Beaumont and J. Lawson, 4th, with 16. In the selling class competition the point winners were: Mr. S. Shaw, 15 points; Mr. D. Thornton, 14; and Mr. Geo. Ackroyd, 12 points.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: I, Bastow; 2, Hillas; 3, Jowett; 4, Wilman and Beaumont; vhc, Briggs; hc, Town; c, Bywater and Waddington. BUFF: I, Hardaker; 2, Hardaker; 2, Town; 3, c, Mann; 4, Jowett; vhc, Briggs; hc, Swailes. TKD. YELL.: 1, Swailes; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Wilman and Beaumont; 4, Hudson; vhc, Lawson; hc, Hiley. BUFF: I, Hardaker; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Briggs; 4, Wilman and Beaumont; vhc, Lawson; hc, Jowett. UNEVEN MKD. CK.: 1, vhc, Hudson; 2, Briggs; 3, Hillas; 4, Wilman and Beaumont; hc, Taylor Bros.; c, Hardaker. FOUL: I, Jonas Crowther; 2, Hindle. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Jowett; 2, B. Wilman; 3, Lawson; 4, Wilman and Beaumont; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Taylor Bros.; c, Hanson. BUFF: 1, Town; 2, vhc, Briggs; 3, Hardaker; 4, Wilman and Beaumont; hc, Bywater and Waddington; c, Jowett. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Briggs; 2, 3, Thornton; 4, Hillas; vhc, Hudson; hc, B. Wilman; c, Bairstow and Chapman. YORKS. STOCK BIRD: 1, Briggs; 2, Swailes; 3, Bywater and Waddington. SELL. CLASS, CKS. (4/): 1, vhc, hc, Ackroyd; 2, Shaw; 3, Thornton; 4, c, Musson. HENS (12/6): I, hc, Thornton; 2, Bastow; 3, 4, Shaw; vhc, Town; c, Musson.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

RADFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second show, held at the Pheasant Inn, Radford, on Oct. 2. This society bids fair to be successful, and we wish it good luck. The host, Mr. T. Oliver, is a good fancier, and well known, backed up by a good secretary in Mr. F. Walters, and his committee; 71 birds were staged. Everything was in nice order; there was a good room and a proficient judge, in Mr. W. Vardy.

CL. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Sharpe, big bird, wins; 2, A. Birch, grand col., not the size of 1; 3, J. Birch, very close on 2nd. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Sharpe, 1st, another big one; 2, J. Birch, very good; vhc, Barnes. YELL. MKD. NOR. (2): I, Sharpe, thigh ticked; 2, J. Birch, head, neck, and wing marked. BUFF (2): 1, Sharpe, thigh mkd.; 2, J. Birch, eye and wing mkd. HEAVILY MKD. (5): 1, Sharpe; 2, vhc, hc, J. Birch; 3, Hill. YELL. UNFLIG. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Sharpe, good size, not quite fine yet; 3, J. Birch, nice shape and colour, very close up. A.O.V. UNFLIG. BUFF (5): Best class in show; 1, vhc, Hill, gem all over, wins easily, far away from others; 2, Sharpe, large bird; 3, Barnes, good third; hc, A. Birch. YELL. NOR. HEN (2): 1, 2, J. Birch, two fair hens. BUFF (3): 1, Hill, very nice one, wins all the way; 2, Sharpe, nice hen, beaten in size and quality; 3, J. Birch, good 3rd. STOCK PAIRS NOR. (4): 1, 3, Sharpe; 2, J. Birch; vhc, Hill; all nice birds. NAT. COL. (2): 1, 2, Lawrence. BUFF DARK CREST: 1, Goode, very good one. LIGHT (2): 1, 2, Bowers, good ones, will be heard of again. BUFF CRESTBRED CK. (2): 1, Bowers, good bird, nice cushion and brow; 2, Brown, very nice bird. HEN: 1, Bowers. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, vhc, Caunt, Goldie Bullie and hen Goldie Bully; 2, Goode, Grechie and Can.; 3, Cottingham, same cross. SELL. CREST (20s.) (4): 1, Brown; 2, 3, vhc, J. Birch. C.B. (15s.): 1, Brown. A.V. SONG BIRD (7/6) (5): 1, Barnes; 2, J. Birch; 3, Sharpe; vhc, Brown; hc, Hill. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, 2, vhc, Caunt, Bramblefinch and Cornbunting, and Siskin, nice ones; 3, Cottingham, Bramblefinch. SOFTBILL: 1, Oliver, Thrush. LINNET (3): 1, Goode, clinker, easy win, where do you find 'em, Joe? 2, Caunt; 3, Brown. GOLDFINCH: 2, 1, Goode; 2, Oliver; two nice birds. FOR. SMALL (4): Very nice class; 1, vhc, Caunt, Napoleon Weaver, and Red African Finch; 2, 3, Cottingham, Zebra Finch, and Weaver. LARGE: 1, Caunt, nice Red Rump. BUDGERIGARS (4): Good class; 1, vhc, Lawrence; 2, Cottingham; 3, Caunt, all well staged. PAIRS (for Hyb. Breeding) (2); 1, 2, Caunt. SELL. NOR. (10/-) (6): 1, 2, Sharpe; 3, Barnes; vhc, A. Birch; hc, c, Hill.

BURNLEY.

The 23rd annual exhibition of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.S. was held on October 1st and 2nd in the large show room of the Weavers' Institute, a very good room for the purpose. The show was opened on the Friday by Lady Thursby, and on the Saturday by the Mayor of Burnley, Alderman W. Hough. Considering that the show is held so early in the season entries came up well, especially in the Norwich section, which averaged 24 per class, and where competition was very keen owing to the show being held under the patronage of the N.P.C. and the O.N.P.C. Amongst the many grand birds worthy of special mention perhaps the pick was to be found in the winning unflighted buff of Mr. J. Shore (Macclesfield), which bird, we were given to understand, was claimed by Mr. Thomas Seed, at the catalogue price, £10 10s. Another fine bird which we were glad to see has again started on his winning career is Mr. S. Cook's noted ticked yellow. The Yorkshire classes contained some very choice specimens, the principal winners being Messrs. Hirst, F. Wilkinson, Amblers, Bell, Precious, and Bullough. The British, Foreign, and Mule birds made a very striking display, every class containing exhibits which will be heard of many times before the end of the season. The winning hybrid of Mr. Nicholson was voted by many to be a real topper. The following were the winners of specials in the champion Norwich section: Messrs. Seed, Davies, Hopkins, and Trougove; in the amateur Norwich section: Messrs. Barnes, J. Oliver, and Cooper; in the Yorkshire section; Messrs. Amblers, Hurst, and Wilkinson; in the novice classes: Messrs. Precious and Stirrup; in the Mules and Hybrids, etc., Messrs. Godley and Vardy; in the British Birds: Messrs. Walsh, Johnson, and Nichols; in the Foreign: Mr. Walsh; in the selling: Messrs. Taylor and Greenwood; and in the gift class: Messrs. Braybrook and Lingard. Best bird shown by a member, Mr. Lingard; best by a novice member, Mr. Bell; best members' unflighted, Mr. R. W. Mercer; Hyde's, Mr. A. Huggins, and Sandiford's, Mr. Midgley. Mr. W. Clarkson makes an ideal secretary, having everything in first-class order and being very courteous and obliging to all; the show was very well managed in every detail. He was ably assisted by the president (Mr. R. Braybrook), the vice-president (Mr. W. D. Jowett), the treasurer (Mr. J. Evans), and Mr. J. Hayhurst, and a very capable energetic committee, who one and all worked hard to make the show the success it undoubtedly was. Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye judged, and their awards were favourably received.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (11): I, Davies, rare size and colour, grand shape and quality, real good Nor.; 2, Seed, fine substance, nice colour, correct type, rich quality; 3, Lingard, typical, grand colour and quality, hardly so stout; 4, Beswick and Gaskell, bouncing bird, rare head, neck, and chest, nice colour and quality; vhc, Sandiford, grand quality and colour; hc, Aspden; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (29): 1, Trengove, a gem, rich colour, grand shape and quality, good head and substance; 2, Lingard, bonny bird, all type and quality; 3, Seed, old champion, Little King II., hardly at his best yet; 4, Godley, good bold head, rare quality and shape, larger than leaders; ex. 4, Lawson, good Nor., but hardly so compact in feather; vhc, Sheldon, fine colour and size; hc, Seed, nice shape and quality; c, Wilcock. TKD. ETC. YELL. (11): I, Cook, slight griz. on wing, a bouncer, fine head, neck and chest, rare col. and quality, wins well; 2, Hayhurst, mkd. neck, another rattling specimen, splendid quality and type, real good 2nd; 3, Seed, cap and wing mkd., fine col., shape and quality, in rare bloom; 4, Crimes, griz. wing, rare col. and quality; vhc, Beswick and Gaskill, griz. on shoulder, hardly fined down yet; hc, Wilcock; c, Lawson. BUFF (16): I, Seed, tkd. over beak and dark tail, nice size, rattling shape and carriage, good col. and quality; 2, Crimes, griz. on head, grand substance, rare head, neck and chest, fine col. and quality; 3, Vardy, tkd. on head, good size and col., hardly ready; 4, Beswick and Gaskell, good head, col. and quality; vhc, Lawson, variegated, nice bird; hc, Sandiford; c, Adnitt and Driver. UNFLIG. YELL. (25): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, mkd. head, wing and tail; 2, Cook, variegated, hardly the substance, but splendid shape and quality, rich col., grand carriage; 3, Davies, variegated, lovely shape, nice size, good col. and quality, worth its place; 4, Mercer, mkd. head, wings and tail, grand bird all through, well shown; ex. 4, Lees, cl., nice shape, rattling col. and quality; vhc, Crimes, cl., hot col., good size and shape; hc, Huggins; c, Shore. BUFF (46): Wonderful class; I, hc, Shore, clever win, leader mkd. head, wings and tail, a topper, all shape, rare colour, good head, extra full in neck and chest; 2, Davies, variegated, bouncing youngster, plenty of substance, col. and quality, splendid shape; 3, c, Vardy, real good cl., extra quality and shape, beautiful col. and finish; ex. 3, Marsh, wing mkd. bonny Nor., grand shape, col. and quality; 4, Humphries, cl., lovely quality and shape, nice col. and substance; ex. 4, Crimes, very nice cl., extra quality and type; vhc, Hayhurst, wing mkd., grand exhibit, worth its place. NOR. HENS. YELL. (23): I, Trengove, slight tick over eye, big bouncing hen, rare colour and shape, good quality, well known; 2, Seed, another gem, equally well known cl., short and cobby, rare col. and quality; 3, Godley, another clinking specimen, short and thick-set, beautiful col., nice quality; 4, Mercer, mkd. head and wing, rich col., fine shape and carriage, splendid quality; ex. 4, J. and J. Hopkins, cl., unflig.; vhc, Irons, very nice cl.; hc, Grey; c, Lawson. BUFF (33): 1, Lawson, cl., rattling shape and carriage, good col., nice head, rather slack in feather when we saw it, owing no doubt to heat of room; 2, Waters, griz. on back, grand type and quality, good head, neck and chest; 3, Davies, cl., type, quality and col. all there, bonny hen; 4, Moore, cl., grand col., beautiful shape and quality, worth its place; ex. 4, griz. on cheek, grand bird, trifle smaller; vhc, Grey, variegated, rich col., nice shape; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Grey. NOR. CK. NAT. COL. (15): I, 3, Howe, leader grand cl. buff, grand shape and quality, good head, neck, and chest, in rare bloom; 3rd, another cl. buff, big bouncing bird, fine shape and quality; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, old variegated, yell., not quite ready; 4, vhc, Dr. Martin, 4th rare coloured cl. yell., good shape and quality; hc, Fletcher; c, Sulton. HENS (6): 1, Simms and Taylor, cap mkd. yell., splendid shape, rare col. and quality, good hen; 2, Williams, variegated, grand shape and quality; 3, Dent, very neat cl. yell.; 4, Dr. Martin, buff; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Wood. AMAT. CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (15): 1, Barnes, cl., grand quality and shape, rare col. and carriage, good one; 2, Sutton, cl., lovely col., good size and type, well across perch; 3, Dixon, cl., correct shape, beautiful quality, nice col., good size; 4, Fowler, very smart cl., rattling shape, very compact feather; vhc, Holdsworth; hc, Cundiff; c, Potter. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Barnes, leader cl., rare substance and col., good head, neck and chest, fine quality, one of the right sort; 3rd, big bouncing cl., just beaten in head; 2, Potter, tkd. on cheek, rare bloom, fine size, shape and col.; 4, Platt, cl., superior quality and shape, beautiful col. and carriage; vhc, hc Cundiff, eyes and wing mkd.; c, Grey. NOR. UNFLIG. (42), a wonderful class: 1, Joel Oliver, wing mkd. yell., gem, beautiful shape, good head, extra quality, rich col., grand Nor.; 2, Mellor, lovely cl. yell, real good one, magnificent shape and quality, very close up; 3, Ellison, buff, griz. on head, a champion, all front, rare col., and meal, fine quality and size; ex. 3, Simms and Taylor, mkd. yell., the best of shape, fine col. and quality, good size, worth its place; 4, Dewhurst, variegated yell., good substance and col., excellent type and quality; ex. 4, Dixon, wing mkd., grand quality and shape, rare col. and bloom; vhc, Walter, neat cl., yell.; hc, Platt; c, Dixon. NOR. HENS (31): 1, ex. 4, Cooper, leader yell. mkd. head, wings and tail, plenty of size, good shape, fine quality and col., bonny hen, ex. 4 yell. mkd. neck and wings, rare substance and shape, all front, good quality; 2, Joel Oliver, cl. yell. grand shape and quality, good bold head and nice carriage; 3, Cundiff, cl. buff, beautiful col. and meal, good head, nice, silky feather; 4, Sutton, very smart cl. yell., good type and quality; vhc, Fletcher, cl. yell., correct shape and quality, hardly ready; hc, Norman; c, Gerrard. YORKS. CL. BUFF (11): I, Hirst, grand length, rare position, splendid col., fine style, lovely quality and shape, grand exhibit; 2, Bullough, again grand length, fine type, extra quality and position, nice col.; 3, Fortman, long, raking bird, fine style and position, well up on leg; 4, Shackleton, capital length, rare col., fine shape, grand quality; vhc, Amblers; hc, Wilkinson; c, Lane. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): I, F. Wilkinson, eyes, neck and wing mkd., grand length, correct shape, good col., very leggy and stylish; 2, Amblers, cap mkd., rather paler in col., fine shape and quality; 3, Laue, griz. on neck, straight as a pencil, stands well, good 3rd; 4, J. Wilkinson, wing mkd., hot col., very slim and stylish; vhc, Spencer. BUFF (8): I, Amblers, griz. on shoulder, smooth as glass, nice length, rare shape and stauds to perfection; 2, Crawhall, thigh tkd., nice shape and style, grand col. and quality; 3, Faulkner, another thigh tkd., rare length, fine position, very leggy, correct quality and shape; 4, Aston, tkd. back of head, very smart, stylish bird, worth its place; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Spencer; c, Lane. YELL. HENS (12): 1, Amblers, cl., good length, nice colour and shape, stands well up; 2, Shackleton, some preferred, cl., smooth as glass, straight as a rush, and stands to perfection, wonderful col., shape and carriage; 3, Lane, Cinn., wing mkd., long, stylish, leggy specimen, full of quality, and the best of shape; 4, Faulkner, face and wings mkd., nice, narrow back, good wings and tail, grand shape and quality; vhc, Howarth; hc, J. Wilkinson; c, Hirst. BUFF (9): 1, F. Wilkinson, gem of a cl., good length, tight as wax, graud type and position; 2, Hirst, Cinn., head, neck and wings mkd., grand quality, wonderful shape, extra carriage and style; 3, Shackleton, long, stylish, upstanding cl., superior quality, nice back, wings and tail; 4, J. Wilkinson, another real good cl.; vhc, Aston; hc, Hiekson; c, Lane. YORKS. CINN. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Bell, Cinn. head, neck and wing mkd., very slim, full of quality and col., good length, stands well, 4th eye, neck and wing mkd., grand length, excellent shape, very straight and stylish; 2, Spencer, face and wings mkd., grand shape, good length, nice back and wings, and tail, very leggy and good position; 3, Faulkner, mkd. head and wings, long, leggy, racy specimen, of grand quality; vhc, Gregson. NOVICE CLASSES—YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Precious, cl., correct shape, nice length, rare quality col. and style, good one; 2, Grayson, cl., very slim and leggy, good length and quality; 3, Shaw, extra long, cl., stands well up, very close and compact in feather, nice shape; 4, c, Gill and Smith, another long, upstanding cl.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Longworth and Lawson. BUFF (18): 1, Bullough, cl., topper, beautiful quality, rattling length, rare position and style; 2, 3, Stirrup, pair of grand cls., both capital length, stand well up, the best of backs, wings and tails; 4, Precious, griz. neck, always at attention, extra length and quality, good 4th; vhc, Laughey, very typical Yorks.; hc, Nutter; c, Gill and Smith. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 3, Godley, leader variegated. Crest-bred, rare skull, heaps of feather, good substance and shape, 3rd yell. Cinn., good, big, slashing, hot-coloured birds; 2, Adams, buff, Lancs. coppy, plenty of substance, and very neat coppy; 4, c, Dr. Martin, yell. green, Nor., nice bird, good type, sound col.; vhc, Johnson, buff green Nor.; hc, Potter.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE OR HYBRID (13): I, Nicholson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, magnificent specimen, splendid quality and col., shows both crosses very clearly, grand condition, very steady, and well shown; 2, vhc, Vardy, eyes and wing mkd., Goldfinch-Can., gem, rare quality, very solid and compact in feather, good size; hc, Greenfinch-Can.; 3, Johnson, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, wonderful head, capital size and col., in fine trim; 4, Beaty, Goldie-Can., variegated, grand size and quality; vhc, c, Walsh, Siskin-Can., and Can.-Bullfinch, respectively. SELL. £1 (14): 1, Bell; 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Lingard; 4, Brookes; hc, Grey; c, Wilkinson. 12/- (15): 1, hc, Greenwood; 2, Lees; 3, Howarth; 4, Lee; vhc, Grey; c, Johnson. BRIT. HARDBILL (17): 1, Beaty, Bramblefinch, grand col. and markings, good size, very steady, well shown; 2, 3, Johnson Bros., 2nd bonny Yellowhammer, lovely quality, rich in colour, grand cap and lacing; 3, Hawfinch, fine size and quality, rare colour, good bib; 4, Jones, Chaffinch, real good specimen; vhc, Nicholson, good Bramblefinch; hc, England, Redpoll; c, Kirkham, Linnet. SOFTBILL, SMALL (25): I, Walsh, Black Redstart, good col., nice size, in rare condition; 2, 3, Nichols; 2nd Nightingale, 3rd Wryneck, two lovely specimens, both in fine show trim; 4, Bousfield, a really good Wagtail; ex. 4, Kirkham, nice Redstart; vhc, Beaty, Lesser Whitethroat; hc, Walsh, Wryneck; c, Hunter, Wheatear. LARGE (7): I, 3, Walsh, leader grand Hoopoe, in perfect feather, very steady; 3, Great Grey Shrike, good size, nice exhibit; 2, Fletcher, fine Thrush, beauty, extra feather, spangling and finish; 4, Johnson Bros., nice Thrush, good size and quality, hardly so distinct in spangling; vhc, Nichols, capital Starling; hc, Law, Missel Thrush; c, Mackwell. FOR. (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Walsh, Tricolour Tanager, Black-faced Lovebirds, Tanager and Rufous Tailed Finches, in order named, grand team; vhc, hc, c, England. GIFT (8): 1, vhc, Braybrook; 2, Huggins; 3, 4, Lingard; hc, Mackwell.

DALKEITH.

The Dalkeith and Dis. O.S. held their annual show in the Forrester's Hall on October 2nd. The hall is admirably suited for a show of this kind, having good floor space, lofty roof and plenty of light. The staging was arranged on the three-tier system round the room, with white paper fixed to the back, which showed up the exhibits to the best advantage. Entries totalled 250, and although this is less than last year's, the quality of the exhibits was well maintained, some birds of real merit being forward in all sections. Gold medals were offered for the best birds in Scotch Fancy, Border Fancy, and Norwich sections, and as this is the chief honour the winners are to be congratulated on their achievement. The medal in the Scotch Fancy section went to Mr. J. King; the Border Fancy medal to Mr. W. Nelson; and the Norwich medal to Mr. A. M. Gardiner. The secretary, Mr. Ewing, had arrangements well in hand, and judging was over in good time. The following gentlemen placed the cards: Mr. A. Melrose (Scotch Fancy section), Mr. J. Watson (Border Fancy section), and Mr. J. Winter (Norwich).

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY.—CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1 and medal, King, massive build, grand droop, quick into position, wins well; 2, Johnstone, fine style and action, good exhibit. BUFF (2): 1, Johnstone, fine nervy bird, good top end, nice drive; 2, Smart, fair specimen. YELL. HEN (3): 1, King, nicely got up, well up, fine shoulders and wings, some preferred for medal; 2, Johnston, another good stamp, massive frame; 3, Carson, very neat. BUFF (3): 1, Johnstone, well set up, nice size and thickness, fine droop; 2, Nelson, lovely hen, but lacks substance of winner; 3, Jardine, well set up, fine action. YELL. PIED CK. (2): 1, Johnstone, good stamp, fine top end, nicely laid wings, drives well, should improve; 2, McAdam, well set up. BUFF (2): 1, King, grand shoulders and back, fine action; 2, Jardine, excellent reach and action, good second. YELL. HEN (5): 1, T. and S. Briggs, nice stamp, plenty of nerve, moves sweetly; 2, 4, Yule, neat exhibits, fine style and action; 3, King, good depth of chest; vhc, Carson. BUFF (4): 1, Johnstone, nice type good position and style; 2, 3, T. and S. Briggs, want a little more substance; 4, McAdam. FOUL CK.: 1, T. and S. Briggs. HEN: 1, McAdam. GREEN CK. (3): 1, 3, McAdam, pair of stylish birds, nice reach; 2, Carson, fine action and reach. HEN (5): 1, 2, King, very useful brace, sweet head, and neck well drooped, hard up; 3, Smart, fine stamp, follows close; 4, McAdam; vhc, T. and S. Briggs. BORD.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1 and medal, Nelson, typical specimen, staged to perfection, feathers like satin, not one out of place; 2, Harper, another good one, fine type and quality, not much behind leader; 3, Stirling, very neat, lovely quality, fine wings and tail; 4, A. and J. Thomson, very typical, well put down; vhc, c, Pearson; hc, Smart. YELL. HEN (19): 1, 2, vhc, Hamilton, 1st nice model, shapely head and neck, fine wings and tail, wins, 2nd good stamp, hardly so well finished; 3, Harper, sweet little lady, fine head and wings, in grand condition; 4, Nelson, another good one; hc, Pearson; c, Steel. BUFF (23): 1, 3, Hamilton, brace of real good Borders, leader winning on condition; 2, 4, Stirling, 2nd jaunty little fellow, fine type and quality, 4th good stamp, well staged; vhc, c, A. and J. Thomson; hc, Smart. BUFF HEN (19): 1, 2, c, Rowe, all of right type, leaders excelling in quality of feather; 3, vhc, hc, Hamilton, 3rd good stamp, crosses wings at times; 4, Harper, sweet little hen. YELL. VARIEG. (13): 1, Stirling, nicely moulded head and neck, back well filled in, carries wings well; 2, hc, Rowe, fine front and back, good quality; 3, Nelson, sweet exhibit, wee bit open in feather; 4, Hamilton; vhc, Ewing; c, A. and J. Thomson. BUFF (11): 1, Harper, nice type and quality, fine wings; 2, J. Pearson, good stamp, wants time to finish; 3, W. Nelson, rare quality, well filled in back, good condition; 4, hc, A. and J. Thomson; vhc, J. Fisher. EVEN MKD. (4): I, Nelson, nice type and markings, good condition; 2, Hamilton, good quality; 3, McAdam, nice stamp, but wants polish; 4, Harper. YELL. GREEN (14): 1, 3, A. and J. Thomson, sweet pair, grand colour and pencilling, nicely laid wings, lovely quality feather; 2, Fisher, smart little Border, all there for quality and type, nice shade of green; 4, Bickerstaff, another good one, not much behind; vhc, Nelson; hc, c, Bickerstaff, good class. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Pearson, leader, fine wings and tail, good quality, chubby type; 3, A. and J. Thomson, nice type and quality, finely pencilled, some preferred to winner; vhc, Thomson; hc, Smart; c, Fisher. NOR.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, 4, 5, Pearson, useful quartette not so large as we might wish, but grand quality of feather, well put down; 2, Gardiner, larger bird, but lacks quality of winner. HEN (9): 1, Fleming, fine size and type, good colour, short wings and tail, wins; 2, Pearson, small but neat, and full of colour and quality; 3, 4, Gardiner, plenty of size; vhc, hc, Carson; c, Ewing. BUFF CK. (10): I, Gardiner, leader nice head and neck, good front, well fed; 2, Fleming; fine size and quality, trifle fat; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Pearson, smaller stamp but very typical, showing abundance of quality. HEN (6): 1, 2, hc, Pearson, leader very typical specimen, lovely quality and colour, put down in rare bloom, 2nd nice type; 3, Gardiner, larger than leaders, good type, but hardly finished; 4, Fleming; vhc, Ewing. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gardiner, leading with a fine stamp of a yell., shown in fine bloom, 2nd Buff, coarser feather than leader, fine round head, short wings and tail 3rd another yell., fair type and quality, 4th Buff, good stamp; vhc, no name; hc, Pearson. HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, Gardiner, leading with a typical yell., fine size, grand front; 2, Pearson, yell., fine quality and type; vhc, Nelson; hc, Steel. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Pearson; 2, Harper; 3, 4, Stirling, all excellent birds, and well staged. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, Pearson; 2, Steel; 3, Fleming; 4, McAdam, again a capital collection of good birds. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Steel, all three well put down.

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Some Questions for Lark Fanciers.

SIR,—Having acquired a fancy for Larks, I want to catch a few for song. May I ask some kind reader to let me know how to catch them at night with a drag net? Also where would be the most likely places to drag for them—whether in stubble or grass fields. And I should like to know how to sex them.

NOVICE.

Birds with Missing Claws.

Should they be Exhibited?

SIR,—Will some of the leading fanciers kindly tell me through CAGE BIRDS if a bird is eligible for competition which has a claw missing? If it is, how many points are counted against it because of this defect? I should like to know the custom of the judges in dealing with such a bird.

G. B. LYNN.

Prize Money at Gorseinon Show.

SIR,—I should like to ask, through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, when the officials of the Gorseinon Society intend paying out their prize money of the show held on February 25 last? I have written on three occasions, but have had no reply. Mine is only 5s., I admit, but what is due to us we expect to receive. We have to pay for entering our birds in advance, and it's fair for us to expect show committees to settle claims within a reasonable time.

E. H. WILLIAMS.

A New Cage Bird Society for the Borders.

SIR,—A meeting was held at Coldstream on October 1, and it was unanimously decided to hold a cage bird show in January, 1910, at Coldstream. Thirty-one classes were allotted, and the following gentlemen were present and joined the Committee:—Mr. A. Gilchrist (chairman), Mr. J. W. Bruce (treasurer); Committee: Messrs. G. Ford, A. C. Bruce, J. Brown, Geo. Dickson, J. Aikman, and W. Hardie. Another meeting will be held later on, when we shall decide on judges and drawing up of schedules.

J. DICKSON, Hon. Sec.

Insectivorous Birds and Soft Food Mixtures.

SIR,—May I add a postcript to my former letter on the subject of the Bank Mynahs at the Zoo? I wrote to my informant to learn how I had so misunderstood him as to state, on his authority, that the parents had access to the Central Division of the Western Aviary, and have just received a letter from him of which the following is an extract:—"The young Bank Mynah was bred under the glass in the large-doomed aviary, the parent birds having full access to the outside cage the whole time." I do not take upon myself to say who is right or who is wrong, but my informant certainly ought to know, and I think if Mr. Finn will look into the matter again it is just possible that he may ascertain that it is not the writer who is "so careless in examining evidence."

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—Since last writing on the above subject, I had an uninvited visit from a fancier who had gone through the same experience. Directly he commenced breeding he lost £40 worth of stock in a few weeks. He sent five birds away to three different persons to get examined, and all came to the same conclusion—"Bird Fever." What birds he had left, and that seemed healthy, he handwashed and put into fresh quarters. Those that were slightly affected he gave a mixture of iron and quinine recommended to him by a "Vet." Get the citrate, he was advised, dissolve a tablespoonful in 8ozs. of water, and give a teaspoonful in the water. It costs about 1s. per ounce. He lost no more birds, and bred about 30 young ones from what he had left. He got 1lb. caustic soda and filled a sheep dipping tub with boiling water, and dipped his cages in. The result of this is, they come out like new ones. Any one using it wants to be very careful it does not splash on to their clothes, or the result will be a burnt hole. He disinfected his place, and did all his cages out with lime, and now has got perfectly clear. He has been to see several in the same predicament, and all who have followed his advice have had the same result. He told me it was surprising the number who had the fever in one shape or another; he knew about a dozen. But the majority try to keep the matter quiet. I turned what birds I had left all lose in one room, covering the floor well with sawdust, and got some of the iron and quinine and gave them it for about ten days without a break; it is now a month ago, and I have not lost a bird since. Before that I had lost about 90. He was of the opinion that I had the fever, but in a mild form, for mine had been going on for months, while his was only for a few weeks. I had a few that were commencing, and they came alright. Before that I never had one that, having started, got better. Quinine is used a lot on the Gold Coast for fevers, and iron is a good tonic. If it is a good medicine for fanciers, why is it not so for his birds?

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The Dreaded Septic Fever.

SIR,—I was very much impressed with your correspondent's letter relating how he lost his birds. I am only a beginner, but have had some little success, and to show my sympathy I will gladly send "Not Disheartened" a pair of Yorkshire hens from Bailey's and Ambler's strains.

J. COCKBURN DYSON.

SIR,—Your correspondent's (Mr. G. F. Neve's) letter, offering me a Norwich hen to enable me to make another start, came as a great surprise to me. It only proves the sympathy which many fanciers have for their more unfortunate brethren. I am deeply grateful to him, and also to your very interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, for the valuable assistance I have received from time to time.

NOT DISHEARTENED.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS, September 25, I see a letter by "Not Dishcartened" concerning this dreaded disease. I can most heartily sympathise with your correspondent, for I had a spell of it myself some twenty years ago, losing nearly 100 birds in those days, all of them going off quickly. The strangest part of it was that I had had no fresh birds in to "give mine the fever" in any way. Neither had I seen any other fancier's birds, and so have brought the disease away with me. It caused a lot of discussion at the time, and I believe that from that discussion a lot of good resulted.

OLD BREEDER.

The Removal of Bird-lime.

SIR,—Your printer made my remark upon the Siskin to read "Aberdavat" instead of Aberdevine; also "vaseline" should have read "benzoline." As to the merits of the latter for removing bird-lime, I demonstrated them at Dulwich by putting limed sticks on the back of a hen Linnet and then quickly removing all trace of the sticky substance. Petrol (which is cheaper) would also answer, just gently rubbed on with a small pad of cotton wool, or rag.

H. J. HAWES.

Colour Food from South Africa.

Proposed Interesting Experiment.

SIR,—Being a subscriber for many years to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I trust you will allow me a little space in same for the purpose of obtaining a little information. Some months back I saw several articles on the very important question of colour feeding, and explaining the difference between the different kinds of chile of which the feeding is manufactured If my memory serves me correctly, I believe the greater bulk of the colour-feeding is imported from Spain, presuming the old country climate is not suitable for the growing of the chile. It has been long on my mind that our African climate would be suitable for growing this particular article, but I have never been able before to try it. However, I have recently removed to where I have a little ground, and have decided to give same a trial. Now, the information I am seeking is: after the chile has got ripe and been gathered, can our worthy friend, Mr. Ramsden, or any other brother fancier, tell me how the chile is dried—by the sun and wind, or by artificial heat? also what kind of a machine is used for grinding it up? If this information can be furnished, I shall be greatly obliged. I have planted a good bed of the sweet Spanish chile, as an experiment, and after I have given it a fair trial, I shall write you further, and let you know the result. If it proves satisfactory (of which I have no doubt), I intend to put the matter into some-one's hands who has plenty of land at his disposal. I have no doubt there will be a market for this article in the old country.

C. CHAMBERLIN.

[We shall look forward to hearing the result of our correspondent's interesting experiment, which we wish success.—EDITOR.]

The Glasgow Derby Prize Money.

Are the Expenses too High?

SIR,—The annual business meeting of the above society will be held shortly. In the interim I wish to voice the feeling of many members that the expenses of the annual show are heavy. For instance, what is the use of a catalogue when the labels on the cages would do equally well? A cheaper hall, too, would do, and the first-cross classes could be dispensed with; there was a poor show. Ten shillings is too little for first prize. Let us aim at something higher. Another thing, it would have been better not to have had home judges.

A DERBY MEMBER.

Robbie Burns Not Guilty!

SIR,—In reply to our friend "Scot," who seemed to put himself out in order to "pull my leg" in last week's CAGE BIRDS, because I unfortunately gave Burns the honour of uttering the words of a great English poet, I beg to express my heartiest thanks. That is the worst of those "ragged schools" which I, in my earlier days, attended; our clothes were of such a pattern that such "stuff" as poetry fell through the crevices, as it were. Personally, the only explanation I can offer is this, that the quotation was one which fitted in with my remarks. I had no idea that such critics as friend "Scot" laid in wait for any trivial mistake any unfortunate lecturer makes who goes miles to try and entertain brother fanciers.

H. J. HAWES.

A Slating for the Modern Norwich Plainhead.

"Duck and Wagtail" Types.

SIR,—I was thinking of going in for a few Norwich Plainheads again, so I went to Longton Show last Saturday to see what was there, with the intention of buying a few birds. But, alas! I was surprised to find birds winning that were only fit for stock birds, and not very good for that. The shape—well you should have seen them, with square fronts like a duck and feathers like the Crest-bred, and tails like Wagtails'. It reminded me of about fifteen years ago, or more than that. Then, if you had a very large bird with plenty of colour, never mind how much feather, nor what shape, nor how much tail it had, it would win. In later years they got better, when the Norwich Plainhead Club was formed; we did get some typical Norwich of proper Bullfinch type. I should like to know what the Norwich Plainhead Club is doing to allow such birds to be put in the money that are only worth a few shillings. What is the reason of this changing of type so very often—is it to suit a few? Type and quality of feather should come first, then size and colour. Of course, this is my opinion of judging a typical Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Editor, you give use some grand sketches of Norwich Plainheads in your valuable paper at times—what I should call ideal Norwich—but when you go to a show they are anything but what you have been illustrating in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, as what a Norwich should be. You don't show us Norwich with horns and frills like some that were winning last Saturday. Until there is a settled type I shall not entertain the idea of going in for the Fancy again.

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SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me if it is possible to breed Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrids in a cage? I would like to try that cross next season, but am told that it is impossible to do so in a cage. I have a steady hen Bramble, and a this-year's hand-reared cock Chaffinch. Or would a wild-caught Chaffinch be better for the purpose? I am told that all the specimens obtained so far have been bred in aviaries.

(MISS) M. YOUNG.

The Breeding and Keeping of Mealworms.

SIR,—Seeing the various letters in CAGE BIRDS concerning the breeding of mealworms, I should be very much obliged if any of your correspondents could tell me how to keep mealworms. I am only just starting in the fancy, so have not yet enough birds to require the breeding of worms, but it is very difficult to obtain a regular small supply of them. I purchased about 600 through the columns of your paper, and as these will last my stock a long time, I should be glad to know how to keep them. Also about how many a day should be given to the birds?

A LEARNER.

United Kingdom Belgian Association.

A Cup Matter.

SIR,—Respecting the Reddihough Cup, value £5 5s., Rule 2 of the above Association states: Member counting most points after the last show to hold the cup for the year. I called upon the winner of this cup for 1909 and 1910, and was surprised to learn that he had not yet seen the cup referred to. The previous winner, I find, was in exactly the same position. If my information is correct, the position is that this particular cup has not been in the possession of the two last winners. In looking over my schedule for the coming City of Glasgow show, I find it is again forward for competition. Does this cup exist only in the imagination? Surely not. Perhaps some member of the U.K.B.A. who has seen this particular cup can enlighten us on the subject.

ENQUIRER.

The Scottish British Bird and Mule Club's Patronage.

SIR,—I notice a letter signed "Old Member" in last week's CAGE BIRDS, and he, like Mr. Farmer, draws Mr. Watson's report "very mild" in saying that it was a false report, or an untrue statement, that Mr. Watson, the secretary of the above club, sent to you. I may say that I have another name for the report other than "false" or "untrue"; I would term it "a faked report," and one which, I think, is more hurtful to the club than to its advantage. It might have passed alright had Mr. Farmer taken no notice of it. He begs to differ from Mr. Watson on the record application for the club's patronage. I fully expected to see Mr. Watson substantiating his report, or otherwise apologising. Surely there is good cause for the other officials of the club to investigate the matter, as I consider a faked report even worse than a faked Bullfinch or Yellowhammer (at Bathgate or Glasgow and West of Scotland, for which the exhibitors were expelled from the club for life). What awaits Mr. Watson, the secretary, for his faked report? I hope an abler pen than mine will discuss the question of "Faked Reports versus Faked Feathers—What is the Difference?"

JUSTICE.

The Clashing of Ayrshire Shows

SIR,—I think it is time something was being done in Ayrshire to prevent the clashing of shows when a society, only 16 miles away from another, deliberately fix on the same date as that one. Only last year (our first year) we (Ayr and District C.B.C.) fixed on November 7th for our open show, and we advertised it every week from April till date of show in your "Show Dates Fixed" column. Imagine our chagrin when on the month of October a society 20 miles from here advertised the same show date. Our Secretary was instructed to draw the society's attention to the fact, but his letter was treated with silent contempt. However, we came out on top. This year we fixed our date, and, mark you, changed it a week earlier to avoid a recurrence of the same, and only this week (October 2nd) we find the same thing again with a society only 16 miles away; and our date, too, has been fixed and advertised every week since April. Now, what price this? Is it purely coincidence or something worse? Surely common sense might show those responsible how much better the entry would be at both shows if they were on different dates? Our members would then have a chance to support their show, and their members could support ours. However, if it is too late to alter the date now, we can only say the fault is not at our door, and I hope to see exhibitors keep this in mind when the entry time comes on.

ROBERT MCKAY.

Linnet Finds a Cosy Corner for the Winter.

SIR,—Many of your readers may be interested in the following facts respecting the habits of a wild Linnet, which for the second year has made its winter home on the cage of a Canary in a public bar. This account is from a Nottingham paper of September 21 date, to which it was sent by a Mr. Walker. About this time last year the Linnet flew through the open window and settled on the cage occupied by a Canary, and, finding food galore for its winter requirements, decided to sink its nervous instincts and forsake the hedgerows for a life of ease and plenty for at least a few months. Its habits were most regular, flying away in the morning and returning several times during the day, but always it came home to roost at night, until New Year's Day of this year, when it forgot to return. Now the winter is again approaching, it has once more returned to its "unnatural" but comfortable winter quarters, making itself at home as was its wont last year. I may say that it can be seen any day, and almost any time, in the public bar of the General Cathcart, Corporation Road.

NOTTINGHAM LAMB.

"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

SIR,—Since penning my letter on "Going Light" in a July number of CAGE BIRDS, several correspondents have given some advice and stated remedies. Regarding the advice of Mr. Waterman to use Fellowes' Syrup of Hypophosphates, I have not tried this on British birds, I may say. I expected to have seen more letters on this disease, and possibly a cure; also some advice from the medical fanciers. As regards the Epsom salts suggestion, I often use this for both Canaries and British birds when I see them at all "dicky"; also the milk sop in various ways, both "fresh" and "sour," besides all the natural seeds and foods I can supply in the earlier stage of the disease. The lives of the birds may be prolonged by their use, but in the end, in my case, the birds generally died, and were a mass of bones, although apparently eating to the last. Many birds have died in the seed drawer. Condy's Fluid I have tried in various ways. This at one time I thought did check the disease, and I persevered with it for some weeks, particularly in regard to British birds; but I found out at last that it was not a cure to recommend. I see by some of the letters that a gentleman has found a cure which I hope may, when well tried, be all that is stated. A "vet" advised me to try two or three drops in "turps" daily for a week; this I did, but was not satisfied with the results. I have also tried a few drops of carbolic in the drinking water for some two months, and this did no good at all. Neither did it kill the birds, however, although in the case of one Greenfinch I kept increasing the drops till I made it quite strong; that is about one to 20. Cod liver oil I have also tried on both Canaries and British birds; I have used it mixed with soft food (both eggs and bread and milk). I might repeat that all glasses, etc., were kept clean, and the cage bottom had plenty of sand and shell gravel, and sometimes all mortar for the birds to peck over. Perhaps we may yet hear of something to check and cure this fatal disease. Whether the sulphur cure as recommended for Canaries by a Birmingham correspondent would have the desired effect, I am not able to say, but I have faith in it and think it well worth a trial. Sulphur I have used in the soft food for some weeks on trials, but was not at all satisfied with that treatment. Various stimulants, too, I have given in the water as a pick-me-up for years now, which has often had good results when used at once on my seeing a bird "thick." In closing, I must thank your numerous readers and those who have written on the subject, and I hope we may yet hear of a certain cure for "Going Light."

NIMROD.

The Cuckoo in Captivity.

And other Interesting Topics.

SIR,—I thought perhaps you might like to see and, if practicable, reproduce the photograph of my Cuckoo. It was taken by an amateur, indeed, by the "boy scout," Dick Smith, who brought the bird to me last year. It may also be of some interest to Mr. W. J. B. Hopkins to know that this bird feeds itself and has done so ever since it was two or three months old. Its eyes are now turning of a yellowish tint, especially when it is angry. It is at the present time still moulting, as you can see by the photograph. The young bird is progressing favourably, too. He is much larger and stronger than the other, and really says "Cuckoo" quite clearly, whereas the older one only says "Cuck-cuck-Cuckoo" in a guttural tone. I have thought when comparing them they are of different sexes; if so, I hope I shall keep them both through the coming winter. These birds have little peculiarities. First, the feet are like those of a Parrot, so that in walking along a rope or perch they continually turn with a swift motion somewhat in the fashion of a tight-rope walker; the leg they turn on is thicker and stronger than the other one. They do not bathe like other birds, but always appear glossy and clean, and the eye is not so round, but more of a button-hole shape. I have never seen either of them put their heads under their wings; they only draw the head down into the shoulders to sleep. I notice that they are restless at night just now, and somewhat drowsy in the day, so that I have wondered if they fly by night only, when they take their long journeys. I leave a little light at night that they may see to regain the perch should they lose it. The old one will stand firmly on his perch and flap his wings at a tremendous rate for a long time together; he does not do this in the day-time. One thing I should like to correct: it was not Cuckoo nestlings that my Thrush and Chaffinch reared, but Thrush nestlings; they were just pen-feathered birds, not able to leave the nest, and they were reared on the same food I give all my Softbills, including my Skylarks, namely, bread soaked in cold water and pressed lightly through the hand, barley meal and sharps in equal quantities to bring it to a crumbly nature, and a very little hemp seed crushed, varied with Spratt's chicken meal scalded, instead of the bread. I sometimes add chopped lettuce, scraped carrot, potato, watercress, or cut grass. The Thrush was feeding them all day, and I gave also scraps of cooked or raw meat, eggs, etc., but nothing alive whatever. I often called her down for some tit-bits after the little ones were, as I thought, asleep for the night, and she would caper about and wake them up and give them every morsel till she became quite thin. I reared all my birds from the nest last summer and these were: Blackbirds, Thrushes, Skylarks, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Brown Linnets, Starlings, and Cuckoos. I never feed any of them on worms, mealworms, or the like. The



Miss Sergeant's Tame Cuckoo.

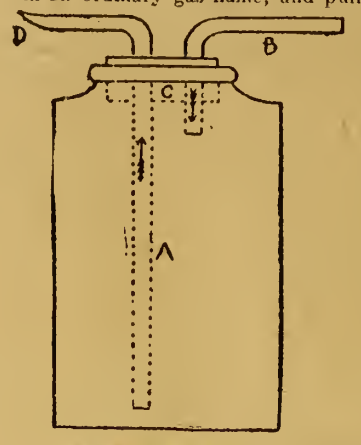
Thrushes and Blackbirds get an occasional snail, but very rarely. They all look healthy, and are coming through the moult well; the Blackbirds are singing, the Thrushes are beginning to, and also the Skylark. I trust they will all train my two little Brown Linnets properly; they will have plenty of schoolmasters, including a lovely Robin that comes and sings to them every day, even perching on their cages. I read CAGE BIRDS with great interest, and take many a lesson from it, and find so many questions I should have liked to ask answered. I have read about the fatal disease, and if I might venture to say so, I have wondered if the egg, bread or flakes may have been made with bad or stale eggs. And the mixtures with dried flies; how are the flies caught? The numberless fly papers about at this season give one the thought that the flies may have had poison. I agree with your correspondent who gets his wife to bake his egg bread, and believe it would be as well to be your own "fly-catcher": at least, you could then be sure the flies had not been dead for two or three years. The Cuckoos (returning to the first subject), are not eating all day long, but make stated meals. They take the food up by the extreme tip of the beak, passing it backwards and forwards; then they toss it up and catch it. They like a large basin of water with a thick rim on which to perch while they drink. They are capable of defending themselves against a cat, and cry like a frightened child for help. They are not friendly together, and I think the younger one would be spiteful to small birds, as he pounced upon and caught a little Linnet by the scruff of its neck and shook it to and fro. When they are in perfect plumage ("if ever") I will send you a good photograph of them both.

E. M. SERGEANT.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

A Useful and Easily-made Bird Spray.

SIR,—I herewith enclose a sketch of an easily made spray. All that is required is a small glass jar, two short lengths of glass tube and a tight-fitting cork. Heat the end of tube A in an ordinary gas flame, and pull to



A Water Sprayer.

a point D with a small hole in. Then heat tube B in the middle, and bend it as illustrated. When these are done, bore two holes in the cork C for tubes, and the spray is then complete. Fill with water and blow down B, and a fine spray will flow from point D.

C. F. KILLICK.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Under the White Rose.

SANDY Lane opened the show season in Yorkshire on Saturday last, and were rewarded with a respectable entry, an immense gate, and last, but not least, a lovely day. The birds throughout appeared to be in fair good trim; some of course were a bit "penny" about the head and were liable when handled too much to be a bit slack under; also a few were nervous and rather slow in action. Another week or two will put them right.

THE three young ladies who attended to the tea department had a warm time of it. The birdy men can, as they say in Yorkshire, "shift it," especially those who had walked over the hills. Never mind, ladies, it will bring a little more profit.

THE Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C. both opened their competitions at this show, as of course did also the Yorkshire Union. Next week, at Queensbury, the N.G.M.Y.C.C. (do you know what this is?) open their competitions, and as this is a new venture it will be watched with great interest, the hen classes, perhaps, more particularly so.

I HEAR that the Laisterdyke Show is to be moved back to the old place, and as this room is absolutely one of the best to be had for both birds and visitors, I think the society are taking a good step. Then the novices are to have an extra class put on, which should do a little towards the success of the venture.

BRADFORD City are next week providing teas for the visitors, and as this show is rather a bad place at which to obtain eatables (usually necessitating going into town and wasting perhaps an hour, which is rather more than a birdy man can spare when visiting a show), it is sure to be appreciated.

THE Green breeders of Liverpool had better be on the look-out: it is said that a Bradford fancier has succeeded in colour feeding a Cinnamon Yorkshire into a Green one, and fit to put down on the show-bench at that. My word!

I ALSO hear that some big prices are to be had for good bird; £8, £9, and suchlike deals are getting very numerous.

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Wild Bird Life.

The Gathering of the Doves.

One of the most interesting sights of bird life at the present time is that of the big flocks of Turtle Doves to be seen in favoured localities. Several of these places are well known to me, and year after year without fail the birds gather together in September preparatory to migrating. One would think they might form flocks anywhere wherever sufficient birds chanced to meet, and have their numbers increased as they wander about; but this does not appear to be the case. They have special spots where year by year they gather, and these localities are well defined. One I have known many years; it is on the edge of a certain farm, with a few elm trees bordering the cart road to the hills. The birds are about there in increasing numbers for some days. If disturbed by guns they fly off to the woods on the hills, but are soon back again. This flocking generally goes on for ten days or a fortnight, when suddenly we miss the birds, and only a stray one or so is to be seen.

When they return to us again in the Spring we notice no such flocks—just two or three about in the fields, or it may be, half a dozen; and then, after a time, pairs and single birds, followed later by the family flocks, which are never very large, as two eggs to a clutch are all the hen birds lay. Some authorities assert that the Turtle Dove is double-brooded, but I have never seen any sign of a second brood, and I have known the bird and his ways nearly all my life. It is thought the Turtle Doves pair for life, which may be so, for no two birds are more attached to each other. Charles Dixon asserts that he saw them in pairs while staying in Algeria during the winter months, when they would, of course, be on migration and not nesting. In addition to this, certain trees and bushes are tenanted by a pair year after year.

To Protect the Figs.

In the South of England where figs are grown rather extensively, they have to be protected at this time of the year from the birds. This is done by tying them up in small muslin bags made just large enough to contain the fruit. The chief depredators are Warblers and Starlings.

Where Sparrows are Plentiful.

Sparrows are so abundant in some parts of America that some men make a good living by catching them and securing the bounty offered by local bodies. One man has been known to take as many as one thousand in a single day, and as collected as many as ten thousand from one spot in one of the public parks.

Bird Migration.

The increase in the number of observers of wild bird life has not yet provided a key to the mystery of migration, or explained the impulses which drive some of the smallest and weakest of birds across miles of sea twice during the year. The bird after all is a swift-winged creature, and makes little of long distances. The fact that they are continually swarming across the seas suggests that the migration journeys to them may be fairly natural ones.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**Little "Dolly Gray."

I had a little Redpoll,
I called it Dolly Gray,
It used to whistle merrily
Throughout the livelong day.
But now I am heartbroken,
For when feeding it to-day,
I left the cage-door open,
And my birdie flew away.

Sent by Harry Walton (age 12), 110, Holly Park Road, New Southgate.

*The Tame Canary.

I have a Norwich cock Canary, which is so tame that I often let him out of his cage to fly about the room. He will feed from my hand or mouth, and perches on my arm, head, or shoulder. He is a good singer, and joins in when he hears the piano played. He is fond of a bit of groundsel or apple. When he is flying about the room, however, he is very tiresome if we have a vase of flowers, for he will go and peck at them. He likes to stand on the window sill and look out, and his name is "Cheri."—Sent by A. Edwards (age 13), The Rectory, Aberffraw, Anglesey.

*A Mischievous Parrot.

A lady went to a servants' registry office, and was shown into a room which was to all appearances empty. Hardly had she taken a seat when to her great surprise a shrill voice demanded: "What do you want? Cook?" "Oh, no," stammered the lady, "a housemaid." She failed to see the speaker, "How much do you give?" continued the strong voice. The lady gave a start, and took another long look round the room. This time she discovered a beautiful Grey Parrot, seated on its perch, with its mischievous bright eyes fixed upon her.—Sent by Marie Smith (age 13), 90, Richmond Villas, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.

Kindly note that I have removed from Camberwell, writes Mr. W. J. Hammond, to Sunningvale Avenue, Biggin Hill, Kent.

I should be very pleased, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, secretary of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S., if fanciers will think of us this time, as it is our first show venture so early in the season. Schedules have been sent out to all old exhibitors. Specials will appear in catalogue; they include a gold centre silver medal for best bird in British bird section, also Sandiford's special for hottest fed bird. Class 25 in schedule should read: Greenfinch, not "Granfinch" as printed. We hope to have a bumping entry.

Plymouth Jubilee Show should be borne in mind by exhibitors. The classification is a splendidly extended one (80 classes in all), while in addition to four money prizes (10s., 6s., 4s., and 2s.), for a 1s. 6d. entry fee, there are no fewer than 80 good special prizes (these not including those confined to members of specialist clubs). Entries close on October 9th. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes, full prize-money in every class, payment of prize-money on first day of show—these are points which should commend themselves to exhibitors.

The Burglary at Crook.

Respecting the hurglary at Mr. Dawson's bird-room last week, writes Mr. A. Bowes, the police have been very active this week-end, and have traced the whole of the Canaries, also about half a dozen persons in connection with the robbery. But unfortunately half the birds were dead when recovered; 8 alive and 8 dead. Every credit is due to the local police for the smart manner in which they have followed up the clues. I will send the full court proceedings next week.

Echoes from Paisley.

That the seventeenth annual exhibition of Scotch Fancy Canaries drew a large turn-out of fanciers from all parts of Scotland; that there was a big decrease in entries from previous years; that David's huff pied hen won the special and cup, another proof of its title to be the best bird of the year; that there is still room left for the Glasgow Cup; that this performance is a record; that we are proud of the champion huff pied hen; that Mac. was runner-up, winning the silver medal, with a yellow pied cock of great merit; that the show was of a high standard; that Lesmahagow and Cokerhill did well; that the secretary had all in apple-pie order.—SCOTCH FANCY.

The N.B.B. and M.C. Show Cage.

At the last meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club, exception was taken by some of the members to the position of the water-hole in the club's standard cage for Hardhills. They preferred to have it in the centre of the wire-front rather than at the right-hand side as in the approved pattern illustrated in CAGE BIRDS some time ago. It was pointed out that the standard cage was only a suggestion to members (a pattern put forward to try and secure some sort of uniformity on the show-hench), which they were quite at liberty to adopt or not, as they chose. They need not use the cage at all (that is, it was not compulsory so to do), and if they adopted it they could still modify it by having either water-hole or seed-trough in any desired position; or they could use seed-drawers instead of the plain trough. It was decided to have these facts made clear to fanciers generally through the Fancy Press.

Cock Canaries at Low Prices.

Some time ago we drew attention to the fact that certain advertisers were offering cock Canaries through our columns at very low prices—prices at which, it has been represented to us, genuine cocks cannot be sold (gauged by current market prices) except at a loss. As we said then, we would say again now, that, of course, it is only fair to make it clear that while high price affords no absolute guarantee of sex, nevertheless, cock birds have always a certain market value below which it is extremely improbable they would be offered for sale. We receive a very considerable number of small advertisements each week, into the bona-fides of the senders of which it is not possible for us to inquire—there is no possible system by which the genuine hargains amongst them can be sifted from low-priced offers deliberately designed as "catches." Therefore, when readers come across advertisements, especially if temptingly worded, which offer "cock" birds for an exceedingly low sum, they should take every precaution to ensure themselves getting birds according to description, and not hens masquerading as "cocks."

"Our Ladder of Progress" Competition.

Final Placings.

The final placings in our "Ladder of Progress" Competition are: First Prize (£4 cash), Mr. J. H. Lewis, Parkside, Oswestry, who sent in 472 signatures; Second Prize (£1 cash), Mr. J. Forster, 42, Kingston Street, Darlington, 270 signatures; Third Prize (pair of framed plates), Mr. C. Craig, 4, Wardlaw Terrace, Edinburgh, 156 signatures; Consolation Prize (pair of framed plates), Mr. W. Roberts, 55, Haywood Street, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. The second prize was originally announced as won hy Mr. Craig, hut a demand for a scrutiny has revealed the right of Mr. Forster to that position. A number of Mr. Forster's coupons were wrongly credited to a brother fancier on whose behalf he sent to us a notice of a change of address. We have given Mr. Roberts an extra prize as some consolation for being displaced from the third position. Will Messrs. Craig and Roberts kindly let us know whether they would like any special variety of Canary (or other birds) to figure in their framed plates?

REMARKABLE TESTIMONY

Letters Which Tell Their Own Tale.

With two advertisements in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have had considerable success, writes Mr. W. Watkinson (Flixton), and I am convinced that "C.B." is a good medium.

Am pleased to say, writes Mr. A. F. Morrison (Dorset), that I have sold all the birds I had for sale; when I have any more to sell I shall not omit to advertise in CAGE BIRDS again.

The show cages I advertised in the Norwich column of CAGE BIRDS, were sent for hy the first post, and were sold to a local fancier, writes Mr. Mallett (West Ham). There were many other applications.

You will be pleased to know, writes Mr. C. Dell (Harlesden), that the last advertisement I had in CAGE BIRDS was most satisfactory. I got inquiries from all parts, and soon disposed of all the birds advertised.

I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, writes Mr. A. C. Haynes (Leeds), as one always gets straightforward dealings from its readers, and I have always been suited in sales and exchanges brought about hy your journal.

Many thanks to CAGE BIRDS for such a large number of applications in reply to my advertisement in last week's issue. They were too numerous for me to answer hy post.—TOM MOSCROP (Gateshead).

I always get good results when I advertise in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. H. Criddeford (Honiton). I wish to thank all who answered my advertisement. So many were they, I really could not answer all. This speaks well for your valuable paper.

Am again pleased to inform you, writes Mr. John Martin (Castle-Douglas), that I am having a grand sale for my show cages, etc., this season, through advertising in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, and I consider it the most up-to-date journal for bird-lovers.

I have removed from Stoke Newington, N., writes Mr. H. Sweetman, to 35, Willoughby Lane, Park Lane, Tottenham. Owing to my receiving so many offers to exchange through my advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I could not reply to all. Will readers kindly accept this?

Allow us to thank you for your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, as we have sold some of every kind of hird (British and foreign) we have advertised, write Messrs. Dearlove and Allen (Hull). We have had a great many orders from far and near, and they are still "rolling" upon us.

I am pleased to tell you I had plenty of answers to my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. J. Stagg (Birmingham), and also visitors to see the hird, and as a working man I thank you very much, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success. Kindly thank those who answered my advertisement, as I had no time to write them.

By my last few advertisements in CAGE BIRDS I have cleared the whole of my stock (140 Crests, Norwich, and Yorkshire, show cages, cases, hreeders, and flights), and I am now giving up the Fancy for a time on account of my health. But I hope to take it up again after I have had a holiday. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, and I shall always read it, as I find it is the very hest paper to advertise in.—J. BROWN (Wood Green).

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 9—**Western Counties (Plymouth).**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
Oct. 9.—**Glasgow (City of).**—J. Young, 80, High Street, Rutherglen.
Oct. 9.—**Cannock.**—H. W. Briggs, Walsall Road.
Oct. 9.—**Morpeth.**—E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.
Oct. 9.—**Johnston, N.B.**—A. Laird, Burnside Cottage, Quarrelton Road.
Oct. 11.—**Darlington.**—R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.
Oct. 11.—**Bolton.**—H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove.
Oct. 11.—**Bristol.**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.
Oct. 12.—**Battersea.**—Easterling and Allen, 340, Battersea Park Road.
Oct. 12.—**Bradford.**—F. Rhodes, 112, Fitzroy Road.
Oct. 12.—**Northampton G.I.**—G. M. Larkman, 210 Wellingboro' Road.
Oct. 13.—**Tunbridge Wells.**—H. B. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road.
Oct. 13.—**Bridgend.**—Frew and James, 46, Dunraven Place.
Oct. 14.—**Liskeard.**—Dr. W. Curtis, 6, Dean Terrace.
Oct. 14.—(10 a.m.) **Sunbury-on-Thames.**—Rev. J. Mogg.
Oct. 14.—**Kirkcudbright.**—W. R. Cruickshank, Daar Lodge.
Oct. 16.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street.
Oct. 16.—**Rochdale.**—J. Butterworth, 28 ,Smith St.
Oct. 16.—**Hinckley.**—H. Towers, 12, Orchard Street.
Oct. 16.—**Perth.**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 9.—**Dulwich O.S.**—Woodhouse and Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace.
Oct. 9.—**Leamington Spa.**—F. T. Pritchard, 86, Portland Street.
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Outdoor Birdhouse.

W.J.A.—If you had said how and of what the bird-house is constructed, or had even enclosed a rough sketch of it, I should have been in a much better position to advise. It is important to know at least whether the structure consists chiefly of wire netting, exposing the birds to the elements, or is of solid brick or wood. The house will accommodate from 36 to 40 birds flying loose, and without any breeding going on. If you wanted the birds to breed during the summer, two good lusty young males and from four to six hens were ample to start with. If the structure is chiefly open wire, it would certainly be an advantage to partition off three feet at one end and make this portion of solid walls with glazed windows, and well ventilated, opening into the outer flight. This closed portion should be always accessible as a shelter from the weather, and as a nesting and roosting place. The Roller is quite the best breed for purely singing purposes, but you must be quite sure the birds you get for an outdoor house of this kind are cold-bred and quite hardy. Cold-bred Border Fancies, Norwich or Yorkshires, or hens of either of these breeds and Roller cocks, would also be very suitable.

Obstinate Diarrhœa.

L.R.—First of all look into the quality and condition of your seeds, and see also whether they are cleanly stored, and free from contamination by mice, etc. The rape especially, you should take care to see is good, and not infested with a mite, which frequently infests poor samples. If either of these causes is found to exist, you must, of course, change seeds at once. See the water supply is quite pure; if any doubt exists about it, boil all before use, and keep all food and water vessels scrupulously clean. Keep cages and perches very clean, cover cage floor with pine sawdust, which burn at once when removed from cage. A few drops of Condy's fluid brushed over cage flood once or twice a week would help greatly in keeping them sweet and clean. Feed on a diet of plain canary, and give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird every day, and a pinch of hemp three times a week. Two or three times a week also give a small piece of banana, but no green food at present. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts (that sold in packets as salts and sarsaparilla) as will cover a sixpence, daily for three days, and after this twenty drops of whisky, five of laudanum, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea every second day until the diarrhœa ceases. Shake latter until gum is dissolved, and on the alternating days give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, continuing this for a few days after looseness is stopped.

Age for Separation.

H.E. (Kent).—Your question is rather vague. It is not always possible to leave young in the breeding cage until quite able to leave the nest owing to the vices of wicked parents who, in such a case, would strip them of their natural covering. I assume, however, your old birds have been more rational minded than this, and you left the young with them. In that case remove them, or at least separate them from parents by a wire slide, as soon as the hen has gone to nest again, to prevent their causing trouble by interfering with the nesting arrangements. If it is the last brood, which, by the bye, should have been off the parents' care before this time, the hen should be removed to a flight as soon as the young are well away from nest, and the cock left in charge of the young a few days longer until they are beginning to crack Canary seed easily. When put by themselves, give them unlimited Canary as a staple, add a little dry summer rape separately each day, and for a few days continue to give a small quantity of the usual egg-food, with only about half the usual proportion of egg in it; or, as a substitute you may give for variety a little crushed dry biscuits, sponge or madeira cake, or bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with a little maw seed and soft sugar. Give no succulent green food for the first day or two, and then begin with such things as the half-ripened stalks of plantain, shepherd's-purse, and seedy sprays of chickweed, gradually going on to the usual greenstuff given to the adults. Keep them scrupulously clean, particularly the food and water vessels, and the cage floors strewn with clean gritty sand, and a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires

Wintering Stock Birds.

Nunquam.—As they are cold bred, if they have not been used to heat since, I certainly advise you to keep them through the winter in the bedroom. Judging from your sketches, I should imagine the kitchen anything but void of draughts, which is a very serious drawback. On the other hand, the bedroom must be very free from this fault, and if it is also dry (free from dampness), it should form a very good place. The best position would be somewhere about the centre of the west wall, especially if this happens to be an inside wall—that is, a wall abutting on other premises, and not exposed to the elements—in the latter case there is a likelihood of its being damp, and subject to great fluctuation, when the centre of the south wall would be preferable. The latter position takes only secondary rank on account of being much farther away from the window, and thus gets less light. If the room underneath the bedroom has a fire burning in it regularly, do not heat the bedroom at all. Keep birds separate in box cages, but the cages may be hung side by side. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary and one part summer rape mixed together. once or twice a week give each half a teaspoonful of egg food, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk; once or twice a week a pinch of a mixture of maw, inga, gold of pleasure, and hemp, in equal parts; and twice a week in mild weather give a little green food, but be sure it is not nipped with frost—at other times substitute a little sweet fruit for the green food.

Aviary Questions.

E.H.B.—You will not be able to do much in the breeding line in the portion of shed at your disposal. The proposed flight as it stands will only accommodate four or five birds. If, instead of making a single flight, you made three flight cages, each 40 inches long, 14 inches deep (back to front), and 18 inches high, and stacked these in a tier one above the other, beginning from a little stage fifteen inches from the ground, you would be able to keep four birds in each cage, or twelve in all. On the opposite wall you should proceed on the same principle, but instead of the flights, put up three tiers of single breeding cages—say, 20 inches long, 12 deep, and 16 high. This would enable you to start a few inches higher from the ground, and you would have six breeding cages to accommodate the same number of pairs. You could keep Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, and Siskins with your Canary hens. during the winter. Other kinds are not reliable, being sometimes very spitefully disposed in such small quarters. The best way I can see for you to ventilate the shed would be to cut out an oblong piece one foot wide, and eight inches deep, over the top of the window, and near the highest part of roof, and another similar piece over the door. Nail a piece of wire gauze or perforated zinc securely over the holes, and fix a sliding wooden shutter over them inside, which can be opened or closed at will. You need to keep a sharp look out for rats and mice.

A Wheezy Yorkshire.

W. H. Stone.—It seems clear the bird had been used to a warmer temperature than yours, and I doubt whether after this lapse of time you will make much improvement. Anyway, try what a few weeks of the following treatment will do. Keep it in a box cage to avoid draughts as much as possible, and place it in a comfortable temperature—not necessarily overheated, but still on the warm side—where the warmth is regular and equable day and night, and at the same time let the position be well ventilated, and not exposed to draughts or foul air. Feed on a diet of plain Canary as a staple, and give every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Twice a week, on days when you are not giving rape, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, or as an occasional variant give a small piece of bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On two other days, give a pinch of a mixture of maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure, seeds. Give a little green food, or sweet fruit when greenstuff is out of season, each day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week, and after this twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, five of tincture of lobelia, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of port wine and ten of malt extract. Continue this every alternate week for a month or six weeks, and if bird is not considerably better, write again, referring to this reply.

Insect or Maggot?

An Old Reader of "Cage Birds."—I cannot venture to guess what was the identity of the insect. Was it about the head or beak, and did it probably come from the beak, or are similar creatures found in the droppings? Also, have you any poultry about the premises suffering, or which have recently been suffering, from gapes? In the latter event, I should say your two birds have undoubtedly contracted the disease, and the maggot-like insect you found might be one of the gapeworms which had been ejected by coughing. In either case you had better keep these two birds separate from the others until cured. Keep cages scrupulously clean, and stick a cube of hard common table salt between wires for the birds to peck. Boil all water before use, and see all seeds, foods, and feeding and water vessels are thoroughly clean and free from contamination of any kind. Burn all debris removed from cages at once. Feed on a diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and give a little bread and milk sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw seed twice a week, and a little green food on each of the other days. Be careful of the green food, and wash well before use if there is the least suspicion of this carrying the infection. In the drinking water give twenty drops whisky, ten of glycerine, and four of eucalyptus oil two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week. Encourage the bird to bathe freely each day, and add a few quassia chips to the water every second or third day for a time. Be careful to avoid any chill after bathing.

Not a Sound was Heard.

Kharki.—If you have not heard a note from him since you purchased him, although there are visible signs of efforts to "tweet" on his part, I should be rather inclined to think the bird dumb. I have known a few such cases, and do not think treatment of any use. If, on the other hand, the bird has previously sung, see it is kept free from chills and draughts, in a rather warm temperature, but where the warmth is quite regular, and the atmosphere always pure and fresh. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give separately a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of gold of pleasure, inga, maw, yellow mustard, and hemp. Do not give egg food more than twice a week if you are not colour-feeding. You might with advantage stop egg food altogether for a time and give a little pasto made by well mixing as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in a teaspoonful of honey; add six drops of cod-liver oil emulsion, and just sufficient finely crushed biscuit powder to make it into a soft paste. Give the bird a piece of this paste, the size of a small toy marble, stuck on the end of a perch three times a week. Give a little fresh green food, or a bit of banana as a substitute, every second day. Of course, this being the natural moulting time, you must not expect the bird to sing for a few weeks to come, but if it does not begin, say, in six weeks from the time it ceases dropping feathers, write again referring to this reply.

Sits Thick and Gapes.

Black.—The moult has evidently been rather a tax upon this bird, but with a little care for a week or two it should soon be alright again. I note you say it has not sung at all "since the moult," from which I assume the bird has already got through the moulting process. If this is so, see first that it is out of reach of draughts, and that it is in a position where the temperature is equable and the atmosphere pure and fresh, and free from damp. Reduce it to a staple of plain Canary in the hopper. Give separately a pinch of summer rape every second day, and twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, gold of pleasure, and hemp seed. On two other days give a small piece of bread sopped in milk, pressed nearly dry, three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little green food, or a bit of banana,

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every second day, in alternation with the rape seed. Continue this feeding until the bird is well. See, by the way, that it is not pestered with red mites. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together every second day for a week, or a little longer if it appear necessary. Remember it is rather early yet to expect a bird to resume singing after moulting, particularly birds that are a few years old.

A Question on Mating.

Westcott.—It is very difficult to forecast with any degree of certainty what the colour of progeny from your suggested matings will be without knowing whether your Greens contain Cinnamon blood, and vice versa, and in what proportion (if any) the blood is mixed. Assuming that in each case in giving the parentage of the birds you have mentioned the colour of the cock bird first, I should say the following matings—slightly different to your suggestion—would best fulfil your object. First pair, Nos. 1 and 2, should breed green selfs, with probably a few fouls, and, if they contain Cinnamon blood, a stray Cinnamon now and again. Second pair, Nos. 3 and 6, should breed a greater proportion of Cinnamon selfs than your suggested mating, especially if the Green parent of hen had Cinnamon blood in it. Third pair, Nos. 5 and 4. Result, a majority of heavily variegated and broken Greens, with a few green selfs, and an occasional clear. If you could replace the clear yellow cock with a broken yellow green, the result would probably be a majority of self Greens with a few stray broken greens. The last two pairs as they stand would doubtless breed Cinnamons and Greens, mostly broken or foul, but a fair proportion of selfs. All the Cinnamon and Cinnamon-marked birds would, however, almost to a certainty be hens. As you say you want to breed self Greens and Cinnamons, I would advise you to equalise your forces by replacing the self Cinnamon, No. 8, with a yellow Green self; breed from Greens to make another pair for breeding self Greens; and the self buff Green, No. 9, with a self buff Cinnamon, bred from Cinnamons, to make another pair for breeding Cinnamon selfs.

Brevities.

What Class? ("Molly").—The bird should be shown in the class for "ticked" birds, or the class which includes these birds, such as "ticked or marked," etc., and if the markings are of a light brown colour—that is, cinnamon colour—it would, of course, have to go in the class specially provided for "cinnamon-marked or ticked," if these are classified separately, as they often are, and not in the class for green-marked birds.

The Reason Why (T.N.Z.).—The reason why not a single egg of the 24 laid by your Canary hatched out was that they were sterile owing to the hen's being mated with the cock Mule. You seem not to be aware of the fact that Mule birds, save in a few rare instances, are barren, so that the only cause for marvel would have been if any of the eggs had produced young. As it is, your experience is just what you must always expect if you mate Mules, either between themselves or with another species. If you wish to rear young you must obtain a pure cock Canary to mate with the hen next year, or a pure cock Finch if you want to produce more Mules. Your feeding was faulty, so you had better keep your eye on our columns for information on this point before next season arrives; or, better still, get one of our handbooks on Canary breeding from our manager.

Judicial Separation (United).—Your method of dealing with the birds at the end of the breeding season and turning the sexes all together in a flight cage is certainly not judicious. There is then practically no separation or breaking up of breeding pairs at all. You ought to have put all the hens in one flight, and the cocks by themselves in another, thus keeping the sexes quite apart; and if you could manage to arrange the flights so that the birds in the one flight could not see those in the other, it would have been better. You should do this now without delay, and limit diet of the hens to plain Canary only, with a free supply of green food and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day for a week. You must not dream of allowing the hens to attempt nesting again this year, no matter how anxious they may be to do so. You are probably mistaken in thinking the breeder did as you have done. Doubtless the hens were put all together and the cocks ditto, but the sexes in separate flights.

Diet for Yorkshire Songster (R.N.S.T.).—A plain, wholesome, and not over-stimulating diet is far the best. As a staple give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part of summer rape. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, teazle, gold of pleasure, and millet. About once a week give a crumb of sponge cake, a bit of bread soaked in milk, and sprinkled with soft sugar, or an equivalent quantity of egg food. In summer give a little green food daily—watercress, lettuce, groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, etc.—and in winter a little two or three times a week whenever it can be procured, quite free from frost. At other times give as a substitute a scrap of sweet fruit of any kind in season. Do not give all sorts of scraps from table. The above is an ample diet, and all that is needed.

Avine Surgical Instrument Maker (L. H. Druett).—Sorry, but such an official does not exist to my knowledge, probably because the post would prove too much of a sinecure. With a little ingenuity you could fashion an artificial leg out of a match stick by slitting one end so that it can be opened to just lightly grip on the stump of the leg, with a little cotton wool wrapped round to make the pressure as comfortable as possible, and then lightly bound round with very fine mending wool, and the other end clipped off precisely the same length as to the palm, so to speak, of the foot of the remaining leg. I have heard of many clever fanciers providing a wooden leg in this way, but, personally, I believe they only worry a bird, and hamper rather than help its movements. They soon get very clever at going about on one leg, and must be far more comfortable than when pestered with wooden stumps.

Coughs and Wheezes (A.M.).—If the room is really quite free from draughts, I fear it must be subject to extremes of heat and cold, or is damp. If so, you must either remedy it, or remove bird to another room where the temperature is more equable and the atmosphere drier, and pure and fresh. Add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to diet every second day, and on the alternate days give a little green food, or a bit of sweet fruit as a substitute. For the first week give in the drinking water six drops syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day, and during the next week twenty drops whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three. If the symptoms are not quite removed in that time, continue the last-named medicine every second day until the bird seems quite well.

Proper Way to Measure (Hybrid). — To measure the length of a Yorkshire is easier to describe than to do. For a novice, I think the following is by far the easiest and most reliable method: Get a strip of white paper, about an inch wide and a foot long—the margin of a page of CAGE BIRDS, for example—lay it on a table quite flat, catch the bird, place it with the breast in the palm of the left hand, with the fleshy part of the thumb gently pressing one wing to the bird's side, and the second an dthird fingers holding the other wing firmly in place, so that the bird cannot struggle. Hold the head with the tips of the thumb and first finger on each side, and leave the little finger free. Now, having the bird firmly held, lay it on its back on the centre of the strip of paper, place the little finger on top of the tail to keep it in place on the paper, make a pencil mark on paper at the tip of tail, then, keeping the neck to about its natural length (not stretched out unnaturally long), raise the other end of paper and turn it over the top of head and point of beak, making a slight pressure on point of beak so that the beak will make an impression on paper. Make pencil mark on this impression, release bird, and measure distance between the two marks. This will give the length, and though it seems a lot of unnecessary trouble, is the most correct and safest method.

Recurring Asthma ("Lucky").—The fact that the symptoms returned so soon after the bird was replaced in the flight seems to suggest that the flight is more exposed to draught or damp than the cage to which the bird was removed for treatment. It may, perhaps, be only a portion (the part in which this bird generally roosts) that is thus exposed. It is also probable the bird was returned too soon. Place him under same treatment again by himself, as before, and when all the symptoms are gone again still keep him alone, and on a plain but nourishing diet for a few weeks, during which time give six drops each tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water twice a week. 1. He is not a source of danger. 2. When the complaint once gets firmly established it is not very curable. Amelioration is often all that can be done. When this is the case it is not advisable to breed with the patient. But as your bird has responded so well to treatment, I would advise you to give it a good chance of recovery this autumn and winter, and if the trouble does not crop up again, give him another trial in the breeding cage next season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Concerns a Bramblefinch.

Tyro.—(1) A white mark (or break in the colour) underneath the lower mandible is certainly not a point in the favour of an exhibition Bramblefinch; on the contrary, it would count against the bird. The colour should be solid right up to the beak. This light break is often accompanied by light rings round the eyes ("spectacle eyes") and neither of these things commend themselves to me, personally, nor do they, I fancy, to other judges; (2) You cannot very well better the style of show cage recently adopted by the National British Bird and Mule Club, which is also suitable for any other Hardbill of similar size to the Bramblefinch. No. 2 size would suit very well. The N.B.B. and M.C. pattern cage is advertised by many makers in our columns (see under Appliances). Have it very dark green inside. (3) Privet berries are very good for a Bramblefinch and act as a colouring agent; so do bilberries.

The Case of a Bullfinch.

E.C.—The failure of the remedy mentioned may be due to the fact that your Bullfinch has not in reality got a cold at all. As I explained last week, Bullfinches and Bullfinch Hybrids (other birds, too) are apt to develop attacks of "gaping" and "wheezing" which cannot well be due to a cold, and I put it down to a "touch of the liver," "A congested state of the liver will cause panting," writes the late Dr. Greene, in one of his books; and this lamented fancier often told me the same thing. A dose or two of fluid magnesia (a small teaspoonful in a fluid ounce of water) has always put my birds to rights. A day's interval should be allowed between each dose. I give at the same time a good feed of lettuce (white) seed and maw seed. You can try this remedy, in the meantime feeding the hen plainly, avoiding hemp and giving but about half-a-dozen sunflower seeds daily. One of the best "cough" mixtures I know is: Oxymel of squills, liquor tolu, mucilage of gum acacia, and glycerine of each one drachm, water to three fluid ounces. Dose, one small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water.

Our German Cousins.

Anxious.—There seem to be plenty of "anxious" queriste about just now! There is certainly a considerable difference in the appearance of the plumage of the typical British and the typical German Goldfinch or what fanciers accept as such. But there are many genuine British-caught Finches which cannot be told from "Germans" (small Continental Goldfinches would be a better name), and many Finches imported from the Continent which cannot be told from the "British born and bred" article. These be hard facts! In the typical German Goldfinch the ground colour, so to speak, is very white (pure); there is no brown tinge on the cheeks (or only the faintest stain), at the back of the neck the "gash" of light-coloured plumage is often practically pure white, the buttons are pure white, and round the root of the tail and on the rump the feathers will also be found practically pure white. In the typical British Goldie, the cheeks are heavily "thumb-marked" with brown, the buttons are shaded with brown, and the plumage at the root of the tail is hardly at all white, whilst the light-coloured "gash" at the nape is distinctly brownish.

A Quartette.

R. W. G.—1. I should think either of the makers named would supply the regulation Fiuch stock cages as recommended by me. The price varies between three and four shillings, according to the size. Pay a fair price—a well-made cage is a long way the cheapest in the end—and have it at least 16 inches in length. 2. Young Goldfinches will not sing out strongly until they are getting well into full colour. Healthy youngsters, however, make quite a considerable noise "trying over" their song

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long before they show all their blaze. Many of my own I see sitting about tootling away for all they are worth; they are in the midst of the change from nestling to adult plumage. 3. The Linnet would sing, but both Goldie and Linnet would undoubtedly sing more freely if they each had a cage to themselves. 4. The Linnets would commence to sing as soon as properly settled down to cage life; the time taken varies with the individuals, some being much barder than others to steady.

Brevities.

Colours of Show Cages (Anxious).—There is one colour which suits all the British seed-eaters very well indeed—a very dark (holly) green; it must be very dark. This colour is widely used for Goldfinch, Mealy Redpoll, Linnet, and Bullfinch; also for Greenfinch and Siskin, though for these birds many exhibitors choose a very pale blue. Suit your own taste. Have the wires the same colour as the inside wood work.

In an Aviary (A Learner).—I find it hard to grasp the build of your aviary; a rough sketch would have been helpful. The pairs mentioned would be about the limit for a space of four square feet; you might add one pair of Canaries, or Twites. They should agree together. Give in the five hoppers, canary, hemp, teazle, sunflower, and a mixture of summer rape and charlock. The other usual seeds can be offered as "tit-bits" now and again; don't forget a good wild-seed mixture. I think the wire flight you speak of would be a useful and appreciated addition.

Bullfinches Nesting (Newly).—It certainly is astonishing that two Bullfinches should pair, build, and the hen lay eggs, although both birds are deep in the moult. It is a striking instance of the way in which individual birds can be guilty of the unexpected. Like yourself, I should doubt whether the eggs will prove fertile; in fact, the hen may not sit. Speculation seems out of place, however, concerning such birds as these! Please report the finish of this out-of-season marriage; it is highly interesting. I should certainly let them go ahead.

A Nuthatch (E. W.).—In a small aviary I should be chary of keeping a Nuthatch with small foreign birds, Canaries, etc., but in an enclosure 17 feet long by 7 feet wide and high I do not for a moment think a single bird would do any harm; a pair might be dangerous. A dozen spiders a day are not likely to harm any Nutbatch; you are lucky to be able to get them so readily.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

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Grey in Poor Condition.

R.B.D.—Give as much jalap as will cover a sixpence spread over the boiled corn, for one day only; after an interval of two days put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, the one dose should be sufficient. After giving this, spot 10 to 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food over the boiled corn daily, and continue this for a month at least. Mingle some hemp and sunflower seeds with the dry corn; also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, also crush some cuttlefish to the size of hemp seed and mix a little with the dry seeds. If you persevere with the fruit, etc., you will find the bird will ultimately take to them, and the result will be ultimate improvement. It is evidently in a low condition and must be carefully protected against draught, as a chill while it is in this condition would probably have a fatal result; at the same time, it must not be kept in a vitiated atmosphere. Report progress with full details in, say, ten days' time, as a slight change of treatment may then be necessary.

About a Grey Parrot.

Wakefield.—Provide a good-sized cage, say, 22 inches square by the same height. It should have a cover made to go all round the sides for covering up at night, but a space of 6 inches diameter should be left uncovered on the top of cage. It must be kept out of draught in some well ventilated room. Diet: Seed mixture, equal parts of Canary, wheat, dari, oats, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a constant supply in cage. Also give ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little green

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food (preferably fresh lettuce). Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. If it is a very young bird, it will be necessary to give a little boiled maize for a time, but care must be exercised as this soon turns sour. As you are a novice in Parrot matters, and a young Grey Parrot is a risky purchase even for a fancier of experience, I advise you to buy one which you know has been in this country for some months and is talking a little; when purchasing, ascertain how it has been fed and do not make any sudden change in the diet, but do not be tempted into giving any kind of slops, table scraps, or animal food.

Pekin Robin Dying.

C. Margaritis.—These often suffer from lack of exercise, causing their getting overfat and going off suddenly, fits, or some internal trouble. These birds soon become tame, and it is very beneficial to let them have a fly round the room at times; they will return to their cage when hungry or a mealworm will soon fetch them. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit, and a few live insects are about all they require. Your diet appears to have only lacked fruit. They will take almost any kind of this. One or two spiders if you can capture them are very helpful while the birds are in the moult, and are acceptable at all times. When one of these birds appears puffy and out of sorts, a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to one ounce of water) if given at once will often put them right; no other water will be required for the one day, and it would also be as well not to supply the bath so that the bird may be forced to take freely of the magnesia water. It is well to vary the insects when possible during the summer at Acton, beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, blighty foliage, and many species of garden larvæ should be easily procurable if searched for, and would be a boon to the Pekin.

Brevities.

Ruddy Cowbird (Ruddy).—It is a native of South America. This also has been answered to you or some other correspondent in a recent issue. If you look it up you will find full directions given as to treatment, etc.

Parrot Broody? (Miss E. G. M.).—There is not much wrong so far as I can gather, neither do I think it is egg bound; but this you can easily ascertain. If this is the case, the ventral region is sure to be more or less swollen; in such case, anoint the vent with pure olive, sweet, or castor oil. The clucking, shaking, etc., are quite natural; many species of Parrots at the approach of anyone they are attached to, will bring up the partially-digested food from the crop and go through the form of feeding, and I take it this is part of your bird's "broodiness." As regards the sneezing and heavy breathing, continue the treatment already advised, and this should shortly disappear.

Budgerigars Throwing out Eggs (Frankincence).—Within cage limits these are more liable to this vice than in an aviary, though even here the vice is not unknown. It is extremely annoying, but the only thing is patience and to ascertain which sex is the guilty party; if it should be persisted in, the only thing to do is to change the bird; if you have several pairs, re-mating will often bring about the desired effect. If you have only one pair try and make an exchange with someone. The probability is, next spring the trouble will cease and the hen duly incubate, hatch out, and rear the young. Your diet is satisfactory, but supply the birds with a little natural food, viz., seeding grass (grass in flower) whenever you can procure it free from frost or not sodden with wet.

Grey Unable to Stand (D. Clewes).—You give me but little to act upon. Give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of drinking water) every other day, so long as the voidings are not too fluid; when such occurs, lengthen the period between each dose. Your diet is hardly varied enough. The bird should have ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and the following seed mixture:—Canary, wheat, paddy rice, oats, hemp, and sunflower seed in about equal proportions. If it is a case of actual paralysis, I fear but little can be done, and the bird will always remain in a more or less helpless condition, though it may live for some time. You had better persevere with above treatment for two or three weeks, and then report progress with fullest details. Keep bird warm, out of draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere.

Grey Sparrow Bald (T.N.Z.).—This bird has probably been badly plucked during transit to this country, and it will take it some time to recover, but will ultimately do so. Continue to use the sulphate, but keep the bird under observation, and if there is any sign of constipation, promptly give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce of water. Diet: Canary, white millet, paddy rice and oats, green food (lettuce at this season), grit, and a piece of cuttlefish continually hanging in cage. A piece of ripe apple if the bird cares for it is also very wholesome. With the above you will be able to keep up a varied diet, which should be beneficial. At the same time, the bird and cage should be examined for parasites, and if these exist they must be got rid of from the bird by the use of pyrethrum powder or quassia solution, and from the cage by either scalding or baking, and re-distempering

What is it? (Conure).—Your friends have rightly informed you. It is a Jendaya Conure, but a young one, and consequently not yet clad in the full brilliance of the adult plumage. After one or two more moults you will find its plumage in agreement with the description given, that is, after making due allowance for the variation that is common to all species.

Feeding a Parrot (Folkestone).—Am glad to note the bird has improved and is fit again. All the items you name are wholesome, but the potato should only be given in small quantities and be dry, that is, quite free from lnts of any kind.

Breeding Budgerigars in a Cage (Beginner).—Use cage as one flight; there is only room for two pairs, and let these run together. Hang up four husks near the top with about a foot distance between each. Put in a twiggy branch at each end for perches, and also in each space between the husks. Diet: Supply Canary, white and spray millet, a few oats, green food (flowering grass and lettuce), cuttlefish, and keep cage tray well covered with gritty sand. See also reply to "Frankincence." You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert. in this column) very helpful. Do not be tempted to overcrowd, and there should be another flight into which you can turn the young as soon as they are able to fend for themselves.

Cape Sparrow and Canary (J.L.).—I do not care to say anything is impossible; neither do I as a rule use this term at all; but I should say that success was very improbable with such a cross. I do not know of any record of any species of Sparrow having paired with a Canary, and successfully rearing young. However, as you have an odd bird there can be no harm in making the attempt, and I should advise you to procure the largest and most robust Norwich hen you can obtain. Success would be very probable if you could obtain some other species of Sparrow to cross with it. The Abyssanian, or Golden Sparrow, the cock of which is as brilliant as many Canaries, would be a good species to try, if you can procure a hen, as it is a species which nests readily in captivity, and if you met with success the hybrid should be a handsome one.

Budgerigar Killed with Net (Net).—No matter how tame birds are they do not like the net, and dash about more or less wildly whenever it is taken into the aviary, besides being generally thrown into a state of great excitement. Of course, it is quite possible you may have inadvertently given it a blow with the rim, but I consider it more probable that as a result of the excitement consequent upon the catching up, it broke a blood-vessel—its almost instantaneous death certainly indicates this. It is easy to catch birds in an aviary without the net. Make a skeleton framework, in the form of a cube, cover it all over with wire netting, except one end; make a drop door here, which can be let down with a piece of twine from the outside of aviary; the birds are easily enticed into the trap by placing all the food vessels therein, and you thus can soon catch up all the birds you require without risk.

Grey out of Condition (Fenton).—It is in the moult for one thing, and it has never got fully acclimatised. Give a dose (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia and repeat third day so long as the voidings are not watery. In between, that is when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It would do better on the seeds regularly advised. Try the following in equal parts: Paddy rice, wheat, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds; keep a small tin of Canary and millet in the cage. I think very soon you will find it will visit this. Plain biscuits and nuts, in addition to the fruit, may also be given. In the event of any recurrence of the running, spray same with diluted glycothymoline. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Blossom-headed Parrakeet's Lengthy Moult (E.H.V.).—Many species of Parrots and Parrakeets appear to have great difficulty in getting through the first moult here. The principal difficulty appears to be getting rid of the sheaths more than the actual reproduction of the plumage. Keep its bowels moving freely with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, so long as the voidings are not watery. I should also continue to use the Chemical Food when not giving the magnesia. I should also give such ripe fruit as it will take, with a few nuts and a little green food (preferably lettuce). If sufficiently tame, a fly round the room would help matters, and a gentle stroking of the top of head or wherever the sheaths still appear may ease some of them off. It should also be kept fairly warm, but not in an ill-ventilated room or too far away from light and sun, though the latter should not shine directly upon it.

Grey with Round Eye (M.H.).—You do not leave it all clear as to whether the specks are on the eye itself or on the bare skin surrounding it If on the eye itself, only a skilled vet. can remove them; if they are merely growths on the skin, then fomentation with a hot (comparatively) decoction of camomile flowers would probably get rid of them. As to whether the growths will affect the other eye, an opinion could only be given by seeing the bird. But I may say I have seen many cases of total blindness in one eye from somewhat similar causes, and the other eye has not been affected thereby; moreover, the birds have been quite fit and contented. The change of diet was quite correct, and the bird is evidently improving fast. I should give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (see other replies) twice a week, so long as the voidings are not watery.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Seed Hopper (J. Birch).—This has been given before.

An Article (A. Chilcott).—Thanks for your further reply. We will go into the matter.

Mice Proof Seed Trough (A. Hare).—We have illustrated several times before, we think, ideas on very similar lines.

A Feeding Tin (S. Pearson).—This has been sent in before and used, or a tin very like it. Thanks for your kindly remarks concerning our paper.

Illustrated Ideas (J. W. Richards).—Have given the pinned cage-front already. (Jas. Cox).—We have published somewhat similar ideas in the past. (A. Hook).—Have given this before. (A. Sharp).—Note reply given J. W. Richards.

Various Matters (Mrs. A. Laurence).—The management of Paradise Whydahs is dealt with fully in "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (post free 1/1 from this office). Your query shall be answered by our Mr. Page. We will consider the matter of an index.

Colour of C.C.C. Show Cage (Cinnamon).—It is a shade of blue. The exact tint would be given you by the club secretary. Mr. R. J. Pretty (6, Old Burlington-st., London, W.), if you forwarded to him a stamped addressed envelope with your request.

Best or Second Best? (Glaister and Lucas).—We think it might be better to wait and see whether the man mentioned really carries out his threat. You will know the saying: "Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you." If he does do so, then our columns will be freely open to you to ventilate the matter.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Middlesbrough (Y.C.B.B. and M.C.), October 23rd, in the Oddfellows' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and J. Maddison. 32 open classes: Yorks 6, Nor. 6, Burd. 2, Cinn. 1, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 7 members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, cups and spls. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 18th to A. WAKE, 41, Aske road.

Dulwich O.S. (C.B.U., Y.C.C, S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C.), October 12th and 13th, Dulwich Municipal Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, W. Mundell, W. Vardy, G. Gardner, and W. H. Vale. 53 open classes: Nor. 11 (4 novice), Yorks 11 (4 novice), Crest 4 (2 novice), Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Mule 3, For. 3, Sell. 3, and 36 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, and many spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 9th to WOOLHOUSE & ROGERS, 54, Welbeck-terrace, Dunstan's-rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.

Bristol Fanciers', October 27th and 28th, Drill Hall, Queen's-road.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and C. A. House. 47 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 12, Clin. 4, Yorks 7, Lancs. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 3, and 9 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 11th to G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown, Bristol.

Battersea (C.B.U. and Lond. Fed. C.B.S., S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.), Oct. 20th and 21st, Battersea Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. A. Patrick (Yorks) and J. Robson (remainder). 45 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 7, Bord. 1, Yorks 6, Novice Nor. 4, Novice Yorks 6, Brit. 11, Mule 3, For. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, and 9 members' classes. Prizes 12/6, 6/6, 3/-, and (if 12 or more entries) 2/-, and many spls. Fee 2/-. Ent. close October 12th to EASTMILING & ALLEN, 340, Battersea Park-road, S.W.

Harrington (C.B.U.), October 28th and 29th, Temperance Institute.—Judge Mr. J. Patterson. 27 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 6, Bord. 6, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 21st to W. IRWIN, Ellerslie, Harrington.

Plymouth (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., C.C.C.), Western Counties O.S. Jubilee Show, Oct. 19th and 20th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House, J. Robson, and T. Heath. 46 open classes: Yorks 8 (2 classes confined to Devon and Cornwall), Nor. 9 (2 confined as above), Crest 9 (1 for pairs), Cinn. Nor. 1, Bord. 1, Belg. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs Nor. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 5, Sell. 3, For. 2, and 34 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and challenge cups and many valuable spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 9th to THOS. POPE, 98, Embankment-road, Plymouth.

Northampton "Good Intent" (C.B.U.), Oct. 20th and 21st, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and G. Hobbs. 24 open classes: Nor. 9, Yorks 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 4, For. 2, Gift 1, and 6 members'. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 11th to G. M. LAKEMAN, 210, Wellingboro'-road.

Johnstone, Oct. 16th, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Smith. 7 open classes: Bord. 1, Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 9th to A. LAIRD, Burnside Cottage, Quarreton-road, Johnstone, N.B.

Sunbury-on-Thames.—October 21st, Pretoria Hall, Staines-road. 3 open classes: Can., Brit. and For. 1 each. Prizes as per scale. Fee, 1/-. Entries close 10 a.m. October 14th to Rev. JAS. MOGG, Sunbury-on-Thames.

Liskeard.—October 20th, Public Hall and Market House.—Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 16 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 3, Crest 2, Mule 2, Brit. 2, Can. Pairs 1, For. 1, Sell. 2, Novice Can. 1, Novice Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close October 14th to Dr. W. CURTIS, 6, Dean-terrace.

City and County of Perth (B.F.C.C., S.C.C.), October 23rd, Co-operative Hall, Canal-st.—Judges, Messrs. G. Fulton, G. F. Adamson, J. Sandison, J. Craig, and J. Adams. 56 open classes: Scots 10 (2 Sell.), Crest 9, Nor. 14 (Sell. 2), Bord. 9 (1 Sell.), Brit. 6, Mule 3, Sell. 1, For. 3. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, many specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 16th to J. KERR, 18, James-street.

Alnwick (C.B.U.).—Oct. 13th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. T. Dixon and J. Maddison. 16 open classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 3, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, 9 members' classes and 1 local. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 11th (first post), to W. A. BROADLEY, 45, King-street.

City of Bradford (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C. and N.G.M.Y.C.C.).—Oct. 16th, Feversham-street Council School, Leeds-road.—Judges, Messrs. A. Hirst and C. Whiting. 33 open classes: Yorks. (champ.) 14, (novice) 4, (Yorks. Union novices), Yorks. 6, and Nor. 2, Novice Nor. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 12th to F. RHODES, 112, Fitzroy-road, Barkerend-road.

Bromley and W. Kent (£5 Limit).—Drill Hall. —Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, Brit. 3, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 3, and 12 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 18th, to H. E. SPELLER, The Laurels, Talbot-road.

Hinckley (C.B.U.).—Oct. 22nd and 23rd, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 18 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/- 2/6 and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 16th, to H. TOWERS, 12, Orchard-street.

Bolton (C.B.U., N.P.C., O.N.P.C.).—Oct. 15th and 16th, Co-operative Hall, Bridge-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh. 43 open classes: Yorks. 11 (4 novice), Nor. 14 (4 novice), Crest 2, Cinn. 2, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 11th, to H. PARKINSON, 69, Oxford-grove.

Carlisle (Border City O.S.).—Oct. 27th and 28th, Mart Hall, Botchergate.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and W. Nicholson. 46 open classes: Scots. 2, Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Nor. 8 (1 sell.), Yorks. 5, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 11, For. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 23rd, to J. C. BELL, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Barnstaple (C.B.U., U.K.B.C.A.).—Nov. 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. H. Norman and R. Blackmore. 35 open classes: Belg. 6, Yorks. 2, Nor. 6, Crest 5, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 1, Novice Can. 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 4, and 1 local Can. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 19th, to P. HARRIS, High-street.

Newcastle (C.B.U., N.C.C., N.B.B. M. and F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., C.C.C., Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., G.C.A., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Oct. 22nd and 23rd, Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland-road.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, T. Heath, W. Mundell, W. C. Duncan and J. Robson. 83 open classes: Nor. 11(1 pair), Nor. Green 4, Cinn. 4, Crest 7, Pairs (for Crest breeding) 1, Yorks. 10 (2 novice), Yorks. Greens 4, Scots. 4, Bord. 9, A.O.V. 1, Pairs (for breeding) 1, Sell. 5, Mules 5, Brit. 13 (1 novice), For. 4, and 41 members'. Prizes. 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, cups, and many valuable specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 18th, to CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, 60, Grosvenor-gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition, by Messrs. E. Johnson and B. Welbon.—W. Richinson.

Bradford West.—Oct. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Urgent business re open show.—J. W. Telford.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Barton C. and B.B.C.—Oct. 14, Red Lion Hotel, 8. To arrange for members' show; open to Barton and Dis. only (12 miles radius, Lincolnshire).—E. C. Dunn.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Oct. 12, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 7.30. Schedule for members' show; friends invited.—W. Massey.

Bury C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Textile Hall, 7.30. Prize money for Roller contest, Dec. 17 and 18; Roller members please attend.—H. Jameson.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Bird Inn, 7. Annual show, etc., business.—M. Crosby.

Bolton O.S.—Oct. 11, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Final arrangements for open show. — H. Parkinson.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Co-op Library, 7.30. To make final arrangements for annual show, and to draw members' specials.—G. Hayver.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Bankfoot Schools, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe.—F. Gelder.

British Roller C.C.—Oct. 12, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Club show business.—J. W. Norris.

Bolton Wood's C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for Members' show, Oct. 30, etc.—M. Skirrow.

Belgrave F. and F.S.—Oct. 19, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8.30. Table show of British; judge, Mr. J. O. Bern.—W. H. Riley.

City of Bradford.—Oct. 9, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for open show.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. Burton. Visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Bennet's Tea Rooms, 8. Show business.—R. Lambert.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Mr. Birchley's lecture. Specials for schedule, show rules, etc.—W. H. Wright.

Dudley C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Show and general business, etc.—J. G. Leech.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Half Moon Hotel, 8. Open show business.—W. Underwood.

Dunfermlins C.B.S.—Oct. 9, McGillivray Hotel, 7. Allotment of specials, Bird-washing Exhibition by Mr. Cullen.—H. T. Campbell.

Dalziel O.A.—Oct. 16, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Show business.—J. Mathieson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Albany Rooms, 8. To discuss show business, etc. Fanciers invited.—G. Gescoby.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. — Oct. 13, George Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for show; will members who have not yet paid up subscriptions kindly do so in accordance with Rule 8.—R. S. Black.

Edinburgh Southern.—Oct. 13, 114 High Street, 8. For booking of birds for show, etc.—S. Hewit.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Oct. 9, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30.—L. Booth.

Grimsby O.S.—Oct. 11, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Open show arrangements. Fanciers invited.—H. Harding.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 9, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, 8. Final arrangements for autumn show.—F. W. Hamer.

Grand United Metropolitan Show.—Oct. 13, Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7.30. Nov. 23rd show.—A. Watson.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S. — Oct. 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Arranging for coming show.—R. Blore.

Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 9, St. George's Schools, near Infirmary, Birds to be staged 2.30. Members' show, judge Mr. W. Richmond; show open at 5.—J. Chambers.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Oct. 14, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street, 8. Novice night show of singles. Judge, Mr. W. R. Knowles (Earlstown); good specials.—F. E. Hawkes.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. Open show business. Allotment of specials, etc.—R. Hall.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Unflig., Buff (Norwich), open and novice classes. Judge, Mr. W. Stevens; judging to commence 8.45.—J. A. Tyler.

Lancashire C.A.—Oct. 9, Rochdale C.C. Rooms, 7. Resignation of secretary. Those who have not as yet placed subs. will not be eligible till same are paid.—W. Adams.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Final arrangement for show.—R. H. Turner.

Middlesbro' Teeside C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open Show business.—A. Wake.

Midland Roller C.C.—Oct. 13, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Open show business.—J. H. Willows.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, from 2. Members' show and lecture. Fanciers who cannot attend should write for schedule to E.A.G. Box 76, Broomwood Road, S.W. (Advt.)

New Stevenston O.S.—Oct. 12, Masonic Hall, 8.—J. Lamb.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 12, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Show business. Note: This meeting is in our new club room.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Textile Dining Room, 8. Entries for Back-end Show to be held Oct. 16.—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 11, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Important show business.—H. Clayton.

Plumstead and Woolwich.—Oct. 13, 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead, 8. Committee meeting for general business.—W. Pawley.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table Show of Canaries, Brit. and For., and judging competition; visitors welcomed.—J. C. Birch.

Radford C.B.S. (Nottingham).—Oct. 12, Pheasant Inn, 8. Members' subscriptions are due.—F. Walters.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 10, Club, 2.30. Washing exhibition and instructing by Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale).—J. Butterworth.

Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).—Oct. 11, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Annual Show business.—Baldock and Weller.

Stockton Heath O.S.—Oct. 14, Hall Cafe, 7.30. Final arrangements for the Nov. Show.—R. Moss.

South Shields and North Shields C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Gregg's Cafe, 8.—J. Barrass.

South London Col. & F.A.—Oct. 14, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.—G. A. Jefferys.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 16, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Important show business.—W. Reid.

Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 12, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Contributions now due.—W. Stafford.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Oct. 12, Amethyst Club, 8. To prepare schedule of Annual Show.—E. G. Rhodes.

South Manchester.—Oct. 11, Headquarters, 8. Settlement of 1st Table Show, and other important business.—F. Washbourne.

St. Helens O.S.—Oct. 11, George Inn, 8. Tenders for printing re Annual Show.—R. Gibbie.

Swansea C.B.A.—Oct. 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—Final arrangements for open show.—A. Hitchings.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Bull's Head Hotel. Birds to be staged by 3; monthly show (unflig.), Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Judge.—A. E. Morton.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Members' Show.—J. Smith.

Uddingston C.B.S.—Oct. 9th, Reading Room, 7.—A. W. Forrester.

Wandsworth F.A.—Oct. 14, Headquarters, 8. Special show business, Etc.—W. Summers.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Oct. 16th, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Meat-pie supper and social evening, all will be given a hearty welcome.—E. W. Johnson.

Walkley C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Westmoreland Mission room, 8. Show business.—W. E. Clarke.

Ayr C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Distribution of schedules and other important business.—C. Irvine.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Oct. 12, Headquarters, 8.30. Prize money will be paid for young stock show. Donors of specials are asked to forward same on or before date of meeting. Will members please settle for tickets?—T. Callegari.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Open Show business.—Dullield and Jennings.

Yorks. C.C. of Scotland.—Oct. 12, Duncan's Restaurant, 8. Open Show.—F. Bowman.

Yorkshire Union C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Queensbury Show, 4.30. Council meeting, objection from Sandy Lane Show, C.B.U. and London Federation correspondence, etc.; delegates please attend.—H. Hill.

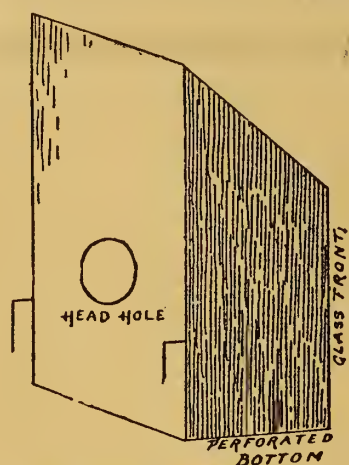
York C.B.S.—Oct. 11, All Saints' School, 8. After usual business entries will be taken for Members' Show, Oct. 13.—A. Wand.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 350.
A Save-all Seed Hopper.
Sent by Mr. D. W. Watt, 173, Downham Street, Blackburn.

Here is a sketch of a save-all seed hopper. It is the usual kind of tin hopper, with a loose glass front. But instead of being open at the back, I put in when making it a whole tin back. I then had a head hole put in the same,

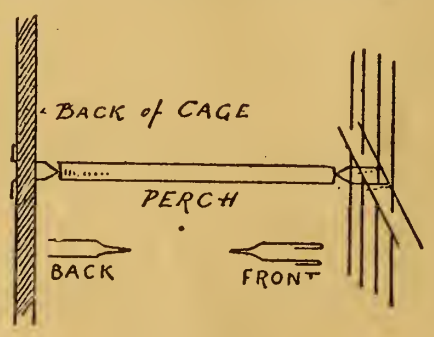


To Prevent Waste of Seed.

as per sketch. I find it a great saving, especially in the case where mixed seeds are used. You will see by the sketch that the bottom of seed-box is perforated. Therefore it acts as a sieve, and it always keeps the seed clean. The top of the seed box opens with a wire hinge at the top, so that it can be used for blowing the husks off the seed.—D. W. Watt.

No. 351.
A Redmite-proof Perch.
Sent by Mr. E. N. Smith, 42, Other Road, Redditch.

Having read so much in Cage Birds about the red mite pest in bird cages, I beg to offer a new idea to the Fancy in general. The sketch



Red-mite Proof Perch.

I send shows what I claim is a red mite proof perch. The red mite can find no place to locate itself here. I think it is simple enough to recommend itself, and will be found quite rigid. The ends of the wires are bent on to the back of the cage, and the other ends under the punch bar.—E. N. Smith.

CELEBRATING A JUBILEE.

THE FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY OF PLYMOUTH SHOW.

(*Continued from page* 198.)

From the year 1890 the society began to get larger, the membership being between forty and fifty, and successful shows were held. Prominent exhibitors were Mr. T. Heath, who in 1890 nearly swept the board with premier honours, Mr. T. Irons, whose non-flighted Yellows, exhibited in 1894, are still remembered by the old hands; also Mr. W. J. Medlin, of Falmouth, and Mr. J. T. King, of Cheltenham, in Belgians and Crests respectively. Of the members who helped at the exhibitions of about this time there still remain Mr. J. Rowe, who is as keen as ever, Mr. A. J. Border, and Mr. W. Spillman, and up till 1905 Mr. J. Dennithorne, than whom none was more popular in the W.C.O.S.

Financially, the society was at this period none too strong, and it was left to Mr. A. E. Cheney, who became secretary in 1900, to put the finances on a firmer basis, there being a balance to the good of over £10 at the close of that year. This, unfortunately, was soon lost again, but for all that the society began to make bigger strides in popularity, and to Mr. W. H. Tavener, who took over the secretaryship in 1902 great credit is due.

Higher-water Mark.

The show of 1903 constituted high water mark, being a really splendid exhibition. In this year, through the energy of the chairman, Mr. S. Gill, and the Committee, four challenge cups, each value four guineas, were obtained for competition at the annual shows, Mr. R. B. Tope also presenting a silver bowl for the best bird shown in the Crest section, and Mr. S. Gill a goblet for Yorkshires (which variety now began to be bred in the society). These cups have created in the past keen competition, and continue now to do so. In 1904, however, the society found itself £16 to the bad, and a determined effort was made to redress matters, Mr. Cheney again taking the secretaryship. He was backed up by Mr. Gill, as chairman, and the following gentlemen as committee, viz., Messrs. Dart, Clark, Dennithorne, French, Garland, Hoar, Hamilton, Jutson, Moist, Phillips, Rich, Williams, Staples, Sky, and Pope. A remarkable result was achieved. A show was held at which no class was cancelled, and at the end of the year an adverse balance of £16 was changed to £36 balance in favour of the society. In 1907 six silver challenge cups were provided for competition at the Nest Feather shows which were held in May, June, and July, and so popular have they become that at the three shows held this year over 300 birds were staged. At these shows many fanciers outside the society are present, and it has proved to be a successful means of advertising the society locally. By means of an ink multiplicator, a small catalogue with list of awards is provided which enables those present to take a greater interest in the birds.

The annual show of 1907 was the largest ever held by the society, there being 900 entries, the entry fees being in excess of prize money for the first time in the history of the society.

A Modest Lot!

In one respect the W.C.O.S. has never reached a very high standard, and that is with regard to lectures or papers on birdy matters. In some societies there seems no difficulty, but the older members of the W.C.O.S. are all afflicted with a most pronounced modesty about airing their opinions. They will go into one another's bird rooms and discuss the stock until the small hours of the morning, but when it comes to putting their valuable knowledge at the service of the members collectively, they fight shy. Mr. W. Spillman is one bright exception to this rule. When he was a novice in the Fancy, and quite a new member of the society, in 1894, he gave the first lecture the society had ever had, the subject being "Mules and Hybrids." This was followed in the same year by a paper on "Crests," by Mr. Radmore, which is still remembered as an intellectual treat by the older hands. To Mr. C. A. House the W.C.O.S. is indebted for several lectures at some personal inconvenience.

For this, the Jubilee year, under the chairmanship of Mr. Chas. Dart, the society has a splendid working committee, including some of its oldest and most experienced members, who are determined to leave no stone unturned to reach the high water mark of excellence. Extra classes have been provided, making the largest and best classified schedule which has ever been issued, and the show will be run without amalgamating or cancelling any class, whatever the entry, full prize money being paid on the first day of show, so that winning exhibitors should get their prize monies at the time of their early morning cups of coffee. These arrangements should commend the show to all exhibitors, and the Jubilee exhibition of the W.C.O.S. ought, therefore, to be a record show all round. We would ask all kind friends to remember the dates, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 and 20.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

Easy Feeding for Softbills.

It seems to me to be not out of place at the present juncture again to draw attention to the Chinese method of feeding Soft-billed birds, of which I was able to gain information in India, whither many birds were sent from China in my time, and no doubt still are. The Soft-billed birds among these, from big powerful species like the Chinese Jay-Thrush (*Garrulax sirensis*), down to Pekin-Robins, which, by the way, were generally sent to Calcutta from China, and comparatively rarely brought down from the Himalayas close at hand—were fed during the voyage at all events, on a mixture of millet freed from the husk and dried flies, the latter not noticeably different from what we get here. This food was given dry, and the birds looked well on it, not only omnivorous species like those mentioned, but purely insectivorous birds like Dhyals and the Blue Flycatcher of Japan (*Xanthopygia cyanomelaena*), of which the only specimen I ever saw alive was brought to Calcutta on this food, and might have been entered for any show immediately on arrival. In colour, by the way, this beautiful bird is blue above, with the breast black, and the rest of the under parts white. It is one of the birds that the Germans get hold of, and we don't.



Japanese Blue Flycatcher.

Preparation of Millet.

Unfortunately, I did not find out when in India how this shelled millet was husked; but the process must be very simple, for when I asked my servant to prepare some for me—I knew he could probably do it, as millet is commonly used for human food in India—he brought me a plateful in a few minutes. When I asked him how they cooked it, he said they made it into porridge, a tip which may be worth considering for those who have to care for that popular but delicate "soft-bill," the human baby, for such husked millet ought to make very good milk puddings. What I used to wonder, however, was whether the various soft-bills fed on the dried flies and millet mixture were put straight on to this dry food as soon as caught, and, if so, how they stood it—that is to say, the purely insectivorous kinds. I dare say Pekins would do all right on this feeding from the outset, as they are so easily suited with food.

Raw Rice for Softbills.

When Pekins were brought down from the hills it was on dry raw rice—not paddy, but ordinary cooking rice—and this I know they will eat readily, and digest well, for I have tried them with it over here. On offering it to a Blackbird, however, I found it did not seem to be eaten; yet, besides Pekins, the Indian hillmen bring down Blue-winged Sivas, Silver-eared Mesias, the various Jay-Thrushes, Blue-pies, and Hunting Cissas on the same simple food, and they arrive in good condition. I even saw a consignment of Goosanders doing well on this food, and yet the natural food of this duck is live fish, and plenty of it, and I should personally never have dreamed of offering it such food as rice in any form.

It looks as if rice and millet, husked but raw, is readily assimilated by animal-feeding birds, and that it would make a useful, and certainly cheap and convenient item in mixtures for Softbills; in fact, if they can be kept on a sea voyage or long land journey in confined quarters on such food as this and dried flies, they ought to be able to live on it in an aviary. I should think, also, that husked Canary seed would be another useful article of food, but should be very doubtful if such diet as this would suit most of our British Softbills, which seem to me more delicate than the corresponding foreign species.

I find a slip which may mislead in my last week's "Oddments," where I speak of "closing" birds with live food—"dosing" should be the word.

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Club Reports.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

The members will hold a novice night show on October 14th, at headquarters, Oldham Hall. Birds to be staged by 7.30. Judge, Mr. W. R. Knowles (Earlestown). Class 1, Yorks. cl. or tkd. yell.; 2, Yorks. buff; 3, Green, self or foul yell.; 4, ditto Buff; 5, Nor. Green, self or foul Yell.; 6, ditto Buff; 7, Nor. cl. or tkd. Yell.; 8, ditto Buff; 9, A.O.V. Can.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

The classification for champion and novice is as follows:—Champion: A, cock, yellow, cl. or tkd.; B, Buff ditto; C, marked or variog.; D, unlighted, Yell. or Buff, cl., tkd., mkd., or varieg.; E, hen, A.V. Yell.; F, ditto Buff. Novice: Yell., cl., tkd., or unevenly mkd.; Buff ditto; unflg. ditto, Yellow or Buff; hen ditto. There is still time for new members before the first show, which is Hanley (October 21st), so that any fancier wishing to join may do so before that date.—W. H. UZZELL, Hon. Sec., 76, Drayton-road, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Black Dog, Watergate, on September 29th, when Mr. Allen kindly gave a washing exhibition. The way Mr. Allen washed the birds brought forth approval from all present, and no doubt many of those present will be having a try to "get their hands in," as Mr. Allen fully explained the best way to go about it. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ratcliff and seconded by Mr. Man. The other business was to arrange for the 4th open show, which will be held at headquarters on October 15th. There will be four spls., so we hope to get a good entry; also the medals will be presented to the winners for most points gained during the last show season.—W. RATCLIFF, Chairman.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Boar's Head Hotel, Stockport, on October 2nd. Only a few members put in an appearance, much important business having to be left over. Patronage at several shows was confirmed. A new member in the person of Mr. W. Lee, of Macclesfield, was received. It was decided to have a meeting at Oldham in connection with the Cage Bird Show there on October 16th, 1909. It is to be hoped all members will put in an appearance, as amongst other important business it will be necessary to fix rules to govern novice classes and novice status, to prevent any misunderstanding in the future. There will be two novice Lizard classes at the Manchester Show, Mr. J. Rukin guaranteeing one and the Manchester Society kindly giving the other class. We hope novices will show their appreciation by filling these classes, and so encourage show committees and others to provide them regularly. Several specials were given by those present. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr. John Garner) brought the meeting to a close. About an hour was pleasantly spent in the company of mine host, Mr. F. W. Nelson, who gave us several racy anecdotes regarding incidents at various shows.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

Autumn country ramble held last week for the purpose of collecting wild seeds and teazle. We met (eight in number) at Marylebone Station at 9.20 a.m., the train leaving at 9.30 prompt, and arriving at Quainton at 11.55, with plenty of rain. At the "Swan and Castle" a hot lunch was provided for 12.30. The sun now broke out, which gave the party all smiling faces. After our enjoyable lunch, we went on our way to Claydon, and going along Mr. F. W. Thorpe drew our attention to a Yellowhammer, a fine fellow, too. It was in a tree, so we could have a good sight of it. We were soon all busy cutting privet and several other kinds of berries and some knapweed, of which we all gathered plenty. The sun was shining now, and the country reminded one of spring. Mr. R. J. Pretty told us there were some Bullfinches here, and to our surprise we found there was a pair in a bush together; they had been feeding on some blackberries. Going along, we came to the teazle, which was plentiful. Mr. H. Pearce said he thought there were some Goldfinches here, and at that moment about six flew over our heads, and plenty of Linnets were there, too. We all had a good tea, during which the rain came down again. We took the return train from Grainborough Road at 6.20 p.m., and arrived at Baker Street at eight o'clock, where we all parted, after having an enjoyable day in Bucks.—W. GILBERT, hon. secretary.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

On October 4th, the members met, Mr. W. H. Stoakley presiding. A very long and important agenda, dealing chiefly with the arrangements for the November show was despatched in quick time. The secretary had thoughtfully provided an attraction which enlivened the dull routine of business in the shape of a table covered with forty fine samples of wild seeds, grasses, herries, and weeds, suitable food for the many species of British birds. Mr. Dyke kindly offered to make a glass case in which the collection can be more satisfactorily exhibited at the annual show. Another attractive item was a judging competition of Yorkshires, the final judge being Mr. G. J. Warley, and the points gained as follows:—J. T. Billington 9, H. Dixon and G. W. Baker 7 each, S. Wright 6, F. P. Found and A. A. Tutty 5 each, A. J. Whittome and F. C. Pickard 4 each, F. J. Piper 3, A. W. Warr, E. W. Dell and E. B. Skinner 2 each, A. H. Dyke and A. Hare 1 each, W. R. Angear, A. W. Reade, A. Reid, P. Rorke, F. Whiting, E. J. Bailey, T. Brown, and Mrs. Smith nil. The Secretary (Mr. H. Smith) submitted the draft of the schedule and the show rules, which had been considerably altered to meet the requirements of the Federation of London C.B. Societies and the C.B.U. Both drafts were confirmed with very slight alteration, the meeting evidently being perfectly satisfied with the good work of the secretary and committee. The schedule is very much on the lines of that issued last year. There are 39 open classes; members' classes number 28. The Secretary reported that Mr. A. W. Reade had kindly consented to act as assistant show secretary, and that Messrs. E. Skinner and S. Wright had been added to the committee. A letter was read from the London C.B.A. inviting the Society to send a team to compete for the Cage Bird Championship, to be held at the Horticultural Hall on November 26th to 29th. Any number of birds may be sent, but only twelve of the highest in the awards will be taken, and these must consist of not less than six varieties, either of Canaries, British birds, or hybrids. The points will be counted and the Society gaining the highest aggregate will be the champions for the year. The secretary said the committee had requested him to try and get a team together, and several members, including Messrs. E. J. Lamb, W. Francis, F. J. Randall, P. Rorke, A. A. Tutty, and H. Smith had promised to compete. It was therefore decided to send a team. The Secretary announced eight nominations for membership, which brings the strength of the Society up to about 80.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held October 2nd at "Lockhart's," Mr. F. Furrer in the chair. A circular was read from Mr. J. W. Birchley re holding a limelight lecture in Leeds, and it was carried unanimously that we give him all the assistance we can to make it a success. The rest of the evening was taken up with a washing exhibition by Mr. H. Woof, who put two birds through the process in a quick and able manner, explaining the different points to be watched to avoid leaving places unwashed and soapy, which is often done by novices.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held October 2nd, in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding. A good deal of correspondence was placed before members. The classification for the open show was confirmed, 54 classes being scheduled. It was decided that the members' classes remain practically as last year, the only alteration being that the yellow marked and buff marked Border Fancies are now amalgamated into one class, and a class for Border Fancy breeding pairs is added, making 30 classes as before. There are still several members who have not yet "settled up," and I would be very pleased if they would do so without delay. Members are also requested to look out for subscriptions and members' specials, and do their best for the benefit of the Society.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING AND HETTON-LE-HOLE SOCIETIES.

The Houghton-le-Spring C.B. Society and the Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S., combined, had a real treat in a lecture delivered by Mr. A. Brown, of Gateshead, in the long room of the White Lion Hotel, Houghton-le-Spring. The number present was not so large as might have been expected, but the few who were there learned something from the very plain way in which Mr. Brown "dissected the Norwich Canary" and spoke of the best points. He showed a first-class sketch of a Norwich, and a breeding cage of his own making. Unfortunately, the time went all too quickly. We were very interested in the lecture, and there was next to no time in which to ask questions; but the answers to those put seemed to give every satisfaction. The meeting finished with a very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and a little harmony from both clubs concluded a most pleasant evening, which we hope to have the counterpart of at Hetton-le-Hole Club very soon, when we look for a better attendance. — D. HANN, hon. sec., Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held October 2nd, Mr. O'Reilly in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Dowling, McDonnell, Duigenan, Kenny, Lambert, and Hyland (hon. sec., pro tem.). The club's patronage was granted to the following: Dundalk C.B.A., Ulster O.A., Norwich P.H. Club, and Larne and Dis. C.B.A. The printing of schedule and catalogue for coming show was given to Messrs. Waller and Co. The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that he had secured the Central Hall, Westmoreland Street, for the show. Mr. Grattan Bray, V.P., and Mr. J. J. Cloke attended and offered specials. Mr. Bray offered special prize value £2 5s. for most points gained by Yorkshire Canaries in all classes, including selling and gift. Mr. Cloke offered £1 to be competed for in any class the committee decide on. Mr. Duigenan offered £1. Mr. Hyland a silver watch, Mr. O'Reilly silver medal and another special prize—all to be left to the committee to divide for competition. The remainder of the evening was taken up altering the rules of the schedule. The committee will be obliged to members who are desirous of offering special prizes for competition at coming show to inform the hon. sec. at once, in order that the schedule may be printed as early as possible. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Bray for his kindness in offering special. This concluded the business.—J. R. HYLAND, hon. sec., pro tem.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Washing Exhibition by Mr. J. Guy.

On October 1st the members witnessed a first-class washing exhibition and demonstration by Mr. J. Guy, of Runcorn. There was a good attendance. Mr. W. H. Cawley occupied the chair. Mr. Guy is well known in this district as an expert in the art of bird washing, being much sought after by prominent exhibitors. He has refused many times to demonstrate at society meetings, so that the members congratulated themselves on being able for the first time to see Mr. Guy operate. Mr. Guy said he had been washing birds for 18 years, and this long and varied experience had taught him that the secret of success in this delicate art was soap. What was wanted was a soap of a light texture, and one that would quickly "fall," "slip," or "leave" the bird during the process of rinsing. Mr. Guy went on to say that scores of fanciers were able to wash birds, but the great secret was how to obtain that beautiful gloss so rarely seen on exhibits. Mr. Guy then proceeded to wash the birds. He had three vessels. In the first he obtained a fine "open" lather, by rubbing the soap quickly in the hands. The two next were for rinsing. It was very noticeable how easily Mr. Guy handled the birds; they were no sooner all of a lather than they were through the two rinsing waters. The next operation was the drying; this being practically completed before the bird left the hands, no rolling up, etc., was required, the bird hopping from the hand on to the perch, to be placed by the fire to "air." Mr. Guy washed three birds, so as to give everyone present a good opportunity of seeing something which perhaps was not noticed in the first attempt. Everybody was delighted with the exhibition, and it should tend to give the Society a rare lift-up. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Guy.—T. P. BAXTER, hon. sec.

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River Villa, Spring Hill, Clapton, London, October 1st, 1909.—Canary arrived quite safe; am very well pleased with it. E. Parling to W. Rudd.

64, Alscot Road, Grange Road, Bermondsey, London. October 1st, 1909.—I have received the Canary all right, and am very pleased with it. Thank you very much. It is singing beautifully. Mr. Sullivan to W. Rudd.

65, Beadwell Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E. October 1st, 1909.—Received the bird quite safe, and well satisfied with it. H. York to W. Rudd.

Stormore, Dilton Marsh, near Westbury, Wilts. October 2nd, 1909.—I am writing to say the birds arrived quite safe. I am well pleased with them. I think they are a grand pair. E. Dredge to W. Rudd.

Birchwood, Luton Hoo, Beds. October 1st, 1909.—Birds arrived safely in good condition, and I am well satisfied with them. Many thanks. F. Bryant to W. Rudd.

45, Princes Road, Broadheath, Altrincham. October 1st, 1909.—I received the bird safely, in good condition. I am very pleased with its appearance. L. Hay to W. Rudd.

33, The Lynch, Uxbridge. October 4th, 1909.—I received bird quite safe, and it is very satisfactory. S. Hunt to W. Rudd.

10, Church Street, Rhymney. October 2nd, 1909.—Bird arrived safely, quite satisfied. W. J. Davies to W. Rudd.

Kingston-on-Thames. October 2nd, 1909.—Bird to hand all right. Much pleased. Thanks. E. Davis to W. Rudd.

19, Britannia Road, Ilford. October 2nd, 1909.—The bird arrived safely. Am quite satisfied. G. E. Anderson to W. Rudd.

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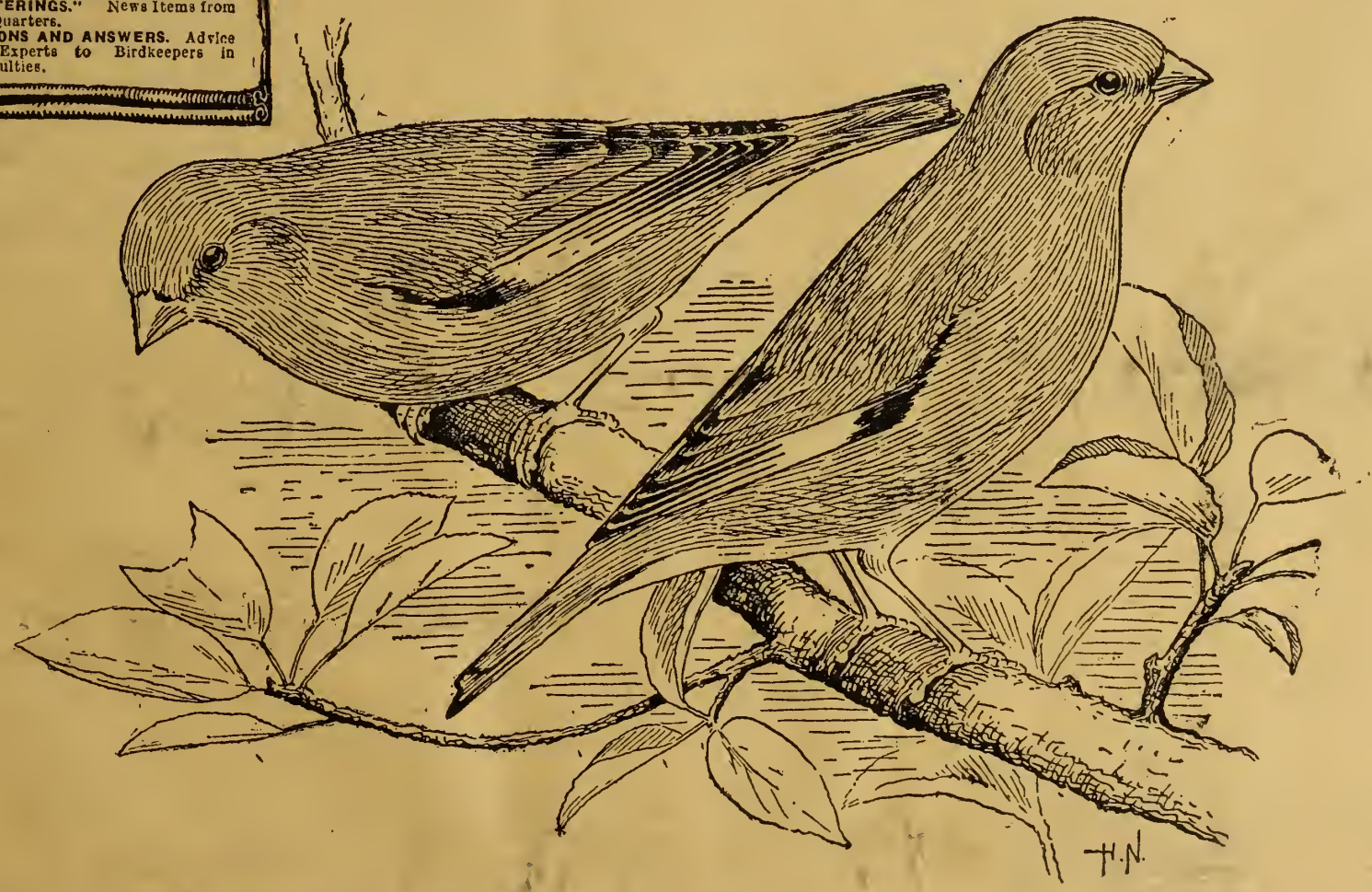
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1.—PROCEDURE.—The intending purchaser should send to this office the amount of the purchase (our deposit fee included), and at the same time he should communicate with the seller, stating what it is he requires sent on approval. We acknowledge receipt of the deposit to both parties. In all cases the depositor should give his name and address, and also that of the vendor, and must write same clearly and distinctly.

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5.—A SATISFACTORY PURCHASE.—When a transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of both depositor and seller, both parties must at once return the deposit receipts as a guarantee of its completion. The depositor must at the same time instruct us to pay over the deposit to the seller.

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7.—FRESH TRANSACTION.—In case no sale be effected, a deposit is available for purposes of a fresh transaction, provided another deposit fee be paid.

8.—GOODS IN TRANSIT.—Goods in transit are at the seller's risk, and any damage or loss sustained on the journey must be borne by the seller. But goods not approved of must be properly packed and returned by the same means as were used in sending the same.

9.—PAYMENT OF CARRIAGE.—The payment of carriage must be a matter for arrangement between the vendor and depositor. We do not undertake to settle disputes affecting questions of carriage. But in the absence of other arrangements the purchaser is liable for the carriage of the goods, and if the goods are sent on approval and returned, each party pays the carriage one way.

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YORKSHIRES, Norwich, British, Border, Scotch Fancy show cages, any kind cages made; list, stamp.—Tarbotton, Maltby-st., Bradford.

CAGES, cages; Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border show cages, 1/3 each, six for 6/6, 12/- per dozen.—M'Keand, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

ROLLER shutter cabinets, 10in. square 2/-; six with rack carved top, 12/6; box cages, enamelled, 14in. by 7 wide, 1/6; loose fronts, sand drawers, complete.—Fred Silltoe, cage maker, Graiseley-row, Wolverhampton.

WIRE net traps, unbreakable, self-acting, 1/-; postage 2d.; approval.—Nash, Kirkby, Sleaford.

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SHOW cages, Norwich, Yorkshire, Border, British, 2/- each; Cinnamon, Crest, Mule, Foreign bird cages, 2/3, 2/6; N.B.B. and M.C. cages, 2/6, 2/9, 3/-, 3/6, according to size; cases for two cages, 3/6; for three cages, 4/6; any size stocked; Palace aviaries, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; box cages, Parrot cages, song cages, Thrush, Lark, cages any description; maker to Howe, Wellingborough, and all leading exhibitors and clubs; satisfaction guaranteed; list, stamp.—Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

EXHIBITORS, strictly club pattern show cages, as supplied to H. Norman, CAGE BIRDS' Artist, and all leading exhibitors. Best quality and finish. Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, British, 2/-, three for 5/-; Scotch Fancy, 2/6; Mule and Foreign show cages, 2/3; standard British, 2/-, 2/6, 2/9 and 3/-, according to size; cases for two cages, 3/6, three cages, 4/6; any size made. State requirements. Established 1901.—Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

CLAP nets for sale; new pairs; pair 15 yards long, 6ft. high, 22/- pair; 14 yards long, 6ft. 3in. high, 21/- pair; 12 yards long, 6ft. high, 18/- pair; 10 yards long, 6ft. high, 15/- pair; 8 yards long, 5ft. high, 11/- pair; 7 yards long, 4ft. 6in. high, 10/6. Second-hand pairs: Pair 16 yards long, 6ft. 3in. high, 15/- pair; 10 yards long, 6ft. high, 12/-; in good condition, next to new; all 2in. hand-made. Second-hand Lark net, 28 yards long, 17ft. wide, 15/-. All ready for use. Rabbit net, new, lined, ready for use, 85 yards long, £1 1s.; exchange for Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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On 15ft. poles, 5/-; 17ft. 5/6; 19ft., 6/-; for cages and birds see last week's advert.—Savory, Wheeler-st., Birmingham.

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Cut and planed ready for nailing; fronts made to fit same; stamp reply.—Joshua Naylor, cage maker, Police-st., Brighouse.

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Lightest, strongest, and cheapest on the market, awarded three gold medals at the Crystal Palace; exhibitors send for list.—Gilbert, Arcade, Coventry.

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Sizes stocked:—12 by 10 or 12, 3d. each; 14 by 12, 3½d.; 16 by 12, 4d.; 18 by 12, 4½d.; 20 by 12, 5d.; 24 by 14, 6d.; other sizes to order equally cheap. Show cages, Baths, Seed Boxes, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Bunner and Sons, Cage Makers, Blake-st., Copperas Hill, Liverpool.

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All made by practical workmen, with best unrustable tinued wire, 12 by 12, 3d., 2/6 dozen.; 14 by 12, 3½d., 3/- dozen; 16 by 12, 4d., 3/4 dozen; 18 by 12, 4½d., 3/9 dozen; 20 by 12, 5d., 4/2 dozen; 24 by 14, 6d., 5/- dozen; any odd size or shape made, 3d. per square foot.—J. Ashmore, 167, Heath-st., Birmingham.

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All made by practical workmen (not by boy labour and amateurs), **on the premises same day as order received.**

Note few prices, and make comparison: The "Norwich Favourite" Show Cage, **1/6** each, six **8/-**; Norwich Club pattern, **1/9** each, six **9/-**; Yorkshire show cages from **1/8** each. All the above, painted and varnished, ready for immediate use; also show cages for every class of Canary, British and Foreign bird. Any kind of cage also made to customer's own design. Travelling cases for Norwich or Yorkshires, with "Live Birds" stencilled on, to contain two, **3/6**, four **5/-**, six **6/6**, twelve **10/6**; cheaper, and not stencilled, two **2/9**, for four, **4/6**. **Travelling Cages,** to hold two, four, upwards, cheapest in Europe; ask for quotations. Anything in the cage line made to customer's own designs.

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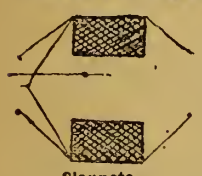
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The old firm still supplies the Best Value, guaranteed, all on approval; cash or deposit with Editor. Biggest stock, largest maker, latest ideas, great improvements, lowest possible price. Clap nets, best superfine lineu thread, ½, ⅝, or ¾ mesh, tan, drab, or green, made rot proof; note this, every pair fitted and set before sending out, complete with two nets, each size stated, pull line, spring brace bird pole, and line, four stalls, steel sockets, pegs, irons, cauvas carrying bag, and packet braces, 100 sizes in stock, 6 ft. by 3 ft. 5/6, 9 by 3 6/-, 10 by 3 6/6, 12 by 3 7/6, 18 by 3 9/6, 18 by 3½ 10/6, 18 by 4 11/-, 24 by 4 13/-, 24 by 4½ 14/-, 30 by 5 17/6, 36 by 6 21/-, 42 by 6 23/-, 48 by 6 25/-, guaranteed the fastest, easiest, simplest nets made, working on my improved steel sockets. Trap cages, close wire, well made, colour green, 2-compartment, 1/-, three 1/9, four 3/-. Call cages, ditto green, 5d., dozen 4/6. Trapcages, improved, fitted with two folding ground traps 3/-, two 5/6; store cages, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3; pack bags, 9d., 1/-, 1/3; stout canvas, brass eyelets, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 following post, free to your door. Spring net traps, self-acting, The Catch All, largest sale, exported to India, Canada, etc., used by New York Zoological and other societies, Finch size 1/3, two 2/3, Blackbird, Pigeon, Rook 2/-, two 3/6, Pheasant, 3/6; swivel bird braces, the only genuine, no tying, no injury, three for 3d., dozen 8d.; spring brace bird poles, 9d., two 1/3; lines, 6d. Bird lime, best Japanese, hold tight Wren to Rook, wet or fine, frost or snow, enormous sale last season, lb. 1/8, ½-lb. 1/-, ¼-lb. 7d., large box 4d.; lime twigs, four and holders, 7d., 8 ditto 9d., 16 ditto, 1/3.

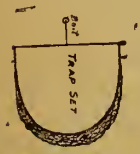
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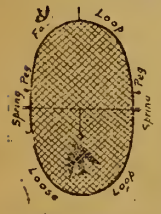
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STANDARD CLUB SHOW CAGES.

N.B.B. & M. Club new standard show cages for Hardbills, size 1 **2/9**, size 2 **3/-**, size 3 **3/3**, size 4 **3/6.**

Norwich Plainhead Club show cages, **2/-**; Cinnamon Club show cages, **2/-**; Yorkshire Club show cages, **2/-**; Crest Club show cages, **2/6.**

Bow-fronted Crest show cages, **3/-**; Border Fancy show cages, **3/-**; Scotch Fancy show cages, **4/-**; Lancashire show cages, **3/-**; Lizard show cages, **2/6.**

Special Show Cages for any kind of British or Foreign Birds, made to order. See Special List of Show Cages, post free on application.

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Exhibitors, if you wish to be successful, you must have one of Walsh's Latest Bird Sprayers, worked with rubber pipe and ball; no blowing required, price **2/-**, post free, used by all the Leading Exhibitors.

Walsh's Improved Flat-barred Wire Fronts, sizes in stock, 12 by 12, **6d.**, **5/-** dozen; 15 by 12, **7½d.**, **6/6** dozen; 18 by 12, **9d.**, **8/-** dozen; 24 by 12, **1/-**, **10/6** dozen. Show cage fronts, **6d.**, **5/-** dozen. Any particular size or shape of fronts made to order. Prices quoted on application. Pierced bars, any mesh, 40-inch, **1/-** dozen; 48-inch, **1/3** dozen. Bright tinned cage wire, cut in straight lengths, **4d.** lb., 7 lbs. **2/-**, 14 lbs., **3/6.** Prompt delivery and satisfaction guaranteed.—**WALSH, Cage Maker, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.** Telephone 947.

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CHAMPION Borders. I can spare about ten winners. Buff cock, winner two 1sts, 20/-; Buff hen, winner 1st and two 2nds, 20/-; Buff hen, winner 3rd, 15/-; also several untried specimens that can win; approval, stamp.—D. Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

Cinnamons.

WANTED someone to take 20/- cash most points Cinnamon classes at Liverpool.

I HAVE some choice Cinnamons for disposal, also Norwich; approval.—Cundy, 4, Third-avenue, Plaistow.

FEW 1909 Cinnamons through moult, bred from winners; several that can win in best company; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

Crests and Crestbreds.

ROCHDALE, Town Hall, October 22nd and 23rd. 4 Classes

CRESTS, Crest-breds, extra, cash, exchange; stamp reply.—P., 16, Guion-rd., Fulham.

WANTED first-class birds only, cheap for cash.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

REALLY grand Crested hen and Crestbred cock, can win; particulars.—Geo. Ward, Desborough.

CRESTED hen, Crestbred cock, bred from winners, 15/- pair.—J. W. Routh, 14, Chalon-st., Ipswich.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, bred from winners; can win in good company. Approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

A. E. SILK has some of the best Crests and Crest-breds in the Fancy, show or stock; approval; prices on application.—Whitstable.

SEE "Admiral Duncan" show report; a few Crests and Crest-breds for disposal, cheap; approval.—Wigginton, 94, Station-rd., Long Eaton.

H. WHARAM, Breeder, 18, Colyear-st., Derby, has a few good birds for sale; Crests from 10/-; Plain-head Norwich from 5/-; all bred from birds of first-class strains.

HIGH-CLASS Crest, show or stock, some of the best blood in the Fancy; 27 years' breeder; have bred many winners. Inspection or approval.—F. Dowdell, 5, Zion-st., Plymouth.

GENUINE. Fine Crestbred clear yellow cock, April hatched, fit for show, cheap, 15/-; 1908 Crested cock, 12/6; typical clear Crested hen, 1999, 12/6; very good slightly ticked C.-B. hen, 10/6.—J. Dawson, 41, Douglas, Broughton, Manchester.

MONSTER clear Crest cock, 12/-; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive feathery even-marked ditto, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest-hen, 10/6; massive feathery ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; massive feathery ditto, 8/6; massive clear ditto, 8/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6; feathery ditto, 8/6; all massive healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition Crest, £1 5s.; monster clear Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; massive heavy-feathered Green Crest cock, 15/-; massive feathery Yellow even-marked dark Crest cock, beauty, 15/-; monster variegated dark Crest hen, gem, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; massive heavy-feathered, even-marked ditto, 11/6; monster Yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, £1; monster Buff variegated ditto, fine skull, £1; monster clear Crest-bred cock, 18/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered ditto, 12/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 12/-; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

Greens.

GIVING up; good stock of Yorkshire Greens and all appliances cheap.—Yates, 46, Horsley-st., Halllane, Liverpool.

NORWICH Greens, large birds, over moult; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; on approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

YORKSHIRE Greens and clears; cocks from 6/6; hens from 2/6; breeding cages for sale.—Atherton, 18, Roache-st., Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, bred from winners; approval anywhere.—Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, Liverpool Greens, Fouls, Variegated, and Clears; strains, Thomson's, Bailey's, Nelson's, and Fowler's; prices low; quality good; 1908 and 1909 birds; on approval; all bargains.—Cockcrill, Atherton-st., Stockport.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

ROCHDALE, Town Hall, October 22nd and 23rd. 13 Classes.

BUFF Plainhead cock, 15/-; two buff Coppy cocks, 10/- each; yellow Coppy hen, 20/-; buff Coppy hen, 20/-; approval.—W. Minty, Stony-st., Frome.

ONE Yellow, two Buff coppy cocks, can win in local show, 25/- each; four Lancashire show cages and case, 16/-; approval.—Donnelly, 46, Swinton Hall-rd., Swinton, Manchester.

Lizards.

ROCHDALE, Town Hall, October 22nd and 23rd. 8 Classes.

GIVING up Lizard Fancy; I have for disposal over 40 Gold and Silver cocks, also hens, from well-known strain, including winners; cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6; or 15/- pair; any are worth double; approval, deposit.—G. Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

CLEARING out of Lizards; broken capped gold cock and two silver hens, father and mother of Manchester and Glossop winners, Dewsnap strain direct, 25/- the three; broken capped silver cock, winner two firsts, £1; and 17 others cheap.—Senior, hairdresser, Glossop.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

ROCHDALE, Town Hall, October 22nd and 23rd. 14 Classes.

NOVICES support your own classes at Liverpool. Medal for best bird.

NORWICH cocks, 6/- each.—Game, 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

SEVEN Norwich hens, 10/-, or offers.—Macdonald, 18, Glebe-st., Saltcoats, Ayrshire.

TEN Canaries, Norwich type, no reasonable offer in cash refused.—Welch, Matlock.

CHARING Cross Aviaries, Neal Street, London, require Norwich, cheques promptly.

GRAND pair adult Norwich, 12/-; stamp reply.—R. Forster, jun., 137, Magdalen-st., Norwich.

FEW high-class Norwich Plainheads, 1909, fit to win; approval.—J. W. Routh, 14, Chalon-st., Ipswich.

GRAND stock or song cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens 2/6, 3/-.—Broadbent, Decorator, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

A FEW Norwich for sale; stamp for price and particulars.—Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

OLIVER COOPER has some grand Norwich; cocks 7/6, hens 4/-, or 10/6 pair; cash or deposit.—Long Ruckby.

NOTICE; grand Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—M'Keaud, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

LARGE typical Norwich hen, 1908, 4/6; pair 1909 matched, 10/6 to clear.—J. Edgar, 76, Dudley-st., Bedford.

COCK and three hens, Norwich Canaries, 10/-; young cocks, 6/-.—Fred. Bunting, Cromford, Matlock, Bath.

NORWICH and German cross, nicely on song, 3/- each, hens 1/6.—W. Gardner, 23, Marchand-st., Preston, Lancs.

CLEARANCE sale; good healthy stock birds; cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/- upwards; send for list.—Dunlop, Dornock, Annan.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 12/6; pairs from 10/6; warranted 1909 birds.—A. Missenden, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

SIX Norwich cock Canaries, over moult and singing, 30/- lot, or 6/- each.—Roach, Trash Green, Burghfield, Berks.

NORWICH, 26, with cages, cheap, or 7/6 to 20/-; winner of 40 prizes last year.—Lack, 89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

TEN pairs Norwich Canaries, cheap to quick buyers; what offers lot or pairs?—Ball, 7, Cherryholt-lane, Newark.

CLEAR Buff cocks, 1908, Meade's direct, 20/-; another, 1909, 10/-; richly coloured; approval.—Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead.

LARGE chubby Norwich, all colours, cocks 7/6 to 20/-, hens 5/- to 15/-; approval.—King, 49, Severn-st., Ashington, Northumberland.

THREE pairs genuine young Norwich Canaries and two 2 ft. 6 in. breeding cages, 35/-; quick sale; removing.—15, Salcombe-rd., Leyton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, bred from the best of stock; several that can win; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

MARKED yellow cock, £1; clear yellow cock, marked buff hen, £1 10s.; both vhc Peterborough.—T. Prudden, 36, Salisbury-st., Bedford.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, singing, guaranteed strong, healthy, and through moult, 4/- each; hens, 2/-.—Cooper, builder, Orchard, Finedon.

RARE unflighted variegated Buff Norwich hen, winner, 35/-; 1908 clear Buff cock, winner, 30/-.—Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

TWELVE Norwich cock Canaries, nearly full song, 42/- lot; also Crested cock, good bird, 8/6. Particulars free.—Ashby, Finedon, Wellingborough.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

LOVELY quality from 7/-, fit for show; see Wednesday afternoons before sending miles away and paying double.—56, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

CLEARING, 10 high-class Norwich hens, five cocks, 1908, also cages, single and double; offers lot or separate.—Banks, 18, Cypress-rd., Southport.

MONSTER clear buff Norwich stock cock, February hatched, good one, healthy, 10/6; approval, exchange trained Scifert master.—John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone.

WORTH notice; grand lot high-classed Norwich, for show or song; many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held October 2nd in Cloak Room, Town Hall, Mr. W. Haddow (President) in the chair. The amended classification was proceeded with, and the following classes were adopted for our show on December 25th: 10 Norwich, 8 Crests and C.B., 10 Borders, 4 Mules, and 9 British and Foreign. The following new members, proposed at the previous meeting, were duly elected, viz., Messrs. Kilpatrick, Forrester (Uddingston), Merrison (Burnbank), Jarvis (Glasgow), Johnston and Sommerville (Blackwood), King (Coatbridge), McKendrick, and Baird (Hamilton). Members whose subscriptions are not paid on or before next meeting will not be allowed to compete at our show in December.—A. CANT Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

ALB BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood, Judge of all varieties of cage birds; over 20 years' experience; terms moderate.

S. W. BIRCHLEY, "Ivydene," Marsland Road, Brooklands, Cheshire. Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W., Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 1f, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

ROBERT ; LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy; 20 years' experience.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries British and Foreign Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of cage birds; specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey-st., Bodmin. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, Specialist, Judge of British and Foreign Birds, Mules, and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience

SHOWS.

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A reduction will be made for a Series of not less than Nine Weeks.

CAGE BIRDS, 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

A chance of a lifetime.

PLYMOUTH JUBILEE SHOW.

October 19th and 20th. Full money in every Class. No cancellation. Entries average only two per class. Will accept entries Saturday Morning Post, **Oct. 16th.** Hon. Sec.—**THOS. POPE, 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.**

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Open Show, **OCTOBER 22nd, 23rd.** 83 Open Classes. Fanciers, if too late for a schedule, enter from this. Norwich 15 classes, Cinn. 4, Crests 8, Yorks. 14, Scots 4, Borders 9, A.O.V. 1, Variety pairs, except Nor. and Crests 1, Selling 5, Mules 5, British 13, Foreign 4. 2/6 Class special, 10/6 section, and challenge bowl. Entrance fee, **per entry 1/6.** Entries close, **October 18th.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

"WHAT IS THIS?"

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM

C.B.A. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds to be held on **Oct. 23rd,** in Co-operative Hall, 66 open classes. Over **£70** in prizes and specials. Specialist Judges. Send on your entries and I will classify. Entries close **Oct. 18,** last post. Schedules to be had from

J. Ford, Hon. Sec. Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.

MIDDLESBRO'

AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S. 4th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

OCTOBER 23rd, 1909.

Judges—W. Mundell, J. Maddison.

4 Money Prizes. 1/- Entry Fee. Good Specials and Challenge Bowl. Entries close **Oct. 18th.** Schedules apply—**A. WAKE, 41, Aske Road.**

BATTERSEA

C.B.A. Affiliated to Cage Bird Union and London Federation.

Under patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C.; and N.B.B. & M.C.

Hold their Fourth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds at the Battersea Town Hall **Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 20 and 21.** Prize money **12/6, 6/6, 3/-, 2/-.** 45 Open Classes. No Amalgamation. Judges: Yorkshires, A. Patrick, Esq.; all other varieties, J. Robson, Esq. **Easterling and Allen, Secs. 340, Battersea Park Road, S.W.** Entries extended to **Sat., Oct. 16.**

HANLEY & District C.B.S.

Thursday next, October 21st.

Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.

Entries posted Monday night will be in time.

43 Open Classes.—8 Norwich, 8 Yorkshires, 3 Cinnamons, 1 Crest, 1 Crest-bred, 2 Selling, 1 Any other variety Canary, 2 Mules, 1 Hybrid, 7 British, 1 Foreign, 4 Novice Norwich, 4 Novice Yorkshires. Exhibitors, don't miss this. Show of the Midlands. Send on your entries and I will classify.—**B. PEAKE, Secretary, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffordshire.**

THE LARGEST SHOW OF LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS IN THE WORLD.

ROCHDALE

Ornithological Club, 29th Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, also stuffed Specimens. Town Hall, **October 22nd and 23rd.** Entries close **Oct. 16th.** The following Monday's Post in time. Under the Patronage of L.O.A., L. and L.F.A., Y.O.C., F.B.C. Cup Show, N.P.C. Cup Show. 67 classes, entrance fee **1/6.** Prize Money, **10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Medals and Specials each Class, also Extra Specials each Variety. Classification:—13 Lancs., 7 Lizards, 8 Yorks, 2 unflighted, 4 Crests, 14 Norwich Plainheads, 1 Pair, 2 Mules, 3 Selling, 3 open Novice, 1 A.O.V., 4 British, 6 Foreign, 1 Stuffed. Judges Messrs. C. A. House, and H. W. Battye. Prize Money paid to successful exhibitors on Sat. 2nd day of show. Shdls. now ready from **J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith St, Rochdale.**

City and County of # PERTH O.A.

Grand Annual Open Show in Co-operative Hall, Canal Street, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1909.

Under patronage of B.F.C.C. and S.C.C. Judges.—Messrs. G. Fulton, G. C. T. Hope, G. F. Adamson, J. Sandison, J. Craig, J. Adams. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-,** Entry Fee **1/6.** Entries close **October 16th.**

Secretary, J KERR, 18, James Street.

Show of the West.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

GLOUCESTER Oct. 27 and 28 1909.

4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 50 Classes. Numerous Specials to each section, also three Challenge bowls. Under the Patronage of Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C. Judges: W. Vardy and H. W. Battye. Prize money guaranteed. Schedules ready. Entries closed **Oct. 23.** Hon. Sec. **J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Rd., Gloucester.**

GRIMSBY

& DISTRICT O.S. Under C.B.U. Rules Third Annual Show

October, 27th & 28th.

Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and F. Medley.

10 Norwich classes, 5 Yorkshire. Special classification for Novices. **10/-** cash, Best Hardbill, ditto Best Softbill. Other valuable specials. Good railway connections. Schedules from **W. H. MOORE, 39, Lord Street, Grimsby.**

BRISTOL

October 27th and 28th.

Affiliated Cage Bird Union. Crested Canary Club Patronage. 47 Open classes. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and C. A. House. Entry, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6 and 1/-, all classes. Added prize money in British classes. Perfect room for Cage Birds only. Heating apparatus. No possible draught. No amalgamation. Full prize money. Our own design art cards. Less than 30 entries in. Must extend to **Tuesday, Oct. 19th.**

G. T. H. MAGGS, Sec. 9, Trinity Street, West Street, Bristol.

HINCKLEY

Annual Show, Oct. 22nd and 23rd.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and Cage Birds.

CAGE BIRDS.

Judge: J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby.

Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, 1/6.

Entries close OCTOBER 16th.

Class.

42 Nor. (P.H.), any col., except evenly mkd. nat. col.
43 Nor. (Plainhead), clear, tkd. or varieg., except evenly mkd. yell.
44 Nor. (Plainhead), cl. tkd., or varieg., except evenly mkd. buff.
45 Nor. Hen (Plainhead), except evenly mkd.
46 Nor. (Plainhead), unflig., cl., tkd., or varieg., except evenly mkd. yell.
47 Nor. (Plainhead), unflig., cl., tkd., or varieg., except evenly mkd. buff.
48 Yorks., cock or hen, any col., except evenly mkd.
49 A.O.V. Can., except Crest or Crest-bred.
50 Any variety Mule or Hybrid.
51 British Goldfinch or Bullfinch cock.
52 British Linnet.
53 Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite.
54 Any other variety British Finch or Bunting, including hen Bullfinch.
55 A.O.V. Brit bird, not larger than Missel Thrush.
56 A.V., For. bird, not larger than a Cardinal.
57 Any other variety Foreign bird.
58 Sell. Class, single bird, any variety, except Crests, or C.B., price not to exceed 15/-.
59 Sell. Class, pairs, any variety, except Crests, or Crest-bred, price not to exceed 25/-.

Enter from above, or apply for schedule. Numerous specials. Please enter and assist good management by early entries, to **H. TOWERS, 12, Orchard Street, Hinckley.**

Burton-on-Trent

Under C.B.U. Rules and the patronage of F.B.C. and N.B.B. and M.C. Points gained at this show to count for Hardbill Cup. Open Show

October 23, 1909.

41 classes, 45 specials. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance Fee **1/6.** Judge: Mr. J. Robson. **Entries Close Oct. 16.** Schedules apply **ELLIOTT & WOOD, 69, Queen Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

BEDFORD.

The Seventh Annual Show (open to Bedfordshire) will be held in the Town Hall, on **Thursday, October 28th.** Mr. J. Robson, judge. Schednles can be had from the Secretary. **Mr. Wiggins, 83, Stanley Street, Bedford.**

PAIGNTON

TORBAY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Open Cage Bird Show, **Wednesday, OCTOBER 27th, 1909.** 29 Open Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-.** Special prize in each class. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close **October 20th.** Schedules from **C. PARNELL, Secretary, Palace House, Paignton, S. Devon.**

CARLISLE

(Border City O.S.),

Open Show of Cage Birds only, **October 27th and 28th, 1909.** Judges: Jno. Robson, London, Wm. Nicholson, Stocktoo. Grand classification; good prize money; specials galore (including solid Silver cup, one gold and eight silver medals). Schedules now ready. Entries close **October 23rd.—JOHN C. BELL, Secretary, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.**

BROMLEY

Kent, October 28th,

Open Show, £5 Limit. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits. Good specials. Judge, C. A. House. Entries close **October 19th, 1909.** Schedules ready.—**H. E. SPELLER, The Laurels, Talbot Road, Bromley, Kent.**

HERNE BAY SHOW

Oct. 28th,

Five open classes for Norwich Plainheads. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Fee **1/9.** Entries positively close **OCT. 21st. W. A. HOLNESS, Mortimer Street, Herne Bay.**

TREHARRIS

GLAM. Cage Bird Show **Thursday Oct. 28th,** under C.B.U. Rules. Grand Classification. Challenge Cups, Medals and Special Prizes. Judge: G. L. Harber Esq. Entries close **Oct. 21st. W. DAVIES, 6, Edward St.**

HUCKNALL

(TORKARD) Under C.B.U. Rules. 16th Annual. Canaries, Mules and British.

October 29th & 30th, in the Public Hall.

Judges: W. Vardy and R. Rhodes. Entries close Tuesday, **Oct. 26.** Schedules now ready — apply to **MELLORS and MARSHALL, 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall, Torkard.**

HARRINGTON

FANCIERS SHOW, **Oct. 28/29, 1909** Grand classification, lots of Specials; popular Judges. Entries close Oct. 21. Write for schedules. **IRWIN & LOWREY,** Secs., Ellersile, Harrington, Cumberland.

S. SHIELDS, N. SHIELDS

and District C.B.S.

Seventh Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **October 29th and 30th, 1909.** Under Cage Bird Union Rules, and open to the United Kingdom. 83 Classes, 45 open, 38 members, 6 Novice. Under patronage of the S.Y.C.C. and N.B.B., Male and F.B.C. 2/6 Cash special from Class 1 to 55. Entrance fee, 1/6 for cage. Members, 1/-. Prizes, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 3/-, 4th 2/-. Judges: C. A. House and Thos. Dixon. Schedules ready shortly, from **JAMES BARRASS, 95, Marlborough-street, South Shields.**

YORK C.B.S.

4th Great Annual Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds, **FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th and 30th.** Exhibition Buildings. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. and Y.C.B.B. & M.C. Prizes, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-,** and valuable specials. Entry, **1/-** per cage. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Graotham, and W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Entries close **October 25th.** Schedules ready.—**A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.**

CAGE BIRDS ONLY.

AYR & DISTRICT OPEN SHOW

30th October.

Every variety catered for. Specials great. Yorkshire and Border Club patronage. Fine Hall. Send for Schedule. Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** for **1/6** Entry Fee. Judges—Canaries, Mr. Paterson; British, Mr. Clark. **IRVINE, Sec., Ayr, N.B.**

HADDINGTON

N.B. Show of Pltry., Pigns., and Cagebirds on **Oct. 30th.** Largest classification ever offered. Border Club Medal and numerous specials. Judges: Jas. Neil, Esq., Kelso (Border Fancies), all others, Thomas Kean, Edinburgh. Schedules from **DAVID COCKBURN, Viewforth, Haddington.** Ent. close Oct. 23.

ARBROATH

Fifth Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, on **Saturday, OCTOBER 30th.** 38 Classes, including Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Borders, Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign. Prizes, **10/-, 6/-,** and **4/-.** Entry, **1/6.** numerous specials. Judges: Mr. A. Stewart, Mr. J. Winter, and Mr. W. Sharp. Schedules from **J. S. NAPIER, 52, St. Vigeans Road, Arbroath.**

GALSTON (AYRSHIRE) on 30th OCTOBER 1909,

Twelve Classes for Scotch Fancies; 10 Classes for Borders; 5 classes for Norwich. Judges: Jas. Ward, Wm. Urquhart, W. G. Muir.—**ALEXANDER FREW, Secretary, 26, Duke Street.**

DYSART & Dis. C.B.S.

5th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, to be held **OCT. 30** in Normand Hall; large classification. Popular judges and numerous specials. Also under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead Club. Entry money **1/6** each bird. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entries close **Oct. 25th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN, Hon Sec., 23, High Street, Dysart, Fife.**

NORWICH

ALL ENGLAND OPEN SHOW.

Oct. 30 & Nov. 1st, 1909.

C.B.U. Rules. C.C.C., F.B.C.; and N.B.B. and M.C. patronage. 66 Open Classes. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, C. A. House, J. Robson and J. Stark. Entries definitely close **October 25, 1909.** Schedules from **R. ROLL, "Dalwood" Cecil Road, Norwich.**

Barnstaple

C.B.U. & U.K.B.C.A.

Nov. 2nd and 3rd.

Judges: Mr. H. Norman and Mr. R. Blackmor (Belgians) Entries Close **Oct. 19.** Schedules ready apply Secretary, **PERCIVAL HARRIS, High St, Barnstaple.**

BRIGHTON

Show. Cage Birds, &c., open to Sussex only. Good classification and prizes. **Nov. 2 and 3.** Entries close **Oct. 23. G. Foxall, Secretary, 33, Clarence Square, Brighton.**

CHELTENHAM

NOVEMBER 3, 1909.

Under C.B.U. Rules, and extensive patronage of the Crested Canary Club, and Southern Norwich Plainhead Club. 55 Open Classes. Judges: J. Robson, Esq. and W. Vardy, Esq. **Look for next week's advertisement.** Schedules of the Show Manager, **W. PANNSETT, 5, Whitecross Square, Cheltenham.**

GRAVESEND

OPEN SHOW

NOVEMBER 3rd and 4th.

Popular Judges. Liberal prizes. The finest Show in the South. Entries close **October 25th.** Schedules of **E. R. FOX, 12, New Road, Gravesend.**

GREAT YARMOUTH Twenty-first Annua Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Nov. 3 & 4. In the Winter Gardens. 23 Classes for Cage Birds. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; entry, fee 1/6. Judge: Mr. Greeves. Entries close Oct. 20. J. Shearman, 156, King Street.

DOVER Open Show. Patronage of the K.C.C.B.A. NOV. 3 & 4, 1000. Judge: T. Heath, Esq. Entries close Oct 23. 25 Cups and Bowls to be competed for, 4 to be won outright. Schedules ready ABBOTT & AUSTEN, 3, Eric Road, DOVER.

WIGAN & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Open Show

of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, stuffed specimens, and Roller singing Canaries, in the Victoria Hall, Wallgate, Wigan, **NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.** C.B. Union Rules. Judges: H. Tams and W. Massey. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules from **W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

LIVERPOOL

Nov. 5th & 6th. C.B.U. Rules. Judges, Messrs. Mundel, Barnes, Weston. Novice Classes. Schedules will be sent to members, Specialist Clubs, others apply—

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November 5th and 6th.

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Sixth Annual Show of Cage Birds under C.B.U. Rules.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOV. 5th and 6th, 1909. Judges Mr. J. Robson, London, and Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. 47 Open classes, good specials, cups, medals, bronzes, etc. All prize money guaranteed, 20s. per class. Entries close **October 30th, 1909.** Schedules, apply **GEORGE HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

BRAINTREE 9th Ann. Show, Nov. 6th,

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds. Excellent classification in (20 miles radius, and £5) limit, also Open Classes in each section. Cage Birds open classes are Norwich Plainhead, Crested, Yorkshire, Lizard, A.O.V. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Numerous specials. Full prize money guaranteed. Entries close **OCTOBER 27th.—F. A. HUNNABLE, Hon. Sec.**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES

AND DIS. C.B.S.

5th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, open to the United Kingdom, **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: H. W. Battye and C. Houlton. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry Fee, 1/-. Specials every class, and most points. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules—**J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society (Under C.B.U. License and Rules).

Sixth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds** will be held in the Market Hall, on **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: Bantams, Mr. Binns; Pigeons, E. H. Crow; **Cage Birds,** Alb. Bentley. A grand classification, specials galore in every class. Entries close **October 30th, 1909.** Schedules now ready from the **Secretary, JAMES E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. (Under C.B.U. Rules).

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on **NOVEMBER 6th and 8th.** Splendid classification. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe. Good special list. Schedules now ready.—Apply, **JNO. ALLEN, Show Manager, 4, Bonsall Street, Mere Road, Leicester.**

RAMSGATE

Second Annual Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons, Poultry, etc., **NOVEMBER 10th and 11th.** Entries close, **November 1st.** Specialist judges in every section: cage birds, J. North, Esq., under C.B.U. licence. 40 Classes, open to the United Kingdom. Number of specials, silver medal for Yorkshires, good plated cruet for Mules. Schedules ready.—**ALLEN AND TUCKER, 84, Queen Street, Ramsgate.**

MALTON (YORKS) Nov 11. Annual Show of Cage Birds, under patronage of the Yorks. British Bird and Mule Club. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. Entries close **November 6th,** to **GEO. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton.**

NORTH BERKS

November 11.

Entries close, **November 2nd.** Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Sixth Annual Open Show, at the Corn Exchange, Abingdon. 50 Specials, Cage Bird judge, Mr. F. C. Levett. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of **T. BOWEN, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

FROME CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Second Annual Open Show, November 11th. Splendid Classification and Prizes. Champions and Novices catered for. Judge—T. Heath, Esq.

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Oct. 28 & 29. 47 Open Classes. Specialist Judges: J. C. Barnes, Canaries; R. J. Howe, British, Mules, and Foreign. M.Y.C.C. patronage. Schedules apply **J. Gibbons, Sec., 6t, Napier Road.**

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DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S. 3rd Annual Show **OCTOBER 30th, 1909** open to the United Kingdom. Good Classes for Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in the Church Hall, Hamsterley. Judge: Thos. Dixon. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** Entry fee **1/6,** Members **1/-.** 40 Open classes. For Schedules apply to—**J. BROWN, 12, HUMBER STREET, CHOPWELL, EBCHESTER.**

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HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S. 5th Annual Show of Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds. 26 open classes (6 Nor., 6 York., 1 A.O.V., 2 Sell, 2 Mules, 7 Brit., 2 For.) Prize Money **8/-, 4/-, 2/-,** entry fee **1/-.** Special every class also extra specials. Judges: W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, J. Wilkinson, Yarm-on-tees. Ent. close **Oct. 25.** Apply for schedules **J.W. PAPPLE 89, Durham St., West Hartlepool.**

WEYBRIDGE (Under C.B.U. Rules.) 15th Annual Open and Members Show. **NOV. 2nd and 3rd, 1909.** Under Patronage Southern Yorkshire Canary Club. Splendid Classification. Numerous Specials. Judge, C. A. House. Entries close, **Oct. 20th.** Schedules now ready. Please apply to **H. E. PARROTT,** Secretary, **Grovo Place, Weybridge.**

THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

BLACKBURN Great Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Nov. 5th and 6th. 1909.** in the Unity Club, Bryant Street, near the Infirmary. Judge—A. Wellings. 40 Classes; 6 Norwich, 3 Cinn., 4 Yorks, 7 Novice, 8 British, 2 Foreign. 2/6 Cash Special in every Class. 2 Silver Cups. Entry 1/6 per Cage. Entries close Nov. 2nd. Schedules, &c.

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and Dist. Poultry, Pigeon, Rabbit, and Cage Birds Society's Great Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 13th, 1909.** 32 Open Classes for Cage Birds. Full prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Judge: W. P. Barnes, Esq. Entries close **November 8th.** Schedules now ready.—W. H. **HUTCHINSON, Jun., Secretary, 21, Park Road, Consett, Co. Durham.**

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Cage Bird Society's Annual Show, Scotch Fancy, Border Fancy, Crest, Norwich Plainhead, Yorkshire, Common Canary, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioneer Hall, Kirkcaldy, **NOVEMBER 13th.** Splendid classification. Specialist judges. Shield, Cups, Border Club and other Medals, etc., with a host of specials. Entries close **November 8th.** Schedules from **T. ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.**

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NOVEMBER 19 and 20.

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GALASHIELS CAGE BIRD & PIGEON SHOW (The Palace Show of the Borders) **Sat., NOV. 20th, 1909.** Innumerable specials, including cups and medals. Entries close, Cage Birds, **Nov. 16th;** Pigeons, **Nov. 13th.**—Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Sec., 19, St. Andrew-st., Galashiels, N.B.**

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and District Cage Bird Society.

Under C.B.U. Rules, on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 27th, 1909,** in Miners' Hall. 23 Open Classes for Cage birds. Prize money, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, 1/-. Entries close **November 20th.** Judge, A. Brown.—Schedules apply **A. J. NOTLEY, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.**

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DECEMBER 16th.

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Twitterings.

Kindly note change in my address to 217, Brunshaw Road, Burnley, writes Mr. J. Hayhurst.

Entries close for "Perth", October 16th. Send along at once to J. Kerr, 18, James Street.—(Advt.)

I think that the "Guide to the Shows" will prove very useful to exhibitors.—E. T. Turner (Rochdale).

Blackburn C.B.S. have engaged a new ideal show room. See advertisement. J. W. Marsden (secretary), 44, Troop Street.—(Advt.)

Mr. Hawley won Hyde's Special, not the gentleman named in the Longton Show report, writes Mr. E. Tams, the hon. secretary.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging at the Wharton and Winsford Shows on November 13th and 20th respectively.

Green Canary Association Draw.—1, 7,858; 2, 8,500; 3, 5,495; 4, 4,699; 5, 1,181; 6, 2,588; 7, 1,314; 8, 3,738.—S. Hadwin, secretary.—(Advt.)

Your list of shows I think is very handy to secretaries, as well as to exhibitors.—J. Pearce Sampson, hon. sec., Penzance and Dis. F.A.

Will Mr. V. Robin, secretary of the Westgate House F. and F. Club, favour us with his address, as we cannot otherwise reply to his letter?

Entries are very short as yet, and we want more, writes Mr. W. A. Holness, hon. secretary of the Herne Bay Show, to be held October 28th.

We hear from Mr. N. H. Reed, the secretary of the Launceston Show, the number of classes is 28 and not 12 as printed in our "Guide to the Shows."

Classes 325 and 326 in our schedule, writes Mr. P. Harris, secretary of the Barnstaple P.P. and C.B.S., should be for Yorkshires and not Belgians, as printed.

Mr. T. Oliver has been engaged as judge for our next show on October 23rd, writes Mr. W. Cottingham, secretary of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.

Will fanciers kindly note my change of address to 118, Farley Road, Catford, writes Mr. A. Lupton, hon. secretary of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.

I have been appointed secretary of the Morecambe C.B.S. Show on November 30th, in place of Mr. J. H. Ireland, writes Mr. W. H. Pickles Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.

Mr. Frank Taylor has been elected show manager in place of the late Geo. McPhail, writes Mr. H. Bowman, secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland show.

Ours is the only show in Cumberland to have the patronage of the English and Welsh B.F.C., writes Mr. Wm. Lewthwaite, hon. secretary of the Egremont (Cumberland) C.B.S.

I should be obliged if secretaries for open shows providing classes for Lancashires, writes Mr. E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale Street, Rochdale, would send me their schedules.

Three challenge bowls and a good list of specials are up for competition at our show on October 27th and 28th, writes Mr. J. Houghton, hon. secretary of the Gloucester C.B.S.

We are compelled to extend entries to October 16th, writes Mr. G. M. Larkman, hon. secretary, of the Northampton "Good Intent" O. and F.S. We were never so short before.

Longton Show report credits Mr. Ellis with winning first in the Buff Yorkshire Unflighted Class, whereas I won that honour with a wing and eye-marked buff, writes Mr. A. Price (Idle).

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HELP YOURSELVES

AND HELP ALONG YOUR HOBBY.

We have pleasure in putting before our readers on page 226 this week, a novel scheme which will at one and the same time benefit themselves, their hobby, and ourselves. It is, in brief, a scheme by which readers who purchase two extra copies of Cage Birds and distribute them to friends, become entitled to a 12-word advertisement in our "Miscellaneous Sale and Exchange" column, free of charge. You have only to give two copies to two friends likely to be interested in the hobby, and to send us the coupons, vide the full particulars appearing on the above-mentioned page of this issue, when we help you by finding a market for any articles you may have for sale or exchange—this is in return for your help in increasing our circulation.

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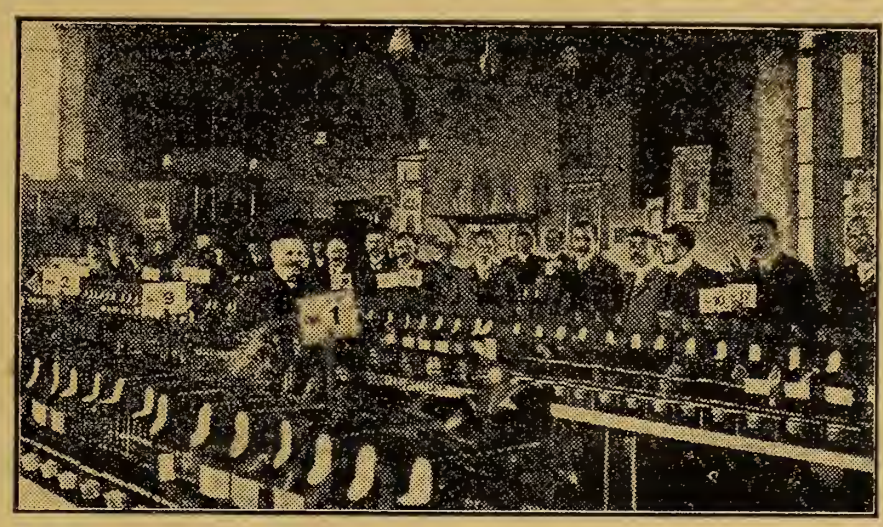
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The Shows.

QUEENSBURY.

This Yorkshire Union fixture was held in the Baptist School on October 9th, and was splendidly supported, the entry (455) being only eight short of the record show of last season, and averaged 19 per class, whilst the quality generally was well up to the average. Many of the birds were far from fit, and there is not much doubt that another fortnight or three weeks will make a lot of difference in the positions of some of the competitors. Taking the show as a whole the quality in the Buff classes was far superior to that seen in the Yellows. We know not why, but for the last season or two the Yellows in Yorkshire have not been up to the high standard of excellence one expects in a tip-top Yorkshire, many of them are far too loose and feathery, and lack that smart racy appearance which a good Yorkio needs to satisfy the hypercritical. The birds were very nicely staged, and all their requirements carefully attended to by the committee, all of whom did their best to further the success of the venture. Mr. W. Jagger made a most careful and obliging secretary, and under his direction everything moved as smoothly as possible. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Tate, fine long drawn bird of rare carriage, neat in feather and fit; 2, c, Hardaker and Sample, very neat fine body, capital style, hardly so full in skull; 3, Bailey, a gem for shape, style, and nerve, capital col., but not yet ready, when fit about the best of the bunch; 4, Wilcock, the Saudy Lane winner, grand body and body feather, wings not up yet; vhc, Bastow; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (20): Thornton and Bower, charming little bird, full of quality and style, a most typical Yorkie, 3rd in unflighted class last Palace show; 2, Edmondson and Son, another lovely bird for shape and style, but not yet fine in feather; 3, Murgatroyd, great length, nice feather, stands well, but open in tail; 4, Wilson, shorter, very neat in feather, plenty of colour; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Allen; c, Hartley. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Lingley, cap mkd., grand shape and style, full of quality, and very racy; 2, Briggs, neck tkd., grand shape and position, not yet tightened up; 3, Radley, thigh tkd., grand shape and feather, but needs handling; 4, Shaw Bros., capital feather and style, full of go, thigh tkd.; vhc, Ogden Bros; hc, Hartley; c, Bailey. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Wilson, most charming wing tkd., beautiful quality of feather, rare shape and style; 4th, very smart, racy, cheek tkd.; 2, Coates, thigh tkd., grand shape, very stylish, rare feather, not so full in head; 3, Bailey, the noted cheek tkd., paler in col., and not yet so tight; vhc, Radley; hc, Dykes; c, Wilcock. MKD. YELL. (13): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, almost even mkd., lovely quality of feather, grand shape and position, one of the best birds in the show; 2, Towers, very hot coloured, heavily mkd., a magnificent bird, hardly ready; 3, Mason, cheeks and wings, rare col. and quality, capital feather and style, trifle stouter; 4, Drake and Son, very smart bodied, four-pointed, bit open in tail; vhc, Sandiford's spl, hc, Walsh; c, Shackleton. BUFF (19): 1, Armstrong, very heavily mkd., magnificent shape and style, grand feather; 2, Clegg, very neatly feathered, stylish bird of good shape, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, winner of spl best novice at the Palace show, and for three successive years at Union shows has won 2nd under the same judge; 3, Cooper, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., lovely shape and style, not so tight underneath; 4, vhc, Shackleton, very neat head, neck, and wing mkd., capital feather and position, not so neat in tail; vhc, eye, neck, and wing mkd., shapely and nice feather, not so upright; hc, Hartley; c, Lingley. HEN, MKD. YELL. (14): 1, Mitchell, very handsome eye, cheeks, and wing mkd., lovely col. and feather, very smart and shapely, and shows well; 2, Lingley, another grand little hen, rare shape and style, full of quality, mkd. head, neck, and wing; 3, Briggs, mkd. cheeks and wings, very slim and smart, hardly so tight; 4, he, Hirst, heavy mkd., of nice shape and style, not so much length; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Hartley. BUFF (16): 1, Edmondson and Son, eye and wing mkd., very slim and neat, grand feather, rare carriage and full of go; 2, Briggs, stouter, but lovely feather and style, full of go, mkd. cheeks and wings; 3, Mason, head, cheeks and wings, grand shape and feather, neat head and shoulders, hardly so steady; 4, Ogden Bros., eyes, neck, and wings, another real gem, lovely shape and feather, but too nervous as yet; vhc, Gaunt; hc, Lister; c, Haigh. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Ackroyd Bros., sweet yell., straight, clean and smart, full of quality and nerve; 2, Tate, wing and neck buff, lovely quality, grand shape, and gets well up to his work; 3, Kirk, another topping yell., grandly drawn, full of quality, not so even in col.; 4, hc, Bailey, lovely buff and yell., both of grand shape and quality, grand style, but not tightened up underneath; vhc, Hartley; c, Radley. No. 9, Brook, magnificent buff, the best bird in the class, but has lost the sight of one eye. HEN, YELL. (16): 1, Thornton and Bower, very finely drawn, as sleek as a mole in coat, lovely head, shoulders and wings, full of quality and style; 2, Holliday and Chittenden, long, grand-shaped bird, capital wings and tail, neat head, lovely col., not so tight in feather; 3, Hill, lovely quality and style, not so much length; 4, Shackleton, wing ticked, grand shape and style, neat head and shoulders, lovely back, not tightened up underneath; vhc, c, Gaunt; hc, Lumb. BUFF (23): 1, Briggs, very sweet hen, slim and finely drawn, grand head and shoulders, neat wings and tail; 2, Murgatroyd, very fine feather, grand shape, wings and tail; 3, Shackleton, magnificent quality of feather, grand style, but stouter; 4, Wilson, wing and head tkd., also on the stout side, grand feather and style; vhc, Bailey; hc, Cundall; c, Myers. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, Hillas, head, neck and wing mkd. yell., a grand bird, and stood right out in his class, full of quality and rare carriage; 2, Tinkler, very grand bodied, neck and wing mkd., rare style and shape, hardly so fine in head; 3, Cooper, head, neck, and wing yell., very stylish, nice feather; 4, Bentley, wing mkd. buff of nice style, stouter; vhc, Hartley; hc, Ormondroyd. HEN (13): 1, Mason, head, eye and wing, very slim and neat, lovely quality and style, neat wings and tail, very sweet; 2, Ogden Bros., very neat stylish bird, hardly so much length, but full of style and quality; 3, vhc, Thornton, very shapely and nice feather, hardly ready, mkd. eyes, neck and wings; 4, Allen, charming shape, full of quality, mkd. head and wings, not so steady; hc, Woolcr; c, Lumb. SELL. (20/-) (17): 1, Briggs and Jagger; 2, Craven; 3, Thomas; 4, Hardaker and Sample; vhc, Farrar; hc, Whitwham; c, Pratt Bros. (15/-) (19): 1, Kirkbright; 2, Thornton; 3, Wood; 4, Self; vhc, Smith; hc, Jowett; c, Fowle. (12/6) (22): 1, Clegg; 2, Drake and Son; 3, Morley; 4, Pratt Bros.; vhc, Lumb; hc, Walker; c, Hillas. NOVICE YELL. (18): 1, Lodge, beautiful shape and length, fine head, neck and wings, rare style and feather; 2, Jeffreys, neat head and shoulders, capital wings and tail, good feather, wants handling; 3, Hulton, another beautifully made bird, lovely shape and quality, but not steady enough; 4, Firth, grandly drawn, rare style and shape, not tightened up yet; vhc, Clark; hc, Hadwin; c, Shepherd. BUFF (30): 1, Rigg, feathered like glass, rare shape and style, a beauty; 2, Jefferys, hardly so fine in head, but grand shape and style, rare feather; 3, Mitchell, full of quality and style, hardly so finely drawn; 4, Stables, capital shape and carriage, neat head and shoulders, hardly so clever with his wings; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Huddleston; c, Thomas. TKD. YELL. (22): 1, Bateman, thigh tkd., very finely drawn, rare style and shape, full of quality; 2, Wood, not so much col., very long and grand shape, capital feather and nerve, unevenly mkd.; 3, Morley, cap and wing mkd., charming quality, neat shape and very stylish; 4, Dyson, wing mkd., very slim and neat in shape, nice feather, wants handling; vhc, Firth; hc, Rigg; c, Huddleston. TKD. BUFF (32): 1, Ellis, wing tkd., full of quality and style, rare shape, neat head and wings; 2, Shepherd, wing tkd., rare shape and style, needed a shampoo; 3, Bateman, heavily mkd., magnificent shape and style, hardly so tight; 3, Haigh, heavily mkd., grand feather and shape, not so stylish; vhc, Thomas; hc, Casey; c, Stables. HEN, YELL. (33): 1, Saville, a real gem, full of quality, rare shape and feather, grand quality and carriage; 2, Turton, rare shape and style, grand wings and tail, not ready on head; 3, Ellis, another very racy stylish bird, full of go, capital feather; 4, Walker, rare shape and feather, neat head and shoulders, full of style; vhc, Dewhirst; hc, Rigg; c, Gibson. BUFF (37): 1, Whitley, eye and wing mkd., very finely drawn, rare shape and style, full of quality; 2, Smith, cinnamon mkd., nice shape and feather, very neat and stylish; 3, Thomas, neck tkd., grand carriage, shape, and style, won in the same class last year; 4, Holroyd Bros., nice body and feather, capital carriage, very shapely, hardly so neat in head; vhc, Firth; hc, Rigg; c, Smith. NOR. (18): 1, Plowright, nice shapely, good quality yell.; 2, Thomas, very neat wing tkd. buff, good shape and feather; 3, hc, Maltby, yell. of nice col. and feather, but longer; 4, Jeffreys, shapely, good bodied buff, but feathery; vhc, Heap; c, Heap. HEN (14): 1, Birkbeck, good bodied, nice feathered yell.; 2, 4, c, Thomas, wing mkd. buff and cap mkd. buff, two nice shaped birds, hardly so fine in feather; 3, Jeffreys, good high quality yell. of capital col.; vhc, Maltby; hc, Airton.



In the Baptist School Room on the occasion of the Queensbury C.B.S. Annual Show, October 9, 1909.

BROUGHTY FERRY.

Broughty Ferry held their annual show on Oct. 9th, and it proved a record success, both for quality and quantity. Although the Scotch Fancies have been doomed for years gone by, the prophets seem to have made a mistake, as the entry was far beyond the expectation of the executive, such an array having been seldom seen in any show with a mixed classification. Competition in many of the classes was very keen, so keen that the judges were tasked to their utmost. The awards were carefully criticised and gave universal satisfaction. The cup winner turned up in the yellow hen shown by Mrs. Ramsay, and she undoubtedly deserved her position, being of grand size and containing all the essential qualities of a real high-class Scotch Fancy. The judges were Messrs. Berwick and Hailstones, two well-known breeders. Norwich Crests and Plainheads were a real feature, both as regards numbers and quality, and if this Society goes on as at present, two judges will be required for this section. The Crests, for the time of year, were marvellous, the majority being clean moulted, and in rare trim. The cup winner was a hot one, a Crestbred, splendidly put down by the Secretary, Mr. Whitton, who received congratulations on his win, and was quite pleased with the result of his breeding season. Plainheads were a grand lot, and the judge (Mr. Buchan) went for one type throughout—the regular Bullie shape. After Mr. Buchan finished his heavy task very little could be found fault with. Borders were forward in large numbers. All the classes contained birds of the highest quality, but the plums of the day were captured by the magnificent team of Mr. Bennet, the well-known Border Fancy specialist, who no doubt had laid himself out to launch forth a team of his best to capture the challenge cup alloted to this section. He again managed to secure the coveted ticket, and the cup now goes on to his sideboard to keep his others company, he having succeeded in winning it outright with a real good buff hen. The judging here was entrusted to Mr. Stevenson, and although this was his maiden venture, he carefully selected the winners, and his awards were well received. British, Mules, etc., which have always been a feature of this show, were unfortunately down in numbers, and the classes below the average. Foreign and Mules were a nice collection, and were greatly admired by the lady visitors. These classes were judged by Mr. A. W. Watson, and he, too, gave general satisfaction. The management throughout was all that could be desired, the committee being composed of sterling fanciers, ably assisted by the never-tiring and obliging Secretary (Mr. Whitton). The stewards are not all of the masculine sex; they also include lady assistants. The show was held in the Good Templar Hall, an ideal spot, being clean and roomy, with plenty of light.

The Scotch Fancies.

SCOTS FCY. CL. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl., Carmylie; typical specimen, good all-round, fine top end, well cleaned out, gets to work freely, shows to perfection; 2, Hyde's spl., he, c, Keill, good top end, nice drive, shade shorter in reach and scarcely so free; 3, Melville, neat, lengthy, grand side, typical, good style; 4, Ross YELL. PIED, ETC.: 1, Merrilees, wins, grand trim, fine top end and reach, good cloth throughout, rare length of side, stylish, good one all-round; 2, Hendry, nice action, good shape, nice length of side; 3, Thomas, stylish, shade slim in build, good worker, gets well on leg; 4, Low; hc, Carmylie; c, Beattie. CL. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Curtis, old warrior, fresh as ever, splendid drive, rare top end, good depth throughout, well packed shoulders, gets to work freely; 2, Muirhead, good substance, in lovely order, grand depth throughout, shade narrow in shoulder; 3, Curtis, good shapely bird, nice type and quality; 4, Melville; hc, Curtis; c, Lamb. PIED, ETC.: 1, Beattie, good one, very free, nicely rounded on shoulders, quick in action, in grand trim, well put down; 2, Henderson, close on winner, grand top end, good action, fine substance, does not get to work early, but all there when handled; 3, Beattie, stylish, full of go, shade on slim side; 4, Fotheringham; hc, Thoms; c, Blair. CL. YELL., ETC. HEN: 1, Curtis, good all-round, plenty of substance, fine depth throughout, rare rounded shoulders, free droop, gets to work freely, grandly staged; 2, cup, Ramsay, another topper, close up on winner, scarcely the depth or length of side, but a model for shape, very free; 3, Muirhead, stylish, shade slow; 4, Wilson and Campbell; hc, Sadler; c, Curtis. PIED, ETC.: 1, Black, nice exhibit, fine substance, good free move, plenty side, good depth throughout, nicely staged; 2, Fotheringham, well packed shoulders, free action, stylish, could get head better down, well placed; 3, Carmylie, nice length, good substance, scarcely the finish of winners; 4, Low; hc, Blair; c, Carlaw. BUFF CL. CK.: 1, Beattie, good all-round exhibit, nicely built, fine depth throughout, good shoulders, free action, gets to work freely, fine drive; 2, Muirhead, very free, inclined to raise head at times, but grand length of droop; 3, Kiell, rather plainer in style, but good, plenty substance, fine shoulders; 4, Thoms; hc, Ramsay; c, Curtis. PIED, ETC.: 1, Ramsay, good one, very stylish indeed, grand top end and droop, fine length, shows to perfection, in A1 bloom; 2, Merrilees, taking bird, free and well up in substance, nice top end, good depth, well placed; 3, Carmylie, another, close up, again all there for shape and well built; 4, Allen; hc, c, Thoms.

Remaining Canary Classes.

CREST CK.: 1, spl., Whitton, varieg., good all-round, finely centred, coming well down all round, well groomed, grand body, neatly got up; 2, Esson, plenty headgear, rare length of feather, coming well down at front; lacks finish; 3, hc, Shillinglaw, strong, well-made grizzle crest, had been washing; 4, Sharn; c, Esson. HEN: 1, spl., Bruce, very forward in condition, grand shape of crest, not a feather out of place, grandly laid on, fine centre, good droop, in rare bloom; 2, Forbes, grizzle, nice length of feather, good substance; 3, Veitch, green, nice quality, shade thin in front, but good side, will greatly improve yet; 4, J. Veitch; hc, Brown. C.-B. CK.: 1, Whitton, wins, grand entrance, fine broad skull, very browy, lengthy lash, well carried forward, massive bird, all on, grandly put down; 2, Low, round cushion-headed bird, plenty skull, good back feather, shade short in lash, but well up in entrance; 3, Love, plenty of feather, good at sides, nice skull, in fine order; 4, Esson; he, McMaster; c, Veitch, a good class throughout. HEN: 1, Whitton, wins in a canter, real good one all over, rare head, grandly lashed, fine noble entrance, real tip-top lady; 2, Miller, neat one, fine compact head, well feathered, in grand bloom, beaten but not by any means disgraced; 3, Esson, romping cl., grand cushion head, fails in length of feather; 4, Herschall; hc, Low; c, Kirkwood. CREST (bred 1909): 1, Reid, neat, very dense in feather, beautifully rounded, not a feather out of place, nice radiation, neat drop on sides, well up in front; 2, Currah, another hot one, grand top-piece, rare length of feather, very fine quality, scarcely at best yet; 3, Reid, nice one, again plenty of top gear, well centred; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Shillinglaw; hc, Reid; c, Gillies. C.-B.: 1, cup, 4, Whitton, real good one, plenty size for a baby, rare head, good skull, fine length of feather, well carried to front, good width at entrance, neat exhibit; 2, Griffiths, close up, not quite so well lashed in front, nice entrance; 3, Currah, very neat, good quality throughout, but beaten in length of feather; hc, Veitch; c, Low. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. COCK: 1, Sharp, lovely shape, fine full front and head, neat carriage, level in colour, nice even shade; 2, Mitchell, hot fed one, grand quality feather, good in shape as winner, rare wing carriage, inclined to be browy; 3, Malcolmson, also hot fed, nice stamp all-round, shade unsteady; 4, Thomson; hc, Chalmers; c, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, Bowman, good, lovely shape, rare bouncing front, regular bullet head, tip-top wing carriage, very showy, nice tone of colour, good quality feather; 2, Lumsden, plenty of substance, rare feather, rather open in front; 3, Adamson, shade smaller in build, but good stamp; 4, Hampton; hc, Adams; c, Jeffrey. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Howie, well up in size, very neat in build, good head and front, put down in marvellous bloom; 2, Martin, another hot one, extra good in body, lovely head and wing carriage, rather loose at thighs; 3, Malcolmson, shade smaller in build, nice stamp, warm in colour, good order; 4, Ritchie; hc, Adamson. BUFF: 1, Bishop, well fed, lovely tone of colour, well rounded, not a feather out of place, neat short feather, A1 wing carriage; 2, Murray, another good one for body properties, fine full front, very neat head; 3, Grewar, close up, nice quality, lovely shape; 4, Sharp; hc, Howie; c, W. Grewar. Real good lot, hard to separate, any could have been 1st. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, Harris, hot fed yell. variegated, teeming with quality, lovely sheen, nice substance, good head, very neat in carriage; 2, Mitchell, heavy varieg., nice front and position, showy, rather bony looking; 3, Sharp, bouncer, plenty of size, grand front and carriage, will improve yet; 4, Ritchie; hc, Hampton; c, Chalmers. BUFF: 1, Harris, grand tone of colour, rare bloom, nice front, good style; 2, Bishop, again all there for colour, not so full in front, but good quality throughout; 3, Bishop, gem for shape, round as a marble, showing to perfection; 4, Hay; hc, Jeffrey; c, Kerr. YELL. HEN: 1, Mitchell, neat, nice shape, good in finish, very taking exhibit, lovely style, grand wing carriage, well staged; 2, Lyall, well up in size, good head and wing carriage; 3, Bowman, rare shade of colour, very even, full of bloom, nice and full fronted; 4, Harris; hc, Cant; c, Ritchie. BUFF: 1, Ritchie, nice quality feather, good all-round shape, well up in substance; 2, Howie, grand body, well rounded, plenty of it, neat head, lovely wing carriage; 3, Thomson, very neat, good stamp, well rounded body, nice head properties; 4, Adams; hc, Grewar; c, Turnbull. CINN.: 1, 2, c, Rae, 1st wins, deep colour, nice substance, rare back and wing carriage, well fed, 2nd close up, good markings, fine quality feather; 3, Martin, very neat, nicely pencilled, grand shape and quality of feather; 4, Hope; hc, Fyfe. CL. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Bennet, wins, in rare bloom, grand size, nice tone of colour, neat front, good in head, good one all over; 2, Craig, rare position, lovely front and taper, grand head, perfect wing carriage, steady as possible, very showy indeed, outclassed in finish of feather only; 3, Brown, good one, shade plain in appearance, and lacks finish; 4, Baird; hc, Campbell; c, Currah. BUFF: 1, Peters, real model, splendidly rounded bird, rare wing carriage, A1 head, beautiful front, lovely tone of colour and quality of feather, hot one and no mistake; 2, Craig, lovely quality feather, but lacks roundness of winner; 3, Spence, again all there for condition, beaten in roundness, neat wing carriage; 4, W. Peters; hc, Falconer; c, Bennet. A.O.C. CK.: 1, Morris, good feathered buff, showing to perfection, nice shape, good front, well drawn, A1 back, splendid sheen and finish, neatly staged; 2, Dargie, yell., grand position, cut to perfection, correct wing carriage, neat head, rather slim in front; 3, Craig, better stamp yell., good front, well rounded, nice wing carriage; 4, Auld; hc, Peters; c, Spence. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Bennet, marvel for quality of feather, lovely rounded bird, rare wing carriage, nicely cut, grand head, foul mark on head, shown to perfection; 2, Patterson, also nice one, good stamp, finely drawn, neat body and wing carriage, completely eclipsed in finish of feather; 3, Brown, slim got-up, good position and nice back and wings, but lacks frontage; 4, Cargill; hc, Crabb; c, Dargie. BUFF: 1, cup, Bennet, very showy specimen, good body, lovely wing carriage, correct pose, rare quality feather, beautiful finish; 2, Spence, another good one, grand body, beautifully rounded, again in A1 feather and finish; 3, Peters, good stamp, fine position, neatly drawn; 4, Small; he, Logie; c, Craig. A.O. COL.: 1, Bennet, clinker, gem of an uneven buff, tight and close and short in feather, perfect beauty all over, lovely position, splendidly drawn; 2, Paterson, stronger made, nice mould, good head and wing carriage, well cut; 3, McBaird, yell., nice substance and finish, good front, neatly drawn; 4, Buchan; hc, Logie; c, Crabb. A.O.V.: 1, Curtis, yell. Belg., nice depth across, free worker, gets head well down, very nervy; 2, Whitton, Lancs. Coppy, in A1 bloom, good top-piece, fine size and substance, shown to perfection; 3, Beattie, rattling good buff Belg., good shoulder and droop, showing signs of age.

The Mules, British and Foreign.

HYB.: 1, vhc, Jamieson, leader topping Siskin Goldfinch, grand size and colour, nice wing flights, good bars and lacing, shown in A1 order, very steady; 2, Nicoll, Linnet-Bullie, shade on small side, nice cap and wings, very steady, in fine condition; 3, Hovelsround, good conditioned Redpoll-Siskin, grand tone of colour, nice size, could be greatly improved by a smaller cage; 4, Irvine. CAN. MULE: 1, Malcolmson, good slashing jonque variegated. Goldie, nice colour, light in markings, scarcely up in face yet, very tight in feather; 2, Brown, hot-fed dark jonque Linnet, grand size, teeming with colour, splendidly put down; 3, Jamieson, slashing buff variegated. Goldie, in rare bloom; No. 10 (a Canary) w.c.; 4, Baird; hc, Kemlo; c, Erskine. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Combe, wins, very steady, well up in size, splendidly marked, distinct all over, very pure in whites for a Britisher, wins with something in hand; 2, Wilson and Campbell, neatly made, shade dark on breast; 3, Irvine, real good one, grand body, very steady, beautifully buttoned, grand flights, scarcely up in face.; 4, McArdle and Stewart; hc, c, Wilson and Campbell. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Thomson, largest in class, best in finish, good breast colour, grand cap, shining like satin, well toned; 2, c, Nicholl, very tight-conditioned one, scarcely so dense in breast or cap, but a lovely back, rare slate blue, splendid bars; 3, Chalmers, good shape and quality of feather, very steady; 4, Cullen; hc, Colville. LINNET: 1, Hoyle, best in condition, lovely feather, grand back, good wing flights, nicely laced on breast, wins to-day. 2, Bishop, real hot one, topper for size, good ground colour, splendidly marked, rare breast and flights, steady as a rock, unfortunately had lost the flight feathers on one wing; 3, Dryden, nice spangled bird, very steady; 4, c, McArdle and Stewart; 5, Dryden. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Parker, good jonque Siskin, splendid shape, well up in size, good dense cap, well pencilled, sweet nat. col.; 2, Hoyle, large mealy Redpoll, rare bib, splendidly marked, good in colour, shown to perfection; 3, Dryden, good Twite, plenty size, well laced, good tone colour, neatly staged; 4, Thomson; hc, Tait; c, McArdle & Stewart. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, McIntosh, good all-round Bramble, rare bloom, good head, lovely lacing on back, splendid front, well cut, pure in colours; steady as a rock; 2, Nicoll, Siberian Goldfinch, shade unsteady, but good blaze and tannings; 3, Lawson, another Bramblefinch, smaller than winner, good depth of breast colour, steady; 4, Brown; hc, Clark; c, Cockburn. SOFTBILL SMALL: 1, Lister, nice Missel, well up in size, good in markings, lacking in bloom; 2, Bruce, rattling Song Thrush, grand bloom and markings, staged to perfection; 3, Law, Song Thrush, nice size and colour. LARGE: 1, Martin, good, well fed Yellowhammer, very clear on head, good breast, grand shape and finish, in A1 bloom; 2, Parker, nice all-round Snow Bunting, not a large one, but very steady and good in feather; 3, Kerr, another Yellowhammer, good headed one, rare eye markings, lovely shade of colour, rather light in build; 4, Baird; vhc, Lawson. SMALL FOR.: 1, Bruce, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in rattling bloom, good dense colours, and well staged; 2, Gowans, Red-shouldered Whydah, well up in colours, rather unsteady; 3, Peters, pair of Zebra Finches, in tip-top form, good colours, nicely put down; 4, Peters; hc, Clark. PARROTS: 1, Fyffe, Amazon, in A1 order, good size and condition, well up in colours. GIFT: 1, Keill; 2, Whitton; 3, Low; 4, Curtis; hc, Wilson and Campbell; c, Merrilees.

ACCRINGTON.

Annual Show of the Accrington and Dist. C.H.S., held on October 8th and 9th, in the Central Conservative Club. The room is well adapted for a cage bird show, being spacious and lofty, and kept at a very nice, even temperature. Entries scarcely came up to expectations, several classes being cancelled, whilst others only had half prize money. This we cannot understand, as Accrington always turns out a good schedule, with plenty of specials and good prize money, promptly paid. Although not strong in numbers, the exhibits in every section were of a very high standard, and many noted birds were on view. The following were the winners of the special prizes: Hdyc's, Mr. A. Hirst; Sandiford's medal, Mr. G. Roberts; Norwich Section: Messrs. Seed, Trengove, Cook, and Godley; Yorkshire Section, Messrs. Hirst, Ambler's, Sutcliffe and Son, and A. Cooper; Cinnamons, Messrs. Dormer, Godley, Riding, and Roberts; A.O.V. and Selling, Messrs. Godley, Johnson, Dormer, and Crawshaw; British, Messrs. J. M. Walsh, Riley and Fletcher; Foreign, Messrs. Walsh, and Riley; Gift Class, Messrs. Godley and Crawshaw; Novice Sections, Messrs. Smaller, Ellison, and Linaker, and special for most points in Norwich and Yorkshire, Mr. A. Hirst. The management was all that could be desired. The secretary (Mr. J. W. Philpott) is the right man in the right place, and ably supported as he was by the president, Councillor J. Smith (who, by the way, also acted as hon. auctioneer), and Messrs. Trengove, Seed, Hirst, Godley, Dormer, Riding, Crawshaw, and others, everything passed off without a hitch. Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Booth Judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Marsh, grand size and quality, good head, shape and colour; 2, Godley, rich in colour, fine quality and size, correct shape and carriage; 3, Seed (T.), Little King II., wonderful col. and quality; 4, vhc, Trengove, 4th good size and type, nice quality, vhc Burnley winner "King of Kings," looks exceeding well; hc, Senior and Hartley; c, Dent. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, T. Seed, head and wing mkd., grand col. and quality, fine type, good substance and style; 2, W. E. Seed, good, hold, varieg., grand head, neck and chest, real good Nor.; 3, Cook, tick over eye, grand col. and size, nice type and quality; 4, Bertie, foul green, good stock bird; vhc, Dent; hc, Wade. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Cook, leader cap and wing mkd., good substance and type, nice size and quality, grand col., 4th varieg., good type, col., and quality 2, Mercer, varieg., rare type and quality, nice size, beautiful col.; 3, Bellamy, good col., and quality; vhc, Hirst. BUFF (12): 1, Seed, Burnley winner, in fresh hands, head and wing mkd., marvellous exhibit, henceforth to be known as "Fernhouse Surprise"; 2, Greenwood, neck mkd., nice size and type; 3, Moss, cl., grand quality, nice col.; 4, Roberts, varieg., grand col. and quality, good type and size; vhc, Marsh; hc, Heys; c, Bellamy. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Trengove, leader neck tkd., wonderful size and type, graod quality, good head, neck and chest, a magnificent hen; 3, Burnley winner, red hot col., for a hen, grand type and quality; 2, Seed, cl., also well-known hen, grand size and quality; 4, Godley, really smart, cl., unflig., grand hen, fit to win in any ordinary competition; vhc, Mercer, still another good one; hc, Roberts; c, Watson, without doubt the best class in the section. BUFF (11): 1, Howe, nice col. and quality, good size and type, well across perch; 2, Hirst, griz. back, grand quality and type, uice size aod col.; 3, Aspden, head and wing mkd., nice substance and shape, rich col.; 4, Dent, griz. on cheek, grand head, splendid quality, beautiful col. and meal; vhc, Wade; hc, Bertie; c, Moss. NOVICE—NOR. (10): 1, Ellison, yell. slight griz. on neck, grand size and col., rare head, neck and chest, good bird, well shown; 2, Nuttall, cl. buff, nice col., grand type and quality, bardly so bold in head; 3, Bulcock, nice cl., yell., grand quality and col., good type and carriage; 4, Holdsworth, cl. yell., good col., and quality, nice substance and shape; vhc, Walsh; hc, Thompson; c, Fulton. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Ellison, griz. cap, buff, the best of type, splendid col. and meal, beautiful feather and substance; 2, Wilson, cl. buff, graud col. and quality, good size and type; 3, vhc, Heywood, griz. capped buff, correct shape and quality, well packed wing and tail; nice substance; 4, Smalley, cl. yell., nice type, col. and quality; hc, Moon; c, Moorhouse. HENS (5): 1, 3, Smalley, leader varieg. yell., beautiful type, good feather and size, nice col., 3rd good, thick-set cl., nice col., good quality and size; 2, Wilson, cl. buff, grand quality, type and col., nice size, good 2nd; 4, Nuttall, head and wings mkd., extra quality and type loses little in col.; vhc, Holdsworth. YORKS., CL. YELL. (8): 1, Stebbings, grand length, straight as a pencil, well up on leg, red hot col. and grand quality; 2, Hirst, grand lengtb and position, good type, nice feather, and very stylish; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, grand length and style, nice col.; 4, Binns, grand, long, stylish exhibit, nice col. and quality, worth its place; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Allen; c, Wilcock. BUFF (11): 1, Hirst, Burnley winner, grand lengtb, very stylish and breedy, well up on leg, nice, narrow shoulders, superior carriage and quality; 2, Amblers, rare quality and type, nice lengtb and grand position, well placed; 3, Mallinson and Son, extra quality and shape, beautiful col., rare length, grand Yorks; 4, Robertshaw, nice length and quality, splendid type; vhc, Lane; hc, c, Bullough. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Walsh, red hot, thigh. tkd., fine length, rare col., grand quality and shape; 2, Burns, mkd. head and wings, rattling length, grand back, wings, and tail, nice silky texture of feather; 3, Amblers, mkd. head and wing, grand lengtb and quality, fine type and position; 4, Helliwell, griz. on neck, rare length and style, nice, close feather; vhc, Burns; hc, Stebbings; c, Heys. BUFF (8): 1, c, Ambler, Burnley winner, griz. on neck, a topper, nice length, smooth as a bottle, rare type and position; 2, Shaw Bros., thigh tkd., slashing length, exquisite shape and quality; 3, Hartley Bros., thigh tkd., good length, nice col. and quality, 4, Dean, tkd. head, the best of type and quality, beautiful length and position; vhc, hc, Binns. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Allen, long, stylish cl., rare position, magnificent quality and col.; 2, Chippendale, another cl., full of true Yorks, properties; 3, Jenkinson, grand length and position, full of quality and style; 4, Walsh, lengthy, red hot stylish, cl. of grand quality and type; vhc, Drake; hc, Ambler; c, Lane. BUFF (11): 1, Robertshaw, cl., tight as wax, best of type, nice length, grand hen; 2, Mason, cl., grand position, nice length, magnificent quality and type; 3, Jenkinson, cl., grand quality and type, nice length; 4, Dean, griz. wing, good feather, nice length, full of quality; vhc, Lodge; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Hirst. NOVICE—YORKS. YELL.(7): 1, Linaker, cl., well up on leg, fine type and length, good col. and position, one of the right stamp; 2, Gill and Smith, another good cl., plenty of length, and rare position and quality; 3, Vignole, cl., nice col., and quality, good bird; 4, Nuttall, variog, grand back and wings, nice length and quality; vhc, Dunn; hc, Hacking; c, Haworth. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Stirrup, couple of grand cls., both grand type, nice length and good quality; 3, Bullough, cl., slashing length, grand back, nice quality, position and col.; 4, Bullough, cl., very neat and slim, stands well, worth its place; vhc, Gill and Smith; hc, Haworth; c, Hacking. HEN (6): 1, Linaker, bonny cl. buff, nice col., grand carriage, good hen; 2, Vignole, cl. yell., well up on leg, nice back, wings and tail, close up; 3, Wood, good, long cl. buff, grand type and quality; 4, Dunn, nice cl. yell.; vhc, Bullough; hc, Gill and Smith. YORKS., CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Hirst, mkd. face and wings, rattling length, full of quality and style, rare col., good position, real good one; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, head and wings mkd., again grand length, straight as a rush, rare shape and position; 3, Towers, head, neck and wings mkd., A1 quality and type, rare col., well known; 4, Walsh, varieg., capital length and col., wonderful position and quality, not quite at its best; vhc, c, Wilcock; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Hartley Bros., leader mkd. head and wings, stands well up, grand back, wings and tail, extra type and quality; 3rd mkd. cheek, neck and wings, plenty of size, grand type and quality, well staged; 2, 4, Cooper, 2nd wings mkd., beautiful col. and meal, wonderful quality and grand type, 4th mkd. head, neck and wings, long, stylish, and grand quality; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Towers; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Wilcock, mkd. wings, shines like silk, straight as a pencil, smooth as glass, wins; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, tkd. head, grand length, good position and style, well up on leg, nice quality; 3, Towers, mkd. head and wings, nice, silky feather, neat, narrow shoulders, grand hen, good 3rd; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, cheeks and wings mkd., wonderful type and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Cooper. BUFF (13): 1, Mason, mkd. head and wings, nice length, well up on leg, grand back and splendid quality; 2, Hirst, head and wings mkd., grand length, stands well, splendid shape and quality; 3, Cooper, mkd. eyes and wings, a gem for shape and quality, beautiful position and style; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. face and wings, nice colour, shape and quality; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Jowett; c, Mallinson and Son. CINN. TKD. (NOVICE) (5): 1, Clegg, head and wing mkd., yell. cap, length very straight, excellent quality and col.; 2, 4, Grayshon, 2nd bouncing check and wings, mkd. buff, good carriage and quality, 4th cap and wings mkd., yell., again grand length, shape and quality; 3, vhc, Pollard, face and wings mkd. yell., grand col., very smooth, leggy and stylish. HEN (7): 1, 2, Grange, couple of grand hens, both grand, typical, stylish hens; 3, Clegg, again grand length and quality, nice col. and style; 4, Grayshon, nice col. and quality, grand length and position; vhc, Pollard. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Dormer, leader magnificent shape and size, good feather, sound col., one of the best, 3rd grand, rich col. and quality, fine type, not far behind; 2, Roberts, plenty of col., nice quality, hardly so stout; 4, vhc, hc, Godley, good col. and quality, nice size. BUFF (6): 1, Dormer, good col. and quality, grand type, nice size; 2, vhc, Godley, the old champion Palace Diploma winner for 1909, grand bloom; 3, Dormer, good col., nice type, good size and quality; 4, Riding, again grand col. and quality, nice type. CINN. HEN (8): 1, 4, hc, Godley, a grand team, leader clinking buff, true Norwich type, nice col., beautiful meal, grand quality, 4th yell., big, slashing hen, of good col. and quality; 2, vhc, Dormer, 2nd yell., grand type and col., nice size and substance, good 2nd; 3, Riding, another grand yell., splendid quality and correct type; c, Roberts. CINN. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, Dormer, yell. and buff respectively, two magnificent specimens, both possessing two Cinnamon properties; 2, c, Riding, red hot col. yell., excellent quality and type, graod size, close up; 4, Roberts, very nice yell., grand col. and quality; vhc, hc, Godley. A.O.V. CAN., MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Howe, beautiful Goldfinch-Can., lovely feather and bloom, good size; 2, Johnson, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, good size and col.; 3, Adams, slashing Lancs. Coppy; 4, Dr. Martin, grand yell. Nor. yell.; vhc, Walsh, Goldfinch-Can.; hc, Martin, buff green Nor.; c, Walsh, Scotch Fancy. 30/- PAIR SELL. (5): 1, vhc, Crawshaw; 2, Dormer; 3, Trengove; 4, Godley. 20/- (8): 1, Godley; 2, Linaker; 3, Bell; 4, Dormer; vhc, Adams; hc, Riding; c, Greenwood. 12/6 (11): 1, Johnson; 2, Dormer; 3, Smith; 4, Godley; vhc, hc, Mapp; c, Dr. Martin. BRIT. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Walsh, grand team, leader Hoopoe, lovely bird, in grand bloom; 4, Great Grey Shrike, beautiful feather and condition; 2, Riley, Wryneck, lovely bloom, in fine order; 3, Fletcher, very fine Song Thrush, exceedingly well mkd, in perfect feather. FOR. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Walsh; 3, 4, vhc, Riley; c, England. GIFT (7): 1, vhc, c, Godley; 2, Crawshaw; 3, Dormer; 4, Seed; hc, Trengove.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first show in connection with this new Society was held on October 9th, at Baokfoot Schools. Mr. D. Sutcliffe, of Wibsey, officiated as judge, and gave general satisfaction. The entries came up fairly well. Messrs. Taylor Bros. won the cup for most points, closely followed by Mr. G. Hudson, who was only two points behind the leader, counting 23 points. Mr. O. Priestley won special for best cock with his clear yellow. Seventy birds were staged.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Priestley; 2, Bywater and Waddington; 3, Gelder; 4, Wilkinson; vbc, Warner. BUFF: 1, 3, Hardaker; 2, Priestley; 4, Warner. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, 3, Warner; 4, Hudson; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Gelder. BUFF: 1, Priestley; 2, Hinchliffe; 3, Lawson; 4, Gelder; vbc, Hardaker; hc, Taylor Bros.; c, Wilkinson. UNEVEN MKD. CK.: 1, c, Hudson; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Warner; 4, vhc, hc, Gelder. FOUL MKD.: 1, Bywater and Waddington; 2, Crowtber. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Taylor Bros.; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hinchliffe; c, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Priestley; 4, Gelder; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Hiley; c, Warner. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, 3, 4, Gelder; 2, Hudson; vhc, Warned; hc, Lawson; c, Wilman. STOCK BIRD: 1, Wilman; 2, Lawson; 3, Hiley. SELL.: (£1): 1, Bywater and Waddington.—F. GELDER, sec.

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EDINBURGH (Combined).

The combined annual shows of the Edinburgh O.S. and the Edinburgh Western O.S. were held in the Artillery Hall, Grindley Street, on October 9th. The quality in both shows was excellent. Competition in the Canary classes was active, and was confined to young birds. There was a fair attendance, but the suffragette parade proved a counter attraction.

Edinburgh Western O.S.

This 21th annual event had 312 entries, and was managed by Mr. Whitefield (president), Mr. Lile (secretary) and a splendid working committee. The arrangements were a credit to the secretary and his helpers. It was quite a treat to visit the show. Judges, Messrs. Dalgleish, Thornton, Urquhart and Hogg for Scotch Fancies and Belgians, and for Borders and Mules, Mr. Thomas Todd, and for Norwich and Mules Mr. Holmes. They got through their work quickly, and gave general satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY.—YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bowman, erect, fine drive, round back, good body, nicely turned wing; 2, 5, Burgess, 2nd neat, smart, good all-round exhibit; 3, Rose, fine quality, worthy of place; 4, Proudfoot, well set on legs. HENS (13): 1, 5, Bowman, erect, fine shoulders, long neck, good reach, body and wing; 2, Ramsay, well up, head forward, plenty of shoulder, nice body and wing; 3, Gillanders, erect, good drive and shoulders, long body, wing and tail; 4, Blair, neat and very smart; 6, Burgess; 7, 8, Rose. YELL. PIED CK. (7): 1, Gorrie, erect, neat head, fine reach, solid back, sweet front, good body and wing; 2, 4, 5, Whitefield, trio of good average exhibits, of excellent quality and style; 3, Bowman, well set on fine head, directly forward; 6, Tait. HEN (15): 1, 6, Gorrie, erect, heavy top, direct drive, good shoulder, body, wing and tail; 2, 4, 5, Whitefield, 2nd hard up, nice head, neck and reach, good body; 3, 8, Bowman, 3rd upright, good type, smooth in feather; 7, Ballantine. YELL. FOUL, ETC. CK. (12): 1, 3, Whitefield, 1st erect, nice head and neck, good back, body and wing, 3rd well up, good quality; 2, 5, Burgess, 2nd good, all-round exhibit, fine quality, 5th smart and stylish; 4, 7, 8, Gorrie, 4th erect, sweet head, fair neck, good shoulders, and body; 6, McNiven. HEN (10): 1, Burgess, nice crouch, good reach, heavy top, long body and wing; 2, 3, Whitefield, 2nd well set up, fine drive, good shoulder, 3rd similar in type and style; 4, 7, Bowman, 4th smart and typical; 5, Ramsay; 6, Gillanders; 8, Kirk. BUFF (18): 1, 2, D. McLennan, 1st splendid leader, erect, decided drive, good back, body and wing, 2nd similar in quality; 3, Bowman, neat and typical, very steady; 4, 6, Whitefield, 4th worth position, good style; 5, Gillanders, nice quality; 7, 8, Burgess. HEN (12): 1, 3, Burgess, 1st erect, decided drive, neat head, long tail, splendid shoulders, body and wings, 3rd neat and typical, good quality; 2, McLennan, erect, nice drive, sweet head, good neck, shoulder, plenty of side; 4, Rose, typical, full of action, nice style; 5, 8, Proudfoot; 6, Tait; 7, Bowman. BUFF PIED CK. (22): 1, McLennan, bright, nice steady reach, sweet head, solid shoulders; 2, McNiven, smart head forward, nice shoulders, body and wing; 3, Burgess, well up, nice reach, good style throughout; 4, Gillanders, good stamp; 5, Whitefield; 6, Hark; 7, Proudfoot; 8, Gorrie. HEN (15): 1, 6, Burgess, 1st erect, determined drive, neat head, long neck, prominent shoulders, good body and wing, 6th nice style; 2, Kirk, neat head and well forward, good back, shoulder, and body; 3, 4, 5, Whitefield, three nice exhibits of good quality; 7, Gorrie; 8, Bowman. BUFF FOUL, ETC., CK. (16): 1, Whitefield, smart style, erect, sweet head well forward, good shoulder, body, and wing; 2, 6, Wilkie, 2nd nicely built, well set on legs; 3, McNiven, neat head, decided reach, prominent shoulder, good body; 4, Kirk, fine stamp; 5, Stewart; 7, 8, Burgess. HEN (9): 1, Gorrie, decided reach, good body; 2, McLennan, hard up, fine reach, fine shoulder, body, and wing; 3, Whitefield, nice style, well up; 4, Proudfoot, lovely quality; 6, Kirk; 5, 7, 8, Burgess. BELG. (2): 1, 2, McNiven, nice birds. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, 3, Whitefield, rich coloured, tight as wax, grand shape and style, very steady, 3rd nice shape and style, smart; 2, 4, Cherry, good colour, bright, smart, grand shape and style, 4th very neat and stylish; 5, Blackie; 6, Lile; 7, Andrew; 8, Denholm. HEN (13): 1, 4, Cherry, 1st fine shape, tight feather, steady, 4th good quality; 2, 3, Whitefield, nice pair, good shape, tight in feather; 5, Morrison; 6, Andrew; 7, 8, Denholm. BUFF CK. (16): 1, 2, Cherry, 1st grand shape, very trim, tight in feather, 2nd similar in style; 3, Denholm, fine colour, lovely carriage, nice wing and body; 4, Whitefield, bright and neat, good colour and shape; 5, 6, Blackie; 7, 8, Andrew. HEN (19): 1, 2, 8, Whitefield, 1st very neat, lovely plumage, good smart carriage, fine body and wing, 2nd runs close on winner, nice stamp; 3, 5, Cherry, both stylish on small side; 4, Andrew, good type; 6, Thomson; 7, Denholm. VARIEG. GREEN, ETC. (16): 1, Cherry, mkd. back, nice style, good carriage and wing; 2, Whitefield, fine quality, tight as wax, lovely plumage, good carriage; 3, 6, Lile, 3rd nice colour, grand style; 4, Jeffrey, good stamp; 5, Hay; 7, 8, Denholm. YELL. NOR. (col.-fed) (20): 1, Thomson, grand size, shape, feather, and col., well staged; 2, 3, 4, 6, Brodie, 2nd good colour, neat head, nice front and good feather, 3rd and 4th good pair, full of style and quality; 5, Wishart; 7, Thomson; 8, Blackie. BUFF (27): 1, 2, 3, 4, Brodie, 1st grand colour, 2nd good substance, rich in colour, cobby shape, very smart, 3rd and 4th nice pair, fine quality; 5, Thomson; 6, 7, Blackie; 8, Ballantine. NON-FED NOR. (13): 1, 6, Bowman, 1st capital shape, good colour, fine quality; 2, 8, Wallace, 2nd name missed, beauty, full of quality, fine feather; 3, 4, Thomson, grand pair, fine colour and style; 5, Wishart, good shape and quality; 7, Kirk. CREST (6): 1, 2, Wisbart, 1st pied, good round crest, nice droop and centre, 2nd good crest, well radiated, fine body; 3, Thomson, fine crest, even and well drooped, good body; 4, Todd; 5, 6, Kirk. C.-B. (6): 1, 2, 3, Todd, 1st good body, capital skull, rise, and entrance, 2nd nice wide head, good length of feather, 3rd grand size and feather; 4, Thomson; 5, Kirk; 6, Wishart.

Edinburgh O.S.

Entries totalled 168. Show managed by Mr. Kerr (President), Mr. Campbell (Secretary), and a capital committee. All the arrangements were very creditable to the Secretary and all concerned. The judges were: for Scotch Fancies and Belgians, Messrs. Nisbet and Carlow; for other sections, Mr. Goodfellow.

YELL. CK. (9): 1, Sinclair, erect, fine reach, good body and wing; 2, Howden, nice size and style, very steady; 3, Dalgleish, very good style, tight, and full of quality; 4, Petrie, good size and substance; 5, Hendry. HEN (9): 1, 2, Dalgleish, 1st erect, very sweet head, long reach, solid top-end, fine body, 2nd similar in quality; 3, McMillan, grand size and quality; 4, Hardie, grand stamp; 5, Howden. YELL. PIED CK. (7): 1, Hope, erect, grand drive, sweet head and neck, prominent shoulders, clean front, good body and action; 2, Howden, neat, close in feather and typical; 3, Dalgleish, good all-round exhibit, grand substance; 4, 5, Thornton, 4th follows closely. HEN (12): 1, 2, 3, Hope, 1st erect, grand reach, neat head and neck, solid top, good body; 2, 3, grand pair, fine quality and style; 4, Drysdale; 5, McDougall; 6, 7, Howden. YELL. FOUL CK. (6): 1, Dalgleish, erect, fine head and neck, good reach, solid back, nice body and wing; 2, 3, Allan, pair of good solid birds, grand substance, plenty of style; 4, Farrel, good stamp; 5, McDougall; 6, Hope. HEN (5): 1, 2, Dalgleish, very stylish, nice size, both well positioned; 3, Farrel, erect head, neat, in proper direction, nice size; 4, Hope, good quality; 5, Hendry. YELL. GREEN CK. (2): 1, Thornton, neat typical, well built, full of life; 2, Hendry, large, plenty of substance. HEN (3) 1, Petrie, grand substance, fine style, wins easily; 2, Sinclair, neat and typical; 3, Hendry, neat and smart. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Thornton, much improved, grand size, erect, fine crouch, rare body, solid top, determined drive, neat head, long neck, superior body, nicely fitted wing, steady, will be hard to beat; 2, 3, Dalgleish, grand quality, erect, neat head, good body and wing; 4, Hope, grand size and substance; 5, Paterson, full of quality. HEN (10): 1, Paterson, beauty, erect, decided drive, neat head, long neck, solid back, nice body and wing; 2, Hope, erect, head in proper direction, good shoulders; 3, Allan, well set on pins, decided reach, good solid back, fine body and wing; 4, 7, Howden; 5, Hendry; 6, Allan; 8, Sinclair. BUFF PIED CK. (9): 1, Sinclair, large, erect, nice drive, heavy top, fine front and body, steady; 2, McDougall, fine frame and style, good reach, body and wing; 3, McMillan, nicely posed head forward, substantial back, good body; 4, Hendry, neat and typical, worthy of position; 5, Hope. HEN (12): 1, 3, McMillan, 1st superior model, erect, grand reach, sweet head, solid back and body, nicely fitting wing, 3rd neat typical model, full of action; 2, Paterson, solid well-built exhibit, proportionate and neat; 4, McDougall, neat, fine type and style; 5, Dalgleish; 6, Hendry; 7, Petrie. BUFF FOUL CK. (3): 1, Dalgleish, erect head, well down, solid top, good shoulder, body, and wing; 2, Sinclair, rare substance, fine type; 3, Petrie, grand frame. HEN (1): 1, Paterson, large good all-round exhibit, full of quality; 2, McMillan, neat model, fine style; 3, Farrel, smart, good action; 4, Hope. BUFF GREEN CK. (2): 1, McDougall, neat and compact, proportionate; 2, Farrel, good type. HEN (7): 1, Hope, erect, nice reach, shoulder, long body and wing; 2, Howden, well set, good type and style; 3, McDougall, grand size, substantial body, good type; 5, Farrel. BELG. CK.: 1, McDougall, cross type, small, close in feather. HEN: 1, Carson, nice style, but rather small. NOR. CK. YELL. (4): 1, Foster, lovely quality and colour, splendid head: 2, McBride, nice shape and colour; 3, 4, Campbell. HEN (3): 1, Duff, nice shape, good size; 2, 3, Foster. BUFF CK. (8): 1, McMillan, rare size and substance, good shape and quality; 2, Foster, another beauty, full of style; 3, Duff, smart and neat; 4, Carson; 5, Campbell. HEN (3): 1, Carson, fine shape, well-carried wings; 2, 3, Foster. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Carson, both fine birds. MULE (5): 1, McMillan, lovely dark, rich colour, grand lustre; 2, Foster, beauty, piebald, well marked; 3, McMillan, dark, not equal to others for size and quality; 4, 5, Foster. BRIT. (29): 1, 5, 6, Foster, 1st Goldfinch, lovely condition, rich blaze and tanning, well mkd. moons, staged to perfection, 5th Greenfinch, nice size and condition, 6th Bullfinch hen, in good order, nice size and style; 2, Caldwell, Meadow Pipit, lovely condition, steady, well marked, beautiful lacing, not a feather out of place; 3, McMillan, ideal Siskin, staged to perfection, grand bib, neatly laced; 4, 7, Campbell, 4th Bramblefinch, 7th Goldfinch; 8, Allan.

WHITBURN, N.B.

On October 2nd the members of the Whitburn C.B.S. held a confioed show (radius five miles). Nearly all the exhibits, which totalled over 100, hailed from Whitburn. The Border section was the outstanding feature, the two green classes especially, which is certainly a credit to such a small village. Seldom have we seen such classes and quality. Only three cards were awarded in each class, which was disappointing to many younger fanciers. The awards were made by Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate), and were well received. Mr. J. Forrest makes a very capable secretary, and was ably assisted by a strong staff of fanciers, composed of Messrs. Councillor Lambie, T. Duncan, W. Lambie, R. Lambie, A. Johnston, A. McLaren, T. Hamilton, W. Livingstone, R. Calder, A. Forrest, R. Whiteford, R. Clelland, and Messrs. Robb, Ramsay, and Easton. In the afternoon the show was well patronised, and everything passed off without a hitch.

CREST. OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, Forrest, 1st dark green Crest, good body feather, barely ready, will improve, 2 c.b. nice broad skull, fine brows, in good condition; 3, Councillor Lambie, another of "the same kidney." NOR. (5): 1, 2, Lambie, 1st cl. Buff, correct type, good condition, 2nd cl. yell., nice sweet head; 3, Robb, another of the same, presses hard. BORD., CL., ETC. (12): 1, Ramsay, cl. yell., full of quality, nice head and wings, graud carriage; 2, W. Lambie, another yell., ebases winner hard, requires time; 3, Forrest, beautiful tick, in lovely condition. BUFF (13): 1, R. Lambie, tick, one of the right stamp, romps home; 2, Forrest, cl., sweet head, nice close wings, good carriage, and feather; 3, Ramsay, another cl., very little between. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (15): 1, W. Lambie, little gem, full of colour, tight as wax, pencilling very distinct; 2nd, spl for best 2nd Canary in show, Forrest, dainty little damsel, in bonny condition, one that will take a bit of beating; 3, W. Lambie, barely so distinctly marked as winners, still, a good one. BUFF (15), another clinking class: 1, Forrest, first-rate condition, good quality, nice jaunty appearance; 2, Ramsay, equally good; 3, Hamilton, very typical Cion, nicely laced, fine colour, good third. A.O.V. (13): 1, W. Lambie, nice little uneven Buff, full of quality, pink of condition; 2, R. Lambie, another of the same stock, presses hard; 3, Clelland, evenly yell., well mkd., rich colour, not nearly ready. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Duncan, lovely little Siskin, well fed, nice deep cap, distinct bib, easy win; 2, 3, spl. for best 2nd Brit., Calder, 2nd house-moulted Twite, well tanned, nicely pencilled, steady, well staged, 3rd Wild Linnet, should make a good one. FINCH, A.O.S. (7): 1, Johnston, Bramble, teeming with colour, rather unsteady, being shown in an unsuitable cage; 2, Hamilton, Greenie, pale Buff, nice shape, in splendid bloom; 3 Easton, another Bramble, steady, fine condition. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Calder, Jonque Goldie-Can., well fed, good size, nice rich blaze; 2, Hamilton, Greenie-Can, Buff, barely ready; 3, Calder, another Goldie-Can., very small, nest feather.

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LOUGHBOROUGH AND DIS. C.B.A.

The first of a series of table shows was held at the Charnwood Coffee House on October 6th. Mr. Jefferys judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Bexon. BUFF: 1, Edwardes; 2, Foster; 3, Morris. Next show October 20th, when Mr. Sharpe will judge.—H. ONIONS, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly show held on October 9th at Bull's Head Hotel. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Halifax) gave every satisfaction as judge.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Robertshaw; 2, vhc, hc, Crossley Bros.; 3, c, Townsend. BUFF: 1, Crossley; 2, Townsend; 3, 4, vhc, c, Hulgh; hc, Crossley Bros. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, vhc, Haigh; 3, c, Crossley Bros.; 4, hc, Townsend. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wilbley; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Stobart; hc, c, Wild. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Wilbly; 3, E. Sutcliffe; 4, A. Sutcliffe; vhc, hc, Stobart. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Roberts; vhc, hc, c, Sunderland. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, 4, Lumb and Horsfall; 3, A. Sutcliffe. BRIT.: 1, 3, Radcliffe; 2, 4, Sunderland. There were about 70 birds shown, and the show was a success.—A. E. MORTON, secretary.

BRIMINGTON (Derby).

Sixth annual open show was held October 6th. The entries in the cage bird section were a little below last year's, but quality made up for this. Mr. Sylvester judged.

YORKS (Amalgamated) (9): 1, vhc, Goucher, head tkd. Buff, grand quality and colour, nice bird, wins; 2, Cooper, cl. Buff; 3rd, res, Turner, 3rd Cinn. tkd. yell. hen, ralher on small side, res. longer hen, grand feather and type; c, Barber. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 3, Ward, green mkd. yell. Nor., good colour, nice short tail and wings; res, Gregory, broken capped silver Liz. A.O.S. (3): 2, res, Milne, two beautiful Nightingales, in grand order; vhc, Stakely, lovely Thrush.

STAMFORD AND DISTRICT F.A.

Third members' show held at the Memorial Hall October 9th. There were only 29 entries on account of the bad breeding season and late moult, but the birds exhibited show an appreciative advance in quality upon last year's. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. (2): 1, withheld; 2, Woods, cl. buff, plenty of size, good colour, too long behind; 3, Ludlow, buff variegs., in good condition. YORKS. (7): 1, 2 spls, King, cl. buff, excellent type, good colour and shape; 2, King, cl. yell., plenty of length, good shape; 3, Harrison, cl. yell., grand body and stand; r, hc, King, cl. yell., wants more handling; vhc, Harrison; c, Sendall. A.O.V. (3): 1, Harrison, buff cinn., good sound eveu col., lovely quality feather; 2, Glithero, variegs. buff Goldfinch-Can., extra quality of feather, in pink of condition; 3, Grimes, broken cap Gold. Liz., plenty of size and work. NOR. (4): 1, Woods, variegs. buff, nice type, col., and feather; 2, 3, Woods, 2nd cl. buff, extra shape and col.; 3rd, good body, col. and feather; r, Glithero, wants time. YORKS. (7): 1, A. Harrison, cl. yell., grand feather and stand, very steady; 2, 3, A. Harrison, 2nd tkd. yell., lovely quality feather; 3rd, buff var. hen, very stylish and very steady; r, vhc, E. Harrison, cl. yell., good type and col., shows full; hc, c, Ludlow. A.V. 1909 (1): Grimes, B.C. Silver Liz., good col., well rowed, cage-moulted. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Glithero, Bramblefinch, plenty of size, in good feather; 2, 3, A. Harrison, 2nd Goldfinch, good bro: 1 head, well mooned; 3rd, Redpoll, housemoulted, shown in pink of condition; r, Sendall, Linnet; vhc, Grimes, Bullfinch. Mr. Barnes kindly gave a washing demonstration in the evening which was much appreciated.—A. W. LUDLOW, Sec.

OXFORD.

Annual show of the Oxford F.S. was held on Oct. 7th, in the Corn Exchange, a large, commodious, and well-lighted building, but not large enough for the record entry which necessitated the birds being staged in the gallery, where they were too crowded. However, the birds were well looked after by Messrs. Lees, White, Lewin, Gough, Sandwell, and Holloway. Several of the classes had to be cancelled through insufficient entries, while in a number of others there was a large entry. The best Norwich was undoubtedly Mr. Midgley's buff hen. The winner in the light Mule class was the old champion, a clear buff, who carries his age well, and to-day was looking quite youthful. In the same class was Mr. Lees' noted light Linnet Mule, who won the cup for the best Mule or Canary shown by a member. Mr. White was the winner of cup for the best Britisher, a very nice house-moulted Bullie. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Mrs. Jeacock, well-made bird, with good head, wings, and tail; 2, Dixon, lovely colour; 3, Jordan, very smart, nice quality; 4, Hall, tkd. on head, good quality; vhc, Carter. MKD., ETC.: Cancelled. NOR. HEN (10): 1, snl., Midgley, lovely buff, teeming with quality, rare size; 2, Lees, good yell., very smart, correct type; 3, Wilmot, well-made buff, tkd. on head, good colour; 4, Jordan, very nice tkd. yell.; vhc, hc, Lewin; c, Jeacock. UNFLIG. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, Dixon, typical bird, rich colour; 2, 4, hc, Lewin, 2nd wins spl. for second best members', good body properties, excellent quality, 4th shade smaller, in nice condition; 3, Gordon, another good quality bird; vhc, Carter; c, Holliday. YORK YELL. (13): 1, 4, Hawes Bros., 1st mkd. bird, nice length, full of nerve, grand pair of wings, nice pipe tail, 4th fine slim bird; 2, 3, Burton, 2nd excelleut cl., stands well, nice straight bird, good quality; vhc, c, Alford; hc, Woodley. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., slightly tkd. on head, very slim, clean cut, no trace of frill, rich col., 2nd tkd. on wing, grand head, full quality; 3, Woodley, cl., well drawn out, good shoulders; 4, Maisey, very nice except a slight frill, which tells against it; vhc, Burnard; hc, Burton; c, Holliday. CREST OR C.-B. (8): 1, 2, Smith, 1st lovely Crest, good front and back, round as a florin, 2nd green C.-B., nice skull, well lashed; 3, Mrs. Love, very fine quality cl. C.-B., with good head; 4, vhc, Fifield, lightly mkd. D.C., nicely made. A.O.V.: Cancelled. NOVICE (Limit £2) (16): 1, 4, Brooks, 1st nicely made cl. yell. Nor., correct type, 4th another good yell.; 2, 3, Eborn, couple of very good buff Yorks, straight and slim, well deserved positions; vhc, Cripps; hc, Holliday; c, Burborough. LIGHT MULE CAN.: 1, R. Bond, well-known cl. buff Goldfinch Mule, in fine condition, looking prime in his old age, the hero of many a stiff battle, still unconqucrable; 2, 3, hc, c, Lees, 2nd cup winner, very smart lightly mkd. Linnet Mule, in good form, 3rd really excellent four-pointed Goldfinch, choice exhibit; 4, R. Bond, head, neck, and wing mkd. Linnet in prime form; vhc, Cripps; hc, Holliday; c, Burhorongh. DARK (except Canary Bullfinch): 1, R. Bond, very nice, deep, rich-coloured Greenfinch Mule; 2, Gough, rare coloured Goldfinch, extra good blaze; 3, Edwards, very fine large Linnet, lovely colour; 4, Edwards, large Greenfinch, in excellent trim; vhc, Wilmot, smart Linnet Mule, rich plumage; hc, Lees; c, Hall. HYB: Cancelled. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 2, 4, White, 1st cup winner, excellent colour, nice size, in good condition, 2nd better head, but not so rich in plumage, will improve considerably; 3, Holliday, nice coloured bird, but weak in head properties; vhc, Miss Walker. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Herbert, very smart Finch, rare body colour, excellent blaze; 2, Wilmot, another lovely Finch, close up, also rich in colour, well-cut blaze; 3, Prior, another good one, must have been somewhat difficult to separate the first three; 4, Arnold, smart, smaller in blaze; vhc, Fellows; hc, White; c, Cripps. BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, Longdon, well known champion Bramble, looking better than ever, brilliantly-coloured; 2, hc, Prior, Chaffinch, in excellent plumage, good second; 3, Gay, fine large Bramble, but outclassed to-day; 4, Sandwell, smart Chaffinch in good plumage; vhc, Oliffe; c, Wilmot. GREENFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, 2, Bancroft, 1st very fine large colour-fed buff Greenfinch, 2nd beautifully pencilled Linnet; 3, hc, Longdon, bright coloured yell. Greenfinch; 4, Gay, rich in colour, well pencilled Linnet; vhc, Jordan; c, Poole. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Herbert, sweetly pretty mealy Redpoll, nicely pencilled; 2, Gay, very smart rich-coloured Lesser Redpoll; 3, Bancroft, colour-fed Siskin, nice dark cap, rich body colour; 4, vhc, White, excellent Mealy Redpoll, in good trim; hc, Clarke; c, Gough. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Prior, really very fine Hawfinch, polished like satin, well-formed bib; 2, Westley, good Hawfinch; 3, Spring, excellent Crossbill, put up in lovely coudition; 4, Baseley, good Yellow-hammer; vhc, Ball; hc, Fellows. Two Softbill and Novice classes cancelled. FOR. SMALL (8) 1, 3, 4, Mrs. Wilson, 1st very pretty Ruficauda, 3rd White Java, 4th rich-coloured Bishop, might have won; 2, Miss Trigilgas, handsome pair of White-headed Mannikins; vhc, Holliday. LARGE (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Holliday, 1st choice pair of Moustache Parrakeets, in excellent plumage, 2nd very good Grey Parrot; 3, Davies, grand Golden Conure; 4, Mrs. Marshall. SELL. £1 (7): 1, Oliffe; 2, Duggan; 3, Fellows; 4, Gough; vhc, Emery and Hathaway; hc, Lees; c, Holliday. 10s. (10): 1, c, Holliday; 2, Oliffe; 3, Wilmot; 4, Clarke; vhc, Ebron; hc, Jeacock. GIFT: 1, White, Lesser Redpoll; 2, Holliday; 3, Gough; 4, Spring; vhc, Lew.

ROCHESTER.

Held Oct. 7 and 8 in the New Corn Exchange, Rochester, one of the finest halls it is possible to desire, being lofty, grandly lighted, and very free from draughts. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. Herdman, is most efficient in the discharge of his duties, and courteous to all. He has the assistance of a practical and efficient committee, and the stewards —Messrs. Casemore, Hunt, and Wade, were most attentive to the wants and comfort of the birds. The entry was a good one, and the quality throughout quite above the average. The open special for best in the Classes 90 to 103 went to a typical unfighted Yorkshire, shown by Mr. C. Lockett. The open Mule and Hybrid special fell to Mr. Acland, who also took the members' cup with a magnificent Hawfinch. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfactiou. A notable feature of the show was the keen competition in one class, between no fewer than four Missel Thrushes. Mr. Acland's old winner, had this year to play second fiddle to a splendid specimen shown by Mr. J. G. Wade, and strange to say, we heard that this bird was sold to its present owner by Mr. Aclaud.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 2, Gibbs, plenty of substance, rare colour, nice quality, trifle loose, yet, on flights, wants bracing up; res, Taylor; vhc, Holland. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Hills, grand type and undercolour, neat head, nice short wings and tail, fine quality; 2, Gooding, typical body, nice chest, short flights and tail; 3, Wade, very neat and full of quality, rare under-colour; vhc, Bareham; hc, Jordan; c, Taylor. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 2, Gibbs, lovely quality rich colour, rare type; res, Acland; vhc, Jordan. BUFF (7): 1, Kew, rattling bird, of great substance, the right sort of feather, fine head, and grips its perches well; 3, Martin, grand body, soft, bloomy feather, a trifle free yet; res, Jordan; vhc, 2 spls, Acland; hc, Wade; c, Kew. UNFLI. (11): 1, Gibbs, buff, very thick crest, full of quality, rich in colour, short legs, flights and tail; 2, Jeffrey, yellow, grand shape, lovely colour, silky feather, needs a little time; 3, Gooding, buff, grand type, lovely quality, not quite bold enough in head for body, but very sweet; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Jordan; c, Gooding. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Gibbs, plenty of length, nice quality, clips its wings well, full of nerve, nice all through; 3, Shiers, nice enough in style, not so compact in feather, which spoils its finish; res, Reeve; vhc, Mole; hc, c, Wheeler. CL. BUFF (7): 1, Gibbs, very stylish and pretty, stands well up, nicely cleaned out, plenty of leg, neat in head; 3, Taylor, good length, and quality, stands well; res, Lockett; vhc, Mole; hc, Andrews; c, Wheeler. TKD. ETC. (6): 1, 3, Gibbs, both yellows, the former of good length, rare style, beautiful feather, head and position; the latter not quite so stylish, but good; res, vhc, Wheeler; hc, Taylor; c, Mole. HEN (10): 1, 3, Gibbs, leader yellow, finely drawn, goes up well, rich quality of feather, nice head, waist and thigh; 3rd, buff, nice pose, trifle stiffer, good feather; 2, Reeve, ticked buff, very stylish in pose and action, rare quality; vhc, Lockett; hc, Abbott; c, Taylor. UNFLI. (10): 1, spl, Lockett, gem, close as wax, lovely colour, straight back, well braced wings, rare waist, and plenty behind the leg; 2, Taylor, very good feather, trifle stronger in build; 3, Mole, another close feathered bird of nice position; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gibbs; c, Reeve. NOR., NOVICE (18): 1, 2, Brimhill, leader buff, good shape and fine quality; 2nd, yellow, good quality; 3, Woodcock, good size, shape, and feather, hardly enough polish; res, Hunt; vhc, c, Smith; hc, Woodcock. CANARY MULE (Amalgamated) (8): 1, spl, Acland, Greenfinch Canary, in good feather, nice col.; 2, Casemore, buff, dark Goldfinch-Can., fine face when up, nice size needs time; 3, Parsons, Cin.-Greenfinch-Can., good size, very pale col.; vhc, Ward; hc, Chandler; c, Hills. HYBRIDS (4): 2, Parsons, Redpoll-Goldie, rich col., in lovely feather; 3, res, spl, Casemore, both Goldie-Greenies, one with size and face, the other better body col.; vhc, Acland. A.O.V. (6): 1, Gibbs; 3, Gorringe; vhc, Gorringe; hc, Woodcock; c, Gooding. SELL. 20s. (5): 2, Kew; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Thompson; c, Woodcock. 10s. (9): 1, Bareham; 2, Thompson; 3, Casemore; vhc, Acland; hc, Taylor; c, Chandler. LINNET (5): 2, Wickham, steady aa a rock, nicely marked, not yet full in colour; 3, Harris, larger, deeper in colour, but a bit slack in feather; vhc, Pankhurst; hc, Harris; c, Wade. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, c, Pankhurst, the leader nicely marked, rich coloured Twite; 2, 3, Wade, very smart Siskin and a Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Forrester; hc, Bade. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Wickham, grand Greenie and nice Goldie respectively, neither yet at its full best; vhc, Acland; hc, Webb. A.O.V. FINCH (11): 1, and cup, Acland, a topping Hawfinch, in fine feather; 2, Brett, lovely Chaffinch, beautifully marked, very steady, and richly sheened; 3, Acland, bonny Brambling, said to be 6 years old; a credit to its owner; vhc, Wickham; hc, Webb; c, Forrester. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 2, Heritage; 3, Brett; vhc, hc, Webb. LARGE (9): 1, 3, Wade, splendid Missel Thrush, clear and distinct spots on rich ground colour, very steady; 2, Acland, ditto, loses a little in colour; vhc, Webb; hc, Kimber. SELL. (12/6) (1): vhc, Brett. STOCK CLASS (1): vhc, Hills. FOR. (5): 2, Harris, beautiful Redheaded Gouldian; 3, hc, Bobbing, Waxbills; vhc, spl, Wade, Whydahs. GIFT (1): vhc, Robinson.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Members' show held October 9th at St. George's Schools. The entries reached the grand total of 209. Mr. W. Richmond judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe. TKD. (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrer; vhc, Duncan. HEN (14): 1, McDade; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Hall; 4, vhc, Farrar; hc, c, Fowler. BUFF CL. (6): 1, Farrar; 2, 3, vhc, Chew and Stokoe; 4, Smith; hc, Hall. TKD. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Chew and Stokoe; 4, hc, Smith; c, Farrar. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Chew and Stokoe; 4, Hall; vhc, Buckley; hc, McDade. YELL., 1909 (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; 4, Farrar; vhc, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrar; 3, c, Smith; 4, Johnson. NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (7): 1, Hall; 2, vhc, Mennard; 3, hc, Chambers; 4, Guest; c, R. Owen. HEN (4): 1, 4, Mennard; 2, Guest; 3, Triffitt. BUFF CL., ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Mennard; 2, Woof; 3, Triffitt; 4, Guest. HEN (10): 1, Johnson; 2, Woof; 3, Chambers; 4, Hall; vhc, hc, Triffith; c, Wilson. YELL., 1909 (4): 1, Mennard; 2, Guest; 3, Triffitt; 4, Chambers. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Guest; 3, hc, Johnson; 4, Chambers; vhc, Triffitt; c, Mennard. BORD. FCY. (2): 1, 2, Medley. GREEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Leo Smith. LINNET (11): 1 3, c, Duncan, junr.; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Owen. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Owen; 2, 3, c, Duncan, junr. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Dews. NOVICE.—YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Buckley; 2, Bennett; 3, Fowler. 1909 (7): 1, 4, c, Fowler; 2, 3, Buckley; vhc, hc, J. Smitb. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Fowler; 2, 3, 4, Buckley; vhc, Bennett; c, Newby. 1909 (12): 1, Fowler; 2, hc, Brusby; 3, Dews; vhc, c, Harland. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, McMillan; 3, Brusby; 4, vhc, Tose; vhc, Robbins; c, Owen. 1909 (6): 1, 4, Tose; 2, Moir; 3, McMillan; vhc, Robbius; hc, Medley. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Medley; 2, 3, Tose; 4, Benge; vhc, Harland; c, Brusby. 1909 (15): 1, Moir; 2, Medley; 3, Tose; 4, hc, c, Benge; vbc, McMillan.—J. CHAMBERS, hon. secretary.

GLASGOW (Albion Thistle).

Annual exhibition of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries held in the Mid-City Hall on October 9th. Prosident, Mr. J. McIlwain; vice-president, Mr. Wm. Gray; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Wm. Barrie; committee, Messrs. T. Todd, Thos. Thomson, J. Stewart, J. Knox, A. McDonald, Renfrew, J. McFarlane, J. Mair, J. Smith, G. McIlhenny, etc. Judges for Scotch, Messrs. James Watson (Glasgow), A. Allerdice (Overtown). The exhibits were a creditable show, several Derby winners being staged. Considering the troubled times the club has just passed through, to-day's show gave ample proof that the present members are putting forth every effort to make it second to none. Visitors turned out in large numbers, and many prominent breeders were noticed in the hall. It was very pleasing to see so many ladies present. Secretary Barrie and his committee had everything in trim order. Mr. W. Gray's foul Buff bird was winner of the blue ribbon, cup winner, and best bird in the hall. Mr. J. McIlwain was a good second with a nice clean Buff cock. Awards seemed to give allround satisfaction. Bailie Rae (who was accompanied by his lady) gave a very interesting speech, wishing the club every success. Mrs. Rae thereafter presented the prizes to the winners.

S.F. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Smith, nice head, good reach, good drive, tail well in, nice long side; 2, Nairn and McFarlane, rare substance and length, fine worker; 3, McIlhenny. BUFF (8): 1, 3, J. A. Stewart, 1st plenty of substance, fine head and neck, good top end, smart shape, 3rd neat head, good neck, tail well in; 2, spl, McIlwain, best 2nd in hall, rare position, fine drive, grand length of side, good wings, top worker; 4, spl, Smith, smart, grand size, nice depth, through; 5, Graham; 6, McIlhenny; 7, McFarlane. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, 2, 5, Nairn and McFarlane, 1st grand size, and depth through, fine style, tail well under, 2nd fine top end, nice length, quick action, good shoulders and pose; 3, McIlhenny, plenty of substance, good drive, nice grip of spar; 4, J. Pollock, good worker. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Pollock, 1st rare depth and size, long wing, tail well under, nice mover, 2nd rare top end and length; 3, Nairn and McFarlane, grand bead and reach. FOUL BUFF (7): 1 spl, spl, 2, Gray, cup bird and best bird in hall, fine style, plenty of reach, good wings, hard up, 2nd fine depth through, decided drive; 3, 4, Stewart, 3rd good body, nice wings and tail, shade stiff; 4th fair size and good drive; 5, Smith; 6, 7, McIlwain. GREEN (8): 1, 3, 4, 5, Nairn and McFarlane, 1st fair size, neat head, nice reach and shoulders, 3rd good size, nice shoulders and length of wing; 2, McIlwain, grand worker, nice top end, very smart; 6, Pollick. CL. YELL. HENS (8): 1 spl, 6, McIlwain, best hen in ball, grand head, good length of neck, nice shoulders, fine depth through, grand back, tail nicely under; 2, Nairn and McFarlane, nice size and substance, fine free action; 3, spl 4, Smith, grand style, neat head and fine reach; 5, Stewart; 6, McIlwain; 7, Gray. BUFF (6): 1, 2, McIlhenny, 1st fine size and substance, grand top end, good wings, 2nd fine style, lacks substance to 1st, good droop; 3, Nairn and McFarlane, not quite so free in head and neck, nice depth through; 4, McIlwain; 5, Smith; 6, Renfrew. YELL. PIED HENS (5): 1, 4, Nairn and McFarlane, 1st neat head, good drive and shape; 2, 3, Pollock, 2nd hardly as thick through, good drive, head well down, fine shoulders, 3rd good circle and drive. BUFF (6): 1, Renfrew, grand substance, neat head, good drive; 2, 3, 5, Pollock, 2nd nice free action and pose, 3rd shade plain to second, good worker; 4, 6, Nairn and McFarlane, 4th nice long h good drive, shade thin. FOUL HENS (4): 1, 3 McIlwain, 1st nice reach, neat head and length of side, good top end, 3rd plenty of size and reach; 2, McIlhenny, nice size and free action, neat head; 4, Pollock, nice worker, good bird. GREEN (6): 1, 3, Nairn and McFarlane, 1st nice and hard up, fine pose, 3rd plenty of depth through, good reach; 2, 4, McIlhenny, 2nd very close on 1st, little to choose between them; 5, Pollock. OLD PAIRS (5): 1, McIlwain; 2, Gray; 3, 4, Knox; 5, Stewart.

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SELKIRKSHIRE.

The 21st exhibition of the Selkirk Ornithological F.A., was held in the Union Hall, Selkirk, on Oct. 9th. The President is Mr. R. Thomson; vice-president, Mr. W. B. Thomson; secretary, Mr. Jas. Robertson; assist. secretary, and treasurer, Mr. A. Gill; auditors, Messrs. Dickson and Thomson; managing committee, Messrs. Thomson, Reid, Rodger, Graham, Imrie, Linton, Hogg, Philips, Watson, Mark, Deans, and Brown. This society is composed of good and keen fanciers, who have worked together well in trying to keep this show going from year to year, and they well deserve the record entry which they obtained in the Cage Bird sections. The display was splendid; the total entry being 307. In fact, there was no spare room left in the hall, and we hope this society may again take rank amongst the best, especially in Border Fancies. Breeders of this variety in this town in former years could hold their own well against all comers. So, buck up again, ye Selkirk Border men. The Borders, as usual, were the special feature of the show, and it was simply marvellous to see so many good ones so well moulted and fit so early in the season. Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream) had the honour of securing his first B.F.C. medal for the season with a very finely staged yellow cock. Grand birds were staged by Messrs. Wilson, Shearer, Tait, Arnot, and Jamieson, Thomson and McKenzie, while Mr. R. Lambie secured the B.F.C. Novice medal with a very neat yell. foul cock. The two Norwich Plainhead classes contained some very special exhibits, many well-known winners here having to give way. Some were hardly up to concert pitch yet, and may alter the placings a bit when ready. The yell. cock shown by Mr. Wilson is a real hot 'un, and no mistake. The first yell. hen shown by that keen exhibitor, Mr. Cameron, is a well-known winner, and with a few weeks over her head, should hold her own in the very best of company. The display of Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, was very fine. The management of the show was admirably carried out by the energetic secretary, Mr. James Robertson, and he was ably assisted by his committee. Mr. Henry Bennet (Kelso) had all classes to judge, and they gave him a good day's work.

The Critique.

BORD. CL. OR TICK YELL. CK. (24): 1, B.F.C. medal, Gilchrist, very finely drawn body, excellent colour, free, jaunty carriage, wins well; 2, 5, McKenzie, former fine level colour, good pose, finely drawn, showing more thigh than winner; 3rd, B.F.C. novice medal, Lambie, sweetly moulded body, A 1 colour, wee bit unsteady; 4, Wilson, similar type as winner, very rich colour, neat head and wings, bit wild; 6, Halliday; 7, Watson. YELL. HEN (23): 1, Wilson, gem for quality and style, free and jaunty, lovely colour; 2, 4, Patterson, former excelling in head, rare filled back, only failing to winner in density of colour; 4th, similar type; 3, Connochie, very taking lady, in lovely bloom, nothing behind winners; 5, Hopgood; 6, Bickerstaff; 7, Gilchrist. BUFF CK., CL. OR TK. (33): Hot class, a large percentage of good ones not ready yet; 1, Wilson, again leading with a marvel for feather, neat round head, well filled back and front, wins well; 2, Gilchrist, slightly heavier built, full round head, well moulded body, only beat in mealy feathering; 3, McKenzie, smaller, very fine colour, best of head, lovely front, only fails to winners in back; 4, Tait, another grand one for quality and shape, tick. head, just a bit unsteady; 5, Watson; 6, Linton; 7, Rodger. BUFF HEN (32): 1, Gilchrist, gem, neat, jaunty carriage, very fine head, back and chest, easy win; 2, Tait, similar in make, very neat wings and tail, not so steady; 3, Watson, neatly drawn body, close tail, hardly so well finished; 4, Wilson, sweet rounded head and front; 5, Robertson; 6, Patterson; 7, Gentleman. EVEN MARK. (15): Good class, but only about 5 birds fit; 1, Shearer, nicely balanced markings, buff, eyes, well tapered, grand feather; 2, Aitchison, buff, also, good wings, eyes rather heavier, good type and feather; 3, Connochie, yellow, good markings, sonnd body colour; 4, 7, Robertson, former cinn. mark, well rounded body heavier in markings, not ready yet; 5, Murray; 6, Aitken. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, McKenzie, beauty for style and feather, taking markings, wins well; 2, Vay, var., A1 make, grand head, well set wings; 3, Johnstone, good 3-pointed, slimmer in build, hardly up in bloom yet; 4, Watt and Storrie, very taking var.; 5, Cubley; 6, Gibson; 7, Torrie. BUFF (24): Another strong class, 1st, Tait lovely 3-pointed, type of the best, grand feather, shade pale in colour; 2, Gilchrist, grand var., good head, full front, and well filled back; 3, Wilson, similar type, grand feather, not so steady; 4, McLevy, 3-pointed, very neat shape; 5, Harrinson; 6, Johnstone; 7, Watt, and Storrie. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (19): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, the old firm still holding their own in this variety, good exhibit, in lovely bloom, well pencilled, rich, grassy green; 2, Thomson, looks like last season's West of Scotland winner, shade heavier body, very deeply pencilled, sound colour; 3, Murray, very finely drawn body, well pencilled; 4, Bickerstaff, similar build, also grand in pencilling; 5, Amos; 6, Harrinson; 7, Lambie. BUFF (18): 1, Thomson, lovely type, good sound under-colour, well pencilled; 2, Phillips, also grand type, heavy pencillings, wee bit paler in undercolour; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, good coloured Cinn.; 4, Forrest, well pencilled buff Green; 5, 7, Watson; 6, Murray. SELL. (21): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Montgomery; 3, Haig; 4, Blaikie; 5, Linton; 6, Harrinson; 7, Johnstone. NOR. CK. (22): Grand class, 1st and spl, Wilson, real beauty, excelling in feather, good head, well rounded body, regular blaze of colour; 2, Cameron, another grand one for type, well rounded chest, splendid wing carriage, only falls in colour to winner; 3, Gill, rich mealy Buff, neat, short body, feather well frosted; 4, Nisbet, Yell., well up in colour, very full chest; 5, Lugton; 6, Gardiner, not ready yet; 7, Lawson. HEN (18): 1, Cameron, well known winner, yell., full of quality, full round head, neat wings; 2, Watt and Storrie, Yell. tick, very chubby, short flights and tail; 3, Hughes, buff, of grand quality; 4, 7, Gardiner, former almost even mark, not so stoutly built as winners; 5, Wilson; 6, Lugton. DARK MULE (9): 1, spl, 4, 7, Gill, two good Yell. Goldies, fine length, hot colour; 2, Laidlaw, very neat Siskin, well laced, rich colour; 3, Henderson, large Linnet, bit unsteady; 5, Gentleman; 6, Dryden. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Hoyle, best in body and wing bars, lovely moonings; 2, Brown; 3, Beattie. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Laidlaw, Hen, well cut cap, wings and back well marked, souud colour; 2, Robson and Oliver, cock, lovely breast colour, but not well marked wing bars. HARDBILL (12): 1, 6, Simpson, his well known Hawfinch, in splendid feather; 2, Laidlaw, grandly coloured Yellowhammer; 3, Polson, Bramblefinch in rare glossy feather; 4, Brown, neat Siskin; 5, Morrison; 7, Butler. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 4, Laidlaw, winner grandly feathered Gray Wagtail; 2, Hoyle, yell. Wagtail, lovely feather, but unsteady; 3, Henderson; 5, Innes; 6, Paterson. FOREIGN: 1, 3, McWilliam, well feathered Forsteins Lorrikeet; 2, 4, Watson; 5, Hoyle; 6, Mark. Other special prize winners were Messrs. Lambie (3rd Border), Tait (best 4th), Tait (best even or uneven), Bickerstaff, Gilchrist, and Laidlaw. Mr. A. Gill won Hyde's spl.

Some Thoughts on - - - - Cinnamon Breeding.

By THOS. POPE.

As a great admirer of the Cinnamon Canary, it seems a pity to me that the classes for this variety usually fill so badly at shows. There appears to be no recognised centre where the variety is kept in large numbers, as is the case with the Norwich, Crest, Yorkshire, and other varieties. I think if the Cinnamon could once begin to become more popular it would hold its own, and to me it is the most fascinating of the Canary tribe.

Commencing in the Fancy.

Those who take up the hobby of Canary breeding must have a love of birds in general thoroughly ingrained in their nature, and in many cases I have found that Canary fanciers have in times past kept pigeons or fowls, and perhaps owing to want of room, have been compelled to give up the "larger fowl," and, to fill the "aching void," have started with a pair or so of Canaries (kept probably in the kitchen or other room of their house), and, as is almost invariably the case, good luck has attended their efforts with the "commons," and it only required a sight of a friend's bird-room and prize stock to start these people in the cage bird Fancy. If any particular variety is largely kept in the district in which the newcomer resides it generally follows that they will take up that variety, at any rate at first, and probably one is well advised in doing so, as he will certainly get a better insight into the points necessary to breed for in that particular variety. This, I thing, is a great factor in determining the popularity of any particular breed, and as I mentioned at the beginning, I am of opinion that if the Cinnamon were once kept in a given district, as the Norwich is in several parts of the country, we should soon see a better entry at shows.

Here (in Devonshire) the Cinnamon has not made much headway, but classes in some of the Cornish shows during the past season or two have been distinctly on the upgrade, and I am well aware that a few years ago Cornwall could boast of some tip-top specimens of the variety, and could almost be called a Cinnamon centre. May it be revived in the near future.

The Cinnamon Peculiarities.

Like many others, my first attempt in the Fancy was Mule breeding, and my liking for Cinnamons first arose from a desire to breed a Cinnamon dark Mule, and the method that suggested itself to my mind was that of pairing a Goldfinch cock with a yellow Cinnamon hen, and I was somewhat astonished on enquiry of a prominent Mule breeder in my neighbourhood to be told that to produce a Cinnamon Mule the cock Cinnamon Canary must be used.

This led me to gather all information I could from CAGE BIRDS and from other sources, and I found the fact verified, and these peculiarities of Cinnamon blood gave added zest to my liking for the Cinnamon Canary.

During the last three or four years, with a small stud of Cinnamons, I have proved that to breed a cock Cinnamon, both birds must have Cinnamon blood in them, and that the produce of a Cinnamon cock and a Norwich hen without Cinnamon blood is green cocks and Cinnamon hens, and also that a Cinnamon hen, mated with a cock that has not Cinnamon blood, throws no Cinnamon youngsters.

Last season I purchased a yellow green Norwich cock bird, which had been procured from a prominent Norwich breeder by one of the fanciers in my district to improve the colour of his Norwich stock. He paired it to a buff Norwich hen, and the produce was a Cinnamon and a yellow Green. When the old cock came into my possession I paired him to a buff Cinnamon hen, and bred two youngsters, viz., one Cinnamon, and one Green hen.

What is the Ideal Cinnamon?

Amongst all the beautiful pictures which CAGE BIRDS has published from time to time of our prize Canaries, the Cinnamon Club Model, published some few years ago, holds a very high place in my esteem, but I have often wondered if it is possible to breed a bird as this appears to be, without any shading on the back; or is it an ideal to which Cinnamon fanciers must breed up to?

In my endeavour to gather knowledge from the writings of experts, I found that some years ago, when the craze for size was general throughout the Canary Fancy, the Lancashire Canary was chiefly used with the Cinnamon to this end, and one prominent writer gives his opinion that whilst gain is certain in size, the loss of colour is very great, and that the Cinnamon loses considerably in stamina, the Lancashire being closely allied to the Dutch Canary, a bird notoriously of delicate constitution.

During the last few years two fanciers in this district have started a few pairs of Cinnamons, and in conversation I gathered that both thought the present day bird somewhat inclined to be easily upset, and not by any means easy to keep in health, nor yet particularly prolific. I must say that in comparison with the West of England strain of Norwich, I have come to the conclusion that there are good grounds for this opinion.

I have found that I can rarely get more than one nest from each hen. They either do not lay again or else refuse to feed. I have a Buff cock-bird, now over four years old, which won three first prizes last year, and is better than ever before, but I could not get him as a youngster to feed himself, even at five weeks old, and on the off-chance I put him in with a hen that had three Mules about fifteen days old. She luckily fed him with the rest, and even then the Mules could feed themselves first.

Size Not Everything.

Personally, I must admit I have a great partiality for "a good, big 'un," in whatsoever live stock it may be. Not that size is everything, but it should always be accounted for extra merit, other things being equal, and even more than that; and if the crosses used by our forerunners in the Fancy have left behind something that we would rather be without, I think it is very evident, especially in the present-day Cinnamon, that it is quite possible to get a good-coloured, big bird.

I remember hearing a little while ago rather an unusual objection to the Cinnamon, viz., that the colour was not to the fancy of people wanting a singing bird, and consequently the wasters were practically of no value at all. Well, that may be, but I rather think that to those who thoroughly take up the variety and get hold of the proper fascination, so to speak, of its peculiarities, this will weigh very lightly in the balance.

In conclusion, I can but express again my desire that the Cinnamon Canary may be kept by more fanciers, and that we may see more people, not only exhibiting, but winning on the show bench.

There are one or two successful Cinnamon exhibitors. Can it be that their very great successes act as a deterrent to the other would-be exhibitors? One cannot blame anyone for winning all that is to be won, but it is no good to any variety of stock when all the best birds are in the hands of the few.

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Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from Page 163.)

My Crimson Wings: (Continued)

Crimson Wings have very seldom been successfully bred, and therefore I felt pardonably proud of my babies, though of course not so elevated as I should have been if, like Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, "I had been the first to burst into that silent sea." Still, to breed any sort of Parrakeet is always rather a difficult achievement, unless it be a Budgerigar or a Cockatiel.

Crimson Wings are rather rare. It is a long while since I have seen any offered. Occasionally you can get hold of a cock, as they are often kept for exhibition purposes, but a hen is a rare bird to secure. They are fairly large birds, and square in build. The cock is some 12ins. long, the tail being broad and square. The head and underparts are a beautiful vivid green, the back a rich velvety black, and the whole of the wing coverts deep crimson, hence the name Blood Wings. The principal wing feathers are dark green, and also those of the tail, but the ends are tinged with yellow. The underside of the wings are blue. The beak is red and the feet light brown. The hen is perfectly easy to tell, her body is deep green, merging to yellow under the tail, and she has no black velvet mantle.

It should be remembered that to breed Crimson Wings, or, indeed, any Parrakeet, it is absolutely essential to give a regular supply of green food; by choice, ripe groundsel and flowering grass. Crimson Wings are also very fond of mealworms, and especially when they have young. They take them in their claws and eat them piecemeal, just as we should shrimps, and I believe that my success in rearing was very largely due to the use of these insects. I quite think that in Australia the Crimson Wings feed their young very largely with the big fat maggots that lie in the rotten logs. The eggs are white and very rounded, and about the size of a small pigeon's.

As regards food they are very easy to provide for, for all they require is Canary seed, hemp and millet. They are big, strong-beaked birds, and therefore somewhat difficult to handle. The best way is to get hold of them behind the head, and then if held firmly they are quite helpless. It is quite easy to do, if you only have a little courage, but it is well to remember in parrot catching that everything depends on who gets hold first.

As I looked at the baby Bloodwings I felt inordinately proud, and I felt inclined to echo the historic remark of Mrs. Gamp over the cucumber: "I don't believe a finer cowcumber was ever growed; I'm sure I never see one."

And now I will end with a little story of Lord Beaconsfield. One day a friend asked the aged statesman to give his little son a bit of advice that he would always remember. Disraeli called the lad to his knee and said: "My dear young friend, your good papa has asked me to give you a word of counsel which may be of service to you when you come to man's estate. Never ask who wrote the letters of Junius or on which side of Whitehall Charles I. was beheaded, for if you do either, you will be considered a bore, and that is—well, something too dreadful for you at your tender years to conceive." As I don't want to be considered a bore, I will stop.

Chap. XXXIV.—My Bib Finches.

Love of birds is born in some men like poetry or a pretty taste in claret. It was born in me. As most of my readers know by this time I am very weak where birds are concerned, and a new and strange variety offers an attraction which I find it impossible to resist. Unfortunately for my purse, novelties are always coming my way. As sure as ever I go to a bird shop I see some bird I never saw before, and which I think I shall never see again, unless I buy it incontinent.

Many, many years ago I was in a bird-shop that shall be nameless, when on a dark shelf I saw a cageful of little birds that seemed strangely unfamiliar. They were sitting in the most fascinating way in a long row, and they all looked as like as two peas. I asked what they were, and was told "Bibfinches, from Madagascar." I asked if I might go behind the counter and examine them more nearly, and at once received a courteous permission. I don't know how long I spent in front of that cage. The owner of the shop probably thought I was a "little bit off," as we say here; but if he could have seen inside me, he would have discovered that there was method in my seeming madness.

I was only trying to discover the distinguishing marks of cock and hen. Take twenty peas and try to differentiate them, and you will have some idea of my difficulties. The longer I looked the more puzzled I became.

After a long and weary watch, I at last selected six which I thought might contain some of either sex. I went mostly by size. Some seemed a little stouter than others, but then even these had an aggravating way of pulling themselves together and looking quite slim. Next I tried the beaks, but all seemed to be equally thick. Thirdly, I tried the bib, but here again I found that the same bird by a little manipulation of his breathing apparatus, could enlarge or reduce his bib apparently at will. The only way I felt to be sure of a pair was to buy half-a-dozen, and this I accordingly did, and as the price was not very heavy, seven and sixpence the pair, I felt my purse might survive the shock. At any rate, it had to.

The time when I came across my Bibs was winter, and they came out of a hot shop. I saw, therefore, that it would not do to play any pranks with them. I carried them home, and put them into a nice-sized box cage, in a dwelling-room, and took the precaution to provide them with sleeping accommodation in the shape of several snug little boxes, lined with hay. They showed their appreciation of my thoughtfulness by instantly popping into them, and sitting side by side with their heads peeping out in the most fascinating manner. They seemed very frugal little creatures, as their only need seemed to be millet and water. They were very, very active, and popped about like mice. In size they are very tiny, and snuff-coloured with blue beaks, dark eye marks, greyish mottled heads, black bibs, and rather lighter underparts, finished off with a most absurd and pert little tail.

At the time of which I am writing, Bibfinches were a distinct novelty, and accordingly I felt exceedingly proud of my new purchases. For the moment I had something which my neighbour had never seen; but then comes the question, how long will this last? Has the King, has Mr. Pierpont Morgan, had Madam Humbert a something which nobody else will ever have? Is there any single household anywhere that can really laugh at the Tenth Commandment?

Since that happy day, there have been several importations of Bibfinches, and they are now comparatively common. I was in a state of feverish excitement, as I wanted to be the very first to breed Bibfinches in England, and to do this with any species of bird, you now have to be particularly spry. It is undoubtedly the early bird that catches the worm, so far as bird-breeding is concerned. You never can tell what somebody else may be doing.

I had not had my birds a fortnight before I saw that something was wrong with one of them, and as I gazed upon "it,"—for I did not know the sex—the question of Mr. John Fisker, journeyman carpenter, came back to me; he, when he saw the bust of Voltaire in the Cambridge Library asked, "Kinder sickly like, war'nt he?—certainly looked kinder sickly like." My poor little friend was unhappy, and also looked sickly-like, and a few mornings later I found that he had gone to seek a climate more like Jamaica than England in winter. My chances were reduced by one, and we were like the little niggers of old:—

"One kicked the bucket,
And then there were five."

(To be continued.)

My Three Favourite British Birds.

A Lecture by Mr. E. HOUGHTON before the Stockton Heath and Dist. O.S. on Sept. 16.

It gives me very great pleasure in being asked to give you a paper on British birds, and I hope that if I don't quite agree with you all, you won't handle me too severely. I may tell you that you have not very far to go from here before you come into touch with the trio of birds which I am going to speak of to-night.

The Handsome Bullfinch.

The Bullfinch is one of our most handsome Britishers. When you have obtained a good specimen, the great thing is to keep him in that lovely condition, which is essential to winning in keen competition. If you wish to keep him in that condition you must remember that Bullie is a fruit or berry eater as well as a seedeater, and you must therefore give him a good supply of his natural colour-food in the way of berries.

The blackberry is full of colouring matter, the juice being the same colour as the breast of the Bullfinch. The privet berry is also a strong colouring agent, the purple-black juice being just the colour required to intensify the black of the head, tail and wings. That these juices have strong colouring powers can be seen by the excrement which is strongly tinged when the birds have been feeding on the berries. It is no use giving them a few occasionally as a luxury, they must have as many as they will eat.

It will be noticed that the berries have a tendency to scour the birds, and to counteract this they must be given a good supply of the best Spanish Canary seed, and crushed sunflower seed, which will keep them in good condition.

Moulted birds are generally larger and in finer feather, through not having to withstand the rigours of our climate. So what they require is to be treated and fed as nearly like the birds would feed in nature as possible, and you will then have size, quality, condition and colour in the birds, and also that gloss and brilliancy one finds absent in Bullfinches fed entirely on dry seeds.

The Yellow Bunting.

The Yellow Bunting or Yellow Hammer is another very pretty species of British birds, and the best to select for the purposes of exhibiting are those two or three years old, as they are then in full colour, and showing more golden yellow than the younger birds. Choose one that is brilliant in yellow colour, and well defined in its dark markings on head, cheeks and back. The body feathers should be of good quality and like wax, and the wing and tail feathers should be in perfect order.

The ideal head mark is V shaped, commencing at the beak and spreading out on the back, the skull being clean in the centre. The bird should be perfectly steady and in good health and condition.

I find that the following keeps them in good plumage and condition: best Spanish Canary seed and a little crushed hemp seed, and a few mealworms and ants' eggs, with plenty of water to bath in.

The Best All-round Finch.

Greypates, in my opinion, make the best all round Finches, and you have always a chance of moulting out a good one or two if you can get in touch with and accompany the catcher, so that you can make your own selection before the birds get into the dealer's hands. On getting them home you must remember that they have been feeding on soft immature wild seeds. I have found it a very good plan to turn them into a good-sized flight cage, with plenty of sand on the floor inside the cage, along the front, so as to be near the light.

Place two saucers in, one containing cracked hemp seed and the other teazel seed, not forgetting a fresh supply of fresh water. You can place the seed boxes on, and as soon as the birds begin to feed from it in the course of a day or so you can cage them off one by one with a view to steadying them before the first full cage moult.

I will now try to give you the show points. Good size in a bird is to be preferred, and one that gets well up, stands straight on his legs, and is bold and graceful in his carriage, and not a squatty and sulky bird. The head should be long, sleek and well formed. The bill should be long, massive and straight, and the red face broad and expansive, square cut and (not round) deep and rich in colour. The white on the cheeks and breast should not be too pale, but show a faint brown tinge. The collar should be intense in blackness, and the bars on wings should be of a rich golden yellow. The black feathers in the wings and tail should resemble ebony, with spots and moons of pure white showing distinctly. The back and sides of the breast should be a rich bright brown, the breast and near vent of a rich chesnut, and the legs and beak in house-moulted birds white.

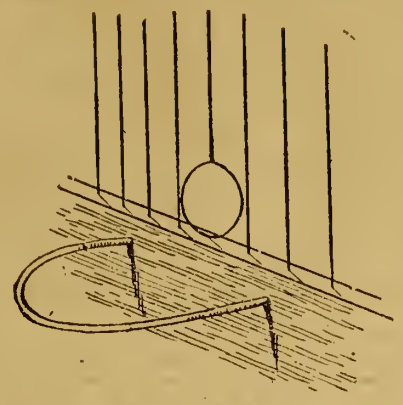
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No. 352.
An Inside Perch for Seed Hoppers.

Sent by Mr. P. Ryan, 23, Lower Kelvin Street, Dublin.

Instead of the cross-bar generally used inside the breeding cage for birds to feed from (which is rather troublesome to clean), I bore two holes in the bottom cross-bar 1in. from the top edge



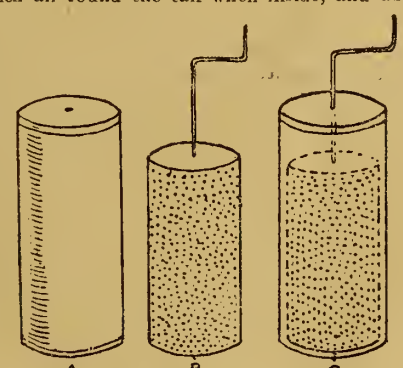
An Inside Perch.

and 2¾ins. apart. I then cross-cut a piece of cane, about 4½ins. long, and bend round and put into the holes bored for same. This can be taken out any time and cleaned with the greatest ease.—P. RYAN.

No. 353.
An Easily-made Seed Crusher.

Sent by Mr. F. Buxton, 70, Ellison Street, Sheffield.

The enclosed sketch shows a cheap and easily made seed-crusher. All that is required is an ordinary round coffee or cocoa can with a hole knocked in the centre of the lid and bottom (see Fig. A), and a crusher (Fig. B), made as follows: Get a round piece of wood thick enough to leave a space of about an 8th of an inch all round the can when inside, and about



A Simple Seed Crusher.

three parts the length of the can; nail round this a piece of tin with holes punched in like a 1d. grater; get a strong piece of iron wire, and bore a hole through the middle of the wood so that the wire will knock through tight; leave about an inch of the wire projecting at one end, and bend it at the other to form the handle. Place the crusher in position in the can, and fill up with seed (see Fig. C.). Put on the can lid and then turn the handle a few seconds, and the seed is crushed. Hold the can upright when crushing.—F. BUXTON.

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*Some Sociable Rooks.

Some Rooks had built their nests in the trees near a farmhouse. The farmer was fond of them, and often fed them. He left this farm and went to live at one about a mile away. One morning he heard a "caw caw" around the house. On going out to see what it was, he found that there were his old friends the Rooks. He was pleased they had come to live near him, and that they were building new nests.—Taken from a story book, and sent by J. Nicholson (age 13), 6, Weardale Place, Stockton-on-Tees.

*A Parrot that Whistles.

Our neighbour has a Parrot which is a great talker. He hangs outside on a fine day. When the milkman comes round with his milk, he whistles, and the Parrot whistles, too. I just wish you could hear him whistle. He often brings people out for milk when the milkman is not there.—Sent by David Sharpe (age 8), Cora Linn, Union Street, Motherwell.

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Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.

*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.

*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.

*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James Street, Walkley.) J.B., W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock). H.T. & W. My.

*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.

Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.

*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.

*Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.

*Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.

*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street). J.N.

*Nov. 11—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 125, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W. J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.

*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.

*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.

Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 1 "5 Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.) J. Btk.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.) W.V.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.

*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.R.

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B.

*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.

*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bezzell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B. & S.H.M.

*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(R. Brunskill, 2, Danebury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) A.B.

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. B. Ireland, Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Iceel, Church St.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mallet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate). J.C.B.

Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.) G.D., A.M., J.N., G.H.P., W.H., J.Brn., J.Lsc., J.Wtn., R.F., H.R.C., A.A., J.McF., W.T., J.K.

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.Hp., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.As., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.Clk.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J.Brn., D. L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.Tn., W.C.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wtn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By Murdoch, 9, Burnside St.) J.Dh., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.). A.P., D. Le., J.Sc.

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Ise.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W.W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.) J.H.P., C.H.

*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.

*Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.

Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.

Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R.. Hyland 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

**A Tame Blackbird.

Last year I found a young Blackbird in the garden one very wet day. I took him inside, and put him into a flannel lined basket. I fed him on mealworms, garden worms, and caterpillars, and in time he became a very handsome young bird with rich chocolate-coloured plumage. He was the tamest bird I ever saw. He would follow me into the garden, which was in the middle of fields, fly away and disappear for some time, and then come back and perch on my shoulder. When I was leaving my home, I gave him to a friend, but she was careless, and he flew out.—Sent by Ethel Fitzmaurice (age 10), Ivy Cottage, Cappagh, Kilrush-le-Clare, Ireland.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

May I call the attention of those members who are exhibiting, and who have not yet paid their subscriptions, that this must be done to enable them to show. Also, several are neglecting to mark three birds Y.C.C.A. when showing more than that number. Novices, too, are showing in the novice classes at shows where the club's patronage is given; by so doing they are not scoring any points, as they must show in the open classes, and place "Novice Y.C.C." to their entries. All the above conditions must be complied with before any points can be scored by the secretary.—JOHN GREAVES, hon. secretary.

Correspondence.

Help Wanted from Linnet Fanciers.

SIR,—I wish to know if it is possiblo to force a Linnet to moult, and what to give it? Can anyone tell me, a novice, what to do with a Linnet that is stuck fast in the moult; also how to make a Linnet sing?

JOHN E. WALKER.

Alleged Mutilation of Exhibition Birds.

Why were the Feathers Missing?

SIR,—Shocking treatment was met at Peterborough show by my Clear Buff hen, the one which secured third at Longton the previous Saturday. She was sent on to Peterborough show on the Wednesday afternoon in grand feather and condition, but was sent home in a dreadful state. Some mean person had stripped her of all her feathers between the shoulders, leaving a large bare patch, which, of course, has spoiled her for exhibition. If this kind of treatment is not put a stop to, I am sure entries will fall short. I trust something will be done to punish the guilty.

Leamington. GEO. HALL.

A Question of Cage Bird Union Rules

And the Carlisle (Border City) Show.

SIR,—I have received a schedule from the Border City (Carlisle) Ornithological Society, and in the declaration at foot of entry form it says: I enter my birds at my own risk, subject to the rules of the Cage Bird Union." Now, no copy of the C.B.U. rules was enclosed in schedule, and if the show is under the C.B.U., why were copies of the rules not enclosed? and, if not, why does such a statement appear on entry forms. I may say several of our members' entry forms for the same show are alike. You might also publish the following question concerning the English and Welsh Border Fancy Club. Can members of above club exhibit at any non-union shows? I was under the impression they were affiliated to the Cage Bird Union.

W. H. WRIGHT,
Hon. Sec. Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.

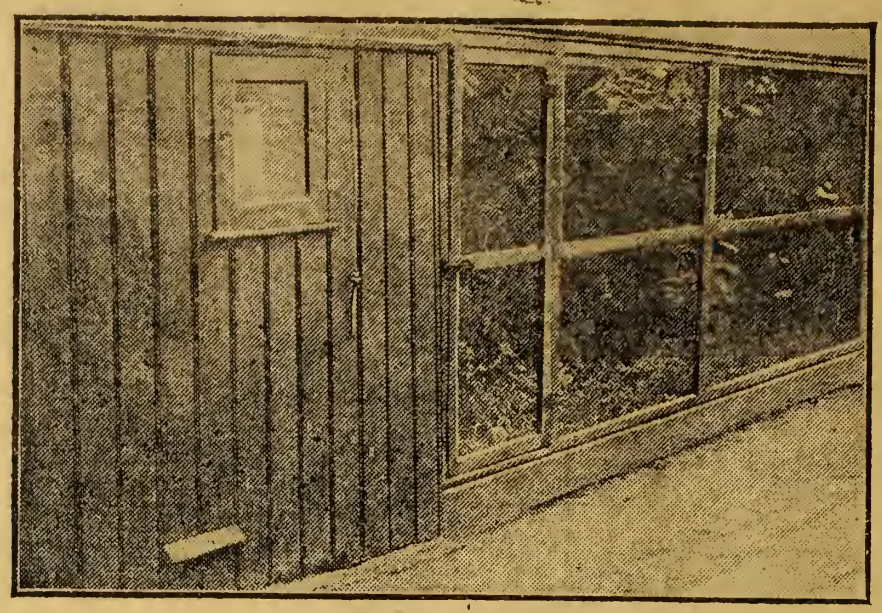
Rearing Insectivorous Birds on Soft-food Mixtures.

SIR,—Mr. Teschemaker is right, and I am wrong, *re* the matter of the young Bank Mynah's parents being confined to the back compartment of the aviary in which their nest was placed. They had, as he says, free access to the outer flight all the time, and I apologise sincerely for contradicting him on this point, which I did in all good faith.

FRANK FINN.

SIR,—I have been much interested in Mr. Teschemaker's letter in your last issue. I have read somewhere of a pair of Nightingales having bred in a cage, and having reared the young on meat and eggs. Perhaps they had insect food as well. I suppose there is no doubt that some Softbills can be hand-reared without insect food, so whether they get the artificial food from the hand or from the bills of the parents cannot, I should think, make any difference. It may, of course, be difficult to get the parents to feed on the artificial food, and I don't suppose any one would deny that the more natural the food the better chance there would be of the birds being reared; but I think the chief drawback to an exclusive natural food would be in keeping up the supply, and then if it ran short, the birds being unaccustomed to artificial food, would refuse it and starve. I think egg and mealworms are very generally used for Nightingales, so it would be very interesting if Mr. Teschemaker would kindly let us know how he feeds his. His feeding must certainly be good to keep a Sprosser in song for 49 weeks. I should think this must beat the record. I have never found that Nightingales cared for vegetable food, and so have never given it. It would be interesting if fanciers who are successful in keeping the Nightingale in song would let us know for how many months they can do so, and their system of feeding, also mentioning whether the birds were hand-reared or wild caught, as it would be easier to keep the former in song, I presume. I had a Nightingale that used to begin singing when he had hardly finished moulting. He was a wild-caught bird, but I don't think he sang for more than four months, although he commenced so early. My plan of feeding is as follows:—(1) Pea flour mixture, one part lard to three parts pea-flour in pan by itself; (2) dry ants' eggs and egg flake in another pan ad libitum; (3) teaspoonful of soaked ants' eggs in a separate pan (the ants' eggs are immersed and the water poured off immediately); (4) six mealworms a day and as many Cockroaches as are available. Once or twice a week nothing is given except ants' eggs, dry and soaked, and the insect food. None of the food requires daily preparation except the soaked ants' eggs.

C. HARRISON.



A Pretty and Practical Out-door Aviary.

SIR,—I am sending you a photograph of my aviary, which I have built in a backyard that was of no use for any other purpose. I bought one of the books that are advertised in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, entitled, "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," and written by H. Norman. This was twelve months ago, and the photo. will show you what it has done for me, as I had no idea before of how to build one. The length of the aviary is 16ft., while it is 5ft. wide and 5ft. high. I am a regular and delighted reader of CAGE BIRDS.

Willesden. H. COUZENS.

Mules and Canaries in the Same Nest.

SIR,—I am a novice at breeding, and I have five nests this season with Goldfinch and Canary. I have had Mules and Canaries in one and the same nest, the hen's eggs having been fertilised with the cock Canary first, and when she had laid her first egg she was put with the cock Goldfinch. Thus I got two young Canaries and two Mules in the same nest. Some old bird breeders say it is impossible, as when the Canary treads it stands for all the eggs after she has laid her first egg.

J. E. WALKER.

Missing Water Tins.

SIR,—After receiving my birds back from several shows. I have found a water-tin missing. Now, the station that I have my birds sent to is a long distance from where I live, and sometimes they have to remain there for several hours, perhaps half a day, before I am able to get them. The station-master at this station (Linley, on the G.W.R.), is one of the best, and upon receiving any birds from shows he unpacks them and gives them water to drink. If there are no water tins how can he do this? Only recently I received two birds back from Longton show without even a single water tin, and I sent two. When I unpacked them to give them water I had to pack them up again and walk a long distance to a brother fancier's house and borrow some water tins. It was the first time out for one of my birds, a young Hawfinch, and this is a bird that requires plenty of water. I hope show secretaries will take this in a kindly light. It is for the sake of the birds and not the tins that I have written on this subject.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

The Feeding of Softbills Abroad

SIR,—It was with great interest that I read Mr. Finn's article under the heading of "Ornithological Oddments" *re* the feeding of Softbills. I was specially interested in the part where he speaks of uncooked rice being used as food for the foreign Softbills in transport, as I have just come home from the East (Malay Federated States in the Malay Peninsular), and brought with me four of those beautiful birds, the Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeets. In the Malay Peninsular they are fed on the following diet: Rice (uncooked) mixed with water, and banana. Occasionally the Malays give them a little boiled rice, and also sometimes a small piece of sugar cane. The Malays, however, say the cane is bad for them, as it cuts up the tongue. Those I brought home were fed the whole voyage on nothing but the uncooked rice, mixed with water, and occasionally fruit (when obtainable from the steward). I also brought home a pair of Bulbuls, and these birds I continued to feed as they are always fed in the East, namely, with the boiled rice and banana, or any ripe fruit. The Malays always feed Moustache Parrakeets and Ringnecks on the rice mixed with water, and Softbills usually on boiled rice in one cup, and another cupful of Chinese dried flies. My Hanging Parrakeets have been fed on nothing but the uncooked rice and banana since being in this country, and have come through the moult beautifully. I only lost one shortly after arrival, due, I think, to its inability to moult. I hope, sir, the above notes will be of interest to fanciers, especially those who keep Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeets. REGINALD G. P. NELSON.

Should Goldfinches be Colour-fed for Exhibition?

SIR,—Allow me a word or two on the subject of colour-feeding of Goldfinches, as I should like to ask the question whether it is right or fair to colour-feed Goldfinches, as I was a visitor at the Longton show and saw five Goldfinches colour-fed. Now, I thought of exhibiting a Goldfinch, but I have not given it any colour food, and if colour-fed birds are allowed to stand good in the class, I may as well keep my bird at home, for I always understood that colour-fed Goldfinches were strictly forbidden; and if they are allowed to pass a non-fed bird stands but very little chance. I must admit that a colour-fed bird looks very nice and taking, but it is hardly fair to the bird that is not fed. All I want to know is whether the fed bird is to compete with the non-fed bird, then one will understand what to expect, and act accordingly. I should like to hear what some other British exhibitors have to say on this matter, for a non-fed bird has not the ghost of a chance against the bird that is fed, although he may be much better. Will someone kindly explain why this is allowed, or whether secretaries ought to mention in schedules if for fed or mixed birds, or whether we may please ourselves? Or is it left to the judge? There ought to be some proper understanding about this, just as much as there is about Canaries. Classes are put on for fed birds and for self coloured.

A. WILLIAMS.

Can Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrids be Bred in a Cage?

SIR,—With reference to the above, may I be permitted to give my experience? The past season I paired up a house-moulted cock Chaffinch to a house-moulted hen Bramble, with the following result:—On 7th July the Bramble laid her first egg, which she put her beak into, so the following and two subsequent mornings I was up early before she had a chance to do the same thing again. The three eggs I placed under a Norwich hen. One young one hatched, the other two eggs were clear. The young one lived for two days, and then died. A week later, while I was away at camp, she laid again. The first and second eggs she laid she again tried her beak on, but the third one my wife managed to save, which she put under a Border hen that had three eggs at the same time. The hybrid egg hatched out on the thirteenth day, and the Borders on the fourteenth day. The young hybrid lived for three days, but the Borders are still living. It therefore is possible to breed the above cross in a cage, but the difficulty is to get the young reared. In my opinion Canaries are no use for rearing this hybrid. I would advise Miss M. Young to get a good hen Greenfinch, one that has bred in confinement, if possible, or else, if she should get eggs from her hen Bramble to put them in a wild Chaffinch's nest, and when eight days old bring them home and hand rear them. I may say the cage I used was 3ft. long, 1½ft. high, 1ft. deep. I had a small bush in one corner, but they never used this—she preferred an ordinary nest-box. As regards a wild or a hand-reared cock Chaffinch for the purpose, the hand-reared one would be better, but I should prefer a good, steady house-moulted one. I trust these notes may be of some interest to your correspondent, and wish her and also your highly instructive journal success.

EDMUND TAYLOR.

A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I am very thankful to your correspondent, Mr. Robt. Oddy, for his information *re* the fatal disease, in your last issue. Perhaps he will further enlighten me and other readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, what quantity of citrate of iron and quinine should be given, and also does he mean the liquid or powdered quinine?

R. DAVIES.

SIR,—I have been in the same plight as some of the unfortunate fanciers who have been writing in CAGE BIRDS this last few weeks. I had about 45 birds a few weeks ago; now they have all died but a dozen or so. I sent one away, and they said it had had bird fever. The birds all went one way, with one exception, and that seemed all right up to about two hours before it died; blood dropped from it all over the cage bottom, and the poor bird seemed in great pain. Could any fancier tell me the reason of this? I have several more going the same way, and I believe I shall lose all before long. I am trying the iron and quinine as recommended. I have never had one come round after showing the first symptoms—that is, sitting in a lump with the head under wing and panting. About 20 of the lost birds were Crests and Crest-breds, and expensive birds, so that it has been a great loss to me.

NOVICE.

The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—I have heard Harry Allen's bird, of Leeds, accomplish all I have said. I heard a bird of old Tom Ainy's, and a few birds up and down the country. I have also heard double-noted Linnets, and I know what I am talking about. I kept Linnets for 40 years under old Bob Bocock, of Ossett, who was a judge of the best, and used to be a judge of the bow window breeds. And old Jim Swift was a pal of mine. I heard the Linnets ree and pee, or scrape, and do changes five or six times. I heard Harry Allen's do all these. I heard his brother, Georgie, also H. Lees, and seeing that I am a fair judge, I think H. Allen's birds, of Leeds, are the best I have ever heard.

FIDDLER, DEWSBURY.

SIR,—For the benent of the Fancy I give the following notes of the three birds I am at present using for bird-catching. No. 1 ("Twopenny"): "Tollic, tollic, ick e quaker, weet; tollic, tollic, ick equa, tuck, tuck, wissy." No. 2 ("Donny"): "Tollic, tollic, ick equa; tollic, tollic, fear; tollic, tollic, weet; tollic, tollic, wissy." No. 3 ("Rubbisher"): "Joey, Joey, pew, pew, per, bike, bike, bike, lily, lily, lily, back, back, back, chow chow, chow, tur fear, tur fear, tur fear, tur fear, tur fear, tuck, tuck, tuck, margee, margee, weet, weet, weet." Although I acknowledge that I carry a rubbishing Linnet, I never carry a Cuckoo, Water-hens, or Crows, as we are led to believe by some of the "cracks."

H. W. BARNARD.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read the letter from your correspondent, Charles Key, on the present-day winning Norwich Plainhead. It opens up a very wide subject, and a very interesting one. Recently I saw a friend (a Norwich breeder for many years), Mr. Williams, who had attended the Peterborough show, and he used expressions very similar to Mr. Key as regards the winners in the Norwich Plainhead classes—long tails, duck-chested, rough at thigh, long bodies, in fact, anything but what a typical Norwich Canary should be. What is the use of the Norwich Plainhead Club issuing a standard and we as breeders trying to breed to it, if judges will not recognise a typical Norwich? It seems to me when a judge gets to a show to commence judging as soon as he gets to his classes the first thing he looks for is how many big ones there are, and if there are a few larger ones than medium-sized typical birds, the big ones will most certainly win, never mind their faults—whether Crest-bred, duck fronted, or wagtailed, they will win. Surely this is enough to make an admirer of the typical Norwich Canary throw up the Fancy in disgust. What a waste of time reading the books written by some of our leading judges as to what a Norwich Canary should be, and trying to breed them, season after season, only to find birds winning such as described by Messrs. Key and Williams. But such birds as these are only useful for the breeding cage and as songsters. I, like Mr. Key, think it is time the Norwich club stepped in and stopped these mongrels from winning.

J. Moss.

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A Cage Bird Section for the Spennymoor F. and F.C.

SIR,—On my suggestion, at the Spennymoor F. and F.C. meeting on October 6th, it was unanimously decided to have a Cage Bird Section, providing I could get plenty of fanciers together to run classes at their forthcoming show to be held on December 29th. Anyone wishful of joining may give their names in to me at Cheapside, Spennymoor, Co. Durham, and I will give full information. All cage bird fanciers are heartily invited to attend the meetings, which are advertised by bills in the town.

OSWALD ARKLESS.

"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

SIR,—I have read with interest the numerous letters which have lately appeared in your excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, on the subject of "Going Light," and "A Remedy Wanted," but as far as my judgment goes there has not been a remedy, either curative or preventative, offered. Some writers have even gone so far as to hint at its being "septic fever," which I think I have proved is not the case. The "going light," as it is termed, seems to me to be what doctors call malnutrition, and the cause of this appears to be in the food given—not in the quantity, for they are always eating, but in the quality. If the seeds are poor and infested with maggots and mites, what else can we expect than that the digestive organs of the birds will be deranged, and the birds die of slow starvation? In proof of this let anyone examine a bird which has died of this complaint and he will find a mere skeleton covered with skin and a few feathers. But I will give you my experiences during last season, in the hope that others may benefit by them, that is if there is anything new and worth notice. I commenced breeding operations about the middle of March with a dozen hens, all in the pink of condition. From the first round I had 25 fine young birds reared, the hens, as a rule, feeding well. I gave them, in addition to their usual seeds, egg food twice a day mixed fresh each time, also a dish of crushed hemp, and young dandelion leaves and flowers, fresh drinking water in clean glasses every day, breeding cages cleaned out, and plenty of gritty sand two or three times a week. At the second round, while the hens were sitting, I gave plain Canary only as a staple, with an occasional tit-bit in the shape of rape or a little egg food. Between the first and second rounds I had to get a fresh supply of rape and hemp seed. I ought to have mentioned that I used a little soaked rape mixed with the egg food. The feeding of the second round was the same in every respect as for the first. But when the young were a day or two old the hens began with a severe diarrhœa, all food except Canary was neglected, and, of course, within a week, every young bird in that round was dead. Well, as there is no effect without a cause, I began to look round to try to find it. I got a magnifying glass and examined my Canary seed; that was all right. I next looked at the hemp, and there I found nearly every seed with a little hole in one end, and some which were badly broken at the side. I cracked a few to see what the insides were like; some were badly discoloured just where the outer shell was broken, while in one I found a small maggot alive. Now, I thought, I have found the cause, surely the effect will cease; but, of course, it was too late then, the damage was done. Needless to say, I used no more of that hemp. I then put all my breeding stock on to plain Canary seed, and in a week or two they had quite recovered, and were anxious to go to nest again; so, after a good rest, I again paired up, and all went well until the hatching and feeding commenced. I again used soaked rape along with the egg food, and again the same trouble appeared; diarrhœa in both cocks and hens, mostly the hens, and within a fortnight I had lost every young bird except two, and they died at five weeks old; so I gave it up in despair for that season. Now, this time it had not been caused by the hemp, for I had not used any at all; but on going to the dish in which I had the rape soaking, I felt a rather disagreeable smell. No, my friend, I had not forgotten to change the water; so I threw that away and went to the tin in which I kept my rape, and there was a smell nearly as bad as the soaked rape. I got my microscope and examined a few seeds, and found considerably more in number of small white and nearly transparent mites than seeds, in fact, they were simply alive with them. I stopped using that at once, and the breeding stock all got well. But what about the 25 young out of the first round? Well, here comes in the point about the "going light"; out of the 25 young birds I lost 15. I had given them a fair allowance of soaked rape in their egg food, also a fair quantity of crushed hemp. They were constantly eating and sleeping, and yet when dead were little more than skeletons. Now comes the point about "septic fever," which is highly contagious. Purposely to prove whether it was that disease or not, I put some healthy birds of no particular value into the cage in which several of them had died, and to be quite certain about it, I did not even clean the cages out before putting the birds in, and they are alive and well to-day. So much for the septic fever theory. I got some good sound rape and hemp, and have not lost a bird since. I do hope fanciers will not allow this subject to drop, and if each one who has been troubled with this complaint will give a minute description of their mode of feeding, etc., it is just possible that we may find either a cure or a preventative.

TOM JONES.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

DEANS AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Dean's Institute on October 5th, Mr. Brown presiding. There was a large turnout of members, and it was agreed to meet again on October 19th to make final arrangements for the show, which will be held on 13th November.—J. KAY, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, October 5th, Mr. Crane in the chair. I regret to announce the death of Mr. F. S. Moore, who was President from its inception (1905) to 1908. He was a keen and enthusiastic fancier, and although he had retired from the position owing to ill-health, took a strong interest in the Society and its members. A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed to be sent to Mrs. Moore and family. A communication was read from the Secretary of L.C.B.A. re entering a team for the championship competition, but owing to the proximity of their show to our own, it was thought not advisable, although the members endorsed the scheme. It was decided to avail ourselves of the compensation scheme of the C.B.U. A special prize, either cup or medal, will be given for best bird in the show on 4th December. A new member from Ruabon, North Wales, was made.—J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held on Sept. 30th, Mr. T. G. Hunt in the chair. The chief event was a washing competition, and as only five birds were brought up, it was only possible for the same number of competitors to take part. Mr. H. T. Jones judged, and awarded the prizes. 1st prize, Mr. Plumb; 2nd, Mr. Barber. Mr. Jones carried out his duties as judge in an admirable manner, and his awards were well received. While the birds were drying, the meeting was thrown open, and many questions were asked and answered. The principal question was respecting septic fever. Many members gave their views, and there is no doubt all present learned many things. At this juncture the Chairman asked Mr. Jones if he would pass a few remarks on the methods adopted by the competitors in washing their birds. The comments he made caused an amount of laughter. At the close of his remarks it was proposed that we pass him a hearty vote of thanks, which was responded to heartily, and this closed a very pleasant evening.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec.

PONTYPRIDD PWLLGWAUN F.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Hopkinstown Schools on October 11th, Mr. Thos. James in the chair. There was a fair attendance, and a large amount of business was gone through. The schedule was gone through, and will shortly be put in hands of printer. A number of specials were exhibited at the meeting. A large number have been promised, and it was decided to exhibit same publicly later on. Amongst those to be competed for are four cups by the members of the Welsh C.B.C., two cups, 10s. 6d., and two medals by the Welsh U.G.S., a case of cutlery, a cup, and a host of others, too numerous to mention. It was decided to hold a poultry lantern lecture on November 8th, at the schools. This Society is doing all it possibly can to make our coming show a grand success, and if the interest shown by the members goes for anything it is evident our next show, to be held December 15th, will be a record one. It is intended to give a children's pet class, which will no doubt prove a novel feature.—MCLUCAS and JAMES, secretaries.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, Mr. Mugford in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Thompson with regard to the reporting of monthly meetings to the Fancy Press, and after some comment it was decided unanimously that he be entrusted with same. A proposition by Mr. Lack, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the cup rules be altered as follows: "That all members, champion, novice, etc., who have already subscribed to the cup fund, should, by marking their entries with a 'C' and paying an extra 3d. over entry fee, be entitled to compete for cup" was considered. After a deal of argument it was decided that all such entries for cup should be judged first, and afterwards should be put back in their respective classes for competition in same. An amendment was also carried that no cards be placed until the birds have been judged a second time. It was proposed by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Butterfield, that the entry fee for selling class be reduced to 6d., which was also carried. All other show rules remain the same as in previous years. A long and substantial list of special prizes was subscribed for, and many more were promised, which augurs well for the forthcoming annual show. Any members who would care to add to the list, or have not yet paid their subscription, should communicate with me at 52, North End-road, West Kensington.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel-street, Westminster, Sept. 30th. Present: Messrs. Robson (Chairman), Silver, Thurling, Dobson, Lott, Marley, Askew, Trower, Dewhurst, Cooper, Weston, Crabb, Frostick, Goodchild, Plumbridge and Carr. A letter was read from the Dulwich O.S., and it was proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Silver, "That by letter received from members of this club, the committee were justified in arriving at the decision of August 25th, and under those circumstances the matter cannot be re-opened." A letter was read from Messrs. Angus and Crane, and the Secretaries were instructed to forward rule book and call their attention to Rule 20. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Scottish British Bird and M.C., also a resolution passed by them re the McQuiston case. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr. Trower, and seconded by Mr. Askew, "That on the face of the evidence received and the decision arrived at by the committee of this club, they cannot re-open this case unless the S.B.B. and M.C. can bring fresh evidence to justify the Committee's doing so." A discussion took place on the position of the drinking hole in the club's standard show cage. It was unanimously decided that it should be notified in the Fancy Press for the guidance of fanciers who wished to adopt this cage. It was not the intention of the club to make any hard and fast rule for fanciers adopting this cage to place the drinking hole in the right-hand end, but to place it to suit themselves, and it was left to fanciers to adopt either a trough or drawer in their cages. An interesting announcement was made by that old and esteemed member, Mr. Frostick, who said he was the proud possessor of the first Dartford Warblers that had ever been kept in captivity, and that these birds had been taken from a nest found on a Hampshire common. Mr. Frostick also showed photographs of the nest and eggs of the Dartford Warbler. He was warmly congratulated on his unique prize. Mr. S. Hakes (Burton-on-Trent) was made a member. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

Wild Bird Life.

Bird Life in the Fields.

Just now bird life in gardens and around buildings is somewhat scarce, the feathered tribe being away in the fields and meadows. With most species the young birds of the year form into flocks as soon as they are safely launched by the parents and can cater for themselves. This gathering of the young ones is the commencement of the huge flocks to be met with by country ramblers during the Autumn and Winter months. While undergoing the annual renewal of a fresh coat of feathers, wild birds are shy and unobtrusive. They haunt the wilder and more solitary tracts, the uplands, woods, or lonely marshes; instinctively they recognise that they have lost part of their power of self-preservation, and so seek solitude and seclusion. The homely Blackbird and Thrush are not exempt from this shyness, and it is only in the very early morning, when the dew lies heavily upon the grass, that we catch them upon the lawn or side walk; for the remainder of the day they haunt the shrubbery, or skulk along the hedgerow bordering the meadow.

At present food in the fields is plentiful everywhere. The atmospheric conditions have been such that worms, slugs and insect life of all kinds have been abundant, so that the Softbills have revelled in plenty. The harvest has been an unusually long one, and the shocks of corn have stood in the fields until blackened and weather-stained by the wet, and while so exposed the Finches, Sparrows, Doves and Rooks have ravaged and scattered the grain, so that the stubble affords meal after meal to huge flocks of ramblers. They number some thousands, as they often do. They are easily disturbed; half their life appears to be made up of false alarms and short wheeling flights. When winter comes with its hard frosts and driving sleet, hundreds will leave the flocks, and then there will be a rush of bird life to the farm buildings and gardens. Wild bird music is far from plentiful. I heard a sprightly Thrush singing a cheerful strain, in spite of wind and wet. That incessant songster, the Skylark, may occasionally be heard as he can in any month of the year. Get but a gleam of sunshine in the dead of Winter and he hails it with song, and often when a thick fog envelopes the surroundings he may be heard trilling happily above it.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

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Oct. 16.—**Rochdale.**—J. Butterworth, 28, Smith St.
Oct. 16.—**Hinckley.**—H. Towers, 12, Orchard Street.
Oct. 16.—**Perth.**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street.
Oct. 18.—**Middlesbro'.**—A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.
Oct. 18.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.
Oct. 18.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.
Oct. 19.—**Bromley.**—H. E. Speller, The Laurels, Talbot Road.
Oct. 19.—**Barnstaple.**—P. Harris, High Street.
Oct. 20.—**Paignton.**—C. Parnell, "Palace House."
Oct. 20.—**Weybridge.**—H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.
Oct. 20.—**Gt. Yarmouth.**—J. Shearman, 156, King Street.
Oct. 20.—**Clapham.**—A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, Clapham, S.W.
Oct. 20.—**Tring.**—H. J. Fincher, 28, Western Road.
Oct. 21.—**Herne Bay.**—W. A. Holness, Mortimer St.
Oct. 21.—**Treharris.**—W. Davies, 6, Edward Street.
Oct. 21.—**Harrington.**—Irwin and Lowrey, Ellerslie, Harrington.
Oct. 23.—**Gloucester.**—J. Houghton, "Dargai," Hatherley Road.
Oct. 23.—**Manchester.**—Jones and Gray, 45, Whitby Road, Fallowfield.
Oct. 23.—**Carlisle.**—J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.
Oct. 23.—**Dover.**—Abbott and Austen, 3, Erie Road.
Oct. 23.—**Brighton.**—G. Foxall, 43, Western Road.
Oct. 23.—**Haddington.**—D. Cockburn, Victoria Road.

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Under the White Rose.

QUEENSBURY Show, held on Saturday last was a decided success, the entries totalling 455 in 24 classes, an average of 19 per class. Well done, Queensbury; two grand shows in succession. Last year 463 entries, and now only 8 less, and so early in the season. They should have a nice balance in hand.

THIS Show opened the competition of the National Green Marked Y.C.C., and the four classes provided were well filled, 62 birds being staged, and some splendid specimens amongst them. The hens in particular were enough to delight the heart of any fancier.

NOVICE Yorkshires were numerous, and a very warm lot, 172 in 6 classes, an average of 28 per class. Mr. C. A. House must have been sorely perplexed which to put in and which to leave out. In Novice Norwich the two classes contained 32 birds; keep it up all the season, fanciers of the stout ones.

THE Y.C.C. and C.M.Y.C.C. each had their patronage away from home on Saturday last, Accrington being the fortunate show. The new idea of the C.M.Y.C.C., viz., the provision of classes for their novice members, does not seem to have made a good start. A wrong impression appears to have got abroad as to how these classes have to be constituted. In the first place they are held at shows only where the club gives its patronage; secondly, they are open to all competitors who have not won a first prize in open competition previous to the current season; thirdly, any member of the Yorkshire Union can exhibit and win in these classes without losing his status as a novice in the Union; fourthly, points gained in these classes do not count for Yorkshire Union medals; lastly, there is no limit in price in these novice classes—they are put on simply to foster the breeding and exhibiting of the Cinnamon Marked bird by novices. The society fully expected, having added about 100 new names to their membership roll, and these principally novices, that these classes would fill well, and they are extremely disappointed.

BANKFOOT and Dis. C.B.S. have issued their first syllabus of lectures, etc., for the coming season, and it provides something to suit all tastes.

"STRAIGHT-UN."

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LOANHEAD.

Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S. held their third annual show on October 9th within the Masonic Hall. The entries, which totalled 140, were down on last year's, the Norwich section being responsible for the decrease. The Scotch Fancy section was up on last year, and contained specimens of outstanding merit, the medal winning yellow hen, exhibited by Mr. J. King, being an eye-opener. This district is a hotbed for Borders, and staid Mr. Peter McKenzie was fairly taken by surprise at the galaxy of quality placed before him, and they gave him a deal of trouble to sort out. The medal in this section was awarded to the ticked yellow cock bird belonging to Mr. Jas. Pearson, and the same bird also carried off the Frichael Cup. Norwich section, although disappointing, contained a few nice birds, the medal for best going to Mr. A. M. Gardiner. The show was well patronised, Mr. Provost Kerr, attended by his good lady, being amongst the number present. Mrs. Kerr presented the prizes to the successful exhibitors after a racy speech by the Provost, Mr. W. Smart, the secretary (to whom all credit is due) looking on with a smile of content. The judges were Messrs. J. Winter (Edinburgh), Peter McKenzie (Kelso), and T. Knight (Edinburgh).

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL. YELL. COCK (1): 1, King, fine stamp, plenty of size, good top end, fine reach, runner-up for medal. HEN (2): 1, medal, King, beauty, well set up, massive shoulders, fine reach and action, wonderful col.; 2, Nelson, nice bird, lacks frame and style of winner. CL. BUFF CK. (3): 1, 2, Noble, brace of good ones, well up on legs, well-filled back and shoulders, fine action; 3, Smart, slimmer got up, works well. HEN (6): 1, 3, D. Noble, leader fine stamp, plenty of top end and reach; 3rd, also good stamp; 2, J. Noble, nicely got up, good position, splendid reach; 4, Jardine, wants a bit more time to finish; vhc, Nelson; hc, King. FOUL CK.: Nil. HEN (1): 1, J. Noble, very useful hen, well set up, fine back and wings. YELL. PIED, ETC. CK. (2): 1, McAdam, fine head and neck, well set up, neat wings; 2, Gilchrist, fine back and wings, very steady. HEN (6): 1, 3, King, pair of Greens, nicely got up, fine style and action; 2, vhc, Yule, good substance, grand worker; 4, J. Noble, very nice model; hc, Smart. BUFF CK. (7): 1, hc, J. Noble, leader grand size, fine head and top end, good body; 2, King, follows, grand top end, fine droop; 3, Gilchrist, fine type, hardly the substance; 4, c, McAdam. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, J. Noble, lender grand hen, sweet head and neck, well up on leg, will improve; 2nd, same type, follows well; 3rd, sweetly got up cinn., fine free action, splendid droop; 4, vhc, McAdam, good stamp; hc, Gilchrist. BORD. FCY., CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (17): 1, medal and cup, Pearson, tkd. on cap, perfect little model, staged to perfection; 2, c, Nelson, Dalkeith winner, looking well, but beaten to-day; 3, hc, Harper, fine type of Border, neat head, fine quality; 4, Smart, very typical, follows well; vhc, Thomson. HEN (22): 1, hc, Hamilton, winner wonderful col., fine quality; 2, Yule, sweet hen, nice type, well staged; 3, 4, Harper, very typical pair; vhc, Nelson; c, Douglas. BUFF CK. (26): 1, 5, A. and J. Thomson, leader little model, lovely quality, hard to find fault with; 2, hc, Hamilton, 2nd splendid finish, well packed wings; 3, Noble, neat head, well filled back, fine quality; 4, Douglas, nice type; c, Gilchrist. HEN (17): 1, Hamilton, sweet little lady, all there for type and quality; 2, Noble, full of quality, grand type; 3, Yule, very neat head, nicely carried wings; 4, hc, Douglas, fine type; vhc, Hamilton; c, Harper. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, Nelson, full of type and quality, grand col.; 2, A. and J. Thomson, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, presses winner; 3, Flockhart, nice type; 4, Masterton, good stamp; vhc, Douglas; hc, Harper. BUFF (7): 1, Nelson grand type neat head; 2, Harper, fine head and neck, good col.; 3, Pearson, fine stamp, good quality, follows well; 4, Hamilton; vhc, hc, Thomson; c, Fisher. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Nelson, fine quality, neat head and markings; 2, Hamilton, good stamp, well staged; 3, Masterton, nice type and quality; 4, Thomson, nice quality. YELL., GREEN OR CINN. (15): 1, 2, 4, Thomson, trio of little gems, leaders excelling in col. and pencilling; 3, Noble, nice position, fine head, ground col.; vhc, Smart; hc, Nelson; c, Fisher. BUFF (15): 1, c, Pearson, leader jaunty wee Border, fine type, plenty of work; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Thomson, grand team, full of merit; 4, Fisher, good all-round exhibit, well placed. NOR., CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Gardiner, 1st good size and col.; 2nd, nice type, mkd. on wing feathers, some asked, Is this not a varieg. bird? 3, 4, 5, Pearson, all three neatly got up, fine quality and col. HEN (3): 1, 2, Gardiner, 1st fine big hen, good type; 2nd, good stamp and col., open in feather; 3, Pearson, good type, failing only in head. BUFF CK. (10): 1, medal, Gardiner, bold type, fine size, just inclined to show feather round thighs; 2, 4, hc, c, Pearson, leader nice type, inclined to be leggy; 3, Noble, nice type, wee bit open in feather; vhc, Sinclair. HEN (6): 1, Gardiner, nice size and front; 2, Sinclair, not the size of leader, but good quality; 3, Pearson, nicely mealed, fine type, quality and col., some preferred; 4, Sinclair, typical, fine quality, follows well; vhc, c, Pearson. VARIEG. OR GREEN CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gardiner, useful team, nice type, plenty of size and col.; vhc, Noble. HEN (3): 1, 2, Gardiner, both yell., nice type and col.; 3, Pearson, good quality bird. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, Pearson, Bramble, nice col. and markings, well staged; 2, McAdam, Goldie; 3, Sinclair, Goldie; 4, vhc, Masterton. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Pearson, Starling, put down in grand condition. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Pearson, good specimen of Greenie Can.; 2, 3, Harper, Linnet Canaries.

LINCOLN AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Table show held at headquarters, The Arcade, on October 7th, 35 birds being staged in eight classes. Mr. C. Pickering (Lincoln) placed the cards in British and Mule, and Mr. C. Priestley (Lincoln) in the Canary classes. Some very fine birds were staged, and an interesting evening was spent.

NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Willerton. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Lawson; 3, Boucher. VARIEG. (5): 1, 2, Lawson; 3, North; 4, Willerton; r, Johnson. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Harris; 2, Cordwell; 4, North; r, Johnson. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Sindell; 2, Priestley; 3, Heath; r, Johnson. VARIEG. (7): 1, Cordwell; 2, 3, Heath; 4, r, A. Johnson. BRIT. (3): All Goldies; 1, 2, Heath; 3, Johnson. MULES (5): All Goldie-Canaries; 1, Heath; 2, Johnson; 3, r, Smith; 4, Hall.—O. HEATH, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH.

Held October 12th and 13th, in Dulwich Municipal Hall. For splendid light and every essential that goes to make up a suitable place for a cage bird exhibition, the latter has few equals, and one cannot but regret that the splendid provision made in this respect, the excellent schedule, and the attentions of an energetic body of fanciers, did not produce a more hearty response in the matter of entries. Of these there were about 500. The quality in most sections was of the highest order. A backward moulting season militated against some of the birds' chances, and may lead to a reversal of awards later. Norwich generally were not big classes in any section, except in unflighted birds and hens, but some of the best studs were represented, and the competition was keen. The specials in the open championship classes fell to Mr. Young and Mr. Collings. In the open novice classes, too, Messrs. Sporr and Goodman, Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, won the rose bowl for best bird in members' champion classes, and Mr. Sprules the special for second best Norwich. In the novice classes, Mr. Foster won the special rose bowl for best Norwich; also the second special. Yorkshires were a magnificent lot, and gave Mr. Mundell some trouble. The Borders, too, made a splendid show, but British and Mules were by no means large classes. Mr. Baker won Sandiford's colour special, Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers made excellent show secretaries, while better stewards and committeemen could not be desired than Messrs. Goodwin, Garlick, Fletcher, Lovesey, Aldridge, Sprules, Bruty, Edmonds, Mazzoni, Pocock, Powles, Rees, Foster, Wall, and Wilmot, led well by the able and courteous hon. secretary, Mr. S. J. Kent. Messrs. Robson, Vardy, Mundell, Gardner, and Vale judged.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl., Baker, lovely soft silky feather, grand type, nice and clean on head, deep col., nice short wings and carriage of same, good one; 2, Collings, nice colour again, not quite so large as winner, lovely quality; 3, Ellis, col. again, but just a wee bit longer in flights and barrel, nice head, and very fine tone; 4, Luff, good type. BUFF (6): 1, Houghton, bonny type, bloomy feather, rich in under colour, bold head, good neck, chest, and back; 2, Sheldon, soft rich feather, neat head, clean cut; 3, Ellis, smaller, very rich undercolour, teeming with quality; 4, Berry and Mitchell, not so tight in feather, good body and head, needs a little more time; vhc, Baker, very smart, will be heard of by-and-bye; hc, Keech. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl., Young, tkd. on neck, bonny shape, rare colour, glossy feather; 2, Houghton, tkd., good quality; 3, Meades, varieg., grand shape, quality, and colour; 4, Keech, varieg., very similar to 3rd, not much to choose; vhc, Baker; hc, Ellis. BUFF (4): 1, Collings, tkd., fine type, head, and under-colour, needs time, as indeed did others in this class; 2, Jordan, varieg., nice under-colour; 3, Ellis, tkd., scarcely so chesty, grand quality; 4, Baker, lovely quality varieg., not yet filled out, rich colour. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Ellis, heavily varieg. ,grand quality, great depth of colour, rare type of body, nice head; 2, 3, Bellamy, former looked like a cl., very bonny, rich in quality, great promise, 3rd smaller, very sweet, grand quality; 4, Baker, grand colour, silky feather, seemed a bit slack; vhc, Jordan; hc, Keech. BUFF (15): 1, Jordan, fine head, wings, legs, and back, bold head, rare quality, great depth and brilliance of undercolour; 2, Meades, cl., not quite so stout, but lovely feather, very promising; 3, Cooper, cl., very sweet, full of quality; 4, Bellamy, good col.; vhc, Ellis; hc, Marley; c, Baker. HENS (13): 1, Young, cl. yell., great substance, short legs, wings and tail, good deep chest, level back, grand feather; 2, Baker, buff, lovely bloom and under-colour, peach-like, rare type, close run this; 3, Houghton, varieg. buff, bonny body, scarcely so good in head, but lovely feather; 4, Luff, saddle mkd. yell., a Nor. all over for shape; vhc, spl., Collings; hc, Baker; c, Meades. MEMBERS' NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Foster. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Foster, winner good shape, nice feather. TKD., ETC., YELL (3): 1, 2, 3, Foster, leader good yell. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 3, 4, Foster, leaders both close feathered, good shape. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Rees, leader possesses shape and quality, good head; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Foster. HENS (5): 1, spl., 3, 4, vhc, Foster, fine team.

Mr. Gardner's Classes.

OPEN NOVICE.—NOR. YELL. CKS. (3): 1, 2, Lea and Kearney, winner lovely quality bird of nice shape, good head, well braced wings, short tail; 2nd, a little slack in wings, but rich quality; 3, Farmer, good shape, not quite so level or rich in col., or good on head. BUFF (7): 1, spl, best Nor., Spoor, tkd. bird, grand chubby body, noble head, gauzy feather, rich undercolour, glinting through; 2, Hamer, smaller, good head, back and chest, lovely feather, not quite so full all through; 3, 4, Lea and Kearney, good body, nice undercolour, wants tightening up; 4th, beautiful feather; vhc, spl, Goodman; hc, Hodgetts; c, Bishop. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Lea and Kearney, yell., superb feather, very typical for a youngster, rich col. and level; 2, Dart, varieg. buff, rare type and carriage, silky feather; 3, Goodman, tkd., rare shape, size and quality; 4, Hamer, yell., shapely, just a trifle slack in feather; vhc, hc, Ingles; c, Lea and Kearney. HENS (9): 1, 4, Lea and Kearney, leader lovely type and quality, fine head and back, short wings, legs and tail; 2, Hamer, charming feather, short and chubby, not quite so nice in head or full of flow; 3, Notley, unflig. yell., grand short wings and tail, beautiful feather; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Notley; c, Bishop. MEMB. CHAMP.—NOR. CL. YELL. CKS. (4): 1, 3, 4, Sprules, good team, leader fine quality and shape; 2, Rogers and Mazzoni, rare chest and quality, hardly at its best as yet. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Sprules, winner good one for quality and shape, nice undercolour; 3, vhc, Easterling, fine texture of feather; hc, Rogers and Mazzoni; c, Mabey. TKD. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Young, tkd., rare quality of feather, good shape; 2, Easterling, varieg., fine flow, nice head; 3, Sprules. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 4, vhc, Sprules, leader rare substance, good undercolour, fine quality; 2, Easterling, good head, lovely col. and bloom; 3, hc, Rogers and Mazzoni. UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, best Nor., 3, 4, Rogers and Mazzoni, leader gem, deep bold chest, magnificent feather, short flights and tail; 2, vhc, hc, c, Sprules, former buff, rare shape and substance, rich in undercolour. HENS (9): 1, Young, lovely unflig. yell., fine col., topping quality; 2, vhc, Rogers and Mazzoni, buff, tight as wax, fine type; 3, 4, c, Sprules, short and thickest hens; hc, Easterling.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

CRESTS (8): 1, Franz, massive bodied, fine headed Griz., one of the best seen for some time, heavy frontal, grand sides and back, centro and droop; 2, Groves, varieg. nice shaped Crest, veiny and leafy, good centre, side, back, and droop, hardly full yet; 3, Galloway, very nice cl., just a trifle horned; 4, Betchley, nice vein, not so dense or massive as some; vhc, Slade; hc, Franz; c, Galloway. C.B. (7): 1, Groves, nearly green, nice headpiece, dense and long in turn back, good entrance; 2, Galloway, varieg. wide skull, nice short beak; 4, Betchley, nearly green, not so massive on skull or such length of head feather as leaders; vhc, Slade; hc, Franz; c, Galloway. MEMB. CHAMP.—CRESTS (4): 1, 2, Slade, leader varieg., fine frontal and droop; 3, 4, Sprules, both very good throughout. C.B. (3): 1, Slade, nearly green, good skull and clothing; 2, 3, Sprules, leader very nice headed cl. NOVICE.—CRESTS (3): 1, 2, Foster. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Wilson, very neat, sweet feather, jaunty, getting into fine nick; 2, Smith, close and waxy in feather, jaunty carriage, neat head, well folded wings; 3, Bowes, very pretty, quite sweet and gay, fine quality and goes to and fro with a swing; 4, Simpson, just a wee bit stronger, fine quality, level; vhc, Norman, sweet bird, small, it is true, but full of excellent qualities; hc, Roberts, Garrod; c, Williams. HEN (11): 1, Simpson, full of life and swing, very close and stylish; 2, King, good bird, rather open in wing carriage, rare feather; 3, Blackshaw, struck us as having a trifle too much length, but very rich quality and good carriage; 4, Saytch, very sweet; vhc, Bowes; hc, Wilson; c, Saytch. BUFF (12): 1, Simpson, lovely feather, nice carriage, very gay; 2, Saytch, very similar to first 3, 4, Bayley, 3rd very similar again, grand quality and carriage vhc, Bowes; hc, Jenkins; c, Saytch. Hen (15): 1, Roberts, small, jaunty, rich feather; 2, Wilson, very natty little lady, gay as a belle, lovely dress, we liked exceedingly; 3, Bowes, grand quality, rather open at flights, but very stylish; 4, Jenkins, scarcely so nice in outline as those in front, but lovely feather; vhc, Bailey; hc, Williams; c, Bowes. UNEV. YELL. (9): 1, Simpson, varieg., very fine quality, rather cobby, nice colour; 2, Spoor, somewhat similar in structure; 3, Wilson, grand quality, very smart in gait; 4, Jenkins, teems with quality, nice carriage, but crosses wings badly; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Thyme; c, Williams. GREEN OR CINN .(10): 1, Middleton, yell. green, sweet bird of the kind, lovely quality; 2, Blackshaw, yell. Cinn., very nice quality, good carriage; 3, Middleton, buff green, rare feather, but a trifle stonter; 4, Hancock, pretty yell. green; vhc, hc, Hancock; c, Roberts. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Young, all Dutch Frills, leader a bunny yell. A.O.V. MEM. NOVICE: 1, Rees.

Mr. W. H. Vale's Classes.

The British bird and hybrid classes, although not on the whole well filled, nevertheless contained some birds of exceptional merit and very forward, notably Mr. Prior's Hawfinch, which secured special for the best bird; also the winners in the Linnet and Twite classes were well forward, while the hybrid classes contained some very choice specimens; the clear Greenfinch Canary being much admired. The owner, Mr. Archer, is to be congratulated. Mrs. Askham's Canary-Bullies are also charming birds. Mr. Vale's awards appeared to be well received.

GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Herbert, lovely Finch, rare blaze, clean cut, clear in whites, and beautifully tanned, perfect buttons, very forward in colour and well polished; 2, Jordan, another fine Finch, good size, nicely buttoned, good carriage, scarcely so forward in colour as winner, nice buttons; 3, Prior, very shapely, good quality Finch, well tanned and polished, good buttons, nice blaze, shows well; 4, Mitchell and Roberts, smaller than leaders, but well tanned, nice quality; vhc, Arnold, will improve; c, Jones, Fellows (absent). BULLFINCH: Cancelled. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Bolling, real good Twite, plenty of size and well pencilled, good colour, shows whites in flights well, grand condition; 2, Marley, sweet little Siskin, good colour, nice cap and wing bars, good thigh pencillings, in splendid trim; 3, vhc, Grahame, mealy Redpoll, plenty of size, a bit restless, well put down; 4, hc, Prior, 4th nice Twite, rich coloured and nicely pencilled, in grand condition, little to choose between this and the winner; vhc, Herbert; c, Pankhurst. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Marley, winner a grand Linnet for size and pencillings, good throat and cheek markings, well up in colour, shows well, rich, nutty-brown back, 2nd bonny, well-pencilled bird, steady as a rock; 3, Gunnel, big bird, good quality of feather, steady as possible, pale in colour, will improve; vhc, c, Prior, both well-pencilled birds, in faultless condition, a trifle restless, which will disappear after a few shows; hc, Botting. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (10): 1, spl best British bird in show, Prior, topping Hawfinch, large bib, grand coloured head, very steady, in grand condition, colours well defined, faultlessly shown, vhc Bramble, well polished, nice spangling; 2, Carter, Bramble, rich colour, well spangled, good thigh pencillings, nice size, shows well, last year's winner, we believe; 3, Grahame, Yellowbunting, good size, nice head marks, shade pale in colour; 4, Cherry, another rich coloured Hawfinch, trifle larger than winner, but does not carry the polish; vhc, Bolling, nice Bramble, very steady; hc, Mascall; c, Kidman. BLACKBIRD OR THRUSH, SMALL INSECTIV., and A.O.S., all cancelled. HYB., A.V. LIGHT CAN (7): 1, vhc, Archer, bouncing cl. buff Greenfinch-Can., splendid specimen, showing Greenfinch type well, not a dark feather visible, regular stormer, vhc same variety, light griz. markings on neck, back, and wings; 2, 4, Bond, 2nd sweet little Siskin-Can. buff, faintly tkd. on neck and one wing, otherwise clear, in splendid order, 4th slightly larger, not so good in wing carriage, lovely colour; 3, Arnold, wing-marked Goldfinch-Can., medium size, but fine quality of feather and colour; vhc, Goodall, even-marked Buff Goldfinch-Can., nice size; hc, Maxall. DARK (9): 1, 3, Mrs. Askham, grand pair, 1st charming Can.-Bullie, lovely cap, perfect shape, plenty of size, very hot colour, splendid quality, 3rd another of the same cross, beautifully shown; 2, 4, c, Bond, another Can.-Bullie, good size and shape, but lacks colour, taking bird, 4th capital Grecnie-Can., yel., fine colour, good bird, hard lines to meet three Can.-Bullies in the class; vhc, Smith and Sons, nice Twite-Can., good size and markings; hc, Goodall. FOR. (6): 1, Cushney, Indian Pilta, very tame, and whose brilliant colours were much admired; 2, 3, Mrs. Galloway, charming little Blackfaced Serin Finch, in faultless condition, 3rd fine pair of Parrot Finches; 4, Miss Clare. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Foster; 2, Easterling; 3, Rogers and Mazzoni; 4, Garlick. BULLFINCH: 1, Rees. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Easterling; 3, Foster; vhc, Sprules. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, 2, Easterling. INSECTIV.: 1, Rees HYB.: 1, 2, Rogers and Mazzoni; 3, Foster. FOR.: 1, Rogers and Mazzoni; 2, Sprules; 3, Foster.

(Report on Mr. Mundell's classes will be found on page 244.)

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting was held at Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, October 7th, Mr. Fry in the chair. Others present: Messrs. Rooney, Sheridan, Dowling, McDonnell, Callaghan, Lynch, Holly, Stewart, Gillen, Birse, Lee, and the hon. sec. Our patronage has been granted to Dundalk, Larne, and Banbridge. The cups were on view to be purchased for competition at our show, November 4th and 5th. The committee decided on three challenge cups, British bird cup, and close-ring cup, the challenge cup to be won three years, not necessarily in succession. The novice cup (which has already been presented) is to be won outright in one year; the British bird cup three years, not necessarily in succession; and the close-ring cup two years, not necessarily in succession.—D. CARRALL, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council Meeting.

A meeting of the council of the Union was held at Queensbury Show on October 9th, Mr. R. Halliday (president) in the chair. The complaint from Sandy Lane Show with regard to members of the Union using other than the uniform water tin was thoroughly discussed, and after due consideration it was decided to let the members in question off with a caution, seeing this was the first show where the new rule took effect, and to pay them their prize-money, which had been withheld, pending the council's decision. It would be well for every member of the Union to use the utmost care with regard to this new rule, and see to it that their cages bear the uniform water tin as supplied by Mr. J. Hargreaves, of Eccleshill. The council are determined to enforce the rules, and exhibitors must not treat their decision in this matter as any criterion for the future, for cases that come up after this warning has been administered will be most severely dealt with. I hope this warning will be sufficient, and that our members will see to it that no room is left for further complaints in our Union shows. The correspondence from the C.B.U., dealing with a working agreement between them, the London Federation and this Union, was heartily accepted by the council, and it was decided that from this date forward all disqualifications reported by the C.B.U. to the Yorkshire Union, and vice versa, would be upheld. This decision on the part of the C.B.U. has now brought the three Unions into combination with each other, for the purpose of dealing with all disqualifications, and trying to get some concessions from the railway companies for exhibits and exhibitors travelling to and from shows. I am sure the council wish the effort every success, and are determined to do whatever lies in their power to achieve this purpose. Another letter from the London Federation dealing with the same question was read to the meeting, and this also was accepted. The contract for advertisements on the Union cage labels was given to Mr. Carl, of CAGE BIRDS, the council accepting Mr. Carl's offer for supplying same. A few other important items of business were transacted, one deciding to supply cage-labels free of charge to all societies holding an open show. This brought the meeting to a close, the president thanking the delegates for their attendance.—H. HILL, secretary.

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TWITTERINGS—continued.

We have a nice lot of specials to be competed for at our open show on Oct. 23rd, writes Mr. H. Martin, sec. of the Shipley O.S. Shall be glad to send a schedule to anyone overlooked.

The secretaries of the Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., are Messrs. Richardson and Greenwell, of 35, The Avenue, Wallsend; the "Guide to the shows" gave Mr. Johnston's name in error.

There is an error in Plymouth schedule, in the Crested Canary Club's specials, the 21s. special being for Crest or Crestbred, and not one for each, as we have it, writes Mr. Thos. Pope, the secretary.

Kindly note that I have removed from Keswick Street to 135, School Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne, writes Mr. G. Buck, secretary of the Gateshead and District C.B.S. Will secretaries please note?

Will secretaries please note that my address is 35, South Woodbine Street, Dewsbury, not 55, as printed in the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. handbook, writes Mr. G. G. Stafford, hon. secretary, Dewsbury O.F.S.?

Fanciers who have not yet received schedules, writes Mr. J. W. Papple, hon. secretary of the Hartlepools C.B.S., should apply at once. We have a grand lot of specials, and are looking forward to a good entry.

Will members of the Lancashire C.A., who have not paid their subscriptions, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, the hon. secretary, kindly note that they will not be able to compete for the specials at the shows until they have done so?

The special given by Mr. Adam Melrose, of Galashiels (a trouser length), writes Mr. W. Curry, joint secretary of the Newcastle Show, should have been stated in our schedule as being confined to members for the best young Scotch Fancy Canary.

OBITUARY.

Mr. GEORGE CORKILL (Douglas).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. H. Gill, hon. secretary of the Douglas and Isle of Man C.B.S., I write to inform you of the death of one of our oldest and most respected members, Mr. Geo. Corkill, in his 66th year, after a long and weary illness. He was interred at Braddan Cemetery on October 5th, and several fanciers and friends attended, including members of our Society. He was a member for a number of years, and was an ardent lover of the Linnet as a songster. He was also a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Canary of late years. I am sure all fanciers will join me in conveying our deepest sympathy and condolence to his family.

McPhail Subscription Sale.—Winning numbers:—2,051, 1,988, 1,079, 963, 3,446, 2,068, 1,251, 1,036, 2,591, 3,013, 1,440, 1,262, 599, 1 489, 1,485, 2,447, 766, 2,385, 4,238, 1,531, 2,988, 1,520, 1,067, 2,885, 1,219, 2,331, 4,212, 27, 83, 3,349, 1,303, 1,389, 184, 1, 1,926, 2,070, 3,021, 470, 1,185, 1,061. —(Advt.)

We are holding a concert on October 21st in aid of Trophy Fund, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., and we shall be pleased to see any fanciers at same. All wishing to join should do so now to be in time to compete for specials at annual show.

On Wednesday last, October 13th, at St. Peter's-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow, Mr. C. A. House, the well-known judge and writer upon Fancy topics, was married to Miss E. Hanson, formerly of Idle. The good wishes of Mr. House's many friends in the cage-bird Fancy will go out to the happy couple.

We have a silver medal, by N.B.B. and M.C., and a bronze medal by F.B.C. to be competed for by their respective members at our show on October 23rd, write Messrs. Elliott and Wood, joint secretaries of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. We have also four extra specials for the foreigners. We are hoping exhibitors will appreciate our efforts and give us a bumper.

The Cage Bird Union: Book of Rules

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We have pleasure in informing advertisers that we have this year been entrusted with the production and publication of the Cage Bird Union Handbook of Rules, etc. Many new features will be introduced, many pages will be added, all the matter will be brought thoroughly up-to-date, and the whole book will be produced on a more imposing scale than has hitherto been the case.

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The London and Counties O.S., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, are to be favoured on October 18th by a lecture on the Crested Canary, by Mr. J. S. Clarke, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C. The meeting will commence at 8.30, when fanciers and friends will be welcome.

We omitted to state in our schedule, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.C., that the Foreign Bird Club are giving a cup and bronze medal for best bird shown by a member, also that Mrs. J. Rukin is giving a special. The cage said to be given by Mr. J. E. Davies is an extra special for most points in Yorkshires, should read: "given by Mr. A. G. Davies, 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

Battersea Show has had to extend the date of entries closing to this Saturday, October 16th, writes Mr. Easterling, the secretary. I hope fanciers will rally round and make our show a thorough success, as we offer them a fine classification, a good hall, careful management, and prompt prize-money, with several other advantages. Enter from the review of schedule.

Next Week.

GRAND SPECIAL NUMBER.

Our first special issue of the present show season will contain a very Beautiful Coloured Plate and many additional attractions.

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Advertisers

Should send in their announcements to reach us on Tuesday next certain, and specially note the very novel Offer made them on page 226 this week. Seize this tempting opportunity. Remember that Sales in our Special Numbers are always Record ones.

Exhibitors wishing to have their birds out of our show before the close, writes Mr. B. Peake, secretary of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., may do so by writing to or seeing the secretary on day before show. We are federated with the Leek and Longton Societies, which guarantee entries at their shows, so that fanciers may get their birds ready without fear of disappointment of return of entries marked cancelled.

Readers will be pleased to learn that Mr. Gore, the Roller Canary importer, of Gooch Street, Birmingham, has just received his first consignment for this season of the famous Leipzig Rollers. They are in magnificent trim, all clean moulted, and full song. Being selected from first round of young they are exceptionally strong and vigorous. Full particulars will be found in Roller Canary advertisement of Mr. Gore.—(Advt.)

I have received very few entries, writes Mr. Maggs, the secretary of Bristol Fanciers' Show. These lines are copied from one of the few entry forms received: "These are more entries than I ever sent to any show before, but each occasion I have shown with you the birds have come back looking so well that I think yours is the show to patronise; also the cards you send out are a step in the right direction, they are worth keeping."

My birdlime should have read in my last advertisement as 2s. per pound, and not 1s. per tin, although I am now able to do half-pound tins at 1s., writes Mr. W. Wallace. (I have moved from Flimby to Pinfold Street, Workington). A friend of mine, I may mention, whilst out catching, had a Hawk swoop down on to his call-bird, and caught it by means of the birdlime twigs.

The subscription sale on behalf of Mrs. McPhail and family has been a success, and I wish to convey the thanks of Mrs. McPhail to you for assisting in gathering together a large number of the Glasgow fanciers, August 28th, to consider the best means of disposing of our late friend's stock, and to all who have contributed towards the success by disposing of the tickets.—J. Brown (Glasgow).

I see in Twitterings of Cage Birds, October 9th, that Mr. Bell, secretary, Carlisle, states there is no other show on October 27th and 28th in the north. I think he must have forgotten there is a place in the north, not many miles from Carlisle, called Harrington, where a show is being held on October 28th and 29th, and are catering well for cage birds, and giving lots of specials, in addition to prize-money. We held a most successful show last year, under C.B.U. rules, and I see Carlisle is not under C.B.U. rules, and we expect to keep Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) very busy judging.—W. Irwin, secretary, Harrington Show.

At Blaydon-on-Tyne Open Show, held on November 5th and 6th, all prize-money is guaranteed (whether competition or not) writes Mr. George Hawver, the secretary. A large working committee will give special attention to birds from a distance.

Owing to the new Licensing Act prohibiting boys from being on licensed premises, writes Mr. Geo. Peters, hon. secretary of the Coventry O.S., we are compelled to abandon the "boys' bird drawing competition" in connection with our annual show on November 20th, as the show room is part of the Sydenham Palace Hotel.

Mr. Goodall has resigned his position as secretary of the St. Helens Ornithological Society, and I have been appointed in his stead, writes Mr. R. Gibbic (10, Reservoir Street, Thatto Heath, St. Helens). Mr. A. Sherlock has been appointed show manager. All correspondence must be addressed to me.

I am hoping to make someone have a tough competition in the buff class, writes Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax). My old Palace champion '09, winner of 23 Y.C.C. and Y.U. first prizes in class for yellows and buffs, is coming on as hot as ever, as well as my heavily variegated buff, son of the winner of three firsts and sixteen seconds, and never beaten in two years. Both were bred by myself. I only desire that we shall have a dozen competitors running neck and neck to the finish; then we shall have some fine sport.

The English and Welsh Border Fancy C.C.'s list of specials includes a handsome cup for most points gained by the three highest birds at each show, and cash specials of 15s., 10s., and 5s. in both champion and novice sections for the Northern Division; and the same for the Southern Division. The international contest, we note, is to take place at the Altrincham Show on December 3rd and 4th, the judges being Messrs. Hadwin and Wellings. The secretary is Mr. S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

EXETER AND DEVON.

Twentieth Annual Show, held October 13th. It proved a success. Yorkshires made a nice display, Mrs. Garland and Mr. Keegan putting down some excellent exhibits. Amongst the Norwich were some very typical specimens that will, no doubt, be heard of again. The Canary-Bullfinch Mule of Messrs. Lashbrook and Sons had an easy win in its class, and is a bird of much merit. The selling classes contained several cheap birds. The exhibits were nicely arranged in a circle, the staging being draped with bunting, giving it a nice set-off. Mr. Cornish, the hon. secretary, as usual did his work in a most efficient manner, and he was well supported by a good committee of genuine fanciers. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

BORDER (7): 1, spl, 3, Hoskings, four-pointed yell. leading, grand feather, nice shape and carriage, well balanced markings, 3rd jonque Cinn., nice feather, sound col.; 2, c, Hopgood, cl. buff, grand wings and tail, nice shape and feather; vhc, hc, Dart. NOR., YELL. CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, spl, Redwood, unflig., clinking shape, rare head and neck, nice, deep chest, rich col.; 2, Warley, has size, col., and shape, nice back and neck; 3, Bobbett, unflig., nice shape and quality, level col., neat wings and tail; vhc, Martin; hc, Parker; c, Brain. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Roden, head and eye mkd., unflig., grand shape, good flights and neat tail, nicely mealed; 2, Redwood, lovely shape, deep, nicely rounded chest, good quality of feather, well packed flights; 3, Daw, hot col., nice type, well packed flights and tail; hc, Mrs. Southcombe; c, Jones. HEN (12): 1, Daw, cl. yell., good shape, full of quality, nice level col.; 2, Brain, buff, splendid shape, short wings and tail, grandly mealed; 3, Redwood, buff, rare shaped body, splendid quality, not quite so short in flights and tail; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Martin; c, Warley. CREST CL. BODY, ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Evins Bros., good griz., dense drooping crest, good formation, 2nd dk. nice frontal crest, shade weak at left side at present, 3rd cl., nice crest; vhc, Turner. C.B. HEN (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Evins Bros., good shaped skull, well clothed, with nice, long, wide teather, good entrance, 2nd good shaped skull, nicely feathered, 3rd good pied tail green; vhc, Hobbs. YORKS. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Mrs. Garland, stands well, grand feather, nicely braced wings and neat tail, good back; 2, Thomas, well-drawn out, good position, nice, long flights and tail, not quite ready; 3, Harris, good length and nice quality feather, good position; vhc, German; hc, Fox; c, Marshall. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Garland, splendid quality, slim built, neat head, stands well, nice, narrow shoulders, in good form; 2, Thomas, good position, nice flights and tail; 3, Fox (R. and W.), beautiful position, nicely moulded; vhc, Harries; hc, Churchward; c, Miller. UNEVEN MKD. ETC. (14): 1, spl, 3, Keegan, yell., griz. wings and cheek, slim built, beautiful feather, straight as a pencil, nice pipe tail and well packed flights; 3rd, cheek and neck mkd., grand col. and quality, nice position; 2, Fox, neck tkd. yell., well on leg, slim built, good position; vhc, Mrs. Garland; hc, Lashbrook and Son; c, Thomas. HEN (13): 1, Fox, yell., well drawn, stands on a good pair of legs, nice feather, wings well packed; 2, Harries, buff, slim and stylish, nice feather, good flights and tail, full of quality; 3, German, smart yell., nice length and style; vhc, Lashbrook and Son; hc, Miller; c, Osborne. MULE, DARK (6): 1, spl, Lashbrook and Son, Canary-Bullfinch, wonderful size, grand feather and condition, easy win; 2, Badcott, good Linnet-Can., nice feather; 3, Gregory, buff Goldfinch, in good form; vhc, Commins; hc, Endacott. NOV. CLASS (9): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Miss Finch, good Crest, and yell. Belg.; 3, West, shapely buff Nor., nice col. and feather; hc, Butts; c, Harris. A.V. CAN. (exhibited by lady) (10): 1, 2, c, Miss Finch, two really nice Crest-breds; 3, Mrs. Luxton, buff Nor., good shape and col.; vhc, Mrs. Garland; hc, Mrs. West. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 2, Cockram, good blaze, nice col., well tanned chest, fine bars and buttons; 2nd, nice buttons and wing bars, not yet up in face; 3, Rees, very promising bird; vhc, Longden; hc, Smith; c, Adams. BULLFINCH (7): 1, spl, Russel, grand cap, well defined bars, nice back and good breast col., well shown; 2, Southcombe Bros., nice glossy cap, good back and bars; 3, Bond and Davey, another good one; vhc, Teed. LARGE (6): 1, Bond and Davey, good feathered Hawfinch, well mkd.; 2, Rees, well spotted and good coloured Song Thrush; 3, Pickard, very nice Missel Thrush; vhc, Bonns. SMALL (13): 1, Jones, Whinchat, beautifully feathered and well mkd., put down in grand form; 2, vhc, Lean and Son, Wheatear, splendidly mkd., good col. and feather; 3, Russel, Siskin, gem for size, col. and markings, in fine order; vhc, Commins; hc, Tremlett; c, Rees. FOR. (9): 1, c, Slowman, Paradise Whydah, good col. and feather; 2, Bousfield, nice Grassfinch, splendid feather; 3, Mrs. Hurdle, Troupial, grand col.; vhc, Mrs. Barse Bayley; hc, Mrs. Southcombe. SELL (21/-) (8): 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Webber; 3, Redwood; vhc, West; hc, c, Roberts. (10/6) (8): 1, Adams; 2, Webber; 3, Jones; vhc, Mitchell; hc, no name; c, Stone.

CATERHAM.

Held October 13th and 14th, and proved a success, considering that the fixture clashed with another not far away. There were 164 exhibits, all of which were very nicely staged. Some really grand birds put in an appearance, and many of them will be heard of again. The Norwich Plainheads especially were a hot lot. The hall in which the exhibits were staged was an excellent one in every way, possessing among other advantages splendid light. The management of the show was in the very capable hands of Mr. A. J. Kilby, the popular hon. sec., who is to be congratulated on this score, and he was ably supported by a capital committee. Mr. J. Rohson judged.

NOR. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Spinner, stands right away, splendid meal and type; 2, Kilby, good one, not quite ready; 3, Hodder, head and wing mkd., fine bouncing bird; vhc, Gunnell; hc, c, Kilby, he will improve. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Kilby, grand team, very keen competition, very hot fed; hc, Silk; c, Hodder. BUFF UNFLIG. (11): 1, Hodder, gem head and wing mkd., splendid quality and type; 2, 3, c, Kilby, another good team, 2nd head mkd., loses a bit in size; 3rd, cl.; vhc, Cosen and Crisp, nice bird; hc, Taylor. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Kilby, all over a winner, very neat; 2, Hodder, beaten only in head properties; 3, Jeffrey, not quite ready, should be heard of later; vhc, Silk, grizzle back of head and cheek; hc, Spinner; c, Taylor. NOR. HENS (10): 1, spl, Hodder, beauty, mealy buff, stands right out all round; 2, 3, vhc, Kilby, 2nd nice buff; 3rd, cinn. green, grand stock bird; vhc, very nice buff, hardly ready; hc, Jupe; c, Kilby. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Harris, grand length and side, will do with another fortnight; 2, Wheeler, sweetly drawn, not quite ready; 3, vhc, same stable, all want a bit longer time; hc, Taylor, griz. cheek; c, Green. BUFF (14): 1, Taylor, grand cl., full of quality, straight as a dye, plenty of swagger; 2, vhc, hc, Wheeler, another good team; 2nd, griz., wing mkd.; 3, Harris, full of quality, not ready, fine moulded, will stand higher later; c, Jupe. YORKS. HEN: 1, 3, Taylor, 1st varieg. yell., good win; 3rd, another yell., not quite fit; 2, Tillett, grand buff, very stylish; vhc, Harris; hc, Wheeler; c, Green. CREST AND C.B. (8): 1, Mrs. Haysom, Crested cock, cl. body, wing, and dark crest; 2, Fellows, big bouncing C.B. cock, heavy varieg., splendid leafy feather; 3, Mrs. Haysom, another Crested hen, good crest, fails in body substance; vhc, Hall, Crested Green cock; hc, Mrs. Haysom, wonderful feather, Crest-bred; c, Cox, Crested ck. BORD. FCY. (7): 1, Weaver, cl. yell. cock, easy winner, nice model; 2, J. Gorringe, buff, not the style of winner; 3, Weaver, cl. yell., too slim, otherwise sweet exhibit; vhc, Hooper, buff too leggy; hc, c, Gorringe. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, F. J. Green, Lancs. coppy and Lancs. Plainhead; 2, Cosier and Crisp, very neat, Gold Liz.; vhc, Green, broken cap, Gold Lizard; hc, Kilby, cinn. Green Norwich. MULES A.V. (7): 1, Gunnell, Goldfinch Mule, even mkd. yell., not quite ready, but a stormer; 3rd, lightly varieg. buff Goldfinch Mule; 2, Cook, graud even mkd. buff Goldfinch Mule, very taking; vhc, hc, Miss J. Reeves, vhc Greenfinch-Can., col. broken; hc, Linnet-Can., a little gem in hot company; c, Terry, Goldfinch-Can. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (9): 1, Gill, Goldfinch, good expanse of blaze, very neat; 2, Bacon, Bullfinch, well deserves place, well shown; 3, vhc, Fellows, Goldfinches, not quite ready; hc, Coomber, Bullfinch; c, Gunnell, Goldfinch. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, J. Bailey and Son, Cornish Chough; 2, Bacon, real gem of a Chaffinch, in splendid bloom; 3, Cook, Redpoll, also in grand fettle; vhc, Gunnell, beautiful Yellow Bunting, hard lines here; hc, Botting, Reed Bunting; c, Gorringe, Greenfinch, outclassed here. FOR.: 1, spl, Kilby, Paradise Whydah, very taking exhibit, nicely staged; 2, Mrs. Aldred, Cockatoo, would persist in holding a conversation with our reporter, could do with bath; 3, vhc, hc, Botting, Canadian Weaver; vhc, Combassou; hc, Orange Bishop; c, Miss Hopwood, pair White Javas. SELL. (20/-) (18): Strong class, one or two very cheap birds; 1, Kilby; 2, Green; 3, Hooper; vhc, Cox; hc, Kilby; c, Weaver. LOCAL NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, F. Botell, 1st cl yell., could win in better company; 2nd, varieg. buff, splendid stock bird; 3rd, another good yell; c, French, cl. yell. A.O.V.: 1, Harris, yell. Yorks., not quite ready, fit to win in better company; 2, Tillett, another yell. Yorks., lightly varieg.; 3, Gorringe, varieg. buff Border; vhc, Harris; hc, Tillett.

Yorkshire Union Records Broken.

"City of Bradford Show entries 655—a Yorkshire Union record." This telegram reaches us as we are on the point of going to press, and evidently the visitors to the show have a great treat in store. The show officials are to be congratulated upon their good fortune.

A Correction.

Owing to a slip of the pen, our artist, Mr. Norman, had down Mr. Dixon's Border Fancy on our frontispiece last week as the winner of first prizes at Cardiff Show, instead of Carlisle Show. The firsts at Cardiff in Borders went to Messrs. Hammacott and Card, of Swansea.

Two Rare Mules Produced.

When on my journey last week, writes 'Observer," I learned that a "non-such" had been bred in Cumberland. I took a trip up to Wigton, and called on the breeder of this bird, Mr. John Dixon, well-known in Muling and Border Fancy circles. I was invited into the bird-room, and found a proper "Hornet's nest" in Mules. The bird I have referred to is a splendid fellow, a grand colour—a perfectly clear, yellow cock! I got an eye opener, and no mistake. I have never seen its equal. I asked Mr. Dixon if he had a name for him, and he replied, "Yes, I am calling him 'Cumberland Perfection."

Our representative at Dulwich Show writes: There was one bird which stood out from all the others in point of rarity and interest—a clear buff Greenfinch Mule, an undoubtedly genuine specimen, of fine size and exceptional colour. It was staged with what looked like a nest brother, another Mule with only a few grizzled markings here and there on its plumage. Both are this year's youngsters, and were shown by a Mr. Archer, of Plaistow, who is, I was given to understand, quite a novice at Mule breeding. Lucky man!

Show Dates Fixed will be found on page 237 this week, and Club Notices on page 243

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Food and Breeding Cage.

H. Steadman.—The cause was the hen's refusal to feed with the new food offered so abruptly. All changes of this kind should be made gradually when birds are rearing young, as they have their likes and dislikes, and are always apt to resent sudden changes I cannot understand the strange behaviour of the young bird unless it is a precocious hen making love to one of the others. The difference in colour is that one—the whitish specimen—is a buff, and the other a yellow. It is rather early yet for birds to commence singing after moulting, but if these are really cocks, they should be coming in song soon. To help, give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, maw, yellow, mustard, gold of pleasure, and sesame seeds two or three times a week. There is no special type of cage for breeding Yorkshires in. The Norwich breeding cage you saw illustrated will do. They might be made a couple of inches higher, but it is not essential. Perhaps "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," 2/3 post free from our Manager, would help you, and a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, 7d. post free, would certainly help you to choose a Society. Don't hesitate to write when in difficulties. See also reply by the Editor.

Hen Pants and Puffs.

A. Lee.—I suspect the hen is either older than you say, or that it has not been very well managed; a hen four years old should not be worn out. Had you said how you fed the bird it would have helped me. Keep her in a comfortable place, quite free from draughts and extremes of temperature, and see the cage is free from red mites. Put her on a diet of plain Canary, only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and a liberal supply of green food daily for the next month. Give also on the days when you are not giving rape for the next fortnight a small piece of bread sopped in milk, pressed nearly dry, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Keep cage supplied with clean gritty sand, and the greenstuff may be occasionally varied with sweet fruit or a bit of boiled carrot. In the drinking water give six drops each dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts, every second day for a week, and in the following week six drops tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel, every second day. At the end of the fortnight, if the hen is fairly active, place her in a flight, where she can get plenty of exercise, and after omitting the medicines for one week, begin again and repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order.

Going Queer, etc.

A. G. P.—(1) You do not give enough particulars. I think it not unlikely your birds may have a type of septic fever which may become serious at any moment. I would, therefore, advise you to have a post mortem on the next that dies. Read reply to "E. D. G.," and do not introduce any fresh stock until you are quite sure you have not this disease among the birds. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean, and burn all debris removed from same immediately. See the food and water are above suspicion, as regards purity, and see, too, the cages are not infested with red mite, or exposed to draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts hemp to one part each of inga, millet, gold of pleasure, maw, and linseed. Every second day for a fortnight give a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little green food or sweet fruit daily. Give no egg food at all whilst on this diet, and you should not find any more "going queer." (2) Put these birds on the dietary mentioned in No. 1 at once, and in the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. The last-named may be continued on alternate days for a fortnight if necessary. The sample of rape sent is very good, but seems rather new, and should improve by a few months' proper storage. The canary is sweet, but only a very second rate quality.

Fever Points.

E. D. G.—(1) Yes, it is possible for "bird fever" to break out without any infected bird having been introduced. It may be introduced by many means, or it may break out spontaneously; in the latter case the cause is generally to be found in a tainted food or water supply. Overcrowding will always increase the risks, and particularly where egg food is used liberally, or allowed to become the least bit stale; indeed, the egg food is clearly the great cultivating ground of the bacilli which cause the disease. I think it is probable also that eggs laid by unhealthy stock may be much more likely to set up the disease than really good and untainted eggs. It is just probable the Thrush was an escape or a "release" from captivity, and was suffering from the complaint, and thus introduced it. (2) You do not say whether the four birds were seized with the illness and have recovered, or whether they escaped without being attacked. In the latter case, they have evidently good resisting powers, and provided you have efficiently disinfected everything, and the birds, they should be quite safe. If they were seized with the disease and recovered, however, although they are probably quite safe from the attack now, I should advise you to keep them strictly isolated and under hygienic conditions until next spring at least before introducing any other birds. During this period also cut off all egg food from their dietary. (3) This query is rather vague about "sulphuring" the room, and these four birds remaining in it. If you mean to fumigate the room with sulphur, and leave the birds in during the process, you will most assuredly kill them if the fumigation is properly carried out. Personally I have extremely little faith in the utility of it. After a room is properly fumigated it would be quite safe to return birds to it after it had been thrown open and well aired for twenty-four hours. You would do well to get Dr. Clarke's handbook on "Septic Fever," 7d. post free, from our manager.

Ailing Yorkshire.

Novice J.W.W.—Is the bird old or young? If you bought it as a singing bird and it did not sing at all after you received it, you should have courteously informed the vendor and asked for an explanation, and if the vendor was as you say, you would have been fairly met in the matter. Now, however, you have kept the bird too long, and it is not unlikely your feeding and management may be the cause. Its loss of song may be simply due to moulting, although you make no mention of this, which, again, seems to suggest that the trouble may be connected with difficulty in breaking into moult. Give the following a trial for a few weeks. See first that the cage is quite free from red mites. Keep it in a fairly warm place, but where the warmth is regular and equable night and day, quite free from draughts, away from the fumes of burning lamps or gas during the evening, and where the atmosphere is pure and fresh. Give plain Canary as a staple diet, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on the alternate days about the same amount of bread sopped in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw seed. Every day give a little green food and allow the bird to bathe daily provided it is not badly affected after bathing. Continue this diet for a month. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and during the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. See the cage is kept strewn with clean gritty sand.

Inflammation of Bowels.

R.M.—Had you described how the bird was affected, and said how and where kept, and how fed, I should have been in a better position to help. From the fact that the bird has been ill a month, it is pretty safe to conclude the trouble is not what you suspect. Try following treatment for a fortnight, and if bird is not much better, then write again. First see that the bird is not exposed to draughts or extreme fluctuations of heat, and that the cage is not infested with red mites. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped upon it and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Remove at night all that is not

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eaten. Three times a week give a half-ripe plantain stalk, or a seed head of shepherd's purse, or a scrap of banana. Keep cage nicely strewn with clean gritty sand, and the perches quite clean. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and a small pinch of Epsom salts every second day for the first week, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week give twenty drops Chemical Food and six of malt extract every second day. Concerning the effect of the medicine, etc., you enquire about, let me advise you not to dabble in all these things simply for the sake of giving something. Leave medicines severely alone, save when really necessary. The first and last named are aperient; the second has a good stimulating effect; the third is a useful diuretic; and the others are good generally useful tonics. There is no such book as you mention, but "bide a wee."

Brevities.

Various (T.N.Z.).—Sorry, but I do not remember if you mentioned what variety your hen is. If you want to breed pure bred, you must have a cock bird of the same variety as the hen. If not particular about pure breds, especially as you are just beginning, you had better get a 1909 Roller, Border Fancy, or Norwich, as these are all very hardy. About February next would be a good time to buy. To hear the bird in good vigorous song will be your best means of knowing if it is a cock; otherwise buy from a dealer with a reputation, and trust to his judgment, in addition to which you might deposit cash with our Editor until you had heard the bird sing. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or the "Canary Manual"; see advert. I would not advise you to wash the sand from the cages to use over again; it is surely cheap enough.

Dieteties (A Keen Beginner).—To cater for the inmates fill one section of the self-feeding hopper with good Canary, another with summer rape, and the third with a mixture of one part each hemp and black rape, and a half part each teazle, thistle, gold of pleasure, wild mustard, and linseed. Any other wild seeds, green foods, crushed biscuit, etc., throw in as needed. Let them have free access to a large shallow bath at all times, but see it is emptied and cleaned daily, and also keep a separate water supply for drinking purposes, which should be renewed and the vessels cleaned at least every day. Unless the floor is covered with gritty sand, a supply of this should be kept in a shallow box in a corner. The Mule caged alone may be fed on a staple of two parts Canary, one part summer rape, and a half part teazle, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts black rape, gold of pleasure, maw, hemp, and linseed, given separately twice a week, with a scrap of green food daily, or sweet fruit when greenstuff is out of season, and a little crushed biscuit once or twice a week.

Heat and Air (G.B.).—If the temperature is not extremely variable, the present average of sixty degrees is very suitable. You should, however, aim at keeping it steadily within a range of five or six degrees, say, between fifty-seven and sixty-two or three. After the moult a temperature of from 45 to 50 is quite sufficient, even where artificial heat is used. But I am afraid your room, being small, and having glass roof and sides, must be very variable, particularly if the sun shines upon it in any part of the day, and in that case you need to be very careful, and may find it necessary to either cover the glass section with some non-conducting material, or provide them with shutters or blinds. Your method of ventilation seems unsatisfactory. Cannot you continue to make a sash that would open on hinges in the side and another in the glass roof? At least, you should have two openings 18 inches by 12 for the ingress of pure air and the exit of foul air, the latter preferably near or in the roof, and arranged so that there will be no direct current of air through the cage.

Historical ("Dispute").—Who was responsible for the introduction of the Canary into this country is, unfortunately, lost in antiquity, so we are deprived of the satisfaction of raising a monument of brass to his memory. Probably it was some ordinary Jack Tar of the sixteenth century. The earliest authentic record of them I know of is in the writings of Francis Willughby, written about the beginning of the seventeenth century, but not published until 1667, long after Willughby's death. He writes of them as being brought to England from the Canary Islands in his day as singing birds—the name of "Canary-birds" being given them from the place whence they were brought. From this we may reasonably infer that the Canary, although probably something of a rarity in those days, was not unknown as a cage bird in this country as early as the year 1600.

Improving and Feeding Crests (E.H.W.L.W.)—Your suggestion is correct, but I am sorry I cannot confirm your hopes. As a matter of fact, you are expecting a little too much. If you produce a few show birds the second or third season after crossing, you will do as well as can be reasonably expected. You could save a year by using a first cross Lancashire once, if you can procure one which you know is bred to suit your purpose. Otherwise, get a yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock bird and mate with a good stout-bodied, well-bred Crest hen, green or variegated buff for choice. Do not look for show birds among the progeny, but the following season pair the cross-bred cocks back to good Crest hens, including one to the original hen, when the effects will begin to show in the future progeny. The cross-bred hens may also be bred back to Crests, but when breeding in a small way I should prefer to limit the alien blood to the male side. The feeding depends upon what your special mixture consists of, whether your dietary is good or bad. About three weeks ago a fully detailed dietary for Crests was given.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Two Points.

P. Doonan.—I have never personally known of a case where a cock Bullfinch has bred with a hen Canary; the reverse mating is usually adopted. There would be no harm in experimenting with the cock Bullie, of course. We shall be able to supply you with the book you desire in the near future. A 1909 Goldfinch would be very likely to breed Mules next spring, if a kind, steady bird. White-legged Goldfinches are generally the most reliable mulers, but black-legged birds will often breed freely; it is largely a matter of disposition. Some Goldfinches are far better tempered than others; that is, they take to captivity like a duck takes to water. A wild, unsteady Finch is not often a success in a breeding cage.

A Trio.

E.E.—1. The dried seed-pods sent are those of one of the campanulas (known as bell flowers). I have never given them to birds, so can't say anything about the usefulness or otherwise of the seed as a food. Stick to the old, tried wild seeds, and you can't go wrong. 2. My own Mule-breeding cages are of the two-compartment pattern, some being 36 inches long and some 40 inches long. The former is a really fine all-round size. Width, 9 inches, length 16 inches. My Hybrid cages are 16 inches wide and 20 high. 3. Any cross between a Bunting and a Canary would be extremely rare; I doubt whether such has ever been produced. All the known Finch-Canary Mules are common enough (light examples being the only scarce ones), but either Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, or Chaffinch-Canary Mules would create a sensation—especially the former.

Breeding Items.

Goldfinch.—If the Goldfinch has bred Mules previously, there is no need whatever to run him with the hen Canary throughout the winter. Most of my own muling Finches never see their wives until the latter are showing signs of anxiety to get along with the nest-building. If you have a two-compartment breeding cage, you can keep the Goldie in one half, the hen in the other, with the wired division down the centre, thus enabling the couple to get on terms of friendship, and yet being able to feed them differently. A good winter stock seed mixture for Goldfinches is teazle and hemp three parts each, Canary two parts, linseed one part, and just a slight sprinkling of charlock and summer rape. For Linnets: Canary and teazle two parts each, charlock, summer rape, and linseed one part each. Keeping Finches in a warm room is not exactly good for them, but certainly will not prevent them breeding. Both Goldies and Linnets can be bred with the season after they are hatched.

A Thrush Puzzle.

R. I. E.—Your communication is very puzzling. You don't state how you are feeding the bird, and this information should always be given. It may merely have a touch of "indigestion," in which case a dose or two of saline medicine should put matters right, or it may really have a cold. Have you had the Thrush in a draught? Or do you have him indoors in a more or less warm room and now and again hang outdoors? But I should not think that "indigestion" would cause him to pull out his breast feathers; or a cold, either. Are you, however, sure that he "pulls" them out? It is the moulting season; may not their presence in the cage be due to this? Has it moulted yet? It may be that the bird is troubled with bird lice or red mite. Can you trace any about bird or cage? If you can give me something more definite to go upon I shall be glad to try to help. A first-rate cough mixture was given in the reply to "E. C." last week.

A Heavy List.

Grateful.—To go into the feeding and management of nine different birds is too much for the space allowed these queries. You should certainly get a book dealing with British bird keeping, such as Mr. Norman's (published by CAGE BIRDS at 1s. 1d. post free). The Yellow Bunting eats practically only canary seed; a little crushed Finch mixture will sometimes be picked over, likewise wild seeds. Bramblefinch, canary and teazle three parts each, hemp and sunflower one part each, linseed, charlock, and summer rape half-part each. Greenfinch the same. Chaffinch the same, but with the hemp left out. The Linnet and Goldfinch are dealt with in the reply given "Goldfinch." The Redpoll should be treated exactly the same as the Linnet. A "lit-bit" for them all is given in the reply to "Novice, A. W."; while for suitable greenfoods see the answers given "Briton." Weavers and Bishops are Foreign birds, so not in my department; Mr. Page looks after their interests.

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Cheaply Feeding Skylarks.

Confusion.—I can quite see that you find the recipe mentioned too expensive. It certainly contains a surprising number of eggs, and to anyone like yourself, with a dozen Larks, that is not an item to be ignored. I look upon such recipes, personally, as merely "fad" foods. You can provide a really good and cheap staple diet in the following manner: Get a supply of Lark or Thrush food such as is advertised in our columns (good brands can be bought at most bird and seed stores); also a bag of dog or puppy meal (such as Melox or Spratt's). For the daily feed, take the required quantity of the latter and add sufficient hot water to thoroughly soften it (mash it with a fork); then reduce it to a crumbly consistency by adding the necessary quantity of the Lark or Thrush food, when it is ready to give to the birds. This method is both easy, cheap, and satisfactory. The quantity to mix up you will soon be able to gauge; it is deceptive stuff, dogmeal, so don't take too much at first. A little chopped green food should be frequently added, and some minced hard-boiled egg now and again helps to keep the bird in high, singing condition. Live-food give, of course, as obtainable. Do not give the food in too sloppy a state; birds do not relish it in that condition.

Tit-bits for Seed-eaters.

Novice, A. W.—I think that the claim made for wild seed mixtures as a "conditioner" of Finches is quite justified. I am sure I get good results from using such a mixture in my own stock. I am bound to admit, though, as you ask the question direct, that I think of little value some of the wild seed mixtures which I have seen. They contain nothing but a variety of those seeds termed "bird rapes," and a more or less liberal percentage of waste. My own method of preparing a "tit-bit" mixture is to get a good wild seed mixture. Then I get made up the following: Thistle, dandelion, lettuce, plantain, gold of pleasure, and sesame, half a pound each, cornflower and wild mustard, a quarter-pound of each. This makes a good quantity, and is somewhat expensive (thistle, dandelion, and cornflower being dear), but there is no waste, and, of course, the quantities of each seed can be reduced. The cost is greatly reduced, however, by the addition of the aforesaid wild seed mixture, two parts of this to one of the other. It is greatly relished by the majority of seed-eaters, and grand stuff for getting them into stout song. I sometimes add inga and maw to it.

Feeding a Bullfinch.

Briton.—I. I dealt fully with this question a week or so ago. There is no necessity to "cover up" a Bullfinch to moult him out for show. At the same time, I believe in keeping them out of the direct (strong) rays of light. If you decide to give a little sweet pepper, it can be given amongst the seed (note the many replies on colour-feeding recently given) if the bird won't eat soft food, or the prepared soft food be mixed with the seed. If natural colouring agents be used, Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries (in both red and black stages) and privet blackberries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash (rowan), dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., according to season, to say nothing of

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the wild seeding plants, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's purse, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel tops, etc. Let your bird bathe freely. A bird which is not a free bather never comes out so polished as one that revels in cold water. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed, summer rape and charlock, one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. Don't give hemp. 2. I should think a Chaffinch and Greenfinch would be safe with Budgerigars in your aviary. This, however, is really a question for Mr. Page (see rules).

Brevities.

Scab on a Bullfinch (C. Horlebog).—You must dress the place twice daily with Calvert's carbolic ointment; anoint it gently with the tip of a finger. For three or four days give two tablespoonfuls of drinking water with a very small teaspoonful of fluid magnesia stirred into it—fresh daily, of course.

A Lark Matter (C. O. X.).—The recipe you give seems to me as good as others of its kind. It is full early yet for the Larks to be singing, especially seeing they have been caught only three weeks (I presume they are cocks). I guess you will have to wait a little longer. You might give them a little live food now and again—such things as gentles, mealworms, blackbeetles, and the like.

Yellow Wagtails (Perplexed).—Young cock Yellow Wagtails moult in the autumn, but then pass, of course, into winter plumage, in which they are difficult to distinguish from the hens, especially by the inexperienced. In the spring they come into full colour (the bright yellow nuptial plumage). Young cocks, however, can generally be "spotted" by their more masculine build and demeanour, while they are generally a little clearer in colour than the hens, especially in the wash of yellow on the underparts.

Three Kinds of Goldfinches (Greypate).—The term "peartree" Goldfinch intends to convey that the bird has been bred in an orchard or garden (in a pear tree, to be precise). Whether it is a ridiculous term or not, I must leave you to think out for yourself. A "cheveral" is a bird with its under-blaze divided down the centre by a white line, more or less broad. Was the other term "pea-throat"?—a bird with a white spot in its under-blaze. I expect your own bird is just a plain, everyday kind of Goldfinch; in other words, a bird fit for a king. No such plate as you mention has been published by anyone.

Seeds and a Hedge Sparrow (Thistle Heads).—A machine for separating thistle seeds from the heads was illustrated in CAGE BIRDS a few weeks ago. I used to pull open the heads, knock out the seed into a sieve, which allowed it to fall through, and blow away any down, etc., which also got through. When my fingers got too sore, I cut open the heads with strong scissors. The seed has to be got out of all the weeds you name. A cute dodge is to let the thistle seed fall into water, when it sinks, while the refuse floats. It is then drained and dried; in the sun, preferably. A Hedge Sparrow needs a good Insectivorous food as the staple, with some live food (mealworms, etc.) frequently, and a few seeds and berries now and again.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

A Sick Parrakeet.

J.S.—I have not a copy of my previous reply to hand. On receipt of this give the bird, for one day, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, and after an interval of three days repeat the dose. During the three intervening days give the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. For use, take one part of the mixture to two parts of water; let this form the only drinking water. Remove the water from the cage, and offer this at intervals during the day. Also bathe the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline twice daily while the trouble lasts. The diet is not sufficiently varied. Apple is good; try it with a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best), plain biscuit just moistened in water, and the following seed mixture: Hemp, oats, Canary and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Keep the bird warm and out of draught. Unless the bird has practically recovered, you had better report progress in a week or ten days.

About Paradise Whydahs.

Mrs. Lawrence.—Insect food is not necessary for these birds, but when such are plentiful during the summer (such as beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, and green-fly), they certainly help to keep the birds fit and robust, and, I am persuaded, improve the lustre of their plumage. Your diet is satisfactory, providing you are giving greenfood, grass in flower (seeding grass), and lettuce. Very few Whydahs have bred in this country, though, if given suitable quarters, there is no reason why they should not, but it would have to be, I fear, an aviary with growing plants and bushes—bamboos, willows and the like—to give any probability of success. In a Devonshire aviary the Giant Whydah has been bred this year for the first time in this country. The time would probably be July and August. If you make the attempt, let the open flight of your aviary be a wilderness of plants, weeds and bushes. Willow cuttings would be very suitable to plant; these readily take root and grow rapidly. They should be planted in clumps fairly thick, say, quite 12 inches apart. Prepare your aviary quite early in the spring.

About a Green Amazon.

H. Peddie.—As well as giving boiled maize, keep a tin of the following seed mixture in the cage: Canary, millet, oats, hemp, small maize, and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Twice a week, at equal intervals, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water—four applications should be sufficient. Also put ten to twenty drops of Parrish's Chemical Food over the boiled maize daily, till the bird is in condition again. A piece of plain biscuit can also be given occasionally slightly moistened with water. It is not well to keep the bird close to the fire, as this makes the temperature too variable for it; choose some light, airy position, which is free from draught, and there should soon be an improvement. I note your remarks *re* Grey Parrot; if this bird died from anything contagious, and you have not sterilised the cage, it is quite possible your Amazon has contracted the same disease. If the bird gets worse, you had better write again, fully describing all symptoms. Do not give slops or messes of any kind. Hope there will soon be some improvement.

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Greenhouse as Aviary.

Grateful.—Your greenhouse will answer well if you cover the roof with felt, outside the glass, leaving the ventilator only exposed. I have carefully noted your remarks, and you will have ample light after this is done. I should advise you to take down the staging, and to have two flights the whole length of the house, with a walk or gangway down the centre. The ground should form the base of flights. Only light wood framework would be necessary, over which must be stretched half-inch mesh wire-netting; the netting must also be stretched in front of all glass (on the inside), not protected with felt on the outside. By the above you would secure one flight for Waxbills and another for Mannikins, Finches, etc. Or you could have three flights, each two feet wide, one right across the end and the other two running along each side to meet the end one. You could also have some growing bushes (evergreen) either planted in the ground or in tubs, which would much enhance the appearance. Insects are not necessary for the birds you name, but they are the better for blighty foliage to pick over when it is available. Diet: Canary, millet and spray millet would form the staple seed mixture, but oats, paddy rice, and a little hemp (the latter in winter) should be given in smaller quantities, green food and a little of such ripe fruit as the birds fancy. If you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope through the Editor, I will with pleasure send you rough sketches indicating the divisions. The birds would require soft food when feeding young. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful.

Brevities.

Obstruction in Throat (F. Goodacre).—It is an exceptional case. During the years I have answered the Foreign Bird Queries in this journal, a similar query has never reached me. If the obstruction is visible, then with a pair of small tweezers or something similar, lay hold of it and gently draw it out. If the obstruction is so low down as not to be visible, I fear nothing can be done, and the probability is the bird would soon choke. I have had quite small birds which were very fond of grapes; they partially empty the skin, then swallow the remainder whole. If the bird still lives, I should in future supply the grapes cut up, say, each one into four pieces; you are not then likely to meet with a similar mishap.

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Parrakeet Dying (J. Spall).—Much regret reply arrived too late. I should say there was acute internal inflammation and that nothing could have saved it. Fruit alone was hardly sufficient for it. In such a case I should have tried boiled maize well flavoured with orange juice. Of course, as well as this it could have had liberal supplies of ripe fruit. Sterilise (see other replies) the cage before using it for another bird.

Blackheaded Nuns ("Nimny").—For one day make drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, or, preferably, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of drinking water, repeat dose after an interval of three days; use a crock drinker. Give a mixture of two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part paddy rice (rice in the husk). A little greenfood should also be offered; try it with a little fresh and tender lettuce. It is possible your birds, especially if recent purchases, have bird fever, which has been very prevalent this year. If the bird does not recover, send it for post-mortem, and if the trouble is fever, your cage should first have carbolic acid solution well brushed over it inside and out, well searching all crevices, then well swilled with boiling water, finally with cold, and, when dry, be re-distempered before using for other birds.

Cockatiels Not Rearing Young (Torquay).—Some pairs make unnatural parents, and if the birds were mine, and they repeated the operation, I should get rid of them and procure another pair; or you may by observation find that only one of them is the culprit. Again, such cases are by no means uncommon with young birds with their first broods, but afterwards they make good parents. Another possible cause is mice. You could easily keep a "well trap" in the aviary without danger to the birds, which would get rid of a good many of these pests. I should advise you to procure a nest box with concave bottom; such can be procured at about 1s. 6d. each from those advertising husks in our columns. I should advise the removal of all nesting receptacles from the aviary (unless you have other species of birds to provide for), and not replace them till next spring, when very probably there will be no recurrence of the trouble.

Treating a Young Amazon (W. W. Walker).—It is probable your bird is about two years old. There is no age limit for talking, but most Amazons talk more or less, though there is much variableness with individuals as to teachableness. There are two methods of training, one by constant repetition of some short phrase till it is learned, then taking on another, and so on; the other, keeping the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, some of which it will ultimately pick up. In each case petting and kindness will help towards final success. If the bird is not yet quite tame, it should not be kept where constant passing will repeatedly scare it. When the bird is quiet and restful is the time to talk to it, also whenever you give it any *tit-bit*, or scratch its poll, talk to it the while. I have quite a talented Hawkhead Parrot, which has picked quite a large vocabulary this way, and has not profited at all by the constant repetition method. Try both methods.

Feeding (B.A.C.).—(1) The Ruddy Cowbird should have soft food, ripe fruit, green food, some live insects, mealworms, if no others are available, and access to the seeds given below, also sunflower seed; (2 and 3) The Paradise Whydah and Orange Bishop should have a mixture of two parts each Canary and white Millet, and one part each oats and paddy rice, also green food and a few live insects, such as beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, and blighty foliage; a little fruit is also very wholesome, and most species will take it readily; (4) The Long-tailed Grass Finch will thrive on Canary, white and spray millet, and a few oats, with spray millet as a change with green food, etc., as above; (5) The Crimson-breasted Waxbill requires Canary and white millet in equal parts, with a liberal supply of spray millet, also green food, grit, etc. The best green foods for Foreign Finches are fresh and tender lettuce and flowering grass, blighty foliage when procurable is a great help in keeping them contented and fit.

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Canary (J. Yeoman).—Septicæmia, or bird fever. If you have other birds they must be run into perfectly clean cages, and everything thoroughly disinfected with burning sulphur.

Canary (M.L.R.).—This bird also died of septicæmia, or bird fever, with which it was doubtless affected when you brought it a week or ten days ago, and when it could not eat its seed. It was a bird of this year, and I opine a hen. Its cage should be burnt or boiled.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Illustrated Ideas (H. Attwood).—We have already dealt at length with ideas for catching seed husks, etc., and preventing them littering the floor.

Rats (Scotch Fancier).—We have taken steps to bring this matter before the committee of the show in question. We did not publish your letter as we felt there would be a suspicion of unfairness about it appearing just as entries were due to close.

The Ideal Norwich Plainhead (W. Watson).—We will endeavour to reproduce your sketch in our next issue.

A Society (H. Steadman).—There are three societies within easy distance of you, viz., The City and Suburban, with headquarters in Marylebone (Hon. Sec., V. Wynn, 22, Park-lane, W.), the Queen's Park and Dist., headquarters, Harrow-road (Hon. Sec., J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham-road, Willesden), and the West London F.A., headquarters, Shepherd's Bush (Hon. Sec., J. Dewhurst, 52, North End-road, West Kensington). Either would no doubt be pleased to welcome you as a member.

An Address (C.M.).—It is Mr. C. P. Arthur, Market-place, Melksham, Wilts.

Tool for Cage Front Making (G. Mander).—We fail to grasp the idea from the particulars given, which are not sufficiently explicit.

The S.B.B. and M.C. Patronage (Novice).—We do not quite see the connection between the alleged incident you mention and the patronage of the club. We should, anyway, require full particulars, with names, before we considered the publication of your letter.

A Legal Matter (F.J.W.).—Thanks for your letter, which we have perused with interest.

The Young Naturalists' Corner (A. Edwards).—Contributions may be sent in for competition at any time.

The Hawfinch (A. Boulton Bishop).—The picture referred to was not a coloured plate, but a drawing which appeared in the art supplement of the last Birthday Number. We may say, however, that your wish may very soon be gratified.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tring.—November 3rd, Victoria Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 8 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 20th to H. J. FINCHER, 28, Western-road.

Haddington (B.F.C.C.).—October 30th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. T. Kean and J. Neil. 26 open classes: Scots 8, Bord. 9 (1 sell.), Crest 3, Nor. 2, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 23rd to D. COCKBURN, Victoria-road, Haddington, N.B.

Ramsgate (C.B.U.).—November 10th and 11th, Royal Victoria Pavilion.—Judge, Mr. J. North. 40 open classes: Nor. 11, Crest 2, Yorks. 8 (2 pairs), Sell. 4 (1 pairs), Mules 4, Brit. 8, and For. 3. 12 local classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Exhibition 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close November 1st to ALLEN AND TUCKER, 84, Queen-street.

Gosport (Members').—October 27th, Connaught Drill Hall, High-street.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 20 classes: Can. 9, Mules 1, Brit. 4, For. 4, Sell. 2. Entries close October 18th, to F. C. HARVEY, "Frithknowle," Brockhurst-road.

York (O.N.P.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C.).—October 29th and 30th, Exhibition Buildings.—Judges, Messrs. W. P. Barnes and W. A. Cowgill. 36 open classes; Nor. 9 (2 novice), Yorks. 8 (2 novice), Cinn. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close October 25th to A. WAUD, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-road.

Rochdale O.C. (C.B.U., L.C.A., F.B.C., Y.C.C., and L. and L.F.A.).—October 22nd and 23rd, Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and H. W. Battye. 65 open classes: Lancs. 12, Liz. 6, Yorks. 8, Nor. 14, Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Novice Lancs., Liz. and A.O.V. 1 each, Brit. 4, For. 6, and Stuffed 1. Prizes, 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many valuable specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 16th to J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith-street.

Hanley (C.B.U.).—October 21st, Albion Hotel.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 43 open classes: Nor. 12 (4 novice), Yorks. 12 (4 novice), Cinn. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 18th to B. PEAKE, 6, Rhodes-street, Birches Head, Hanley.

Hartlepools.—October 30th, Christ Church Hall, Brunswick-street.—Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and J. Wilkinson. 26 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 11 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, trophies, and numerous specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close October 25th, to J. W. PAPPLE, 89, Durham-street, West Hartlepool.

Dysart (S.P.C.). — October 30th, Normand Memorial Hall.—Judges, Messrs. D. Low, G. Hislop, J. Holmes, and J. Brown. 61 open classes: Scots. 10 (2 sell.), Bord. 10, Limit 1, A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Crest 5 (1 sell.), Nor. 14 (2 sell.), Yorks. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 9, Sell. 1, For. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fees, 1/6. Entries close October 25th to JAS. LOGAN, 23, High-street.

Burton-on-Trent (C.B.U.). — October 23rd.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 38 open classes: Can. 10, Mules 3, Brit. 9, For. 5, Sell. 2, and 3 novice members'. Good prizes and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 16th to ELLIOTT AND WOOD, 69, Queen-street.

Manchester (C.B.U., L.C.A., L. and L.F.A., Y.C.C., G.C.A., C.C.C., Cinn. C.C., U.K.B.C.A., B.F.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and the F.B.C.).—October 29th and 30th, Belle Vue.—Judges, Messrs. J. Garner (Lancs. and Liz.), H. W. Battye (Yorks.), J. H. Roe (Nor.), E. Godley (Crests, Cinn., etc.), W. B. Cobb (Belg. and Scots. Fcy.), S. Hadwin (Bord. and Sell.), and C. Houlton (Brit. and For.). 108 open classes: Lancs. 8, Liz. 8 (2 novice, guaranteed), Yorks. 11 (3 amateur), Yorks. Green 4, Nor. Green 4, Nor. P.H. 16 (5 amateur), Crest 6, Cinn. 10 (4 novice), Belg. 3, Scots. 2, Bord. 8, Sell. 4, extra stock 1, Mule 6, Brit. 11, For. 6. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, cups, and a large number of valuable specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 23rd to JONES AND GRAY, 45, Whitby-road, Fallowfield, Manchester.

Gloucester (C.B.U., Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., and the B.F.C.C.).—October 27th and 28th, Northgate Mansions.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and W. Vardy. 49 open classes: Nor. 11 (2 nat. col. and 1 novice), Crest 4, Yorks. 12, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 2, and 2 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 23rd to J. HOUGHTON, Dargai, Hatherley-road.

Weybridge (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C.).—November 2nd and 3rd, Holstein Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 25 open classes: Yorks. 12 (6 novice), Crest 1, Nor. 3, Bord. 2, Brit. 3, Mule 2, Sell. 2, and 15 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (if 10 or more entries). Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 20th to H. E. PARROTT, Grove-place.

Herne Bay.—October 28th, Cycle Hall, High-street.—Judge, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. 5 open classes: Nor. 4, Sell. 1, and 29 (7-mile radius) classes: Nor. 5, Crest 4, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Pairs 4, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/9. Entries close October 22nd to W. A. HOLNESS, 26, Mortimer-street.

Dover (K.C.C.B.A.).—November 3rd and 4th, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 37 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 3, Yorks. 5, Bord. 3, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Gift 1, Sell. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Fee, 1/9. Entries close October 23rd to ABBOTT AND AUSTEN, 13, Eric-road.

Grimsby (C.B.U.).—October 27th and 28th, Foresters' Hall, nr. Freeman-street Market.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and F. Medley. 28 open classes: Yorks. 10 (novice £3 limit 4), Yorks. 5 (2 novice £3), Crest 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, and 9 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 25th (first post) to W. H. MOORE, Jun., 39, Lord-street.

Norwich Alliance (C.B.U., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—October 30th and November 1st, Blackfriars' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. F. Greeves, C. A. House, J. Robson, and J. Stark. 70 open classes: Champ. Nor. 14 (3 unflig., 3 non-fed, and 1 pairs), Amat. Nor. 7 (1 pairs), Champ. Crest 10 (1 pairs), Amat. Crest 8 (1 pairs), Nor. Cinn. 2, Nor. Green 2, Limit 9, A.O.V. 1, Novice Nor. 4, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 25th to R. ROLL, "Dalwood," Cecil-road, Lakenham, Norwich.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

At our monthly meeting, held on October 2nd, we had a visit from Mr. W. Massey (Bolton), who spoke to us about Roller singing Canaries. His remarks were brief and to the point, and very instructive. Mr. Vickers proposed that our best thanks be given to Mr. Massey. Mr. Large seconded, and it was heartily agreed to. In reply, Mr. Massey said it had been a great pleasure to him to come, and if he could do anything to help us to further the interest of the Roller Canary, he was at all times ready to do so.—W. RIDGE, Hon. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 19, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.45. Table show of old birds, 9 classes. Judges, Messrs. R. Baron, M. Harley, and E. Marlor.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Victoria Cafe, Oxford-rd., 7.45. Second table show. Judges (Yorks.' Mr A. Taylor, (Nor.) Mr. C. C. Blackshaw, (Bord.) Mr. W. Wilkinson, (Brit.) Mr. T. Harrison. Fanciers and friends are cordially invited.—T. Harrison.

Ardwick C.B.S. Oct. 19, Onward Temperance Hall, Ashton Old Road, 8. Annual show business. Note, this meeting will be at new headquarters. — J. Spencer.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 19, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' Washing Competition; allotting special prizes for members' shows, and open show business.—H. Hill.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Oct. 20, Club House, "Jolly Gardeners," Rotherhithe New Road, 7.30.—A. Lupton.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Entries for show, etc.—G. Harper.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. — Oct. 19, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Show business.—Elliott and Wood.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 19, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Hales (Liverpool). Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

Bingley O.S.—Oct. 16, Members' Show, birds to be staged at 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. Hartley, Oct. 19, 7.30. Members and friends invited.—A. Livesey.

Civil Service F.A.—Oct. 19, Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8.30. G.U.M. Show, etc.—A. Watson.

City of Wakefield.—Oct. 16, Crown and Ancho Hotel, 8. Show business.—Parker and Parkes.

Cardiff C.B.S. — Oct. 21, Victoria Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Completion of show schedule.—W. Sampson.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Oct. 18, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Arrangement for Nov. 20 show.—Bird and Siddle.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Church Hall, 6.30 Members' entries, etc.—J. Brown.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Oct. 16, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. Classes for winter shows.—G. G. Stafford.

Daiziel O.A.—Oct. 16, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Show business.—J. Mathieson.

East Ham F.S.—Oct. 18, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, E. Ham, 8. Arrangements for annual show, also for G.U.M.S. Report of Poultry section. Prize cards for young stock show; special for annual show.—H. Rutter.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.—Oct. 16, 122, Ingram Street, 6. Receiving specials, and allocating same; final meeting, open show business.—F. Bowman.

Hull C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Committee meeting, specials open show, any member with specials to communicate with secretary at once.—E. R. Ridley.

Houghton-le-Spring.—Oct. 16, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—D. Hann.

Hyson Green (Nottm.) C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Cricket Players, 8. Entry night.—W. Cottingham.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 16, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule and other old show business.—J. F. Thackray.

Hyde C.B.S.—Oct. 16, St. George's Schools, 7. Backend show business.—F. Barraclough.

Inverness O.A.—Oct. 20, Washington Court, 8.15. Allocate specials for annual show, 24th Nov.—A. Urquhart.

Keighley C.B.S.—Oct. 19, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Halliday. Friends welcome.—W. Wright.

London and P. O.S.—Oct. 21, Raglan, 8. Washing competition and demonstration; demonstrators, Messrs. J. W. Ramsdeu and J. Dobson. Competitors please bring their own birds.—H. E. Tringham.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Oct. 16, Oldham, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, 6.30. Definition of novice, Rounders, spls, rules, etc. Connection with Oldham C.B. show.—J. Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 23, Miners' Hall, 7. Receive entries for annual show; special meeting, Oct. 27th, to allocate special prizes.—J. Pollock.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Church Hall (late Infants' School), 7.30. New members invited.—J. A. Turnbull.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Co-op. Guildroom, 7.30. Important show business.—A. Wigginton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Oct. 19, White Swan, Market Place, 8. Show business. Schedules, etc., will be ready.—J. E. Wood.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 16, Railway Hotel, 7. Birds staged. Judge, Mr. W. Mann.—A. Bottomley.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Another paper, and discussion.—P. Hart.

London and Counties O.S.—Oct. 18, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarke, on the Crested Canary.—W. Gilbert.

Manchester and N.C. O.S.—Oct. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business, schedule, tickets, etc.—E. H. Jones.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Oct. 16, Crown Hotel, 8. Open show.—A. Wake.

North London C.B.A.—Oct. 20, Headquarters, 8. Members' judging competition; will intending competitors kindly bring their own birds? All welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 20, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Important show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Holy Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, 7.30. Concert in aid of Trophy Fund. All welcome.—W. Pawley.

Pudsey, Stanningley O.S.—Oct. 20, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Entries and arrangements for members' show.—J. Butler.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 18, Club, 8.30. Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Commercial Hotel, 8. Table show; entries close 8.30. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—J. Lewis.

Six Bells F.S.—Oct. 18, Cwm Hotel, 5.30. Reading through schedule before sending in to priut. All specials and adverts. to be in hand; anyone intending to join must do so by above date.—W. J. Edwards.

Sale Open.—Oct. 18, Technical School, 8. Open show business.—J. Irlam.

Swindon C.B.A.—Oct. 20, Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institution, 7.30. Recommendation of committee re subscription; members' exhibition. Fanciers heartily welcomed.—W. Dale.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 19, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8 Entries taken for open show.—H. Martin.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson (Bradford).—J. Smith.

Wakefield Roller C.C. — Oct. 19, Elephant and Castle, 7.45. Show business; fanciers invited.—J Netherwood.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Commercial Hotel 7.30. Members to receive schedules for Asn. show on Oct. 30.—W. Elliott.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Oct. 20, Station Hotel, 7.30. Annual show business; open section prizes; members' prizes, etc. — Richardson and Greenwell.

Yarm, Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Town Hall, 8. To arrange for members' table show, and complete schedule for open show.—Wilkinson and Danby.

The Shows: continued.

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PETERBOROUGH.

Held Oct. 7th.—The Peterborough C.B.A. met with an excellent measure of success at this, their 5th annual venture. The spacious and beautifully lighted Corn Exchange was nicely filled with a very attractive display of birds, the quality being exceptionally good, considering the £5 price limit, the latter, of course, keeping away the "cracks," and giving the average exhibitor the chance of a better ticking amongst the prizes. The day was fine and a very fair number of fanciers put in an appearance, though the gate afround was not what this enterprising society deserved. Possibly the general public could not tear themselves away from the roundabouts, the cocoa-nut shies, and other allurements of the Great Fair. Sir Robert Purvis opened the show, and made a happy little speech, saying that he considered such exhibitions very beneficial, for the man who was a lover of singing birds and kept them in the condition of those he saw there to-day, such a man must of necessity be humane; further, this hobby must foster a love for the home, and take one out of the dull routine of ordinary life. The Mayor presided at the opening ceremony. The hon. sec., Mr. S. L. Cocks, made the arrangements in first-class style, as might be expected of such a genial and practical fancier. He had a good working committee at his back, comprising Messrs. W. Abbott, R. Barley, W. Clark, G. Clark, M. Dawson, Herbert, A. Rowles, E. Smith, Stacey, and A. Watts, with Mr. H. C. Lilley the capable hon. treasurer. The judges were Messrs. J. H. Roe, who handled the Canary Mules and Forcign, and S. H. Mays, who handled the British Section, and their awards seemed generally approved.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Priestley, very good shape and quality, neat and well braced, in nice bloom; 2, Emery and Hathaway, good typical bird, nice head and chest, not quite the finish of lender to-day; 3, Belcher, fine size aud shape, very stylish, also not quite fit yet, very close up; res, Smith, shapely, rare quality; vhc, Brooks; hc, Howe; c, Popple. BUFF (18): 1, Lawson, real bouny bird, great size, splendid front, good feather and meal, just a wee bit browed; 2, Rippon, another very nice bird, good quality and meal; 3, Irons, excels in body, lovely quality of feather, nice undercolour, little pinched in head; res, Pole, grand chested bird, in good form; vhc, Mason; hc, Punchard; c, Popple. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Rippon, excellent stamp of bird, grand head, full of quality, lightly varieg.; 2, Brooks, bit longer, but very well built and good in carriage, grizzled on head; 3, Johnson, eye and wing mkd., nice substance and shape, good feather; res, Hesp, taking, stylish bird; vhc, Jupe. BUFF (13): 1, Lawson, varieg., big, bouncing fellow, very cobby and compact, nice head, shade coarse in feather; 2, Crimes, saddle-mkd., short and well built, stands well over perch, good silky feather, nice undercolour, must have been a close race; 3, Emery and Hathaway, mkd. head and wings, good fronted, nice quality bird, stylish; res, Rippon, wing tkd., excelleut, slight failing in head; vhc, Punchard; hc, Stevens; c, Ette. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Lawson, clear, real gem, rich, sound colour, beautiful shape and style, short and cobby, wonderful good head, we made her the pick of the section, claimed at £5, and excellent value if really a hen; 2, Popple, another beautiful clear, not the colour and finish of winner, but hard to beat for shape, style and alround excellence; 3, Irons, also clear, and also a taking bird, very compact and well built, best of carriage; res, Johnson, real good, saddle-mkd.; vhc, Keech, typical and neat; hc, Moore and Sons; c, Hodder. BUFF HEN (21): A stinging class; 1, Moore and Son, clear, great size, grand head and front, good quality, tight and well finished, very nice; 2, Lawson, another lovely clear, best of type and quality, grand carriage; 3, Hodder, fine big varieg., splendid fronted, well cut away behind, excellent quality; res, Irons, grand bodied hen; vhc, Howe, fine hen, but not looking very pleased with herself; hc, Axe; c, Stevens. UNFLIG. YELL. CL. (9): 1, Crimes, real good one, bonny shape and style, all quality; 2, Smith, grand quality and colour, neat and typical; 3, Rippon, not quite so fit as leaders, nice one for build and style; res, Pamplion, very good clear; vhc, Keech; hc, Hall; c, Bott. BUFF (21): 1, Crimes, beauty, wins hands down, grand type and silky feather, perfect carriage, good youngster; 2, Irons, bonny bird in every way, substance, style and shape A1, shade coarse in feather to-day; 3, Smith, fine, shapely, beautifully mealed bird, not quite so good in head as the leaders; res, Jupe, bit longer, but full of quality and good in substance; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Dawson; c, Pamplion. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Bott, heavily varieg., good head, fine colour and quality, nice one; 2, Hodder, trifle smaller, wing and cheek mkd., lovely shape and style; 3, Mason, wing and neck mkd., good typical bird; res, Keech, excellent type and quality, close up; vhc, Barker; hc, Rippon; c, Linsey. BUFF (13): 1, Gill and Gee, grizzle back of head, fine bouncing young bird, shapely, good carriage and quality; 2, hc, Emery and Hathaway, grizzle skull, trifle smaller, but fine bird for shape and style; 3, Moore and Son, taking eye tkd., good body and head, neat and stylish; res, Handley and Son, well built bird, of good quality and carriage; vhc, Brown; c, Bott. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Bishop, wing tkd., hot colour, but very mealy, could win as a buff, we should think, good, lengthy, well-drawn, neat bird; 2, Dykes, grand clear, bit stronger, but well moulded and stylish; 3, White, good leggy bird, excellent shape and quality; res, Hawes Bros., good, very boxy feather; vhc, Harrison; hc, Cowley; c, Price. BUFF (17): 1, Hawes Bros., lovely clear, beautiful quality, very long, good legs, neat to a fault; 2, Dykes, grizzle cap, grand shape, straight as a dart in carriage, leggy and neat, little weak in wing carriage; 3, Furniss, clear, lovely quality, very straight and well moulded, not yet tightened up underneath; res, Bishop, fine type and style, trifle sharp at front; vhc, White; hc, Crawhall; c, Allen. HEN (15): 1, Hawes Bros., lovely clear yell., A1 shape and style, best of legs, very boxy feather, grand hen; 2, Dykes, trifle shorter, but another beauty, full of quality, very typical, clear buff; 3, Crawhall, yell., mkd. wings and head, well-drawn, lengthy and neat, but uses her legs badly; res, Murrell, clean-cut and stylish; vhc, Cowley; hc, Burton; c, Anton. UNFLIG. (21): 1, Woolhouse, very smart cl. yell., straight, nicely moulded, neat wings and tail, bit penny on cheeks yet; 2, Anton, very decent clear buff, well drawn, nice length, good pose; 3, c, Harrison, grizzle neck, yell., lovely quality, good length, inclined to frill a little; res, Dykes, slashing clear buff, very typical, grand legs, in good form, could have stood higher; vhc, Murrell, a bird of fine length and style, but has a faulty head; hc, Burton. A hot class, with several fine birds cardless. CREST (4): 1, Peters, green, pied tall, big, shapely crest, well filled in, very good feather texture; 2, Smith, lightly varieg., better frontal, big sweep, good droop, penny in crest, however, good body; 3, res, Harrison, excellent Crest-bred and Crest, respectively.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

HYBRIDS (15): 1, Fysh, very decent Goldie-Bullie, nice size, shape, and colour; 2, Tams and Son, wing and eye tkd. buff Goldie, fair size and shape, good quality; 3, vhc, Wilson, another very nice Goldie-Bullie; res., Edwards, reputed to be a wing and neck tkd. Siskin-Canary; hc, Cocks; c, Moak. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (8): 1, Howe, real good Bullie, thick-set and stylish, excellent colour and condition, wins here in a canter; 2, Tams and Son, just a fair Goldfinch, small face, very nice polish and condition; 3, res., Judd, decent Goldie and a promising Bullie, hardly fit yet; vhc, Belcher; hc, Wood; c, Prior. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Mrs. Hunt, two good ones, in rare bloom, evidently early moulted, leader very cobby, both well pencilled and stylish; 3, hc, Judd, two nice big birds, well mkd., pale in colour as yet; res., Howe, rare size and shape, also lacks polish; vhc, Carter, good one, seemed inclined to turn soft; c, Tams and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Lowne, very nice Siskin, good size and shape, well mkd.; 2, Hexter, decent Lesser Redpoll, excellent colour and markings, nice bib; 3, Andrews, another bonny Siskin, hot colour; res., Rouse; vhc, Sayward; hc, Hearn; c, Hipwell. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (19) grand class: 1, Livingstone and Sharp, really beautiful Brambleflnch, fine size and shape, ideal colour and markings, very forward condition, claimed at £5; 2, Judd, rare good Chaffinch, big and shapely, fine condition, little dull in wing markings; 3, Carter, bouncing Bramble, grand chest and head, good polish and spangling; res., Howe, fine big Chaffinch, needs time; vhc, hc, Prior, very fine Bramble and Chaffinch, also not quite fit yet; c, Simmons. A.O.S. HARDBILL: Cancelled. HARDBILL HEN (17): 1, res., Howe, very fine Hawfinch leading, latter a grand Yellowhammer; 2, Seal, hot-coloured Siskin, a beauty; 3, Atkins, excellent Bullie, nice tone of colour; vhc, Lowne, very good Crossbill; hc, Orme, cock Reed Bunting (got in by mistake, should have been "wrong classed"); c, Inman. LARKS, ETC. (5): 1, Cocks, very beautiful Yell. Wagtail, red-hot colour, grand size and shape; 2, Howe, rattling good Pipit; 3, Myers, big Grey Wagtail, nice bird; res., Lowne; vhc, Jackson. SMALL INSECTIV. (11): 1, Lowne, charming Bearded Tit, the old warrior, many times housemoulted, looking very fine again; 2, 3, res., Cocks, Grasshopper Warbler leading, a little too fat, or would have won, beautiful and rare bird, fine Tree Creeper follows; vhc, he, c, Jackson, highly creditable team, Whinchat leading. LARGE (8): 1, Howe, beautiful Blackbird, dense body colour, big and shapely, will take stopping later on; 2, Meadows, very nice Wryneck, fine size and shape, trifle pale; 3, res., vhc, e, Cocks, grand lot, rare good Starling leading; hc, Underwood. FOREIGN (8): 1, res., Hadley, fairly good Superb Tanager leading, in excellent condition, and a really grand Black-headed Gouldian, very large and rich in colour; 2, hc, F. Howe, lovely pair Black-cheeked Lovebirds leading, hard lines not to have won, staged in fine style; 3, Cocks, beautiful Paradise Whydah, rare colour and tail; vhc, Davies, nice Hardwick's Bulbul; c, Andrews. SELL. (40/-): 1, Lawson; 2, Peters; 3, Davies; res., Hart; vhc, Prudden; hc, Edwards; c, Handley and Son. DITTO (25/-) (14): 1, Dawson; 2, Watts; 3, Sharpe and Livingstone; res., Harrison; vhc, Prudden; hc, Bateman; c, Axe. DITTO (15/-): 1, Dawson; 2, Cocks; 3, James; res., Beauland; vhc, Lee and Kearney; hc, Hart; c, Allen. MEMBERS' NOR: 1, Barker; 2, Dawson. HARDBILL: 1, Barley; 2, Malton. SOFT: 1, 2, Barley. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 3, Malton; 2, c, Herbert; vhc, hc, Stacey.

CANNOCK.

Held October 13th and 14th, the first fixture held under the auspices of the Cannock and District F. and F.A. The new hall is an admirable place for such a purpose, being spacious, well lighted, and free from draught. The cage birds were comfortably staged on the platform, and carefully tended by capable stewards. Fortunately the weather, which, in the early morning was wretched, cleared up, and quite a nice day followed. The secretary, Mr. H. W. Briggs, is a painstaking, courteous official, and the society is indeed fortunate in having the services of such a careful and hardworking organiser to assist in making their first show a success. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

The Critique.

NOR. BUFF (9): 1, Collier, mkd. head, neck and wings, compact, A1 col., nice feather; 2, Weaver, clinking cl., nice col. and feather, needs bracing up a bit; 3, Ripple, good col., nicely frosted; r, Mason; vhc, Childs; hc, Silver. YELL. (5): 2, Dipple, nice shape, grand col. and feather, stands well; r, Weaver; vhc, Brotherhood. HENS (8): 1, Dipple, big, bouncing yell., good shape. col. and feather; 2, Guest, buff, nice shape, col., and feather loses only in size; 3, Brotherhood, yell., fair size and col., a good one; r, Mason; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Garfield. UNFLIG. (11): 1, and Hyde's spl, Collier, bouncing cl. buff, rare shape, feather and col., in lovely bloom; 2, Russell, nailing good yell., A1 feather and shape, bit stilty; 3, Dipple, buff, tkd. head, hot col., nice shape and finish; r, Garfield; vhc, Silver, Guest; c, Mason. YORKS. BUFF (5): 2, 3, spl best member's exhibit, Bryan, leader A1 cl., grand body, A1 style and shape, fails little in head, 3rd, griz. one wing, grand position and feather, heavier in build; res. Sutton; vhc, Perrins, Jun. YELL. (7): 1, spl best bird, Millincamp, straight as a dart, A1 col., nice feather, gets into position quickly and stays there; 2, r, Bryan, tkd. wing, nice shape and position, not fit yet; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Wright. HENS (9): 1, Perry, yell., well drawn out, grand feather, nice position and col.; 2, Millincamp, buff, mkd. one wing, loses head and not as forward; 3, Bryan, longest of the three, tkd. neck, wild, and lost in position; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Elkins; No. 5 absent. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Brotherhood, buff, grand head, neck and length, well braced up, rare position, not quite steady enough, or might have won spl; 2, r, Bryan, yell., very smart and stylish, A1 col., and feather, on the small side; 3, Sutton, big, raking yell., not yet in good feather, rare stock bird; vhc, Perrins, jun.; hc, Elkins; c, Raybould; Nos. 6 and 13 absent. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 2, (no name), a nice Crest; r, Raybould. MULES (5): 1, Tams and Sons, cl. buff, Goldie-Can., A1 quality, needs col. and size; 3, Callear, Goldfinch-Can., heavy griz. both wings, better col.; res Capewell; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Barrett. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (7): 1, Tams and Sou, very smart Goldie, in nice feather; 2, hc, Machin, nice Bullie, A1 feather, pale col., very steady; r, Miss Stocker; vhc, Edwards. HARDBILLS (4): 2, Tams, good coloured Yellowbunting, well mkd.; 3, r, vhc, Machin, two very nice Bramblefinches leading. SOFTBILLS (3): 2, Miss Stocker, Waxwing, in lovely feather; r, Machin; vhc, Dewars. FOR. (5): 2, Miss Stocker, Tanager, beautiful col. and feather, in full bloom; 3, Roberts, Blue-fronted Amazon, nice feather; r, vhc, hc, Dodd, jun.

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DULWICH.

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The Yorkshire section was the best the Dulwich O.S. has ever had, some real gems being benched. Messrs. Amblers' buff ticked took the 10s. 6d. special for best in show; this is a gem and will take some stopping. Mr. Wilcock's unflg. buff is another good bird. Messrs. Ogden Bros., Robertshaw, Walsh, and Broadley and Son staged some grand Yorkies. The last-named's unflig. yellow (Class 28, No. 1) was looking very bad at the time of judging, but we were pleased to see that the bird was picking up a little later on. In the open novice section we must congratulate Mr. Lacey on having two fine young Yorkies, his yellow is a real gem, and with care will make a name for itself. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) made the awards.

The Yorkshires.

YORKS. CL. OR TICK. YELL. (19): 1, Ogden Bros., tkd., well on leg, full of quality, good head, typical; 2, Helliwell, rich col., neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Walsh, blaze of col., stylish, good head, neat wings; 4, Messrs. Hartley, long, full of quality; vhc, Crisp; hc, Mabey; c, Warley. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Ambler, tick on breast, lovely quality, grand position, nice wings and tail; 2, Elsmore, rich colour, clean on breast, position A1, compact wings and tail; 3, Robertshaw, grand length, position and leather, not quite ready; 4, Broadley and Son, typical, full of quality, lovely colour, grand bird, not fit; vhc, Towers; hc, Amblers; c, Warley. MKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Ogden Bros., unevenly marked, lovely quality, neat head, long flights and tail, well on leg, rich colour, wins; 2, Ambler, typical position, nicely marked, pale colour, fine quality; 3, Towers, vari., rich colour, long flights and tail, full of quality; 4, Rorke, varieg., very wild, well on leg; vhc, Crisp; hc, Mabey; c, Burton. BUFF (9): 1, Robertshaw, very stylish, good head, rich colour, full of quality, compact wings; 2, Patrick, unevenly mark, rich col., quality A1, full of nerve; 3, Bishop, neck and wing mark, shade stout, lovely quality and length, wants more time; 4, Kaye, varieg., full of quality, not so long as winners; vhc, Crisp; hc, Mabey; c, Forse and Son. UNFLIG. (27): 1, Wilcock, buff, boxey feather, grand wings and tail, full of nerve, grand position; 2, Messrs. Hartley, yell., typical, well on leg, neat head, grand wings aud tail; 3, Ellis, buff, pale colour, quality A1, good head, wings and tail, nice position; 4, Helliwell, yell. tick, A1 position, clear on breast, neat head; vhc, Broadley and Son; hc, Easterling; c, Kaye. HENS YELL. (13): 1, Walsh, long and slim, rich colour, lovely quality, lacks a little in position; 2, Carson, pale colour, good position, full of quality, beaten head; 3, Ambler, eye tick, lovely quality and position, not so long as winner; 4, Chippendale, good head, slim and typical; vhc, Kaye; hc, Pattrick; c, Elsmore. HENS, BUFF (17): 1, Robertshaw, lovely quality, grand position, neat head, a real lady; 2, Bishop, type and quality A1, good head, close up; 3, 4, Patrick, two lovely hens, typical, full of quality, nice wings, and tail, rich colour; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Walsh; c, Rooke. OPEN NOVICES, YELL. CK. (7): 1, Buckenham, slim, full of quality, good head, wings and tail; 2, Cook, tick head, well on leg, good carriage; 3, 4, Stares, nice type, full of quality; vhc, Pilcher; hc, Boston. BUFF (9): 1, Parks, rich col., typical, nice wings and tail, very steady; 2, Cook, grand Yorkie, stands on good legs, neat; 3, Buckenham, varieg., quality A1, long flights and tail; 4, Pilcher, good bird, but very wild; vhc, Perkins; hc, Chedzorg; c, Larby. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Lacey, real gem, beautiful head, lovely wings and tail, grand position, yell.; 2, Lacey, buff, grand position, full of quality; 3, Larby, yell., typical, stands well up; 4, Cook, yell., little coarse in feather, not ready; vhc, Buckenham; hc, Perkins; c, Parks. MEMBERS' CHAMP. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Easterling, very typical, full of quality; 2, Warley; 3, Mabey. BUFF (2): 1, Warley, nice type and quality, rich col.; 2, Easterling. MARKED, ETC. (2): 1, Easterling, Cinn. varieg., lovely quality; 2, Warley. UNFLI. YELL. (1): 1, Warley. BUFF (1): 1, Warley. HENS (2): 1, 2, Easterling, lovely type and boxy feather. NOVICE (1): 1, Foster. UNFLIG. YELL. (1): 1, Perkins. BUFF (2): 1, Hobbs; 2, Perkins. HEN (1): 1, Perkins.

ALNWICK.

Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S. held their second annual show on October 13th, and it proved a great success, the entries exceeding the first show by about 80. It was held in the Corn Exchange—an ideal place—being well lighted from roof and free from draughts. Norwich were forward in large numbers, and contained some of the cream of the fancy. The unflighted class had 30 entries, and not a duffer among them. The winner proved to be a local bird exhibited by Mr. Dixon. Borders were forward in strength, and here also were some good specimens. Mr. Smart cleverly accounted for two 1sts with a pair of gems. Yorkshires, Mules, and Forcigners were a representative lot, and there were to be found among them some likely winners this season. British birds were a grand collection both for numbers and quality. The Song Thrush exhibited by Mr. J. W. Bruce was greatly admired. It secured the coveted special for best bird in show. The management may be equalled, but it can't be excelled. Such a lot of hard-working members of committee we have seldom seen, and everything passed off without a hitch. The hard-working and genial secretary is Mr. Broadley, who was to be found here, there and everywhere. The show should prove a financial success. The judges were Messrs. Dixon (Canaries) and Maddison (Mules, British, and Foreign), and their awards were well received.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. (11): 1, Cameron, hot one, fine level colour, grand shape, correct head, fine full front and taper, staged in grand bloom; 2, Grey, not quite so well rounded, good head and wing carriage; 3, Rowell, nice bird, very typical, well drawn, good carriage; 4, Nicholson, warm fed varieg., neatly built; vhc, Bickerton; hc, Lloyd and Son; c, Reid. BUFF (9): 1, spl best, vhc, Grey, grand condition, nice warm even col., fine type, good wing carriage; 2, c, Dixon, close up, romping buff, plenty of size, grand head, finely rounded, full in front; 3, 4, Cameron, warm col., well placed; 4th, good warm fed var.; hc, Lowther. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Grey, 1st champion and no mistake, lovely quality, short in feather, perfect head and wing carriage; 2nd, varieg. buff, good mealy shade, grandly fed, fine head and wing carriage; 4th, slashing buff for substance; 3, Dixon, nice yell., good chest and wing carriage; hc, Cameron; c, Hermiston. UNFLIG. (30): 1, vhc, Dixon, real good heavy varieg. yell., good size, fine full front and head, A1 wing carriage; 2, 3, Hermiston, 2nd good varieg., nice mealy tone, and short and close in feather; 3rd, nice yell., good size, neat in shape, fine hullet head; 4, Rowell, smart buff, full of substance, good all-round; hc, Grey; c, Clark. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. (15): 1, Brown, wins in a common, grand, real good grandly rounded bird, and rare tone of col., on the warm side; 2, Rowell, shorter made bird, good round body and stylish; 3, Hawkins, paler in colour than winners; 4, Smart, in marvellous order, very showy; vhc, Currah and Son; hc, Chisholm; c, McDonald. BUFF (14): 1, Smart, in rare trim, grand shade of col., well drawn, finely cut, good position, free style, lovely head and wing carriage; 2, Purves, another good one; 3, Tait, neat bird, nice feather and finish; 4, Gardner, good stamp of a Border; vhc, Henderson; hc, Bruce; c, Hawkins. HEN (19): 1, Smart, good quality feather, buff, good wing carriage, teaming with quality; 2, Purves, nice yell., even, fine eye marking, well balanced wings; 3, Walker, tip-top cl. yell. hen, beauty for quality, correct size; 4, Seely Bros., nice buff, uneven, grand feather; vhc, Henderson; hc, Graham; c, Purves. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, Crawhall, good-feathered yell. varieg., fine length, nice front and wing carriage, unsteady yet; 2, Colling and Turnbull, good clear, straight as a guardsman, rare positioned one; 3 (no name), fine length and shape, showing; 4, Cairns, good all-round, shade stouter; vhc, Beswick. CK. (8): 1, Moffit, wins, good one all over, very slim, well drawn, lovely position, free from roughness, fed and staged to perfection, grand length; 2, Colling and Turnbull, uncommon exhibit in the north, pied cinn. jonque in full bloom, lovely feather; 3, c, Crawhall, yell., plenty of length; 4, Hall, Yorkie; vhc, Rennison; hc, Elliott. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, Hands, wins, green Crest, good top piece, fine centre and length of feather, in rattling bloom; 2, Floyd and Son, another Crest, romper for size, not so well centred; 3, Reid, Silver Liz., worth place; 4, Currah and Son, Crest-bred, good entrance, nice lash; vhc, Hands; hc, Rowell; c, Cowans.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. LINNET (14): 1, Dunn, good one, rare shape, grand tone of colour, very distinct and clear in breast markings; 2, Atkinson, good distinct flights, larger than winner, well marked on breast; 3, Waters, nice shapely Linnet, good type, nice flights; 4, Dunn, very distinct marked bird, grand flights; vhc, Waters; he, Lloyd and Son; c, Elliot. A.O.S. HARDBILL (18): 1, Forster, romping Bramble, in rare bloom, fine silky feather, splendidly laced, good breast colour; 2, vhc, hc, Bertram and Storey, good sized steady Chaffinch, nice bars and cap, and fine tone throughout, scarcely fined down yet; 3, Forster, good conditioned Meadow Bunting, fine colour and markings; 4, Waters, well feathered Hawfinch. SOFTBILL SMALL (6): 1, Bruce, grand Song Thrush, A1 order, lovely markings, fine size, staged to perfection, regular topper; 2, Welch Bros., lovely Blackcap, in rare order, fine size body, nice tone of colour; 3, Forster, grand Wheatear, rare size and shape, very pure in colour; 4, Bertram and Storey, sweetly marked, good conditioned Pipit, rare shade of colour; vhc, Elliot. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Bruce, good 5-pointed buff Goldie, nice size, grandly marked, rather unsteady; 2, Floyd and Son, good buff dark Linnet, fine size, will improve; 3, Seely Bros., varieg. buff Goldie, grand feather, lovely quality throughout, nice tone of colour; 4, Rennison, nice dark Linnet, fine size, good markings; vhc, Floyd and Son; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Miller. FOR. (6): 1, Bruce, clinking Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in rare bloom, staged to a nicety, greatly admired; 2, 3, McKenzie, nice good-sized, well-mkd. Diamond Sparrow, scarcely up in bloom yet, and a pair of Java Finches, good colour and markings; 4, Dixon, well marked Goldfinch, good whites and tannings; vhc, Elliott; hc, Taylor. SELL (12/6): (12): 1, Floyd and Son; 2, Millar; 3, Bruce; 4, 5, Dippie; 6, Rowell; 7, Lowther.

MEMBERS' NOR. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Dixon, team of beauties, staged in rare bloom. varieg. yell. unflig. leading; 4, hc, c, Millar; c, Staig. HEN (9): 1, Dixon, good all-round yell.; 2, 3, 4, Mills, yell., good buff leading; vhc, Landers; hc, Rennison. BORD. CK. (15): 1, 4, Forster, good-made buff leading; 2, Broadley, neat buff varieg.; 3, 4, Jernent; vhc (no name); hc, Landers. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Forster, real good one leading; 4, Landers, nice shape and feather; vhc, hc, Swan; c (no name). A.O.V. (7): 1, Dixon, nice Scotch Fancy, well up in substance; 2, 4, Rogers, good buff Yorkie leading; 3, Staig; vhc, Beswick. LINNET (7): 1, Cairns, easy win, real good one, fine lacing; 2 (no name); 3, 4, Beswick, large; vhc, Cairns; c, Straughan. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Forster, good Chaffinch, nice colour steady, fair size, good cap; 2, 3, Staig, nice 'Poll, fine bib; 3, neat Bramble; 4, Straughan, sweet wee 'Poll; hc, Forster. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Rennison, neat Linnet Mule, 4th in open; 2, Staig, varieg. Goldie, lightly mkd.; 3, Straughan, Greenfinch Mule; 4, Millar; vhc, Swan; hc, Dixon. A.V. LOCAL (14): 1, Rennison, jun., nice buff Nor., well staged; 2, Elliot, another buff Nor.; 3, Stoddart, neat Linnet; 4, Davison, nice Siskin, fine size and markings, well placed; vhc, Willcox; hc, Tait; c, Coxon.

I am returning to England again, writes Mr. John Nicholson, and will sail from Quebec on October 8th. I am very sorry to say that I have been called home on account of my wife's health. She was put under an operation which has turned out a failure. I left Flimby, Maryport, Cumberland, just 3 years ago, for Canada, and brought all my birds with me. If all goes well at home I will soon be in the Fancy again. My address is 6, Cornation Street, Grasslot, Maryport, Cumberland.

We have now made arrangements for our forthcoming show, which is to be held in the McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on January 20th and 21st next. A committee is selected, and we have engaged Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill) to judge. We have arranged schedule, and have decided to give 36 classes. Our association is now under the distinguished patronage of Wm. Chaine, Esq., D.L., and Colonel J. M. McCalmont, M.P., President Dr. S. W. Hill. We have been favoured with the patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland, and the N.P.C. of Ireland.—W. Geddis, sec., Larne and Dis. C.B.A.

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NORWICH—continued.

GRAND Norwich cock, 10/6; two at 5/- each; one Norwich hen, 5/-; six at 3/- each; must sell for alterations; no reasonable offer refused.—Jackson, 6, Roebuck-st., Crewe.

SIX grand Norwich cocks, in Yellows, Buffs, and variegated; same strain as my winners, now ready for exhibition; price 25/- each; approval, deposit.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

TWO Norwich cock Canaries, one yellow, one variegated, price 5/6 each; also two variegated hens, price 2/6 each, or what offers the lot?—Miss Attewell, Shripney Farm, Bognor, Sussex.

TWENTY-THREE good Norwich, including winners, four show cages and basket, lot or separate; must sell as moving shortly; seen any time.—Cox, 56, Glenarm-rd., Hackney.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain; few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; real bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

LAST four pairs 1909 Norwich, from our winners at all London shows, from 12/6 pair; exchange good stock pair 1908 for six Norwich show cages and case.—Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

BIG Yellow-marked Norwich cock, also big clear Buff cock, colour-fed, at 12/6 each; ready for showing; also clear Buff hen, fed, ready for showing, 10/-; rare bargains.—Smith, 51, Bismarck-rd., Whitmoreans, Wolverhampton.

DOZEN Buff, Yellow, Clear, variegated cocks, 4/-, 7/6 each; nine Yellow, Buff, variegated, clear hens, 2/6, 5/- each, 1909 bred, healthy, good stockers; would accept offer lot; approval, deposit.—Fiddes, 24, Melville-lane, Montrose.

CLEAN moulted Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/6, 15/-, upwards; cnge 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Norwich.

P. VICTOR WILLIAMS, Hinstock Hall, Market Drayton, has some grand unflighted Norwich cocks for sale; J. C. Barnes' strain; unevenly marked and variegated Yellows and Buffs; price 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; approval with pleasure.

HEALTHY, typical young Norwich, yellow or buff, cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards; pairs for next season's breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 10/- upwards; some grand colour-fed exhibition specimens, reasonable; enquiries invited; cold-room bred; approval willingly anywhere.—H. Amiss, 69, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CLEARING. Champion Norwich unflighted, 1909, bred from my winners; grand typical buff cock, 2nd and spl. Oxford last week (see report), 21/-; slightly marked cock, 4th, own brother, 12/6; clear yellow cock, class cancelled, sure winner, 21/-; three-pointed yellow cock, gem first water, all quality, safe winner, 21/-; nearly even marked hen, 7/6; yellow and buff hens reasonable; approval, receipt P.O.—Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

HAVING no time for birds, I am compelled to clear all out; these are good birds, the same strain as my winners at Manchester, Rotherham, Glossop, etc. Lot 1, big variegated buff cock and big yellow hen, both can win, £3 10s. the pair. Lot 2, 1909 buff marked cock, son of above, winner 2nd Manchester, 1st Glossop, first feather shows, and nice yellow hen, 35/-, cheap. Lot 3, big fine clear buff stock cock and yellow hen, 30/-. Lot 4, grand yellow cock and buff hen, 25/-. Lot 5, young buff cock, winner first Glossop, 15/-; also 30 others, some have won, from 10/6 each; all are healthy; stamp for reply.—Senior, hairdresser, Glossop.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads; can spare the following first-class show and stock birds to make room: 1908 bred wing marked yellow cock, rare size, type, and quality, Iron's strain, price 15/-, cost £2; 1908 bred large clear buff hen, stout, good head, breeder of two winners, Bishop's strain, price 12/6, dirt cheap; clinking 1909 bred clear yellow cock, grand head, neck, chest, hot fed and can now win at once, price 35/-, worth £3; slashing clean-moulted, very big chested, clear buff cock, large head, short wings and tail, one of the best bred this season, indeed a real gem, fit for keenest competition, price £2; extra large marked buff hen, 1909 bred, an ideal Norwich, price 21/-; also others; please state wants; can supply Norwich for such shows as the Palace, Gateshead, and any other exhibition; apply—Geo. Cubley, Long-Sutton, near Wishech.

E. GODLEY, 29, RISHTON, BLACKBURN has now ready some grand Norwich and Cinnamons. **SHOW OR STOCK BIRDS. Stamp, Approval**

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J. HODDER,

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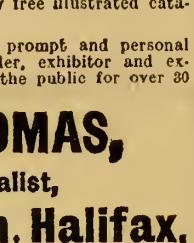
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WANTED.

WANTED, dealer to take few doz., British weekly.—Langley, Beaconsfield-rd., Dover.

PAIR Roller skates; exchange Buff Norwich cock, or sell 12/6.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

WANTED young Magpie, able to talk.—Charles O'Gorman, "Hendersyde," Bourne End, Bucks.

WANTED offers for 1909 cock Canaries, well on song.—Hooke, Lynford Villas, Highland-rd., Aldershot.

WANTED, offers Canaries, exchange Scotch blankets, 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED offers in Canaries for phonograph, new condition, cost 30/-.—A. Connon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

EXCHANGE Canaries to value for two pairs ball-bearing roller skates.—Westover, Milton-st., Maidstone.

LIZARDS, Lancashires, Norwich wanted, for cash.—State price to H. Martin, 11, Marlborough-rd., Shipley.

G. THAME, 164, Broomsgrove-street, Birmingham, will give 1/- each for common hen Canaries; any quantity.

SIX Bullfinch hens wanted; give grand Norwich cock; sell 10/6; approval.—Johnson, 111, Heyshamrd., Southport.

WANTED good cock Linnet, must be singing, for a hen Yorkshire.—H. Dean, Mill-st. Junction, Crosshills, Keighley.

WANTED fret machine; will give shocking coil, cost 15/6; or offers.—R. Evans, 22, Granville-st., Wolverhampton.

WANTED 28 covers for pair of Norwich and good Roller cock, 1908 birds.—Wm. Waines, Ryegate, Helinsley, Yorks.

WANTED tame cock Bullfinches; approval; cash or exchange; three tame Pheasants.—Moore, Castle Bampton, Devon.

WANTED offers in glass diamond for good Crested or Yorkshires.—W. Young, Hill View, Station-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

WANTED pair of Yorkshire Canaries, exchange four Norwich hens, or sell 10/-.—Vincent, 86, Beulah-rd., Thornton Heath.

WANTED three cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches in exchange for set of stag-handled carvers.—Hill, 95, Eyre-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches and other British birds, for cash; state price.—C. Evans, Key Hill Aviaries, Birmingham.

I WILL give 1/- each for hen Goldfinch Mules: 1/- each for old hen Goldfinches for export.—Fancier, 15, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, exchange punch bar fronts, cages, etc.—Parkinson's Cage Works, Grosvenor-st. West, Birmingham.

WANTED from catchers Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, weekly; state lowest price.—Earl, bird dealer, 28, Green-st., Northampton.

WANTED two good Border or Yorkshire show cages and case; exchange British birds.—Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

WANTED Canarics or cock Mules, in exchange for Hyacinths, good new bulbs, or sell 1,6 dozen, 10/-100.—Cloke, 28, Elm-grove, Peckham.

WANTED, talking Parrot; exchange grand Airedale dog, good watch and ratter; particulars.—Mackie, Gorgie Post Office, Edinburgh.

OFFERS wanted for six pair Canarics; part cash, part 1909 chickens; songsters and Lizards for sale.—Winterbone, Wisbech, St. Mary, Cambs.

WANTED birds, dogs, Parrots, Cavies, Rats, Pigeons, etc.; buy or exchange other Fancy.—Barlow's Aviaries, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, good gentleman's overcoat, suit man 5ft. 9in., rather stout, exchange good Canaries or cash.—Grantham, Corbetstey, Upminster.

WANTED, Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, for cash, or exchange new pair bird nets, sell, 8/6.—Baker, Specialist, Bedminster.

NOTICE, wanted 10 pairs each Norwich, Crests, Yorkshires, Scotch Fancies; must be reasonable.—McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED Linnet, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Yellowhammer, for exhibition.—Rev. Bernard Walton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

CANARIES. Three cocks wanted in exchange for Harmsworth's Self-Educator; complete, clean, cost 28/-.—Christie, 134, Buccleuch-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries for blue whippet dog, good killer, very fast, retrieve to hand, £2; Crests preferred.—Foster, Fieldhouse, Satley, Tow Law.

WANTED buyers for Larks, 2/- dozen; Greenies, 1/-; Linnets, 3/6; all guaranteed cocks; hens, 9d.; cash or deposit.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WANTED a good new or secondhand overcoat, exchange cock Canaries and Goldfinches; particulars to Fancier, 15, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

NOTICE, will exchange new brass lamp, cost 12/6, for two Goldfinches, 2 Linnets, cocks and store cage, yours first.—Clare, Bakers Cottage, Durrington, Wilts.

WANTED for cash, cock Goldfinches (full blaze); cock Bullfinches, cock Linnets, cock Siskins; also talking Parrots.—Simpson, 137, High-st., Camden Town.

MELODEON, old, superior toned, perfect; other goods; want Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries, superior hanging cages entertained.—Hamilton's Dispensary, Halifax.

WANTED large or small quantities of birds; exchange boots, cutlery, electro plate to value; particulars exchanged.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

MOTOR cyclists. Wanted two or three Norwich Crested hens or Lancashire Copples, for motor coat, leggings, and De Dion sparking plug.—Hopwood, 20, Newton-st., Clitheroe.

WANTED typical Norwich and Cinnamons, cash or exchange ladies' and gents' cycles; also phonograph and records, new; approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED Grey or Amazon talking Parrot and cage, or Bulldog; exchange banjo and case, cost 4 guineas or camera and accessories, cost £3.—S. Peart, Market Harboro'.

WANTED house-moulted British for mating and hybriding, or Canaries; give extraordinary smart white English Terrier bitch, perfect companion, pedigree, £2, or gramophone wanted.—23, Hylett-st., Lower Broughton, Manchester.

WANTED Canaries or Goldfinches, exchange gent's black oilcy coat, nearly new; hand camera, 3½ by 2½ and accessories; 60 candle-power brass hanging lamp, good condition; also two inverted gas burners, globes, and fittings.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

WANTED Edison Standard phonograph, in good condition; will exchange for same, pair Yorkshires, pair Norwich; warranted all 1908 prize-bred Canaries; two new breeding cages, cock Linnet Mule, six clean-moulted cock Linnets with cages, brass fittings complete; mutual approval.—How, 35, White Horse-st., Stepney, London.

WANTED large cobby Norwich buff cock, give in exchange two large yellow variegated and one self yellow green hens, parents cost pounds, or sell £3; 16oz. billiard cue and case, cost 25/-, as new, also handsome meerschaum pipe in case, coloured genuinely, worth 30/-, exchange for moulted British or large Norwich typical buff cock.—S. L. Keymer, 34, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

HARRY ALLEN

wants a few good Bullfinch catchers. Owing to an increase in my business I shall be pleased to have a few more Bullfinch catchers to supply me, and in me you will find a good, honest customer. Catchers write at once.—Harry Allen, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practised hands; latest improvements.—Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDS and animals preserved and mounted; all specimens carefully packed on returning.—W. Maltby, 39, Victoria-st., Scarboro'.

BARGAINS for buyers; cheap surplus stock of naturalist's requisites, stuffed birds, etc., list free.—Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

BIRDS and animals stuffed; moderate prices; satisfaction given.—Charles Hooper and Son, Taxidermists, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells, Somerset.

BIRDS, animals, and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods, moderate charges; all work guaranteed; birds, eggs, etc. Lists, 1d. stamp each.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXHIBITION Linnet and show cage, 10/6; or exchange.—Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

LARGE healthy Peregrine Falcon, 15/-; or exchange.—Head, Mount Vernon, Dollymount, Dublin.

WANTED to exchange English cock Goldfinches anything useful.—Harrison, catcher, Pump-st., Nottingham; stamp reply.

SPLENDID cock Redstarts, sell or exchange exhibition Hardbills or British show cages.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

FIVE cocks, Linnets, clean-moulted; exchange pair of boots, boy's 4's; sell 5/-.—Smith, 6, Alexandra-rd., Denton, nr. Gravesend.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, 5/-, approval; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch.—M. Welsh, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

HEN Bramblefinch, pair Redpolls, two pairs Greenfinches, 5/6 lot, all twice aviary moulted.—Preston, The Lodge, Sutton, Keighley.

LARGE house-moulted cock Bramblefinch, grand colour and condition, 5/6; approval.—Walker, Usworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXHIBITION Linnet, nice cock Goldfinch, both house-moulted, exchange good Mule or Hybrid; approval.—21, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.

EXCHANGE exhibition colour-fed Redstart, for exhibition Hardbills, or sell 10/-; approval.—J. Murphy, Broomknowe, Dalmillington, Ayrshire.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, 5/-; ditto Redpoll, 2/-; four beautiful Fantails, 6/-; exchange good Norwich hens.—Brunton, Hill-st., Montrose.

PAIR of aviary-moulted Cornbuntings, quite steady, 4/6, or exchange for pair of Siskins.—R. P. Wagner, 99, Babington-rd., Streatham, London, S.W.

HAND-REARED Cornish Chough, perfect feather, very tame, exchange exhibition Hawfinch or Waxwing.—Phillips, 12, Waltham-ter., Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

EXCHANGE six clean moulted large young cock Linnets, picked from hundreds, for a cock Canary or three hens, or sell 6/-.—Keymer, Marine Cottage, Gorleston.

WHAT offers in cash or Canaries for a cock Goldfinch and Canary, the parents of eighteen Mules this season.—John Leahy, Townpark East, Lismore, co. Waterford, Ireland.

ONE Yellow Goldfinch Mule, 1908; one Greenfinch Mule, 1909; one Linnet Mule, 1909; exchange for house-moulted British or Norwich; must be show birds.—F. E. Morgan, 20, Henshaw-st., Stretford.

HAND-REARED Thrushes, commenced singing grandly marked, 3/6; buff or yellow variegated, buff Grizzled Crest, clear Buff, Norwich hens; offers in exchange cock Goldfinches, hens, cock Bullfinches.—Weaire, Snodland, Kent.

SIX large Canary-Linnet Mules, lightly marked, fit for show, in song; three, 6/- each, three 10/- each; two hand-reared Linnets, parents, 8/- the two; or exchange anything useful for bouse.—J. Whecler, Coachman, Grillin Wood, Epping.

COCK Goldfinch, bred Mules this year, 5/-; cock Yellowhammer, 1/-; grand hen Bramblefinch, cage-moulted, make muler, 2/6; good Greyhound pups, 7/6 and 10/- each, worth double; exchange exhibition British.—Roff, 157, Chesterton-rd., Cambridge.

HARRY ALLEN

will exchange contest Linnets, match birds, catching birds, Linnets for the show bench or muling Linnets for any kind of Canaries, cocks and hens, mixed.—Harry Allen, City Aviaries 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

CRESTED hens for sale, or exchange Crest-bred.—435, Old Kent-rd., S.E.

CINNAMON hen and cage; exchange anything.—Kirk, Waterloo-yard, Southwell, Notts.

NORWICH cock Canary, 7/6; or exchange large Crest or Crest-bred hen.—30, Church-st., Whitby.

CANARIES, sale, exchange furs, carpets, fur lining, anything.—Roberts, Knightwick, Worcester.

GRAND Roller Canary, in full song, over moult, 7/6, cost 12/6; exchange entertained.—Sides, Southwell.

WILL give good exchange in typical Yorkshires for good gent's cycle.—Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon.

EXCHANGE Cinnamon for yellow Yorkshire, or Norwich hen.—Sharks, 15, Cambridge-rd., Horsham, Sussex.

SALE or exchange Norwich cock, rung, two hens, two show cages and case.—Warren, 42, King-st., Ardwick.

SIX well-bred Border hens; exchange winning British; approval.—Brooks, 91, Woodland-st., Mountain Ash.

FOUR Norwich hens, ten homer pigeons, part cash; exchange fowls.—How, 10, Ashburton-grove, Holloway.

EXCHANGE two cobby Norwich hens for pair of Yorkshires, sell 8/6.—Richards, 187, Bolton-rd, Westhoughton.

PAIR flap nets, hand-made, complete, 9 yds. by 6 ft., 16/-; offers birds.—2, Middle Entry, Church-st., Tamworth.

325 MODEL Engineers for large Buff Norwich cock, 1909; bird first.—Wm. Raukin, 72, Gavin-st., Motherwell.

EXCHANGE pair good Yorkshires for three show cages and case.—Elwell, 35, Church-st., Shildon, Co. Durham.

WANTED talking Parrot and cage, exchange exhibition Yorkshires; no rubbish.—Simpson, 30, Wellesley-rd., Harrow.

NORWICH. Five hens 15/-, or exchange cock Mules, Finch mule, or pair Yorkshires.—G. Good, Worburn, Bucks.

THREE pairs Crests (Barne's strain) from 10/- per pair; pair Norwich, 7/6; lot cheap, 35/-.—Breeze, Christchurch, Wisbech.

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich Canaries for toy Yorkshire or Pom. to same value.—Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE large Cinnamon cock, two hens, for buff Border cocks; Borders first.—Wiseman, 29, Radnor-rd., Canton, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE four hen Canaries for pair Yorkshires, or cock Goldfinches.—C. Groves, 6, Belgrave Mews West, London, W.

FOUR prize-bred Border hens; exchange Bullie or Goldie cocks; British first.—McLaren, Hunter's-close, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

SIXTY Norwich, Yorkshire, and Crested Canaries, 7/- pair; cocks, 5/-, or useful exchange.—Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

LIZARDS and Rollers, sell cheap; exchange for boot lasts (narrow) for repairing; or offers.—Bosworth, Rockliffe-st., Rawtenstall.

GOOD strain Border Fancies, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; greens or clears; also one pair green Budgerigars, 6/6.—Bayley, postman, Seacombe.

EXCHANGE carving knife, fork, steel, ivorine handles, for singing cock Canary.—Hinchcliffe, 1 Court, 4, Gloucester-place, Sheffield.

FOR sale, four 1909 Norwich songsters, 4/6 each, or exchange four good 1909 buff Yorkshire hens.—King, Victoria-rd., Gillingham, Dorset.

EXCHANGE two good young Norwich cocks for two good cock Goldfinches, or sell 10/-.—Cuthbertson, Kingsmeadow, Peebles, Scotland.

PAIR 1907 Yorkshire Canaries, 6/6; six 1909 cock Canaries, 5/- each; exchange anything.—Chris. Metcalfe, Hall Bank, Ledbergh, Yorkshire.

WANTED good phonograph or graphophone and records; exchange six Norwich cocks, four hens, value 50/-.—King, 80, Spout-lane, Walsall.

EXCHANGE young cock Canaries, in full song, for brass fender, fire-irons, anything useful, or sell 7/6, or 10/- pair.—M., Gresham Lodge, Romford.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1908 green cock, 5/-; Cinnamon hen, 2/6; two young cocks, 3/9 each; exchange entertained.—Squires, Millfield-rd., Ilkeston.

ONE pair of Crests, Crest-bred cock, one pair Norwich, Yellow Norwich cock, large double breeder, lot 30/-; useful exchange.—Watson, 263, High-st., Elgin.

BARGAINS; three pairs high-class Yorkshire Canaries and breeding cages, worth £5; exchange phonograph, gramophone; offers.—Wood, 14, Ada-crescent, Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Borders. A few show specimens for sale, would exchange one or two for good Goldies, Siskins, or Hawfinches.—Robt. Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries or foreign birds for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

NOTICE. Shoemaker's sewing machine (Bradbury's), splendid condition, cost £10, sell 50s., or exchange Canaries or Mules.—Copp, wardrobe dealer, Dartford.

EXCHANGE yellow variegated, cinnamon variegated, yellow Norwich hens, fed, for yellow or buff Norwich cock, 15/- each; approval.—Maclean, South-st., Forres.

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, fed, full song, winner, and Cinnamon hen, fed, winner, sell £1 or exchange, household goods preferred.—Jones, Ivy Cottage, Harlech.

GENUINE clarance, grand Norwich, show or stock, cheap to clear; state wants; useful exchange entertained; exhibition British and foreign wanted.—Hipwell, Taxidermist, Wisbech.

TWO yellows, two variegated, grand young singing Norwich cocks, three hens, also last year's cock; offers, cash or exchange, poultry.—Coombs, 10, Union Gate, East Reach, Taunton.

NOTICE; will exchange pair Yorkshire show birds or Norwich for good Hawfinch or Goldfinch show birds; yours first; on approval.—Smith, Arthur Cottage, Whitwell, Mansfield, Derbyshire.

WILL exchange pair 1909 Yorks. (parents winners Palace, etc., cost £6 10s.), and two pairs well-bred Borders, for a pair of young winning Norwich; yours first.—Buchanan, 104, Bellgrove-st., Glasgow.

FORTY Norwich and Borders, clear and marked, buff and yellow, cocks and hens, bred from winners, from 5/-; approval; deposit; or useful exchange.—Hard, Ebor Villa, Hemingford-rd., Cambridge.

FOUR beautiful Yorkshire Canaries (1 cock), young, hardy, splendid plumage, and large double breeding cage; exchange grey or Amazon Parrot and cage.—Parkinson, Otterington Vicarage, Northallerton.

PAIR crossbred Canaries, cock and hen, 7/6; also grand variegated large Crested cock, 8/6; sell or exchange anything; offers; wanted lady's umbrella, new.—Salmon, 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

YELLOW Lancashire Plainhead cock and coppy hen, 30/-; dark Mule, 7/-; Buff Norwich hen, 20/-; cock Hawfinch, 15/-; exchange for small British or Foreign birds.—Law, 87, Merefield-st., Rochdale.

TWO pedigree Bedlington pups, Trump Card and Beauburn Gyp strain, dog, 15/-; bitch, 10/-; also two topping cock Greenfinch Mules, 7/6 each; exchange Norwich Canaries, poultry, or offers.—Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

ONE Crested cock, one Crestbred cock, two Crested hens, one good feeder, two double breeders, complete with zinc sand trays, in exchange for a complete series of Harmsworth Educator, or offers.—H. W., 30, Manor Park-rd., E. Finchley.

EXCHANGE pair of Lizards or Yorkshires for large Yellow Norwich cock Hawfinch or any other exhibition British Hardbills; no rubbish given or wanted; yours first; on approval; carriage paid one way.—W. Carter, Pork Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

UNFLIGHTED Buff Norwich hen, 5/-; or exchange gent's leather handbag; clear Yellow cock, unflighted, ditto Buff, 10/6 each; exchange either for Fox Terrier or Collie dog puppy; also several others for sale; or exchange gent's cycle; yours first; approval.—Wright, 49, Loates-lane, Watford, Herts.

GIVING up Fancy; two pairs Yorkshires, Crest cock and large Crest-bred hen, two odd hens, four pairs of Foreigners, seed-eaters, seven cock Goldies, picked birds, will sell the lot for 50/- to clear, or will separate; or exchange phono. and records, if good, or cloth, anything.—W. Cooper, Priory Stores, Carisbrooke, I.W.

YORKSHIRES. Grand show and stock birds, about 20 for disposal, 10/- to £3 each, grand position, feathered like boxwood, wanted good 23in. frame cycle, or box carrier tricycle, also 4ft. dome C.P. aviary, cost £6 10s., sell £2, or exchange good set 17 high breeders; particulars, stamp.—H. P., 1, Princes-rd., Wells, Somerset.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WANTED Budgerigars, other varieties, exchange twelve breeding cages.—Horton, Bridge, Flixton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE pair exhibition flying homers, winners, for pair Yellow Budgerigars, sell 10/6; another pair, exchange Green Budgerigars, sell 7/6.—McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

PAIR good tumblers, £1; exchange.—Alfred Eve, East-st., Colchester.

FIVE grand Flying Homers; exchange aviary birds.—F. Jackson, Beauchamp-st., Stockport.

LARGE joiner-made Blackbird cage, 6/6; or exchange.—Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

OFFERS, Canaries, exchange silver lever watch, 15/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

BANTAMS, Duckwing, 3 pairs, 4/6 pair; 3 odd cocks, 2/6 each; good.—Douglas, Plumber, Elgin.

SIX new Norwich show cages and case; exchange Canaries, Foreign birds; offers.—Criddeford, Honiton.

SELL or exchange mailcart, in good condition, for fishing tackle; if cash, £1.—Smith ,10, Clark-crescent, Leeds.

188 CAGE BIRDS, 24 coloured plates, exchange spaniel puppy or offers.—Cherry, Quainton-rd., Waddesdon.

RIFLE, by Savage Arms Co.; exchange Roller Schoolmaster; singing cocks; offers.—Criddeford, Honiton.

RACING Homer basket, zinc trough attached, hold 25, cost 15/-, sell 8/-; offers birds.—65, Bridge-rd., Leicester.

LARGE square Parrot cage, large flight, oil stove, exchange Canaries.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

HAND-REARED 1909 Jay, show condition, 10/-; or exchange pair 1909 Yorkshires.—Sellars, Newbridge, Pickering.

IRISH Terrier bitch, good pedigree, 10/6; exchange Canaries or offers.—Barker, 72, Hubert-rd., Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE birds' cages for pullets; no dealers.—E. Carroll, 27, Westleigh-st., Clough-rd., Blackley, Manchester.

CAGE fronts to order, exchange Canaries and cage birds.—Baldwin's Aviaries, 7, Hingeston-st., Birmingham.

SPANISH mahogany aviary on mahogany stand, sacrifice 35/-.—Bearsby, 62, Kislake-rd., Kilburn, London, N.W.

EXCHANGE 70 CAGE BIRDS, 60 Our Dogs, for Goldfinch Mule or Siskins; offers.—Corley, 76, Hagden-lane, Watford.

EXCHANGE mandoline and case, cost 50/-, nearly new; offers Pom., anything.—3, Chelmsford-ter., Dial-st., Leeds.

AMATEUR gardening, vols. 10 to 17, clean and perfect, unbound; exchange anything useful.—Gill, 36, Dawson-st., Skipton.

LARGE mahogany aviary, cost £10, will sell £4 or exchange anything useful to value.—Cutter, Salem-avenue, Sunderland.

EXCHANGE pair opera glasses for variegated 1908 Canary, singing, sell 7/6.—Cox, Margaret Villa, Newhall, Burton-on-Trent.

B-FLAT tenor slide trombone, suit learner; what offers in Yorkshires, or sell 14/-; yours first.—Cook, 7, Ann-st., Islington, N.

WHAT offers in cock Canaries or cash for three pairs Blue Dragon Pigeons, prize bred.—Margrate, 110, Ashley-rd., Bristol.

PAIR of even-marked Dutch Rabbits, fit for keen competition, 6/- each; offers Norwich.—Myers, 29, Farrer-st., Nelson, Lancs.

FIVE Norwich show cages, good as new, 1/2 each; 3-ft. cottage shape flight, quite new, 2/6.—E. Hawthorn, Llandrindod Wells.

TEN pairs pedigree homing pigeons, 20/-, or 2/6 pair, clearing out; exchange British birds.—Gardner, bird specialist, Bathgate.

GRAND pair Black Rosecomb Bantams, winners, 15/-; pair Game, 10/6; or exchange.—Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE three 1909 typical Yorkshire hens for opera glasses, anything useful, sell 12/-.—Carter, 1, Ida-terrace, Wyke, Weymouth.

EXCHANGE Cassell's London Town, 24 7d. parts complete, for Canaries, Goldies, cages, anything.—Evans, 76, Darwin-st., Walworth.

PEDIGREE black Pom bitch, 35/-, three years; exchange pair exhibition Norwich; approval.—Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE good melodeon, value 6/-, for cock Roller Canary or Goldfinch Mule; bird first.—W. Monk, Great Wilbraham, Cambs.

SELL or exchange for unflighted Yellow Norwich, black Scottish Terrier bitch, the best of breeding.—Cook, 282, Union-grove, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE a Schipperke bitch, lady's toy, for a good pair of Yorkshires, or sell for cash, 15/6.—34, Kilburn-st., Litherland, Liverpool.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, for Mules, or offers; approval.—B., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

GRAND pair adult Silver Pheasants, over moult, 25/-; exchange half-plate camera; Norwich Canaries.—16, Lady's Lane, Norwich.

EXCHANGE gent's dark tweed riding pants, new, for good Yorkshire cock; sell 10/6.—Speechley, 15, Church-rd., Southgate-rd., London.

EXCHANGE, good clarionet for four good Norwich hens; good type; sell 30/-.—Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

PEDIGREE Great Dane bitch, six months, £2; a hargain; or exchange Canaries, Parrot.—Perrins, Brucke Lodge, Poulton, Warrington.

FOR sale, good breech-loading gun, 12 bore, kill any distance, £1; exchange for Goldfinches.—W. Sturges, 33, Green-st., Northampton.

PURE-BRED cocker bitch, partly broken, retrieve fur or feather, land, water; exchange cage birds.—Briffett, Kennels, Bridgwater.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives or pair carvers for one cock Canary; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED gent's cycle, overmantle, phonograph, telescope, in exchange for Canaries; approval.—Young, Sleigtholme Cottage, Whitby.

POCKET rifle, 13/6; also 380 bore, 15/-; both in splendid condition; exchange for birds to value.—Amery, Field Side, Crowle, Doncaster.

HAIR-CUTTING machine, 4/-; pair Sprock's razors, 3/-; four razors, 3/6; secondhand; offers, exchange.—Clark, Broad-st., Peterhead.

WHAT offers in exchange rolled gold lever watch, nearly new (second to second); also night Lark net?—Hatton, 5, Nelson-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE football boots, size 7, knickers, worn once, cost 8/6, for buff Norwich cock, singing.—Boardman, 9, Poplar-st., Leigh, Lancs.

GARDEN tools, rose trees, perennials, fowls, ducks, Bantams, exchange for Canaries, etc. Stamp.—The Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

A NEW flageolet and flute, interchangeable, 6/-, a bargain; exchange for Norwich hens or birds.—Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

EXCHANGE a new melodian value 10/6, for a cock Linnet Mule or two Linnets used to catching.—W. Brandon, 21, South-rd., Luton, Beds.

CLAPNETS, pair 12 yards by 5ft. deep, hand-made, good condition, 12/6; Goldfinches, Bullies, Canaries.—Wyles, 22, Montague-rd., Ramsgate.

BARGAIN. Three pairs lovely white fantails (mating), one single homer, lot 10/-; offers exchange.—Cyril Brown, Spring Gardens, Spalding.

WHAT offer in Yorkshires or Rollers for a pair of Sandow's grips, cost 7/6, and mandoline, suit learner.—Dale, 101, Monday-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COCK Linnet, Hybrid, from same, 6/-; English rabbits, 3/- each; exchange Norwich, winning show homers, 23 by 1½ tubes.—15, Frome-ter., Dorchester.

EXCHANGE good rough-coated Irish terrier dog, good hunter and trick dog, one year old, for a good cycle, or sell £2.—Coutts, Union-st., Dalbeattie.

COCKS; Goldfinches, 2/-; Linnets, 1/-; Hawfinch, 10/-; Budgerigars, 6/6 pair (breeding); Canaries, 7/6 pair; or exchange.—Evenson, Lansdown, Bournemouth.

HANDLEBARS, with inverted front rim brake, complete, good condition; exchange Buff Yorkshire cock or two good Buff hens.—Spencer, Raglan-st., Nelson.

THREE engravings (not framed) for one clear Yellow Yorkshire, or pair same, fit for show, value £1; approval each way.—Munro, 29, Rita-rd., Vauxhall, S.W.

SET of stag handle carvers, six ivorine handle knives, six nickel-silver forks, in exchange for three cock Canaries or offers in British.—Hill, 95, Eyre-lane, Sheffield.

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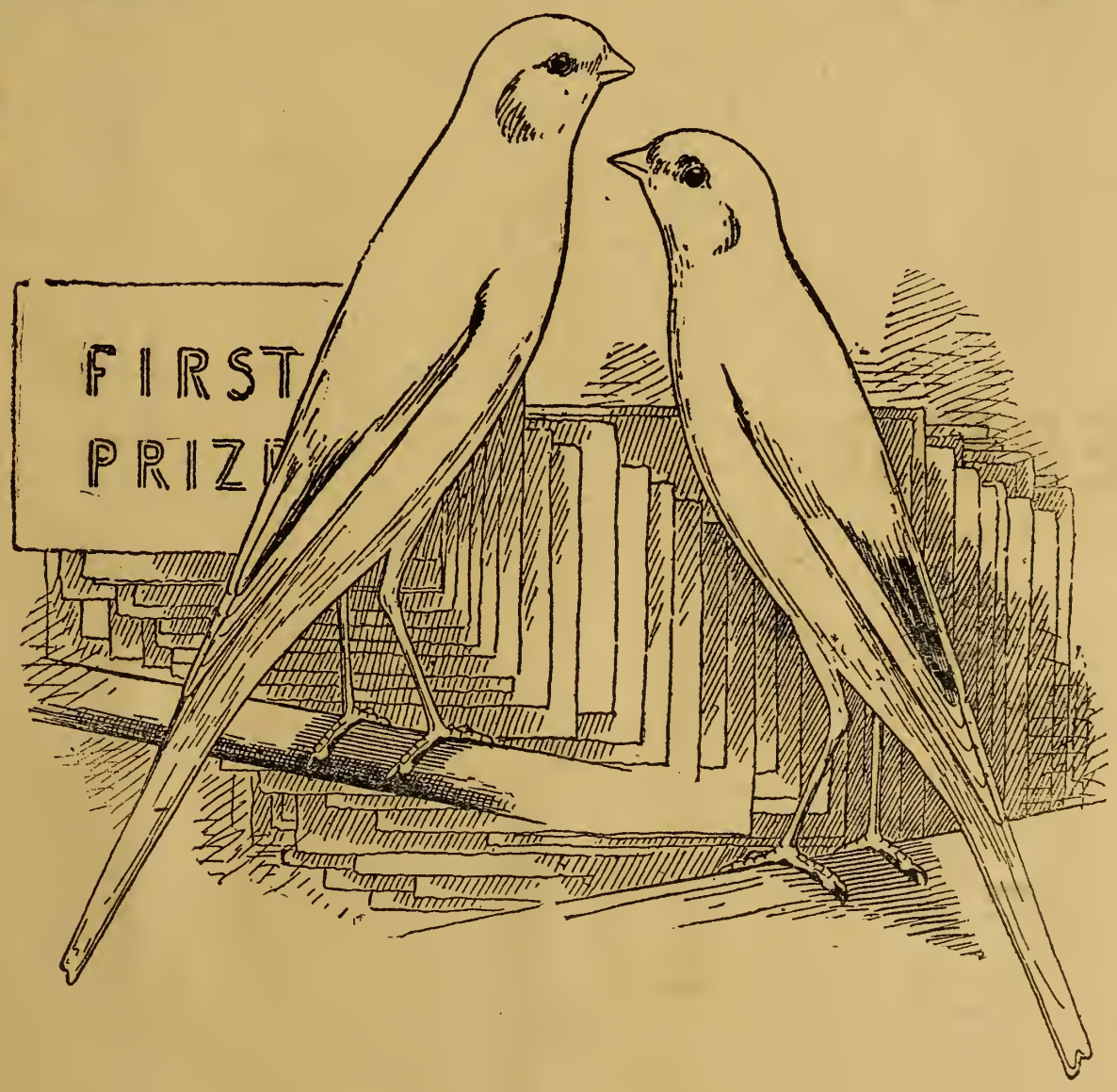
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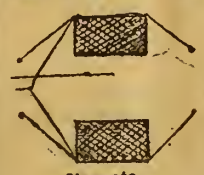
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TWO dozen green Linnets, guaranteed cocks, 2/6 dozen, or exchange.—Whysall, Wright-st., Codnor, Derbyshire.

GRAND Yorkshire cock, sell 7/6; or exchange good Bullfinch or Goldfinch, British bird.—Lockwood, Old-rd., Dukinfield.

COCK Siskin Mules, 4/6 each; hens, 2/-; or exchange Goldfinch or Goldfinch Mule cocks.—Norris, Rare-st., Romford.

HAND-REARED Song Thrush, and joiner-made cage, 7/6; exchange Canaries.—Phillips, Flatgate, Howden, E. Yorks.

THREE house-moulted cock Linnets, full song, sell 7/6; or exchange anything.—Saunders, Nelson-place, Bath-st., Gravesend.

GRAND house-moulted Bramblefinch, colour-fed, in show condition; exchange exhibition moulted Linnet.—Cowans, Wooler.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Greenfinch and buff hen Canary, 5/6, carriage paid.—Fredk. Chatfield, Warsergate, Nottingham.

WANTED to exchange English cock Goldfinches, anything useful; stamp reply.—Harrison, Catcher, Pump-st., Nottingham.

MULES; Greenfinch, vhc Manchester (open) 10/-; Linnet, 5/-; exchange Goldfinches.—Hulme, 114, Nansen-st., Seedley.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, 5/-, approval; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch.—M. Welsh, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

GREENFINCH cock, over moult, bred Mules, new cage, 6/-; or exchange Canaries.—Denton, 57, Grosvenor-park, Tunbridge Wells.

WANTED Goldfinch Mule, Finch notes; on approval; exchange adult Green Singing Finch, cock.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

FOUR red-breasted young cock Linnets, well on seed, sell 4/-; exchange anything.—Saunders, Nelson-place, Bath-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, for exhibition, Linnet or Goldfinch, sell 7/6; also Yorkshires, cheap, —Shorthouse, 40, Sturton-rd., Sheffield.

LARGE exhibition Linnet and show cage, hand-reared cock Lark; good birds; exchange Goldfinches; yours first.—Cooke, Chapel-st., Berwick.

ALBINO, offers wanted for light cream-coloured Lark; wanted, an exhibition Goldfinch, mutual approval.—Henson, Hooper-st., Cambridge.

COCK Bramblefinch, splendid condition, can win in good company, 6/-; or offers in Canaries.—T. Ainsworth, 6, Higher Church-st., Darwen.

NOVELTIES, Redpolls, and cages, draws seed and water, 4/- each; exchange for Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches.—Buckmaster, 5, Violet-rd., Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE extra large cock Goldfinch and Linnet, both house-moulted, for cock Linnet Mule, pure Linnet song, or sell 12/-.—Morley, 47, Bells-rd., Gorleston.

LARGE well marked excellent coloured show Linnet, field moulted, 3/-; large Redpoll, good bib and colour, 2/-.—Cockerill, Roche House, Atherton-st., Stockport.

WARRANTED cocks; Linnets, 2/- and 2/6; Greenfinches, 1/-; Yellowhammers, 3/- dozen; 20 mixed seed-eaters, 1/6; exchange.—Fenn, Hives-drove, Isleham, Cambs.

EXCHANGE 3 year cock Chaffinch, hen, had eggs, yellow Canary on song, and Mule, for large house-moulted cock Goldfinch, sell 7/6. — F. Mascall, Stansted, Essex.

FOR sale, following house-moulted British pairs: Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, two Redpolls, and Greenfinches, exchange Canaries.—Cutting, 47, Bedford-rd., Clapham.

TWO cock Greenfinches, 1908, caged, sell 2/- each; exchange Yorkshire hen, lady's silver watch, sell 52/-; or exchange mandoline, or mandoline banjo, offers.—R. Lane, Holyrood-st., Chard, Somerset.

TWO Linnet Mules, 1909, two Goldfinches, one Canary, 1909, three Linnets, cocks; exchange for good light Goldfinch Mule and Yellow Norwich hen; must be good birds; or sell £1.—Brown, 13, Waggon-rd., Ayr.

EXHIBITORS, winning Hawfinch, cock, show condition, sell 30/-, exchange clear or very light Mule cock, or large exhibition Foreign seed-eaters, in show condition; offers; approval.—Morrison, Johnstone North Station, Renfrewshire.

TWO cock Bullies, two cock Linnets, two cock Greenfinches, one cock Goldfinch Mule, two hen Mules, one cock Chaffinch, one hen Canary, what offers; wanted, buff Yorkshire hens, or show cages.—F. Sims, Cemetery, Gillingham, Dorset.

WILL give in exchange three good hen Linnet Mules, bred from grey Linnet cock and yellow Norwich hen, are colour-fed, fit for show bench; will exchange in a good young Peartree cock Goldfinch, or sell for 1/3 each.—T. Brown, 2, Lydia-st., Willington, Durham.

HARRY ALLEN

will exchange contest Linnets, match birds, catching birds, Linnets, for the show bench, or Muling Linnets, for any kind of Canaries, cocks and hens, mixed.—Harry Allen, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

Mainly Canaries.

To be Sold or Exchanged

YORKSHIRE cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; 1909.—Derrick, Mayfield-rd., Worcester.

TEN Seifferts, Rollers, exchange anything useful.—Brown, 13, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

EXCHANGE four Yorkshire hens for 1909 Crest-bred hen.—Gillespie, 17, Allergate, Durham.

THREE Cinnamon Norwich hens, 4/- each; exchange anything.—Connell, View Park, Beith.

YORKSHIRE cock, Bailey Swangers, 10/-; offers exchange.—Anstee, 28, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

SMALL powerful electric motor, cost 35/-; exchange Canaries.—Boyd, Sunnyside-st., Salford.

TWO grand Green Norwich cocks, 6/- each, or offers; approval.—Smith, 6, Evans-st., Preston.

SIX Norwich show cages; what cash offers, or exchange?—Adsby, 16, St. Ann's-rd., Faversham.

EXCHANGE two pairs young Norwich, for 1909 Pullets.—Cornwall, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

THREE pairs high-class Norwich or Yorkshires, 12/6 pair, or useful exchange.—R. Watson, Market, Rasen.

CREST-BRED cock, from winners, 10/-; exchange typical Norwich P.H. cock.—Johnson, 23, Fords-rd., Exeter.

PAIR Norwich, 10/6 or offers, or exchange Seifert schoolmaster.—G. Mason, Park-rd., Worsboro' Bridge, Barnsley.

NICE young Buff Piebald Scotch Fancy hen, 20/-; exchange Foreign birds.—Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

LARGE Norwich Cinnamon hen Canary, good breeder, 5/-; exchange.—Richards, 10, Umfreville-rd., Harringay.

TWENTY Canaries; exchange exhibition Goldfinch Linnet, children's boots, clothing.—Winn, 42, Gilpin-st., Sheffield.

TWO Hartz Mountain Rollers, cocks, clean moulted, one 8/6, other 6/6, sale or exchange.—Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

THREE Yorkshire hens, Yellows, one Buff cock, 16/-; exchange pair good Norwich.—Coates, Parkrow, Knaresborough.

EXCHANGE Canaries for Edison Gem and records; anything useful.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cock Canary, 12/-; or exchange lady's and gent's left off clothes.—Ellett, 18, Cheapside, Birmingham.

WILL exchange prize bred Buff or Yellow Norwich cock, Siberian Goldie, or Linnet.—Paton, 68, Albert-drive, Crosshill, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE two Yellow variegated Norwich cocks, 1909, for exhibition Bramblefinch or cock Bullfinch.—54, Hind-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

CLEARING out. Canaries' cages, exchange; sell 50/-. Bargain.—Particulars, Parkyn, 18, Southampton-st., Fitzroy-square, W.

TWO Norwich cocks, Norwich hen, Roller hen; exchange for early buff Orpington pullets.—Astley, Beacon-st., Cinderhill, Bilston.

FOUR buff Plainhead hens, exchange for good Crested cock; Crest first.—Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph-st., Buckhaven.

EXCHANGE three pairs Canaries for lady's costume length; send patterns; sell 21/-.—W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE two pairs of Canaries, good feeding strain, for good pair of unlighted Yorkshires.—Broadhent, James-st., Thornaby.

EXCHANGE cock Canaries for fishing rod, punch ball, Bullfinches or Goldfinches.—Carver, 1, Bloomfield-place, Woodhouse-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE 1909 Yorkshire cock for two cock Goldfinches; no rubbish.—Henderson, 64, Salthouse-rd., Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE six hen Canaries and one cock for pair adult yellow Budgerigars; Budgerigars first.—T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

HIGH-CLASS Seifert hens, two rung 1907, 1908, four 1909, 15/-; or will exchange for Schoolmaster cock.—Wilkinson, 11, East-view, Bacup.

TWO pair good Yorkshire Canaries, 15/- pair, cash or exchange ladies' or gent.'s box calf boots.—Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

SPLENDID Crested cock, Crested hen, parents winners; sell 17/6; exchange Norwich Plainheads.—Coe, 11, Gladstone-st., Desborough, Northants.

WILL exchange 4 hen Canaries, healthy condition, for pair Borders, or steady cock Goldfinch, or sell 6/-.—Peter Rutherford, Stables, Belmont, Dalkeith.

TWO pairs hand-reared Woodpigeons, big birds, 2/6 pair; 2 Irish teriers, 3 months, dog 7/6, bitch 5/-, or exchange good Canaries.—Schalk, Fairford, Glos.

WANTED, to exchange good Yorkshire Canaries or three show cages and case, for good singing rollers; approval.—Ainscough, 2, School-rd., Southport.

CRESTED or Crest-bred, 1909 Norwich cocks, 8/-; exchange one for Goldfinch Mule in pure Finch song; approval.—Chemist, 263, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

EXCHANGE four good Yorks., hens, value £1, for good yellow variegated cock, plenty of length, must be good bird; yours first.—McLellan, Annet, Renfrew.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries or foreign birds for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

TYPICAL pair Yorkshires, 1908 bred, from winners, 12/6 pair; large cobby Norwich, 12/6; entertain exchange.—Taylor, 11, Lynn-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE three cocks, seven hens, Canaries, hand-reared Bullfinch cock, for good Yorkshire cocks; yours first.—Green, 1, Hillside-terrace, Steyning, Sussex.

EXCHANGE good pair of Norwich Canaries for large house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch; approval.—Wm. Johnstone, 18, Quarry-cottages, Threlkeld, Penrith.

GOOD Border hens, yellow, 2/6; buff, 2/-; buff green, 2/-; or exchange carrying case and Border show cages.—Whiteford, West Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

EXCHANGE large Yellow variegated Norwich 1909 cock and clear Buff hen, for Toy Yorkshire or Pom.; sell for 35/-; dog first; approval.—Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE good pair of Yorkshire Canaries for good young house dog, must be good guard and fond of children, or sell 9/6; approval.—W. Whiteside, Yeoman-st., Oldham.

YOUNG cock and hen Canaries for sale; or exchange for tenor valve trombone, miniature rifle, or anything useful for household.—Davey, 29, Coldharbour, Bideford, Devon.

TWO Yorkshire cock Canaries, one buff, one variegated; exchange one for a mealing pair cock Linnet and hen Canary and sell the other, 6/-.—R. Ball, Chase Heys, Southport.

ELEVEN typical Yorkshire greens, Hadyn's strain, six cocks and five hens, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; will exchange winning Britishers; approval willingly.—W. Mervin, Bedale, Yorkshire.

WILL give one Norwich cock and two hens, 1909 birds, for yellow Yorkshire cock, 1908 bird on full song, or sell for 15/-; yours first.—Mr. R. Goodman, Boat Yard, Yiewsley, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE three pairs prize-bred Norwich, J. C. Barne's strain direct, for Edison Gem or Standard phonograph and records, sell 60/-; approval.—Underwood, Commercial-rd., Devizes, Wiltshire.

SELL 15/-; or exchange good Crest-bred cock and three Norwich hens, 1908 birds, for good Yellow Crested cock and Yellow Crest-bred hen; 1909 birds.—A. Jones, Horton-rd., Yiewsley, Middlesex.

NORWICH, grand birds, colour-fed, from 10/-; exchange for 3/4 violin and case, plumber's blow lamps, paint brushes, anything useful for trade.—Willoughby, House Decorator, Wolverhampton.

BARGAINS to clear, pair Border Fancies 9/-; Yorkshires 9/-, cocks, 7/-; hen Canaries from 2/6; grand cock Goldfinch Mule, dark, 10/6; or exchange large Norwich or Crests.—Welland, Grocer, Hasle-mere.

ONE pair Norwich and cage, 12/6; one pair Yorkshires and cage, 17/6; one gold clear cap Lizard hen, 2/6; one Yorkshire cock and cage, 7/6; one Roller cock and cage, 6/6.—Heard, 136, Manchester-rd., Oldham.

TEN pairs splendid Border Fancy Canaries, from cold room, from 5/6 pair; or useful exchange; also twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch and three mule hens; what offers?—Moscrop., Longtown, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE pair Lancashires, buff cock, yellow hen, for yellow marked crestbred hen, and yellow or brimstone buff Yorkshire hen, must be genuine birds; yours first.—S. Clixby, 4, Lancaster-avenue, Blackpool.

EXCHANGE good pair variegated Buff Norwich, cock and hen (Sandiford), for two large self cinnamon green hens, or large Siberian cock Goldfinch, sell 20/-; mutual approval.—Hughes, Bryn Gwyneld, Nenton-st., Llanberis, North Wales.

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Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

SELL White Lemon-crested Cockatoo, £2 10s., or useful exchange.—H. Housser, Esperston, Gorebridge.

EXCHANGE Amazon Parrot and cage for gent's bicycle, must be in good order. H. Housser, Esperston, Gorebridge.

OUTDOOR BRED, pair Zebra Finches, 5/-; two hens, 3/- each; pair young Green Budgerigars, 4/6; exchange white Javas or Bluewings, outdoor.—Firth, Dalbeattie.

EXCHANGE large Lemon-crested Cockatoo and cage, almost new, for one good exhibition Yorkshire cock. 30/- value; approval both ways.—Thos. Nicol, Coaltown of Wemyss, Fife.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

PURE Fox Terrier bitch puppy, 6/-; exchange.—7, Emlyn-st., Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE, 64 CAGE BIRDS for anything.—A. Hobson, 51, Abbot-st., Doncaster.

¼-PLATE hand camera; exchange Canaries.—Smith, 15, Prospect-rd., Woodford, Essex.

FOR sale, outdoor aviary; for particulars write Binns, 37, St. Amirew-gate, York.

LARGE breeding and flight cages, sale or exchange birds.—Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

EXCHANGE air gun for Canaries or aviary.—Clephan, 160, Rosendale-rd., Dulwich.

CAMERA, 10/6; sell or exchange for birds.—Martin, 48, Olinda-rd., Stamford Hill.

SOLID 9c gold signet ring, exchange four songster Canaries or Mules.—Cowans, Wooler.

IRISH Terrier dog; sell, or exchange to value 7/6; what offers.—81, Castle-rd., Isleworth.

INCUBATOR, good condition; exchange birds or offers.—140a, Garthorne-rd., Forest Hill.

EXCHANGE show cages for a singing Canary.—Hill, 7c Block, Rye Buildings, Peckham.

FOUR volumes Electricity, Steam Engineering, for Canaries.—Granger, 109, Kent-rd., Glasgow.

GALVANIC ring, cost 10/6; exchange anything.—Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley.

PHONOGRAPH, value £2, 40 records, brass trumpet; offers.—Ollie, Church Green, Witney.

CAGE frouts to order, exchange Canaries.—Baldwin's Aviaries, 7, Hingeston-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE air-gun, value 15/-, for Roller skates, or sell 10/-.—Woods, 18, Graig-st., Pontypridd.

WANTED mealworms; give young Yorkshire cock Canary, singing.—Robert Caley, Ramsey, Man.

PAIR oil paintings, unframed; exchange for three 10in. records.—Cooper, Jenner-st., Nottingham.

200 CAGE BIRDS, coloured plates, exchange Goldfinches or Bullies.—Oakleigh, Station-rd., Bexhill.

BAGPIPE chanter, ebony, ivory, silver mounted, for Britishers.—Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

WANTED five Yellow hen Budgerigars, healthy; exchange or cash.—Bulcock, "Riversdale," Clitheroe.

PAIR of Dragoons, rung, two pairs of young, 10/-; or exchange.—Bamber, 78, Whitestile-rd., Brentford.

TWENTY good phonograph records, exchange Canaries, anything.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

HARMONIUM, 25/-; exchange cycle suit, 5 ft. 6, or anything.—Quarterman, 90, Hubert-rd., Wimbledon.

WATERMAN'S Ideal fountain pen; exchange cock Canary or Mule.—Wokes, 19a, Calton-st., Huddersfield.

GOOD trio spangle bantams, 12/6, exchange four Norwich hens or offers.—Ball, Hartley-rd., Kirkby, Notts.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate camera for pair Yorks. or Norwich Canaries; approval.—A. Thorpe, Vivian-st., Derby.

TYPEWRITER, 7/6; guinea camera, 7/6; mandolin, 21/-; exchange songsters.—Coward, Organist, Stroud.

EXCHANGE football boots, 8's, condition as new, cost 10/6, for Goldfinches.—Oakleigh, Station-rd., Bexhill.

THISTLE seed, exchange for Goldfinches or Norwich Canaries, offers.—Pinder, 79, Libra-rd., Bow, London.

FLAT records, tools, household, Parrakeet; exchange anything.—Saunders, 71, Cloudesdale-rd., Balham.

EXCHANGE good rifle for cock or hen Mules, anything useful.—Wright, 10, Union-st., Weston-super-Mare.

WHAT offers in birds or breeding cages for carriage whip, as now.—Whitford, 2, Heath-crescent, Pontypridd.

¼-PLATE magazine camera, "The Pilot," beautiful lens, 10/-; offers.—G. Smith, Havelock Villa, Berkhamsted.

150 CAGE BIRDS, clean, with all coloured plates, 3/-; exchange anything useful.—Payne, 136, Willow-st., Leicester.

COLUMBIA zither, cost 32/-; small revolver, six chambers, 5/-; exchange anything.—Barker, Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE parlour skittle board, complete, value 16/-, for Canaries.—Payne, 11, Hillside-terrace, Totterdown, Bristol.

EXCHANGE 18-ct. gold-cased hunter watch for Canaries; warranted.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Cross-myloof, Glasgow.

TELESCOPE opera glasses, fountain pen, razor; exchange Canaries.—Robbins, 3, Phillip-st., Kingsland-rd., London.

PAIR brass scales and weights, aviaries; exchange to value £1, or sell 15/-.—C. Birks, 2, Sefton-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

EXCHANGE model engine castings and odd parts for singing Canary or double breeder.—Cullen, 32, Denore-rd., Dublin.

EXCHANGE field-glasses for truck wheels or springs.—Daniel Newton, 62, Great George's-st., Preston, Lancashire.

POMERANIAN dog, beautiful glossy black, cost £4, take 25/-, or offers or exchange.—Mrs. Vernen, jun., South Molton.

EXCHANGE Scotch Grey Bantams, winners, for Norwich Canaries. What offers?—Stewart, Cathedral-st., Buckie, N.B.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth "History World," parts one to forty-one, for young clear Norwich.—Dyett, 72, Haven-lane, Ealing.

EXCHANGE five prize-bred coloured Fantails for Linnets, Goldies, or pair bird nets.—Budd, 23, Cyprus-rd., Portsmouth.

EXCHANGE six of my noted spring net traps, large size, for pair Canaries.—Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

LARGE ripe bunches privet berries or plantains, 100 1/-; exchange small foreign birds.—Clements, 3, Ram Yard, Bedford.

THREE Norwich show cages and one British, all new; exchange two Yorksbire hens; stamp.—39, Barlow Moor-rd., Didsbury.

EXCHANGE gent's silver lever watch (new), value 10/6, for young singing Canary; bird first.—Ashton, Smith's-lane, Tewkesbury.

SIXTY coloured plates of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, in good, clean condition; exchange for good Rollers, or offers.—Brewster, Larpit-lane, Whitwell, Mansfield.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Clapham (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C., E.N.P.C., F.E.C.).—October 27th and 28th, Avondale Hall, Landor-road Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, J. Dobson, and Allen Silver. 52 open classes: Nor. 8 (4 for novice), Yorks. 8 (4 for novice), Crest 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 5, Brit. 18, For. 3, Sell. 2, Cages 3. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and a large number of specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 23rd (mid-day) to A. C. ASKEW, 152, Manor-street.

Darvel (Ayrshire).—November 6th, Town Halls. —Judges, Messrs. D. Holdon, J. Johnston, and J. H. Adam. 36 open classes: Scot. 9, Nor. 3, Crest 4, Bord. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 1st to J. ROBERTSON, JUN., 5, Hastings-place.

Penzance (C.B.U.).—November 10th and 11th, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 24 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 1, Cinn. 1, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 3, and 9 five-mile radius classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 3rd to J. PEARCE SAMPSON, Parade-street.

Wolverhampton (C.B.U., M.Y.C.C.).—October 28th and 29th, Co-operative Hall, Stafford-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and R. J. Howe. 47 open classes: Nor. 15 (1 novice), Crest 2, Yorks. 11 (4 novice), Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Limit 2, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, and 9 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, (and 1/6 if more than 12 entries), and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 24th to J. GIBBONS, 66, Napier-road.

Bodmin (C.B.U.).—November 10th, Market Hall and Public Rooms.—Judge, Mr. C. E. Silk. 19 open classes: Ner. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Cage of Four 1, For. 2, Sell. 2, and 2 Local. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 2nd to A. E. JAGO, 1, Robartes-road.

Boness.—November 6th, Drill Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Sandiford, J. Thomson, W. Cullen, and G. Marlin. 61 open classes: Scot. 2, Crest 7 (1 Sell.), Nor. 11 (1 Sell.), Bord. 8 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 2, Common 1, Brit. 19, Mule 5, Sell. 2, For. 3, Local Boys' 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 30th to F. MCGILLIVRAY, Ferry View, Gauze-road.

Great Yarmouth (C.B.U.).—November 3rd and 4th, Winter Gardens, Marine Parade.—Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. 23 open classes: Nor. 12 (5 Amat.), Cinn. 1, Crest 1, A.O.V. 2, (1 Amat.), Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/- (except Brit. and For., 7/6, 5/-, and 2/6). Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 25th to J. S. SHEARMAN, 156, King-street.

Liverpool O.S. (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., G.C.A.).—November 5th and 6th, St. Martin's Hall, Scotland-road.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, J. C. Barnes, and G. E. Weston. 65 open classes: Yorks. 14 (2 novice), Nor. 20 (2 novice, 1 nat. col., and 5 cinn). Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Stock 1, Mule 6, Brit. 11, Hyde's 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and a large number of specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 2nd (first pest) to J. W. METCALFE, 35, Whitefield-road.

Stockton-on-Tees.—November 6th, Temperance Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner, 35 classes (open to and C. Houlton. 31 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 3, and 12 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 1st (first post) to J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning-street.

Gillingham.—November 11th and 12th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardiner. 35 classes (open to Essex, Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey and Kent): Nor. 5, Cinn. 2, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Liz. 4, Mule 3, Brit. 8, Novice A.V. 2, Sell. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close November 3rd to A. T. COTTERELL, 12, Nelson-road.

Blaydon-on-Tyne (C.B.U., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.).—November 5th and 6th, Co-operative Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye. 47 open classes: Nor. 10, Crest 7, Nor. Pair 1, Yorks. 7, Novice A.V. 2, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Sell. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Hyde's 1, and 22 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, guaranteed. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 30th to G. HAYVER, 1, Theresa-street.

Lancaster Primrose (C.B.U.).—November 19th and 20th, Central Hall, Great John-street.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 24 open classes: Nor. 5 (1 novice), Yorks. 5 (1 novice), Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 3, Gift 1, and 2 Novice Local (three-mile radius). Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 16th to J. H. NAYLER, 6, Mary-street.

Cheltenham (C.B.U., C.C.C., S.N.P.C.).—November 3rd, Drill Hall, North-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy. 55 open classes: Crest 12 (2 novice), Cinn. Crest 2, Cinn. 3, Nor. 9, Yorks. 4, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 4, For. 3, Sell. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 27th to W. POUNSETT, 5, Whitecross-square.

Shields (C.B.U., N.Y.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.). —October 29th and 30th, Congregational Hall, Ocean-road.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and T. Dixon. 45 open classes: Nor. 7 (2 novice), Crest 4, Cinn. 3, Bord. 6 (2 novice), Scots. 1, Yorks. 7 (2 novice), Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 33 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 25th to J. BARRASS, 93, Marlborough-street, S. Shields.

North Berks.—November 11th, Corn Exchange, Abingdon.—Judge, Mr. F. C. Levett. 12 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 1, and 2 Members'. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 2nd to T. BOWEN, 10, High-st., Abingdon.

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Scarborough.—November 3rd, Old Town Hall, St. Nicholas-street.—Judge, Dr. F. Dale. 5 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close October 27th to W. TOMLINSON, 25, Brook-street.

Orpington.—November 4th, Village Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 1 open Can. class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 25th to C. and W. ASHLEY, "Fairlawn," Derry Downs, St. Mary Cray, Essex.

Backworth.—November 20th, Backworth Hotel (Long Room).—Judge, Mr. T. Foggett. 6 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Brit. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 13th to H. ELLIOTT, Backworth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Hucknall Torkard (C.B.U.).—October 29th and 30th, Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. R. Rhodes and W. Vardy. 32 open classes: Nor. 11 (2 non-fed), Crest 10, Yorks. 2, Stock Pairs 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 26th to E. MELLORS and H. MARSHALL, 59, Annesley-road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

Arbroath.—October 30th, White Hart Hall, Kirk-square.—Judges, Messrs. A. Stewart, J. Winter, and W. Sharp. 38 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Nor. 12 (2 Sell.), Bord. 6 (2 Sell.), Brit. 7, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 23rd to J. S. NAPIER, 52, St. Vigean's-road.

Glastonbury.—November 17th, Assembly Rooms. —Judge, Mr. H. Paulley. 18 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 9th to E. W. RADFORD, Edgarley.

Braintree.—November 6th, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Can. '69 bred 1, For. 1; 11 20-mile radius classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Can. '69 bred 1, Sell. 2, Novice A.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (fee 2/-), in open classes; and 8/-, 4/-, 2/- (fee 1/6) in local classes. Entries close October 27th to F. A. HUNNABLE, 102, High-street.

Galston (Ayrshire).—October 30th, Good Templars' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Ward, jun., W. Urquhart, and W. C. Muir. 27 open classes: Scots. 12 (2 Sell.), Bord. 8 (1 Sell.), Nor. 5 (1 Sell.), Common 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 25th to A. FREW, 26, Duke-street.

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SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the recent breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Breeding results have this year round here at Keith, been on the whole very favourable. I myself have reared over 40 young ones, and several of our local fanciers have also reared a good many. But at the first most of us had a good deal of trouble with non-feeding hens. All our birds are now deep in the moult, but we hope for some good weather yet to get our birds well through it, and then to get them into trim for the show season, which is now fast advancing. I wish your paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success; I am a constant reader of it.—G. GRANT (Keith).

Lochcraig F.A.

Three friends gave the members of the above society a call round to see how they had fared this seasen, and found on the whole poor results. The severe cold nights we had during the season played havoc among the youngsters. The first we visited was Mr. J. Brown, who easily heads the list with a total of 35 young birds; he had 4 pairs Borders, 3 Muling pairs, and one pair of Linnets up, and had got 28 Borders, 2 Siskin Mules; he also had 5 Greenfinch Canarics. He has one very promising Siskin Mule, and should be well in the running with his Borders this year. This is only his second year breeding, so results are very encouraging. We next visited Mr. C. Schoolbreads, who has just finished with 17 Borders and 5 Scotch Fancies. We noticed here a young Scotch Fancy cock (yellow) that should put some of the "dons" on their mettle. Mr. A. Wilkie has had very hard luck, indeed, his young Scots Fancies dropping off just when about on the sticks; he had only half-a-dozen young Borders—a pity he didn't get any Scots Fancies, as he had 3 pairs of grand birds paired up. This appears to be Mr. Robt. Bullock's "year off." First of all his old pairs dropped off mysteriously, which he believed was caused by bad seed; then, when he did get young ones on the spar, they started "quarrying operations" in a quarry near his house, and the heavy blasting killed over a dozen Borders. However, he reared 10 Borders, and some of them should give him consolation. We finished up at Mr. J. Ewenson's; this breeder has had exceedingly hard lines. He had half-a-dozen pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires up, and he only got 20 young ones, having lost a large number through mice getting amongst his seed. But he is enthusiastic, and will yet be heard of in the birdie world; we noticed he had a Greenfinch that should make itself felt this year.—ROBT. BALLOCH, secretary.

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Teaching My Softbills to Sing.

By THOMAS SIME.

I used to keep Blackbirds. I hunted in the woods in the year 1871 and onwards for Blackbirds' nests, which were plentiful in the east of Scotland, and I could tell a Blackbird's nest whenever I saw it.

Nesting of Blackbirds.

This species builds its nest in low trees or hedges, on the ground, and even in old sheds, or any places it thinks it would like. They are not cunning like the rest of our small birds. The nest is built of hay, old twigs and grass, and a layer of "glaber" in the bottom; then the nest is left to dry. After three or four days the hen has her first egg, and she lays four or five altogether. Their colour is bluish with dark spots, though the eggs are not always the same in colour; sometimes they are lighter and sometimes darker. The hens sit for from thirteen to fourteen days, and sometimes longer. When the hen lays her last egg she sits all day, and the male bird feeds her; then the male bird takes his turn at sitting, which he does at night, but not for so long.

Hand-feeding the Young.

When the young are hatched the work of feeding begins, as soon as daylight comes, in fact. Whenever a young one was four weeks old I used to take it out if it were a cock bird, to feed him myself. I fed him on pearmeal ½lb., ¼lb. of fat, ¼lb. of crushed hemp, pinch of salt; these I put in a pan and boiled till they became stiff. Then I dried it before the fire, afterwards allowing it to cool. I fed the young one on that until he was able to do for himself, and so on all the year round. I gave a bit of raw beef now and again.

I was able to know the cocks from the hens by looking for the biggest birds, which were the cocks. Another way I had of telling was seeing whether there were any dark feathers on the butts of their wings; if there were I could tell they were cocks. The hens, too, had a light patch under the neb (beak). The sexes are alike in the body feathers. Other fanciers tell me they can distinguish the cocks from the hens because the former have yellow nebs and yellow legs, and the hens do not; but I have seen a cock-bird with a black neb and black legs, and there are some flying at the time of writing about the west of Scotland.

Teaching Blackbirds to Sing.

I used to teach the birds when I was younger to sing. I taught the cocks that I brought up to say "jockey," and to sing "Up in the morning early," and for me it was a case of "up in the morning early." I used to put a cloth over the cage for an hour every morning; then I would start with the first verse, and continue teaching him until he knew the song by heart, and sing all the verses from beginning to end without a mistake. Then I used to lift the violin and play the first verse over till he would catch the sound; then he would follow me, and I would "take" 1, 2, 3, on the violin, and the Blackbird would repeat the sound after me, and when we started we could make the whole house ring.

But you cannot teach a bird to sing when there is any other bird in the house, for when a bird of mine heard the other birds singing he would follow them, or he would follow part of his tune and part of the other bird's. But if a bird is kept in the house, either in a warm kitchen or in a cold room by himself, you will find he will learn alright.

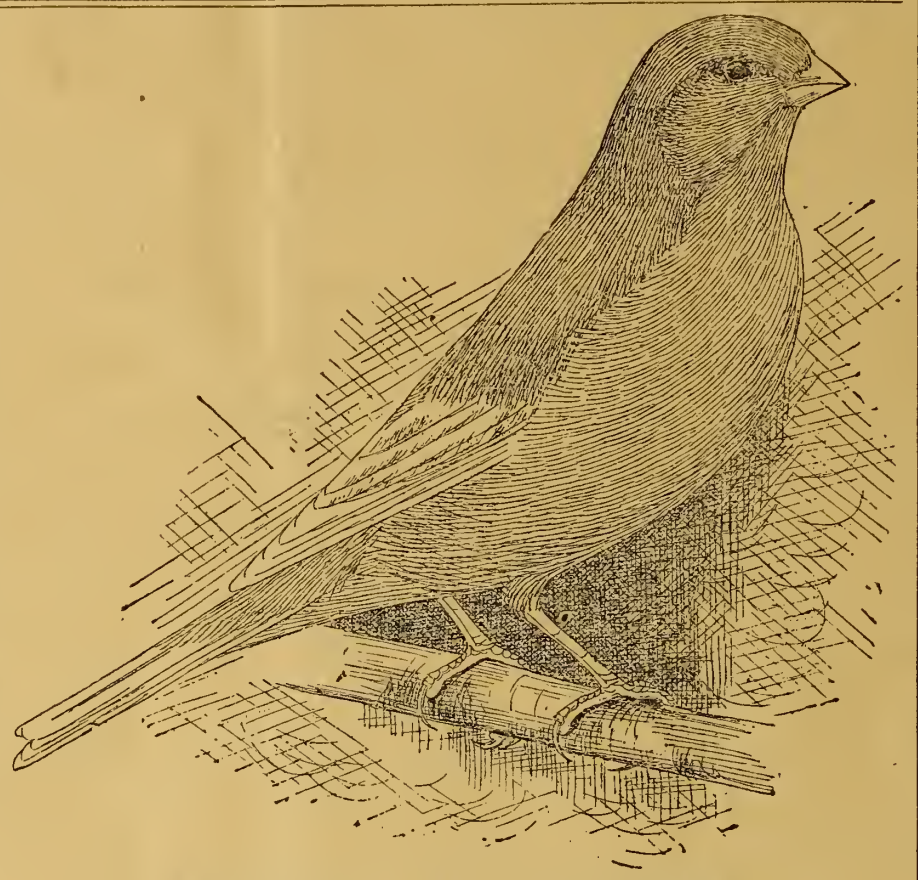
The cage was 38ins. long, 18ins. high, and 15ins. wide. I cleaned each bird every other day; the cleaner you keep your birds the more they will think of their home.

You can open the cage door of one of mine and let him out to have a bath in a basin on the floor, and let him stay out till dry; then he will make for his cage. You can let him fly out of the house, and he will come back if some unkind person does not come along and snip him away, for he is always so tame and they may think it a fine chance. Many a good singing Blackbird have I had, and many a bad one. The method of feeding I gave above is the right one, at least, that is my opinion.

Concerning the Starling.

Now and again Starlings can be taught to sing in the same way I said I had taught Blackbirds. I have taught them to sing "I will mend my Jonnie Grey breeks for awa' the ill he has dane me yet." I could tell the cocks from the hens by their nebs, for most of the cocks' nebs are yellow when they are coming out of the nest.

They are easily caught on a wet morning, or the first few days they are out of the nest, when you can "run them down" and pick the one you want. When you have it, feed it the same as the Blackbird, but give bits of "rat's tails" with the green seed.



A SCOTTISH TYPE OF PLAINHEAD.

The Clear Yellow Norwich Plainhead cock which won 1st prize at the great Glasgow City Show for Mr. Geo. Mitchell (Brechin).

The Thrush Considered.

The Thrush is another bird that can be easily taught to do like the Blackbird. I used to be able to tell the nests of the Thrush or the Starling by seeing the old birds near at hand, when one knows their nests cannot be far away. I used to tell the cocks from the hens by the spots on their breasts; the cock is spotted from the neb down under the tail, while hens are only spotted half-way down. Another way of distinguishing the sexes is to notice whether the birds have large and pointed nebs; if so, they are cocks. The hens, however, curiously enough, make the best show birds. I have known it when it has been hard to tell the cocks from the hens, so good were the latter, but in time you can easily find out.

If you get a good cock Mavis, and you allow yourself plenty of time in which to teach him, you will find that you have a good friend, and he will know your footsteps when you come near him, long before he sees you. He will cry his name to you if you have taught him it. If he hears some other person going near him he will say his name just the same, but will be very shy, for he will think they are going to do him harm. But I don't care so much for the Thrush for teaching purposes, as I do for the Blackbird or the Starling.

I have had many different kinds of birds, and I feed all my birds by the one method, and I don't believe in the cheap shop food. The food one makes up for himself is the best, and one knows what he is doing. The food mentioned will keep these birds going along finely.

Some Advice to those Unversed in Exhibiting.

By J. C. BARNES.

The Show and the Show Cages.

The list of shows published in CAGE BIRDS week by week, and the Reviews of Schedules, greatly assist a fancier to select a show most likely to fit in with his requirements. Having made the selection, write the Secretary, and ask him to kindly forward a schedule to you. When you get it carefully read the rules and regulations so as to avoid mistakes. Make out your entry form clearly and distinctly, and enclose a postal order to the full amount of your entries. Get the same off at an early date. Don't wait until the last moment, as late entries are a bugbear.

If at all possible, take your birds yourself to the show. If this is not possible, forward them the night previous to the show day, so as to ensure an early delivery. Don't run risks, or you may have all your cages labelled "Too late for judging." I have on several occasions actually seen birds delivered at the show room at mid-day; at times even later.

The Show Cages, etc.

See that your show cages are clean and in good condition, with no wires broken. Clean cages add to the appearance of your specimen. If you are showing Norwich, tie your cage label on the left-hand side of the front, about three wires from the end. If exhibiting Yorkshires, tie the label on the top wire, over the water hole. Use only plain Canary seed for the bottom of the cage; don't use husks, sawdust, chaff, or even mixed seed. By so doing you will avoid the suspicion of "influencing the judge."

Bathing and Washing.

Don't be afraid to let your show birds bathe on bright days. Bathing is a good conditioner, also a capital tightener of feathers. Give the bath in the early part of the day, so as to give the birds ample time to dry previous to roosting time.

Birds that you wish to exhibit must be washed. Always make a practice of washing them at least four days previous to the show day; longer than this if possible. A week is a nice time (providing you keep the birds free from dust), as it gives them a better chance of "fining down."

The utensils required for tubbing purposes are three basins, a sponge, a flat camel hair-brush (or shaving brush), a few squares of old soft sheeting (or old silk handkerchiefs), soap that is free from soda, a drying cage and a drying board. The basins I use in this manner: one for my soapy water, and the other two as "rinsers," which enable me to get all the soap away from the feathers. Should you leave any soap in, the bird will look worse than if you had never touched it. The sponge I use in order to absorb the water from the feathers previous to wrapping the bird in the drying cloth.

As regards the brush, I like one of the broad, flat camel-hair kind in preference to the shaving brush. You can use the former around the bird's eyes with less risk. I use two drying cloths while the bird is before the fire. The drying board I place on the top of the fender, at a fair distance from the fire, and my drying cage is located about three feet away from the fire, just so that the birds will receive a comfortable warmth.

When washing a bird I always place it in my left hand firmly, and I commence washing the back, flights and tail; then I turn it over to do the neck, chest, sides and tail, finishing the head last. By doing the head last, you exhaust your bird far less. Always brush the feathers the way they lie.

Don't dry your birds too much in the drying cloth, for if you do they will appear harsh in feather. Place the birds in the drying cage, when they are, say, three parts dry; then, as a rule, they come out nice and "bloomy." The temperature of the washing water should be such that you can hold the back of your hand in the water without any uncomfortable effect. The rinsing water should be a shade cooler.

Steadiness and High Condition.

Birds for the bench must be steady, in order to show off all their good points. Run your birds out of the usual cages into show cages as often as time will permit. Talk to them, gain their confidence, and if they should "wire," drive them carefully down on to the perches.

Some birds are very obstinate. When I find one of this description, I place it in a show cage and leave it in until it does settle down.

Exhibition stock must face the judge in the best possible condition. Birds that are not "up" find themselves very much "down" when the tickets are distributed. Condition tells its tale.

There is such a thing, however, as getting birds into too high condition. When in such a state they more often than not put themselves out of shape considerably; so you must use discretion. Various ways are practised to bring birds into show trim. Maw seed alone, given in small quantities every day, will often answer well. Another method is to give one teaspoonful of Allen and Hanbury's Bynophosphates in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water twice a week, and to give three or four times a week a little soft food, made up of hard-boiled egg and bread-crumbs, with a sprinkling of maw seed added.

Another very reliable agent which I can recommend is made as follows: Take one pint of best port wine, 1lb. of honey, and 1oz. of citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the wine, add the honey and citrate, stir well, until all has dissolved; let it go cold and then bottle up. It is then ready for use. Make up some soft food (egg and bread-crumbs and maw seed), then add sufficient of this mixture to make the food moist, but not too wet. About half a teaspoonful of this moistened food for each bird given every other day is ample. When your birds have indulged in this "good stuff" for a short time, they will be in tip-top form. You can treat either "stout" or "slim" varieties to this. It is not fattening.

In Conclusion.

During the show season birds are apt to lose feathers in some way. A good plan is to give twice or three times a week, right through the show season, a small quantity of colour food.

When packing up your birds for a show, be sure all are on the perches. At times birds cling to the cage front when you are placing your show cages into your travelling case, and this is apt to cause a mishap. Only a short time ago I observed a gem of a Yellow Norwich with its leg broken through being caught in the wires when the bird was sent to the show.

Should it be your good fortune to visit the show you exhibit at, compare your birds with the winners (providing, of course, you don't happen to be at the "top of the tree"). This is a practical lesson, and beats all theory. Study the good and bad points through all the classes in which you have entered, and by so doing you no doubt will come away the wiser. Don't "throw cold water" on your fellow fancier's birds simply because they have beaten yours. Let the best birds win with honour.

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Birdie Items in Brief.

A Few Topical Hints by an "Old Hand."

At the risk of occasionally repeating a well-worn piece of advice, I venture to recount a few brief items on various topics which may be useful and opportune just now, especially to those to whom it will again come fresh and new, for the interest in certain subjects must be perennially new.

Fresh Caught Birds.

Fresh caught birds are now becoming extremely common in the market, and consequently in the hands of novices. When you buy them don't put them in a warm corner of the kitchen in a pokey little singing cage, and then say they died of "shop fever." Remember that, being native birds, in most cases living in the open air with us throughout the year, even in the severest winters, they require no coddling at any time, much less when freshly taken from their native wilds. On the contrary, give them as much fresh pure air as possible, and an airing out of doors daily whenever the weather is tolerably fine and dry.

Another point concerning them demands discretion. That is, the food supply. It will be readily understood that after a summer and autumn such as we are having there is little for the wild birds to pick up in the way of seeds, save what has been thoroughly sodden with rain and dews, so that the sudden change to a diet consisting solely of hard, dry seeds is likely to affect the birds' digestive organs.

To obviate this difficulty, one should make a much more liberal use of freshly gathered wild seeds than usual until the birds are well over the moult, by which time the change of food will have lost any harmful effects. Where this is not feasible, soak a little seed overnight, draining and wiping dry in the morning, and giving it to the birds in addition to their dry seeds an hour or so later. Freshly-gathered wild seeds are, however, preferable, if procurable.

Insect-eaters are not so much affected by the food supply, provided one takes sufficient care to keep a goodly proportion of natural insect food on hand during the meating-off process. Mealworms and gentles are not to be despised or doled out with a niggardly hand when other supplies fail, but with fresh-caught birds these should always be set aside in favour of such livo insects as may be collected fresh from day to day. Don't be afraid to offer anything that comes to hand in the insect world. Birds know better than you what to eat and what to reject, as you will soon discover when you find given species of soft-bills systematically picking out certain insects from a mixed supply, and just as systematically declining without thanks certain other kinds.

Mixed food eaters, such as Buntings, and some other species, will do well with a little sprouting rape, and a few grains of soaked wheat and oats, added to their diet, though here again I should rather increase the usual supply of insects, besides supplying these extras.

Open-air Aviaries.

If you have a collection of British birds which have been in an open-air aviary through the summer, and think that some of them might make good exhibition specimens do not remove them indoors to moult. Let them moult out in the aviary, and remain there until the plumage has regained its full brilliancy and lustre. Keep a large shallow bath filled with clean rain water in the aviary constantly, and see that it is cleaned and refilled afresh at least once a day. Allow plenty of natural foods, weeds, seeds, fruit, berries, and insect life according to the species. These, with shade from direct sunrays, but plenty of diffused light, will give a brilliancy not to be surpassed by any amount of artificial colouring agents.

On the other hand, where the aviaries are stocked with foreign birds not properly acclimatised, or with delicate species, now is the time to begin to get them into indoor aviaries, or open-air aviaries protected from the weather, so that they are practically of the same conditions as indoor structures. Of course, birds that are hardy and well acclimatised may be left out for some weeks to come, and some of them all the winter through, but the more delicate Doves and Finches, and nearly all recently imported specimens, should be taken in now on the first approach of cold weather.

Gas and Canaries.

This is a subject that gave rise to a little controversy a while ago, opinions being divided as to whether the burning of gas in a room was injurious to the birds. It is, indeed, a question that can be truthfully answered by either a "Yes" or a "No." The crux is in the injudicious burning of gas—the abuse rather than the use of it. For example, many folks will turn the gas valve on full under any circumstances, and if the pressure is high the jet will "fizzle" quite distinctly, and a certain amount of gas is probably going to waste contaminating the air which the birds are breathing. A simple remedy is to economise the gas bill by closing the valve until the audible "fizzling" ceases.

Then there is the heat given off, particularly where incandescent lights are used, which will seriously affect any bird hung within range of the heat thus given off. With incandescent lights a bird kept within several feet of the burners must get tremendously overheated during the evening, and proportionately cold after the lights are extinguished; it will get extremes of heat of the very worst description. There is, therefore, no wonder if health and condition quickly fail.

The obvious remedy is to see that the birds are kept well beyond the range of the heat of gas jets, and very little, if any, above the level of them. Then, I believe, one may quite confidently say that gas is not injurious to cage birds kept in the same room.

SOME FAULTS OF YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

A lecture by Mr. S. DEAN, delivered before the Bradford East O.S. on October 5.

Mr. S. Dean opened the winter syllabus of lectures before a splendid attendance of members and friends on October 5th. Taking as his subject "Faults we don't want in a Yorkshire," he was ably assisted in his lecture by Mr. P. Jowett, of Great Horton, who sketched the faults on a blackboard as Mr. Dean dealt with them. The sketches were a treat, and I anticipate a splendid future for Mr Jowett, as he is only quite young, and some of the paintings of bird-life which have come from his brush are really first-class.

Mind the Beak.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Dean said he would deal with the more pronounced faults of the Yorkshire, and try to give an idea as to how these faults could be remedied. The beak, he said, is a very important thing to watch in Yorkshires, as it requires to be in uniformity with the other parts of the body, or it looks out of place altogether. Be careful not to breed them either too long or like a Parrot's beak, too curved on the top; both bad faults.

Try to get the head nice and round, as those we see occasionally with broad flat heads show that there is too much Lancashire blood in them. From the head to the neck is not a great distance, but the matter of having the birds nicely filled in at the neck is a very vital point. Otherwise, they look too snaky, and although a bird may be good in other respects, this is such a glaring fault that it will seem to throw the bird out of shape altogether.

A Troublesome Part of the Bird.

The breast of a bird is a place that has proved troublesome to a host of fanciers, especially when they have got a lot of bred into their stock, this leading to the sharp-pointed chest and the inevitable frill. Although this is a bad fault, I prefer the frill to those that are guilty of throwing loose feathers at the thighs, as this spoils a bird's appearance altogether. Birds that are not in proper condition will sometimes throw these out.

Then there is what is generally called "the cracked-backed bird," a most glaring fault, and one that is noticed as soon as one gets a proper glance at it.

Wing carriage is one of the most essential points about a Yorkshire, and whatever you do see to it that bad wing carriage is remedied as soon as you detect it, for if it creeps into your stock it takes some "shifting."

The Tail.

We next come to the tail, another respect in which many birds fail; in fact, the drop-tail is a perfect nuisance, and I hardly ever breed with birds having such, as they often throw young which possess the same fault. The same remarks apply to the legs. As you are well aware, position is everything in a Yorkshire; without it the bird adopts a stooping attitude, and this is most detrimental, as however good a bird's shape may be, if it has not some nice legs to stand on, it is practically useless from the exhibition standpoint.

Mr. Dean gave some very useful information for the benefit of the new members present on the art of colour-feeding, and also the washing of birds for exhibition, and his remarks were listened to with much satisfaction. The Chairman (Mr. Wm. Cruise) invited questions, and several were put to the lecturer, who answered them readily. Mr. Laycock proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dean for his kindness in lecturing, coupling with it the name of Mr. Jowett for the excellent sketches; this was seconded by Mr. J. Stobart, and was carried enthusiastically, thus bringing to a close a happy and most instructive evening.—H. HILL, secretary.

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The Shows.

BRIDGEND.

Second annual show held at Market Hall, October 20th. Mr. T. H. Melhuish judged the cage bird section, and gave satisfaction to all concerned. The Market Hall is a lovely place for the purpose—splendid head light and plenty of room. Good specimens were seen in most classes, the winners being well up and fined nicely in feather. A few of the back markers were real good ones, but looking a bit moulty. The feature was the Nor. and Yorks., which gave the judge some difficulty in placing. The winning Goldie and Wheatear were lovely specimens.

NOR. CL. ETC. CK. (12): 1, Hughes, splendidly moulded buff, fine size, good quality feather; 2, Castree, mkd. buff, beautiful correct type, shows frosting nicely; 3, Jones, another good cl., plenty of substance; 4, James; vhc, Yeo. HEN (9): 1, E. James, massive yell., scores heavily in head properties, feathered like silk; 2 (no name), big yell., very short and chubby, finished off with lovely jacket; 3 (no name), very close to leaders; vhc, G. T. Jones; hc, Ray; c, Bradshaw. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Wilkins, rare lengthy one, intense col., fine carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Mrs. H. Smith, couple of gems, lovely position, good length, smart; 4, Mrs. E. M. Jelly, full of character, neatly feathered; vhc, Hughes; hc, Garnett and Evans; c, J. Jenkins. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Mrs. Hannah Evans, good cl. buff, plenty of length, nice carriage of wings and tail; 2, Mrs. H. Smith, good straight position, grand wings and tail; 3, T. Williams, another cl., beautifully moulded body. HEN (7): 1, Mrs. Smith, clinking yell., fine length, position and carriage, well feathered; 2, Hughes, good position, highly feathered, neat wings and tail; 3, Beaven, typical specimen, erect carriage; vhc, hc, Harry; c, T. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Rees, a real nice one, finely cut face, good buttons and bars, bang up in col., wonderful lustre in face; 2, Short, nicely polished, good face col., and extra in rows; 3, Sullivan, good bird, but not quite ready; vhc, hc, Mrs. H. Smith; hc, Ray. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Castree, good Wheatear and Bramble, former very steady, in lovely col. and feather; 3rd, Bramble, good spangle; 2, Caddy, field-moulted Linnet, good Nor. type; vhc, hc, Morris and John; c, Trigg. SELL. (10/-) (7): 1, Hughes; 2, 4, Jenkins; vhc, G. T. Jones; hc, Beaven.

NORTHAMPTON "Good Intent."

Northampton "Good Intent" O. and F.S. held their 38th annual show in the Corn Exchange on Oct. 20th and 21st, when it proved a great success. The cage bird section contained some really excellent birds, which did great credit to the exhibitors. The management of the show was in the hands of Mr. E. M. Larkman, the hon. sec., who is evidently the right man in the right place. He was ably assisted by a grand committee, consisting of Messrs. G. Barrett (chairman), J. King (vice-chairman), F. Cox (treasurer), T. Butler, J. Smart, J. Mason, and T. Wilson. Messrs. J. H. Roe and G. Hobbs judged.

Owing to some mishap, two folios of our reporter's notes have failed to reach us, consequently we are unable to give the awards and critique upon three or four of the Norwich Plainbead classes until next week.—EDITOR.

NOR. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, hc, Packer and Bott, ticked on head, excels in head and body, rich col. and full of bloom; 2, French, very smart clear, correct type and col., beaten only in substance; 3, Ette, bird we like much, lightly ticked, nicely moulded, some thought might have gone up; 4, Felce, nice quality, good bird; vhc, Russell, very smart, good colour; c, Gilbert. UNFLIG. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Irons, one of the very best, put up by a master hand, in the pink of condition, grand head, nice wings, good col.; 2, another grand headed bird, smooth as a Java, runs winner close; 3, Watson, excellent body properties, but beaten colour; 4, Ette, nicely moulded throughout, good; vhc, Russell, good stamp of bird; hc, Mitchell; c, Packer and Bott. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 3, Irons, grandly made, lovely colour, will improve yet; 3, another good one, close up to winners; 2, Lawrance, wonderful colour for a hen; fine shape, nice quality; 4, Breitenfield, has quality and colour; vhc, Packer and Bott; hc, Ette. BUFF (13): 1, Howe, real Bullfinch type, short and thick, good col., full of quality; 2, hc, Felce, lovely mealed bird, no doubt about it being a hen, full of bloom; 3, 4, Irons, couple of very fine large birds, correct type, rich colour; vhc, Fennell; c, Hall. YELL. NAT. COL. (5): The two best birds in class were passed, as showing too much colour; 1, 2, Holding, smart birds, rather small; 3 (no name), nice colour. BUFF, NAT. COL. (9): Here again, two were "wrong classed" as being a bit too warm; 1, spl, Horne, very nice type, good colour, and quality; 2, Notley, large variegated, correct type and quality; 3, 4, Holding, smart birds, but hardly enough of them for present day type; vhc, Smith; hc, Dickens; c, Hobbs. GREEN (Self. or Broken) (3): 1, 2, 3, Hobbs, 1, broken green, good one, nice colour; 2, similar bird, bit larger; 3, a self (all Norwich type). CINN. SELF. (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, c, Brown Bros., 1, well made buff, Norwich type, rich in colour, full of bloom; 3, another good typical buff, not so good in colour; 4, yellow, nice type and col.; 2, vhc, Nason, rare coloured yell, excellent type and quality, close up. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, 2, Mills, very fine Crest-bred green, with an abundance of feather and nice broad skull; 2, buff Crest, of excellent formation; 3, hc, Mole, very smart buff Yorkshire, hard lines to-day, meeting a couple of birds like the winners; 4, Brown Bros., excellent Cinnamon, with light feathers in tail; vhc, Gilbert, very nice yell. Lanc. Coppy; c, Fisher. HYBRID (6): 1, 3, Lawrance, 1, Canary-Bullie, drops one wing at times, which spoils what otherwise would be a most excellent exhibit; 3, very smart buff Goldfinch Mule, marked on one wing, otherwise clear, looks like a hen; 2, Lees, four-pointed Goldfinch Mule, good col., and shown in tip-top form; vhc, Andrews, nice Goldie Bullie, hardly ready; hc, Howe; c, Smith. NOR. YELL., LIMIT £3 (14): 1, Midgley, real Nor. all over, good colour; 2, Gilbert, real Bullfinch type, larger than winner; 3, Cooper, rare body; 4, Frisby, well made, nice quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, c, Irons. BUFF (16): 1, Towers, typical Nor. in full bloom, cheap at the price; 2, Moreton, very fine bird, rare head and body, but hugs the perch too much; 3, Irons, excellent stamp, rich plumage; 4, Midgley; vhc, Cooper; hc, French; c, Gilbert. HEN, £2: 1, Towers, bonny lady, short and chubby, lovely quality; 2, Breitenfeld, smart yell., good col., well made body; 3, Notley, large marked buff, correct type, should make rare stock bird; 4, Packer and Bott; vhc, Irons; hc, Mitchell; c, Priestley. SELL. 15/- (17): Several cheap birds in this class; 1, Mitchell; 2, Mole; 3, Towers; 4, Brown; vhc, Lees; hc, Barron. BRIT. FINCH (except Hawfinch) (18): Grand class; 1, Belcher, very steady Goldfinch, with rich deep blaze, and body col., put up in prime condition; 2, 3, White, very fine house-moulted Bullies, leader has improved since we saw him at Oxford, a bit more colour, and will take some stopping; 3, better colour, not so good in type; ex 3, Andrews, very nice rich coloured Bramble, well spangled; 4, Sketchley, rare coloured Bullfinch, similar to third; ex. 4, Poultney, colour fed Greenfinch, in good form; vhc, Baker, Johnson; hc, Miller; c, Holding. FOREIGN, LARGE (4): 1, Howe, very fine Toucan, excellent condition; 2, Mrs. Ashby, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, lovely plumage; 3, Martin, fine blue and green Macaw; 4, Hill. MEMBERS, LIMIT £2: NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Jeyes, very nice clear; 2, Watson, some preferred, smart and well made, nice colour; 3, Dickens, bigger bird, but hardly ready; 4, Talmage; vhc, Towers; hc, Keenes; c, Isom. BUFF (11): 1, Watson, very typical, but not ready; 2, c, Jeyes, nicely moulded bird, in excellent condition; 3, 4, Towers, couple of good birds; hc, Isom; hc, Talmage. MKD. (6): 1, 4, Towers, short, chubby buff; 4, heavily mkd. yell., good stock bird; 2, Talmage, large marked yell., good type; 3, Watson, large variegated buff, good stock bird; vhc, hc, Hobbs. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (9): 1, 2, hc, Nason, 1, very nice yell. Cinn.; 2, equally good buff ditto; 3, 4, vhc, Mason, Senr.; 3 fair Nor. self green; 4, smart Goldfinch Mule; c, Mason, Junr. BRIT. (4): 1, 4, Hobbs, 1st, good coloured Yellowhammer; 4, Greenfinch; 2, Nason, fair Bully; 3, Jeyes, good coloured Linnet. NOR. HEN (16): 1, spl, Dickens, good cl. yell., excellent quality; 2, Isom, mkd. buff, correct type; 3, c, Keenes, very nice clear yell., good quality; 4, vhc, Jeyes; hc, Towers.

LISKEARD.

Annual open show in connection with the Liskeard, Devon and Cornwall F.A. was held in the Public Hall and Market House, on October 20th. The Public Hall is an excellent room for a cage bird exhibition. The birds were well staged, and everything was arranged in the best possible manner. Dr. Curtis made a most courteous and obliging secretary, and was ably supported by an energtic committee, consisting of Messrs. Burleigh, Carlyon, Hambley, Nicholls, Toy, Ough, Skinner, Wills, Hicks, Symons, Leaves, Hoskin, Deacon, Hoar. Some of the classes were well filled and contained some good specimens. No doubt there would have been a much larger entry had not the show clashed with Plymouth. The special for best bird in the show was awarded to Messrs. J. and J. Symons, for an exceptionally good clear body dark crest. The Yorkshire, Norwich, and Crests classes contained many excellent specimens, and were a great improvement on last year. Over 70 entries we heard had to be returned on account of being sent too late. Mr. R. B. Tope judged, and the awards were favourably received.

The Critique.

YORKS (12): 1, hc, Boundy, former cl. yell., grand length, straight as a pencil, well up on leg, good col. and quality; 2, vhc, Thomas, former cl. yell., good position and type, nice feather, very stylish; 3, Lashbrook and Son, tkd. wing yell., best of type and quality, beautiful col; hc, Lashbrook; c, Oatey and Sons. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Smith, rich in col., fine quality and size, correct shape and carriage; 2, Lobb and Son, grand size and quality, good head shape and col.; 3, Gregor, fine size and quality; vhc, hc, J. and J. Symons. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Kemp, former wonderful size and type, grand quality, good head, neck, and chest, latter nice substance and shape, rich col.; 2, Smith, splendid quality, beautiful col., good type and carriage. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, hc, Dunstan, former tkd. buff, good size, type, and quality, nice exhibit; 2, Broomfield, tkd. eye and wing, buff, fine col. and quality, grand substance and type; 3, Symons, tkd. eye, bead. and wings, splendid col. and meal, beautiful feather; vhc, Gregor; c, Lobb and Son. C.-B. (5): 1, 2, J. and J. Symons, former heavily varieg. and feathered body, good shape and skull, well clothed, nice long feather, good entrance, latter another good one, close on winner; 3, Raby Bros., green, heavily feathered, good broad skull; vhc, Edwards; hc, E. and J. Hecks. CREST (3): 1, spl. for best in show, 2, 3, J. and J. Symons, 1st clear body D.C., wonderful radiation and droop, exquisite leafy and veiny crest, real topper, 2nd heavily varieg., good size, veiny crest, cl. body D.C., fine radiation and droop; vhc, Raby Bros., nice Nor. type, neat round crest, well centred; hc, Symons. MULE: 1, Roberts, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, good size and markings, shows parentage well; 2, Nicholls, nice dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, Legassick, Greenfinch-Canary, grand size and col.; vhc, Nicholls. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (cage-moulted) (7): 1, 3, Polkinhorne, former lovely Finch, good blaze, clean cut, beautifully tanned, nice buttons, latter another good one, fine size, well polished; 2, Lean, very shapely, good quality, well tanned; vhc, Hicks; hc, J. and J. Symons. PAIR CAN. (matched for breeding) (5): 1, hc, J. and J. Symons, former grand pair Crest and C.-B., both of exceptional merit and quality; 2, Roberts, good pair Scotch, fine position and drive; 3, Dart, another pair Scotch, well matched; vhc, Cline. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Raby Bros., former Bramble, good col. and markings, latter lovely Chaffinch, fine col. and markings, very steady; 3, Broad, well spotted Thrush, in good condition; vhc, Bond, Thrush; hc, Bax, Owl. SELL. (20/-) (10): 1, Kemp; 2, Hicks; 3, J. and J. Symons; vhc, Symons; hc, Broomfield; c, Wills and Son. (10/-) (17): 1, Kemp; 2, J. and J. Symons; 3, Sambells; vhc, hc, Thomas; two vhc's Smith; hc, Hicks, Oatey and Sons. NOV. CAN. (6): 1, vhc, Quiller; 2, Martin; 3, Wills; hc, Edwards. A.O.V. MULE OR BRIT.: 1, Hicks; 2, vhc, Milrov; 3, Bailey.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

First table show of the season held at headquarters on October 13th. The classes were well filled, and some good birds shown, especially in the novice class. The awards of Judge Stevens gave every satisfaction.

OPEN NOR. UNFLIG. BUFF (13): 1, c, Heighton; 2, hc, Tyler; 3, Claypole; vhc, Hunt. NOVICE (20): 1, 2, Curtis; 3, vhc, Moore; 4, hc, Warrington; c, Dyson.—J. A. Tyler, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

First table show of the season held at headquarters, October 9th, when 24 birds were staged. Mr. W. George placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction.

TKD. ETC. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl. Stirrup; 3, Lister; 4, vhc, hc, Greenhaught. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Stirrup; 3, Lister; 4, Garbutt; vhc, Washbourne. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, spl, Myres; 2, Lister. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl, Myres; 4, vhc, Wilson; hc, Lister. LINNET: 1, 4, spl, Lister; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Wilson.—FRED. WASHBOURNE, Hon. Sec.

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Starlings in a Beehive.

For twenty years, it is said, bees have hived themselves in the wall of a house on Merle Common, Oxted. In the hive was found a Starling's nest and a quantity of egg shells, and the occupier of the house states that a brood of Starlings was hatched there this season. The bees and Starlings entered their abode by the same small aperture, and had lived and worked harmoniously together

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PAIGNTON

Torbay Ornithological Society, affiliated to C.B.U. **Wednesday, Oct. 27th, 1909.** Judge J. H. Payne, Esq. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; entrance fee, 1/6. Entries extended to Monday, 1st post.

Schedule: Class 1, Nor. Yell. Cl. tkd., mkd. or var.; 2, do. Buff; 3, do. Hen, Yell., Cl., tkd., mkd. or var.; 4, do. buff; 5, do. Non-flight., Yell., Cl., tkd., mkd., or var.; 6, do. Buff; 7, Yorks. Yell., Cl., tkd., mkd., or vari.; 8, do. Buff; 9, do. Yell. Hen, Cl., tkd., mkd., or vari.; 10, do. Buff Hen; 11, do. Non-flight. Yell., Cl., tkd., mkd., or var.; 12, do. Non-flight, Buff; 13, Crested, A.V.; 14, Crest-bred; 15, Border Fan., non-fed, cl., tkd., uneven mkd., or var. Yell.; 16, do. Buff; 17, A.O.V. Can., not before mentioned; 18, Light or Var. Mule; 19, Dark Canary Mule; 20, Hybrid, Canary cross debarred; 21, Goldfinch, Brit.; 22, Bullfinch Brit.; 23, Linnet Brit.; 24, A.O.V. Brit. B., larger than a Lark; 25, do., smaller and includ. a Lark; 26, Foreign Bird, smaller and including a Cardinal, single, pairs, or groups; 27, Selling Class, Pairs of Can., not to exceed 25s. includ. cage; 28, Selling Class, A.V. Cage Bird, not to exceed 20/-, includ. cage; 29, do. 10/-.

Fanciers, do help us, entries extremely short. Please enter from above.—**C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton, S. Devon.**

TREHARRIS

OCT. 28th, 1909.

Compelled to extend entries till **OCTOBER 21st.** Only one entry received. Send on your entries, and we will classify.—**W. DAVIES, 6, Edward Street.**

BROMLEY

KENT, £5 Limit, OCT. 28. Entries very short, will accept until Monday morning. Judge: Mr. House. **H. E. SPELLER, The Laurels, Talbot Rd.**

DO NOT MISS

CLAPHAM

OCTOBER 27 & 28.

GREAT OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, HYBRIDS, AND BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS.

Under C. B. U. Rules and patronage of N. B. B. & M. C. and S.N.P.C. & F. B. Club. To be held at the AVONDALE HALL, LANDOR ROAD, CLAPHAM, and to be opened by the MAYORESS OF WANDSWORTH, accompanied by the MAYOR, at 3 o'clock, on **OCTOBER 27th, 1909.** Classification to suit all. 76 Classes. Over 100 Specials. Full Prize-money in every Class guaranteed. No Amalgamation. No Cancellation. Prize-money: 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Judges: Yorkshires, W. Mundell, Esq.; Norwich and other Varieties, J. Dobson, Esq.; British, Hybrids, Foreign, Allen Silver, Esq. **Entries close October 23rd.** Schedules ready October 9th. You will miss a sight if you miss our Show or Schedule. Write for one to **A. C. ASKEW, 152, Manor St., Clapham S.W.**

BRISTOL

October 27th and 28th.

Entries a failure, must accept early post Saturday. Please help! MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, West St., Bristol.

GRIMSBY

& DISTRICT O.S. Under C.B.U. Rules Third Annual Show

October, 27th & 28th.

Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and F. Medley.

10 Norwich classes, 5 Yorkshire. Special classification for Novices. 10/- cash, Best Hardbill, ditto Best Softbill, Other valuable specials. Good railway connections. Entries close first post Oct. 25. Send entries I will classify. Schedules from **W. H. MOORE, 39, Lord Street, Grimsby.**

Show of the West. Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

GLOUCESTER

Oct. 27 and 28 1909.

4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 60 Classes. Numerous Specials to each section, also three Challenge Bowls. Under the Patronage of Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C. Judges: W. Vardy and H. W. Battye. Prize money guaranteed. Schedules ready. Altered classification for Borders. Exhibitors please note carefully. Class—28, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.; 29, ditto Hen; 30, ditto Buff Ck.; 31, ditto Hen; 32, Evenly mkd. Yell. or Buff Ck. or Hen; 33, Unevenly marked ditto; 34, Green or Cinn. Yell. or Buff Ck. or Hen. Entries extended to First Post **Oct. 25.** Hon. Sec. **J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Rd., Glos.**

THE SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.

WOLVERHAMPTON

OCT. 28 AND 29.

Classes: Norwich 13 (2 novice); Yorks 11 (4 Novice); Borders 3; Cinnamon, Crests, Selling, 2 each; Mules 8; Hybrids 3; British 8; A.O.V.C. 1; Foreign 2; Members 9. Good Cash Specials. Entries close **Monday certain, October 25.** Now exhibitors you have all got schedules, send us a bumper. Schedules apply **J. GIBBONS, 66, Napier Road.**

HUCKNALL

(TORKARD) Under C.B.U. Rules 16th Annual Open Show. Canaries, Mules, and British.

OCT. 29th and 30th,

in the Public Hall. 32 classes. Special in each class. 2 guineas challenge cup see schedule. Judges: W. Vardy and R. Rhodes. Entries close **Tuesday, October 26th.** Schedules apply to—

Mellors & Marshall, 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

MANCHESTER

OCTOBER 29 and 30

BELLE VUE.

Belle Vue is the most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best collection of Animals and Birds outside the Zoo. Endless amusements, Dancing, Boating, Figure 8, and after close of the Show, the finest display of Fireworks in England. Cheap Railway Excursions from everywhere.

Exhibitors making over 3 entries receive Free Ticket for Belle Vue and the Show.

Entries must be sent TO-DAY, if no Schedule, **we will classify. Entry Fee 2s.**

JONES & GRAY, 45, Whitby Road, Fallowfield, Manchester.

DERWENT VALLEY

C.B.S. 3rd Annual Show **OCTOBER 30th, 1909** open to the United Kingdom. Good Classes for Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in the Church Hall, Hamsterley. Judge: Thos. Dixon. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** Entry fee **1/6,** Members **1/-.** 40 Open classes. For Schedules apply to—**J. BROWN, 12, HUMBER STREET, CHOPWELL, EBCHESTER.**

The Best one day Show in the North on **OCTOBER 30th 1909.**

HARTLEPOOLS

C.B.S. 5th Annual Show of Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds. 26 open classes (6 Nor., 6 York., 1 A.O.V., 2 Sell, 2 Mules, 7 Brit., 2 For.) Prize Money **8/-, 4/-, 2/-,** entry fee **1/-.** Special every class also extra specials. Judges: W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, J. Wilkinson, Yarm-on-tees. Ent. close **Oct. 25.** Apply for schedules **J.W. PAPPLE 89, Durham St., West Hartlepool.**

WEYBRIDGE

(Under C.B.U. Rules.) 15th Annual Open and Members Show

NOV. 2nd and 3rd, 1909.

Under Patronage Southern Yorkshire Canary Club. Splendid Classification. Numerous Specials. Judge, C. A. House. Entries accepted if posted us TO-MORROW, SATURDAY. Please support and help to make our Show a success.

H. E. PARROTT, Secretary, **Grove Place, Weybridge.**

SHEFFIELD SHOW

Nov. 5 & 6. Under C.B.U. Rules.

Prize money guaranteed. Several good Specials. Judges: J. Broadley and W. Vardy. Open Show only. Entry fee **1/6. Entries close Nov. 1st. LINDSEY & BINGHAM, 202, King James Street.**

LIVERPOOL

November 5th & 6th.

C.B.U. Rules. St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road. Judges—Messrs. Mundell, J. C. Barnes, and Weston. Under patronage of G.C.A., Y.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C., and E. & W.B.F.C. **Novice classes** for Yorkshires and Norwich. 20/- most points Cinnamon classes. Prize-money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; 2/6** most points each class. Mammoth Section Specials. If you have not received a Schedule send for one at once, it will pay you. Don't forget we treated you well last year. Prize-money paid out at Show. Entries close **November 1st. J. W. METCALF, Reservoir Hotel, 35, Whitefield Road, Liverpool.**

THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

BLACKBURN

Great Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Nov. 5th and 6th. 1909.** In the Unity Club, Bryant Street, near the Infirmary. Judge—A. Wellings. 40 Classes; 6 Norwich, 3 Cinn., 4 Yorks, 7 Novice, 8 British, 2 Foreign. 2/6 Cash Special in every Class. 2 Silver Cups. Entry 1/6 per Cage. Entries close Nov. 2nd. Schedules, &c.

J. W. MARSDEN, Sec., 44, Troop Street, BLACKBURN.

BONESS SHOW.

CAGE BIRDS ONLY. Saturday, Nov. 6th.

Splendid Classification, Hosts of Specials, Cups and Medals. Specialist Judges. Entries close **Oct. 30th** Schedules Now Ready. Apply—**FINDLAY McGILLIVRAY, Sec., Ferry View, Bo'ness, N.B**

DON'T FORGET

SWANSEA

NOV. 10th & 11th. C.B.U. Rules. Finest classification given in Wales. 50 classes. Judges: J. H. Payne and Chas. Houlton. Specials galore. Apply for schedules—**ALF HITCHINGS, Sec., 69, Myeydd Road, Landore.**

S. SHIELDS, N. SHIELDS

and District C.B.S.

Seventh Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **October 29th and 30th, 1909.** Under Cage Bird Union Rules, and open to the United Kingdom. 83 Classes. 45 open, 38 members, 6 Novice. Under patronage of the N.Y.C.C. and N.B.B., Mule and F.B.C. 2/6 Cash special from Class 1 to 45. Entrance fee, 1/6 per cage. Members, 1/-. Prizes, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 3/-, 4th 2/-. Judges: C. A. House and Thos. Dixon. Class 1, Nor. Cl. Yell; 2, do. do. Buff; 3, do. Yell. or Buff tkd. or var.; 4, do. Hen, any col.; 5, do. Yell. or Buff tkd. or Var. Unfil.; 6, do, Cock, any col., Novice; 7, do. Hen, do. do.; 8, do. Crest, cock or Hen, any col.; 9, do. do. bred 1909, do.; 10, do. C.B. Ck. or Hen, any col.; 11, do. do. bred 1909, do.; 12, Cinn. Yell.; 13, do. Buff; 14, do. Yell. or Buff, Unfil.; 15, Border Fan., Cl., Yell., Tkd. or Var.; 16, do. Cl. Buff, do. do.; 17, do. Hen, any col.; 18, do. bred 1909, any col.; 19, do. Ck., any col., Novice; 20, do. Hen, do. do.; 21, Scotch Fancy; 22, Yorks. Cl. Yell.; 23, do. do. Buff; 24, do. Yell. or Buff, tkd. or var.; 25, do. Hen, any col.; 26, do. Yell. or Buff, tkd. or var., unfil.; 27, do. Ck., any col., Novice; 28, do. Hen, do. do.; 29, Lizards, Gold or Silver; 30, A.O. Can. not previously mentioned; 31, Pairs for breeding other than Crests; 32, Cl. or mkd. Can., Mule, or Hybrid; 33, Dark Can. Mule; 34, Brit. Goldfinch; 35, do. Bullfinch; 36, do. Greenfinch; 37, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; 38, Finch, A.O.V.; 39, Linnet, Brown or Grey; 40, Song Thrush, Blackbird, or Starling; 41, Small Insectiv. Brit.; 42, Skylark; 43, Foreign, large, single or pairs, Parrots, etc.; 43a, Foreign, smaller that Cardinal, single or pairs. Foreign exhibitors please note and enter from this. 44, Selling Class, 15/-; 45, Selling Class, 10/-. Schedules ready from **JAMES BARRASS, 98, Marlborough-street, South Shields.** Ents. cls. Oct. 25.

YORK

C.B.S. 4th Great Annual Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds, **FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th and 30th.** Exhibition Buildings. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. and Y.C.B.B. & M.C. Prizes, 3/-, 4/-, 2/-, and valuable specials. Entry, 1/- per cage. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Grantham, and W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Entries close **October 25th.** Schedules ready.—**A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.**

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& DISTRICT, on Sat. Week, October 30, 1909

in Masonic Hall. Entries close Monday first. Send for schedule and be in time. Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, and Border Fancy Club patronage. Judges: J. Paterson, Chirnside, and J. Clark, Rothsey. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry.—**C. C. Irvine, Secretary, 144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.**

LARKHALL (Confined) Cage Bird Show, Miners' Hall, **Sat., OCT. 30th.** Judges, Messrs. Pettigrew and Marten.—**JAS. POLLOCK, Secretary.**

HADDINGTON

N.B. Show of Pitry., Pigns., and Cagebirds on **Oct. 30th.** Largest classification ever offered. Border Club Medal and numerous specials. Judges: Jas. Neil, Esq., Kelso (Border Fancies), all others, Thomas Kean, Edinburgh. Schedules from **DAVID COCKBURN, Viewforth, Haddington.** Ent. close Oct. 23.

GALSTON

(AYRSHIRE) on 30th OCTOBER 1909, Twelve Classes for Scotch Fancies; 10 Classes for Borders; 5 classes for Norwich. Judges: Jas. Ward, Wm. Urquhart, W. G. Muir.—**ALEXANDER FREW, Secretary, 26, Duke Street.** Ents. close Oct. 25.

DYSART

& Dis. C.B.S.

5th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, to be held **OCT. 30** in Normand Hall; large classification. Popular judges and numerous specials. Also under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead Club. Entry money 1/6 each bird. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries close **Oct. 25th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN, Hon Sec., 23, High Street, Dysart, Fife.**

NORWICH

ALL ENGLAND OPEN SHOW.

Oct. 30 & Nov. 1st, 1909.

C.B.U. Rules. C.C.C., F.B.C.; and N.B.B. and M.C. patronage. 66 Open Classes. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, C. A. House, J. Rotson and J. Stark. Entries definitely close **October 25, 1909.** Schedules from **R. ROLL, "Dalwood" Cecil Road, Norwich.**

Barnstaple

C.B.U. and U.K.B.C.A.

November 2nd and 3rd.

ENTRIES VERY SHORT.

CLOSING DATE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 25TH.

FANCIERS PLEASE HELP.

PERCIVAL HARRIS, Secretary.

MIDLAND ROLLER CLUB'S

First Open Contest, held in large room Swan and Peacock Hotel, Wolverhampton **Nov. 3 & 4.** Ideal room Judges, Messrs. F. A. Lester & J. Netherwood. Entries close **Oct. 28.** Schedules from—**J. H. WILLOWS, 39, Upper High St. Wednesbury.**

GRAVESEND

OPEN SHOW

NOVEMBER 3rd and 4th.

Popular Judges. Liberal prizes. The finest Show in the South. Entries close **October 25th.** Schedules of **E. R. FOX, 12, New Road, Gravesend.**

CHELTENHAM

November 3rd, 1909.

Under C.B.U. Rules, and Patronage of the Crested Canary Club and S.N.P.H.C.

PRIZE MONEY—First Prize, 10/-; Second Prize, 5/-; Third Prize, 2/6; Fourth Prize, A Card.

Entrance Fee, 1/6 per Cage.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 27th to Mr. W. POUNSETT, 5, Whitecross Square, CHELTENHAM.

Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and W. Vardy, Esq.

1 Norwich Crested Yell.
2 Ditto, Cl. Body, D.C., Ck. or Hen.
3 Ditto, Mkd., Tkd. or Variegated, Buff, D.C. Ck.
4 Ditto, Buff, Cl. or Grey Crest, Ck. or Hen.
5 Ditto, Hen, Mkd., Variegated or Grn.
6 Ditto, Crest-bred, Yell. Ck. 7 Ditto, Buff Ck.
8 Ditto, Hen, any Co. 9 Ditto, Crest, bred 1909.
10 Ditto, Crest-bred, bred 1909.
11 Crest, A.V. Novice.
12 Crest-bred, A.V., Novice. 13 Clnn. Crest.
14 Ditto, C.B. 15 Ditto, Yell. 16 Ditto, Buff.
17 Ditto, Unflig. 18 Norwich, Cl. Yell. Ck.
19 Ditto, Buff.
20 Ditto, Tkd., Mkd., Variegated or Grn., Yell. or Buff Ck.
21 Ditto, Unflig., Cl. Mkd. or Variegated, Yell.
22 Ditto, Buff. 23, Ditto, Hen, Yell.
24 Ditto, Hen, Buff. 25 Ditto, Nat. Col., Yell.
26 Ditto, Buff.
27 Yorks. Cl. or Tkd., Yell. or Buff Ck.
28 Ditto, Mkd. or Variegated, ditto.
29 Ditto, Unflig. Ck. any Col.
30 Ditto, Hen, any Col.
31 Border, Cl., Yell. Ck. 32 Ditto, Buff Ck.
33 Ditto, Tkd., Mkd., Variegated or Grn., Yell. or Buff Ck. 34 Ditto, Hen, A.V.
35 Canary, A.O.V. 36 Goldfinch (Brit.)
37 Bullfinch (Brit.) 38 Linnet.
39 Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite.
40 A.O.S. Seed-eating Brit. B., not larger than, and includ. Hawfinch.
41 A.O.S. Brit. B. (Hawks, Owls, and Ravens, excluded).
42 Mules, Light or Variegated.
43 Mules, Dark, Linnet or Goldfinch (Can).
44 Mules, Dark (Can.), A.O.V.
45 Hybrid (any cross between two Brit. B.).
46 All species Parrots (including Parrakeets, Lorries, Love Birds, Cockatoos, Macaw, and Lorikeets).
47 Any species of Seed-eating Finch-like Birds (including Grosbeaks, Java Finches, Buntings, Whydahs, Weavers, Waxbills, Grassfinches, and Mannikins).
48 All species not comprised in Classes 46 and 47 (including Insectivorous and Fruit-eating B.).

GREAT YARMOUTH Twenty-first Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Nov. 3 & 4. In the Winter Gardens. 23 Classes for Cage Birds. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; entry, fee 1/6. Judge: Mr. Greeves. Entries extend to Oct. 25. J. Shearman, 156, King Street

CAMBORNE

OPEN SHOW,

Thursday, November 4th, 1909.

Judge, W. G. Poole. 28 Classes. Prize money, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6. Entry fee, 1/3. Schedules now ready.—CHAS. J. ALLEN, Secretary. C.B.U. Licence.

L. & P. O. S. AND DULWICH AND PECKHAM, C.B.S.

Joint Members' Show, Thursday and Friday, NOV. 4th and 5th, at Princes Hall, Lambeth Public Baths, Corner of Lambeth Road and Kennington Road; electric cars pass the door from all parts, 5 minutes' walk from Elephant and Castle, 3 minutes from Westminster Bridge Tube Station. All the L.P.O.S. and Dulwich and Peckham trophies are up for competition at this show. Spend 6d. and a Pleasant Evening in Pleasant Company and Pleasant Surroundings. Music each evening. Refreshment Bar. Tickets, 6d. each, of any of Committee, or at doors. —H. E. Tringham, Hon. Secretary, Old Barge House Wharf, Blackfriars.

WIGAN & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Open Show

of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, stuffed specimens, and Roller singing Canaries, in the Victoria Hall, Wallgate, Wigan, NOVEMBER 5th and 6th. C.B. Union Rules. Judges: H. Tams and W. Massey. Entries close October 30th. Schedules from W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

Sixth Annual Show of Cage Birds under C.B.U. Rules.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOV. 5th and 6th, 1909. Judges Mr. J. Robson, London, and Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. 47 Open classes, good specials, cups, medals, bronzes, etc. All prize money guaranteed, 20s. per class. Entries close October 30th, 1909. Schedules, apply GEORGE HAYVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

BRAINTREE 9th Ann. Show, Nov. 6th,

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds. Excellent classification in (20 miles radius, and £5) limit, also Open Classes in each section. Cage Birds open classes are Norwich Plainhead, Crested, Yorkshire, Lizard, A.O.V. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Numerous specials. Full prize money guaranteed. Entries close OCTOBER 27th.—F. A. HURNABLE, Hon. Sec.

MARKINCH CAGE BIRD SHOW on NOVEMBER 6th, 1909

in Masonic Hall. Judges, J. McLennan, Edinburgh; J. Paterson, Chirnside; and A. W. Watson, Leith. Entries close on Oct. 30th. Schedules from GEORGE MITCHELL, Secretary, Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES

AND DIS. C.B.S.

5th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, open to the United Kingdom, NOVEMBER 6th, 1909. Judges: H. W. Battye and C. Houlton. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry Fee, 1/-. Specials every class, and most points. Entries close October 30th. Schedules—J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

THE Champion One-day Show of the North.

ROCHDALE

GOOD INTENT C.B.S., NOV. 6th.

(Under C.B.U. Rules). Under the Patronage of the L.C.A. & L. & L.F.A.

NO CANCELLING OR AMALGAMATION.

30 Open and 5 Novice Classes. Judges, J. H. Roe and R. B. Barrass. Entries close Monday Nov. 1st. Tuesday first post in time. Prize Money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. With Specials every Class and extra specials. Acknowledged by leading Judges the best lighted room in Lancashire. Schedules (second to none) from—W. ADAMS, 35, Bedford St., Rochdale.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual Open Show on Sat. NOVEMBER 6.

Entries close Tuesday, November 2nd. Members of the Yorkshire Union; also under the patronage of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., O.N.P.C.C. and M.G.M.Y.C.C. Judges: W. Mundell, Yorkshire classes; J. Beswick, Norwich Classes. Good classification. Numerous Specials. For Schedules apply J. W. TELFORD, 15, Westfield Road, Toller Lane, Bradford.

HASTINGS SHOW

NOVEMBER 9th and 10th.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge: J. Robson. Entries close November 2nd. For schedules apply A. E. GOODEN, Hon. Sec. 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale, Hastings.

FROME

C.B.S. under C.B.U. rules. Second Grand Open Show NOV. 11th. Splendid Classification of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee 1/6: Exhibitors taking 4 entries 1/- only for each additional entry. Novice classes provided. Judge: T. Heath Esq. Send for Schedule from W. MINTY, Hon. Sec., Stony Street, FROME.

BANBRIDGE

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association

THURS. & FRI. 11 & 12 NOV. 1909.

54 Classes for Cage Birds, 12 for Pigeons. Judge of Cage Birds, H. W. Battye. 3 Cups and numerous specials. Apply for Schedules to E. J. Hamilton, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Cage Birds only. Under C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 11th and 12th.

76 CLASSES. Heaps of Specials. C.C.C. and N.B.B.M.C. patronage. Prize money promptly paid. Judges; J. Robson and J. Frostick. Schedules will be sent to all applicants shortly. Fuller details next week's advertisement. Birds fed by Messrs. Trower and Co., Bird Food Specialists, London. Hon. Sec., T. S MOORE, 126/8, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

GLASGOW and WEST OF SCOTLAND Great Open Show.

STILL TO THE FRONT.

In the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909. Judges Norwich, James Calderwood (Kilmarnock); Crests and Yorkshires, Mr. Charles Campbell; Borders, Mr. James Smillie, Riccarton; Mules, British and Foreign Mr. L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh, and Sam Ward. Schedules now ready from FRED BOWMAN, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.

TIDESWELL

NOVEMBER 13th, 1909.

Affiliated C.B.U. Good chance for Amateurs. 35 Classes. Numerous Cups and Specials. Prizes—1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6. Entry Fee, 1/6. A Splendid Hall, good light and well ventilated. Judges—Trengrove and Mundell. Schedules and Particulars, BAGSHAW & FLINT, High Street, Tideswell, Buxton.

NOTTINGHAM OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW

Under C.B.U. Rules. 65 classes. Prize money 22/- per class and numerous valuable specials. Entrance fee 1/6. Under patronage of all the specialist clubs. Judges: Messrs. T. Heath, C. Houlton and W. Vardy

NOVEMBER 13th and 15th, 1909.

Extra prize money for foreign classes. Hon. Sec. G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham.

SOUTH WEST LONDON Cage Bird Society's Members' Annual Show, Sat. Nov. 6th, 1909 at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. Good Prize Money and specials. LILLEY, Hon. Secretary, 5, MYSORE ROAD, LAVENDER HILL.

DARVEL SHOW

Will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6. Good classification. Popular Judges. Large and well lighted halls. Entries close November 1. Schedules from Secretary.—Jas. Robertson, Jnr., 5, Hastings Place.

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society (Under C.B.U. License and Rules).

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NOV. 10th, 1909,

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LEEK Fourth Annual Show,

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10th.

Judge, W. VARDY, ESQ.

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Eleventh Open Show of Pigeons and Cage Birds. (Under C.B.U. Rules).

NOVEMBER 10th and 11th, 1909.

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LOWESTOFT

Twenty-second Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cats. Cage Birds under C.B.U. confined to Suffolk.

November 10th & 11th.

Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves; G. H. Billett; H. Hunt. Entries close October 30th. Schedules from E.L.A. CROW, 64, London Rd., Lowestoft.

MALTON (YORKS) Nov 11. Annual Show of Cage Birds, under patronage of the Yorks. British Bird and Mule Club. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. Entries close November 6th, to GEO. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton.

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NORTH BERKS

November 11.

Entries close, November 2nd. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Sixth Annual Open Show, at the Corn Exchange, Abingdon. 50 Specials. Cage Bird Judge, Mr. F. C. Levett. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of T. BOWEN, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.

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NOVEMBER 11th & 12th, 1909.

Entries close November 3rd.

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For Schedules, apply Arts T. Cotterell, Secretary, 12, Nelson Road.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

(affiliated to Cage Bird Union), Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Wallsend, NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909. Patronages: N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. 56 Open Classes, including 7 for Novices. Judges: J. H. Roe, J. Wilcock, and J. W. Bruce, Esqrs. 4 Cash Prizes, and cash special for every class. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from RICHARDSON AND GREENWELL, Secretaries. 35, The Avenue, Wallsend.

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KIRKCALDY

Cage Bird Society's Annual Show, Scotch Fancy, Border Fancy, Crest, Norwich Plainhead, Yorkshire, Common Canary, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioneer Hall, Kirkcaldy, NOVEMBER 13th. Spleudid classification. Specialist judges. Shield, Cups, Border Club and other Medals, etc., with a host of specials. Entries close November 8th. Schedules from T. ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.

SHIREBROOK ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits, on Sat., NOV. 13th, 1909. Entries close Nov. 6th. 70 Classes. Popular judges. Schedules from H. M. COX, Secretary, Main Street, Shirebrock.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A., Nov. 16 & 17.

Under the Patronage of Southern Norwich Plainhead (Championsbip Section) and the Crested Canary Club. Montague E. Feltham, 156. Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.

MAESTEG & DIS. C.B.S.

NOVEMBER 17th, 1909.

Under C.B.U. Rules, and patronage of S.Y.C.C. and W.C.B.C. 50 Classes. Judges, J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. Good specials, mostly cash. Schedules from W. JENKINS, Secretary, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.

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Annual Show, NOVEMBER 17th and 18th, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cavies, and Cage Birds. Cage Bird Judge, W. Vardy, Esq., Notts. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Special for every class. Entries close November 9th. Schedules of HENRY WARE, 2, Pond Road, Hayle, Cwll.

WEST BROMWICH

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NOVEMBER 17th & 18th.

Better Classification than ever. Two Specialist Judges: J. H. Payne (Canaries), W. G. Poole (British and Foreign). Good specials.—THOMAS DUFFIELD, 18, Braybrook Street, West Bromwich.

MORRISTON C.B.S. Thurs. Nov. 18th, 1909. Specials for every class, including Cups, Medals and Cash Specials, etc. Judges W. Mundell and H. Norman. Entries positively close Nov. 15th. No extension. Schedules from W. H. LEWIS, 24, Sway Road, Morriston, Near Swansea.

HULL C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 19 and 20.

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SPECIAL NOTICE (Under C.B.U. Rules).

GLASTONBURY & DIS. Fanciers Association Sixth Annual Open Show NOV. 17, 1909. 18 classes for Cage Birds. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8.—E. W. RADFORD, Hon. Secretary, Glastonbury.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S. (C.B.U. Rules), 7th Open Show, NOV. 18 & 19, at Amersham Hall, New Cross. Prize Money Guaranteed. Details in advert. next week. Schedules from F. W. HAMER, 106, Vernoy Road, London, S.E.

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MILLOM

& DISTRICT C.B.A.

Sixth Annual Open Show of Canaries and Pigeons will be held in the Central Hall on Nov. 19th and 20th. Judges, Mr. J. H. Roe, and Pigeons, Mr. J. H. Wilcock. Entrance fee 1/6. Grand classification. Specials for each class. Schedules from the Sec., W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road, Millom.

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BUCKHAVEN & DIST. C.B.S., the Second Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. and Foreign Birds, to be held NOV. 20. Popular judges. Under patronage of B.F.C.C. Entries close Nov. 13. For schedules, apply JOHN LAWRIE, Hon. Secretary, Graham's Bldgs., Randolph Street, Buckhaven.

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Canaries, Britishers, Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby. No amalgamation or limit Classes. Entries close November 20th. 40 Classes. J. BESSELL, Hon. Sec., 5, High Street, Ludlow, Salop.

BEDALE Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, and Cat Show, will be held on NOVEMBER 25th, 1909. W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec., Bedale, Yorks.

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CARMARTHEN December 16.

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Twitterings.

Your coupon scheme is capital to weekly advertisers.—W. R. ANKERS (Birmingham).

Entries for Bristol F.A. Show are very short, and help is needed, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, hon. secretary.

Newport (Isle of Wight) Show is to be held on December 1st, when Mr. C. E. Silk will judge the cage birds.

Splendid classification at Derwent Valley, October 30th.—Send for schedule at once. See advertisement.—(ADVT.)

Thanks to your grand paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have had a very good season—28 young from two hens.—F. COOPER (Walsall).

Entries for the Gt. Yarmouth Show, writes Mr. J. Shearman, the hon. secretary, will be accepted up to October 25th.

Mr. John Pettigrew will judge the cage bird classes at the Carlisle Show on December 4th, writes a Scottish correspondent.

Entries exceptionally short, writes Mr. C. Parnell, secretary of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton). An trusting fanciers will assist.

Your novel "circulation scheme" is one of the best introduced, and is in the interest of all.—E. HAWTHORN (Llandrindod Wells).

Will secretaries please note that my address is 376, Harrison Terrace, Preston, not 100, Emmanuel Street, writes Mr. W. Sherrington.

Stockport Members' Show will be held on December 2nd and 3rd, and Mr. H. W. Battye will judge, writes Mr. W. Stafford, the secretary.

Exeter and Devon Show report honoured Miss Finch with 2nd Yell. Belgian, whereas it should have been Butts, writes Mr. F. Butts (Barnstaple).

Schedules of the Frome C.B.S. Show, writes Mr. W. Minty, the secretary, will be ready next week, and will be sent out as soon after as possible.

Entries at Barnstaple Show are short, writes Mr. P. Harris, secretary. The committee trust fanciers will rally round and support such an old favourite.

The prospects of our open show are excellent, writes Mr. Havver, hon. secretary, Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; we have a greater number of specials than ever before.

Exeter and Devon Show report, writes Mr. C. Rowdon (Newton Abbot), gives first and v.h.c. in the Buff Class Norwich to Roden; it should have read Rowdon.

Will secretaries and fanciers please note that my address is 66, Napier Road, and not 61, or 74, Napier Road, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, secretary, Wolverhampton C.B.S.

A new society has, we hear, been formed at Wiston, Lannington, and the members will hold their first show on November 13th. Mr. John Neilson is the hon. secretary.

Morecambe C.B.S. Show on November 30th and December 1st, writes Mr. W. H. Pickles, the hon. secretary, is to be judged by Mr. W. Mundell. It is not under C.B.U. rules.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, has helped me a great deal, and I hope it will my friend whom I have given a copy to. I think it deserves all recommendation.—W. SMITH (Woodford).

The number of classes at our show on November 10th, writes Mr. R. Hall, secretary of the Leek and Dis. C.B.S., is 48 and not 21 as given in CAGE BIRDS "Guide to the Shows."

Mr. J. Maddison, of Newcastle, will judge the Mules, British and foreign birds, at our show on October 30th, writes Mr. J. Brown, hon. secretary of the Derwent Valley C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. C. Hunter, a Glasgow fancier, has brought out a new safety padlock, which (when applied to show cages) it is impossible for anyone to unlock unless in the secret.

The address of Mr. Ralph Hutler, writes Mr. J. Barrass, secretary of the Shields C.B.S., should be 7, Suffolk Street, Jarrow, and not 52, York Street, as stated in our schedule in error.

Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., Mr. A. Silver, and Mr. J. Rohson are the judges for the City and Suburban Annual Show, on November 19th and 20th, writes Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. secretary.

Bolton Show report, in class 26, No. 2, and class 32, No. 7 and 8, reads 2nd and 1st and 3rd respectively Jackson Bros., instead of Johnson Bros., writes Mr. J. W. Johnson (Ormskirk).

Owing to shortage of entries, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, hon. secretary of Clapham Show, on October 27th, we are reluctantly compelled to extend date of closing to the Saturday, October 23rd, mid-day. If exhibitors will forward entries from CAGE BIRDS review of schedule, we will classify.

We hear that Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, will judge at Bootle on December 11th, at Earlestown also on December 11th, at Barrow-in-Furness on December 18th, and at Pwllheli on December 27th.

Our entries are extended until October 23rd, writes Mr. H. E. Parrott, secretary of the Weybridge and Dis. F.S. I hope fanciers will give us their support to enable us to again hold a successful show.

Kindly notify exhibitors who have applied for schedules of our show on November 10th and 11th, writes Mr. A. Hitchings, secretary of Swansea C.B.A., that these will be forwarded in the course of a few days.

We have another record—over 800 entries, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.C., just as we go to press. The extra special given by Mr. Wood is for most points in novice classes, not class.

In the Cinnamon classes at the Liverpool O.S. Show, on November 5th and 6th, the special of a case of pipes 16s. 6d., is for most entries, and not for most points, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the hon. secretary.

We have decided, owing to the continued illness of Mr. D. G. Lewis, writes Mr. F. P. Dymond, of Messrs. Lewis and Dymond (Cardiff), to give up showing for the present, at any rate, and so are disposing of our stock, as advertised in your columns this week.—(ADVT.)

By way of answer to the many who have wished to buy my Burnley winning yellow Norwich, kindly allow me to say I have sold the bird to Mr. T. Sandiford, of Preston, for a good sum.—J. E. DAVIES (Stockport).

Dulwich Show catalogue and report should have credited me with 2nd prize in the evenly-marked yellow Border Fancy class, writes Mr. J. Hocking (Swansea). Also the Exeter report gives my name in error as Hoskins.

Mr. J. Nicholson, of Skipton (late of York), writes: I am sorry to say I have lost my Goldfinch-Bullfinch, first-prize winner at the late Burnley Show. The bird was entered for Darlington, but died two days previous to the show.

There is a printer's error in our schedule, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary of the Cheltenham C.B.S. The extra second prizes are for competition in classes 46 and 47, and class 48 is guaranteed, and not as stated in schedule.

I am pleased at the novel idea of introducing your paper, CAGE BIRDS, to those who have not read it. I have been a reader of it for some time now, and I think it is a splendid pennyworth to all bird lovers.—RALPH GRANGER (Glasgow).

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. thank all exhibitors for their hearty support in making their show such a grand success, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary. We had over 50 more exhibits than last year, which shows we are getting better known. We hope all exhibitors' birds arrived home safely.

The October issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—contains many interesting articles, not the least of which are those by Mr. W. Goodfellow (on the Black-winged Lory), and Mr. R. Suggitt (on the Redwing). There are, besides, many notes and many admirable illustrations.

My Bramblefinch which was 1st at Oxford Show, was credited with being my old champion, etc., writes Mr. D. A. S. Longden (Swansea); but it was a 1-year moulted bird. My old champion was 1st at Glasgow recently in a class of 34—the first time for him to be on the show bench this season.

Exhibits for the Manchester Show, October 29th and 30th, should be sent to reach Belle Vue, on Thursday, October 28th, writes Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, the hon. secretary. If they are not received until the Friday morning we cannot undertake that same will be judged, owing to the very large entry.

The Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. have made arrangements with the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. F. W. Hamer, secretary of the former society, whereby any bird entered at the Wimbledon Show and also at the Greenwich Show will be dispatched in good time for judging at the latter fixture.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. David Anthony, secretary of the Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S., to Main Street, Uphall, Broxburn. The judges for our show are Messrs. W. Sharp, J. Brown, G. Hislop, J. Winter, and W. Rogers. We are providing 55 classes, and not 40 this year.

At Bo'ness Show, held November 6th, the schedule (now ready) provides a splendid classification, writes Mr. McGillivray, the secretary, with all specialist judges. This year it is an entirely cage bird show, so there will be more light in the hall, as there will be no pens to darken the window. So will fanciers please rally round us this time.

The members of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S. take this opportunity of thanking the many exhibitors for their support, which made their show the success it was. We also thank you for the able report in CAGE BIRDS, also for the publicity given to any report of club meetings that may from time to time be sent you.—R. WHITTON, secretary of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S.

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There is a mistake in the Border Fancy Classes in the Gloucester schedule, writes Mr. M. Jamieson, secretary of the Border Fancy C.C. Class 30 should read: Clear or ticked buff cock; Class 31 should read: Clear or ticked buff hen.

That well-known Scottish breeder and exhibitor, Mr. John McLay, of Kirkintilloch, owing to business reasons, is having to dispose of his noted stud of Crests and Norwich Plainheads (all his winners included), which are advertised this week.

My committee, writes Mr. J. R. Hyland, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire C.C., of Ireland, are of opinion that our show this year will be better than ever, and that the special prizes are more valuable than in any previous year, thanks to the donors.

Through pressure of business, write Messrs. Wilson and Atkinson, we have been compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S., which has kindly been taken over by Mr. R. Mayes, 58, Bolckow Row, Guisborough, Yorks.

The Runcorn C.B.S., writes Mr. T. P. Baxter, the hon. secretary, will hold a members' show on December 11th, when Mr. H. Abbott will judge, and a cordial invitation is given to those fanciers who reside within the 14 miles radius to become members.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS from its birth, and have not only continued it ever since, but have recommended it to many in this district who had not seen it before. I always tell all my birdy friends it is the paper that just suits us.—SAMUEL HONEY (West Looe).

Owing to our autumn show clashing with another, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. secretary of the Poplar and Dis. C.B.S., we have had to alter the date, and the show will now be held on December 11th; judge, Mr. C. A. House. Will members kindly note?

In looking over the "Guide to the Shows" in CAGE BIRDS, I was glad to see our show included there. I am secretary, however, and my address, 4, Nicholson Place, Forres. We have 36 classes, and our judge is Mr. Strachan (Aberdeen).—WM. CUMMING, hon. secretary.

The Harrogate C.B.S. have secured the large Lecture Hall in the Y.M.C.A. buildings for their show on December 4th, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, the secretary. The room is situated two minutes' walk from the station (over the Drug Stores), and is a most suitable one for a cage bird show.

Will intending exhibitors at the Hucknall Torkard Show on October 29th and 30th, writes Mr. E. Mellors, kindly note that I am the secretary, and not Mr. H. Marshall as inadvertently stated in CAGE BIRDS "Guide to the Shows," and my address is 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard.

At the recent dairy show, one of the most notable stands was that of Liverine, Limited (Grimsby), and among their numerous exhibits for cage birds was a unique display of their noted "Sing Song," a Canary mixture composed of seeds of the very best quality. This, we were informed, is rapidly gaining the confidence of well-known fanciers, while their food for Soft-bills seemed to be equally popular.

In answer to the "Twittering" of Mr. Irwin, the secretary of Harrington Show, I may still say we have the only show for cage birds only in the North, on October 27th and 28th, writes Mr. John C. Bell, the secretary of Border City (Carlisle) O.S. I should also like to say that the Border City management would be pleased to forward any birds direct on to the Manchester Show, if fanciers enclosed P.O. for carriage and the labels for their cases.

Only specials Nos. 22 to 27 inclusive are confined to the members of the Southern N.P.C., writes Mr. A. C. Askew, hon. secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. The bold type between specials Nos. 21 and 22 is a printer's error. Mr. Frostick's Dartford warblers will be exhibited for the first time on record at the Clapham Show, along with Mr. Vale's red-backed Shrike, which has not been seen on the show bench for a number of years.

Though the Crested Canary Club are not guaranteeing their classes, re Mr. Ley's scheme this year, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, hon. secretary of the Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S., we are determined to be progressive, and so give ten classes, and trust we shall get the support we warrant. Also we ask the Border men to rally round us; we are giving seven classes, and are trying our hardest to make the wee bird popular in the eastern counties.

A very beautiful coloured plate of Mr. H. Goodchild's forms the frontispiece to the October number of the "Avicultural Magazine." Levaillant's Barbet is the subject of the plate, and some notes concerning the species are contributed by Major B. R. Horsbrugh. The Blue-breasted Waxbill, the White-crested Touraco, the Blue-winged Grass Parrakeet, and the Redpoll are also dealt with by various writers. This issue completes Vol. VII. of the new series.

In your "Guide to the Shows" issued on October 9th, which I find most useful for reference, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S., I note you give Wimbledon as a one-day show. It should be November 16th and 17th, and the "approx number of classes" should be 71. Schedules are in the printer's hands, and will be issued as early as possible next week. I have had applications for them from all parts. I am pleased to say that up to the present the prospects for the show are rosy.

Twitterings continued on page 269.

Some Points about the Hawfinch.

By S. A. SANDY.

A well-known and practical fancier writes an interesting article around this week's coloured plate of our largest British seed-eating bird.

The Hawfinch, the largest of our British Finches, is most easily catered for, and docile in captivity, but is one of the shyest, if not actually the shyest, in its wild state, and for that reason frequently escapes detection. That it has become very popular with fanciers and birdkeepers of late years there can be no doubt, and very rightly so, for while it well deserves the title of a "cage-duster" when fresh caught, it soon gets tame and appreciates any tit-bits that may be given it by its owner. A hand-reared Hawfinch is a delightful bird, and runs that popular favourite, the Bullfinch, very close for tameness.

It is said to be still somewhat local in its distribution, but is stated by the best authorities to have bred in every county in England with the exception of Cornwall, and to be comparatively plentiful in the home counties, especially Kent and Surrey. In Scotland and Ireland it is of rare occurrence, while in Wales it is anything but common.

Nesting of the Species.

The Hawfinch begins nesting towards the end of April, when it builds in low bushy trees, such as the hawthorn, holly, or some similar tree. The nest is a rather flat structure, composed of small twigs mixed with lichens, and is lined with fine roots and hair. The hen usually lays four eggs of a pale bluish-green colour, spotted and streaked with greyish brown. When the young are hatched they are fed largely upon caterpillars and other insects, but their food otherwise consists very largely of the kernels of cherry stones, when obtainable, and nuts, berries and seeds.

Young Hawfinches are usually on the wing when the garden peas are in season, and unless the peas are well protected a brood of ravenous young Hawfinches, accompanied by their parents, will work great havoc among the rows of peas, of which they are passionately fond. Many of the birds get entangled with the protecting nets, and unless the gardener happens to be a bird lover—which many are not—I am afraid they meet an untimely end, as does the Bullfinch earlier in the Spring when his fondness for young buds often brings his career to a full stop.

Hand-rearing Young Birds.

Hand-rearing young Hawfinches is by no means a difficult task if the birds are taken from the nest when about ten days old. They should then be fed upon a mixture of soaked rape seed and hard-boiled egg, with a little dust of sweet biscuit ground fine. They should be fed every two hours from early morning, and as the bill is of large proportions, the feeding is rather easier than in the case of a Jenny Wren or other small bird.

As the youngsters get on and feed themselves they should be supplied with plenty of soaked seed, crushed hemp, and green food of almost any description that may be at hand. When in the nest feather it is not the easiest matter to select the cocks. Either sex makes a delightful pet, but usually run a shade smaller than wild caught specimens.

One has only to glance at a Hawfinch's bill to see that he can well take care of himself, and also be capable of causing great havoc among other birds he may come in contact with if so disposed. Personally, I have kept these birds in my aviary with other mixed birds, Goldfinches and Redpolls included, and so far have had no cause to complain of their behaviour towards the other occupants.

Keeping Up to "Concert Pitch."

I prefer my birds to be in an outdoor aviary; but this is not always advisable, if the birds are kept for exhibition, where tameness plays such an important part. I consider the Hawfinch a rather heavy feeder, and therefore the aviary has a great advantage over the cage, as the bird is enabled to get plenty of exercise and fresh air, and, what is most important of all if it is to be kept in a condition as perfect as in its wild state, the access to a large bath of fresh water to bathe in every day. I think there is nothing like fresh air and plenty of bathing to keep a bird up to concert pitch, as it were. For the bath in an aviary I have yet to find some vessel more suitable than a flower-pot saucer nine or ten inches across and about a couple of inches deep. These I have used for many years, and want nothing better for the purpose.

If, however, an aviary is not possible, a cage, say, 2ft. long by 10in. deep and 16in. high, of the box pattern, will be very suitable. The front (removeable) should be 1in. gauge, and I prefer inside food and water vessels, but this, of course, is a matter of fancy.

Assuming, however, that our bird is newly caught, I should place him in a cage of smaller proportions, and only about a foot high, and use a canvas inner top for a while.

The Food Question.

On the question of food, many fanciers seem to rely upon sunflower seed almost entirely, but this, I think, is a great mistake, and one that I must admit having some years back fallen into. My own experience is that the bird's liver soon gets out of order if fed on sunflower alone, and this can easily be detected, as the excreta will be of a greenish colour; the feathers will puff out, and the bird will get quite out of condition. I prefer to use mixed seed—Canary three parts, and hemp, rape, and linseed in equal proportions, one part, together with hawthorn berries, beechmast, nuts, cracked walnuts, pea nuts, apple, and such like. I also give a little insectivorous food occasionally, and daily during the moult, and as a tit-bit a mealworm or two. Of the latter Hawfinches are exceedingly fond, and these are very useful when taming a freshly-caught specimen.

Exhibition Birds.

As exhibition birds the Hawfinches are very popular both with fanciers and the judges, and a tip-top specimen is almost sure to be in the first three, and most likely secure the coveted place in the class "1st and special." The beautiful coloured plate accompanying this issue of CAGE BIRDS will convey to the reader what an exhibition Hawfinch looks like, and what a striking bird he is. One of the chief points in present-day judging seems to be size, and as it is not often that one can get a few dozen of these birds to select from, a medium-sized specimen more often has to suffice; but care should be taken to select a male bird with a massive head, clear cap, and large bib, as much after the shape of a "V" as possible, and clear cut, and with the grey band well defined and not running into the cap or back feathers, the white on the secondaries as pure as possible.

Whilst on the matter of plumage, it might be well to point out a peculiarity attaching to these birds, namely, that the flights from the fifth inwards are jagged, rather giving the impression that the bird had bitten the tips of its flights. The hen is similarly marked, except that the head is much paler, and the whites in the flights are more dingy. Now that there are classes for hen seed-eaters at many of the shows, from an exhibitor's point of view a hen of this species is a very useful bird to keep, and should certainly be included in the stock. I am afraid some of the larger specimens that have been exhibited of late years would find a grave difficulty in proving their claim to be called British, but, apart from the size, there is little else to cause suspicion.

As regards a suitable cage for exhibiting either sex, I prefer a cage enamelled dark green inside, say, 14ins. long, 12ins. high, and 8ins. deep, with inch gauge front, and a food drawer on the right side. Care must also be taken to see that the water hole is large enough to enable the bird to get its head through easily. The perches should be ¾in. thick, so that the bird may get a firm grip when travelling.

One task the exhibitor of a Hawfinch will find easier said than done, and that is giving his bird a tubbing. The first time I tried it I felt pretty confident that if I got our friend's head between my thumb and forefinger I could give him a tubbing quite easily; but before I had got far on with the lathering I had received some sharp bites, and found it was not so easy as I expected, for it is then that he holds on to the skin for all he is worth. Nevertheless, it is an operation that has to be got through once or twice in the show season if the bird is to win in keen competition.

I must not conclude without a few words on colour feeding, for I find it is as necessary to feed Hawfinches, both male and female, for exhibition, as it is a Yellowhammer or other bright plumaged birds. I give the cold, sweet, red feed mixed with a good insectivorous bird food daily during the moult. I find the colour of the cap, breast and back is much improved, and I am satisfied that I get a better finish upon this and most birds, also a more silky texture in the plumage, by colour-feeding. I know at least one of our leading exhibitors of the present day who will disagree with me on this point, and I must admit that the condition of his birds, moulted without colour feed, is a very strong argument in favour of non-colour feeding. Still, I give my own opinion for what it is worth, based upon my own experience, and also upon the experience of leading exhibitors who are in favour of colour-feeding.

In conclusion, I hope some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS who have not yet kept the Hawfinch, will try their hand with one, and I am sure if they treat it as I have described they will find it an interesting pet, and one that with ordinary luck will live cheerfully in captivity for a considerable period.



PROUD OWNERS OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

Four Members of the Lochcraig F.A. with some of the birds which have been successful for them at the shows. The names are (from left to right) seated: Messrs. John Brown, Treasurer, and J. Christie; standing: Messrs. Robert Balloch, Secretary, and J. Ewenson.

Photo by G. Beattie, Lochore.

The Lizard Canary 40 Years Ago and Now.

By LEVI BUTTERWORTH.

Some personal recollections of striking changes in the Lizard Canary Fancy, with a description of the writer's methods of breeding and feeding, etc., this curious member of the Canary family.

So much has been written about the Lizard Canary that it appears almost impossible to write anything fresh, but I will try to record a few of my recollections of the Lizard Canary Fancy. My experience in the breeding of the variety goes back over the last 40 years, but I will endeavour to keep from trodden ground as much as possible.

The Lemon Jonque Lizard.

When I first joined the ranks of the Canary Fancy, a certain strain of Lizards was very plentiful in and around Rochdale; this Lizard was known as the Lemon Jonque, on account of the pale yellow cap, somewhat the colour of a lemon, and in its nest feathers the bird had a back full of straight, narrow rowing. After the first moult the colour of the cap, and the edges of the small feathers were of the same pale yellow colour. The spangle being not nearly so distinct as that of the orange-coloured variety, breeders saw that it stood no chance on the show bench, and so refused to breed with it. Consequently, in a few years' time, the strain died out.

About the same time there was another strain, known as the flat, or hollow-backed Lizard. This bird had largo, distinct spangling, or moons, as we called them, distributed all over the back, and not in straight rows, as in the Lizards of to-day. This class of bird had very often a parting of the feathers (or a split down the centre of the back), and very rarely got in the money at any show. The variety gradually became scarcer, until it has now almost died out, like the Lemon Jonque.

Buying Birds by Candle light.

There were a few fanciers at one time (and probably are some to-day) who preferred to buy their stock after the birds had gone to roost, and I have known such people regret buying this class of bird by candle-light, for after the bird has gone to roost it looks much better spangled than the round-backed variety. Personally, I prefer buying birds in the broad daylight, and the lighter the day, the better. I know of only one advantage in buying birds at night, and that is that after the birds have been to roost a couple of hours, and you go into the bird room by candle light, if there are any wheezing birds in the room, that is the time to find them.

The Deterioration of the Variety.

I mention these two strains because probably many of the present-day fanciers have never seen them. But in those early days, the round-backed variety were more plentiful than the other two strains. I have been asked in private what was my opinion as regards the merits of the winning birds of 40 years ago and those of the winning birds of to-day. I will give my answer here. I believe the best birds of to-day are rather larger, especially the golds, than formerly, but it is my honest opinion that the winning birds of 40 years ago were equally as well spangled, and I am certain they were darker in beak, legs, and claws than are the winning birds of to-day.

Taking all the properties together, I fail to see any improvement in the variety, and, in fact, I consider the Lizard has rather deteriorated, for even 30 years ago a Lizard, no matter what other good properties it possessed, if it was not evenly eye-lashed (that is, had a narrow, dark streak of feathers over each eye), it was not considered a good show bird; a narrow eyelash being supposed to add to the bird's beauty. What do we see to-day at our leading shows? Birds without the slightest trace of an eyelash, and even white or bald eyed birds take the premier honours. At one show I visited last season, I saw a white, or bald-eyed bird with three first-prize cards on its cage; which would have been impossible 30 years ago, and ought to be impossible to-day, for there is nothing more unsightly than a bald-eyed Lizard.

I am not one of those who believe that as it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be. No, I believe in improving a bird where it can be improved, but to interfere with a bird's beauty, I consider to be "an improvement in the wrong direction."

(Mr. Butterworth's article is continued overleaf.)

THE LIZARD CANARY 40 YEARS AGO AND NOW.—Continued from p. 265.

The Bulldog-headed Lizard.

Although so long a time back I can well remember how, about 20 years ago (speaking in round numbers), a cry came from a neighbouring town to the effect that a certain fancier had got Lizards in the nests with heads like bulldogs, and Lancashires as big as Brahma chickens. So on the following Sunday morning, along with a fancier friend, I went to look at these wonderful birds. But I must say we were disappointed. The Lizards had heads no larger than that of an ordinary Lizard. They were simply over-capped, the caps coming close to the eye on both sides, and running down into the neck. As I left the room I can truly say I did not envy him his treasures. But the bulldog head idea appeared to take on with a large number of fanciers, as well as with some judges. Lizards, it was said, must have heads like bulldogs. So breeders began to pair broad capped birds together, regardless of eyelash; which is the chief cause of there being so many white, or bald-eyed birds to-day, for the white below the eye is simply an extension of the cap, and when once got hold of, is not so easily got rid of.

If you have a bird with a white eye, but with the other properties extra good, and you wish to keep it, it is best to pair it with a bird that is heavily eye-lashed, or with an old bird that breeds young that are heavily eye-lashed. A great change has come over the bird in regard to the eyelash. Twenty years ago 10 points were allowed for the eyelash, which many fanciers thought too small; now the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. only allow 5 points, so that the eyelash has almost gone out of consideration.

How Lizards were Exhibited.

When I first began to exhibit birds, and for many years afterwards, Lizards were shown in the open wire Lancashire show cage. At that time All-England shows were few and far between, and it was only when All-England shows became more plentiful that the Lizard was shown in the box cage.

I remember that the first time I saw one shown in a box cage was at an All-England show held, I believe, at Manchester, though I am not quite sure. I know there was much comment about it. Many fanciers were dead against it. I liked it, if only for the bird's sake; they travelled more comfortably, and were less liable to feel any possible draught in the show room. The birds are also much steadier in the box cage, and therefore better to judge. The Lizard is naturally an active bird, and when shown in the open wire cage, unless carefully trained, is always on the move, hopping from the top perch to the bottom one, and back again, clinging to the wires on the sides of the cage, and then to the top, placing itself in all positions except the right one. Yet, even to-day, there are a few people who say the Lizard ought to be shown in the open wire cage.

As the All-England shows became more popular, the box cage became more popular too, and to-day no one thinks of showing a Lizard in an open wire cage.

The Writer's Method of Breeding and Feeding.

I will now give a brief description of the way in which I breed my Lizards. As regards pairing the birds, I may say I have tried the different shades of colour, but I have had best results by pairing in the following way: A deep-coloured gold cock bird to a very light-coloured silver hen. By light-coloured, I do not mean cloudy; I mean that the light fringes on the feathers should be very white, or silvery. Or, I pair a light silver cock to a very dark gold hen. But in both cases the spangle should be as distinct, and as large, as possible.

During the winter months I give all my hens a few groats at least twice a week, to get them used to the food. About the beginning of February I begin to give egg food twice a week, and I also give the cocks a little hemp and inga seed, in addition to the egg food. At the beginning of March I increase the hemp and inga seed. I now give the hens also just a little hemp and inga if the birds appear to be going on all right. About the 3rd or 4th week in March, I place each hen in a separate cage containing a nest-box and building material. By adopting this plan, and by watching the hens, you will be able to see which hens are the most forward, and which to pair first. I may as well state here that I have always followed the plan of running one cock with two hens. If the birds appear to be in breeding condition, the last week in March or the beginning of April, I then pair up the the likeliest.

For building material I use what we call fog, which is a tough kind of dried grass that grows on old hedges and waste land. It is easy to tell by its white appearance. After the birds have built their nest with the fog, I place a thistle head in the wires of the cage. The birds pluck out the down and line their nest with it.

A Difference in Taste.

Formerly I used to take the first two eggs out of the nest as soon as they were laid, and I put them back when the hen laid her third egg; but the last three seasons I allowed all the eggs to remain in the nest for the first round, and I have had no cause to regret doing so. Occasionally, I have had hens that have laid their eggs and then refused to sit, and I thought that by allowing the eggs to stay in the nest it might induce the hen to take to the nest. When a hen has laid her eggs and begun to sit I never disturb her until she has been sitting eight days; then I make certain whether the eggs are fertile or not. Canaries, like human beings, differ in tastes, so that when the young appear I let the hen have a choice of food; besides the white seed in the hopper I put egg food in the egg drawer. I also put two tins under the door, one containing groats, the other hemp and summer rape. All my cages have sliding doors. I also give green food, and my favourite bird salad is dandelion. I have known many nests of young Canaries that have been almost entirely reared on groats, and have been as fat as butter in the nest. But birds reared on groats are generally pale in colour. I don't mind that, however, as



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TWO OF SCOTIA'S SUCCESSFUL FANCIERS

Messrs. Wilson Bros., of Bannockburn, with some of the handsome cups, medals and other trophies, won for them by their exhibition teams of Border Fancy Canaries.

long as they are strong and healthy; the colour can be remedied during the moult.

The Weaning Process.

Now, as to the weaning process. The first time I see the young ones on the nest box side, which generally takes place when the young are about three weeks and one or two days old, I take the nest box out of the cage and leave the young flying about the cage with the hen until the following morning, when I rise at the break of day and prepare the egg food. Having done so, I go into the bird room, place a chair in front of the window; then I put the weaning cage on the chair.

If you saw that weaning cage you would come to the conclusion that it had been made in pre-historic times, with its bent and broken wires and mouse-eaten boards. And yet I have a certain affection for that old cage; I have weaned hundreds upon hundreds of birds in it; in fact, have weaned all the birds I have bred for the last 30 years in it. Moreover, during the show season it does duty as a drying cage, and I have dried hundreds of birds therein. So you see that if the cage is not as handsome as its neighbours, it is quite as useful.

I place the cage on the chair in the best possible light; then I put a small saucer containing egg food on the cage bottom in the centre; I then scatter egg food on the cage bottom on each side the saucer, and put egg food in the ordinary egg drawer; so that in whatever part of the cage the birds may be, they can see the egg food. After this, no matter how good the birds may be, I can leave them without the least anxiety. I have not lost a single bird in the weaning process since I began treating them in this way.

When the young have been in the cage one day, I remove them to another clean one, also in a light place, and let them stay all together for about two days; then if any of them are likely to be fit for the show bench, I put them in separate cages. After the birds are weaned, besides the egg food, I give them crushed hemp seed and a milk sop once a week until they begin to eat Canary seed, when I discontinue the hemp and gradually reduce the egg food, until I feel satisfied the birds can do without it.

Moulting in the Old Days.

In regard to the moulting of the birds in the old days, we used to give them as much green food and marigold flowers as they would eat, with saffron water to drink, and anything we thought would improve the colour of the birds; and if the birds did not come up to expectations, most fanciers did not hesitate to dip the rag in the shilling bottle and apply it to the birds; but that was long before cayenne feeding became known. Things are different to-day. You can feed the bird better than you can paint it, and purchase the correct article ready for use. When cayenne feeding first became known, we used nothing but hot pepper, but now I use four ounces of hot pepper to one pound of tasteless, and I am very well satisfied with the result.

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I believe it will recall pleasant memories to many of your readers if I mention the names of a few old Lizard breeders, many of whom were veterans in the Fancy when I first joined the ranks, while some of them joined us a few years later; and all of them I knew personally. There were Messrs. T. Hopkins, R. and J. Chadwick, A. Hamer, T. Smethurst, P. and J. Lord, W. Lowe, B. Bardsley, E. Fitton, E. Butterworth, A. Whitworth, B. Harrison, L. Shaw, W. Mutch, R. Barrass, N. France, E. Shaw, J. Fielding, B. Turner, J. Allen, G. Haworth, E. Crossley, J. Schofield, J. Tattersall, J. Taylor, J. Bentley, J. Shackleton, J. Sandiford, Jno. Ogden, J. Mills, J. Smith, J. Jackson, J. and T. Garner, J. Hardman, J. Collinge, R. Wood, J. Lord, J. Gledhill, C. Fish, Y. Ashworth, J. Barker, N. Firth, and others I do not think of at the present moment. A great many of the above-named have years ago "shuffled off this mortal coil," while many are still with us; and long may they remain.

How I House and Feed My Skylark.

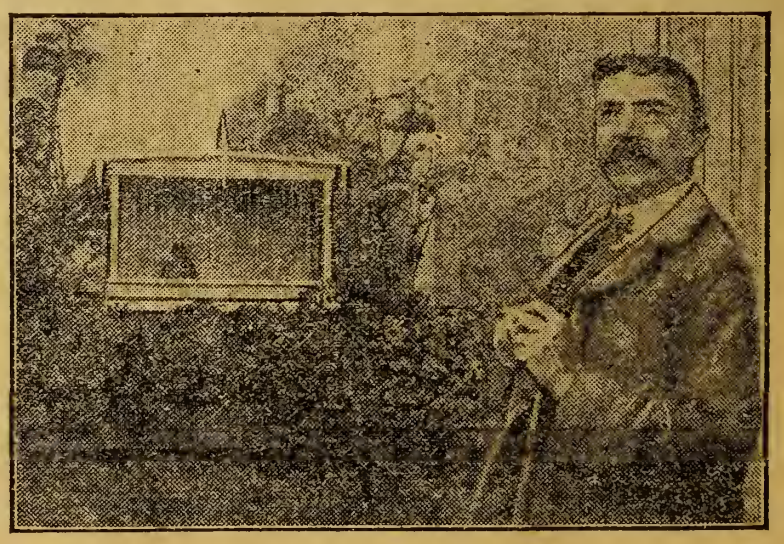
By E. N. SMITH.

As a result of my letter in CAGE BIRDS of September 11th, I have had inquiries from Lark fanciers from all over England and Wales, so I decided to send you a photograph to answer one and all. Remember, fanciers, the Lark is a noble and handsome bird, so provide him with a handsome cage—one that will be an object of beauty in your home. There is nothing that displeases a wife so much as an unsightly cage. It disarranges her temper, so to speak, and you will have something to go on with until you remedy the evil thereof.

I have tried every known style of cage, and as none gave satisfaction I decided to design one myself. The photo of it I have enclosed. It is your duty to provide the Lark with a condition of life as near natural as possible. Leave nothing undone to attain that end. Let his comfort and wants occupy the foremost place in your thoughts, and let his cage be commodious and comfortable, so that he can expand his wings without breaking his feathers.

The particulars of my cage are as follows:—Back board, 15½ins. by 12ins.; top board, 18½ins. by 10½ins.; four corner supports, 11ins. by ¼in. square; top front rail, 14¾ins. by 1½ins. by ¼in.; top end rail, 8ins. by 1½ins. by ½in.; bottom front rail, 14¾ins. by 1in. by ¼in.; bottom end rail, 8ins. by 1½ins. by ¼in.; wires, 5.32; drillholes, ⅝in. apart.

Encase the frame in a fancy moulding, and use ornaments to your liking. Plane the top frame to give ¼in. fall from back to front, and to each end. Give three coats of white enamel inside and out, and also the wires. I had my wires electro-plated, however. Fit the door at each end 7½ins. square, with frame ½in. square. You will then have a clear wire front 14½ins. by 7½ins. Ends 7ins. by 6½ins. That will enable you to run the bird through into another cage while you thoroughly clean and wash its cage inside and out. There is nothing a Lark dislikes so much as being handled. It spoils his feathers, too, and puts him off song, and you might easily break a leg.



Mr. Smith, his Skylark, and the cage he favours for this bird and describes in his accompanying notes.

I would say that the food I like as a stock food is Trower's "Cecto" and Fox's "Insectivorous Food" in combination. These two, well mixed with some of Fox's "Egg and Biscuit," make my favourite food.

There are a thousand and one live insects you can get. A few "specials" I will name:- Earwigs, wire worms, and their grubs, spiders, small beetles, etc. Don't forget the smooth caterpillars; they are a wonderful tonic, and a preventative of inflammation of the vent, keeping the bowels regular, too.

I don't mind giving a great secret away. Give a good pinch of ground linseed in stock food once a week; it is a splendid pick-me-up, and gives a grand gloss to the feathers. Under these conditions, my bird lives and continues to sing every day. Teach him to know you love him, and he will repay you tenfold by his glorious song, and you will never regret the time, trouble, and small expense involved.



THE HAWFINCH. Our largest British Seed-eater.

FEMALE. MALE.

From the Field to the Show Bench.

Part 1: The Making of an Outdoor Birdroom.

—— By H. J. HAWES. ——

In the first of this series of articles is fully explained, for the purposes of Amateurs especially, the method by which an outdoor birdroom may be constructed to the best advantage and at a nominal cost.

IN introducing my subject to readers of CAGE BIRDS, I would ask the indulgence of the more advanced fanciers, for this article is intended chiefly for the benefit of the "raw recruit" to the Fancy and the show-bench.

As I have previously, in a lecture given before the Dulwich and Peckham O.S., and published in CAGE BIRDS recently, dealt with the catching of birds, I should like to take one through the next important item, viz., the housing of them, and to show how to do so in a way beneficial to the bird's health and well-being, and so as to show a slight return at the conclusion of the season with judicious management.

The Suitable Bird-house.

Knowing from experience that the ordinary bird fancier is not over blessed with wealth in the building and construction of this outdoor bird-room for Britishers (or for the matter of that Canaries, according to one's taste), I have sought to bring within the reach of the average working-man fancier a house which is in every way suitable.

The points aimed at are: First, that the building shall be substantial, and possess that great and important feature—light in abundance. I also pay attention to that vital point in hygiene, viz., ventilation. Further, I propose adding to the bird-room a heating device—an essential thing when the mercury falls to freezing point, and Nightingales, Long-tailed Tits, and other delicate birds are being kept. Many a grand bird has perished through either the absence of a little artificial heat or the presence of a cheap, smoky lamp. The latter is often hung up to keep out the frost, when one morning a terrible thing meets one's eyes (it met mine whilst visiting a friend's house a year or so back)—every bird is asphyxiated. About £6 worth of birds were lost through the presence of a shilling hanging lamp, in the case to which I refer.

The means by which the room will be heated will be easily followed in the accompanying drawings, and as the apparatus stands in my room I can safely say the total cost will not exceed 15s. This price covers the retail cost, but if you happen to have a friend "in the line," his business card will save you 33 per cent.

I shall also deal with the matter of having a fountain in the bird-room, driven by wind power. This is for the especial benefit of the fancier who takes a whole-hearted interest in his birds and rooms, and does not mind the extra trouble, the commercial and financial side of bird-keeping not having any influence upon him.

I shall, too, deal with the selection of some of the different species of birds in accordance with my own personal ideals. If my ideals clash with those of other fanciers, then I trust the few remarks I make will not tend to strain any good feeling that exists. To make myself quite clear, I may say here that there may be better methods of achieving the ends in view, but seeing that I have put most of the ideas mentioned to a practical test, and that they are working in every way satisfactorily, I claim that if carried out in the proper way they will work to the satisfaction of anyone who cares to follow my well-meant advice.

An Outdoor Room for £3.

Being a great believer in the keeping out of doors of British birds, both Hardbills and Softbills, I will take as my first subject an outdoor bird-room, cost not to exceed £3, including heating apparatus.

For this amount you can build a house measuring 9ft. in length, by 5ft. 6ins. wide, and varying from 8ft. 6ins. to 6ft. in height. This, of course, refers to a lean-to house, as this is the least expensive to build, one of the external walls of your living house acting as one of those to your bird-room. Such houses, too, are more generally in vogue than small detached houses. Again, the latter kind would cost twice as much as a lean-to house, and if made to the same dimensions, viz., 9ft. by 5ft. 6ins. by 6ft. to 8ft. 6ins., would not have the same holding capacity.

What is Required.

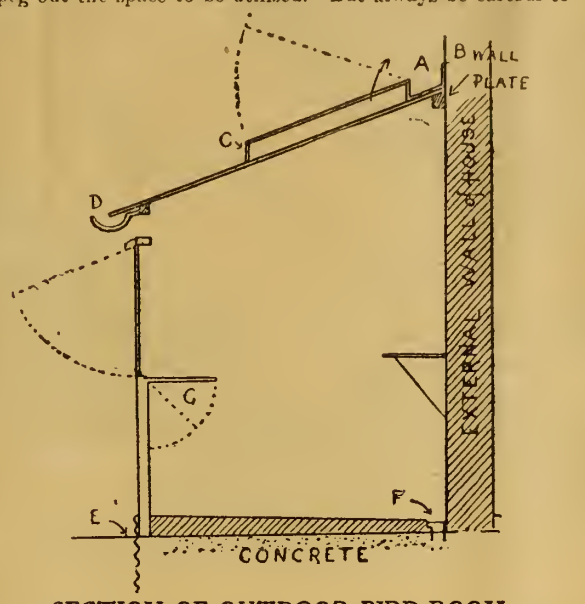
The first and most important thing is to know what one wants before starting to build. Draw up some rough plan if you can of the kind of house you would like, and measure up and find the cost of same. Then, if all things answer, go ahead with a good heart. Stick to your task until your house is finished. That is my advice, for I know from personal observation that if you start building a bird-room, cycle shed, or what not, immediately the interest is relaxed, if only for a single night, that shed is "muddled" at for many a week longer than it need be.

We will assume the size you wish to build your bird-room is 8ft. 6ins. long by 5ft. 6ins. wide by 6ft. to 8ft. high. Having measured our uprights, wall plates, door jambs, sills, match-boarding, etc., we find that we require: 120ft. of scantling 3ins. by 2ins., 140 square feet of match-boarding, 50 square feet of rough boards for roof, 60 feet of slate battening, three pairs of butt hinges, 15 square feet of glass, 8 feet of guttering, one outlet, one 6ins. set off, one length of 2in. rainwater pipe (3ft.), one "shoe" for same, two pairs of gutter brackets, two dozen screws, sash frames for windows, frame for skylight, felt, cement and sand for concrete, one sheet of corrugated iron, one piece of lead sheet 9ft. by 12ins., one piece of zinc, nails, hinges for door, one door fitted with perforated zinc in two top panels, one lock for same, one pair of T-hinges for folding shelf, three brackets for shelf, tar, putty, netting, staples, paint, casement fittings window fasteners, and materials for heating apparatus. Of course, such things as the skylight, window frames, and door can be obtained at a builder's yard second-hand.

Having roughly estimated the cost, and having procured all the necessary materials we think will be required, we are now on the way towards making a start, without having occasionally that vexing thought that the shops are shut up, and we cannot procure so and so "until to-morrow."

The Building Process.

We will now set about our pleasurable task of building and erecting. Procure a ball of string and some pegs and peg out the space to be utilised. But always be careful to ask the wife's opinion of the space required by her for drying room and walking space in the garden.



SECTION OF OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM.

Sketch 1.—A: The position of the skylight. B: Lead or zinc "flashing" to keep out the rain. C: Copper "apron" to make skylight rain-proof. D: Rain-water gutter. E: Sheet of corrugated iron to keep out vermin. F: Shows the fall of the floor to drain outlet at back in a corner. G: Collapsible shelf under window.

The next thing to do is to go to the bundle of 3in. by 2in. scantling, and select from this three pieces—one piece to form the front base of building and the other two the end bases. These form the foundation frame, or plate which are put together by cutting half way through the 2in. measurement, and 3ins. down the timber, so that when they are put into one another they are of the uniform measurement, viz., 3ins. by 2ins.

The two end pieces I allowed to be 4ins. longer than my building was to be wide, so that, after cutting away a brick from the external wall (without giving notice to the landlord), my timber could be run into the wall 4ins., and after being wedged up it was made good with cement and sand. This gives one a good fixing (or hold), and makes a substantial job.

Now that our frame has been levelled up and bricks put under the two corners and one in the centre (and previously bedded on cement), we mark out by measurement the mortices which have to take the tenons of our corner uprights, which, in my case, I had already prepared by morticing an aperture measuring 1in. wide and 1½ins. long, as that is what my tenons measured after being cut through.

I also again halved the top of the upright 1in. by 3ins. to receive my top plate. Underneath this halving we have another mortice the same as previously mentioned. This is to receive the rail which is to carry our sashes, and on to which I shall screw my regulating ventilation shutters (an addition which I think is original, and very essential).

Having prepared all these aforementioned sections, one must proceed to put them in their respective positions. Having previously plugged the wall (with wooden plugs) and nailed my two uprights to the external wall, and planted my wall plate in position (fastening that to the wall as shown in drawing No. 1), I proceeded to get my carcass of building into something like ship-shape.

I get my plumb rule and level into action. The plumb rule is a piece of board usually 3½in. wide by 5ft. long, with an egg-shaped hole cut about 3ins. from the bottom, with a centre line struck down, and with three saw cuts made in the top of the board. A "plumb bob" of lead is attached to a line (string), which is slipped into the centre saw-cut, and then held in position by passing a cord through each of the other slots. When this rule is put against anything, if that thing be not upright, the lead bob will swing in the opposite direction to which your timber must be drawn to bring it into an upright position.

(To be continued.)

The Story of "Robert Orange."

By Mrs. Richardson-Griffiths.

A pleasantly written recital of the deeds of a favourite Norwich Plainhead, now, unhappily deceased.

He arrived from Norwich none the worse for his long journey, and as soon as I saw him I gave him the name of "Robert Orange." He was exactly the colour of a ripe blood orange, and was, I think, the first colour-fed bird I had seen. Dear little Robert! An ordinary Norwich Canary, costing a quite ordinary price, he possessed a strongly marked character and a heart of gold. I have sons and grandsons of his now, but there is not one (good birds though they are) for which I feel quite the same affection

His first wife was somewhat delicate, and my initial attempt at Canary breeding ended disastrously. Two little birds were hatched on St. Swithin's Day, and my joy and pride were almost equal to Robert's. But, alas for our hopes! when they were about three or four days old, to my great sorrow, she died. Robert seemed very disconsolate; he fed the babies, but they missed the warmth of their mother, and very soon they followed her.

A Battle and a Tragedy.

I possessed another Norwich cock which, from some fancied resemblance to that gallant officer, we named "Buller." Buller was of a very different disposition to Robert, being more lethargic in character. From the first they were rivals, and it was very amusing to see their jealousy. Buller's rightful mate, whose name was "Whiteley," fell deeply in love with the dashing Robert, and I allowed them to set up housekeeping together. After Whiteley (a beautiful little Norwich hen) began to sit, I thought it better to take Robert away. I put him into a large "Crystal Palace" cage where Buller was then living. Robert rushed up to Buller, and puffing out his "cheeks" and drooping his wings, proceeded to shriek a song of triumph in the ear of his foe. At last, from words they proceeded to blows, and finding poor Buller with blood on his waistcoat, I removed the fire-eating Robert to a smaller cage.

Meanwhile, his wife was attending to two fine children. And now a sad tragedy occurred. Whiteley and her little ones were at the top of the house in an attic. One Sunday afternoon when the babies were three days old, my evil star caused me to leave open the door of the cage. The window of the room was also open. Down below, in the garden, Robert was passionately singing. On hearing that beloved voice, poor Whiteley forgot her helpless little ones and flew to join her husband. When I discovered my loss, and we searched for the missing one, she was found lying dead on the grass just as she had flown down from the window.

It was about this time that I became possessed with an idea to try my hand at Mule breeding. I thought if I hand-reared some Linnets, they would grow up as tame and steady as Canaries. I obtained a nest of five Linnets whose tail feathers were beginning to sprout. They were, perhaps, a few days over the best age for hand-rearing, and I had great trouble with them. They were queer little dusty-looking objects, with black sparkling eyes. After I had fed them for a day, and forcibly opened the beaks of those who obstinately refused to feed, I began to feel years older!

Robert Tackles Young Linnets.

It was then that I thought perhaps Robert might help me in my hard task. With fear and trembling I introduced him to the five squeaking little objects, now all out of the nest, and swarming about the bottom of the large breeding cage which I had made their nursery. I had provided egg and sponge cake moistened with warm milk, and also soaked rape seed. I had been toilsomely feeding them with these on the end of a match every quarter of an hour or so! My good little Robert took in the situation very quickly. He eyed the little tumbling creatures with his head on one side, and then he rapidly began eating from the different dishes. I heaved a sigh of great relief when, in another moment, he began to feed them in a quick, business-like way, while they all clustered round him shrieking "More," "more."

From that moment my responsibility ended, and I trusted everything to the capable hands (or rather I should say "beak") of Robert. He seemed very pleased when I provided him with plenty of shepherd's purse and chickweed; he seemed to know that these, after being properly prepared in his crop, were the natural food of his nurslings.

He Turns and Rends them.

It was a long time before they began to "pick up" for themselves, and the indefatigable Robert seemed never to tire in his ministrations. When he found time for his own meals I really do not know, for there was always a Linnet which wanted to be fed, and whenever one was hungry all the others were also!

It was a curious sight to see Robert, surrounded by the five Linnets, now nearly as large as himself, all pushing and hustling—sometimes I have seen him turn tail and flee from them!

Then one day all was changed. Fiercely singing at the top of his voice, he charged down on the biggest one, which, though well able to feed itself, was shamelessly begging from him. "We've had quite enough of this!" he seemed to say; "get out into the world and look after yourselves—I've done *my* part!" And, fearing for the lives of the Linnets, I quickly removed their foster-father.

All the five Linnets were incurably wild. After Robert's rough weaning they seemed to develop a mad terror of me which I was never able to overcome. They were fine healthy birds, and the three cocks were beautiful singers, but their wildness was certainly "shocking to see."

After I had suffered from these "cage-dusters" for a year, I selected the best cock (which is still in my possession), and let the others go early one beautiful Spring morning. Away they went, like the wind, and never returned. The one I retained is now fairly steady, though still not really tame.

After seeing what an excellent "nurse" Robert was, I always after this allowed him to help to bring up his own sons and daughters. As a parent, he erred on the side of over-carefulness, and I have often seen him, when his wife was off the nest, sitting on the children himself in his fear lest they should take cold. He brought up several families of sons and daughters, and I think in his great anxiety for their well-being he wore out his little frame, for after I had had him a couple of years he succumbed to a severe attack of asthma.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

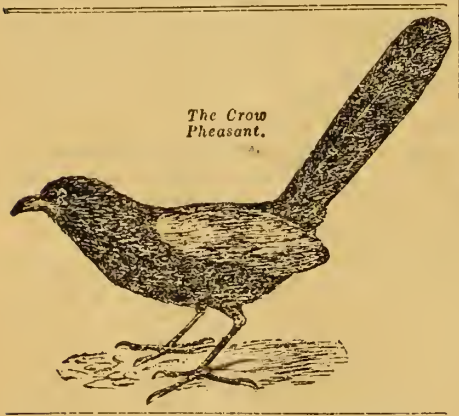
Author of "The World's Birds."

Roman Aviculture.

The keeping of cage birds is of unknown antiquity, but there is a record of the first aviary, for a Roman writer of about the beginning of the Christian era speaks of some fancier of the day who was the first to keep birds behind netting; I can't remember the name for the moment, and have not the author mentioned to refer to, for which I must apologise, for in the minds of many aviculturists, no doubt, "this was the noblest Roman of them all." I remember, however, that our Roman author makes no mention of the use of egg. Coming to a time much nearer our own, but still several centuries back, Bacon says in his essay on gardens that he did not like aviaries unless they were large enough to contain shrubs to allow the birds to nestle naturally, so that large garden aviaries are quite ancient as far as this country is concerned, and probably elsewhere. Undoubtedly birds give more pleasure when kept under such surroundings, but in our changeable climate the less picturesque indoor aviary is apt to be more reliable for results, as I fancy has been already pointed out by some one or other.

Cuckoos as Pets.

It is quite evident from what has recently appeared in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, that our Cuckoo may make a very satisfactory pet, in spite of his proverbial name for stupidity, and I found when in India that the Magpie-like Cuckoo, or "Crow-Pheasant" mentioned above, at the opposite extreme of the Cuckoo family, was eminently adapted for being made a pet of. Specimens procured only partly fledged in the barred plumage became tame in a day or two, and would come to one and climb to one's shoulder and head, while one I gave to a friend would leave its cage even by artificial light in the evening, and come and sit on the couch beside him like a petted dog or cat. I ought, however, to mention that there seem to be two forms of young in this bird, always occurring, apparently, in separate broods. Many young birds were not barred at all, but resembled the adults, not so exactly, however, as in the case of the museum specimen mentioned, because they were not so bright and pure in colour. These were not so easily tamed as the others, and were smaller and shorter on the leg; but whether the difference between the two types of young was due to sex, or represented different varieties, I never gained enough experience to make out. I always found Crow-Pheasants easy birds to rear, raw meat, snails and cockroaches being suitable food for this coarse, hardy bird, which, however, has been very rarely brought alive to England.



The Crow Pheasant.

Precocious Maturity.

Mr. G. E. Weston's note in the issue of CAGE BIRDS for October 2nd, on young cock Redstarts moulting out into full Spring, instead of Autumn, feathering, interested me very much, and it also reminded me of some cases I have met with myself, where there was a "skipping," as it were, of a stage of plumage. Thus, the small Cormorant of India (*Phalacrocorax javanicus*), which is jet-black when adult, is dark brown with whitish underparts when in first plumage, like our big Cormorant at the same stage; but most of the nestlings I saw in Bengal—and we had a breeding colony in the free state in the Calcutta Zoo—were already black like the old ones. Then there is a big non-parasitic Cuckoo in India, known as the "Crow-Pheasant" (*Centropus sinensis*), in form and habits more like a Magpie than a Cuckoo. This bird, when young, is coloured much like the young of our Cuckoo, having a barred Hawk-like dress. When adult, it is black with bright chestnut wings, and we had in the Indian Museum a skin of a nestling which had assumed this adult dress as its first feathering. Recently, also, someone recorded the breeding of some Pennant's Parrakeets, which had a first feathering very similar to that of full-plumaged birds, instead of the plain green dress in which, as a rule, the young Pennant makes its bow to the public; and probably this sort of thing is much commoner than is supposed, though I never saw a case of it myself till I went to India.



THE SENSATION OF THE PRESENT SHOW SEASON.

The young Clear Buff Greenfinch-Canary Mule exhibited at the Dulwich O.S. Show by Mr. A. C. Archer (Plaistow).

The Indian Rock Parrot.

Talking of India, reminds me that the question seems to have come up again as to what a Rock Parrot is. What we know by that name in India is the large Ringed Parrakeet, distinguished from the smaller and commoner kind, not only by its much larger size, but by having, in both sexes and at all ages, a red patch on the wing. There are several local races of this bird, which are classed in some books as species, differing chiefly in the tint of the green in the plumage, which is very mealy, for instance, in those from Northern India, and very pure and bright in the Andaman Islands race, the differences being much the same as are seen in our Greenfinch, but rather more pronounced and associated with certain localities.

Wild Bird Life.

The Last of the Swallows.

The Swallows and Martins are still with us; they are now gathered together in big flocks preparatory to leaving for other shores. They spend the shortening days in a different manner to what they did earlier in the Summer. In most cases their nesting duties are over, although the other day I saw what appeared to be old birds feeding young in the nest; and so late have they been known to breed that the instinct to migrate with their companions has seized the old birds when the young were still unfledged, and these unfortunates have been left to perish. These single birds and pairs are just now the exception. All the Martins in the neighbourhood are gathered into one or two big flocks, roaming the meadows and fields, wheeling and twisting in all directions; and so numerous are they that they rather give one the impression of a huge swarm of flies than a company of birds. A favourite resting-place is upon the telegraph wires Upon sunny mornings they love to bask upon the tiled roofs, spreading themselves out to the warm sunshine.

Martins and Swallows are among the last of our summer visitors to depart, and apparently it is the want of food alone that prevents their staying with us the year round. Within the last few years the Swallows have slightly increased in numbers. They are much more handsome than the Martin, and although little can be seen of their beauty of plumage while on the wing, a close inspection reveals a gracefully modelled bird with small beak and clear, bold eye, the body a perfect wedge, very short legs, and exceedingly long pointed wings—the whole adapted in every way for its life of aerial gambols. The colouring is pleasing and harmonious, the forehead and throat a rich rufous, the back a purplish black, with whitish underparts. A healthy bird has a peculiar glossy sheen, which greatly enhances the colouring, and makes the common Chimney Swallow a most attractive bird when seen at close quarters. The long-forked tail is one of the distinguishing points between this species and the House Martin. Few people are aware that the Swallow has a song, yet such is the case. It is a sweet, low warble, very pleasing to the ear, with nothing harsh or discordant about it; it is often indulged in during the early spring while the bird flies through the air or is perched at sundown upon a thatched cottage or moss-grown fruit tree.

The Wild Wood Pigeon.

It is said that it is impossible to domesticate the wild Wood Pigeon. Young ones hatched under tame Pigeons fly away to the wood directly they are liberated.

Hawfinches' Habits.

Although very shy birds, Hawfinches nest in colonies; that is to say, several pairs will build in the same plantation, but well removed from each other. The nest is large and somewhat flat.

The White Albatros.

A species of white Albatross breeds on an island in the Pacific Ocean. An American has leased the island for the purpose of collecting the guano, and in the breeding season thousands of eggs are sent to the market. Unless the birds find another nesting site, the species will soon be exterminated.

Starlings in the Rain.

Somehow the Starling always appears perfectly at home in the wet. So glossy and sleek are the birds, that the rain runs off them, and they never get that bedraggled appearance we see in the case of Thrushes and Blackbirds. Should the rain penetrate a little, a Starling will give himself a shake and look as sleek as ever. At such times food is plentiful, so he thoroughly enjoys himself.

Difference in Woodcocks.

Among the migrants visiting our shores in the autumn, the Woodcocks are eagerly looked for. So much do they vary in colour, markings, and size, that many think that there must be at least two varieties. But doubtless the climate and conditions under which they are bred and moulted are the causes of this variation. There is a great difference in certain districts in the colour of some of our quite common species.

Food of the Eider.

The beautiful Eider Duck feeds principally upon shell fish. Winkles and limpets may be found in the gizzard of a dissected bird, but in the crop is found a large razor shell. Sometimes there is only one side of the bivalve; in others both sides. The birds no doubt digest the contents of the shells and then eject them, as other birds do pellets. These shells are so large that it would be impossible for them to pass through the usual channels.

The Reminiscences of an Old Fancier.

By Samuel Honey.

(*Continued from page 192.*)

I propose now to give my views on Hybrid breeding, having bred many good light and hundreds of dark Goldfinch and Canary Mules.

My First Mules.

My first Mules I bred in the year 1870. I had a lot of hen Canaries, and I bought three Goldfinches, which I worked with six hen Canaries. Only one of the Finches bred. I had two nests of Mules, all dark ones. Of course, I wanted to breed light ones, and I saw advertised light Muling hens, "warranted to breed light Mules," at 10s. each. I sent for and had home two very ordinary-looking birds. I tried these hens, and they bred Mules, but all dark, not having a single light feather.

Forty Mules in One Season.

The next year I determined to try all my hens, as I had bought several cock Goldfinches. So after having one nest of Canaries I put twelve hens up with Finches, and I bred over forty Mules. Two of the hens had variegated Mules in each nest, all fairly well marked. I kept these two hens and I bought a very nice-looking bird, which I saw in a shop window. It was kept by an old Marine. He told me it was a cock, and came from a prize Norwich strain. The bird was pink-eyed and lightly marked—a very stout chubby one. I took him home, and the next season put him with one of the afore-mentioned hens, but they did not seem to agree, and one morning to my surprise I found two eggs in the nest, and so my "cock" bird turned out to be a hen.

I separated the birds and put a Finch with each of the hens, and in the next nest from "the Marine's cock-bird" (as I called her) I had four Mules, three of them light and one dark (one of these birds won first at a county open show); so I was very well pleased with the bird. I have since bred several good Mules from her and her daughters, but, strange to say, none so good as the first lot.

I find some fresh-caught Finches will breed with Canaries the first season. I have at present a cock Bullfinch with hen Canaries, a cock Goldfinch with hen Bullfinches, and four cock Goldfinches with hen Canaries—each lot flying together.

An Amusing Show Experience.

I once entered a cock Bullfinch at a show about twelve miles from here, and the judge was a well-known bird fancier and Mule breeder (not long since deceased). Two days before the show my Bullfinch died through catching his neck in the drinker hole. As I had no other bird fit to show, I was rather in a fix, but I had a trap cage out in my garden, and the very afternoon before the show I caught a beautiful cock Bullfinch. I made up my mind I would take him to the show. We had to drive there, so at six o'clock in the morning I put him in the show-cage and drove to the exhibition. We had to be there before nine o'clock.

When we arrived I opened the case and anxiously looked to see how Bully was, but notwithstanding the drive, he was as steady as possible, and was looking first-rate.

We were allowed to stage our birds, and then had to "go" whilst judging was proceeding. At two o'clock the show was open, and I quickly went in, and found that Bully had been awarded first prize. The judge came up to me and asked me if I knew whose bird it was, as he had never seen a finer or steadier one. I laughed and said it was mine, but I would see him later when the show was over, as we knew each other quite well.

So when I had packed my birds I saw him and asked him if he knew a fresh-caught bird when he saw it? Oh, yes, he said, he was too old a "bird" to be "taken in" in that way. Then I told him that that first prize Bullfinch was only caught the previous afternoon, and that I would not be surprised if it were dead before I got home. He could hardly credit it, and begged me to say nothing about it, as he would be heartily laughed at. Poor old chap! I have often joked him about it since.

TWITTERINGS—continued from page 264.

All our readers should make certain of receiving with their copy of CAGE BIRDS this week a reproduction of the beautiful coloured plate of Hawfinches which Mr. Norman has painted specially to accompany it.

For our show on November 5th and 6th, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, secretary, Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S., we have engaged a new showroom near the Infirmary—an ideal one, well lighted and free from draughts.

We are holding our show this year, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, hon. secretary of the Hetton-le-hole and Dis. C.B.S., under C.B.U. rules. Schedules will be sent out when ready, when we are hoping for a bumping entry.

I must say that the list of shows and dates that appeared in your last issue is very good and very useful to both secretary and exhibitor.—W. J. EDWARDS, hon. secretary of the Six Bells (Abertillery) and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. Thos. Hill (of Messrs. Hill and Stewart, of Thornaby), has been appointed to judge the Canaries at our show on January 8th, 1910, write Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby, secretaries of the Yorm, Eaglescliffe, and Dis. C.B.S.

Some months ago a Bullfinch got out of a cage which was hanging at a house door in Falconer Place, and the owner was somewhat surprised when the bird returned to its old quarters on September 3rd last. She had no difficulty in identifying her lost pet.

Reading show on November 17th, writes Mr. W. H. Pike, the hon. secretary, is only for members this year, and Mr. J. Robson is judging and not Mr. J. Frostick as announced in CAGE BIRDS "Guide to the Show." But I think we shall get a good number of entries.

I have removed from Lorne Road, writes Mr. A. E. Pickett, jun., to 2, Dagmar Road, Victoria Park, Dorchester, Dorset. The breeding-season around Dorchester has been a bad one on the whole, bad feeders being the chief cry, and also the "going light" or "fever" trouble.

For the purpose of keeping up a friendly rivalry between the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. and the Coventry O.S., writes Mr. Geo. Peters, the hon. secretary of the latter society, a challenge cup has been jointly subscribed for and purchased, the society making the most points at the two open shows to be the holders of the cup for the year.

I am removing to 25, Arch Street, Hartlepool, writes Mr. H. J. L. Williams. I have had to do this owing to my health, and to be near to my work, so that I can get every meal at home. I am pleased to say that I will have a grand birdroom; in fact, better than I have at present. Friends are invited to come and see me.

The Civil Service F.A. Manual for 1909-10, a copy of which was sent us by the secretary, Mr. A. Watson, 116, Maurice Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, London, N., contains the rules of the association, the names and addresses of the members, and the balance-sheet, showing a balance in hand of slightly over £5.

Our show will held under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. W. J. Edwards, secretary, Six Bells (Abertillery) and Dis. C.B.S., and we have provided 30 classes. Mr. J. R. Leech, of Abertillery, is offering a silver cup for best bird in show, also silver cup for best 1909 bird unflighted (bred and shown by a member), to be won outright.

Kindly notify exhibitors that the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. have secured the patronage for their annual open show on November 10th and 11th, of the S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., W.C.B.C., and B.F.C.C., writes Mr. Alf. Hitchings, the secretary. The B.F.C.C. has granted us the medal and model as we intend giving 10 classes for them.

We have received a very complete and neat list of the show and other cages and of fanciers' requisites in general, from Messrs. W. Mullins and Co., of Balby Road, Doncaster. The workmanship of the goods supplied is guaranteed of a high-class character, and judging by the prices fanciers will do well to write for a copy of this price-list.

Will members of the Midland Counties' Yorkshire C.C. kindly note, writes Mr. W. H. Uzzell, the hon. secretary, that owing to ill health I am reluctantly compelled to give up the secretaryship. Mr. A. Paddock, of "Halstead," All Saints Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, has kindly consented to accept the office pro tem. All communications should be addressed to him. Through doctor's orders I am also compelled to dispose of my entire stock, but trust at some future date to be able to once again join the Fancy.

As many of the testimonials in my British bird advertisement this week are a cut above the ordinary, writes Mr. W. Gore, the well-known Birmingham dealer, some doubts may be expressed as to their genuineness. I have therefore taken the liberty of sending a parcel (including those mentioned above) for your inspection, and should esteem it a favour if you would just mention that you have seen them. (We have pleasure in stating that we have examined the large bundle of testimonials sent by Mr. Gore, and satisfied ourselves as to their unquestionable genuineness—EDITOR "C.B.")

At Cardiff Show, on December 1st and 2nd, I have guaranteed a class for "unflighted Yorkshire hens," writes Mr. E. J. Banks. It has occurred to me for some time that many young hens are left at home because of the small chance they have of competing against their more developed year-old sisters. I can only hope the idea of providing the extra class will be as successful as was the splitting up of the unflighted Yorks. class two years ago, when I guaranteed the buff class. I believe our worthy secretary closed his book with 38 yellows and 42 buffs, which proved the policy of giving at least two classes and dividing the yellows from buffs.

I am only a novice in Canary breeding, this being my first year, writes Mr. H. Ellerton (Northampton), but thanks to information I received from CAGE BIRDS, I have had nineteen young birds from two hens and one cock bird. These are all doing well now—not bad for a first trial?

We have had so many special prizes to allocate, write Messrs. Richardson and Greenwell, joint secretaries of the Wallsend and Mid. Tyne C.B.A. Show, November 12th and 13th, that we have been rather late in sending our schedule copy to the printers, but we hope to be able to send them out early next week, and I trust those who have written for one (I have applications every post for them) will excuse the delay. We have specials for best bird in each section, and our members' classes are well provided for. Our thanks are due to those members who have worked so hard in getting in these, and we also wish to thank those who have so kindly given donations and specials.

Norwich Plainhead Canary Club.

There will be a general meeting of the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club on October 30th, at the Manchester Show, at 4 o'clock.—JNO. HOPKINS.

The Yorkshire Union Record.

The secretary of City of Bradford O.S. Show, held October 16th, found on entering up the exhibits that the full entry was 671, and not 655 as given in the telegram published last week, which notified the breaking of all Y.U. records.

Recognition by Birds.

Birds evidently recognise human beings by the features, and are possibly assisted by general carriage. As a proof of this, the common birds of our garden take no heed of our change of costume, but the intrusion of a stranger, causes instant alarm. The same sign may be noticed among domesticated Canaries.

A Cage Bird Union Matter.

A deal of annoyance, disappointment, and unnecessary correspondence is caused by secretaries of societies not giving particular attention to our rules; they delay forwarding the required deposit and their application for show dates. See Rule 19. New secretaries will oblige by forwarding their names and addresses to the Union secretary as soon as possible, also the names of their delegate. See Rules 4, 8, and 9. Copies of the rules may be had from the delegate or from the Union secretary. J. RAYNES, 19, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

The Blackbird's Objection.

The following very American notice appears in the "Philadelphia Record":—While walking in the suburban districts recently with a friend, Miss Nettie Williams, of Pittsburg, was the object of an unusual attack. She wore a hat with a bird of brilliant plumage as an ornament. Suddenly her head became encircled by half a dozen Blackbirds, which pecked at the bird in her hat, tearing out the bright-coloured feathers with their beaks. The Blackbirds even flew in her face and lacerated the skin with their bills. Tearing the hat from her head, Miss Williams threw it on the ground. Her escort was obliged to use his coat to beat the birds off.

Echoes from Glasgow City.

That there was a big crowd at the show; that David's buff pied hen lifted the cup; that this makes five cups this season; that we never heard the like before; that it had a narrow majority; that "Corkerhill" is close on; that the Southern Confined Show Cup is going to Corkerhill; that it's not there yet; that Partick is making room for it; that Dennistoun and Govan were pleased; why not?; that a Bonnybridge buff cock was shelved; why?; that this action caused a bit of a sensation; that the bird has won all seasons and looked well on Friday; that there were many surprises; that the above was one; that the show was a big success; that President Jardine and the secretaries are proud of it.—SCOTCH FANCY.

Protection in Derbyshire.

The existing order for the protection of wild birds had been considered by the General Purposes Committee of the Derbyshire County Council, who recommended that it should be varied by making the close time from February 3rd to August 11th inclusive (instead of from the last day of February to August 13th), excepting for Wild Duck, Snipe, and Plover, the close time in respect of these birds being, in accordance with the Act, from March 1st to August 1st. It was further proposed to prohibit the taking of wild birds on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, during the whole year, and to make an entirely new order enabling specified individual birds to be protected instead of dealing with birds as a class. —The report was adopted.

"A Trio of 'Wee Gems.'"

I was greatly pleased to see portrayed on CAGE BIRDS frontispiece of October 9th, the green Border Fancy belonging to my friend, Mr. James Richards, writes Mr. H. Jenkins (Swansea), and on congratulating him upon that distinctive honour, he expressed the wish that I should thank CAGE BIRDS on his behalf, as he is not given to letter writing. This I accordingly do, and also ask your kind permission to add a brief note. The bird was bred by himself, and has won 1st and two medals at Swansea, 2nd at Welsh National, 2nd at Carmarthen, 1st at Llanelly, and 3rd at the Crystal Palace. His name will undoubtedly figure largely in the honours of the coming show season. He is a member of that go-ahead society, Swansea and District, which, by the way, has a fine silver cup for competition, which I hope he will lift. At the same time, I must tell him it is awfully heavy.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 6a, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley.**—(H. Towers, Orchard Street). J.H.R.

Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.

*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.) C.A.H.

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.

*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargal, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Mooro, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.My.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)

Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.

*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 50, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.

*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrowsbury St. Old Trafford.) J. Gr., H.W.B., J.H.R., E.G., S.H., W.B.C. and C.H.

Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.

Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham). T. Dxn.

*Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood." Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H. J.R. Stk., W.E.G.

Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wku.

*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.

*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.

*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James Street, Walkley.) J.B., W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock). H.T. & W. My.

*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.

Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.

*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.

*Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J, E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.

*Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Goddeu, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.

*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street). J.N.

*Nov. 11—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 123, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Aveuue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.

*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.

*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.

*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.) J. Btk.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.) W.V.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.

*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.R.

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B.

*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R J.H.

*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.

*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Dane Bury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

*Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Alice Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) J.B.

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed, Church St.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mailliet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.A.H., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. J. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaw Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Elliks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 23, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Botkow Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 22—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.B., G.Hp., A.S.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 18, James Street. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.As., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.Clk.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.

J. H., G. H., J Brn, D. L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Grauze Road, Chance). J.Sd., W.Mn., J.Tn., W.C.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wtn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bx. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J Dh., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.). A.P. D. Le., J Se.

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Lse.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street, Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W, W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Bxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.) J.H.P., C.H.

*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.

*Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W.J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H.

*Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.

Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. B.. Hyland, 58, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

OUR SPECIAL NUMBER.

A Request to Readers.

While sensible of the many shortcomings of this, the first Double Number of the present show season, we feel that we can rely upon the generosity of our readers to look on them with a tolerant eye, seeing the huge amount of work which has necessarily to be crowded into a very short space of time at this busy period of the year. We would ask the many kind friends of CAGE BIRDS to take every opportunity of mentioning their hobby and their paper to all acquaintances; we would point out, further, that the production of a special issue such as this marks a particularly favourable opportunity for the friendly help of readers in this direction. Show this Double Number to *all* your friends, and get them interested in the keeping of birds; then you will be helping along the Hobby you love and assisting CAGE BIRDS at the same time.

ENGLISH AND WELSH BORDER F.C.

Result of Election.

The result of the recent voting for a secretary, a president, a committee-man, and two auditors is as follows:—For the office of secretary: Mr. S. Hadwin, 22 votes; Mr. A. J. L. Taylor, 1 vote. For the office of President: Mr. P. Robinson, 17 votes; Mr. J. Robson 2 votes; and Messrs. T. A. Bowes and J. W. Wagstaff, and Mrs. T. Harrison, 1 vote each. For the office of Auditors: Mr. J. S. Wilson, 16 votes; Mr. J. Robson, 13 votes; Mr. R. B[illegible]lic, 3 votes; Messrs. T. L. Hancocks and [illegible]er Bros., 2 votes each; Messrs. J. Smith, W. Middleton, J. Wagstaff, T. Harrison, A. Hay, and E. R. Roberts, 1 vote each. For the office of committee: Messrs. J. S. Clinch, R. Brownlie, W. Bayhe, and J. Wagstaff, 3 votes each; J. Robson, 2 votes; and Messrs. W. J. Jenkins, T. C. Woodman, J. A. E. Lowe, J. A. Lewthwaite, J. Ellwood, J. Smart, T. Harrison, and F. F. Hawkins, vote each.—F. CAEL, scrutineer.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include or be included in** *orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154,** *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY-EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Half-a-Dozen.

"Arts" (Forest Hill).—There is no reason why the room should not prove satisfactory. The window being due north is certainly not an ideal position, but it is not necessarily a bad one, and if the room is free from draughts and damp, and receives a tolerable amount of light, you have nothing to fear. (1) I do not quite understand what you mean by a false partition on the west wall. If you mean a support to hang cages on and bring them out away from the wall near middle of the room, I do not advise it. Put up a staging along wall about two feet from floor, and above this make a three-tier rack to hold cages. If the wall is not utilised all across by cages, limit the cages to the end near the window where there is most light. (2) It depends wholly upon the locality. If the window faces an open space with unobstructed light, a reflector should not be necessary, but if blocked in or overshadowed by other buildings, or trees, it would be a useful adjunct for increasing the light. (3) If the flue is unobstructed the fireplace and the perforated door will provide enough ventilation for ordinary purposes. During spells of fine, mild weather, however, and in the summer months, the room should be aired by opening the window. (4) Arranged as advised in No. 1, the west wall alone will accommodate 15 breeding cages, or 9 breeding cages and 3 flight cages comfortably. Three more flight cages might be arranged on the same principle on the middle of the east wall. (5) From the end of November to February would be the best time to buy. (6) Believe person named is very reliable, but cannot take responsibility of recommending any particular dealer for reason which must be obvious.

Variety for Profit.

Changing.—This is rather a ticklish question to advise upon, as so much depends upon what market one wishes to cater for, the kind of local demand, and also the breeder's knowledge and skill in rearing and getting birds fit for local sale or exhibition, as the case may be. The Border Fancy, which you say you prefer, would be one of the best varieties you could go in for anywhere about the Border counties to supply local demand, but in many places where some other variety is all the rage, you would find far less demand for it on the spot. This is a question which you must decide for yourself. As a hardy, free-breeding, and easy to manage variety, it is second to none. Of course, if there should be no local demand for this variety, you could doubtless always find a ready market elsewhere by advertising in our columns. The Norwich and Yorkshire are also hardy, and good breeders, and are rather more generally popular, so that there is usually a market for them at rather better prices than the Borders anywhere. The Rollers are also hardy, and as easy to breed and manage as Borders, and the prices for ordinary songsters would probably average about the same as the Borders. For really good singing birds, with no bad notes, you would get much more; but this would necessitate keeping two at least (you could not take the risk of depending solely upon one) thoroughly good schoolmasters. As a set-off to this, you would naturally get more than an average price for any good typical specimens of Borders, fit for exhibition, which you might breed; so you see there is really nothing to choose between these two varieties save that you would be best advised to go in for the one which finds the readiest sale in your locality.

Birds Dying.

A. Kerridge.—I cannot even guess, from the particulars you give, what is the cause. If you had said how they are fed and kept, whether in a heated or cold aviary, it would have helped me. From what you say about the one you dissected, I am inclined to think that congestion of the liver was the cause of death, and, in all probability, the diet is at the root of the mischief. Only a post-mortem, however, could determine with any degree of certainty what is wrong, and I would advise you to adopt this suggestion with the next that dies. In the meantime, do not introduce any fresh birds, keep aviary and everything connected with it scrupulously clean, boil all food and water vessels that will bear such treatment for a few minutes twice a week, and keep floor well strewn with clean, gritty sand. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give a little bread and milk twice a week, on two other days a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure, and a fairly liberal allowance of green food daily. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, in each two tablespoonfuls, and give every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give six drops tincture of gentian and four of tincture of quinine in the same quantity of water. See your seeds are quite free from any contamination.

Two Ailing Norwich.

"Hope."—No 1. His age is much against his recovery, and I doubt whether you will be able to do much for him. I would advise you to remove him to a position further in the room. Am inclined to think he is pestered with red mites, so you should thoroughly examine cage and cradicate this pest at once, if found. A box cage would be best. Keep it in a fairly warm place, but where the air is pure, and the warmth regular and equable. Feed on a diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give a small pinch of maw seed, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of port wine well mixed in. Once each week omit the oil and wine and add a slight dusting of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash to soft food. Give a little green-food, plantain stalks, or banana, daily. In the water give six drops tincture of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Continue this for a month, and report result, referring to this reply. No. 2. Put this bird on the same staple as above, and give every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake prepared as above, and on the alternate days a small piece of bread scalded in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure seeds. Give a little green-food or banana daily. In the drinking water give the rhubarb and salts, as advised for No. 1, daily for three days, and the gentian and acid every second day for remainder of week. After give twenty drops whiskey, six syrup of squills, and two eucalyptus oil, every second day for a fortnight. Shake well together. Drop soft food to twice a week as soon as the bird seems able to do without it.

Brevities.

Spots in Eye (Bermon).—Your bird is undoubtedly suffering from cataract, and nothing is likely to prove of any service. If kept in a moderate-sized cage with food and water vessels inside, it will get along very nicely, and, if a cock, may, after a time, sing all right. But it will never recover its sight.

Age for Breeding (Anxious).—It is quite likely July and August-hatched birds (this year) will mate early next spring if allowed. Whether it would be wise to allow them to do so is another matter, and depends upon the variety, and also your own ideas of "early spring." If either of the larger breeds, it would not be wise to mate them before May, and I should not advise mating any variety bred so late before April.

Seed Samples (L.P.).—It is impossible to give a definite opinion about the bulk by examining just a few grains. So far as can be judged from your samples the Canary is sweet, clean, and of good average quality, but very small; the rape is a good sample of summer rape; the hemp is also apparently a very nice sample, but as there are several damaged grains, and one or two rancid kernels, in the small pinch, it is not unlikely that the bulk may be of inferior quality. You had better examine its condition in this respect.

About a Bird-room (Expansion, Sheffield).—You have laid out the attic very well, and there is no alteration I would suggest. If you make the rack with the shelving for the lowest tier at a height of twenty inches from floor, and allow 17 ins. between each tier, which will give ample space for your cages, 16 ins. high, you will have just enough room to make the staging three tiers high—neither too high nor too low. I do not think you have anything to fear from draughts. But if you find this is not quite the case, you can secure them against draught by erecting a partition or suspending a curtain of baize, at end of rack nearest the stairs, and projecting at right angles with the front of the cages for two feet towards the middle of the room.

Birds Sneezing (Beginner, Newcastle-on-Tyne).—It is not uncommon for birds to sneeze a little at times when moulting. As your other birds are all well, I have no doubt these two are a trifle more susceptible to chills than the rest, and are perhaps vigorous bathers, which is sufficient to cause the sneezing. As a remedy only give them the bath on fine, mild days, and every second day for a fortnight give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give in the water twenty drops whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Stop this after the first week if the birds seem alright, but continue the sponge cake and oil for the fortnight. Thanks for note. In all probability moistening with olive oil or pure vaseline would have had the same effect.

Crossing and Feeding (E.H.W.L.W.).—Where the choice exists I certainly prefer the method of mating given in my last reply, but you may use a yellow Lancashire hen with a Crest cock, and pair the young cocks from these to Crest hens the following season. Select a bird to begin with that carries a good dense headgear, and do not be too particular about typical Lancashire properties. If the bird is a trifle stiff-tailed and short, so much the better. The seed mixture would be improved by omitting the Canary (there is enough in the staple diet), and substituting an equal quantity of split groats, a small proportion of rolled oats, broken rice, gold of pleasure, and occasionally a few freshly-broken-up kernels of sunflower. Do not use a large proportion of inga, and limit quantity of linseed to a mere sprinkling.

A Pair (Rory O'More).—(1) Yes, providing the mark is reasonably small—say, about the size of a sixpence—the bird will be quite eligible for the "clears or ticked." (2) Yes, it is quite likely you may breed self cinnamons from the pair. The frequency of the occurrence will depend upon the amount of cinnamon blood in both birds, but especially upon the amount in the green variegated cock.

Eyo Destroyed (L. Evans).—You could certainly show the bird, but the loss of the eye would tell against it a good deal in strong competition. Being clearly a physical injury, and not the results of organic defect or disease, it should handicap the bird less in a class for stock pairs; but even here it would tell against it, more or less according to competition. I do not suppose it would be "disqualified," but it might be "passed."

Are Bilberries Poisonous? (Bilber).—I think the chances of your friend's bird being poisoned practically *nil*. In the first place, the symptoms should have commenced within an hour or two of the time it was eaten; whereas they did not set in until the second day after. Again the symptoms shown were not in any way significant of poisoning, but were what one might expect when a bird had been exposed to unaccustomed draughts, and developed pneumonia; and the result also is quite in keeping with this theory. I have no distinct recollection of giving these to Canaries, but I should not hesitate to do so if the occasion or opportunity arose, and, unless I am mistaken, a number of soft-billed Britishers are very fond of them, and eat them with impunity. Perhaps some of our readers will tell us whether or not bilberries produce any ill effect.

More Seed Samples ("Yorick").—I cannot profess to know where any given sample was grown by simply looking at it; therefore I do not presume to say whether yours are "genuine Spanish" or not. No. 1, Canary, is small, very thin, and not well ripened. It is sweet, but rather poor on the whole. No. 2, Canary, is very variable, and seems to be a mixture of various qualities. It is none too good in flavour, and seems to have been badly harvested. A decidedly poor sample, and not so good as No. 1. No. 3, rape, I think is probably a mixture, and although mild, I do not care about it at all. I note it is sprinkled with yellow mustard, linseed, and Canary, and I should not be surprised if you find on examination that the bulk is infested a little with mites.

Hens Wanting to Nest (D.W.T.).—You omit to mention several important points. How do you keep the birds? Are they in a heated room, or one with a normal temperature? And have they moulted this season? Your letter infers they have not yet begun to moult. Anyway, put them in a good-sized flight, out of sight and earshot of the males, and in a cool room for preference. Feed on a diet of plain Canary only for a week or two, and give a little green food or sweet fruit daily, and a small quantity of bread and milk twice a week. Limit diet to this for a time, and in the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half the quantity of bromido of potash, three times in a week on alternate days. The hen may very likely be plucked by one or more of the others. Cage her alone until after the moult, or the absent feathers are reproduced. Anoint bare places where the feathers should grow, once or twice with a little olive oil or carbolised vaseline.

Diet for Roller (A.B.).—This has been given several times lately. Elaborate seed mixtures are not to be advised for regular use as staple food. They are well suited for occasional use. A mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape is the best. In addition, give separately twice a week either a small teaspoonful of either of the mixtures, or a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, gold of pleasure, and maw, with a slight sprinkling of linseed. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg-food, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Give green-food daily in summer, three times a week in winter, when obtainable quite free from frost. In frosty weather substitute a little sweet fruit. A liberal use of hemp is undoubtedly bad for closely confined birds. Used as recommended above it is not injurious.

Making a Start (R.C.W.).—(1) You will find the standards in the ANNUAL. If you want to learn how to breed you cannot do better than get "Yorkshire Canaries," by Mr. Battye, post free 1s. from our manager. (2) To start in a small way, get one cock and two hens and run the former with each hen alternately. Get a YeHow cock and two Buff hens—not all clears; leave the choice of markings to the breeder, simply saying what you would like to breed in the way of markings. (3) You may get a very fair trio of stock birds for the amount, but not the highest class, and they will give you a very fair start. If you go to a good breeder who runs a fairly large stock, ask him for unrelated birds suitable for your object. This will be better than mixing the strain at the start. (4) Leave the selection to the judgment of the person you go to; he knows the birds, and what they are likely to breed. Towards the end of November or December is a good time to buy, but it would be just as well to put a reserve on them at once.

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Norwich with Cough (E.E.M., Wimbledon).—Your bird is troubled with a cough, which may be the result of a cold caught on the journey, or of keeping him where he is exposed to draughts, or variations of heat. You must attend to these points and keep bird out of reach of draughts, and where the temperature is fairly equable. Also see the cage is not infested with red mites, and do not allow it to hang above the level of burning gas or lamps. Give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry, well mixed in it every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water twenty drops whiskey, ten oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Should this not remove trouble, write again.

Hen Ailing (G.E.).—It is undoubtedly suffering from the effects of over-feeding on unsuitable seeds. The mixture is not suitable for prolonged use as a staple diet. Put her at once on a diet of plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on two other days a piece of bread about the size of a hazel nut soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and lightly sprinkled with soft sugar. Every day give a good sized spray of green-food, and keep cage nicely strewn with clean, gritty sand. Continue for a month. See the bird is not exposed to draughts, and that the cage is free from red-mites. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb, four of lemon juice, and a pinch of Epsom salts, every second day for a week, and, after this, six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week or so. If the bird is fairly well at the end of the fortnight, stop all the medicines, but adhere to plain dietary for at least a month.

High Aspirations (G.W.).—(1) The bird belongs to the variegated class. If not less than about one-half of its body plumage is light, with light tail, and light, or mostly light, wings, it will be a lightly variegated; otherwise, a heavily variegated. Both these, however, usually have to compete together in one class. (2) Nothing like aspiring high, but your ideas are (I am sorry to disillusion you) too unreasonable. If you pair your yellow German hen with the Norwich cock, you will produce a better-looking bird than the pure German, which may run the Norwich pretty close in "good looks," and prove a very nice bird for singing purposes. But a "good show bird" is rather too much to expect.

A Question on Mating (Westcott).—Am afraid you misunderstood my suggestion. I did not suggest pairing up the self cinnamon, No. 8 (yellow), with a self green yellow, but that you should *replace* the self cinnamon in question with a yellow green self, bred from greens. I meant that you should discard the self cinnamon, and use a yellow green self to mate with the bird No. 7, which you had already allotted to this self cinnamon, and which was, I believe, a buff self green. I have not your previous query by me, so you must be tolerant if my memory plays me false in this rather complicated query. Similarly with the next pair I said a replacement, and meant that you should discard the buff green, No. 9, and use a self buff cinnamon, bred from cinnamons, in its place, to mate with No. 10, which, I believe, was a self cinnamon yellow. Hope this makes the matter quite clear, but, if not, send me the particulars again, and I will do my best to clear up any difficulty.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A "Fat" Hen Bullie.

Spivinix.—What a weird nom-de-plume. Feed the hen on this mixture: Canary and teazle, two parts each, charlock one part. A little greenstuff, or ripe apple or orange daily. Get some syrup of buckthorn from a chemist, and stir six drops into a table-spoonful of drinking water for one day. For two or three days afterwards stir three drops in, but watch its effects upon the bowels. This should stimulate her internal organs to proper action, and bring her into much better condition. Many hen Bullies are apt to get into this over-fat, sluggish state, which is dangerous at all times, but especially during the breeding season, for egg-binding has then to be feared. You must cage her separately, and let the cage be as large as possible (for a time, at any rate). Don't give the syrup of buckthorn so strong, or so often, as to make her bowels very loose. Use your discretion; let it move her perceptibly, of course. Glad to know my other "tip" proved a "winner."

A Quartette.

British.—1: The improvements I would suggest are one part each summer rape and one part charlock with two parts of sunflower seed. You could reduce the hemp and sunflower to 1 part each during the height of summer (if we ever get any again). 2: You can certainly keep a pair of Bullfinches in the place. I have never found hemp harm Britishers kept in an outdoor aviary; I think it a very necessary seed, in fact. 3: "What is the largest number of birds I could keep so as to breed?" is an impossible question. I might recommend only one pair, and even then they might not breed! Breeding results are always speculative, and never easy to attain. It follows, of course, that the best policy is to reasonably restrict the number of pairs of birds. I do not consider eight couples too many for your place (presumably that is all you had in it). Better luck next time. 4: This is not a wild seed I have ever used as a food for British birds.

Pairing Items.

Laurence.—1: As you ask me straight out whether I think you will have any success from the mating of cock Chaffinch to hen Greenfinch, I must answer that I can only hold out very slender hopes. We have not yet seen a young Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid. I would not wish to discourage you from trying, however. If you should succeed in rearing an example, then you will have achieved fame. I believe in trying to produce hitherto unknown Hybrids. I had some interesting experiences myself this last season, while after Bramblefinch-Bullfinch and Hawfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids. I hope to live to try again. 2: The hen Greenfinch will often sit upon and hatch out her eggs; also feed the young. But one can never be quite sure of any hen Britisher. 3: My own hen Greenfinch, hen Siskin, and hen Bullies all ate soft food freely during last breeding season, and I should give it them to feed the young upon, though relying mainly upon the seeding wild-foods (shepherd's purse, chickwood, etc.), which they utilise freely.

A Grasshopper Warbler.

Sparrow.—Your account of the Grasshopper Warbler interested me greatly, and I am sorry all is not going well with the bird. The trouble is that they are fragile, delicate little things, and one can do hardly anything to help them once they go wrong. Instead of dodging the bird about from hot to cold rooms and pulling out its tail, I think you would have been well advised to let things alone, and not worry over its failure to moult. It seems characteristic of Grasshopper Warblers to get over-fat when in captivity. I was talking not long ago to a friend who has several of these birds, and he experienced the same trouble—excess of fat. You might drop the mealworms (give one or two occasionally, only), and substitute very small dell scoured (this is important) gentles, putting a stout pin through their heads before offering them to the bird. Give a daily dose or two of fluid magnesia (a small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water), allowing a reasonable interval between each. I have found it a very excellent thing to let small softbills have fruit juices (treat an orange in a lemon squeezer) to drink now and then in place of water. Sweeten it by stirring in a little honey (or brown sugar will answer).

Moulting a Linnet.

D. W. T.—If a bird is having a bad moult (or what fanciers term "stuck in the moult") that will certainly cause it to "pant" and look generally miserable, also to develop bald places. A change from a warm atmosphere to a cold one will usually start the feathers falling; failing this, one of the best things I know is a hand-wash with water considerably hotter than is usual. Keep the bird in a warm room and sheeted down (to avoid risk of a cold) for some time afterwards. This wash seldom fails; but, of course, it has an element of danger in it for any ailing bird. When "stuck in the moult," however, it is generally a case of "kill or cure." In ensuring a good moult, the method of feeding is important. I can advise you, for your Linnets, to go to a good seed shop and get the following mix-

ture (by measure); Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed, half a pint each. Give this as a stock food, and vary it with a good feed of maw and hemp now and again, given in a separate dish; also a little packet Finch mixture and wild seed mixture, and a few cracked or shelled sunflower seeds. Give plenty of seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed (these are important), and groundsel tops in season, but strip off old, stringy leaves, giving the young and juicy ones only. If you can get any smothered with green-fly (blight), let them have a feast of the latter. You can, of course, also give hard-heads, plantain, thistles, and the like, while there are many other suitable wild plants (if you know them), such as mouse-ear and knot grass.

Feeding a Jackdaw.

A. S. Ponton.—The "different varieties" of food for a Jackdaw have usually to consist of whatever happens to be on the family board for the day. You ought to have no difficulty in keeping a Jackdaw; they are very hardy, given the right kind of food. Any good brand of dog meal (such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox") makes an excellent stock food for such birds as Jays, Jackdaws, Magpies, etc. It should be soaked with hot water, and then reduced to a crumbly consistency by the addition of a little packet of Thrush or Lark food. Also, of course, give the table scraps (including meat and greens), dead mice, Sparrows, etc.; a raw egg now and again is a great treat. These members of the Crow family must have flesh food if they are going to live and really thrive in captivity—for instance, mice, Sparrows, and other small birds, beetles, pieces of rabbit, the "innards" of fowls, etc., scraps of raw beef or mutton, etc. I have two Magpies at present and they thrive excellently, and look a "perfect picture," on the above stock-food, with one or other of the above tasty additions daily.

A Hand-reared Greenfinch.

F. Atkinson.—As the every-day house cage you cannot beat the accepted type known as the "finch stock cage"; it is sold by all up-to-date cage-makers. Size 16ins. long (18 is better, if space permits), by 9ins. wide by 11ins. high. It has a high front rail, on which the two perches rest, and the seed drawer runs from front to back of cage through an opening cut out of this rail. For the food of an adult Greenfinch the really important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower (or half sunflower, half safflower) seed. This can either be offered in a separate dish, or

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placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed half a pint each. To this about a mixed pint of sunflower and safflower could be added. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, with a little hemp as a special treat, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden full of seed), thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, dandelion and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. Your Greenfinch should flourish if fed in this way. Don't forget the bath.

Brevities.

Wild Seeds (Another who Knows Something).—I am always open to try a good thing; also to learn. Why not send along a sample of your special "reviver"? I think I can trace your writing.

A Correction (E. E.).—A printer's error occurred in my reply to you last week. I intended to say that my Mule breeding cages were 36ins. to 40ins. long, by 11 wide, and 16 high—not "width 9ins., length 16ins.," as it appeared.

Two Lark Foods (T. Oates).—No. 1 appears to be barley, or other similar meal, and crushed seeds, while the basis of No. 2 is "German paste" (pea-meal treated with oil), and whole red and white millet seeds. I should think a combination of equal parts of each would be the best.

A Bare Place (M.H.C.).—Try the effect of gently anointing the bare place twice daily for a week or so with just a little sulphur ointment. Mix amongst the soft food over the same period as much flowers of sulphur as you can take up on a six-pence.

A "Paffing Out" of the Throat (W. C. H.).—The peculiarity you describe is, as you say, certainly a little perplexing. If there is any throat trouble you can try, for a few days, tinging the drinking water a light red by adding to it a few drops of Condy's Fluid; use only a glass or earthenware drinker. This is quite likely to do good; anyway, it can do no harm. Personally, I doubt whether there is any cause for worry.

Mixed Seed in an Aviary (X. Y. Z.).—The reply given "British" this week partly answers you. In a decent sized outdoor aviary I have not found the "fat-forming seeds" at all harmful; they can be more moderately given during hot weather, even left out for a day now and then. I should not, however, advise the use of one seed only. Glad you found my previous advice so useful; to know this recompenses me for the midnight oil I have to burn to supply these answers.

Two Matters (E. E. M., Wimbledon).—1: Let the Goldfinch bathe right through the winter, except on very unsuitable days (raw, damp ones). 2: Sometimes it is nervousness. Try putting the bath inside the cage and giving the water very shallow at first. It often happens, curiously enough, that cage-bred British Finches (Goldies, Linnets, etc.), are wilder and more unsteady than caught birds. Pleased to hear of the success of my previous advice.

Show Cage for Cornish Chough (R. C.).—There is no standard size; a box pattern cage (wired, that is, at front only), 30 ins. long, 12ins. wide, and 18 ins. high, would answer admirably. If sloped at the top (front to back) it tends to prevent heavy packages being placed upon it, while en route to shows (presuming no travelling box or basket is used, but only a let-down shutter at the front). There should be two stout perches, placed about 9ins. from the floor, and a sufficient distance from the sides to allow a clearance for the bird's tail. Colour, a rich, fairly light, blue, is best for inside and wires.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Introducing New Blood.

Smithy Vanscoopendyke.—Introducing new blood means the procuring of either males or females from some other stock, preferably wild imported ones if they are of rich colour and well feathered, and pairing these up with your own birds. Or you can sell or exchange the bulk of the males one year, and simply turn in a number of others, leaving them to pair up as they choose, and if you changed some of your hens in similar fashion, the next year, you would keep up healthy, well-feathered and richly-coloured stock. Cockatiels and Rosella Parrakeets agree with Budgerigars, and neither takes any harm from the others' food (see reply to another correspondent in this issue). Of course, I am assuming that you are keeping the birds in an aviary. The three species would not agree permanently together in a cage.

Songs of Spice Bird & Silverbill.

H. B. R.—Unless you are of acute hearing, I judge the song is that of Silverbill; many of the Mannikins, though apparently making prodigious effort, and though as a rule appearing well satisfied with each other's efforts and very satisfied with themselves, make efforts all but inaudible to human ears. Such as it is, it may be described as a very

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feeble humming murmur, winding up with three feebly squeaky notes, the latter being all that is audible to many bird-keepers. They have crossed on more than one occasion with the Silverbill, and also the Bengalese. It is almost ludicrous at times to watch a row of these birds; one will start his efforts at song, the others sit solemnly still and listen. When the first performer gets tired another begins his almost inaudible warble, apparently to his own and fellow listeners' great satisfaction, usually winding up with a visit of the whole tribe to the food tins.

Brevities.

Breeding Budgerigars (W. J. A.).—You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 post free from CAGE BIRDS, very helpful. Start with three pairs and see you get unrelated stock, if possible procuring each pair from a different source. Hang up a dozen husks in various positions, some of them outside with a protecting shelf over them. Cockatiels and Budgerigars agree well together, and I have never known Rosellas to do any harm to the Budgerigar. Canary and white millet, with a few oats, little hemp and sunflower seeds, green food, ripe fruit and cuttlefish, will about meet their simple requirements. A few pieces of plain biscuit (dry) thrown in occasionally are a wholesome change. Your aviary will accommodate about 40 young and adults.

Breeding Indian Green Parrakeets (Squeak).—These will be better out-of-doors than in. I do not think they will breed this season now, it is so late. Your nesting arrangements are wrong. They do not require any nesting material whatever. Give either a log or a nest box with concave bottom. You might put in a few soft chips of wood and leave birds to turn them out or leave there as they choose. There is every probability they will nest next season and successfully rear young. However, do not interfere; leave the eggs there. You must not treat species as you would Canaries. I should not add to their number at all. When attempting to breed Parrakeets, the sexes must be equal, and only one pair of each species in the same aviary.

About Blue Grosbeaks (White).—I replied to this, but it appears to have gone astray. I cannot call to memory the whole of your query, but I think the following will meet the case. It is a native of South America. It is not rare, neither is it common. It is a handsome species, and has been bred this year in a Devonshire aviary for the first time in the British Isles. It should have access to seed (see mixture advised to "Cardinal"), ripe fruit, a few insects, and soft food. The adult male is bright bloom, the female a rich brown. The birds of the year don the adult colouring at the autumn moult, though it lacks the full lustre till after next moult. If I have failed to meet your need, repeat query and give me full details again. Hope you'll have luck.

Diet for Cardinal (Cardinal).—These live largely on seed. The mixture should consist of two parts each each Canary and white millet, and one part each oats, hemp, paddy rice and sunflower seeds; they should also have three or four mealworms per bird daily, together with any stray beetles, caterpillars, etc., you can capture. Ripe fruit should also be given, such as pear, apple, banana, etc. They do not favour soft food much, but if you keep this in hand for other species, a little occasionally for them to pick over is wholesome, as also is a small tin of ants' eggs (cocoons) and dried flies, given as bought. In the summer, flowering grass (seeding grass) and other weeds will further help to vary dietary. Fresh and tender lettuce is about the best and most convenient green food for winter months.

Parrot with Displaced Beak (M. K.).—It is a very exceptional case, and it is difficult for me to give you any practical help; unless under very exceptional conditions it would need a violent wrench to so displace the beak. I presume there have been no growths round the base of beak. I have known isolated cases to occur thus, but if this had been so, I presume you would have mentioned it. If it is merely a displacement as the result of accidental violence, I do not anticipate it will get worse. The best way is to get the opinion of a vet. upon it; he would be able to tell you if it is possible to put it right, and also what course developments may take.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Miss Parkyn).—Chronic disease of liver, then feverishness or "chill."

Canary (A. W. Odell).—Liver in softened and anæmic condition, death coming by rupture of blood vessel of that organ. Give more vegetable food, such as watercress or sweet apple.

Yorkshire Canary (Suspect).—Chronic enlargement of liver, then acute inflammation, in which the lungs became involved. This latter condition may have been hastened by the journey to and from the show, together with the excitement during the show, but it would have taken place, anyhow.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Feeding a Sea-Gull.

G. N.—These birds will eat any sort of scraps, like a Jackdaw, but when first procured it is best to give raw fish and meat, and continue giving some of this whenever convenient. I do not know that they eat grit or green food (except seaweed at times), but it could do no harm to give these things. Such birds are usually kept loose in gardens, where they can pick up what they like, such as worms, etc., which are natural food. They will also catch mice and sparrows.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

An Address (J. H., Leeds).—The address is Mr. J. Trengove, 7, High-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

Making Cage Fronts (One Willing to Learn).—We will look into this matter and deal with it next week.

Washing Birds for Show (Amateur).—You will find a fully illustrated article dealing with the washing of birds in "Cage Birds Annual," for 1907, post free 9d. (only one or two copies left).

Illustrated Ideas (D. W. Tatten).—The matter is in our artist's hands. These things have to take their turn. (W. H. Tansey).—We have given this before. (S. Thorpe).—Already been used. (F. A. Phillips).—Both those you send have appeared previously.

A "Railway" Cage (W. Alderson).—We cannot tell you ourselves, but we know that cages with food and water vessels arranged for the birds to pull them up can be bought for two shillings or so from any large cage maker. Shall we publish your letter and see if one or other of our readers can help you?

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Brighouse C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Round House Inn, 8. Oct. 23, members' show in Hangram Street Mission. —F. Mitchell.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 30, Carnarvon Rooms. 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. H. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge).—Fanciers invited.—A. H. Craven.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Balance sheet for members' show, and lecture by Mr. J. Bailey. Fanciers heartily invited.—F. Gelder.

Cinn. Mkd. Y.C.C.—Committee meeting (Oct. 23rd) at Prince of Wales Hotel, Shipley, 5.45.—Garnett and Towers.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 23, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' show; birds staged 8. Mr. W. A. Cowgill; balance sheet for open show.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield.—Oct. 23, Crown and Anchor, 8. Special meeting. Members' show, Oct. 25, 6. Judge, Mr. Chittenden (Shipley).—Parker and Parkes.

Crewe O.S.—Oct. 26, Burton Hotel, 8. Allotment of specials for Nov. show, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

City and Suburban A.C.S.—Oct. 25, 8.15. Judging competition in Yorks., final. Judge, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Silver medal presented to each section; visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Oct. 23, "Barley Mow," Members' show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves.—L. Booth.

Edinburgh Northern.—Oct. 25, usual place and time. Book young birds for show.—T. Purdie.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 23, Fountain Inn, 7. Members' show. Birds staged at 7. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond.—T. Elsegood.

Edmonton F.A.—Oct. 27, Charity Schoolroom, Church Street, Lower Edmonton, 8.30. Mr. C. A. House will give an address on "Cage Birds." Members requested to settle for tickets for young stock show.—A. Burgess.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Club.—Oct. 28, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Arrangements and specials for annual members' show.—R. A. Brown.

Green C.A. — Oct. 28. Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Judges and schedule for old show.—S. Hadwin.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Members' classes, etc.; members' subs. should now be paid up.—G. Buck.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 23, Butchers' Arms, 8. Classification for annual open show; also members' show, at 8. Judge, Mr. A. Morley. Birds staged at 8 prompt.—J. Holroyd.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 26, Lello's, 7.30. Final show arrangements.—W. Simpson.

Highgate C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8.30. Washing Exhibition by Mr. C. Battison, and competition for members. Mr. C. Battison will judge same.—C. W. Law.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Crown Inn, 7. Business, open show.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood O.S. — Oct. 26, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Lecture on "The Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. R. Schofield. Fanciers welcome.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Oct. 28, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Show business.—W. Parratt.

Kirkstall C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Abbey Inn, Members' show. Yorks., Nor., and Brit. Birds to be staged 6. prompt. Fanciers and strangers cordially welcomed. Judge, Mr. King.—W. Hornby.

Lancashire C.A.—Oct. 23, Town Hall, show, 5.30. New members, new secretary, etc. Subs. are due.—W. Adams.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 27th, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor., Unfl., Yell., open and Novice classes. Judge, Mr. T. H. Ride. Birds to be staged not later than 8.45. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Union Hotel, 7.30. Members' specials, etc.—R. Hall.

Jarrow C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Lockhart's Cafe, 8.—R. Blore.

East Ham F.S. (Cage Bird Section).—Oct. 25, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield-st., 8. Schedule for annual show, classes and specials.—H. Rutter.

Middleton C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Old Boar's Head, 8. Arrangements for Mr. Birchley's lecture.—J. Oldham.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 28, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. To pay out prize money and specials for members' show, held Oct. 14.—E. Box.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Members' show, Sycamore Hotel, birds staged 2.30.—R. H. Turner.

Macclesfield C.B.S. — Oct. 23, Daybrook Street School, 7. Judging competition, conducted by Mr. S. R. Compton.—F. Broadhurst.

Midland Roller C.C.—Oct. 28, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Last meeting before open show. —J. H. Willows.

Musselburgh O.S.—Oct. 30, 83, High Street, 7. Show. Members' cards must be cleared at this meeting.—W. Nisbet.

Northern Y.C.C.—Oct. 27, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. Table show, 4 classes; Yellow, Buff, Hen, Unfilg. Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—T. C. Crawhall.

Kindly note that your postcard arrived without a stamp.—Ed.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 25, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Schedules for show.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—Oct. 28, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. — Plumbridge and Carr.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Specials, Mr. Birchley's lecture.—W. H. Wright.

Plumstead, and Woolwich C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, 8. Washing Competition after Mr. Meades has washed a bird.—W. Pawley.

Poplar C.B.S.—Oct. 28, 147, East India Dock Road, E., 8. Lecture on the Crested Canary, by Mr. J. S. Clarke. Fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—H. W. Cook.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 25, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Open show business.—H. Clayton.

Queen's Park C.B.A. — Oct. 28, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for show. —J. C. Birch.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Marie Stuart Hall, 8. Special prize sheets; washing exhibition; meeting before show.—G. N. Thomson.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Temperance Club, 8.—W. Adams.

Reading C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Palmer Hall, 8. Little details, members' show. Receive contributions and entries.—W. H. Pyke.

Scottish National C.B.S. — Oct. 28, Rooms, 142, High Street, 8. 'Printers' estimates, etc.—R. T Jack.

Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 26, Boar's Head Hotel, 8 Classification and special prize fund for Dec. show —W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 30, Fawcett Street Cafe 7.30. Important show business.—W. Reid.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Headquarters, 8. Annual show business.—F. Washbourne.

St. Helens O.S.—Oct. 25, George Inn, 8. Show business, etc.—R. Gibbie

West Stanley F. and F.S.—Oct. 23, Commercial Hotel, 7.30.—F. Cousins.

Warrington C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Blue Bell Sale Rooms. —C. Dukes.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Open show business.—Duffield and Jennings.

Enclosing a copy of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club's handbook of rules and list of members (which is very tastefully got up and nicely printed), Messrs. Garnett and Towers, the hon secs., write: "The present year is in every respect a record one, our membership now standing at nearly 270. This proves the popularity of our favourite variety, and it now only remains for our members to give every support to the shows which have been granted our patronage. Every effort has been made to make the handbook as complete and as correct as possible, but should any errors or omission have been made we can only apologise, and promise to rectify same as early as possible. A copy of the book has been forwarded to every member, but should any have gone astray we shall be pleased to forward another on application. The following new members have been registered:—F. Slater (Sandyiane), B. Buckle (Allerton), Tom Moss and G. Bray (Huddersfield), and E. Shepherd (Bolton Woods). Additional contributions to our specials' fund have been promised by Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington) (2s. 6d.), and T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) (2s. 6d.). May we point out to the secretaries of Yorkshire Union shows having our patronage that the novice classes for Cinnamon marks should not appear in the schedule along with the novice classes in connection with the Yorkshire Union. We note they are included in the Sandy Lane schedule, and this is likely to give a wrong impression The Union novice classes are limited to £5 5s., and are confined to members of the Union. The C.M.Y. classes are open to anyone who has not won a first prize previous to the current season, and are unlimited in price. Furthermore, the points gained in C.M.Y. novice classes do not count for the Union medals. We suggest that these classes should be printed to follow the open C.M.Y. classes, so as to avoid confusion. We shall be pleased to send full particulars of the club to any intending new members, and are hoping to reach the 300 mark before the end of the year." The address of the hon. secs. is 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, Crosshills, nr. Keighley.

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Southern Norwich P.C. and Clapham Show.

SIR,—Owing to the wrong classification at Clapham show (according to Rule 10), and the society not being able to alter same, after the pointing out of the error by me, members of the S.N.P.C. are notified that we shall have to withdraw our patronage from this show. At the same time I trust Norwich fanciers will still support them.

F. S. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec. S.N.P.C.

The C. Barwell Benefit Fund.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to thank those of your readers who subscribed towards my benefit to enable me to get out in the country to live. I have been here at Grendon, near Northampton, a month, and I am feeling a lot better for being in the fresh air. I am spending a lot of time amongst my old friends, the Britishers, in their wild state instead of having them in cages ready for the show bench, which hobby I had to give up on account of my long illness. I can catch Bullfinches and other birds outside the garden, and so can earn a few shillings. I am in nowise able to follow my employment.

C. BARWELL.

The Return of a Chaffinch.

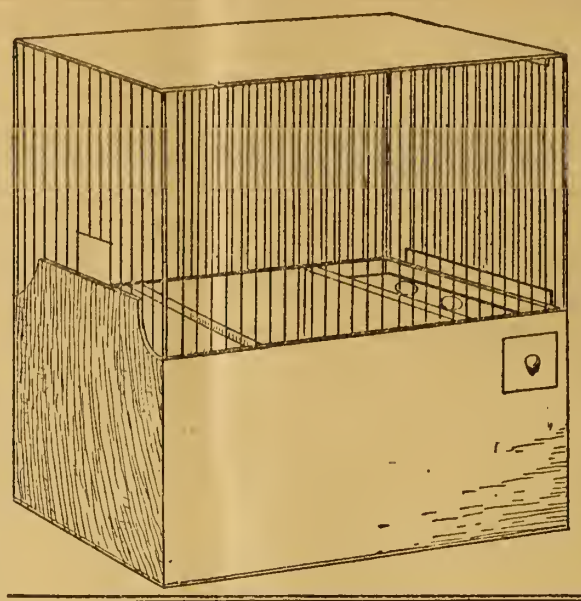
SIR,—I have seen a great many little incidents of our cage birds from time to time which are very interesting, and which prove that it is not cruel to keep them in confinement. If it were, they would not return to their cages when once at large. On October 6th I was feeding my birds in the aviary when one of the Chaffinches slipped out and rested in the creeper on the house side, looking round for a little while. Then he went into a bush where he found some Sparrows, and amused himself hopping after them until they bolted. The Chaffinch went after them in quick pursuit, until I lost sight of him. In five minutes he returned to the bush, and then, getting on the aviary to have a look at his companions, stayed for a few minutes, after which he went off. Knowsley Park being within 100 yards of my house, I never thought I should see the Chaffinch again, so I made my way back satisfied that I had lost him. Next morning I went into the yard at eight o'clock, and the first bird I saw was the Chaffinch trying to get into the aviary. Not daring to open the aviary, I fetched his cage out, and he made his way straight into it whilst I was only a yard away. I have moulted the Finch in a cage, but gave him a week or two in the aviary to get the use of his wings.

A. WELLINGS.

Some Tame Specimens of the Wild and Wary Redshank.

SIR,—Perhaps your readers may be interested in the following:—I live in Kilrush, a town on the Shannon estuary. Our house has a small garden divided by a low stone wall only from the road, on which there is a constant traffic. Last year during the winter the following birds came to food thrown only a few yards away from the dining-room window—Common Gull, Kittiwake and Blackheaded Gull, Rooks, Starlings and Larks, besides Rock and Meadow Pipits and Redshanks. It is the Redshanks' coming which I consider curious, for we all know that this bird is a particularly wild and wary one. Yet (and not in very hard weather either), a pair of these birds constantly frequented the garden searching for worms and grubs, and have often remained there when I was walking in full view along a path not ten yards away from them. I wish to know if any of your readers have had a like experience? The Gulls were delightfully tame, and made a beautiful picture—ten or twelve of the lovely birds, the tiny Kittiwake, the red-billed Blackhead, and the large and handsome Herring Gull all hovering in the air at once. Kilrush is rich in bird life. I have noticed the Lesser Black-backed Gull, the Oyster-catcher, Cormorant, Hooded and Carrion Crows, Curlew, Wild Duck, Redshank, Dunlin, Guillimot, Heron, Sparrow Hawk, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Lapwing, Barn and Tawny Owls, Ringed Plover, Puffin, Common Sandpiper, Common Skua (rather a rare bird), Snipe and Widgeon; besides Wheatears, Stonechats, Whinchats, Wagtails (Grey, Pied and Yellow), Redstart, Rock, Meadow and Wood Pipits, all the Finches (including Linnets, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Brambling, Lesser Redpoll, Goldfinch, Bullfinch), Spotted Flycatcher, Turtle and Ring Doves, Cuckoo, Blackbird, Thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Missel Thrush, Starlings (in thousands), Lesser Whitethroat, Wren, Goldcrest, Chiff Chaff, Willow Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Blue, Great, Cole and Marsh Tits, Swallows, House and Sand Martins and Swifts, Tree Creepers, Corn Yellow and Reed Buntings, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, and, of course, Robins and Sparrows—in all, about 71 species, a very respectable list, I think, for one place. I have seen and identified all I have named, though there may be others that I have yet to discover, as I have been only a year here.

(MISS) D. K. FITZMAURICE.



The Song of the Linnet North and South.

The Contest Cage of Northern Fanciers.

SIR,—We note that Mr. Barnard says he would be pleased to see the class of cage we Northern fanciers use. We have therefore much pleasure in sending you a sketch of a Linnet contest cage, which all Northern fanciers use at the contests, especially in Leeds, Hull, York, etc. We were glad to have the cages of the south-country Linnet men put before us in CAGE BIRDS, as it is this exchange of views which helps along the hobby we all love, and brings about a good understanding.

DEARLOVE AND ALLEN.

My Experiences in Foreign Bird Keeping.

SIR,—For the last twelve years, the keeping of foreign birds has been my particular hobby, although nearly all my life I have kept both British birds and Canaries. Even at the early age of eight years I went out with a friend a few years older than myself and caught Greenfinches and Redpolls by means of a call bird and bird lime. During the last few years the keeping of foreign birds has been taken up largely by very many bird-lovers, and would be more so if some of them knew that foreign birds are practically easy to keep, given, of course, healthy specimens to start with, and a suitable place to keep them in, although many are kept in an ordinary living-room, and do fairly well. Not being blessed with a superfluous amount of cash to be able to build an aviary out of doors, and wanting to have a separate place all to myself, or, rather, the birds to themselves, I looked round for the next place, and that was a spare room. My wife, always willing to help me in any matter that she thinks will end alright, very kindly cleaned a spare bedroom on the south side of the house, which, fortunately, was at the back of the building, and then I set about preparing it for my feathered friends. I made two large wire flights at one end, and erected a row of "Quaker Oats" boxes each side, made into cages, and piled on the top of each other, three high, with a two-inch space between them, to keep down red mite, dust, etc. One advantage the bedroom has over outdoor places is that one is hardly, if ever, troubled with mice. The birds I have kept at different times include the following:—Rose-breasted Cockatoos, Indian Ringnecked Parrakeets, Green Budgerigars, Cockatiels, White and Green-headed Lovebirds, Java Sparrows, Waxbills, Avadavats, Mannikins, Bulbuls, Saffron Finches, Pekin Robins, and one or two others. The keeping is inexpensive if one is careful how he manages his stock, as many fanciers waste more seeds than the birds eat by allowing them to spill it on the floor of the cages or aviaries; and no birds will eat seeds off the floor if there are any in the seed vessels. Rose-breasted Cockatoos I have found to be about the most hardy of all the larger birds, and about the easiest to keep, providing the bird is a healthy one when it leaves the dealer's hands. They are fairly plain talkers if properly taken in hand when young, and also become exceedingly tame. The one I have at the present time comes out on my hand, and rests on my shoulder every time I go to feed it. It is an excellent talker for a bird of this species, and it can say several things quite as plainly as any Grey or Amazon Parrots I have heard. It whistles the dog, and says: "Come here, 'Ramper.'" "What are you doing?" "Hello," "Nellie," etc. About the only thing these birds cannot stand is wind and rain. They can stand any amount of cold. I usually put mine out of doors in the morning, and there it stays until evening. One fault these birds have, if fault it can be called, is their ear-piercing shrieking. It fairly frightens the neighbour's children. The best food to keep them in health is small maize, oats, wheat, and sunflower, with a bit of hemp now and again. The best green food is chickweed, and almost all kinds of ripe fruit will be eagerly eaten, especially bananas, plums, apples, and pears. Colours: Head, white; breast, rose-pink; back, dove colour. Indian Ringnecked Parrakeets are easy birds to keep, although they cannot stand the cold nearly so well as a Rose-breasted Cockatoo. Neither, in my opinion, are they as good mimics or talkers, though some people would rather have a Green Indian Parrot. They become fairly tame in time, but it takes longer to tame them than it does a Cockatoo, on account of their shy nature. One specimen I had for three years, and I could never go near his cage but what he would mount to the top and shriek like mad, making vicious attempts to peck at my hand. The best food for this bird is Canary, hemp, dary, wheat, and oats. Green food they do not seem to take kindly to, the best being a little lettuce. Budgerigars are both handsome and easy to keep; at the same time, they are fairly cheap to buy and easy to breed. If two or three pairs are kept together in a large space and provided with cocoanut husks, it is best to supply a few more husks than one has pairs of birds, as they otherwise sometimes take a liking to a husk that another pair has chosen; then there is a squabble. The food of these birds consists of Canary and white millet, and an occasional spray millet. When the birds have young ones about, the only thing they require in addition to their ordinary diet is a piece of household bread dipped in water or milk, and squeezed nearly dry. The only difference, practically speaking, in the sex is the cere; in the male it is blue, the cere of the hen being pale green. Cockatiels are almost as commonly kept among aviculturists as any foreign birds now upon the market. Not over expensive, and easy to keep, they are ideal birds for a beginner to try his hand with. They pair up and breed, too, fairly well in an aviary, laying every other day. But the one disappointment I have often experienced with these is that they have a tendency to desert their eggs, or hatch them out and then desert the young when they are about two days old. As regards food, Canary, white and spray millet supply nearly all their wants, with a bit of green food and an occasional tit-bit in the shape of an apple or banana. In colour the male is more gaudy than the female, having orange-coloured cheeks to his mate's dull brick-coloured one, the other parts of the body being ashen grey, with barred tails and white flights in wings. Many fanciers would not keep Lovebirds and Java Sparrows together, but I have experienced no difficulty in doing so. Of the two, the Javas seem the more quarrelsome, the Lovebirds mostly sitting in pairs on opposite ends of the perches. Neither of these is very fond of breeding in aviaries or large cages, although they have been bred in captivity. The Grey Javas have also been crossed with the white ones. I have never personally had either of the species show any inclination to breed, although they all like to keep in their separate pairs. They are capital birds to keep for one with limited means, being hardy, long-lived and inexpensive. The Grey Java, in my opinion, is an interesting and pretty bird in an aviary, his white cheeks showing a grand contrast to his black head, pink bill, and slate-coloured body. Waxbills, Avadavats and Mannikins are all similar in their habits, and do well together in an aviary, if not too thickly populated; although they do not even then very often show any signs of pugnacity towards each other. Their food chiefly consists of Canary and white millet, with chickweed as a green food. Of the three kinds, the Mannikins, especially the Black-headed ones, are a hardy and long-lived species, and I have at the present time three in my aviary (two hens and one cock, another hen having died a couple of years ago), which I have had for the past eight years, and they were adult birds when they came into my possession. My experience with Bulbuls is only limited. I have only had one, and that only lived five weeks after I got it. In my opinion, they require something more than Canary seed, millet, and mealworms, and that something wants finding, although specimens have been kept for quite a length of time by some aviculturists. Saffron Finches give a gay colour to any aviary, especially if it contains mixed birds, their bright mixed yellow and black coats giving them a very attractive appearance. They are hardy birds, and very ready to go to nest if given suitable quarters; in fact, they have been crossed with Canaries by some fanciers, though it has never been my lot to see a Hybrid from these two species. Canary seed seems to be their staple diet, and although they will eat millet, those I have kept have shown a decided preference for the former seed. Pekin Robins, or Nightingales as they are sometimes called by fanciers, are rather delicate, and one is lucky to get one good, healthy specimen out of a dozen, the birds seldom seeming to get over the journey to this country. If one is fortunate in getting a healthy specimen, and one that will sing, it will well repay him for all the trouble he has had to get it to live, as the birds are pretty to look at, and their song, though peculiar, is a nice melody, especially to the ears of a foreign-bird lover. For food, they require a good insectivorous mixture, and plenty of mealworms, spiders, dried flies, and any living insects that can be got for them. I hope these remarks may be of service to the many CAGE BIRDS readers who may peruse them.

W. L.

Dulwich O.S. Show.

An Appeal.

SIR,—Many thanks for your splendid report of our show. All exhibits were packed and sent off by rail and the hall cleared of staging and everything by 10.45 p.m. second day of show. Clean prize cards will be sent to the winners shortly. We regret to inform you that we have another financial loss to face. We attribute this to our early date, many fanciers writing to say their birds were not ready, and regretting not being able to send. However, we appeal to members and friends who sympathise with our misfortunes to help us to reduce this deficit by subscribing to the show fund which is still open and we hope we shall not appeal in vain, or the D.O.S. must go under. Accepting an invitation from the society about 500 scholars, boys and girls from the various L.C.C. schools in Dulwich, and also from St. John's Schools, visited the show with their teachers for an "ornithological lesson." They appeared surprised and delighted with the various exhibits, some of them seeing some of our own British birds for the first time in their lives. They expressed great pleasure at their visit which we trust will have beneficial results to our hobby.

WOOLHOUSE AND ROGERS.

United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association.

A Cup Matter,

SIR,—As Hon. Secretary of the U.K.B.C.A. I feel it incumbent upon me to answer "Enquirer's" letter which appeared in your issue of last week, much as I resent taking notice of anonymous writers. Judging from his familiarity with our rules, I might presume he would know the Secretary's address, and the first step towards getting the desired information would have been to approach him—unless he has some ulterior motive in rushing into print. When I appealed to members two years ago for specials, Mr. Reddihough kindly offered to provide a cup for the member who won same twice (not necessarily in succession), and as the Association's medals are presented only when won, I presume that Mr. Reddihough considered it would be time enough then. However, I think every member of the U.K.B.C.A. can only bear witness that Mr. Reddihough's support of the Association has been real and tangible and not imaginative as "Enquirer" would infer. I can scarcely follow "Enquirer" when he says he interviewed the winner of 1909 and 1910, seeing that the City of Glasgow is the first of this season's series. As I am at present in Scotland I hope to be at the Glasgow show, and will be pleased to convene a meeting of our members for Saturday afternoon, and if "Enquirer" is desirous of any further information, I shall be pleased to meet him there. Our membership is open, and this is the first step towards fostering and elevating the Belgian Canary to its one-time proud position as "the king of the Fancy."

WM. B. COBB, Hon. Secretary.

[This letter reached us too late for insertion in last week's issue.—EDITOR.]

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A Remedy Wanted for a Fatal Disease.

SIR,—I am no bird fancier or doctor, but knowing some Linnet and Chaffinch fanciers up North I get to hear of a thing or two. Now R. Davis and "A Novice" want to know a remedy for the fatal disease and diarrhœa. I have just cured a lady's Canary (and it was very loose) with a simple remedy, that is, cold tea (not too strong) instead of water for a few days. I have tried it on fresh caught Linnets when they have been soft, and have found it alright.

J. COLE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Davies, either the citrate or tincture of iron and quinine will do, both being the same thing, one being in the crystal and the other in the liquid form. One tablespoonful of the citrate should be mixed with 8ozs. of water, in which it soon dissolves. Then give one teaspoonful to each bird in their drinking water when they show the first symptoms. I have one bird in particular that had the disease—one that I have bred with for two years. He was paired to two hens this year, and both died. At the time I got the above recipe he had started the same way; so also had three others. I turned them all loose at the same time. The bird mentioned is quite through the moult, and is now as healthy as ever he was. In fact, the birds I have left seem to have benefited through being let loose, moulting out quicker, and seeming healthier and livelier. I was not in a position to try the caustic soda I had recommended to me, so cannot say personally what the effect would be. I have had all my cages scrubbed out with hot water and carbolic soap. When they were dry, I did them all out with a solution of pure carbolic acid and water. Then I closed the attic up and burnt a lot of rock sulphur. Next, I got some lime and slacked it, and did all my cages out with it; I did the attic, too. Also I had the floor well scrubbed with a good disinfectant. All that was not valuable I burnt. I am letting the windows remain open for a week; then I shall put my birds back after being away about ten weeks. If I have not "got shut" of the disease after all I have done I shall feel inclined to give it up as a bad job. I advise "Novice" to go through the same process if he has any birds left. Get them away, for it is nearly a certainty that if they are left in the same room you will lose them all. What I have recommended I have well proved, and so have other fanciers. Hoping anyone in the same predicament will get the same benefit,

ROBT. ODDY.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. Robert Oddy concludes with a sentence which is of the most fallacious and mischievous description, and as the fallacy is an exceedingly popular one in some quarters, and undoubtedly put forward in ignorance and good faith, the writer will probably read my remarks in the same friendly spirit in which they are written. After mentioning the good effects his birds derived from a course of quinine, he goes on to inform us it is much used on the Gold Coast for fevers in the human race—fevers, by the way, which are probably totally different in their nature and origin to the fever we have to deal with in birds—and concludes, "if it is a good medicine for fanciers, why is it not so for his birds?" The suggestion clearly is that what is good for the bird is equally good for mankind. Now, although this is the spirit in which nearly all bird ailments are now treated, it is a most erroneous one. If birds were constituted similarly to man, one might expect to find them influenced in much the same way by drugs, foods, or other substances. But the striking difference in their whole anatomy, and the modification which fits each family for filling its own particular place in the scheme of Nature, is such that even the food, which is the daily sustenance of one species, would promptly prove fatal to another. To take an extreme example, how long should we be able to keep a Canary alive on a diet of filthy carrion, such as a Vulture or Carrion Crow would flourish and grow fat upon? Or how long would it survive upon the less disgusting pabulum of snails, slugs, and earthworms, such as would keep a Thrush in the pink of health and condition? Yet this is but comparing common foods of some birds with others. To come nearer the point, how long would one expect a man to preserve his health upon a diet of decaying potatoes such as are discarded and left upon the surface of the ground in the fields when the crop is lifted? The rejected tubers lie upon the ground, and after being exposed to a few night frosts, will be found to be a mass of soft, squelchy pap, upon which the House Sparrow, I know for a certainty, and probably many other birds, feast with gusto. Now, as with food, so with drugs and similar articles, and experiments will go to prove that such a surmise is correct. It is a fact that drugs do not affect all forms of life in the same manner. Even poisonous fruits and plants are not equally harmful to all forms of life. Many so-called poisonous fruits and berries are eaten by birds as food, whilst to come to drugs, pure and simple, the common barn-door fowl is said to be scarcely influenced by an amount of opium which would invariably prove fatal to a man. How far this is really correct I will not say, not having made the experiment, but it is given on good authority. Yet this would be no more remarkable than the result of some experiments conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture. In examining the contents of wild birds' stomachs it was found that the stomach of the Cat-bird contained the fruits of sumach and poison-ivy in season, whilst the Blue-bird contained sumach and the poke-berry, all poisonous fruits. Again, from one pound weight of pellet dirt collected from under the roosting place of the Common Crow, and examined, were extracted no fewer than 1041 seeds of poison ivy, and 341 seeds of the poison sumach; and a Crow which was kept caged for experiment was said to devour the berries with greater relish than any other fruit obtainable, and on one occasion swallowed 80 of the berries in a few moments. Such facts cannot fail to convince any thinking person of the utter fallacy of the theory that what is good for mankind is equally good for his birds in the same capacity, or even that it is of any service to them in any capacity. They should also serve to show the mischief that may be wrought by arguing from man to bird, and endeavouring to treat them for the same ailments and with the same drugs. Who can say that birds have not their own peculiar disease, of which we, as yet, know little or nothing, or to what particular class of drugs they may be peculiarly susceptible? One thing is certain, that in these matters our knowledge is yet in quite an embryonic stage. To hark back to the letter which has prompted these remarks, your readers must not by any means interpret them as a denial of the efficacy of the tonic medicine mentioned by the correspondent. Quite the contrary. The main purpose is to show proof of the mischievous theory referred to. Quinine combined with the citrate of iron is one of the very best tonics that can be employed, and it is quite within the bounds of probability that it would prove useful in the case in question by increasing the resisting powers of the birds, and thereby enabling them to survive the attack and throw off its effects. But, as a "cure," it will be futile to look to this medicine. General hygiene, cleanliness, and rigid isolation and disinfection, with the breeding-ground, so to speak, of the bacilli cut off, must always be held to religiously. The method of disinfecting the cages given by this writer has, by the way, much to recommend it, but every particle about the room, and all cage appliances, must undergo the same thorough treatment to be sure of making it quite effectual. The most objectionable point about it is its rather risky and destructive effect, but this only needs care and caution on the part of the operator to render it of little moment.

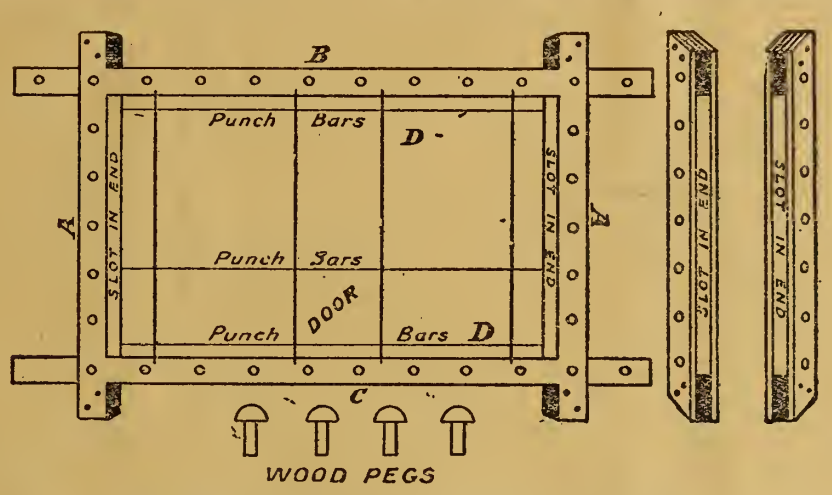
A LOOKER-ON.

The Payment of Prize Money at Scottish Shows.

Is a Cage Bird Union Possible?

SIR,—As advice to secretaries and exhibitors may not be out of place now that the show season is on us, I think it my duty to draw the attention of secretaries to a matter respecting the payment of prize money. As the early shows have a great advantage over the late ones, the secretaries of the former should consider the later ones by paying out prize money by the Monday following their shows. By so doing they will assist other shows to get entries, as most of us exhibitors are working men, and depend on our weekly wages, and times are so very dull this year that they will not be able to make entries at the late shows until they get whatever return they may have from the earlier shows. The later shows have a lot of disadvantages to contend against, such as the refusal to enter by unsuccessful exhibitors who pay railway porterage and entry money, and yet get no return (they get disheartened and commence to keep their birds at home). And what becomes of the late shows? The result is short entries and only half prize money, or the first prize withheld, and then the successful exhibitors begin to grumble and think it's not worth their while to send their birds out and pay railway porterage. For although they do win they have very little credit or honour due to their birds as the railway company get hold of all the returns of the exhibitors in porterage and travelling expenses. Now, if secretaries would be more punctual in paying prize money to the successful exhibitors at their shows they would be doing their duty towards other show secretaries besides giving their assistance in helping them out of their difficulties. Now a word to the unsuccessful exhibitors; they should not get disheartened with the decision of the first or second judge, for even then one's bird may not be ready, and the third time one shows it it may be successful even under the same judge. Birds are not always looking in the same condition, and, as I have often heard Judge Pettigrew say, he never judges a bird for what it has done or for what it is likely to turn out to be; he judges them for what they are when he meets them. And he is right in doing so. I wish there were more of his kind engaged to officiate at our Scottish shows. It would be good for our shows. Now for a way out of the heavy railway porterage. Let us unite ourselves together and form a Union of cage bird men, and then we may find out some means of getting the railway porterage reduced. Let me suggest that we form a specialist club in each of our counties in Scotland of the different varieties of Canaries and one for British and foreign birds and Mules; then let each of these clubs form a county branch of the Union—this would bring fanciers more into touch with each other. Then, too, let each of the counties appoint from among themselves a delegate or delegates according to their membership, the delegates to be instructed by the members of their branch what policy it would be most advisable to adopt for the governing body or federation, this governing body or federation to be made up from the county delegates. The delegates should represent exhibitors, secretaries, and judges throughout the respective counties, and the federation should hold their meetings in Glasgow or in Edinburgh. Each county branch should pay so much for each member, and each member should be registered through the county branch into the Scottish Union or Federation. A lot of things could be made right if we had a good Union, and the Union could have rules and laws whereby they could try any sort of case, and either suspend the exhibitors for a stated time or expel them according to the nature of the case. I would like to see some more able pen than mine take up the Union question.

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The Feeding of Softbills Abroad.

SIR,—Will Mr. Nelson kindly tell us if the Chinese dried flies can be obtained in this country and if they are anything like the dried flies which are sold for bird food, and which, I believe, come from America?

C. HARRISON.

Alleged Mutilation of Exhibition Birds.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of October 15th a letter anent the ill-treatment of birds at Peterborough show, I think it only fair to the officials to say that my birds (small Softbills) arrived home in perfect feather and condition, showing that they must have received every care and attention.

A. JACKSON.

SIR,—I notice in last week's issue a letter from Mr. Geo. Hall *re* his Buff Norwich hen at Peterborough show. The insinuations contained are both unfair and ridiculous, and can only originate from one whose mind runs that way. I would ask Mr. Hall why any fancier should risk all that exposure would mean to mutilate a bird that had not got in the cards, especially as it would be utterly impossible for any person to have plucked a feather from any bird in that class without being seen by someone? I sympathise with Mr. Hall, but must ask him to withdraw the imputations, and not try to damage a society which, for care of birds entrusted to them, stands absolutely second to none in the country. I have just heard from the judge, stating that the bird was alright at judging time; which emphasises my reply. Did Mr. Hall notice it when unpacking; also did he look inside the case for any feathers?

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

Should Goldfinches be Colour-fed for Exhibition?

SIR,—It is not often that I feel like replying to letters, although I very often enjoy a quiet smile at some of them; and it was a good smile when I read Mr. A. Williams' letter *re* the colour-fed Goldfinches at Longton show. I may say that my Goldfinch that stood second has not even seen colour food, nor do I think any of the Goldfinches at Longton show had. Goldfinches that you want to moult out for showing must never be colour-fed, or you are sure to spoil them, as you can only colour-feed the wings; it is impossible to colour-feed the blaze. I have seen lots of real good Goldfinches spoilt by giving them colour food, but never one improved by it. I find that early moulted Goldfinches, and Goldfinches that carry the best colour, are the birds that are carried out into the country (by catchers, as a rule), and given, along with fresh air, plenty of wild seeds, thistle, dandelion, shepherd's purse, and any others they will eat. Linnets treated the same way nearly always come out a good colour. I think if Mr. A. Williams will give the above a trial he will have his own Goldfinch "colour-fed" next year.

ENOCH TAMS.

How to Make Movable Frames and Wire Cage Fronts.

(See illustration on this page.)

SIR,—I am sending you a sketch of a shifting frame for making punch bar fronts (any size). It only requires six lengths of wood—four pieces 30ins. long, 2ins. wide, and ½in. thick and two pieces 36ins long. See A and B in sketch. Then cut four pieces of wood 3ins. long, 2ins. wide, ½in. thick, and place these between (as shown in right of sketch), and glue them. Put two screw nails in to bind. This forms a slot for B to shift to any size Put ½in. holes right through frame one inch apart, mark them off even distance, so that when you shift it it will always keep your wire fronts right. Then you put four ½in. wood pegs in each corner (see sketch). I will now show how to make a wire front. Take your bradawl and put four holes in frame (See B) ⅝in. deep, then put four holes in piece C. ½in. deep to correspond with Fig. B. Place four wires in Fig. B, then put your punch bars on from the bottom, three in number (see sketch), and then draw down your wires in ½in. holes (See C). Now put your top punch bar ½in. from frame (See D); solder each one, and then put your bottom punch bar ½in. off frame. Solder each one, and put your middle punch bar 5ins. from the bottom. Solder each one. This forms correct height for door. You can slide each wire up through the middle punch bar, and draw them down in position flush with the top and bottom punch bar. Then solder them. When all are soldered you can take the front out of frame finished.

M. BURNS.

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A Canary with One Wing.

SIR,—I have had a cock Canary hatched this year with only one wing. I would like to know whether any other readers of CAGE BIRDS have had such a freak? He is now in full song, and seems just as able to get about as if he had both wings.

W. TANSLEY.

Some Questions for Bird-catchers.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me if it is possible to catch Goldfinches or Bullfinches with bird-lime by using only a bracod hen bird pegged down near thistles or docks, as the case may be, without needing to have call birds as well in cages? Also, what are the best sorts of twigs to put birdlime on? And are the twigs any good after being once used? Can birds be caught in winter by pegging a hen Finch down on a heap of screenings where they have been thrashing? If so, would it be best to use bird-lime or a pair of clap nets?

AN AMATEUR.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—I was much surprised to read the remarks of Charles Key *re* the Norwich Plainheads at Longton show, and turned immediately to the report of same to see what class of exhibitors was represented there; also the reporter's comments. I was not present at Longton, nor had I any special interest in the show, but I feel sure the writer of the letter must be somewhat prejudiced. I am a fancier of nearly thirty years' standing. Norwich Plainheads were my first venture. Then and for some considerable time subsequently such specimens as described by Charles Key could win if they had colour in their favour, as no less than forty points out of the hundred were allowed for colour and condition. Although I have been out of the Fancy for a few years, so far as exhibiting is concerned, I have always taken a keen interest in Norwich Plainheads, making a special study of type, and have watched with intense satisfaction the improvement of late years in this direction; and I venture to assert that the Norwich Plainheads of to-day are vastly superior in type to anything ever seen before. Again, I am very doubtful if such types of Norwich as these described by Charles Key could find a habitation in the rooms of the successful exhibitors at Longton, and with an up-to-date judge placing the cards the idea of their winning appears to me simply absurd. Of all varieties of exhibition Canaries I consider the ideal Norwich Plainhead the most difficult to produce on paper. I enclose you my idea of what an ideal Norwich Plainhead should be. Ideal it is in the fullest sense, for I don't expect to ever see it excelled by a living specimen. And this is what ideals should be. Directly the ideals are attained they remain ideals no longer, and the standard of excellence must be raised, or in other words, an advanced ideal is required. I am aware that some of my remarks smatter of the egotist, but if my ideal could be reproduced in your valuable paper, I should have little censure from Norwich Plainhead fanciers especially sticklers for type.

W. WATSON.

A Beginner in Search of Canaries.

SIR,—Reading CAGE BIRDS lately I was much struck by the very apt piece of philosophy contained in the reply to "Silo," *re* amateurs, and their evident modesty (?) in owning up to failures. Being one myself, I can vouch for the truth of this, judging by my own particular case. However, as "open confession is good for the soul," by your permission I'll relate my experiences these last two seasons. Two years ago my knowledge of the genus "Canariensis" was almost nil. In the autumn of 1907 I got a present of a yellow green Norwich cock Canary from a friend, a breeder in a small way, who smilingly said: "Get a hen now, as soon as you can, and start breeding on your 'own hook.'" The bird turning out a grand singer, my brother suggested the following spring that I buy a good hen and try my luck at breeding. Accordingly I sent to a dealer in Dublin and purchased a big Norwich hen for the sum of 4s. 6d. Of course, I had to procure a cage (beg, borrow or steal). To avoid any risks I took the alternative—to make one myself. It was an all-wire, 20in. by 16in. by 11in., enamelled terra-cotta colour, both inside and out. Everything seemed lovely until I popped the hen in upon the cock without warning, and without the usual "making up" taking place. Then the battle began in deadly earnest—scarcely a rest, even for food, on either side. At length—in spite of the larger bulk of the hen—the cock gained the mastery, but at great cost. He was badly lamed by the furious onslaughts of the other, she darting out of the nest and bowling him clean off the perch by sheer weight a dozen times a day. I began to have grave forebodings as to the ultimate result of the union, when lo, and behold! to my great surprise, the hen went to nest there and then, laying four nice big eggs right off the reel! She commenced to sit, and eventually hatched out two (the others being clear). As the cock did not assist his spouse (I had taken him away for peace' sake), she went slack in feeding, the chicks dying about a week later. On the second round things seemed a bit rosier looking, but "all things are not what they seem." There were four young out of four eggs, and doing grand. I let the cock remain for a bit, but getting another hen from Sheffield (a small, variegated buff, the size of a Siskin), I transferred him to the latter. The cock took matters very coolly, and got "chummy" with his new partner inside of a week. The little hen laid one egg, and immediately started (before I was aware of it), to sit out her time. At length she hatched out a specimen, the size of a "bumble bee." Feeding it only about three days, the microbe came to an end. About this time I had been making fearful efforts to prepare proper egg-food, resulting in the most nasty messes imaginable. Next I tried my hand with a compound said to last about a century, and keep fresh all the time. Luckily the birds were too wise to partake of it, and thereby saved their lives. Turning round to find a good substitute, I sent to London for a tin of Special Canary Food put up by a well-known firm. During this time the big hen had been busy, and the four young were almost ready to take the perches. Soon they were briskly hopping thereon, and picking up the above food, when alas! alack! the unnatural mother commenced to pluck them with the most cold-blooded assiduity. Ere a week elapsed I had lost three, the survivor (a big cock bird) saving his life by fighting for it "tooth and nail." Result, one bird for my first season as a fancier. Starting with high hopes, and the most sanguine expectations, this present year I put up two pairs (the fifth of April last). The second pair were the young cock aforementioned, paired with the lilliputian hen got from the "City of Blades." Like every other novice, I was eager for the fray, determined to break all records. But I had reckoned without consulting the Clerk of the Weather. Starting tolerably fair, especially during February, it turned to arctic conditions from April up to the end of June. The young pair got into swing first, but the cock was too young (at this time being little over nine months old). After the little hen had laid four eggs, and the fourteenth day had come, there was no result. Upon the sixteenth evening I took the eggs, and, breaking them, found all were clear, except one, which had been fertilised, but hadn't developed the germ. Summing up, the first two rounds of each pair were a total failure, with the solitary exception of one bird. The big hen hatched out two (from four eggs) the second round. Upon the fourth day I found one lying on the platform beside the nest almost dead. I put it back but found it dead the following day. Three days later—going to look and see how things were—I saw the remaining one lying on the cage-bottom. Taking it out, and seeing it move, I breathed on it three or four times, then placed it back in the nest. Two days later it was as big again, and seemed nothing the worse for its mishap. When three weeks old it left the nest, and was a very nice bird (pure white in plumage).

WARY.



Mr. Watson's Ideal Norwich Plainhead.

(See Mr. Watson's letter on this page.)

The Feeding and Keeping of Linnets in Health.

SIR,—On page 97 of August 21st, Mr. A. Wilkinson asks how best to keep Linnets alive. About a month ago a dealer told me to pour boiling water on to German rape seed and let the seed soak for 12 hours, afterwards feeding with same. I am trying same, and the result is satisfactory up to date.

J. KAY.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS a note from "Novice" and J. E. Walker about moulting Linnets, I may say I sent my Larks in to moult this year, and they have come out beautifully clean, and are coming on song nicely. I only gave a 1s. each for them last year. I have also moulted Linnets the same way: thus, one pennyworth of syrup of buckthorn; just colour the water every other day and the feathers will soon begin to drop. Keep the birds out of draught. I wish there was a Lark club somewhere in London.

J. COLE.

A Day at Dawley Show.

SIR,—Having arranged with a friend at Broseley to take our birds to Dawley Show, I had to stay the night before in Broseley, which I did at a public-house, whose landlady has a pet, a beautiful Goldfinch-Canary Mule. This took my attention a bit. Then I called upon my friend, and we packed up our birds in travelling cases. Off we go. We cross the beautiful River Severn at Ironbridge, over the bridge from which the little town takes its name, it having been one of the first iron bridges, if not the first, erected over water. We pay our toll, and are not long before we are crossing fields and pit molds made by a past generation. We notice some Linnets and a covey of Partridges. The day is rather warm, and our cases hang a bit heavy, but being unable to get a train we struggle on. At last, however, we are getting nearer to Dawley, for we pass Dosegay Church and its churchyard, within which are buried the mortal remains of Big Billy Ball, the Shropshire Giant, of Horsehay, whose height was 5ft. 9½in., and whose weight was 40 stone. A little further and we arrive at Dawley. Here we meet that well-known Shropshire exhibitor, Mr. Brotherhood. We soon stage our birds, and then have a walk in Dawley. The town must be full of cage bird fanciers, for, feeling a little "rough," I made tracks for a barber's shop, where some little songsters were hung up in their cages. I also noticed a case containing the prize cards of a successful exhibitor, artistically arranged with plates of various birds. Afterwards I went into another shop for some picture postcards to send away to friends, and what should be on the counter but a pretty Canary in its trim cage. Later, my friend and I go inside a shop for a "snack," when what should we hear but the chatter of a parrot! After the judging at the show is over, we visit the exhibition. Here on the ground is the very boat that the late Captain Webb used to test the Channel currents with. Captain Webb was born at Dawley, and he is held in high esteem by all Salopians, and should be by all Britons, for he had the courage to fight against great odds. What a lesson we exhibitors and fanciers can take from him! After a success, if we fail, let us try again; better to fail than not try at all. The Cage Bird Section at Dawley Show seemed to be taking nearly all the attention of both ladies and gentlemen, and some very good birds were staged. Three Waxwings were staged, and sometimes you never see one at a large show. In the local Bullfinch class, standing first was a splendid bird, which reflects great credit on its young owner, who told me he had moulted it himself. A nice Skylark I saw was also one of the winners. I offered a mealworm, but it refused it; as a gentleman remarked at the time, perhaps he did not know what it was. Another exhibit that took one's eye was a nearly Albino Mule standing at the head of its class, and it looked so pretty within its green-painted cage with the pink-coloured prize card attached. As I wanted to move my birds before time in order to catch the last train home, my friend and I got the kind permission of the obliging secretary, Mr. Urban Callear, and we soon had our birds packed up and away, leaving Dawley, which, to me, is still a pleasant memory.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

A Successful Season and no Red-mites.

SIR,—Reading CAGE BIRDS weekly, I notice that breeders mention how many young ones they have got, but seldom say how many pairs they put up. Well, I beg to give the pairs first. I had eight pairs and four odd hens, using 12 cages. I started on March 21st. No. 1 pair has laid 24 eggs—5, 5, 7, 3, and 4 in each nest; 15 hatched out and 14 are living. No. 2 pair had 16 eggs and hatched 11—8 are living. No. 3 pair had 14 eggs and hatched 6—4 living. No. 4 pair had 15 eggs and hatched 10—9 living. No. 5 pair had 17 eggs and hatched 7—6 living. No. 6 pair had 5 eggs and hatched them all, and when they were a week old, although the hen was in good health, she appeared to have died in a fit and so I lost the five young ones, not having anywhere to put them. Now I use one of the odd hens with the cock bird. This pair had 7 eggs and hatched 6—1 living, and the hen died. No. 7 pair had 11 eggs and hatched 5, all living. No. 8 pair had 10 eggs and hatched 9, all living. No. 9 pair had 14 eggs and hatched 14—all living. No. 10 pair had 12 eggs and hatched 2—both living; this hen was a good sitter and a good feeder, but the eggs were nearly all clear. No. 11 pair, the hen was a good sitter and laid 4 eggs; she hatched 3 of them, fed them for a week, and then sat on them until they died. In the second nest she hatched 3, fed them 11 days, and then sat on them until two died. I saved one youngster by taking it away and putting it in another nest. I put the hen with another cock and she laid 4 eggs, hatched them all off and fed well. She reared them all and they are nice birds. She laid 3 more eggs and hatched them on August 9th, and they are flying about looking well. No. 12 pair had 13 eggs and hatched 9, all living. I lost one cock bird during the season. Now I have 87 young ones, which are looking fairly well. My egg food is made as follows: One egg boiled hard, a thick slice of old bread all put through a sieve, and about a wineglassful of hemp put through a coffee mill is added. Then I well mix with it some green food (chickweed mostly, or lettuce). Clean water I give daily. The seed is best Canary, gold of pleasure, niger, a small quantity of summer rape, linseed. No colour feed for me either. I always use sand for the bottom of cages, red or white. I have been breeding for about 22 years, and have never seen a red mite till 1908, when they came quickly and put me rather in a fright. But having two or three cages not in use, I shifted the birds (three pairs at a time) into these, and I painted the outsides of the infested cages with paraffin oil. I did the insides with lime and let them stand two or three days. Then I put them up again. Later in the season I went through them again and then again in the Spring of 1909 and have not seen one this year. I stand the cages on little pieces of wood (dipped in oil) to keep them apart; I take them down two or three times during the season and wipe them over with an oily rag.

F. D.

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The Borrowing of Birds for Exhibition Purposes.

SIR,—At a recent bird show in Nottingham I know for certain that more than one person borrowed Canaries to show in their own names. I am informed there is a great deal of this kind of thing going on in other places besides Nottingham. I condemn the practice as dishonest, unmanly, dishonourable, and the height of meanness; and the men who lend birds to others to show in their own names are equally as bad as those who exhibit them. They are, without doubt, blacklegs, and should be stamped out. What chances have honest exhibitors? I have won about 500 money prizes and specials, and have never borrowed a bird to show in my life. I beg to ask every exhibitor to be manly, and to show his own birds, and his own birds only.

ROBERT HOLMES.

"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

SIR,—In reply to our brother fancier, Nimrod, would he try my noted pill remedy, by which I have saved many a Pigeon from dying and "going light"?—a packet of Thorley's food, a pennyworth of honey, and mix these in a paste and roll into pills, and dry, giving two morning and night by opening the beaks of the birds and putting them down their throats. I might say I got a Canary off a friend of mine who was going to kill it because it was "going light," and this bird is now in full song. I got a little of the soft paste (about a quarter teaspoonful) and put into the finger drawer, as I would the egg food, and took away the seed until the bird ate it; then I placed the seed box back with a little Demerara sugar in his drinking water with success. T. W. BROWN.

SIR,—As I am in the habit of keeping a great many Goldfinches, and have won a great many prizes with these lovely birds, I think I may say without a doubt that Fellowes' Syrup of Hypophosphates is one of the finest remedies I have as yet discovered to do any good for Goldfinches "going light." I had one handsome young cock bird a fortnight ago attacked with this disease. I at once removed him from the other birds, and gave him 12 drops of the syrup in about a wineglassful of water at night. He looked like a ball of feathers in the bottom of the cage, but next night he was on the perch, and now I am pleased to say he is healthy and singing, and the finest bird I have got. Rain water is best for the syrup. I hope other fanciers will try this remedy, and prevent a large number of these valuable birds from dying.

J. HENNERY LEWIS.

The Breeding and Keeping of Mealworms.

SIR,—Like many another question, this seems to crop up with commendable regularity, to show it is one of unfailing interest. When only a small supply is required it is scarcely worth the trouble of producing them one's self, in my opinion, as small users can almost always procure sufficient for their needs. Still, "A Learner" seems to hold a different opinion, and so, perhaps, do others, so here is a method of attaining their object in a small way. A rather shallow wooden box is the first essential—a box in which packets of starch or dry soap are packed is just the thing, and may be procured at any grocer's for a penny or twopence. Some will advise a tin or an earthenware jar—don't use either. They undoubtedly help to prevent the escape of worms by creeping up the side, but they are also very apt to become damp inside, and cause unhealthy condition. Choose a good, sound box, free from cracks, open joints, and bad workmanship. Put in a few more nails to prevent warping. A tiny stream of hot glue run all round the joints inside will further increase its stability, and if a sheet of tin is cut to fit the inside of box closely, and put in on supporting strips of wood nailed on the end of box inside, so as to keep it about half an inch below lid, very few, if any, worms will escape. The centre of the sheet of tin must be well supplied with pin-holes to provide free access of air. They may be made by tapping the head of a sharp brad with a hammer whilst holding the point on the tin, the tin sheet being, of course, placed on a piece of wood meanwhile. Do not make big holes, or some of the young worms, which are very minute indeed, will get through, and turn up at all times in places where they are not wanted. A mere "pin-hole" is the limit of safety in this respect. Next see that the lid is well-hinged, close-fitting, and put two wire hasps and staples on the front to hold it tightly closed. The box is now ready for use. Take out the tin cover, spread a handful or two of oat husks and bits of crumpled paper over the bottom of box, then a layer of bran about half an inch deep, and next a few handfuls of ground oats. A handful of rotten wood may be mixed with it, but is not essential. Cover with a layer of scraps of old woollen, flannel, knitted goods, and bits of paper to a depth of two or three inches, but not more than half full in all. Pour in the worms, put on the tin cover, close box, and keep it in a warm place. Open it once a week, and take out a week's supply. At this season the worms are very rapidly turning into the pupal stage, to become beetles in a month or six weeks afterwards, so that a small user who turns six hundred large worms into the box will probably find the supply exhausted by the time he has used half that number, the remainder being by that time either pupæ or beetles. These must not be used nor destroyed, as the beetles will in due course lay the eggs destined to provide the future colony. A fresh supply of worms must, therefore, be put in to supply one's needs, and this must be repeated until the young brood are large enough to be drawn upon, which will probably not be less than twelve months hence. Once the supply of "natives" commences, such a box will provide a fairly liberal supply of worms for an indefinite period. The food supply of the worms and beetles must, however, be attended to. The lower regions of the colony should be examined about every six months to see if the food supply is sufficient, and a further supply of bran and ground oats put in when necessary. Beyond this do not disturb the lower realms, but collect the weekly requirements from the layer of woollens placed on the top. Do not put in animal substances at any time, or the box will soon be in bad odour in more than one sense, and do not put in wet cloths, or the colony will soon be wiped out by the unhealthy conditions in which they will be forced to live. To raise a productive colony is a terribly slow business, and it is undoubtedly the length of time that must elapse before a box can be drawn upon which deters many fanciers starting one, but once a box does become productive it is a great boon to the small fancier of Softbills, and a very profitable one, too. The question as to how many a day should be given to the birds is really a choice bit of vagueness. As well might one ask "how long is a piece of string?" Off-hand one might reply one or one hundred with equal correctness. Of course, the correct reply depends upon the species of bird catered for, its condition of health, and the quality of its staple diet. With a good, properly compounded insectivorous food as a staple, one or two a day, or three in two days, would suffice for a Skylark, whilst a dozen would be none too many for a Robin or a Nightingale under similar conditions, and the larger and more exclusively insectivorous the bird the greater the number of mealworms it will stow away in the absence of other living insect food as substitutes.

HOBBYIST.

The Song of the Thrush.

SIR,—The song of the Thrush is remarkable for its rich mellow intonations, and for the great variety of its notes, and is preferred by many to that of all other woodland singers. Whether he is the best singer or not, he occupies, and deservedly so, a very high rank in the bird-singing profession. This would appear to be so from the fact that a very large number of these birds may be heard singing out their mellow songs. As I stand and listen the songs seem to be to me the following:—"Knee deep, knee deep, knee deep; cherry due, cherry due, cherry due, cherry due; white hat, white hat, white hat, white hat; pretty Joey, pretty Joey, pretty Joey, Joey, Joey."

FIDDLER, DEWSBURY.

Missing Water Tins.

SIR,—Having noticed in your last issue the letter on the above subject, written by Mr. W. P. Bell, I should say someone was having a good haul of water tins at Longton show (perhaps making a collection of them). I received my birds alright, but no water tins at all. Now I hope the officials will not think I am blaming them. No; I blame those thoughtless exhibitors who send their exhibits without water tins, the consequence being that the tins are robbed from those birds that have them to relieve the others, but are not put back. If it were not that the birds would have to suffer, it would serve those careless exhibitors right if the birds were found dead on arriving home. Anyhow, I trust this correspondence will be the means of bringing the thoughtless exhibitor to his senses, and that show committees will see that water tins are returned to the more thoughtful exhibitors.

J. T., BRIMINGTON.

SIR,—Noticing a letter from Mr. W. P. Bell *re* missing water tins, may I be allowed to say that nine times out of ten it is not the show officials' fault that exhibits are returned without these. As a proof of the absent-mindedness of some exhibitors, I might mention that we had to buy three dozen water tins for exhibits which arrived without them for Dulwich show. I trust those gentlemen who are in fault, and have received bright spanking new water tins back from Dulwich, will remember we are not running a charitable institution, although the cost of the tins is nothing to the comfort of the birds which we endeavoured to study.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE, Show Manager.

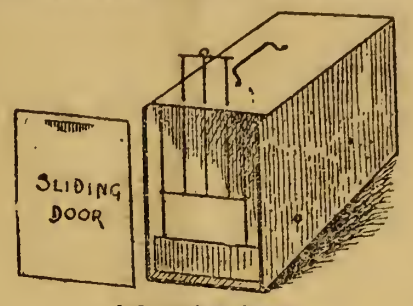
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No. 354.
A Handy Carrying-Box.

Sent by Mr. J. Young, Bank House, 210, Commercial Road, London, E.

I send you a sketch of a carrying-box made by myself out of a cigar-box, and sized and varnished. It is a very useful thing for any fancier, and is easily made. You can take a bird out in any weather, too, without the slightest



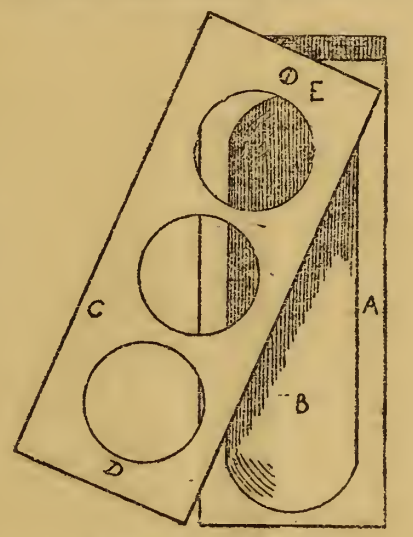
A Carrying Cage.

fear of its catching a chill or knocking itself about, when closed up. The sliding shutter slides down in front of sliding wire door, making the box almost dark, and in consequence the bird will keep perfectly still. The perch is put through 2ins. from the front and 1¼ins. from the bottom of the box. The hole in the top is for ventilation. The sketch, I think, will explain the rest.—JAMES YOUNG.

No. 355.
A Useful Seed-hopper.

Sent by Mr. H. Moon, The Woodlands, Kingswood, Bristol.

Here is a small sketch of a very simple but usefui seed hopper, for use in an aviary. It consists of a block of wood (A) with a groove in it. The block is about 10ins. long and 2½ins. by 1¼ins., with a groove made in the centre. Of



A Novel Seed Hopper.

course, the wood is to be planed up if it is to look nice. B is the groove in which the seed is put. C is a thin piece of wood with three (more if desired) holes in it. This is the same size as A. A screw is then put in both pieces of wood as shown in sketch, a screw being used to enable the piece of wood C to move round. The holes D enable the birds to take the seed from the groove. If a fancier wishes to hang this seed hopper in the aviary, a small perch can be easily fixed to the piece of wood A.—H. MOON.

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THE SHOWS.

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BATTERSEA.

Fourth annual show of the Battersea C.B.A. held on October 20th and 21st in the Battersea Town Hall, which makes a capital venue for a cage bird show. The management of the show was in the hands of Messrs. Easterling and Allen, the hon. secs., who are deserving of every praise for the excellent arrangements made, both for the comfort and well-being of the exhibits and the satisfaction of the exhibitors and the visitors. Their efforts were admirably seconded by Mr. W. Honeysett (the chairman), Mr. T. Goymer, the vice-chairman, and the committee, Messrs. Luff, Holloway, Whiteman, Law, Mist, Twiddy, Fonnd, Gooch, Whithome, Dewhurst and Slade. The judges were Messrs. A. Pattrick and J. Robson, and they had a very heavy task, one at least of these gentlemen being, as events turned out, too heavily taxed to do either himself or the birds justice. The entries were much beyond expectation, and it was six o'clock before the class judging was finished. The Yorkshire classes were exceedingly heavy, and took a good deal of sorting, while the quality was well above the average of London shows, some grand birds being staged, but we failed to find a single green or cinnamon bird among the many "slim ones" on show. The beauty of the green and the cinnamon marks should commend themselves to the Yorkshire fanciers of the south. What a chance for someone! The hall was well patronised by visitors. This fixture has now become quite a known annual event, and if much more progress is made a larger hall will soon be required. All classes appeared to fill well, excepting the Borders; these could only muster nine entries. Lovers of these birds must support the clubs that cater for them. The Norwich Plainheads made a magnificent display, the numbers and quality alike being grand, and there was stiff competition between many noted exhibitors.

The British classes were fine, and it must have been very gratifying to the officials of the Society to find the extended classification met with the support it deserved. The small insectivorous class, always one of the most interesting in the section, contained some charming exhibits. Mr. Frostick's Jenny Wren (the substitute for the Dartford Warbler which had been entered), in its ivy-clad cage, and Mr. Vale's red-backed Shrike, a bird seldom seen on the show bench in perfect plumage, being specially worthy of notice, as was a gem of the rarely-staged Grasshopper Warbler. The lesser-spotted Woodpecker had quite a large circle of interested admirers. The Bramble and Chaffinch class was a very hot one; in fact, half the class were fit to win in first-class competition. This class might well be split up into two next year. The Foreign bird classes, although somewhat weak in point of numbers, were not lacking in quality, Mr. Maxwell heading the list with his noted Bird of Paradise.

Crests, Plainheads and Yorks.

CREST (8): 1, spl., T. J. King, dense leafy crest, in beautiful feather; 2, A. J. Slade, very close up, must have been very tight fight; 3 (no name), not quite such a nice centre; vhc, Upton and Buttou; hc, Slade; c, Smith. C.-B. (6): 1, King, monster, browed and domed to perfection, easy win; 2 (no name), green, very nice, good in feather; 3, Upton and Button, lightly eye mkd.; vbc, Slade; hc, Smith; c, Sprules. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Richardson, beautiful quality, type and carriage, nicely staged; 2, 3, Baker, not quite the quality of winner, but grand bird, 3rd fails only in wing carriage; 4, Luff, well deserves place; vhc, bc, Morris; c, Miles. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Morris, rare size and teeming with quality; 2 (no name), not quite finish of winner, but a good one; 3, Withers, rightly placed, nice size, good one; 4, Young, sweet head, not quite the quality perhaps; vbc, Jordan, nice shape and style; hc, Ellis; c, Rippon, truly a hot lot. MKD., ETC.: 1, Withers, model of a yell, grizzle tail; 2, Hodder, big bouncing, buff head and wing mkd., a topper, we met at Caterham; 3, Young, very nice lengthy mkd. yell.; vhc, Rippon, varieg. yell.; hc, Easterling; c, Jordan. HENS, YELL. (12): 1, Young, sweetly moulded, perfect lady, well staged; 2, Jordon, another beauty, not quite so neat about the flights perhaps, a good one; 3, Luff, nice grizzle back, nice head, another graud one; 4, Withers, bit rough when we saw it, will improve, too; vhc, Morris; hc, Hodder; c, Bellamy. BUFF (7), big muster of the fair: 1, Young, grand lady, well put down; 2, Ellis, nice compact varieg., lovely wing carriage; 3, Baker, cl., a bit wild, will improve; 4, Sprules; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Silk; c, Miles. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Baker, good big one, tkd. on neck, very steady and stately; 2, Hodder, not quite such a bold head perhaps, but tight as wax; 3, Richardson, not quite the style of winners, but a good one; vhc, Harper; hc, c, Bellamy. BUFF (14): 1, Richardson, real good win, type and quality all there; 2, Upton and Button, wing mkd., not quite the size of former perhaps, but a taking exhibit; 3, Ellis, another gem of the first water; 4, Rippon, bit heavy at thigh, well staged; vhc, Harper; hc, Hodder; c, Baker.

YORKS. UNFLIGHT. (18): 1, G. T. Green, yell., splendid wing carriage, soldier-like appearance, will improve; 2, Rennie, another of the same regiment, hardly ready; 3, Crisp, grand legs, just a trifle stiff in tail; 4, Warley, good one, but not quite the style; vhc, Smith; bc, Crisp; c, Boxall. HENS, YELL. (14): 1, Hawes Bros., superb, long-sided, like wax in mould; 2, 3, Rennie, two more beauties, good stnd, tight race here; 4, Green, full of quality, richly varieg.; vhc, Easterling; hc, c, Crisp. BUFF (13): 1, Crisp, first-rate breedy lady, splendid shoulders and wing carriage; 2, hc, Rennie, head and one wing mkd., well staged; 3, Mason, nice long-sided, not quite so neat on wings perhaps; 4, Parrott, well moulded; vhc, Warley; c, Holbrook. OPEN NOV. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Lee and Kearney, two really good yell., both well staged, and much admired; 2, Brooks, good one all over; vhc, Steed, some thought might easily have taken higher card; hc, Bellinger; c, Botell. BUFF (18), good class of fine stuff: 1, Hamer, beauty, could win higher up, perfect wing carriage; 2, 4, Lee and Kearney, 2nd a bouncer, greatly admired; 3, Dixon, good quality, will improve yet; vhc (no name); hc, Jefferis; c, Parr. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Dixon, very nice moulded huff, in A1 condition; 2, Hamer, good yell. on small side; 3, c, Lee and Kearney, 3rd nice yell., well put down; 4, Brooks, fine headed huff; vhc, Law; hc, Steed. HENS NOV. (18): 1, vhc, Lee and Kearney, 1st sweetly moulded buff lady; 2, Bellinger, good yell; 3, Brooks, nice small buff, worth position; 4, Edwards; hc, Dixon; c, Thomas. A.O.V. (8): 1, vhc, Green, 1st Lancs. Coppy, very much admired, vhc Lancs. Plainhead; 2, Curtis, yell. green Nor., a popular award; 3, Mabey; hc, Tringham; c, Mrs. Thyme. SELL. PAIRS (30/-, 20/-): 1, Steed, huff tkd yell hen; 2, Bellinger, yell. hen; 3, Easterling, pale Nor var buff and cl. yell.; 4, Mabey, Yorks.; vhc, Richardson; hc, Easterling; c, same owner. SELL. (20/- pairs, 15/- single) (17): 1, Allen, Yorks ok.; 2, Richardson, yell. Nor.; 3, Pope; 4, Silk; vhc, Thompson; hc, Curtis; c, Honeysett.

Borders and Yorkshires.

BORD. (9): 1, McGregor, neat type, lovely wing carriage, rare feather and condition, good 1st; 2, Thynne, similar type, very tight in feather; 3, McGregor, very typical green, sweet type, beautifully pencilled; vhc, hc, Thomas; c, Thynne. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Easterling, long raking bird, well up on legs, sweet head and neck, excellent wings; 2, Rennie, another full size bird, not quite so good in head, grand wings; 3, vhc, Mabey, yet another good one, in lovely condition; 4, Crisp, long bird, neat type; hc, Warley; c, Edwards. BUFF (14): 1, Hawes, clinker, good, clean, upstanding bird, rare wing carriage, sweet whip tail; 2, Parrott, very close up, straight smart bird, shows plenty of thigh for a buff; 3, Rennie, very long and smart, clean, well finished bird; 4, hc, Crisp, head tkd. bird, very slim, tight as wax; vhc, Easterling; c, Easterling. VARIEG. CK. (14): 1, Hawes, lightly mkd., finely drawn, showing plenty of daylight, very straight and clean; 2, Crisp, fine slashing bird, well up on legs, grand head and neck; 3, Mabey, grand three-pointed yellow, A1 position, plenty of length, lovely quality feather; 4, Crisp, neat excellent feather, stands well; vhc, Mason; hc, Parrott; c, Smith. NOV. CL. YELL. (21): 1, Rogers, picture, wonderful length, nice clean run, well up on legs, sweet head, good neck; 2, Buckingham, another beauty, good long wings and tail, excellent contour; 3, Ayers, very lengthy, lovely back and wings, grand condition; 4, Beeney, fine slashing bird, shows well, grand wings; vhc, Angour; hc, Baker; c, Huton. BUFF (28): 1, Baker, typical Yorkie, very shapely, well cut away, stands well, shown in excellent condition; 2, Angeur, ver ylong and slim, beautiful shoulders and back, in A1 condition; 3, Parks, very neat, grand position; 4, Chedzoy, lovely typical bird; vhc, Hodge; hc, Angeur; c, Silverthorn. VARIEG. CK. (17): 1, Beeney, buff, slashing bird, grand type, lovely quality, very neat; 2, Ralph, typical saddle mkd. bird, nice clean run, beautiful shoulder; 3, Angeur, a heavily varieg. bird, very slim, showy, rare length; 4, Whittome, very neat stylish bird, lovely quality; vhc, King; hc, Found; c, Groves. UNFLIG. (35): 1, Baker, grand bold buff, rare shoulders and wings, nice head and neck; 2, Lacey, long slashing yell., beautiful wings, in grand condition; 3, King, another yell., neater bird, capital wings and tail; 4, Monger, grand wing mkd. yell., well filled back; vhc, Franks; vhc, Ralph; hc, Angeur; hc, Lohr; c, Beeney. YELL. HENS (31): 1, Quilter, lovely yell., rare quality, beautiful shape, nice size, capital wings; 2, Angeur, another yell., hot col., sweet head, well shown; 3, Frank, typical breedy bird, very slim, excellent wings; 4, Cook, grand neck mkd. bird, rare length and quality good; ex. 4, Silverthorn, a wing mkd. bird, nice type, stands well; ex. 3, Pound, long typical bird, good wings, grand feather. BUFF (22): 1, Angeur, fine bouncing hen, rare lengtb, grand wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Chedzoy, clean, rather neater type, nice length; 3, Cook, another slim one, beautiful contour, excellent wings; 4, Ayers, good upstanding bird, has good qualities, well shown; vhc, Perkins; bc, Buckingham; c, Cook.

British Hybrids and Foreign.

GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Herbert, bonny big Finch, good square skull, well up in col., rich tanning, good buttons and moons; 2, Jordan, another fine Goldie, little to choose, good wing bars, nice square clean cut blaze; 3, Maxwell, gem for col, steady as a rock; 4, Mays, grand size, rich body col., the colour-feed has improved the wing bars, but is scarcely an improvement to blaze; vhc, Hireson, nicely finished; hc, Gunnell; c, Vincent. LINNET (20): 1, 2, Marley, grand pair, Dulwich winner leading, wonderful size, beautifully pencilled, grand carriage, rich nutty-brown; 2nd, another good one, steady; 3, vhc, hc, Prior, all in rare fettle, good throat markings, well pencilled, showing whites in flights well; 4, Mays, good rich-coloured birds, grand whites, shown to perfection, nice pencilling; c, Frostick, rich-coloured Linnet, a fine class throughout, and contained some rare forward birds. REDPOLL (18): 1, Herbert, rare-sized Mealy, capital bib, dense pencilling, fine wings, in grand order; 2, Pickles, sweet Lesser, good bib, well pencilled back and flanks, showing rare pink cap and breast; 3, Easterling, another nice Lesser, fine size, good bib, very steady; 4, Mealy, in grand order, nice size; vhc, Maxwell, bonny little Lesser; hc, Francis, good Lesser; c, Hurst. SISKIN OR TWITE (17): 1, Botting, real grand Twite, very forward in col., shows whites in flights to perfection, very rich on throat and breast (Dulwich winner again); 2, Maxwell, sweet little Siskin, splendid cap and bib, rich col., fed to perfection; 3, Mrs. Page, Twite, nice size and col., well pencilled; 4, Marley, another Siskin, in grand form; vhc, Davis, Siskin, in good form; hc, Hurst, Twite, fine size; c, Francis, a fine class, not a duffer in it. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Frostick, grand yell. Greenie, grand size, good wing bars, rich, sound body col., beautifully shown, and quickly claimed at catalogue price; 2, R. J. Howe, another good Greenie, fine size, grand col., in lovely bloom; 3, Maxwell, rare big bird, sound body col., grand head, steady as possible; 4, Marley, fine bodied bird, capital head, good clear; vhc, Pope, in good order; hc, Vale, nice shape; c, Prior. BRAMBLEFINCH OR CHAFF. (24): 1, 2, 4, Hurst, 1st very steady Chaffinch, rich coloured, good in whites, nice size; 2nd and 4th both stylish Brambles, deep breast col., good shoulder; 3, Marley, real good Chaffinch, in great fettle, colours well defined, medium size; vhc, Sandy, rich-coloured Bramble, nice spangling; hc, Francis, big Chaffinch; c, Gerrey. Half the class could win in any competition, and most are very forward. BUNTING (13): Good class, plenty of variety; 1, R. J. Howe, big Corn Buuting, steady, nicely mkd., in perfect feather; 2, Grahame, Yellow Bunting, nice rich colour, fine head and cheek markings; 3, c, Francis, former real good Lapland Bunting, fine black throat and cap, in a grand bloom; c, large well mkd. Corn Bunting; 4, Marley, fine big Yellow Bunting, rich throat, sound body col., very steady; vhc, Carter, good Reed Bunting, nice black throat and head; hc, Sandy, very rich-coloured Yellow Bunting; a good Cirl left out of the tickets. HENS (16): Nicely mixed lot (Hard and Softbills); 1, Cocks, well shown, pretty little Tree Creeper, easy win (if eligible in this class some thought a hen, and others thought it a cock; 2, Beard, large Bullie, jet black, well polished cap, nice wing bars, rich body col.; 3, Dewhurst, bonny Hawfinch, in good trim, very steady, fine size; 4, Howe, Yellowhammer, big bird in perfect feather, very steady; vhc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, sweet Swallow, in grand order, soon marked sold; hc, Easterling, Siskin; c, Botting. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Prior, grand conditioned Hawfinch, rare bloom, lovely coloured head, fine bib, well shown; 2, Gough, sweet Bullie, dense, clear cut cap, good size, rich breast, whitish speck over beak; 3, Howe, another bonny Bullie, little to choose between this and second, good clear back, snow-white rump; 4, Maxwell, rare big Hawfinch, very tame, rich, well-defined colours; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Mays; c, Frostick, all Bullies and well up in colour, little to choose. SOFTBILL, LARGE (7): 1, Page, topping, rich-coloured Fieldfare, nicely spotted, very steady, well shown; 2, Maxwell, Waxwing, real beauty, well-tipped flights, rich head, and body colour; 3, Mays, Blackbird, good crocus bill and eye cere, nice size; vhc, no name (No. 7); hc, Easterling; c, Gower. SMALL (18), grand class: 1, hc, Cocks, 1st beautiful Grasshopper-Warbler, very tame, nicely shown, in perfect feather, grand condition, very pretty; 2, Maxwell, old champion, Yel. Wagtail, very hot colour, perfect condition, beautifully shown; 3, Mrs. Frostick, rare lesser-spotted Woodpecker, shown very tastefully; vhc, Jenny, Wren in an ivy-decorated cage; 4, Mays, very rich coloured Gold Crest, tastefully shown, looked quite happy; hc, Vale, perfect red-backed Shrike, very tame, well shown; c, Meadows, Wryneck in faultless condition; the class was worth going a long way to see to those interested in this branch of the Fancy. DARK CAN. HYB. (21): 1, 3, Mrs. Askham, two noted Can.-Bullies, very fine pair, 1st very rich col., beautiful cap and breast; 2, Edwards, good Greenfinch-Can., rich colour, shows well; 4, Francis, Goldfinch-Can., capital colour and blaze; vhc, hc, Whent; c, Monk; absent, Priest, Lawrence. LIGHT (10): 1, vhc, Archer, 1st grand buff Greenfinch-Can., winner at Dulwich, perfectly cl., shows Greenfinch type well, vhc nest brother, griz. mkd., back, wings and head; 2, Lees, wing mkd. Linnet-Can., nice size and col.; 3, Botting, Goldfinch-Can., trifle small, prettily mkd., in grand order; hc, Harper; c, Whent. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, Maxwell, noted King Bird of Paradise, shining like satin, perfect in feather, even to fine tail, wins the attraction of the show; 2, Dewhurst, pair of Coleys, very pretty, in fine order, very interesting; 3, Sandy, cage-moulted Mexican Green Jay, very rich col., perfect feather. SMALL: 1, 2, Maxwell, former very fine black-throated Tanager, perfect blaze of col. in blues and greens, 2nd noted violet-cared Waxbill, in exquisite feather, beautifully shown; 3, vhc, Mrs. Galloway, 3rd fine pair of red-headed Gouldians in very fine condition, vhc Austral. crimson Finches, very sweet little birds; hc, Sprules, white Javas.

MEMBERS.—CHAM. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Warley; 2, 4, Easterling; 3, Mabey. BUFF: 1, c, Allen; 2, Mabey; 3, 4, Easterling; vhc, Warley. HEN: 1 Warley; 2, Mabey; 3, 4, Easterling. CHAMP. NOR.: 1 Mabey; 2, Luff; 3, Withers. BUFF: 1, Easterling; 2, 3, Luff; 4, hc, Mabey; vhc, Warley. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Luff; 3, Withers; 4, Easterling; vhc, Warley. NOVICE YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1 hc, Honeysett; 2, 3, Gill; vhc, Neal; c, Ralph. BUFF: 1, 3, Gill; 2, Neal; 4, hc, Honeysett; vhc, Holloway. HEN: 1, 3, Holloway; 2, Honeysett; vhc, hc, Ralph; c, Gill. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Palmer; 3, Priest. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Palmer; 3, 4, Coutts; vhc, c, Priest. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Palmer; 2, 4, hc, Priest; c, Coutts.

MEMBERS.—BRIT. GOLDFINCH AND BULLFINCH: 1, 3, 4, Easterling; 2, Warley. LINNET: 1, Priest; 2, Coutts; 3, 4, Easterling; vhc, Goymer. A.O.V.: 1, c, Dewhurst; 2, 4, hc, Easterling; 3, Goymer; vhc, Twiddy. MULE: 1, Twiddy; 2, Coutts; 3, Honeysett; 4, Warley; vhc, Holloway; hc, Mabey.

FOLKESTONE.

Held October 20th and 21st in the Town Hall. The show room is lofty, well lighted, and cosy, and the birds were staged on the platform, which made them easier to view than is frequently the case at mixed shows. The secretary, Mr. Gambrill, is an experienced and able show manager, taking everything in the most businesslike, and at the same time pleasant and courteous manner. His committee are fanciers of the most enthusiastic type, and the cage bird department was stewarded by Mr. A. E. Coleman in a most efficient manner. The quality was excellent, although the entry was not over large. Yorkshires were nice classes, and the quality excelleut, while there were some good Borders. British came up grandly. Special for best in show went to a golden-crested Wren. The insectivorous class contained, besides the Wren, some charming specimens of other Softbills. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. CK. (4): 2, Meades, very smart yell., good size, nice head, deep col., full chest, stands across perch at nice angle; 4, Gibbs, another yell., splendid quality and col.; vhc, Kew; hc, Gibbs. HEN (3): 2, Meades, yell., lovely quality, nice head, good wing carriage; 4, Gibbs, varieg. buff, very cobby, nice tone of feather; vhc, Gibbs. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, Gibbs, a typical yell. of rare substance for an unflig., has a nice head; 2, Gooding, buff, rich under-colour and nicely frosted; 3, Tayler, tkd. buff, good shape, close and silky feather, full of deep under-colour; vhc, Meades; hc, Gibbs; c, Jordon. UNFLIG. HEN (5): 2, Gibbs, yell., nice type and quality; 3, Taylor, chubby varieg. buff, fine tone of feather; vhc, Meades; hc, Jordon; c, Gibbs. YORKS. (4): 2, 4, Gibbs, both typical specimens, good feather, stand, and col.; vhc, Raynor; hc, Sanderson. UNFLIG. (11): 1, spl 2nd best bird in show, 3, Lockett, leader very smart Yorkie, said to be the Rochester winner, shown in lovely bloom; 2, Reeve, lovely cinnamon varieg., beautiful feather, nice head, neck and back; hc, Gibbs; c, Austin. BORD. (7): 1, Dr. Bowes, a very sweet little yell., close fitting dress, very perky; 3, Weaver, jaunty, charming feather; vhc, hc, Dr. Bowes; c, Gorringe. LIZ. (3): 2, 4, vhc, Wood, tho leader by far the best in spangling and ground col. GREENIE, ETC. (8): 1, Osborne, Greenie, rare size, pure in col., nice feather, very steady; 2, Wickham, another good Greenie; 3, Jordon, close feathered, nicely mkd., steady Linnet; vhc, Kew; hc, c, Brett. A.O.S. SEED-EATER, SMALL (8): 1, spl, Acland, well-known Hawfinch, grand bib and size; 2, Austen, another smart Hawfinch, rich col.; 3, Bacon, Chaffinch, lovely metallic lustre, sheen and bar; hc, c, Brett. SMALL INSECTIV. (8): 1, spl, best members, spl best bird in show, Blathwayt, really beautiful little Golden-Crested Wren, feathers of the richest hues, shining like glass; 2, Brett, equally lovely Meadow Pipit, charming breast marking, feather like marble; 3, Austin, a capital Nuthatch; vhc, hc, c, Brett. SELL. (20/-) (10): 1, spl, 3, Brett; 2, Reeve; vhc, Wood; hc, Rayner; c, Taylor. (10/-) (8): 1, Wood; 2, Goodwin; 3, Taylor; vhc, hc, c, Brett.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

A well-attended meeting and table show took place at the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, on Oct. 18th; judge, Mr. S. Grayshon, Heckmondwike. Owing to a clerical error, Mr. F. Allen was stated to be judge in last week's CAGE BIRDS, but he judges a table show and judging competition on November 15. Messrs. G. Grayshon, S. Grayshon, and T. Smith will give money specials for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bird in each class. Entries for the show, October 18, came up well, and the judge gave every satisfaction.

BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Wood; 2, 4, Fielding; vhc and c, Smith; hc Rothery. HEN: 1, hc, Fielding; 2, c, Rothery; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Wood.—J. LEWIS, hon. secretary.

EASTBOURNE.

With a reduced classification, and an increased entry the show of the Eastbourne Fur and Feather Society was this year a big success. The Floral Hall, in which the show is held, is a capital building for a show, being well lighted and very cosy. Not only was the entry an improvement, but the quality also was better than last year. The exhibits were nicely arranged, and their needs well looked after by the following band of stewards, who were most assiduous in the discharge of their duties—Messrs. Newman, Cole, Hobden, Tugwell, Hedges, and French. Messrs. Daly and Gibbons, the secretaries, were most diligent and courteous, and in them the society have two most efficient officers. Mr. C. A. House judged.

Critique.

YORKS. YELL. CL. (9): 1, spl best Canary, Gamble, very smart close-feathered bird, grand col., lovely style and position; 2, Slack, rare length and position, capital shape, hardly ready; 3, Taylor, rattling good bird of capital shape and style, but soiled; vhc, hc, Jackson; c, Brooks; absent, 2, Mrs. Abrahams. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Taylor, rare shape and position, beautiful soft close feather, and nice col.; 2, Gibbs, hardly so close in feather, but grand shape and style; 3, Rogers, capital length and position, neat shape; hc, Newman; c, Miss Dawson. TKD. (13): 1, 2, Taylor, very long, stylish variegated buff and yellow, full of nerve and as straight as a gun barrel; 3, Gamble, eye and wing mkd. yell., wonderful feather, not so stylish; vhc, Joiner; hc, Miss Dawson; c, Newman; absent, 3, Berry and Mitchell; 4, Mrs. Abrahams. HEN: 1, 2, Taylor, lovely yell. and buff, as tight as wax, and beautiful shape and position; 3, Bond, yell., rare length and style, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, hc, Miss Dawson; c, Daintry. UNFLIG. (17): 1, vhc, Taylor, tkd. neck, lovely head and shoulders, rare shape, style, and col.; 2, Hundley, very slim, sweet yell., hardly so much length; 3, Pearson, rattling good buff, full of quality and rare style; hc, Morris and Son; c, Daintry; absent, 4, Mrs. Abrahams. NON-FED: Cancelled. NOR. YELL. CL.: Cancelled. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Douch, two charming birds, short and compact in body, rare quality of feather, and sound level col.; 3, Donne, grand shape and style, rich col., not so silky in feather; vhc, Taylor; bc, Miller; c, Mrs. Edwards. TKD.: Cancelled. HEN (9): 1, Rippon, very smart, short chubby yell., lovely col. and feather; 2, Spinner, very stout, closely set buff, lovely quality and style; 3, Terry, good shapely yell., not tightened up yet; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Miller; c, Morris and Son. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Rippon, very smart little yell., rare shape and feather, nice sound col.; 2, vhc, Terry, cap and wing mkd. yell., rare shape and quality; 3, Taylor, very neat, shapely buff, a bit horned in washing; hc, Spinner; c, Douch. NON-FED: Cancelled. CREST (6): 1, spl, spl best Non-fed Can., Rippon, large shapely grey, densely feathered and beautifully drooped; 2, Mrs. Haysom, very handsome green of rare shape and droop, lot of pen feathers in head yet; 3, Nagel, very nice-feathered green, hardly so round; vhc, Betchley; bc, Bond; c, Colls. C.B. (10): 1, Betchley, green, with pied tail, rare shape, and very dense feather; 2, Donne, very massive, heavily mkd., broad skull, hardly so full feathered in front; 3, Towers, very shapely, well feathered cl. yell.; vhc, Mrs. Haysom; hc, Bond; c, Hedges; absent, 4, Watson. A.O.V. (11): 1, Riddles, smart and stylish yell. Bord., grand feather and shape; 2, Gibbs, rich col. yell. cinn.; 3, Culham, tkd. wing buff Bord., smart and stylish; vhc, Rogers; hc, Mrs. Haysom; c, Donne. MULE LIGHT (9): 1, spl., Locke, magnificent four-pointed yellow, a real gem; 2, 3, Lees, well-known light Linnet and four-pointed buff, in rare form; vhc, hc, Gannell; c, Plummer. DARK: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl., Goulden, nice rich blaze, capital shape and style, good bars and buttons; 2, Morris and Son, lovely col. and feather, nice collar and bars; 3, Gill, a very fine Finch, but needs steadying; vhc, Plummer; hc, Harris; c, Pearson; absent 7, Mrs. Gammon. LINNET (13): 1, Gunnell, fine bold shapely bird, beautifully mkd. and good size; 2, hc, Harris, a gem, but not so large; 3, members' spl., Holden, rare shape, size, feather, and markings; vhc, Locke; c, Hedges. FINCH A.O.V. (9): 1, spl., Winterburn, very handsome Greenfinch, rare col. and feather, and a well mkd. good col. Bullie; 2, Cole, very clearly mkd. Chaffinch, nice shape and feather; vhc, Hobden; hc, Heritage; c, Hobden; absent 3, Jupe. A.O.V. SMALL (11): 1, spl., spl. best Brit., Lean and Son, very handsome Wheatear, beautifully mkd., grand col. and shown in perfect feather; 2, spl. best members' Brit., Hedges, large shapely well mkd. Skylark, in beautiful feather; 3, Miss Hopwood, grand little Blackcap, beautiful col. and feather; vhc, Winterburn; hc, Cushing; c, Heritage; w.c. No. 2, Miss Dawson, a Siskin; No. 9, Whymark, a Redpoll; these birds should have been shown in the A.O.V. Finch class; absent 10, Hobden. LARGE (8): 1, Jarrett, magnificent Magpie, superb col. and sheen, rare feather, splendidly mkd.; 2, Bailey and Son, large good col. Chough, nice legs and beak; 3, Lean and Son, very rich col. Blackbird, rare bill and cere; vhc, Hedges; hc, Bettison; c, Humphrey. FOR. SMALL (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Colls, nice little team, a Long-tailed Whydah, a Combassou, Grey Java, and White Java leading; absent 1, 2, Mrs. Garner; 3, Cushing. FOR. (7): 1, spl., Cushing, very handsome close feathered, rich col., well mkd. Pitta; 2, Colls, very handsome Alexandrina, grand col., feather and marking; 3, Mrs. Hood, large good feathered Golden-naped Amazon; vhc, Durrant; hc, c, Dunk. LOCAL CAN. (8): 1, spl., Hanlon, very nice and stylish buff Yorks; 2, Mrs. Holden, large good positioned yell. Belgian; 3, Wadey, neat grizzled-headed Nor.; vhc, Weller; hc, Hagar, Tucknott, Croft; c, Wood. MEMBERS—YORKS (13): 1, spl., 2, hc, Newman, good buff cock and hen, rare shape and feather, nice style; 3, Tugwell, long, slim, pale yell.; vhc, c, French. NOR. (8): 1, spl., best members' Nor. in show, Bridges, very nice shapely, good col. buff; 2, Cole, nice bodied yell., capital feather; 3, Hedges, neat varieg. buff; vhc, hc, c, French.

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BOLTON.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. held their annual show on October 15th and 16th. The Co-operative Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, is large, nicely lighted, free from draughts, and well ventilated. The entries totalled 550, making a fine display. The C.B.U. rules were in evidence. Staging was of a very neat order, and specimens could be seen in comfort. Those responsible for this arrangement are therefore to be complimented. The President is Mr. J. Smith, the Vice-President Mr. J. Hopkins, and the Treasurer Mr. R. Hollis, all of whom rendered capital assistance. The committee are a band of most willing helpers, who know the correct workings. The stewards were Messrs. T. H. Cooper, J. Gostling, J. Smith, R. Hollis, H. Bullough (Southport), and T. W. Burgess; each and all did all in their power to help things on. Mr. H. Parkinson, the worthy Sec., is the right man in the right place; he is quick, courteous, and obliging, having every item at his finger-tips. Mr. T. H. Cooper makes a capable assistant. The Norwich took pride of place as regards merit, and were a magnificent collection. Yorkshires made a nice display, and contained a good few exceedingly smart exhibits. The Crest shown by Mr. W. Radley was voted a romper, and looked in fine trim at judging time, but shortly after it went amiss and looked as though its "time" had come. We hope the bird has got all right by this. Mules and British were good, and Foreign added to the attraction of the show. The Novice classes filled splendidly, and contained many that could have run well in the higher circles. Specials went as follows: Ramsden's medal, Mr. T. H. Dent; Kremmer cup, Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins, who also took Seyfried's medal; Gostling's gold medal, Mr. J. Gerrard, and also silver medal; Sandiford's medal, Mr. T. Denkin; Hyde's, Mr. J. Gerrard. The judges were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and J. Walsh (Blackburn, the former taking all the Canaries, and the latter the British, Foreign, Mules, and Selling. Their awards were well received. A contest between the N.P.C. and the Southern N.P.C. had been arranged to take place at this exhibition. The Southerners failed to respond, only one exhibitor entering (four birds), and these were not on view.

The Champion Canary Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Hirst, capital quality, good length, neat and narrow, well up on leg; 2, Walsh, magnificent col., very lengthy, nice feather and position; 3, Dooley, stands well, good length, bit moulty yet on back; 4, Mitchell, fine length and position; vhc, Fortnam; bc, Barlow. BUFF (10): 1, Dooley, straight as a rush, feathered to perfection, fine length, grand legs; 2, Bullough, beautiful position, superb feather and style; 3, Smith and Sellars, about longest in class, stands well up, nice back flights; 4, Knowles, similar to 3rd, very little separates; vhc, Jones and Chester; hc, Hirst; c, Mitchell. YELL. TKD. (8): 1, Wilkinson, mkd. wing, eyes, and neck, red bot, very lengthy, A1 position, shows thighs nicely; 2, Mitchell, mkd. eye, lovely feather, delightful stand, good length; 3, Knowles, mkd. eye, smooth as glass, capital type, lengthy, well worth place; 4, Hirst, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, very warm; vhc, Barlow; hc, Frazer; c, Norris. BUFF (7): -, Norris, cinn. mkd. wings, back, and eyes, rich quality and col., stands like a guardsman, rare length; 2, Radley, mkd. cheek, straight as a pencil, smooth as a bottle, A1 stand, clever legs, looks like a hen; 3, Jones and Chester, mkd. breast, fine long-drawn specimen, well up; 4, Dooley, mkd. wings, capital position and feather; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Hatton; c, Dean. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Knowles, mkd. wing, ablaze with col., soft silky texture of feather, fine back and wing carriage; 2, Faulkner, mkd. wing and eyes, tight as wax, good length and stand, shows thighs well; 3, Thorp, cl., red-hot, very lengthy and good position, not yet tightened; 4, Norris, varieg., feathered like glass, good type and length; vhc, Hatton; hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Mitchell. BUFF (12): 1, Dooley, cinn. mkd. on head, magnificent feather, fine position and length, rattling hack and flights; 2, Wilkinson, cl., very lengthy, rich quality, good hack flights and tail; 3, Cundall, mkd. wing, lovely salmon-tinged col., tight as a drum, delightful stand; 4, Dean, mkd. wing, very typical col.; vbc, Hirst; hc, Knowles; c, Wilkinson. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Wilkinson, yell. mkd. wing, full of fire, rattling quality and position, well up on leg, very promising; 2, Fortnam, fine long-drawn cl. huff, stands beautifully, feathered like box, ran winner close; 3, Jones and Chester, yell., cheek mkd., wonderful col., rich quality; 4, Frazer, very typical cl. huff, good hack flights and tail; vhc, Garnett; hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Thorp. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, Trengove, very massive frame, capital shape and carriage, nice col. and quality, clean cut; 2, Sandiford, ablaze with col., grand quality, nice shape; 3, Beswick and Gaskill, capital feather and col., very shapely, nice under, worth place; 4, Shore, very cobby, A1 quality and col.; vhc, Issott; hc, Simms and Taylor; No. 3, Raynes, and 5, Silk, absent. BUFF (12) a good lot: 1, Huggins, short and thick-set, rare feather and col., grand carriage, all front, will do some winning; 2, Davies, wonderful substance, rich col. and frosting, grand head properties; 3, Issott, fine feather and col., A1 shape, nice size, will yet improve; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, lovely col. and quality, very shapely; vhc, Marsh; hc, Seed; c, Turner. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, W. E. Seed, massive varieg., full of col., rich quality, all type, lovely carriage; 2, Hayhurst, grizzled neck, nice substance and shape, capital feather and col.; 3, T. Seed, mkd. wings and head, red hot, very shapely and of good size; 4, Crimes, mkd. wing, a bouncer, grand col. and feather, rare head, neck, and chest; vhc, Mercer; bc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Raynes. BUFF (12) a fine class: 1, Davies, mkd. wings, eyes, and root of tail, fine depth of col., A1 quality and shape, grand carriage and substance; 2, c, Evans, mkd. over beak, very massive, fine shape and feather, good col. and frosting; 3, T. Seed, mkd. wing and tail, rich quality and col., very shapely, good size; 4, Trengove, mkd. wing and eyes, grandly feathered, capital col.; vhc, Mercer; hc, Turner. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Cook, cl., possessing lovely col. and quality, exceptional shape, grand carriage, quite a charmer; 2, Trengove, tkd. neck, grand col. and quality; 3, Davies, thick tkd., red hot, A1 quality, nice size, good one; 4, Shore, mkd. tail, rattling feather and col.; vhc, Cooper; hc, Sandiford; c, Dent, BUFF (23) a rare lot; 1, Davies, mkd. left wing, a model, exceedingly short and thick, slashing feather, nice col., a tip-topper; 2, Dent, mkd. cheek, bouncer, slashing quality, col., and meal, very shapely, jaunty carriage; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, cl., full of col., beautiful quality and shape, 1909 hred; 4, Worthington, cl., fine size and col.; vhc, Allen; hc, Hirst; c, Huggins; No. 13, 14, Silk, absent. UNFLIG. YELL. (17) fine class: 1, Davies, varieg., wonderful substance, grand col. and feather, very shapely, capital carriage, has a future; 2, Shore, mkd. head and back, tight as wax, slashing col. and quality, good size, nice head; 3, Cook, mkd. wings and head, fine col. and feather, very cobby; 4, Beswick and Gaskill, cl., red-hot, fine substance and shape; vbc, Trengove; hc, Marsh; c, Huggins. BUFF (18): 1, Crimes, cl., of wonderful shape and quality, well up in size, lovely col. and carriage, one of the best; 2, Marsh, mkd. wing, even hotter than winner, capital type and feather, real eye-opener; 3, Davies, mkd. wings and eyes, rattling col. and feather, good size, beautiful head properties; 4, Hayhurst, bonny cl., capital carriage, well up in size; vhc, Grecnwood; hc, Sandiford; c, Hillman. No. 15, Silk, absent. CK. NAT. COL. (11): 1, 2, Dr. Martin, cl. yell. and buff varieg. respectively, both nice shape and quality, good carriage and condition; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, mkd. yell., well up in size, A1 type, nice feather; 4, T. Seed, cl. yell., wonderful substance, capital col.; vhc, Howe; hc, Fletcher. HEN (15): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, bonny cl. yell., rich quality, good in col., size, and carriage; 2, Jas. Smith, very cobby cl. buff, capital feather, col., and meal; 3, Simms and Taylor, yell. mkd. head, soft silky texture of feather; 4, Cooper, cl. buff, good in quality and col., nice size; vhc, Raynes; hc, S. Smith; c, Gerrard. CREST (8): 1, 3, W. Radley, both buff mkd. D.C., former very massive, grand shape, crest large, capital droop and centre, latter not so large, very neat throughout; 2, c, Ogden, green D.C., pied tail, very shapely, good quality, crest of nice formation; 4, vhc, Wilkinson, buff mkd. D.C., rare feather, crest very similar; hc, Johnson. C.-B. (7): 1, Radley, buff green, grand shape and feather, well up in substance, fine width of skull, good lashing; 2, 3, Ogden, former buff varieg., fine body shape, one we liked much; 3, buff green, nice quality, shapely; 4, Beswick and Gaskill, buff green, A1 quality, close on heels of 3rd; vhc, Johnson; hc, Brough; c, Gostling. CINN. (5): 1, 3, Godley, both yells., rich col. and quality, shapely, 1st leads in substance; 2, vhc, Ridings, buff, well up in substance, capital shape and col.; 4, Shore, yell., of a very warm col. BORD. YELL (19) a good lot: 1, Hudson, gem of a cl., feathered to perfection, wonderful shape and condition, rich col. and carriage; 2, 3, Thomas, cl., close on heels of winner, equal almost, 3rd mkd. wing and eyes, shape A1, quality superb, shown in pink; 4, Bayley, cl., unheatable for shape, good quality, nice mover; vhc, Lawton; bc, Crowther. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Bayley, brace of beauties, former mkd. wing, latter a cl., both correct shape, slashing quality, little separates them; 3, Hudson, mkd. eyes, tight as hox, superior feather, A1 carriage; 4, Swarhrick, mkd. wings and head, very attractive; vhc, Bullough; hc, Lawton; c, Birkett. HEN (10): 1, 2, Bayley, buff mkd. head and cl. yell., both very shapely, rich quality, capital carriage; 3, c, Thomas, honny cl. buff, not a feather misplaced, rich col., good shape; 4, Parkinson, varieg., lovely feather, grand shape; vhc, Swarhrick; hc, Lawton. A.O.V. (10): 1, 4, Kelsey, both cl. buff Scotch Fancies, former most massive, both capital quality, very typical, well shown; 2, Crossley, cl. buff Lanc. P.H., fine substance and featber, grand skull; 3, Woodhead, buff, grizzled coppy, very good featber, neat head character; vhc, Pearson and Roberts; bc, Dr. Martin; c, Collinge.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE (5): 1, Beaty, buff Goldie-Can., lightly varieg., rare size, shape, and quality, in fine fettle; 2, Jackson Bros. neat Goldie-Bullie, capital shape and quality, shows parentage distinctly; 3, 4, Walsh, buff Goldie-Can. lightly varieg., A1 quality, col., and shape; 4, Goldie-Bullie, rich in quality and col.; vhc, Smith. SELL. (30/-) (14): 1, Holmes; 2, Cherry; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Grey; vhc, Pearson and Roberts; hc, Proctor; c, Kay; No. 13, Cooper, absent. (20/-) (14): 1, Issott; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Grey; 4, Parkinson; vbc, Beswick and Gaskill; hc, Haslam; c, Linaker. (12/6) (16): 1 Howarth; 2, Smith; 3, Knowles; 4, Johnson; vhc, Simms and Taylor; hc, Collinge; c, Pearson and Roberts. LINNET (15): 1, 4, Hunt, couple of good specimens, former magnificent col., finely pencilled, well up in size, lovely shape and carriage, latter good size and shape; 2, Wilson, very shapely, good substance, neat markings; 3, spl., Gostling, neat shape, nice size, good pencilling; vhc, Walsh; hc, Moss; c, Kirkham. GOLDIE (5): 1, Beaty, fine size and shape, lovely hlaze, large, well cut, nice moonings, shown in rare style; 2, Yates, very shapely, nice size, good hlaze, neat bars and buttons; 3, Mort, very pleasing exhibit, put down well; 4, vhc, Brough, neat specimen, good col. A.O.S. HARDBILL (20): 1, 3, Jackson Bros., Yell. Bunting and a Hawfinch, former well up in size, lovely col., shapely, capital head marks, latter good shape and size, A1 col.; 2, Beaty, prettily mkd., Bramhle, slashing col., fine size and shape; 4, Kay, another very neat Bramhle, good in col. and markings; vhc, Jones; hc, Moss; c, Walsh. SOFTBILL (17): 1, Riley, magnificent Wryneck, in perfect condition, treat to observe, credit to owner; 2, Fletcher, Thrush, possessing rare col., good size, A1 moonings; 3, Nicholls, 'Gale of nice shape, colour, and size, shown in neat fashion; 4, hc, Walsh, Tree Creeper, in good trim; vhc, Beaty; c, Kirkham. FOR. (17): 1, 2, vbc, Walsh, Tanager, Blue and Buff Macaw, both in lovely feather and shown for all they were worth; 3, Gostling, magnificent Grey Parrot, not a feather out of place; 4, Mitchell, pair Parrakeets in nice condition, put down well; hc, Nicholls; c, Ditchfield. GIFT (8): 1, 3, Bullough; 2, Parkinson; 4, c, Hollis. NOVICE—YELL YORKS (10): 1, Linaker, thigh tkd., nice feather and position, good length, capital back and flights; 2, Durnford, cl., very stylish, A1 quality and col.; 3, Crossley, mkd. head and neck, straight as a rush, good length; 4, Pike, very lengthy cl., stands beautifully; vhc, Howarth; hc, Fish; c, Gostling. BUFF (15): 1, Bullough, slashing cl., feathered to perfection, very lengthy, well on leg, stood 1st Burnley; 2, Stirrup, cl., tight as a drum, straight as a pencil, good length; 3, Marsden and Mooney, lovely salmon-tinted cl., stands finely; 4, Holmes, fine long drawn cl., grand back and wing carriage; vhc, Williams; hc, Fletcher; c, Brooks. HEN (21) a good class: 1, Durnford, hot cl. huff, feathered like a Java, A1 position, neat and narrow, long-sided, a gem; 2, Williams, capital cl. yell., slim and upstanding, nice back and wings; 3, Stirrup, stylish unflig. cl. yell., lovely feather, should make up well; 4, Linaker, cl. huff, wonderful length, nice col. and frosting; vhc, Brooks; hc, Broome; c, Jennett. UNFLIG (22) grand lot: 1, 3, Stirrup, brace of very taking cl. buffs, winner excels in shape, both of nice col. and quality; 2, hc, Pike, yell., mkd. wings, eyes, and head, silky texture of feather, good length; 4, Howarth, yell., mkd. head, rich col., nicely feathered; vhc, Holmes; c, Tootill. YELL. NOR. (12): 1, Elliston, tkd. neck, bouncer, rare col. and quality, A1 type, would run well in open classes; 2, Morrison, massive cl., good head, neck, and chest, capital col.; 3, Dakin, tkd. head, very shapely, well up in substance; 4, Massey, cl., good in shape and col., nice size; vhc, Anderton; hc, Woods; c, Bulcock. BUFF (18): 1, Moss, cl., red-hot, lovely quality, grand shape, nicely frosted, jaunty carriage; 2, Peak, mkd. wings and head, cobby and of grand feather, nice col.; 3, 4, Espley, both cl., former best in depth of chest, grand col. and quality; vhc, Longworth; hc, Woods; c, Crossley. HEN (23) rare class: 1, Fulcher, lovely cl. buff, round as a ball, magnificent feather and col., cheap at catalogue price, 30/-; 2, Espley, huff, mkd. wing and eyes, ablaze with col., large and of good feather, little longer in build; 3, hc, Gerrard, cl. yell., well up in size, good shape; 4, Dunn, buff, mkd. wing and head, short and thick-set; vhc, Walker; c, Smalley. UNFLIG. (30) a fine lot: 1, 4, Williams, cl. buff and ycll. cap mkd., both good shape, feather, and col., nice carriage, very promising; 2, Dunn, yell., mkd. wings and bead, very shapely, nice size, good in feather and col.; 3, Smith, cobby cl. buff, smart; ex 4, Ellison, buff, large, good one; vbc, Deakin; hc, Fulcher; c, Anderton.

LEAMINGTON SPA.

The Royal Leamington Spa Society held their sixth annual show on October 14th, in the Drill Hall, the part set apart for cage birds being very suitable. Unfortunately the show was not under C.B.U. rules. We were informed that Cannock objected to their having a licence on this date. No doubt the Leamington fanciers had to suffer in regard to the number of entries. However, they made the best of a bad deal. Mr. F. T. Pritchard made a most obliging secretary, and one of whom the Society should feel quite proud. The following looked after the cage birds in a very attentive manner: Messrs. G. Hall, C. Bull, A. Hull, A. J. Soden. Mr. J. H. Rice judged. NOR. CL., ETC. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, 2, two spls., Hall, 2nd bird wins Hyde's spl., 1st tkd. on head, good type, nice thick-set, fine head and neck, followed by a cl. of grand quality and lovely col.; 3, Bellamy, fine col., nice type; res., c, Bull; vhc, Adkins; hc, Packer and Bott. HEN (10): 1, Victor Williams, cl. yell., grand hen, large hird, good col., nice quality, fine even wings, short tail, good head and neck, wins well; 2, vhc, Hall, cl. buff, nice, short, thick-set bird, good quality and wing carriage; 3, Lees, grand col., good head and neck, trille longer; res., Adkins; hc, Bull; c, Dale, UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, c, Bull, good colour, nice feather, did not look its best when we saw it; 2, Rathbone, varieg., grand colour, nice quality, fine wings and tail; 3, Bellamy, varieg., dark tail, good col.; res., Hall; vhc, Packer and Bott. BUFF (7): 1, Williams, cl., good col. and quality, nice shaped head and neck, good wing carriage, fine short tail, wins well; 2, Rathhone, varieg., good thick-set hird, grand col., good hird; 3, Packer and Bott, nice col. and quality; res., Hall; vhc, Baker; hc, Dale; c, Leng. Classes 114, 115, and 116: Cancelled. SELL. (12/6) (11): 1, Rathhone; 2, Mole; 3, Dollman and Son; res., Halliday. Class 118: Cancelled. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, Williams, Cornish Chough, in grand plumage, shown like satin, will take some stopping; 2, Poole, Nightingale, in nice feather, very steady; 3, Westley, Hawfinch, grand col., in nice condition, good bib, very steady; res., Poole; vhc (no name); hc, Hall. Class 120: Cancelled. NOV. NOR. (10): 1, spl., Brooks, cl. yell., good size, nice col. and quality; 2, Gihhons, cl. huff, fine size, nice even col., good wing carriage; 3, c, Bull, varieg. buff, nice type and col., good head and neck; res., Dollman and Son; vhc, Bennison; hc, Bull; c, Wildsmith. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Hawkesley, cl. yell., nice col., good type and quality, fine short wings and tail; 2, 3, Brooks, yell., good col. and quality, well carried wings, buff, nice feather; res., hc, Soden; vhc, Gibbons; c, Bull. LOCAL CAGE BIRD (6): 1, Hall, buff Goldfinch-Can. Mule, in good featber, A1 condition; 2, vhc, Soden, Greenfinch-Can. Mule, nice large hird, hardly through moult; 3, Chambers, Lark, in fine feather, very steady; res., Bull; hc, Pritchard.

MORPETH.

Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S. held their second annual open show in the Town Hall, October 16th, and it was a decided success. The number of entries was beyond expectations, numbering about 500, an advance upon last year's. The Norwich section was quite a show in itself—170 in nine classes—and some grand exhibits were shown. There was a good collection of Borders in the three classes. The entries totalled 65, an average of 22 per class. Cinnamons were a disappointment, only 32 birds being staged in the four classes. Now, you cinnamon fanciers, this is a poor way of showing your appreciation of such splendid classification. But some grand specimens were staged here. Mr. Cowling, the sec., assisted hy Mr. Willis, was responsible for the management; both were hard-working, courteous, and obliging, and, with the assistance of such practical fanciers as Messrs. Summers, Clark, Stoker, Graham, H. Seely, G. Seely, Rowell, Dixon, Douglas, Lackey, Griffiths, Davis, and Mayland, everything went off well. The birds were all nicely staged. The cards were on the hirds at the opening of the show, and the hall was soon packed from end to end. The special for most points in open Norwich was won by Mr. A. Grey, with Mr. Cowling close up for second place, five points away. Special for best Border was won by Bennet, and best members' hy Mr. Griffiths. Winner of Sandiford's cup, Mr. Cowling. The show closed at six, the birds were packed for their return journey, and the hall was cleared by 7.30, which is a great advantage to the exhibitors. Mr. W. P. Barnes, of Grantham, judged the open classes, Mr. Brown the open Borders, British, Foreign, and members'. Their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

Mr. Barnes' Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Dobinson, cl. yell., grand shape, col. and quality of feather, a gem; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Cowling, 2nd two-pointed yell., extra type, grand shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, runs winner close; 3rd, cl. yell., lovely typical bird, grand col., shape and feather; 4th, cl., type to perfection; hc, Grey; c, Godley. BUFF (19): Grand class. 1, Cowling, varieg., extra type and shape, grand col. and quality of feather, shown in pink of condition; 2, Godley, lovely type and col., extra quality of feather; 3, Grey, cl. buff, nice type, good shape, col. and quality; 4, Dobinson, plenty of size, but heaten in shape; vbc, Seely Bros.; hc, Scott; c, Butler. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Grey, 1st varieg. yell., extra type and shape, grand head and body, nice col., easy win; 3rd, lovely type and shape, grand feather; 2, Seely Bros., cl., nice shape, good type Nor. all over, grand col. and quality; 4, Seely Bros., good type and shape, nice col.; hc, Cowling; c, King. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Grey, 1st varieg., lovely type, best for shape, excellent head and hody, good even col., feather like a bit of boxwood; 2nd, cl. buff, grand type, shape and col.; 3, Lackey, cl. huff, bigger than winner, but not such a good body; 4, Cowling, sweet hen, rare type; vhc, Grey; hc, Wilson; c, Clark. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Dormer, varieg. yell., extra type, lovely shape, one of the best of heads, grand hroad chest and baek, well over perch; 2, Cowling, heavily mkd., good type and shape, nice quality feather; 3, Grey, plenty of size, excellent shape body; 4, Miles Bros., cl. yell., good type, shape and col., extra quality of feather; vhc, Fletcher; hc, T. R. Marshall; c, Seely Bros. BUFF (34): One of the best classes seen; many grand birds cardless; 1, 2, 3, Grey, 1st cl. buff for type and shape, a gem, good head and body, lovely quality feather; 2nd, cl., similar shape to winner; 3rd, varieg., excellent type and shape; 4, Miles Bros., cl., grand type and shape, rich soft tone of col., good short flight and tail; vhc, Hermiston; hc, Clark; c, Wilson. HEN BRED 1909 (41): Very keen class, the winner a surprise, shown by a novice, Mr. Griffiths, who has never won a first prize hefore; 1, Griffiths, tkd. yell., one of the first water, sweet typical hen, grand shape, col. and quality of feather; 2, Cowling, cl. yell., excellent type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather; 3, c, Grey, cl. yell., similar type; 4, Clark, cl. yell., lovely typical specimen, rare shape, nice quality feather, useful; vhc, Scott, cl. huff, grand type and shape; hc, Godley. NOR. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Cowling, cl. yell., good type and shape, sound rich col.; 2, Griffiths, cl. buff, grand shape, nice type and col.; 3, Floyd and Son, huff, good shape, nice quality; 4, Richardson; vhc, Cowling; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Marshall. NOVICE OPEN A.V.. BRED 1909 (25): 1, Marshall, cl. Nor., nice type and shape, good head and body, fine quality feather and col.; 2, Jeffreys, broken cap Silver Liz., nicely rbwed, good width of cap; 3, Riggs, cl. yell. Yorks., good type and shape, very steady, good quality feather; 4, Clark, four-pointed Border, very typical, well balanced eyes and wings; vhc, Fairbain; hc, Clark; c, Smith. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, Dormer, grand type and shape, plenty of substance, very rich and pure throughout; 2, Lake, large, grand exhibit, good shape; 3, Seely Bros., good type and substance, nice bird; 4, Thompson, good type and quality of leather, will be better when finished moult; vhc, French; hc, Godley; c, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, Godley, tremendous size, lovely shape and substance, one of the best, very rich, soft tone of col.; 2, Dormer, grand exhibit, not the size, but extra col. and shape; 3, Seely Bros., plenty of length; 4, French, nice size, good quality feather; vhc, Douglas; hc, Fairbairn. CINN. UNFLIG., BRED 1909 (10): 1, Dormer, very promising youngster, grand size and shape, wants a little more filling out in body, splendid uniform col., rich soft tone; 2, Dormer, nice col. and feather; 3, Griffiths, grand bird, lovely quality feather and type; 4, Godley, buff, very wild, beautiful col., size and shape; vhc, Thompson; hc, c, Seely Bros. CINN. HEN (9): 1, Godley, bull, plenty of substance and size, grand shape, good head and body extra, even col.; 2, Godley, jonque, good exhibit, nice size, shape and col.; 3, Dormer, jonque, fine size and shape, good quality feather; 4, Thompson, buff, nice col. and size, well shown; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Thompsen. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, King, cl. yell., grand shape, lovely type, rare stand and quality of feather, very good col., nice even carriage; 2, Mollitt, cl. yell., equal in length and feather; 3, Hodgson, cl. yell., very showy bird, rare length, nice type and col.; 4, Metcalf, cinn. mkd., grand shape, lovely feather, rare stand; vhc, Thurston. BUFF (8): 1, Metcalf, cinn. mkd. buff, rare length, type and quality of feather, true Yorks., grand shape; 2, Hodgson, cl. bull, not quite fine yet, but still deserves position, good shape; 3, Hagon, tkd., plenty of length, good quality feather; 4, Metcalf, shown to perfection, nice exhibit, good quality feather; vhc, Richardson; hc, Hagon; c, Thurston. A.O.V. (12): 1, T. R. Marshall, heavily mkd. Crest, good frontal crest of nice formation and droop, well filled in centre; 2, Seely Bros., bull foul cinn., grand size, good shape, rich soft col.; 3, Hyslop, Gold Liz., nice shape, distinct work, well shown; 4, J. Gray, buff varieg. C.B., grand size, well formed; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Griffiths; c, Fuller. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Howe, even eyes, lightly tkd. in each wing, perfect gem, excellent col. and feather; 2, Maddison, lightly mkd. Linnet Mule, one of the best we have seen, in extra form; 3, 4, Maddison, 3rd Linnet Bullfinch, well deserves his position, nice col. for time of year; 4th, lightly mkd. buff Goldfinch Can., beautiful col. and quality; vhc, Floyd and Son; hc, French; c, Seely Bros.; Sandiford's cup, class 1, No. 4.

Mr. Brown's Classes.

BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. (19): 1, Bennet, cl. yell., wee gem, grand type, shape and col., nice feather, like a bit of boxwood; 2, Gardiner, nice type and col., lovely quality feather, very free poise; 3, Seely Bros., cl. yell., in excellent form, grand type and quality of feather, very jaunty; 4, vhc, Graham, tkd. on neck, grand shape and type, full of quality, well shown; hc, Hay; c, Chapman. BUFF (22): 1, Bennet, wing mark, very typical, nice shape, extra quality of feather, shown to perfection; 2, Whittaker, cl., very neat and compact, rare shape and col.; 3, Scott, smart exhihit, sweetly moulded, lovely quality, in grand order; 4, Gill; vhc, hc, Chapman; c, Fuller. A.O.V. BORD. (24): 1, 3, Bennet, perfect model, like wax, wins special for best Border in show, latter wing and head mkd., another gem, put down in the usual style; 2, Scott, yell. varieg., very neat model, excelling in quality, grand wings and tail; 4, Gill; vhc, Voy; hc, Chapman; c, Graham. SELL. (14): 1, Patterson; 2, Forster; 3, Rowell; 4, Douglas; vhc, Floyd and Son; hc, Dixon; c, Rutter. BRIT., LINNET (14): 1, 3, Dunn, 1st real eye-opener, lovely col., excellent marking, latter capital col. and marking; 2, Maddison, rich col., nice markings; 4, no name; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Watson; c, Woollett. A.O.S. (18): 1, Forster, Wheatear, lovely marking, in best of condition, wins easily; 2, c, Floyd and Son, Hawfinch, nice size, in fine order; 3, Dixon, Thrush, grand rich col., distinct markings; 4, Cairn and Archbold, Bramhlefinch, in good order, distinct markings; vhc, Stewart; hc, MacVay. FOR. (6): 1, 3, Miss Iris Deuchar, 1st pair of Nuns, win on condition; 3rd, Waxbills, good ones, not in such condition; 2, Elliott, Nutmeg Finch; 4, Miss Laura Young, Long-tailed Whydah, in grand form and excellent condition. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (19): 1, vhc, Grey; 2, 4, Griffiths; 3, hc, Luke; c, T. R. Marsball. BUFF (16): 1, 2, 4, Grey; 3, Rowell; vhc, Dixon; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Marshall. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Griffiths; 4, Seely Bros. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Luke; 2, Rowell; 4, Seely Bros. BORD. FCY. YELL. (9): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Irvin; 3, Graham; 4, Rowell; vhc, Richardson; hc, Hay; c, Hay. BUFF (9): 1, Hay; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Henderson; 4, Rowell; vhc, hc, Graham; c, Lackey. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (6): 1, Richardson; 2, Griffiths; 3, Marshall; 4, vbc, Rowell; hc, Luke. BRIT. (8): 1, Atkinson; 2, Lackey; 3, Luke; 4, Ellison; vhc, Clark; hc, Seely Bros. NOVICE MEMBERS'.—NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Summers; 2, 3, Marshall; 4, Henderson. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Mrs. C. B. Willis; 3, Summers; 4, Marshall. NOR. HEN (10): 1, 3, 4, hc, Marshall; vhc, Mrs. Willis; c, Marshall. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Fairbairn. BORD. FCY. (6): 1, 2, Douglas; 3, 4, vhc, Fairbairn.

BARNSTAPLE.

Barnstaple and District fanciers held their 29th enlarged show at the Horse Repository, Braunton Road, on October 16th. This is an ideal place, the room being light and free from draughts. The exhibits were of a high order. Mr. Turner staged a splendid team of Plainheads, winning silver cup, silver spoon, point special, also Sandiford's special for best-fed bird, which was simply a blaze of colour. Mr. Dart was runner-up for cup with a Belgian. Mr. Collins, as usual, staged a nice team of Hybrids. In the novice section some good birds were staged. Mr. Priscott makes an ideal secretary. Mr. Loosemore judged.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Hamment and Sons. 1st fine Crest, 2nd and 3rd both nice C.B.'s. NOR.: 1st spl cup and spoon, 2, 3, Turner, buff, extra good quality, beautiful head and chest, good size, real clinker 2nd and 3rd real good birds, similar to 1st. NON-FLIG.: 1, 3, West, 1st yell., nice shape and quality, beautifully fed, 3rd very decent huff; 2, Lemon, cap-marked buff, nice shape, good quality. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Dart, 1st nice buff Belg.; res. for cup, 2, 3, good Scotch Fancies, nice size and reach. NOVICE: 1st, silver medal, Jones, Nor.; 2, Newcombe, Nor.; 3, Dart, Border, all nice birds. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Collins, 1st noted Linnet-Bullie, not quite ready yet 2nd and 3rd two noted Goldfinch-Redpolls, beautiful exhibits. PAIRS (matched for breeding): 1, Turner, Nor. P.H., grand pair, nicely balanced, extra good quality; 2, Dart, Scotch Fancies, fine pair, hen extra good quality; 3, Lemon, Nor., another good pair, well matched; extra 3, Turner, good yell. cock, winner Sandiford's spl.

Glasgow Holds a Great Show.

The annual open event of the City of Glasgow O.A. attracts an increased entry, and is visited by great crowds of bird-lovers, the officials scoring an undoubted triumph.

City of Glasgow O.A. held their annual show on October 15th and 16th. It proved a great success, entries being well forward in all sections. Scotch Fancies, as usual, figured prominently, and the entry was a good one, being 25 in advance of last year's. The quality was of the best, all the cracks being present. The noted buff piebald hen of Mr. Black's again secured the coveted award of silver cup for best young bird. The spl. for best in hall was secured by Mr. McClure. We noticed in the buff cocks a good one left out (Muirhead): it must have been overlooked. The Scotch Fancy judges were Messrs. Findlay, Caldwell, Allardice, McFarlane, Thornton and Watson. Belgians were a nice collection, some good birds being on view; and were carefully handled by Mr. J. Kean. Norwich were a marvellous collection, all the classes being keenly contested. The non-fed and novice classes were the feature here, some clinkers being out. The unflighted birds were hot ones, and two sets of winners could easily have been found. Messrs. Malcolmson and Davidson judged. Crests and Crestbreds were a nice collection. Here the winner of the McLean challenge cup was found in a rattling Crestbred shown by Mr. T. J. King. Mr. Nobis ably judged these classes. Yorkshires were a hot lot, some real toppers being staged, some of them all the way from Ireland. Mr. Paterson succeeded in capturing two spls. Mr. Hislop judged, and his awards were well received.

Where Were the East-side Cracks?

The Borders as usual, were forward in good numbers, the medal winner being an even marked buff shown by Mr. Shearer. On looking over the various Border classes, a notable feature was the absence of the East Coast crack team, the only exhibits present being a team of Mr. Gilchrist's, two of Mr. Young's, and three of Mr. Walker's. The reason we were told is that East Coast breeders consider the West judges do not handle the birds enough. It is to be hoped next year we shall see the usual competition. Taken all over, the judges' decisions were well received. The judges were Messrs. Hislop, and Hamilton. The Mule classes were a grand lot. Dr. Galloway headed both classes with his well-known team. A protest was lodged against the winning Linnet Mule in the Darks, on account of its lovely colour, but Mr. Brown, the well-known judge, failed to take any colouring matter off. Hybrids were an interesting show, and some nice crosses were to be seen. British, taken on the whole, were scarcely up to those of former years; entries were good, but many were behind in colour. The Softbills and Foreigners were good, and contained some extra nice ones. Messrs. Brown and Livingstone judged. Their awards were well received. The show was held as usual in the Drill Hall, Taylor-street, a very suitable place for a show. The management was under the eye of Messrs. Young and McDonald, the excellent secretaries. Everything passed off without a hitch. The show was well patronised. Sales were good; the winning foul buff Scotch Fancy hen was claimed for £7 7s., and the 4th prize Bramble for £4 4s. The only unfortunate incident of the show was the loss of Mr. Bishop's Norwich hen, a well-known winner, which was either lost or stolen.

A Good Muster.

There was a good muster in the Belgian section, the number being in excess of last year's and the quality of a high standard. The most prominent breeders were represented. The classes were under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A. The following specials were competed for: The Belgian Memorial trophy and gold medal, given by the late Mr. H. C. Graeme, a handsome silver shield mounted, the Reddihough challenge cup, a gold medal, and numerous other gold and silver medals. Last year's holder of both trophies was Mr. J. Fairley (Coatbridge), who was again in front this year, with most points, winning 12 cards. Mr. Greig (Aberdeen) was second with 7 cards. It is to be regretted that first crosses are allowed to compete in this section. The judges, who, in their opinion, find first crosses in Belgian classes, should we think look over such and thus ensure these classes being what they are intended for, viz., Belgians, and not first crosses and Belglans.

With three classes for Yorkshires, there was a very select lot of this variety staged. Mr. Patterson, a well-known Ayrshire exhibitor, carried off the spl. for best in section. In the A.O.V. class, Mr. King, of Cheltenham, secured first honours with a very taking Cinnamon Crest. The Borders came up fairly well, although we have seen this variety much more forward in numbers at this show. Quality was about the usual standard, and a few of extra good merit could be picked out. Mr. Gardener secured the B.F.C. novice medal.

Some Notable Birds.

Mr. Black's cup-winning young Scotch Fancy hen was greatly admired by all the breeders present. She is very typical, and good in all properties, the only thing that could be urged against her being a trifling lack of size. Her win was a popular one. Mr. T. J. King's Crest-bred, winner of the McLean cup, also pleased the connoisseurs. It has substance and a rare good head, with a marvellous cushion and entrance, and a wealth of leafy feather. It should do well this season.

The absence of the noted Border Fancy teams from the East-side was much commented upon. We heard it said that the breeders there think the West-side judges keep the birds too much on the staging, and do not handle them sufficiently. It is a pity there should be any reason for withholding entries (if this be the case), for fanciers of Borders look to Glasgow as providing a contest of international quality.

The winning dark Linnet Mule was an eye-opener for all in size and quality combined with truly marvellous colour; in fact, as mentioned earlier on, this drew upon the bird the doubts of some, but it came through its ordeal with all colours standing, so to speak. The Foreign Goldfinch which won looked a perfect picture, and the Mule breeders especially looked upon it with eyes of longing. The awards in the class for couples for Hybrid breeding were interesting, as from the five leading pairs very few young have ever been bred. Take the Yellowhammer-Reed Bunting pair as an instance. What possibilities!

How pleased everyone was with the grand display, and how well the birdy-men turned out to appreciate it. The officials must have been highly gratified. Glasgow City scored an undoubted triumph.

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The Scotch Fancy Section.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Thornton, large one, plenty of style, good top end, fine length of side, grand order; 2, spl, McClure, grand frame, lengthy, very stylish, nice top end; 3, Smith, free working bird, nice depth throughout, grand trim; 4, spl, Buchanan, good all round, hard up, and lengthy; 5, spl, Morrison, well placed, nice length; vhc, spl, Dunlop; hc, Brown; c spl, Ward. YELL. PIED CK. (12): 1, spl, McClure, good one, hard up, plenty of style, good depth and fres, well put down; 2, McLennau, very stylish, grand top end, rare length of side; 3, spl, Caldwell, nice depth throughout, in fine order; 4, Blue, good quality, neat; 5, Wilson, a shade slimmer but stylish; vhc, Hendry; hc, spl, Cook. YELL. FOUL CK. (12): 1, Higgins, in rare form, stylish, very good in shoulders, nice reach, fine depth; 2, Fulton, close up, nice quality and style; 3, McLennan, taking exhibit, free, good top end and reach; 4, Renwick, stylish bird, well shown, good all-round, well placed; 5, McClure, plenty of depth, good one; vhc, Knox; hc, Maxwell; c, Morrison. YELL. GREEN CK. (12): 1, Anderson, fine quality, good depth, neat in shoulders, grand stamp throughout, very stylish; 2, Donnell, close up, fine length of side, plenty of reach; 3, Morrison, plenty of substance, good shoulders, scarcely so free as winner; 4, Strathearn, lovely quality of feather; 5, Caldwell, stylish; vhc, hc, Hutcheson; c, Simpson. BUFF (18): 1, Montgomery, fine qnality of feather, good length, neat packed shoulders, fres, very good one; 2, Thornton, stylish, neat shoulders, up in substance, grand shape; 3, Brown, shads loose in feather, good shoulders and reach; 4, spl, Menzies, nice shape and quality; 5, Dobson, stylisb, grand style; vhc, spl, Kirk; hc, Clark; c, spl, McLennan. No. 1 Muirhead, about the best in class, real good one, grand shape and style, must have been overlooked. BUFF PIED (12): 1, McLennan, massive bird, in full bloom, prominent shoulders and reach, plenty of depth, hot one; 2, spl, McMillan, again A1 style, and shape, scarcely the finish, but grand quality; 3, spl, Black, nice, free exhibit, good drive, line length, again in good form; 4, Morrison, nice depth, free in action; 5, McFarlane, good quality; vhc, Begbie; hc, Kennedy; c, Lang. BUFF FOUL (22): 1, spl, and best in Hall, McClure, topper, and no mistake, grand top end, fine reach, pronounced drive, shows to perfection, in lovely bloom, real good Fancy; 2, c, Brown, nice style, good shoulders and droop; 3, J. Pringle, good quality throughout, fine depth, well up in substance; 4, Hainey, nice quality; 5, spl, Fulton, good all round; vhc, Hope; hc, spl, Findlay; c, Brown. BUFF GREEN CK. (17): 1, Muir, good all over, plenty of size, fine quality feather, nicely put down; 2, Higgins, close up, fine top end and reach, well packed; 3, McLennan, plenty of top end, fine length, rather slow in action; 4, Smith, good quality and shape; 5, Kennedy, nice all round exhibit; vhc, McMilan; hc, Mills; c, Strathearn. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Clark, grand substance, good shoulders, fine reach and drive, stylish; 2, McLennan, good one, fine depth, plenty of style, must have pressed hard; 3, spl, Lang, good stamp, free and fine; 4, spl, McFarlane, nice all round; 5, spl, Muirhead, good quality, free, plenty of style; vhc, Cobb; hc, Muirhead; c, Hainey. YELL. PIED, ETC. (10): 1, spl, 2, McClure, pair of hot ones, hard to separate, grand size, plenty of quality, fine and free, well staged; 3, Black, plenty of style, neat in shoulders, not the depth or drive of winners; 4, McCallum, well put down; 5, Ralston, shade slimmer got up; vhc, spl, Caldwell; hc, Allardice; c, Dunlop. YELL. FOUL (11): 1, Renwick, good one, plenty of size, good prominent shoulders and reach; 2, Muirhead, very stylish, rare action; 3, Barrett, nice, shapely bird, good quality, very free; 4, Maxwell, well up in top end, nice reach; 5, Jardine, nice substance, and showy; vhc, Black; hc, spl, McClure; c, spl, Dalgleish. YELL. GREEN (12): 1, Caldwell, sweet one, grand quality, good shoulders, fine reach, well up in substance; 2, Wylie, close up, good in side, and free, well put down; 3, Cork, shade slimmer, but all there for style; 4, Morrison, very sweet exhibit, neat all round; 5, Muir, fine style, grand action; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Muirhead; c, Begbie. BUFF (12): 1, Montgomery, good all round, A1 style, fine depth, well staged; 2, Fleming, close up, fine top end and reach; 3, Orr, well shown and stylish; 4, Douglas, fine substance, but plainer in appearance; 5, Fulton, good quality; vhc, Dalgleish; hc, Morrison; c, Brown. BUFF PIED (22): 1, 2, spl, cup for best young S. Fcy., Black, real model, great prominent, well-rounded shoulders, decided drive, gets well on leg, grand depth of side, nice substance, a breeder's triumph; 2, spl, McClure, also hot one, massive shoulders, A1 position; 3, Higgins, again all there for quality, nice size, beauty for finish; 4, spl, Menzies, very free, fine length of reach, good order, well placed; 5, Smith, neat, plenty of size and stylish; vhc, McLauchlan; hc, spl, Findlay; c, Bullions. BUFF FOUL (10): 1, Muirhead, stylish, fine droop, good hard-up shoulders, in grand trim; 2, Brown, fine length of side, well filled up, nice drive; 3, Clark, stylish, and hard up, very good all round; 4, Morrison, fine substance; 5, Pringle, very compact, sweet make; vhc, McQueen; hc, Hamilton; c, Strathearn. BUFF GREEN (12): 1, Porteous, good stamp, fine depth throughout, plenty top end, and reach; 2, Findlay, grand substance, clean worker, nice exhibit; 3, spl, Hope, taking bird, very stylish, shade slimmer; 4, Allardice, good quality; 5 (no name), reachy; vhc, Strathearn; hc, McQucen; c, Maxwell. SCOT. FCY. PAIRS (13): 1, spl, Black, good pair, grand yell., pied ck., plenty of substance. A1 stylish buff hen, good shape and quality, clinking pair; 2, Renwick, cl. buff and yell., well up in substance; 3, McLennan, yell. pied ck. and massive buff pied hen, plenty of size; 4, Thornton, yell. pied ck, and buff hen, fine depth throughout; 5, Brown, buff piebald and a yell.; vhc, spl, Muir; hc, Kennedy; c, Ward.

The Belgian Canary Section.

YELL. CK. (10): 1, Carson, good size and shoulder, nice tapered neck, and depression of head; 2, Greig, similar shape and massiveness, not quite so free perhaps; 3, spl, Strathcarn, good position and shoulder, long taper neck, fine head; 4, spl, Douglas, nice size and shape, good shoulders; 5, spl, Hope; vhc, Stewart; hc, Ronaldson; c, Fairley. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, Fairley, 1st grand shape and position, good depth through, nice clean waist, heavy shoulders, well padded, good reach; 2nd, similar, nice massive build, splendid shoulder and reach; 3, 5, Dewar, 3rd grand position, not quite so massive; 4, c, Traill, free and reachy; vhc, Thornton; hc, Greig. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, hc, Fairley, 1st gem, grand pose and shoulder, long tapering neck, neat head, back and tail, nice feather and finish; 2nd, quite as good in position, shade longer; 3, Donnell, grand position, nice shoulder and reach; 4, Greig, good hen, beaten only in size, nice feather and condition; 5, Gibson, similar to 4th; vhc, spl, Jardine; c, Dewar. BUFF: 1, McIlwain, grand size and reach, good shoulder, nicely filled in, nice length of wing and position; 2, Ronaldson, good size and shoulder, fine tapering neck and depression of head; 3, 4, Fairley, 3rd good position and shoulder, very massive, fine head, good bird; 4th, rare size and shape; 5, Greig. A.V. BRED 1909: 1, 4, 5, Greig, yell. 1st, grand shoulder and position, nice reach, close feather and finish; 4th, rare position and shoulder; 2, vhc, hc, c, Fairley, sweet buff, good pose, nice massive shoulder, good depth; 3, Traill, very shapely, nicely built body, good reach and depression of head, grand pose. SELL. CK. SCOT. FCY. (24): 1, Hill; 2, spl, Roddie; 3, Caldwell; 4, McIlwain; 5, Allerdice; vhc, Dobson; hc, Laing; c, Hainey. HEN: 1, spl, Bailey; 2, Caldwell; 3, Jardine; 4, Paton; 5, McElhenney; vhc, Hamilton; hc, M. Williams; c, Aitkenhead.

The Norwich and Crest Sections.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Mitchell, 1st good one, grand col. and well made, nice front, A1 wing carriage, fine head, well put down; 2, McFarlane, good head, fins carriage, not quite so close in feather; 3, Winter, nicely finished off; 4, Calderwood, rather rough in feather, good stamp; 5, Ferguson, grand stamp, well rounded; vhc, Sharp; hc, Chalmers; c, Thomson. BUFF (19): 1, spl, 2 spls, McFarlane, two large ones, massive birds, leader best in wing carriage, and good quality; 3, spl, Smoaton, real model, grandly rounded, full bullet-headed one, short flights, very showy, lovely col., could have won, will be heard of later; 4, Jarvie, nice quality feather; 5, Watson, nice size and shape; vhc, Roberts; hc, Ferguson; c, Chalmers. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Paterson, good stamp, well rounded, nice quality throughout, neat wing carriage, good in head properties; 2, Winter, warm col., well finished; 3, Smeaton, plenty of size, not so well rounded as winner; 4, Chalmers, nice style, good front; 5, spl, Jarvie, grand wing carriage, in nice order; vhc, Watson; hc, spl, Harris; c, Howie. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Watson, good one all over, plenty size and well made, nice head, good front and wing carriage; 2, Harris, rather long in feather, fine shape and style; 3, McFarlane, nice size, good quality of feather, beaten in wing carriage; 4, spl, Cameron, well placed, good shape, nice front and quality; 5, Bishop, some thought should have been 3rd; vhc, Howie; hc, Johnstone; c, McGillivray. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Jarvie, good stamp, very well rounded, grand front and wing carriage and A1 head; 2, spl, Watson, eye tick, nice size and shape, grandly cut, in full bloom, well put down; 3, Jeffrey, more feather, neat shape, good condition; 4, Grewar, bot-coloured one, nice quality throughout; 5, spl, McNaughton, smaller in build, in grand order; vhc, Cameron; hc, Baird; c, Braidwood. BUFF HEN (24): 1, Jarvie, well made, fine full head, good wing carriage, in grand trim; 2, 4, spl, Murray, 2nd beautiful quality of feather, nice taper, grand wing carriage; 4th, not so much bloom perhaps, but good shape; 3, hc, spl, McFarlane, good one, fine shape and quality, well up in size, grandly finished; 5, Calderwood, good all-round mads bird; vhc, McLay; hc, c, Chalmers. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Young, heavy varieg., grand size, splendid shape, good head and wings, and teeming with quality; 2, Chalmers, shade longer, good head and wing carriage, well placed; 3, Jarvie, beaten only quality of feather, a good one; 4, Watson, nice stamp all over, grand feather; 5, Mitchell, plenty size, good shape; vhc, Roberts; hc, McFarlane; c, Crawford. BUFF (12): 1, Ritchie, nice shape, good all-round, fine full head, grand body and wing carriage; 2, Watson, nice all-round head properties, staged in A1 bloom; 3, spl, Howie, almost as good as any, really fine ons, very full in front, credit to owner; 4, Muir, good quality feather; 5, Millar, heavy varieg., grand type; vhc, Thomson; hc, McFarlane; c, Roberts. NON-FED. CL. ETC. CK. (11): 1, spl, Aitchison, romping yell., combining all the qualities of a bigh-class Nor., grand head and front, A1 wing carriage; 2, spl, Howie, large buff, grand substance, short in feather, good front and taper; 3, Sloan, yell., good body and wing carriage; 4, Watson, buff, good stamp and quality; 5, Roulstone, yellow, nice size and stamp; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Henderson; c, McFarlane. GREEN ETC. BUFF (12): 1, Marr, large grand front, good in head properties; 2, Harris, nice all-round green, fine substance, good quality feather; 3, Grewar, good green, fine taper, well up in bloom, grandly shown; 4, Watson, shade lengthy on side, but good col.; 5, spl, Jarvie, yell., good wing-carriage; vhc, Muir; hc, spl, c, Mackie. NON-FED HEN, CL. ETC. (9): 1, Smeaton, real good varieg. yell., grand front and head, staged in marvellous bloom, real topper, well placed; 2, Mackie, good green, well up in size, extra fine; 3, Roulstone, buff varieg., good substance and feather; 4, Jarvie, nice green, well up in size, teeming with quality, in nice order; 5, McLay, buff, varieg., plenty of size; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Leach; c, Braidwood. VARIEG. ETC. (7): 1, Muir, wins, grand shape, in lovely bloom, good head and wing carriage; 2, Lyall, stout made bird, rare front and out, fins bloom; 3, Watson, scarcely the finish or boldness, but sweet in size and shape; 4, Martin, good front and size; 5, Sloan, stylish; vhc, Mackie; hc, Miller. SELL. CK. (15/-) (23): 1, spl, Thomson; 2, spl, Williams; 3, spl, Peters; 4, Sloan; 5, spl, Young; vhc, Logan; hc, Lamb; c, Houston. HEN (17): 1, Logan; 2, Johnston; 3, Thomson; 4, Donaghy; 5, Martin; vhc, Sharp; hc, Paterson; c, Lyall. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. ETC. CK. (27): 1, Morrison, real good one, grand all over, immense size, lovely quality feather, rare head and front, tip-top wing carriage, a foul yell.; 2, Johnston, very neat buff, grand head and front, lovely bloom; 3, spl, Simpson, yell., good col.; 5, Strank, real good yell., fine head, grand front, lovely wings; 4, Wilson, buff, well up in size, good type; vhc, Powell; hc, Hope; c, Cowan. VARIEG. ETC. (13): 1, Grewar, nice buff varieg., grand size, well rounded, short in feather, well put down; 2, Edwards, monster for size but long in feather; 3, Lamb, yell., nice shape, good head; 4, Strank, buff, good front, well drawn; 5, Maxwell, good quality feather; vhc, McNeill; hc, Mitchell; c, spl, Roulstone. CL. ETC. HEN (21): 1, spl, Roulstone, gem for shape, sweet size, lovely short feather, grand head, front, real beauty; 2, Steel, yell., nice body, grand shape and finish, sweet exhibit, close up; 3, Hope, buff, good all round in shape, well drawn; 4, Simpson, grand col., good wing carriage; 5, Powell, jun., buff, nice size and quality; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Mitchell; c, Harper. VARIEG. ETC. (10): 1, Easton, good varieg. yell., grand size, plenty of substance, lovely feather, good bold front, A1 order; 2, Morrison, buff again, A1 in size, plenty of style; 3, Cairns, varieg. yell., again in good trim; 4, McNeill, buff, good shape; 5, spl, Roulstone, yell. varieg., in grand trim; vhc, Edwards; hc, Dickson; c, Lamb. UNFLIG. CK. (39): 1, spl, 3, McFarlane, leader, good one, fine size, lovely col., massive body, grand front, wing carriage; 3rd, inclined to be heavy eyes, plenty of size; 2, spl, Smart, good yell., fine size, very sweet shape; 4, spl, Barclay, good buff, neat size, grand feather; 5, Kerr, neat yell., good shaps, well drawn, A1 order; vhc, spl, Howie; hc, Henderson; c, Jarvie. HEN (38): 1, spl, Winter, real tip-top buff, short in feather, splendid front, full and free, grandly cut, A1 wings, rare head; 2, Cameron, yell., lovely shape, good front, wing carriage, and size; 3, spl, McFarlane, buff varieg., plenty of substance, beaten in head; 4, Jarvie, nice yell., grand size and shape; 5, spl, Chalmers, neat buff, good quality and shape; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Smart; c, spl, Watson. CREST CK. (19): 1, 5, Taylor, leader good all round, nice size, lovely quality feather, crest well centred, broad and expansive, well laid on; 5th, nice top piece; 2, Howie, grand frontal, rare length, also good at sides, fine size; 3, spl, 4, King, well laid on, good frontal; 4th, good all round; vhc, Adamson; hc, spl, Griffiths; c, Sharp. HEN (16): 1, 2, Taylor, leader wins easily, a real good one, lovely top piece, grand length of feather, well groomed, in rare bloom; 2nd, good at sides, in splendid bloom; 3, King, nice lengthy feather, well centred, good frontal; 4, 5, Cram, 4th small shade, but grand shape; 5th, lengthy feather, good all round; vhc, Adamson; hc, Montgomery; c, Paterson. C.B. CK. (16): 1, McLean, cup, King, real hot one, monster for size, great head, excellent carriage, lovely quality feather, enormous entrance; 2, Lamb, splendidly lashed, good wide entrance, plenty of size, cheap at £5 5s.; 3, spl, McLay, lengthy feather, nice head; 4, Taylor, green, nice one for quality; 5, spl, McNaughton, nicely lashed; vhc, Burnett; hc, Cairns; c, Green HEN (11): 1, Taylor, green, cushioned headed one in fine order, fine lash, grand size, clear win; 2, spl, McLay, nice stamp, fine entrance, neatly lashed; 3, Adamson, plenty of feather, taking exhibit; 4, Saunderson, good stamp, nice head, well rounded; 5, King, good quality. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (15): 1, spl, Lappin; 2, spl, Young; 3, Crawford; 4, Arnott; 5, vhc, spl, Thomson; hc, Hutchinson; c, Cairns.

The Yorkshire and Border Sections.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (16): 1, 2, spl, 6, Patterson, leader beauty for style, finely filled back, nicely-rounded off in front; 2, Girvan, varieg. head, wing and tail mkd., neat and upstanding, sweet head; 3, 8, Brady, cl., graceful carriage, close in feather; 4, Mulligan, scorcher for col., lovely bloom, very close feather; 5, Devine, good, lengthy bird; 7, Heggle. BUFF (19): 1, Long, well-set head aud shoulders, neatly moulded, fine wing carriage, close pipe tail; 2, Bowman, exceptionally good feather, neatly tapered body; 3, Syson, another grand one for feather, very neat head, graceful pose; 4, Paterson, not much behind, sweet head and neck; 5, Crerar, grandly-filled back, close pipe tail; 6, spl, Devine; 7, Crawhall; 8, Sinclair. HEN (21): 1, 4, Penman, winner yell. tkd., sweet head, neatly drawn body, well tapered; 4, good length; 2, 7, Patterson, buff, A1 quality, feather like wax, presses closely; 3, Long, also good type, very hot, level col.; 5, 6, Girvan, varieg. yell.; 8, Crawhall. A.O.V. (14): 1, King, cinn. Crest buff, grand body feather, neat, drooping crest; 2, McLay, yell. coppy, good feather, neat lying crest, grand col.; 3, and two spls, Rae, yell. Nor. Cinn., rare type and feather, sound col.; 4, Johnston, buff Cinn., good, chubby body; 5, 6, Fyfe, hot col. buff Cinn.; 7, spl, Hamilton; 8, Philips. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Monaghan, finely-tapered body, neat head, well carried wings; 2, Duncan, good type, well drawn body; 3, Laidlaw, neatly rounded front, well-filled back; 4, Hutcheson, some thought best in class, fine head, well-rounded chest, tail very close, well carried; 5, McGuffie, very neat carriage, slim built; 6, Walker; 7, spl, Clark; 8, Kirkhope. HEN (18): 1, Hamilton, again gets her head in front, this being her third successive win, neat, round head, short flights, neat tail; 2, Walker, chubby built, good feather, neat carriage; 3, Crichton, very neat, jaunty carriage, well-tapered body; 4, spl., Hutcheson, good feather; 5, Hamilton, very neatly set on head, well-tapered body; 6, Watson; 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 8, Walker. BUFF CK. (24): 1, spl, Gardner, well-rounded head, neatly-tapered body, well-filled back, sound col.; 2, Walker, short and cobby, lovely feather, neat; 3, spl, Gilchrist, some preferred for premier honours, graceful carriage, close feather; 4, Hutcheson, similar in type, in lovely bloom, very sprightly; 5, Wotherspoon, another beauty; 6, Walker; 7, Hamilton; 8, Laidlaw. HEN (28): 1, spl, Watson, feather of the best, good front and tail; 2, Walker, very sweetly rounded head, back and chest, close pipe tail, presses close; 3, Webster, wee bit cobby in body, grand feather; 4, Hutcheson, well-rounded body, neat head, very level col., close up; 5, spl, Hamilton, good position; 6, McGuffie; 7, Ramsay; 8, Hutchinson. EVEN MARK (9): 1, spl, Shearer, Selkirk winner, looking very fit, eyes well balanced, close feather, well rounded body; 2, Aitchison, also well balanced markings, finer drawn body; 3, McWatt, lighter mkd. on eyes, chubby body, close in feather; 4, spl, Jeffrey and Stevenson, markings well balanced, lovely shape and feather, close up; 5, Gilchrist, eyes of the best; 6, Shearer; 7, Crichton; 8, Findlay. UNEV., ETC., YELL. (14): 1 McCredie, varieg., lovely feather, well-rounded head and front, hardly finished in bloom; 2, Todd, neatly-rounded body, shade heavy, good feather; 3, Evans, nice varieg., in fine bloom; 4, Walker, griz. vnrieg., feather of best, bright and perky in carriage; 5, Findlay, neat 5-pointed; 6, McGuffie; 7, spl, Hutcheson; 8, Gilchrist. BUFF (21): 1, Walker, model for style and feather, we could not find the other tick to make him uncven, mkd. both eyes and wings, grand carriage; 2, McWatt, very neat, 3-pointed one, sweet head, well-tapered body; 3, spl, Lambie, another good exhibit, neatly-rounded body, close tail, needs a bit more time; 4, Robertson, varieg., heavier body make, good feather; 5, Watson, body well-rounded; 6, Shearer; 7, Harper; 8, spl, Miller. FOUL YELL. (15): 1, Walker, tick neck, free and graceful carriage, neat, round head, bright, level col.; 2, Rohinson, head tick, grand type, sprightly carriage; 3, Hogg, head and wing mark, similar build; 4, Gilchrist, head tick, another neat one; 5, Thomson, similar make, bold and erect carriage, well moulded body; 6, Lappin; 7, Findlay; 8, Lamble. BUFF (17): 1, Poole, wing tick, neat, round head and front, hot, level colour; 2, spl, Walker, head tick, finely tapered body, close feather, paler in col.; 3, Robertson, head tick, well-rounded body; 4, Hogg, griz. head, feather of the best, neatly-drawn body; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson, similar build, head tick. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (21): 1, Thomson, well-known winner, very heavy front lacings, sound body col.; 2, Johnston, good type and pencilling; 3, spl, Cowie, finely col. Cinn., well pencilled; 4, Wood, A1, type and pencillings; 5, Hamilton, Cinn., good body col.; 6, Richards; 7, Montgomerie; 8, Hood. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Hamilton, Cinn., grand quality, sound level col.; 2, Calder, green, good type and pencillings; 3, Cowie, Cinn., neat shape, level col.; 4, Montgomerie, green, all there for type; 5, spl, Thomson, well-known winner, one of the best; 6, Haddow; 7, spl, Tod; 8, Lappin. SELL. BORD. (25): some grand birds were in this class, a rare chance for picking up bargains, 1, Guthrie; 2, spl, Barrie; 3, Walker; 4, spl, Clark; 5, Thomson; 6, Hamilton; 7, Watson; 8, Thomson.

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The Mules, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., MULE (7): 1, spl., 2, Dr. Galloway, leader well known cl. jonque Siskin, nice size and col., grand in shape, shows cross distinctly. 2nd good sized Greenfinch, nice warm col., slightly frayed on wings, but in good feather; 3, Jamieson, large 6 pointed buff Goldie, plenty size, in good trim; 4, McFarlane, another buff Goldie, nicely marked; 5, McNicol, sweet light yell. 6-pointed Goldie; vhc, Dougins. A.O.V. LIGHT (21): 1, 2, Dr. Galloway, leader slushing light var. Twite, grand size, very lightly mkd., 2nd yell. var. Siskin, well up in size, in nice bloom; 3, spl., Malcolmson, common cross jonquo Goldfo, grand size, good colour, well worth 3rd; 4, spl., Tate, cheek mkd. and one wing mkd. Linnet Mule, hot fed, nice size; 5, Ewen and Anderson, very heavy var. Greenfinch Mule, good size and shape; vhc, Crec; hc, spl., Fisher; c, spl., Bruce. DARK GOLDIE AND CAN. (13): 1, spl., McWatt, hot one, grand jonque, deep flush fnce, good depth of colour throughout, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Gill, 2nd yell., good deep col., fine shade, 3rd nice buff, plenty size, lovely quality feather, expansive blaze; 4, spl., Marlin, large yell., fine size, grand shape; 5, Dr. Galloway, nice shnped yell.; vhc, Brown; hc, Bell and Readhead; c, Laurie. DARK LINNET AND CAN. (17): 1, Brown, gem for colour, grand tone, shining like a piece of satin, well laced, fine deep jonquc; 2, 5. spl., Roddie, 2nd large buff, well marked, teeming with quality, good shape, well put down, 5th shade smaller; 3, Simpson, good all-round, again all there for markings; 4, Prattis, nice bird, well up in size, good colour; vhc, Watson; hc, Buchanan; c, Begg. GREENFINCH AND CAN. (14): 1. Baird, good onc all over, hot fed jonque, lovely tone of colour, well forward; 2, Henry, again well up in colour, all there for size, in rare trim; 3, spl., Dr. Galloway, shade smaller than winners, but good solid colour; 4, Mair, nicc buff, fine tone of colour; 5, Dewar, nice yell., well np in colour; vhc, spl., Johnston; hc, spl., Buchanan; c, Stevenson (No. 8 too late for judging, good one). DARK CAN. MULE, A.O.V. (except Bullfinch) (19): 1, Hossack, good Siskin, grand size, lovely tone of colour, nice markings, good wing flights, well etaged; 2, McMilan, neat yell., well up in size, good solid col., nicely fed; 3, Leigh, a nat. col. Siskin, nice size and quality; 4, Frazer, hot fed buff, well known winner, grand markings; 5, Coffey, neat yell.; all Siskin Mules; vhc, Paterson; hc, McCallum; c, Dewar. HYB. (including Can.-Bullfe) (13): 1, Snedden, good all-round Goldie-Bullie, well forward in col., deep expansive face, A1 markings, staged in grand bloom; 2, Dale, another Goldie-Bullie, shade smaller, in nice feather; 3, Neilson, good Linnet-Bullie, fine size, well forward in colours, staged in grand order; 4, Dewar, Linnet-Bullie, nice tone of col.; 5, spl., vhc, Dunn, Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Thomson; c, Richmond. HYB. (between two Brit.) (11): 1, spl., Martin, Redpoll-Greenfinch, in lovely order, well up in size, nice tone of colour; 2, Coffey, Chaffinch-Bramhlefinch, fine size, well forward in colours; 3, Dewar, nice Siskin-Greenie, taking hird, good size and quality; 4, Young, Redpoll-Goldie, most striking cross in class, grand size; 5, Jamieson, romping Goldie-Greenie, grand wing flights, good one all over; vhc, c, Peters; hc, Hutcheson. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (20): 1, McMinn Bros., (Pride o' Galloway), very forward, good, dense, pure crimson face, nice nap, well buttoned, good tannings; 2, Barclay, well-made Finch, grand front, nice cheeks, well set, large and fine tannings, good face; 3, Conkie, good size, nice shape, well buttoned, good in wing flights; 4, Park, good all-round Finch; 5, Murray, likely hird that should win; vhc, Young; hc, Mason; c, Comlie. BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (18): 1, Thomson, leader good one, fine shape, grand tone of col., rare breast, nice bars, good cap, in lovely hloom; 2, Bruce, another nice one, plenty of size, fine broad cap, well cut on wing bars, will improve; 3, spl., Turner, dense coloured bird, fine cap, good breast colour, very forward; 4, Lyell, nice shape and size, good stamp, beaten in feather; 5, Harrison, paler in colour, but good quality; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Dunsmuir; c, Young. LINNET (27): 1, spl., Bishop, Broughty Ferry 2nd, heading grand class, nice tone of col., well mkd., good flights, A1 for size and shape; 2, Malcolmson, good one also, well rounded, with plenty of work on breast, shown in fine order; 3, spl., Pickles, shade paler in ground, but grand shape, fine size, nicely mkd.; 4, Downie, lovely tone of eol., nice shape, good markings; 5, Wason, smaller all over, but very nicely laced; vhc, Kearton; hc, spl., Dalling; c, Henry. SISKIN (19): 1, Bishop, well fed, nice size, dense cap, good bars, nicely laced, staged in fine bloom; 2, Hoyle, shade smaller, nicely laced on cap and well fed, good bib, grand quality throughout; 3, Ferrier, nat. col., fine tone throughout, nicely laced and finished; 4, Kirkwood, very hot fed one, harsh-looking in col., but nicely put down; 5, Turner, sweet nat. col. bird, well up in size and markings; vhc, McGavin; hc, Brown; c, Parker. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (19): 1, Hoyle, topping mealy Poll, grand size, well mkd., large bib, finely laced, in good feather, nice tone of col., A1 shape, well staged; 2, Martin, good Twite, fine size, well laced, good whites on flights, staged in grand trim; 3, Johnstone, well laced mealy, nice tone of col.; 4, Kerr, Twite, well up in size and lacing, beaten in finish; 5, spl., Arrighi, another Twite; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bell and Dewar; c, spl., Turner. LESSER (40): 1, Williams, well up in eize, nicely mkd., good cap, nice sized hib, steady and in grand trim; 2, Kearton, shade emaller and darker tone of col., nice lacing and in fine bloom, good size and shape; 3, Lawson, Redcap, fine flush tone of col., grand bib and well mkd., good shape and quality; 4, Coffey, nice bib, finely pencilled; 5, Taylor, nice size, well mkd.; vhc, Allan; hc, Arnott; c, Baird. GREENFINCH (20): 1, Logan, nice tone of col., good wing flights, in very nice order; 2, vhc, McCulloch, large, good tone of col., fine wing flights, nice order, both nat. col.; 3, Calder, hig made Finch, well fed, good bold front; 4, c, Aitken, nice size, good shape, again well fed; 5, McWatt, good col., nice tone; hc, Strachan; c, Aitken. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Henderson, beauty and no mistake, grand tone of col., fine breast, very neat in wings, a gem; 2, Raine, not quite so good in breast col, but well defined in shades, nice cap; 3, Laidlaw, hot one in full col., grand cap and breast col.; 4, Kearton, well up in size; 5, Muir, good, shapely bird; vhc, Aitken; hc, Douglas; c, Wilson. BRAMBLEFINCH (34): 1, Longden, wins on marvellous facing on head and back, well defined and regular, nice breast col., fine size; 2, Ward, another topper, old stager, showing signs of age, hut a good mkd. one; 3, Coffey, steady, and in fine bloom; 4, spl, Alston, real good one, lovely shape, fine front, claimed at catalogue price; 5, Laurie, darker tone of col. throughout; vhc, Sharp; hc, Bald; c, Miller and Eadie. YELLOWHAMMER (19): 1, Kerr, jun., good one all over, nice tone of col., grandly finished, nice eye, good head, full bloom; 2, Finnie, very nice tone of col., good shape and finish; 3, Baird, stronger made, fine full front, very light in eye markings; 4, Gray, nat. col., again light in eye markings; 5, Kerr, old warrior, looking well; vhc, Martin; hc, Laidlaw; c, spl, Johnston. BUNTING, A.O.S. (8): 1, Kirkwood, jun., Corn Bunting, grandly mkd., rare head, lovely tone of col., rare size, steady as a rock; 2, Mason, Cirl, nice size, well mkd., in fine feather; 3, 5, Henderson, 3rd grand Snow Bunting, great size, in lovely bloom; 5th, Corn Bunting, plenty of size, good col.; 4, Kerr, Lnpland Bunting, steady and in fine feather; vhc, spl, Taylor; hc, Parker; c, Easton. BRIT. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, Hoyle, well-fed Yellow Wagtail, nice size, in fine order; 2, Taylor, Black Redstart, well up in size, very steady, in good feather, well placed; 4, Bennet, Chiff Chaff, steady, and in fine bloom; 3, Mason, Blackcap, fine size, good cap, in nice feather; 5, Jardine, Albino Skylark (almost pure white), staged in nice order; vhc, Henderson; hc, Dulf. LARGE (11): 1, spl, Crockett, Waxwing, in fine bloom, nice size, steady, well staged, lovely exhibit; 2, Pollock, Magpie, fine size, very pure in whites, in nice order; 3, Simpson, good Hawfinch, fine bib and markings; 4, Prince, Song Thrush, grand size, well mkd., very nicely staged; 5, spl, McDiarmid, Magpie, good shape and markings; vhc, Park; hc, Kynaston; c, Hardie. BRIT. BULLFINCH HEN (5): 1, Bald, nice shape, fine front, good cap and wing bars, in grand feather; 2, Dalling, nice tone of col., good quality, fine size and steady; 3, Malcolmson, nice shade, good in cap; 4, spl, Henderson, again good in col., but loose in feather compared to winner; 5, spl, Malcolmson, nice quality, good col. A.O.S. HEN, BRIT. (suitahle for Mule breeding) (20): 1, Millar and Eadie, really good Bramble, fine size, grand dense col., steady, in rare bloom, a beauty; 2, McGavin, Mealy Redpoll, fine size, well mkd., good bib; 3, Strachan, good all round Bramble; 4, Calder, nice Yellowhammer, fine size, steady, and well mkd.; 5, Laidlaw, Reed Bunting, good size, in fine feather; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Wilson; c, McDougall. FOR. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, Howie, gem of the first water, undoubtedly the finest conditioned hird in show, and a good specimen, expansive blaze, pure deep cut whites; 2, Johnstone, stylish, well up in size, good cut bird; 3, McInnes, very neat, in good trim, good body; 4, Turner, plenty size, good col.; 5, spl, Porteous, shade wild, but nice stamp; vhc, Hutcheson; hc, spl, Henderson; c, spl, Daking. A.O.S. FOR., LARGE (8): 1, spl, 2, Carrick, leader good Crimson-wing, fine size, lovely colours; 2nd, dense-coloured King Parrot, fine size, in grand bloom; 3, spl, Wilson, Swainson's Lorrikeet, grand colours, well staged; 4, Alston, Many-coloured Parrakeets, nice exhibits, fine order; 5, hc, Sellars, Purple-capped Lorry, good one; vhc, Carrick; c, Proudfoot. SMALL (11): 1, spl, vhc, Carrick, leader grand pair of Double-banded Finches, in very nice order, rare exhibits; 2, Bruce, nice Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in fine bloom; 3, 4, Sellars, 3rd pair of Parrot Finches, rare exhibits; 4th, Long-tailed Grass Finches, in fine order, claimed at catalogue price; 5, spl, Alston, pair of Rufous Grass Finches, in grand order; hc, spl, Wilson; c, Pickles, real good Maroon Tanager, in grand order, hard lines here.

SOUTHALL.

A very nice little affair was the first venture of the Southall Cage Bird Society, which took place in the St. John's Hall on October 14th. The entry doubtless would have been larger hut for the presence in the schedule of a rule which said unless twelve entries in a class prize money would he on the sliding scale. Exhibitors do not care for these restrictions, and they militate greatly against good entries. The birds were very nicely arranged in a manner which admitted of their being seen to the best advantage, and a goodly lot they were. So far as quality was concerned, the palm was readily yielded to the Norwich, which were indeed a magnificent lot, hirds of most excellent type, with abundance of quality and colour, being well to the front. The Yorkshires also were good, and the competition very keen. Mr. Hodder's Buff Norwich won the section special, and also took that for the best bird in the show, whilst that for the best Yorkshire was taken by Messrs. Hawes' marked Buff. The whole of the arrangements were most excellently carried out by the following committee:—Messrs. A. E. Argyle (chairman), W. H. Phipps, J. R. Morgan, C. Huxley, J. Kinns, W. Smith, L. A. Neal, C. M. Kidd, and J. Timberlake, whilst Messrs. H. J. Ireson, the treasurer, and T. G. Jeffrey, the hon. secretary, are two of the hest officials a society could possibly have, and to their efforts much of the success which the society has achieved is due. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (11): 1, spl second best Yorks., Harris, long, straight, smart hird, capital head, well braced wings and tail rare feather and style; 2, Gamhle, magnificent quality, very stylish, neat wings and tail; 3, Green, very shapely and capital feather, nice position, not tightened up yet; 4, Cox, another shapely stylish bird, not ready; vhc, Alford; hc, Mole; c, Marling; absent, Smart (2). BUFF (9): 1, Hawes Bros., magnificent head, shoulders, back, wings and tail, a real good Yorkie in every way, but just a shade stronger than we like, still, his wonderful quality and style pulled him through; 2, Harris, very shapely and fine in feather, but has not yet learned how to carry himself in a show cage, when steadied will take some beating; 3, Phipps, a rattling good hird full of style and rare shape not shown to the best advantage; 4, Easterling, very neat and stylish, not quite so much length; vhc, Mole; hc, Green; c, Parish. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Green, very slim, finely drawn Cinn.-mark., as tight as wax, and as upright as a dart, a lovely bird; 2, Harris, heautifully moulded, lovely head, back and wings, rare style, not quite so fine in feather; 3, Hawes, magnificent body, lovely feather and style, a trifle stouter; 4, Gamble, very sleek and stylish, not ready; vhc, Easterling; hc, Phipps; c, Parish. BUFF (5): 1, spl best York., and res. best in show, Hawes Bros., a real gem of a wing-tkd., not a feather out of place, full of nerve and heautifully moulded, stands like a soldier; 2, Harris, very smart and shapely, lovely quality, not tightened up yet; 3, Burton, very stylish, nice bodied, Cinnamon tkd.; 4, Jeffrey, a rare bird for shape, length, and quality of feather, but he wanted starching and ironing in front; vhc, Green. HEN (10): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., two wonderfully fine hens, buff and a yellow, full of nerve, rare position and magnificent feather, winner the slimmest and most erect; 2, Parish, very long buff, splendid shape, wonderful quality, hardly so smart in position; 4, Harris, very sweet little hen, full of style and quality, beaten in length; vhc, c, Jeffrey; hc, Harris; absent, Smart. BRED 1909 (11): 1, spl, Harris, most charming buff, full of quality, beautifully drawn, and full of style and nerve; 2, Burton, grand bodied yel., rare shape and feather, plenty of style; 3, and members' cup, Easterling, very fine racy buff, beautifully moulded, stands well, and had he been washed would possibly have won; 4, Harris, nice, stylish, close feathered hird, hardly so fine; vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, Scars; c, Mole. NOVICE (18): 1, 2, spl, Parks, yell. and buff, two slashing birds full of stylc, rare shape, and grand quality; 3, spl best bird shown by a lady, and Easterling's special, Mrs. Gill, fine long bodied yell., capital colour and feather, nice position; 4, Reed, very shapely, nice feathered buff, wants handling; vhc, c, Ehorn; hc, Scars; absent, Potton. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Hodder, short, compact body, rare quality, and nice even colour; 2, Withers, beautiful body, rare colour and quality, hardly so full in head; 3, Rippon, big, shapely bird, good colour; 4, Godfrey. BUFF (7): 1, spl best Nor. and best in show, Hodder one of the best, a real Bullfinch-shaped one, and rich quality and colour; 2, vhc, Battison, magnificent shape right through, full of quality and style, but had not taken the feed properly; 3, Godfrey, lovely body, fine shape, colour, and feather, Irifle browy; 4, Ette, grand shape and colour, not tightened up; hc, Rippon; c, Pedder. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Ette, handsome wing tkd., full of colour and quality, very typical; 2, Hodder, cap and wing mkd., a lovely bird for colour, style, and feather, not quite so short; 3, Godfrey, griz. wing, a good one, not ready; 4, Phipps, very pretty three pointed, needs just a bit more substance; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Rippon. BUFF (7): 1, Withers, very stylish wing tkd., grand shape, nice style, short and chubby, lovely feather; 2, Rippon, also wing tkd., a charming bird of rare shape, stylo and quality; 3, Hodder, wonderful feather and colour, but not so much substance; 4, Godfrey, nice stamp of varieg., when fit should do some winning; vhc, Ette; hc, Easterling; c, Goodall. HEN: 1, spl 2nd best Nor., Withers, a real gem of a yell., short and compact in body, lovely feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Godfrey, very fine stamp of huff, rare shape and carriage, hardly ready; 3, Rippon, good bodied yell., hardly so clever with her wings; 4, Pedder, nice, shapely, hot coloured huff, not ready yet; vhc, Battison; hc, Hodder; c, Edwards. BRED 1909 (11): 1, spl, Rippon, beautiful shape, neat winge and tail, grand head, chest, and shoulders, full of quality, and rare feather; 2, c, Godfrey, sweet body, full of quality, hardly so stout in head; 3, Battison, very high quality, rich colour, not so stout; 4, Hodder, grand body, not so broad in skull; vhc, Withers; hc, Edwards; absent, Spoor (3). NOVICE (3): 1, 3, spl, Law, yell. and varieg. buff, winner nice shape and colour; 2, Wilkins, very neat buff, looks like a hen. CREST (3): 1, spl, Bloomfield and Rose, nicely radiated, well dropped green; 2, Phipps; 3, Burgess and Son, also greens, but some way behind. C.B. (2): 1, spl, Bloomfield and Rose, lovely shaped skull, very heavily feathered; 2, Burgess, very broad, well browed. A.O.V. (3): 1, Thurling, tkd. buff Lancashire, nice substance and shape; 2, Riddles, neat little Border No. 1, Fryer, yell. York., in wrong class. MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, spl, Lees, noted Linnet-Can., in grand form; 2, Edwards, smart four-pointed buff of nice size and shape; 3, Thurling, high coloured varieg. yell., very showy; 4, vhc, Alford, big, shapely, nice feathered varieg. buff; No. 4, Edwards, Siskin-Can., looked like dying. DARK (6): 1, 2, Edwards, two very smart exhibits, grand quality and colour, Greenie-Can. and Linnet-Can.; 3, 4, Horsey, Linnet and Redpoll crosses, two good birds, hardly so well shown; vhc, Thurling; hc, Daniels. BRIT. GOLD. (8): 1, Hireson, nice rich body colour, capital feather and style; 2, Easterling, sound colour, well marked; 3, French, secured the benefit of the doubt, hut looked as though he might have been made in Germany; 4, T. Smith; vhc, Wilkins; hc, B. Smith. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Edwards. LINNET (10): 1, 4, best Brit., Harris, two grand shaped birds, heautifully marked, but why the black and white tins, Mr. Hafris, they cause the disappointed ones to make nasty remarks; 2, vhc, Fellows, beautiful shape and marking, hardly so rich in colour; 3, Edwards, rare shape and style, not so clear on breast; hc, Phipps; c, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Hipwell, charming Siskin, full of colour and quality, grandly marked; 2, Easterling, lovely little Redpoll; 3, Thompson; 4, Timberlake, good, shapely Siskins, not so rich in colour. A.O.V. HARDBILL (7): 1, 4, Hireson, grand feathered, beautifully marked Chaffinch, in splendid fettle; 2, French, lovely coloured, well marked Hawfinch, in grand form; 3, Drew, rich coloured Bramble, grandly spangled; vhc, J. Smith; hc, Law. SMALL SOFTBILL (1): 1, Miss Hopwood, nicely marked Whinchat. FOR., LARGE (2): 1, spl, Mrs. Hodgkin, rich coloured Red Cardinal; No. 1, same exhibitor, a Black-headed Weaver, in wrong class. SMALL (4): 1, Mrs. Hodgkin, lovely pair of Avadavats, splendid colour, feather, and marking; 2, 3, Botting, very fine Red-headed Finch; 3rd, rich and handsome coloured Bishop; No. 3, Harris, Red-headed Gouldian, very soft, and ill at judging time. SELL. (21s.) (3): 1, Edwards; 2, Timberlake; 3, Sponsford. 10s. 6d. (4): 1, 4, Mrs. Hodgkin; 2, Scars; 3, Sponsford. MEMBERS, YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Angear, two very shapely, stylish birds of nice quality; 2, Phipps, shorter, but grand style and quality; 4, Chance; vhc, Withers; hc, c, Neal. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, Angear, another very smart stylish pair, good in carriage, shape, and feather; 3, Neal, long, well-drawn, stylish bird, not so close in front; 4, Chance, grand body, very stylish, and nice feather; vhc, Phipps; c, Withers; absent, Huxley. HEN (10): 1, 2, spl, Morgan, two charming yells., would have held their own in the open; 3, Jeffrey, very neat feathered, shapely buff; 4, vhc, c, Angear; hc, Neal. BRED 1909 (11): 1, Morgan, topping yell., full of quality, very shapely and stylish; 2, 4, Phipps, good stamp of buff, stylish and nice quality, and a good tkd. yell., not ready; 3, Angear, neat, strong yell., not so much length; vhc, Withers; hc, Neal; c, Huxley. Mr. Withers had all the Norwich to himself, with a very smart team, and no one opposed Mr. Hireson in the British.

WADEBRIDGE.

Annual show of the Bodmin, Wadebridge, and Dis. F.A. held October 12th. Judge, Mr. Rabey S. Ervan. NOR: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lobb and Son YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Lobb and Son; 2, Docking; 3, Wills and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Wills and Son; 3, Lobb and Son. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, Wills and Son; 2, Lobb and Son.

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth members' show held at headquarters, Black Dog, Watergate. There was a splendid entry, the exhibits being nicely staged. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers, kindly arranged and given by Mr. Bond, sen., for which the committee return their best thanks. Mr. W. E. Allen won special for hest bird in show with a grand Yorkshire hen, Mr. W. Ratcliff special for hest Norwich, Mr. Clarke, special for most points in novice section, Mr. E. Kirkby special for hest British. Winners of medals for most points gained the last three shows: W. Ratcliff, champion section; E. Boud, novice section; and E. Kirkby, British section. Mr. Allen, the Secretary, had everything in good order. Mr. F. Lockton made the awards, not a grumble being heard.

NOR. CK.: 1, spl., Ratcliff; 2, 3, vhc, Bond; hc, Clarke. HEN: 1, spl., Bond; 2, Ratcliff. YORKS CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Allen. HEN: 1, spl., 2, Allen. NOVICE NOR. CK.: 1, Clarke; 2, Kettle; 3, Mann; vhc, Kettle; c, Parsons. HEN: 1, Kettle; 2, Clarke; 3, Parsons. NOVICE YORKS CK.: 1, Mann. HEN: 1, Mann. SELL.: 1, Bond; 2, 3, Ratcliff. MULE OR HYB.: 1, hc, Kirkby; 2, Allen; 3, vhc Clarke. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Kirkby; 2, Allen; vhc, Ratcliff. BRIT.: 1, spl., Kirkby; 2, vhc, Ratcliff; 3, hc, Allen; c, Waite.

OLDHAM.

Annual show of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.A. was held on October 16th, in George-street School. The room was well adapted for the purpose. The entries were not very large, no doubt because the show was held so early; there were only 120 entries in 30 classes. The judge, Mr. Bowyer, of Lock, gave his awards with acceptance. Messrs. Steepie (the energetic Sec.) and Sherrington (steward, with a few willing workers in Messrs. Eckersley, Nelson, Hampshire, Ackroyd, etc., worked hard and had all the awards placed and catalogues for sale almost as soon as the show was opened. Messrs. Young, Eckersley, and Hampshire tied for the newly-purchased cup with 27 points each, Mr. Young taking the trophy through his having the advantage in keener competition and consequently more prize money to draw. The runners-up were awarded extra specials, along with Messrs. Harrison and Addison. Mr. Sherrington won Sandiford's medal, and Mr. Steepie had a special alloted as runner-up.

LIZ. GOLD C.C. (1), 1, spl., Taylor, nice cap, good rowing in centre. SILVER (2): 1, spl., Hampshire, a knock-out and will no doubt make a name, spangling superb, good head and shape; 2, Lowe, good one, few feathers got crossed on back. SILVER B.C. (2): 1, 2, spl., Hampshire, 1st large, plenty of rowing, 2nd not quite so choice and decided. GOLD HEN (1): 1, spl., Taylor, nice capped bird, soft col. SILVER (4): 1, spl., Hampshire, cobby and typical, good bold spangling on back for a hen; 2, Lowe, big, plenty of work; 3, Steeple, very taking, nice work, shows off well; 4, Taylor, neat in every respect, good legs and beak. LANCS. CL., ETC. YELL. CPY. (1): 1, spl., Fitton, grizzle cpy., nicely radiated, good centre, stands well, could have stood some competition. BUFF (3): 1, 2, spl., Eckersley, 1st good head, plenty of length and substance, well shown, 2nd another good bird; 3, Ogden, plenty of quality. YELL. P.H. (2): 1, spl., Fitton, plenty of length, good entrance and skull; 2, Lowe, similar to winner, shown in good condition. BUFF (2): 1, spl., Eckersley, nice broad head, plenty of col.; 2, Ogden, rather on slim side. CPY. HEN (1): 1, spl., moderate all-round bird, grizzled. BUFF (2): 1, spl., Eckersley, neat, nice opening to skull, plenty of length; 2, Ackroyd. CREST OR C.-B. (6): 1, 2, spl., Harrison, 1st varieg. excellent sized crest, well radiated, good centre, 2nd C.-B. varieg., abundant feather; 3, hc, Fitton, 3rd grizzled crest, grand head, not at its best, runs well up; 4, Steeple, very neat and typical; vhc, Taylor. HEN (2): 1, 2, spl., Harrison, 1st grizzled crest, cl. body, feathered to end of beak, good centre, well shown, 2nd C.-B. foul green, well lashed, good opening. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, spl., Young, 1st unflig., very short and typical, nice head, good col., clean cut, 3rd another unflig., little gem, nicely proportioned; 2, Sherrington, very racy, good bloom, feather, and col., neat head; 4, Whyatt; vhc, Sharples; hc, Steeple; c, Ackroyd. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Sharples, unflig., good opening, neat round head, nice type and position, excellent feather, shows nicely; 4, well shaped, very silky feather, typical; 2, Young, good head properties, clean cut, stands well across perch; 3, Sherrington, good all-round; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Steeple; c, Nelson. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 4, spl., Sharples, wing mkd., good type, eize and col., best yell. in show, 4th wing mkd., good col., beaten in size; 2, spl. (name missed), good col., nice round head, well shaped; 3, Cope, fine neck, mkd., good shape and carriage; vhc, Young; hc, Whyatt. BUFF (5): 1, spl., Young, cap and wing mkd., good shape and size, nice feather and carriage; 2, Ogden, very typical and graceful, nice size; 3, Sharples, neck mkd., hot fed; 4, Steeple, very nice all-round exhibit; vhc, Sherrington. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, spl., Young, cl., good head and neck, fine col. and type; 2, cap mkd., nice shapely bird, well shown; 3, Sharples, neck mkd., useful for building up a strain; 4, Cope, cl., good and shapely; vhc, Sherrington; hc, Fitton; c, Whyatt. BUFF (5): 1, spl., Young, cl., shapely, nice col. for a hen; 2, Sharples, cl., runs well up to winner; 3, 4, vhc, Cope, 3rd cl., massive bird, well proportioned properties, 4th cap and wing mkd., good hen, but not "hot" enough. YORKS CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl., Baxter, good round head, stands well, good length; 2, Addison, lovely col., good all-round; 3, Chadderton, teeming with col. BUFF (4): 1, 3, spl., Nelson, small beak, nice shaped head and neck, 3rd rather uneven in col., nice wings and tail; 2, 4, Addison shade flat on skull, very finely drawn, neat carriage; 4, very nice length, excellent position. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl., Baxter, stylish bird, good shape, full of points; 2, 3, Addison, 2nd tkd. on neck, plenty of col., 3rd col. very strong, rather frilly. BUFF (2): 1, spl., Addison, grizzled on head, very smart appearance, real Yorks; 2, Baxter, wing mkd., very typical. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (1): 1, spl., Addison. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl., Wagstaffe, 1st head mkd., nicely drawn, excellent feather and position, 2nd grizzled on neck, stands well; 3, Baxter, neat all round, does credit to 3rd position; 4, Addison, not so well proportioned; vhc, Chadderton; hc, Nelson. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, spl., Cope, very nicely mkd. Cin. Bord., yell., well shown; 2, Addison, Yorks Cin. foul, very nice specimen, seems timid. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, spl., Ackroyd, varieg. Goldfinch-Can., good blaze, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Fitton, Linnet-Can., very good size and col.; 3, vhc, Wagstaffe, even mkd. Goldie-Can. hen; 4, Chadderton, dark Goldfinch-Can., smart, stylish bird.

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Plymouth's Notable Jubilee Exhibition.

These West-country fanciers celebrated their Jubilee in right royal fashion by attracting a fine entry and giving of their best in the matter of management.

For fifty years the Western Counties O.S. has held its annual shows, and to it belongs the honour of being the first cage bird society in the kingdom to colebrate its Jubilee, which it did in right royal fashion in the Corn Exchange, Plymouth, on Oct. 19th and 20th. The writer has many pleasing recollections of the society. Twenty-seven years ago he won a special at Plymouth for best Belgian, the late Edward Bemrose being the judge. At that time Belgians were very strong in the West, and the Plymouth schedule used to open with three or four classes for the King of the Fancy. Crests also were a great feature, as were the Norwich and Cinnamons. Another section which provided considerable competition and a great deal of interest, was that for English. Belgians have long since been deposed from their proud position and the English are quite a thing of the past, whilst the Devon and Cornwall breeders of Cinnamons are now very few in numbers. Plymouth was strong in the Fancy in those days, and it is still strong, for year by year at its shows we see some of the best Crests and Norwich that are produced. In Norwich Plainheads to-day, even as it was 30 years ago, it is to Plymouth we look for some of the sensations of the season.

Modern, but Popular.

At this show the schedule opened with Yorkshires, which are comparatively a modern variety, so far as Plymouth is concerned. Yet to-day they have no less than 14 classes. A wonderful lot the exhibits were for quality. The 14 classes contained 168 entries. The Non-flighted class proved a regular teazer for the judge, but he found a brace of good ones in Mr. Elsmore's smart and shapely exhibits. The hens made a couple of fine classes, and the winners of Messrs. Rennie and Pattrick were very typical, stylish birds. The two classes for Devon and Cornwall exhibitors did not meet with the support they deserved, only a dozen entries being made. The members' Yorkshires were a very nice lot.

Norwich, ever the section to arouse keenest interest amongst Western breeders, were a magnificent collection, totalling 226 in the seventeen classes provided. And what a lot they were: Such shape, such colour, such feather, such frosty coats on the buffs, and staged in that wonderful bloom and condition which has ever characterised the Norwich Plainheads of Plymouth, and which caused the late W. A. Blakston to pen pæans of praise in their honour. The local breeders held their own well with those from a distance, the Western Counties accounting for all the first prizes except the two taken by Messrs. Hodder and Rennie. In the clear buffs a peculiar coincidence arose; Messrs. Gill and Pethick won 2nd with the bird which last year the same judge selected for the same position, and then discovered it was short of two tail feathers, and put it out of competition. In the Ticked classes Mr. Spillman once again showed how hard a nut he is to crack in Yellow Ticks. The Non-flighted Buffs were a grand lot, and Mr. Dart, the popular chairman, was most heartily congratulated upon winning the Members' Challenge Cup with his exhibit. The Hen classes were also wonderfully strong.

The Costly Crests.

Crests, although not creating the same interest as they used to do, are still a strong feature. Mr. Heath had a good morning's work amongst the 151 exhibits which faced him in the fifteen classes. In the variegateds several were hardly fit, and Mr. Heath going strongly for condition they had to stand back. We much admired Mr. Davey's winner in the hens. But the class of the section was that for the 1909 birds, and here the Western breeders showed that they have not lost the art of producing birds of the highest quality. The Crest-breds seemed to be suffering more generally from the lateness of the season than the Crests. In the members' section Mr. Ryder had a very strong team out, and secured the members' challenge cup with a very smart heavily marked bird, with capital front and droop.

Cinnamons were superior in quality to what we have seen at Plymouth in recent years, and we were much pleased to see that old breeder of the variety, Mr. Nason, of Northampton, in the front place. The members' challenge cup fell to a very smart yellow shown by Mr. Yates. Borders were scheduled at Plymouth for the first time, and Mr. Dart had the pleasure of scoring top notch with a very shapely, stylish little buff. Belgians were a most excellent class, the Barnstaple breeders scoring well with birds of good substance and carriage. In the A.O.V. Mr. Tom King won with one of the best cinnamon Crests we have ever seen staged. In the class for groups Mr. Spillman staged two of the best-matched quartettes of Norwich we have seen. His team of buffs looked as if they had all come from one mould, so even in colour and so similar in shape were they.

Mules made an interesting display, but the majority of the winners were old faces. British came up much better than usual, and some grand birds were shown, but few of them were in full bloom. The Foreign classes contained a very choice lot of exhibits, and they afforded much interest to visitors.

Living Up to their Reputation.

The show was opened by His Worship the Mayor of Plymouth (A. Edmund Spencer, Esq.), who expressed the great pleasure it gave him to assist in furthering the interests of the working-men of Plymouth in such an enjoyable and refining hobby as bird breeding. He hoped the Jubilee show would be the success which the enterprise of the members deserved. Mr. C. A. House proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was seconded by Mr. W. G. French.

One feature of the W.C.O.S. shows is the management. Tested and proved by the experience of half a century, its traditions are well maintained, and no show in the kingdom is better arranged, and at none is more care and attention bestowed upon the exhibits. This is only what one may expect, seeing that some of the present officials have grown grey in the service of the society, and have spent over a quarter of a century in promoting its welfare. Messrs. C. Dart (chairman), W. French (vice-chairman), W. Spillman, C. Reed, A. E. Cheney, C. Hoar, C. Garland, J. Ryder, F. G. Snell, W. H. Tottle, C. Jewell, J. E. Rowe, L. S. B. Clark, G. Pridham, G. Haskell, J. White and W. Deeble were those responsible for the arrangements of the Jubilee show, and they rose nobly to the occasion, and vied with each other in promoting its success, whilst Messrs. T. Pope and W. A. Dyer, the hon. secs., brought to the work of the secretariat well-seasoned experience, coupled with an energy and affability that were much appreciated, and ensured that smooth and easy working which alone follows in the wake of tact, and attention to detail. Guided by such a splendid body, the Jubilee show was what it deserved to be, a monster success, and its memory will live long with those who had the privilege of visiting it. The judges were Messrs. T. Heath, C. A. House and J. Robson.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

CREST CL., BODY BUFF (9): 1, spl, Franz, an immense grey, neat, clearly defined centre, grand droop, even radiation, and great density; 2, Evins, very handsome dark, lovely quality, grand formation, not the spread of the winner, a most taking exhibit; 3, Bale, lovely cl., neat and compact in formation, grand quality and droop; 4, Rabey Bros., large feathery dark, good width; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Hobbs; c, King. MKD. (11): 1, sp, Cory, even mkd., great spread, capital centre, full of feather, broad front, a bird that will improve; 2, Hydes and Pesseli's spls, Ryder, very heavily feathered green, grand quality, great density, nicely drooped; 3, King, even mkd., very nice shaped crest, but not yet at its best; 4, Hoar, even mkd., large well spread crest, good centre, nicely radiated; vhc, Bale; hc, Lazarus; c, Evins Bros. HEN (10): 1, sp, Davey, green with pied tail, rare shape, neat centre, grandly radiated and drooped, lovely quality, very heavy feather; 2, Mills, heavy mkd., capital centre, nice width of front, radiates neatly and evenly; 3, Evins Bros., beautifully shaped green, rare quality, comes well down and stays there; 4, Piper, varieg., well feathered, shapely crest, not so clear in centre; vhc, Bale; hc, Cory; c, Lazarus. BRED 1909 (19): 1, sp, and C.C. cup, Evins Bros., saddle mkd., beautifully veined heavy broad feather, grand centre and droop, neatly radiated; 2, sp, Bale, wing-mkd., rare shape and droop, very dense and leafy, lovely quality; 3, King, charming cl. body, grand formation and droop, hardly ready; 4, Franz, another very nice stamp of cl. body, hardly so heavy feathered, but nice shape; vhc, Hobbs; hc, Ryder; c, Richards. C.B. CL., ETC. (10): 1, sp, Davey, eye and wing mkd., full shapely skull, plenty of substance and length of feather, grand entrance and brow; 2, Bale, very nice stamp of cl., beautifully feathered on body and skull, not quite so massive in head; 3 Evins Bros. grand bodied, wing mkd., plenty of feather and well browed; 4, Rowe, cl. of rare feather properties, grand topped skull, hardly so wide; vhc, Ryder; hc, Snell; c, King. MKD. (16): 1, sp, Lazarus, massive green, rare shape and substance of skull, covered with dense broad feather of capital quality; 2, Bale, slashing big green, great substance and width of skull, and heaps of feather; 3, Cory, another massive heavy browed green, with rare shaped body and plenty of feather; 4, Piper, grand width and browing, hardly in feather on top, will improve; vhc, Galloway; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Richards. HEN (11): 1, sp, Franz, green, with pied wing, good domed shaped skull, clothed with a heavy layer of broad silky feather; 2, Ryder, green, with pied tail, splendid shape both of body and skull, and grandly feathered; 3, Hoar, very shapely, well feathered, heavy mkd., capital brow, nice quality; 4, Bale, very high quality, eye and wing mkd., good top, hardly so much width; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Hobbs; c, Lazarus. BRED 1909 (18): 1, sp, Cory, an immense bird with abundance of feather on a most shapely skull and body, grand quality; 2, Mrs. Turner, varieg., hardly so massive, but lovely quality, and width and length of feather on skull; 3, Bale, grand bodied varieg., hardly so much substance of skull, rare quality of feather; 4, Evins Bros., heavily mkd. yel., beautiful quality, and for a yell. carries a large well covered skull; vhc, Bickle; hc, Haskell; c, Ryder. PAIRS (8): 1, sp, Bale, saddle, mkd. crest, and green C.B., two grand shaped, well feathered, and nicely matched birds; 2, Hoar, wing mkd. crest, and pied wing C.B., beautiful quality and very nice shape and substance; 3, Parsons, varieg. crest, and green C.B., hardly so massive, grandly feathered; 4, Hobbs, wing mkd. crest and ticked C.B., nice shape and feather, not so stout; vhc, French; hc, Southern; c, Ryder. MBRS., YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF CL. BODY (5): 1, sp, Ryder, neatly shaped and drooped, grand quality, beautiful veiny crest; 2, Coath, very smart grey, nice length of feather; 3, Richards, not so fit, wanted a bit more grooming; 4, vbc, Parsons, small, neat grey. MKD. (9): 1, members' cup, sp, Ryder, heavy mkd., rare big crest of grand shape and droop; 2, 3, Hobbs, both wing wkd., capital shape, good centres, very nicely feathered and well radiated; 4, Lamerton, wing and tail mkd., shapely, well feathered, not ready; vhc, Snell; hc, Rowe; c, Richards. C.B. CK., ETC. (7): 1, Richards, cap mkd., shapely, well covered skull; 2, Chapple, another very heavy feathered cap mkd.; 3, Hobbs, grand quality, shapely cl.; 4, vhc, Ryder, wing mkd., quality throughout, and good shape; hc, Parsons. MKD. (12): 1, 4, Ryder, cap and wing mkd., capital shape and substance, and plenty of feather; 2, Richards, varieg., stout body and plenty of feather, good brow; 3, Rowe, very heavy feathered, varieg., grand shape, and capital quality, and improving and useful sort; vhc, Bickle; hc, Hobbs; c, Haskell. PAIRS (5): 1, Ryder; 2, Hobbs; 3, Richards; 4, Parsons; vhc, French. MULES, LIGHT (12): 1, Arnold, very rich coloured, high quality, even-mkd. yell., in grand form; 2, 3, Collins, well-known light Linnet, and six-pointed buff, in grand form; 4, hc, Browning, very shapely, nice coloured tkd. yell.; vhc, Rowe; c, Miss Bierley. DARK (7): 1, Dring and Norton, large, shapely, well mkd. Linnet, of rare feather and colour; 2, Davis, charming Siskin, beautifully mkd., and grand quality of feather; 3, 4, Collins, Redpoll and Siskin Canary Mules of grand colour, shape, and quality, and well mkd.; vhc, Badcott; hc, Miss Thomas. HYB. (5): 1, F. Collins, very large, well mkd., rich coloured, grandly feathered Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 2, Lashbrook and Sons, large, rich coloured, close feathered Can.-Bullfinch; 3, hc, E. Collins, most charming Goldfinch-Redpoll, smart and neat throughout; 4, Ruse, well-mkd., nice feathered Gold-Greenfinch. MEMBERS', LIGHT (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, members' cup, Rowe, two nice varieg. yell., and a five-pointed buff; 3, Hodge, another varieg. yell., of good quality. DARK (4): 1, 3, 4, Brenton, a nice trio of Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Smale, neat little Linnet. HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDIE (14): 1, Prior, a cl. win, lovely shape and feather, grand face, lovely chestnut and capital bars; 2, White, fine big shapely Finch, rare body feather and style, not so forward; 3, Tucker, grand body, rare style, close feather, not freshened up in blaze yet; 4, Hussey, well mkd. throughout, not brightened up yet; vhc, Rapson; hc, Arnold; c, Adams; absent, 3 Hopkins and Allsop, 5 Herbert. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Hopkins and Allsop, beautifully mkd. Linnet, nice rich colour, grand shape and feather, very steady and showy; 2, Rees, another grandly mkd., nice shaped, close feathered Linnet; 3, Harries, neatly feathered, nicely mkd. Redpoll, very steady; 4, Rowe and Richards, neatly mkd. Siskin, rare shape and feather; vhc, Russell; hc, Lee; c, Prior. A.O.S. HARD BILL (14): 1, Webber, Webster, large, rich coloured, clearly mkd. Hawfinch, in grand form; 2, members' cup, Wills, beautifully mkd, rich coloured Yell. Bunting, large and shapely, and well feathered; 3, Prior, Chaffinch, very clearly cut in his marking, rare shape and feather; 4, Browning, large well-spangled Brambling; vhc, Collins; hc, White; c, Evans. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, Price, magnificent Thrush, wonderful colour and feather, and beautifully mooned; 2, Lean and Son, very lustrous, well-spangled Starling, in rare bloom; 3, Harvey, another big well-mkd. Thrush, of good shape and feather; 4, Jones, Starling, full of col. and lustre, and well spangled; vhc, Hingley; hc, Liverton; c, Adams. A.O.S. (3): 1, Bond Bros., well-known Cornish Chough, in good form; 2, Wills, very sleek, well coloured, showy yell. Wagtail; 3, Dyer, nicely cut, lustrous coloured Magpie. MEMBERS' GOLDIE (5): 1, Hodge, very neatly mkd., good colour and feather; 2, Large, nice stylish, well mkd. bird; 3, Clark, good, but not so forward; 4, Wills, nicely mkd., but smaller; vhc, Lamerton. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, c, Harvey, very pretty little Redpoll, rare colour; 2, Woodland, shapely, good coloured Linnet; 3, Pridham, very pretty Linnet, good colour and marking; 4, Large, again a Linnet of nice shape and marking; hc, Dyer. A.O.S. HARD BILL (9): 1, Pridham, rich coloured, well-mkd Bullie; 2, 3, 4, Large, Chaffinch, Corn Bunting, and Yell. Bunting, a trio of good birds; vhc, Woodland; hc, Smale; c, Harvey. SOFT BILL, SMALL: Cancelled. A.O.S.: 1, Harvey.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, spl., Rickard, beautiful quality, lovely col., nice shape, and shown very fit; 2, Jepp, graud shaped body, good head, capital col. and quality, not up in wings yet; 3, Midgley, a grand bird which was afterwards found to be tkd. on thigh, and on a protest being lodged, had to make way for those below it, who all came up one; 4, Kilby, rare col., rich and even, splendid feather, not so stout; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Baker; c, Hopkins and Allsop. BUFF (11): 1, spl., Hodder, magnificent chest and back, short and cobby, lovely col. and feather; 2, c, Gill and Pethick, hardly so fit, but a model for shape, col., and feather, shown in grand form; 3, Rennie, a larger bird of sound level col. and nice feather, not so short; 4, Bailey, very neat and natty, as tight as wax, very shapely, but not so stout; vhc, Collings; hc, Kilby. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, spl., Spillman, most charmiug wing tkd., full of quality, grand shape, neat wings and tail, in good fettle; 2, Dring and Norton, grizzled cap, splendid shape, nice even col., not tightened up yet; 3, Baker, grizzled neck, when fit will take some stopping, rare shape and quality, nice col.; 4, Hodder, very shapely, nice feathered cap and wing mkd., not so clever with his wings; vhc, Miss Thomas; hc, Gregor; c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Rennie, head, wing, and tail mkd., stout, compact bird of rare quality, lovely col. and style; 2, Jepp, thigh tkd., clinking good bird when steadied down, rare shape, col., and feather; 3, Gill and Pethick, very sweet wing tkd., full of quality, capital shape and style; 4, Garland, eye tkd., capital shape and feather, good col.; vhc, Spoor; hc, Collings; c, Withers. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, spl., Hopkins and Allsop, very smart clear, tight in feather, light in col., and nice shape and size; 2, Hodder, very pretty wing tkd., grand shape, sound col. and full of quality; 3, Jepp, very hot, head, neck, and tail mkd., shapely and well fed, hardly so fine in feather; 4, Pessell's medal, c, Garland, very nice typical, level col. clear, neat head, good chest; vhc, Baker; hc, Dunston. BUFF (21): 1, spl., members' cup, Dart, cap and wing mkd., most lovely body, short and compact, splendid feather, nice even col.; 2, Rowden, eye and neck mkd., a little gem, lovely even col., good type and feather; 3, Jepp, neck tkd., splendid quality, rich and level in col., trifle longer, well shown; 4, vhc, Collings, grand bodied clear, rare silky feather, short and cobby; hc, Baker; c, Gill and Pethick. HEN, YELL. (16): 1, spl., hc, Gill and Petbick, a regular little model, as compact and chubby as a Bullfinch, and very close and fine in feather; 2, Spillman, hardly so chubby in head, charming body, full of col. and quality, very compact; 3, Rennie, one of the best greens we have seen, an invaluable hen for breeding purposes; 4, Hodder, not tightened up in tail yet but a gem otherwise; vhc, Little; c, Collings. BUFF (17): 1, 2, spl., Collings, eye and wing mkd., and a él., two real beauties, hard to find fault with, and will be even better yet as they are not quite fine in feather; 3, Spillman, head and neck mkd., beautiful col. and shape, grandly mealed; 4, Rennie, but for tbe exception of being pale in col., quite equal to the others; vhc, Hodder; hc, Midgley; c, Pottle. A.V. NON-FED (11): 1, spl., Pope, very nice typical grizzled capped yell.; 2, Smale, clear buff of good type and feather; 3, Garland, cl. yell., lovely quality, not so large; 4, Pawley, neat shapely yell.; vhc, Tottle; hc, Spillman; c, Mrs. Gagg. D. and C. YELL. (7): 1, spl., Halford, nice stamp of varieg., good col. and feather; 2, Gill and Pethick, lovely cl., on tbe small side; 3, Sandiford's spl., Pope, plenty of col., rare feather and good size, but longer; 4, Veale, tkd. on chest very smart bird not yet tightened up; vbc, Coad; hc, Lee; c, Hawke. BUFF (15): 1, spl., Veale, very smart, saddle mkd. bird, grand shape and quality, lovely col.; 2, Coad, very high quality cl., grand even col., not so chubby; 3, Yates, close feathered cl., sound eol., cnpital style, bit slim; 4, Collings, rare good cl., but would not stand handling; vhc, hc, Pope; c, Gill and Pethick. MEMBERS—YELL (4): 1, spl., Collings, wins well in shape and quality; 2, Garland, good shape, but not enough of it; 3, Pope, good, but wants handling; 4, Baker. BUFF (18): 1, spl., Dart, charming shape, col., and feather; 2, vhc, Collings, for col. and quality one of the best, not so chubby; 3, Garland, a clinking good bird, uneven in col.; 4, c, Pope, rare body and col., but horned; hc, Snell. TKD. YELL. (13): 1, 3, spl., Garland, two handsome varieg., full of quality, lovely shape and feather; 2, Parish, again a varieg., full of quality, hardly so full in head; 4, hc, Spillman, very nice grizzled capped, lovely quality; vhc, Hayne; c, Snell. BUFF (14): 1, spl., hc, Pope, very chubby varieg., splendid col. and shape, close fine feather; 2, c, Spillman, grand type of varieg., but wants handling; 3, Garland, eye mkd., good quality and col., nice style; 4, Collings, clinking good vnrieg., not ready; vhc, Bailey. HEN YELL. (9): 1, spl., res. for members' cup, Spillman, a perfect little lady, a lass to be proud of; 2, Parish, full of style and quality, built on slimmer lines; 3, Bailey, sweet little eye and wing mkd.; 4, Garland, short, compact, neat cl., close up; vhc, Collings; hc, Snell; c, Rowe. BUFF (18): 1, spl., Collings, a regular charmer, full of quality, short and chubby, nice col., well menled; 2, Spillman, grand body shape, hardly so full in head, lovely feather; 3, Parish, magnificent feather and style, slighter in build; 4, hc, Pope, grand shape and col., horned in washing; vhc, Dart; c, Yates. BORD (13): 1, spl., Dart, sweet little buff, cnpital head, smart wings and tail, full of nerve; 2, Smith, lovely feathered yell., grand shape, plenty of style; 3, King, eye and wing mkd. buff, hardly so slim, but grand feather and style; 4, Tottle, wing mkd. yell., beautiful feather, a shade stout; vbc, Hocking; hc, Roberts; c, Ryder. MEMBERS (4): 1, spl., 2, 4, Dart, very nice team of buffs, put dowu in good form; 3, Ayder, nice showy yell. PAIRS PLHDS. (9): 1, spl., Collings, most lovely pair of Norwich, hard to find fault with; 2, Baker, rattling good pair of Belgians, full of style and nice substance; 3, Dart, very smart stylish, quick-actioned Scots; 4, Spillman, Nor., tbe hen a beauty, cock a shade long; vhc, hc, Bailey; c, Horrill. MEMBERS (11): 1, spl., Parish; 2, Spillman; 3, 4, Bailey, four really grand pairs of Nor., rare type, col., and feather; vhc, Garland; hc, Collings; c, French. GROUPS (8): 1, 2, spl., Spillman, four buffs and four yells., looked almost as though tbey had been moulded; 3, vhc, Collings, another quartet of lovely buffs; 4, Snell, two yellows and two buffs, of nice quality; hc, Garland; c, French. SELL (20/-) (15): 1, spl., Mills; 2, Milton; 3, Horrill; 4, Haskell; vhc, Ash; hc, Chapple; c, Rowe. (15/-) (12): 1, spl., Baker; 2, no name; 3, Elsmore; 4, Spillman; vhc, Rowe; hc, Hooper; c, Veale. (10/-) (17): 1, spl., Veale; 2, Wills and Son; 3, hc, Ruse; 4, Spillman; vhc, Deeble; c, Pope.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC. (18): 1, spl, Ellis, grand upstanding yell., rich deep col., lovely quality and type; 2, 4, Bishop, 2nd good type aud quality, well on leg, splendid wing carriage and tail; 4th, fine length, good col. and type; 3, Cross, good round head, well filled neck, feathered like silk, another good one; vhc, Wordley; hc, Parnell and Son; c, Rorke. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Elsmore, wonderful type and quality, straight as an arrow, coat like silk, wins well; 2, Ellis, fine length, good col. and quality; 3, Thomas, good style and quality, well drawn, another nice one; 4, Bishop, grand quality, type and col.; vhc, Yorke; hc, Pattrick. MKD. ETC. (15): 1, spl, Wilson, tkd. head, eye and wing buff, grand bead, neck, lovely wing carriage and pipe tail, good type, fine quality feather; 2, Rorke, heavily mkd. yell., good col., slightly loose in feather; 3, Bishop, tkd. neck, buff, good type and quality; 4, Pattrick, mkd. eye and wing, buff, typical Yorks., well on leg; vhc, Joiner; hc, Large; c, Keegan. NON-FLIG. (28): 1, spl, 2, Elsmore, former cl. buff, well up on leg, finely drawn, rich bloom, grnnd type and quality; 2nd, cl. yell., another good one, close up; 3, Reed, cl. buff, nice head, neck and body, wants tightening in underfeather; 4, Brown, cl. buff, lovely col., well packed wings; vhc, Smith; hc, Cross; c, Rennie. YELL. HEN (20): 1, spl, Rennie, lovely type and quality, not the largest but a bonny lass indeed; 2, Miller, nice round head, well up on legs, straight as a rush, close up; 3, Pattrick, tick wing, grand sbape and quality, good wing carriage, pipe tail; 4, Bishop, mkd. head, neck, and wings, typical; vhe, Parnell and Son; hc, Dyer; c, Wills and Son. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Pattrick, cl. buff, good head and neck, grand position, neat typical bird; 2, Cook, cl. buff, another good one, close up, presses winner hard; 3, Bishop, good type and quality feather; 4, Rorke, grand head, neck, wings, and tail, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, Lashbrook; hc, Miller; c, Bishop. CONFINED TO DEVON AND CORNWALL.—YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Thomas, lovely col., nice head and neck, straight as a pencil; 2, Millar, good type and quality, well drawn, splendid col., close up; 3, 4, Jewell, good position, nice wing carriage and tail, another good one; 4th, nice head and neck, rich col.; vhc, Olver; hc, Clark. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Wills and Son, grand head and neck, good compact wings and tail, lovely type and quality, Wadebridge winner; 2, Hodge, good col. and type, showing slight frill; 3, Thomas, mkd. head, neck and wings, another good one; vhc, Olver; hc, Clark. YORKS. MEMBERS' YELL. CL. ETC. (6): 1, spl, 3, Jewell, former grand type and quality; 2, Woodley, nice type and feather; 4, Reed; vhc, Woodley; hc, Clark. BUFF (9): 1, spl, cup winner, 2, Woodley, former cl. buff, latter tkd. neck buff, both grand quality, type and position; 3, Clark, lovely col. and type; vhc, Woodley; hc, Jewell. YELL. MKD. ETC. (3): 1, spl, Clark, mkd. head, shoulder and wing; 2, Harris, yell., mkd. head and wings, nice length; 3, Reed, tkd. wing, yellow, nice type. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Woodley, eye, neck and wing mkd. buff, stands well on leg; 2, Large, tkd. wing buff, fine length and col.; 3, Reed, cinn. mkd. buff, good head; 4, Clark. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, 2, Jewell, both well drawn and typical, lovely quality; 3, Harris, good head, well braced wings and tail; 4, Harris; vhe, Woodley; hc, Olver; c, Clark. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Clarke, good length, fine silky feather; 2, Jewell, eye and wing mkd. buff, good type; 3, Harris, grand head and neck, slim, stands well; 4, Clark; vhc, hc, Olver; c, Clark. CINN. (8): 1, spl, 3, Nason, former good Nor. shape, sound cl., well penciIled, latter rich col. and quality, fine type; 2, 4, Medland, former good col. and quality, possessing good cinn. properties, latter just the same; vhc, King; hc, c, Burton. CINN. (members) (7): 1, spl, 4, Yates, both nice col. and type; 2, Pope, excellent quality and type, close up; 3 (name missed), good Nor., type and quality; vhc, Yates; hc, Pope; c, French. BELG. (13): 1, spl, 3, 4, Baker, former erect, fine drive, good shoulders and body, latter neat long neck, good reach, good exhibits; 2, Horrill, grand head and neck, nice shoulders and back; vhc, Horrill; hc, Butt; c, Dart. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, spl, King, Cinn. Crest, grand shape crest, well laid on, fine centre, good droop and condition; 2, Harris, Lancs. coppy, good body and type, well pluced; 3, Richards, Scotch Fancy, fine top end and reach, good drive and length of side, well packed shoulders; 4, Young; vhc, Dart; hc, Roberts; c, Richards. FOR. LARGE (9): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, very handsome King Parrakeet, gorgeous col., rand feather; 2, Millsum, Purple-capped Lory, very rich col., capital feather; 3, Smith, very pretty Parrakeet, a stranger to us; 4, Carter, very handsome Lemon-crested Cockatoo; vhc, Seawn; hc, Miss Scohle; c, Miss Prowse; absent, 8, Mrs. Galloway. SMALL (10): 1, spl, 4, Millsum, very beautifully feathered, rich coloured Blue-winged Fruitsucker, and a handsome pair of Black-faced Lovebirds; 2, Mrs. Galloway, grnndly mkd., and well coloured pair of Parrot Finches; 3, vhc, Cooper, grandly mkd. Superb Tanager, a large bird, and in excellent feather; hc, Slomon; c, Ormond. MEMBERS' LARGE (1): 1, spl, Dyer. SMALL (3): 1, spl, Hoar; 2, Woodland; 3, Dyer. PAIRS, ETC. (4): 1, Dyer, very nice group of Weavers; 2, 3, Woodland, very pretty Senegal and Orange-cheeked Waxbills; 4, Hoar, nice Waxbills and Gouldians.

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The City of Bradford O.S. held their annual open show on October 16th, in the Feversham-street Council School, Leeds-road, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C.C., N.U.M.Y.C.C., and the leading gentry of the district. As usual at this fixture, a very liberal classification was provided, no less than 33 classes being schedulcd, all for Canaries, and the very gratifying entry of 671 was obtained, an average of over 20 per class. The room is a good one for a show, being very lofty, well lighted, and free from draught, but for a show of the dimensions of this, one would be better a little larger, as it was taxed to its utmost limit during the afternoon, a very great number of visitors attending the function. The Secretary (Mr. F. Rhodes) and his assistant (Mr. F. Pncker) had charge of affairs, and were ably assisted by Messrs. Ploughright, West, Denison, Gill, show stewards, and Messrs. Bateman (President), Horsfield, Simonett, Fortnam, Ludbrook, as general stewards, and Mr. F. Hammond as sales clerk. Everything being in such experienced hands, passed off as smoothly as possible. All the birds were packed up and in the hands of the railway companies in good time. During the afternoon, teas were provided for visitors, the catering being in the hands of the members' wives and daughters, and right well they did their duty, a great many fanciers availing themselves of the opportunity of a feed on the premises. A members' gift class was provided as an innovation to assist the finances of the show. It drew an entry of 16 birds, all of which were put up for auction and realised a respectable figure, the first prize being a gold medal (presented by Sir G. Scott Robertson, K.C.S.I., M.P. for Central Bradford) for most points in the class, 2nd prize 15/-, 3rd 10/-, 4th 5/- cash, given by the Society. Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, was the official judge of the Yorkshire Union, he taking all open classes and the Norwich novice, Mr. C. Whiting being selected as assistant to take the Yorkshire novice and selling classes, the Gift class being officiated upon by both in a joint capacity. The awards of both gentlemen met with general satisfaction, and they had the pleasure of attracting an entry which broke the Yorkshire Union record.

Mr. Hirst's Classes.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS (23): 1, 4, Bailey, leader grand shape and position, plenty nerve, lovely quality and col., neat wings and tail, 4th very lengthy, good type and style; 2, 3, Stebbings, 2nd lovely quality and col., neat type, well up on legs, a picture, 3rd lengthy, well up in position, grand quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Lingley; c, C. and C. T. Parkes. BUFF (22): 1, 4, spl., leader tkd. check, grand shape, extra good in position, beautiful feather, full of style, 4th stronger built, grand quality and col.; 2, Murgatroyd, graud length, very stylish, good shape and quality; 3, hc, Thornton and Bower, neat typical bird, excellent position, lovely quality; vhc, Edmondson and Son; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. YELL. (25): 1, spl., Charlesworth, tkd. neck, grand shape and style, very leggy, rich quality, nicely moulded throughout; 2, Hodgson, red-hot col., neat narrow shoulders, nice position and quality; 3, Hartley, lovely shape, good legs, well up in position, grand feather; 4, Bailey, good length, brimful of quality, extra good back, wings, and tail; vhc, Wilson; hc, Fortnam; c, Holden. BUFF (21): 1, spl., Ogden Bros., good shape and position, nice quality and col.; 2, Bailey, typical, fine position, good shoulders, nice quality; 3, Wright and Son, big bouncing bird, good shape and position; 4, Thornton and Bower, great length, shapely, grand quality and col.; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Hirst; c, Charlesworth. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (34): 1, Ogden Bros., good shape, well up in position, full of quality, nice col.; 2, Bailey, lengthy, grand shaped body, rich quality, neat pipe tail; 3, Allen, another long one, grand shape throughout, stands well, nice quality; 4, vhc, Walsh, lengthy, grand type, good wings, and tail; hc, Cowgill; c, Wellock. BUFF: 1, spl., Shackleton, plenty of length, grand shape, good head and neck, well up in position, rich quality; 2, Radley, neat narrow bird, splendid position, nice quality; 3, Wilson, shapely and good position, neat head and shoulders, lovely feather; 4, Bailey, nice shape, stands well up, perfect feather; vhc, Cooper; hc, T. Hartley; c, Wood. GREEN MKD. YELL. (15): 1, spl., Sutcliffe and Son, even mkd., lovely shape, neat narrow shoulders, well drawn out behind, grand position, full of quality; 2, Thornton and Bower, good length and shape, grand back and wings, extra col. and quality; 3, Walsh, heavy mkd., marvellous shape, grand leg, very erect in position, brimful of col.; 4, F. Self, grand type and quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Drnke and Son; c, L. Hodgson. BUFF (21): 1, c, spl., Shackleton, nice length, grand shoulders, good shape, neat wings and tail, all there for quality and col.; 2, Holden, neat type, nervy, well up in position; 3, Wadsworth, good length and shape, nice back, lovely quality; 4, Clegg, smart type, excellent position; vbc, Cooper; hc, Sutcliffe and Son. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Shackleton, grand length, lovely shape, well up in position, rich quality; 2, 4, spl., Sutcliffe and Son, extra good type and position, full of quality, 4th very neat lady, shapely, nice position; 3, L. Briggs, splendid shape, straight, plenty of leg, feathered to perfection; vhc, Dennison; hc, Lingley; c, Mitchell. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, spl., Ogden Bros., 1st grand shape and position, full of col., lovely quality, 2nd very racy shape, well up in position, grand quality and col.; 3, good quality, will improve; 4, Mason, grand shape and style, neat head, well braced wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Edmondson and Son; c, Cowgill. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Ogden Bros., grand shape, lengtby, good position, excellent quality and col.; 2, Towers, very smart, nice cut, well up in position, full of col. and quality; 3, 4, spl., Wilcock, 3rd marvellous shape, grand shoulders, back, wings and tail, 4th lengthy, good shape aud position; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Cowgill. BUFF (15): 1, 4, spl., Ogden Bros., leader good shape, nice position, grand quality, very smart, 4th very lengthy bird, good type and quality; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, very good shape and style, excellent col., very clean feathered; 3, vhc, Cooper, big, good in shape, nice quality, splendid wings; hc, Towers; c Drake and Son. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl., Mason, very smart, neat narrow shoulders, beautifully drawn out, good position and leg, nice wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Jowett, lengthy, good shape, stylish, nice round back, full of col.; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, very smart type, well up in position; 4, Towers, nice shape, good back wings and tail; vhc, Allen; hc, Goodwin; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (13): 1, spl., Mason, lengthy, good shape and quality; 2, Ogden Bros., good markings, nice shape and position, bit raw in feather yet; 3, Cooper, grand type, stands well up, beautiful quality, not a feather out of place; 4, Blackburn, excellent type, very nervy, good position, nice feather; vhc, Jowett; hc, c, Sutcliffe and Son. NOVICE CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (22): 1, Grayson, buff, grand length and shape, stands well, good back, nice quality; 2, Pollard, yell., fine type and position, neatly feathered; 3, vhc, c, Clegg, yell., neat shape, stylish, good legs; 4, bc, Swaine, yell., lengthy, nice shape and position. HEN (31): 1, spl., Burdekin Bros., yell., grand shape, good quality and col., neat carriage of wings and tail; 2, Smith, yell., very smart and typical, beautifully drawn out; 3, Simonett, buff, great length, good shape and position; 4, Grayson, good position, rich quality; vhc, Wood; hc, Clegg; c, Shoesmith. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, 2, spl., Greenwood and Pickles, lender exceptionally short and cobby, marvellous col., nice quality, 2nd good size and substance, full of col. and quality, nice head; 3, Haigh and Son, good substance and size, lovely quality; 4, Snowden, nice quality, fair col.; vhc, Eyre; hc, c, Wilcock. BUFF (23): 1, spl., Waters, grand substance, lovely shape, good head, very rich quality and col., smooth as glass; 2, Markwell, massive bird, good head, lovely col. and quality; 3, Holmes, plenty of size, good colour and quality; 4, Mitchell, cobby and compact, nice head, rich quality; vhc, Benson; hc, Snowden; c, Eyre. UNFLIG. NOR. (25): 1, spl., Haigh and Son, buff, grand cobby bird, good substance, lovely shape, good head, very rich quality and col., smooth as glass; 2, Markwell, massive bird, good head, lovely col. and quality; 3, Holmes, plenty of size, good colour and quality; 4, Mitchell, cobby and compact, nice head, rich quality; vhc, Benson; hc, Snowden; c, Eyre. UNFLIG. NOR. (25): 1, spl., Haigh and Son, buff, grand cobby bird, good substance, grand head, full of quality and col., very compact, carries well; 2, Eyre, yell., good shape, nice chest, splendid wings and tail; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, big bird, buff, grand quality and col., nice build; 4, Crawhall, yell. mkd., good shape, very cobby; vhc, Humphries; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Clark. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl., Craven, good size and substance, grand back wings and tail, nice feather and col.; 2, Haigh and Son, cobbily built, nice substance, good col., neat in feather; 3, Wilcock, good body, nice quality; 4, Humphries, varieg., good substance and shape, extra good head; vhc, Clark; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Turner. BUFF (15): 1, spl., Greenwood and Pickles, cap marked, grand size and substance, short flights, good type; 2, Moss, plenty of size and substance, typical, grand quality; 3, Eyre, short, cobby, grand bead, superb col., nice quality; 4, Holmes, good chest, well made, nice col. and feather; vhc, Foxall; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. NOR. HEN (21): 1, spl., Waters, grand huff, grizzled back, good size, plenty of body, very compact, lovely quality and col.; 2, Humphries, yell., grand head, very chesty, natty hen, full of quality, nice col.; 3, Moorhouse, yell., good cobby build, neat, nice col. and feather; 4, Crawhall, varieg. yell., good size and substance; vhc, hc, Haigh and Son; c, Sutcliffe. NOVICE NOR. CK. (22): 1, Horsfield, clinking buff, plenty of size and substance, good head rich col. and quality; 2, Jeffreys, buff, good big bird, nice shape, massive head, grand col. and feather; 3, Hall, good shape yell., compact, nice col., smart bird; 4, vhc, Naylor, yell. unfiig., good shape and size; hc, Airton; c, Maltby. HEN (12): 1, Clark, buff, grand shape, cobby and compact, good bead, extra quality; 2, c, Naylor, yell., grand shape, marvellous quality and nice col., very neat; 3, Thomas, buff, good shape, neat; 4, Birkbeck, extra good substance yell., grand chest; vhc, Roe; hc, Jackson.

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COVENTRY (Godiva).

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. held their Third Annual Show in the Chequers' Hotel, Little Park-street, on October 16th. The show was held under the C.H.U. Rules. The room was a comfortable place for the birds. Entries came in well, and by far exceeded those of previous years, both in numbers and quality. The exhibition was well attended, and from every point of view looked like a success. Mr. J. Robson judged. The following gentlemen well carried out the necessary duties: Messrs. J. Busby (President), A. Wright (chairman), J. Symonds (vice-chairman), H. Ward, A. Symonds, J. A. Cooke, J. Ingram, J. Blackshaw, H. Saunders, and A. J. Lucas (show stewards). The hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Bray, makes as good a secretary as will be found anywhere, and he is to be heartily congratulated on his successful management.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Sandiford's spl, 3, Hathaway, 1st cap and wing mkd., good, thick-set bird, nice level col., red-hot, good head and neck, 3rd grand quality, nice type, good wing carriage; 2, Mitchell, good type, nice, level col., fine wing carriage; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Needham; c, Bent. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Corrall, 1st nice quality, cl., good col. and type, grand wing carriage, very neat; 2, Hathaway, variegs., lovely col., good type, head and neck, nice wing carriage; 3, Mrs. Jeacock, another bird, grand quality, good type, nice head and neck; h, Growdridge and Son; c, Mitchell. HEN (14): 1, 2, Lawrance, 1st nice quality cl. yell., good col. and type, nice wing carriage, short tail, 2nd large cl. buff, good col., nice head and neck; 3, Jeacock, gem for col. and quality, we liked much; vhc, Wright, Gilbert; hc, Lucas, Edwards; c, Elliott. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Hall, cl. yell., good col. and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Swift, larger, good col.; 3 (no name in catalogue), short, thick-set bird, good col. and quality; vhc, Judd, Dipple; hc, Elliott; c, Ingram. BUFF (14): 1, Judd, large, good col., nice quality, fine head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Elliott, very typical, good col., short wings and tail; 3, Gilbert, another short, thick-set bird, good quality and col., close up; vbc, Dipple, Symonds; hc, Dring and Morton; c, Hall. NOR. NAT. COL. (7): 1, 3, Colloby and Brown, two tkd. buffs, good, large birds, nice quality, well-carried wings, shown in splendid condition; 2, Elliott, grand quality, nice, short wings and tail; vhc, Brooks; hc, Wright; c, Mills. CINN. (7): 1, A. Symonds, good col. and quality, easy win; 2, hc, J. Symonds and Son, trifle larger, but not quite so good in quality; 3, vhc, Wright, nice quality; c, Taylor. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Bishop, red-hot in col. good quality, nice, lengthy bird, well-shown; 2, Dyke, cl., good length, well-drawn; 3, Burke, Cinnmkd., good length, nice quality; vhc, Wright; bc, Freer. BUFF (9): 1, King, good col., nice position; 2, Tomlinson, fails only in col. to winner, otberwise equal; 3, Dykes, lovely col., not the length of leaders; vhc, Bishop; hc, Green; c, Burke. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Dykes, yell. and buff, both nice col. and quality, very stylish; 3, Green, grand col. and quality; vhc, Freer; hc, Millingchamp; c, Sturgis. CREST AND C.B.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (7): 1, bc, Green, large yell. Lancs. PH., good head, nice quality feather; 2, 3, Symonds and Son, 2nd even-mkd. buff Nor., good size, nice colour, good wings, 3rd yell. green Yorks., lengthy, nice quality and col.; vhc, Jeacock; c, Mann. DK. CAN. MULE (11): 1, Somerfield, grand dark Greenfinch and Can., good col., nice quality, in splendid condition; 2, Lander, Twite and Canary, good size, well mkd. in fine form; 3, Dring and Morton, Linnet and Can., good size, nicely laced, grand col.; vhc, Adams; hc, Edwards; c, Dickenson. BULLFINCH MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Chillingsworth, Bullfinch and Can., large, grand col., shown in A1 condition, easy win; 2, Lawrance, same cross, nice bird; 3, Dickenson, Linnet-Bullfinch, in good condition; vhc, Hexter; hc, Gilbert. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Lawrance, light Goldfinch and Canary, tkd. on wing, grand col., and quality, feather like boxwood; 2, hc, Edwards, even-mkd. buff Goldfinch and Can., good col., in splendid condition; 3, Tomlinson, another even mkd. Goldfinch and Can, good quality, well shown; vhc, Gilbert; c, Dickinson. PAIRS (£2 2s.): 1, Butler and Waring, tkd. ycll. cock and buff hen, good stock pair; 2, Dipple, buff cock and yell. hen, well matched; 3, Mann, cl. buff and mealy green; vhc, Needham; hc, Ingram; c, Ward. NOR. YELL. (30/-) contained some cbeap birds: 1, Derry; 2, Brookes; 3, Lucas; vhc, Packer and Bott; bc, Needham; c, Ingram. BUFF (30/-): 1, Busby; 2, Adkins; 3 (no name in catalogue); vhc, Wiberley, Lucas; hc, Gilbert; c, Thompson. UNFLIG. (30/-) (13): 1, Sadler; 2, Soden; 3, Symonds and Son; vhc, Lucas, Brookes; hc, Derry, Dugan; c, Parker and Bott. PAIRS (25/-) (13): 1, Sadler; 2, Busby; 3, Ward; vhc, Barratt, Wiberley, Symonds; hc, Adkins; c, Adams. Several pairs in this class would have done better in the £2 2s. class. SELL. (15/-): 1, Dipple; 2, Butler and Wareing; 3, Sadler. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: Cancelled. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Edwards, nice cap, good col., very steady; 2, Poole, ditto, but a trifle smaller; 3, Busby, not quite so steady, good bird; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Lucas. GREENFINCH (10): 1, vhc, Bancroft, fine size, nice quality, very steady; 2, Robinson, good col. and quality, hardly so thick-set, perhaps; 3, Millinchamp, nice condition; hc, Poole; c, Cooke. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, Bancroft, Bramblefinch, grand col., nicely mkd., very steady; 2, Lawrance, Bramblefineh, very shapely, full of quality, well mkd.; 3, Gerry, Chaffinch, good col. and quality, nicely mkd.; vhc, Dicklnson, Osbourne; hc, Osbourne; c, Gilbert. LINNET, ETC. (17): 1, Bancroft, Linnet, good size, nicely mkd., very steady; 2, Hexter, Lesser Redpoll, grand col., and condition; 3, Seal, Siskin, nicely mkd., good col., very steady; vhc, Lander, Lawrance; hc, Dicklnson; c, Howe. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Westley, Hawfinch, good col., nicely mkd., excellent bib, in fine condition; 2, Seal, Hawfinch, good col., nicely mkd.; 3, Saunders, Yellow Bunting, in grand condition; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Baseley; c, Symonds and Son. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (13): 1, 3, Cocks, 1st Grasshopper Warbler, in fine condition; 3, Tree Creeper, in splendid form; 2, Stocker, lovely Waxwing, well staged; vhc, Hingley, Coates; hc, Gillings, Lucas; c, Bray. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, 2, Bennett, King Parrot and Blue Bonnets, in lovely condition; 3, Hadley, Yell-shouldered Parrakeet; vhc, Stocker; hc, Tuckman. SMALL (6): 1, Howe, black-faced Lovebirds, well put down; 2, 3, Hadley, Tricolour Tanager and black-headed Gouldian Finch, in fine condition; vhc, hc, Stocker; c, Bray.

JOHNSTONE (Near Glasgow).

Johnstone annual show held October 16th, in the Town Hall, open to all. There was a very large entry, in excess of last year's. The staging was well carried out, and reflected the greatest credit on secretary Laird and his able committee. The judge for the cage bird section was Mr. J. Smith (Howwood), who had a difficult task, but gave general satisfaction. Visitors turned out in large numbers. The quality of the exhibits was of a high standard, some very promising youngsters being staged. Officers: President, Mr. J. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. D. P. Ritchie; secretary, Mr. A. Laird. The town hall is well suited for show purposes, with capital light. The show was a big success, and speaks volumes for greater support next year.

BORD. FCY. (8): 1, Small, nice shape, quality and style, silky feather, fine jaunty carriage; 2, Watt, lovely feather and wings, smart finish, good carriage; 3, Frazer, grand quality and feather; vhc, Scott and Houston; hc, Clarke; c, Briggs, jun. NOR. (6): 1, 2, Barr, 1st grand col., lovely feather, nice short wings, good front, smart shape and carriage; 2nd, nice col., bead and wings tkd., good quality; 3, hc, Scott and Houston, fine size, good head, nice level back, neat wings and tail; vhc, Stewart; c, Mills. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Morrison, Gold. Can. Mule, nicely mkd., just a wee shade open in feather; 2, Scott and Houston, nice and tight in feather, good size; 3, McQuiston, Goldie Bullie, grand col., lovely tight feather, in splendid condition; vhc, c, Urquhart; hc, Wilson. LINNET: 1, Cowan, level col., nice size, well laced and mkd., fine bird; 2, 3, McQuiston, 2nd grand size, well laced throughout, nicely mkd., some thought should have been 1st; 3rd, finely laced Linnet, grand size; vhc Mills; bc, Sproul; c, Downie. BRIT. SOFTBILL, LARGE (5): 1, McQuiston, Cornish Chough, good size, lovely sheen, in splendid condition; 2, 3, Morrison, Thrush and Starling, both nicely mkd. and in splendid condition; vhc, W. Elliott. Great Spotted Woodpecker; c, Ettles. BRIT. HARDBILL. SMALL (9): 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, in lovely condition and sheen, feather as tight as a button, good bird; 2, 3, Morrison, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch; 2nd, shade long; 3rd, nice condition and col.; vhc, A. Elliot, Goldfinch; hc, Small; c, W. Elliot. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Morrison, Amazon Parrot, Whydah, Rosella, and Bishop—very nice collection. Whydah and Bishop in splendid condition, all nicely staged.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Annual show held at the Grapes Inn, Cross-street, October 16th. The host, Mr. J. Bowers, is one of the best, and a good fancier; and, with a committee of old stagers, everything was in nice order. Mr. W. Vardy judged.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Smedley, nice bird; 2, Sharp; 3, Hill. BUFF: 1, Sharp, good bird; 2, Hill; 3, J. Sbarp; vhc, Ball. YELL. TKD. ETC.: 1, 2, Hill; 3, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Smedley, grand bird; 2, Severn, close up; 3, Caunt; vhc, Ball. HEAVILY MKD. ETC.: 1, Sharp, heavily mkd. yell., grand stock bird; 2, Steavens. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Sharp, gem for a youngster; 2, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Smedley, grand wing mkd.; 2, Hill, close up; 3, Ball; vbc, Sharp; hc, Hutchinson. YELL. HEN: 1, Hill, good stock hen; 2, Severn, nice bird; 3, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Hill, a gem; 2, Smedley, another good one; 3, Ball; vhc, Sbarp. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Sharp, fine pair; 2, Hill, another good pair. YELL. D.C.: 1, Bowers, good yell.; 2, Bowers, nearly green; 3, Holmes, rare stock bird. BUFF: 1, Wood, almost green, good droop; 2, Wigginton, another fine even mkd.; 3, Jackling, very neat; vhc, Bowers; bc, Richardson; c, J. Wood. LIGHT CREST: 1, Bowers, grand griz.; 2, Bowers, another topper; 3, Jackling, neat; vhc, Wigginton. CREST HENS: 1, Wood, fine green; 2, Wigginton, wing mkd., useful hen; 3, Bent, good stock bird. YELL. C.B.: 1, Jackling, one of the best; 2, Good, good green; 3, Bowers. BUFF: 1, Nuttall Bros., fine bird; 2, Radford, good stock bird; 3, Good; vhc, Richardson; hc, Bowers. C.B. HEN: 1, Bowers, one of the best; 2, J. W. Wood, another good dark cap; 3, Holmes, nice yell. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Good, grand bird, will take a lot of beating; 2, Wood, nice green; 3, Holmes, another good one; vbc, Jackling; bc, Barker; c, Radford. C.B.: 1, Barker, fine youngster; 2, Richardson, close up; 3, Hallam; vhc, Jackling; hc, c, Holmes. STOCK PAIRS (for Crest breeding): 1, 2, Good, nice pairs. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Caunt, Goldie Bullie; 2, 3, Good, 2nd Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, very rare, in fine condition; 3rd, jonque Greenfinch and Can.; vhc, Goldfinch-Can.; hc, Linnet-Can. SELL. CREST (20/-): 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Good; 3, Woolley; vhc, Holmes; bc, Radford; c, Woolley. C.B. (15/-): 1, Bent; 2, Radford; 3, Holmes; vhc, Nuttall Bros. (10/6): 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Wood; vhc, Holmes. LINNET: 1, Perkins; 2, Good; 3, Wood; vbc, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Bowers; 2, Good. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Harrison, 1st Wheatear; 2nd, fine Blackbird; 3rd, Thrush; vbc, Good, Wagtail; hc, Cope. HARDBILL: 1, Good, Yellowhammer; 2, Caunt, Corn Bunting; 3, Good, Hawfinch; vhc, Cope, Bramblefinch. FOR.: 1, Caunt.

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TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held on Oct. 16th, at the Holme Lane Hotel. Mr. J. Wilkinson, of Manningham, judged. Mr. W. Dawson won special in the clnn. classes.

CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Mitchell; 2, Shaw; 3, Dawson; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Mellor; hc, Gledhill. BUFF (8): 1, Gledhill; 2, Atkinson; 3, Shaw; 4, Wilson; vhc, Walker; hc, Worsman and Son; c, Dawson. TKD. YELL., GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Gledhill; 2, Mellor; 3, 4, Worsman and Son. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Gledhill; 2, Shaw; 3, Mitchell; 4, Hodgson. UNEV. OR FOUL MKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Hodgson; 2, Wilson; 3, Worsman and Son. BUFF (3): 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Worsman and Son. CINN. (4): 1, Dawson; 2, Mellor; 3, Hodgson; 4, Atkinson. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Gledhill; 4, Mellor; vhc, Wilson; hc, Worsman and Son; c, Mitchell. BUFF (7): 1, 3, hc, Gledhill; 2, 4, Hodgson; vhc, Walker; c, Atkinson. UNEV. OR FOUL BUFF (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Gledhill; 3, Hodgson. CINN. HEN (2): 1, Walker; 2, Worsman and Son.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show held on October 16th, when there were 92 birds staged. Mr. W. Mann judged and gave satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 1, hc, Hiles; 2, Craven; 3, vhc, Padgett; 4, Tetley; c, Bracewell. TKD., ETC. BUFF: 1, Bracewell; 2, Coates; 3, Shoesmith; 4, Hiles; vhc, Oddy; hc, Padgett; c, Tetley. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Oddy; 2, Swaine; 3, Hiles; 4, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Oddy. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Padgett; 2, 3, Crates; 4, Oddy; hc, Tetley; c, Parker. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, 4, hc, Coates; 3, Oddy; vhc, Bracewell; c, Parker. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Swaine; 3, Parker. HEN: 1, 4, Swaine; 2, hc, Shoesmith; 3, Oddy; vhc, Parker; c, Langford. NOR. CK.: 1, 4, Bracewell; 2, 3, Craven. HEN: 1, Craven; 2, 3, Bracewell. NOVICE—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 1, Danby; 2, Shackleton; 3, Taylor; 4, Webster; vhc, hc, Studd. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, hc, Taylor; 3, Morton; 4, Studd; vhc, c, Webster. MKD.: 1, Danby; 2, Pyrah; 3, Studd; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Webster; hc, Taylor. YELL. HENS: 1, Danby; 2, Pyrah; 3, Shackleton; 4, Walton. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, vhc, Webster; 3, Studd; 4, Robson; hc, Taylor; c, Walton. CIN. MKD. CK.: 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Marshall. HEN: 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Marshall; 4, Robson.—A. BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Sec.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nottingham) O.S.

The 30th annual open show was held at the "Admiral Duncan," Coalpit-lane, on October 9th. A good number of visitors attended, and it was a general success throughout. Mr. T. Oliver judged.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Sharp; 2, Birch; 3, Hill; vhc, Coltman. BUFF: 1, Sharp. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, vhc, G. Hill; hc, c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Severn; 3, Caunt; vhc, Smith; hc, Greaves; c, Sharp. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Sharp; 2, Smith; 3, Severn; vhc, Birch; hc, Whalley; c, Doxey. UNFLIG.: 1, Greaves; 2, Hill; 3, Sharp; vhc, Horwood; hc, Simpson; c, C. and H. Twine. NOR. HEN: 1, C. and H. Twine; 2, Nuttall Bros.; 3, Severn; vhc, Birch; hc, Greaves; c, Smith. YELL. D.C.: 1, 2, Bowers. BUFF: 1, Wigginton; 2, Richardson; 3, Wood; vhc, Bowers; hc, C. and H. Twine; c, Nuttall Bros. LIGHT: 1, 2, Bowers; 3, Egginton; vhc, Wigginton; c, Holmes. CREST HENS: 1, Davis; 2, Wood; 3, Wigginton; vhc, Bent; hc, Norwood; c, Nuttall Bros. YELL. C.B.: 1, Handley; 2, Bowers. BUFF: 1, Goode; 2, Davis; 3, Bowers; vhc, Handley; hc, Mars; c, Nuttall Bros. C.B. HENS: 1, Bowers; 2, Wood; 3, Wigginton; vhc, Holmes; hc, Norwood. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Norwood; 2, Wood; 3, Wigginton; vhc, Goode; hc, Holmes; c, Nuttall Bros. C.B.: 1, Wigginton; 2, Holmes. A.O.V.: 1, Goode, Chaffinch-Bramble; 2, Caunt, Bullfinch-Goldfinch; 3, Goode, Greenfinch Mule; vhc, hc, Doxey, Goldfinch Mule and Goldfinch Mule; c, Pitt, Siskin Mule. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Sharp; 2, Birch; 3, Whalley; vhc, Blasdale. FOR CREST BREEDING: 1, Goode. SELL. (20/-): 1, Wigginton; 2, 3, Holmes. (15/-): 1, Bent; 2, 3, hc, Whyler; vhc, Doxey; c, Davis. NOR. (10/-): 1, C. and H. Twine; 2, Greaves; 3, Severn; vhc, Smith. (10/6): 1, Davis; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, hc, Holmes. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Goode; 2, Pitt. LINNET: 1, Wood; 2, Goode; 3, Perkins; vhc, Perkins; hc, Chambers; c, Harrison. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Goode, Bramblefinch and Hawfinch; 3, Caunt, Corn Bunting; vhc, W. Goode, Yellowhammer; hc, W. Stopper, Bramblefinch. SOFT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Harrison, 1st Yellow Wagtail; 2nd, Blackbird; 3rd, Wheatear; vhc, Thrush, respectively; hc, W. Stopper.

CHIRNSIDE.

Held in Small Hall, October 16th. The Society is managed by Mr. Thos. Fortune (President), Mrs. Jas. Patterson (Vice-President), Messrs. Patterson and Shiell, Secretaries, who had everything well in hand. The Society is in a very flourishing state, both financially and otherwise. The exhibits were of a very high order, especially in Borders (the district being a hot-bed for this variety), and gave the judge (Mr. John Watson, Selkirk) some trouble to separate. His awards all over were well received.

CL. YELL. BORD. CK. (11): 1, 3, Patterson, 1st grand head, frec in neck, nice beak, 2nd equal in all points; 3, spl, hc, Young, another good one; 4, Russell, good col.; vhc, Service; c, Brown. HEN (7): 1, Young, nice hen, fine position, good hack; 2, 3, Patterson, two nice ones, very similar in shape; 4, Cormack, sweet little hen; vhc, Glass; hc, Russell; c, Service. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Young, very finely drawn, good position; 2, Russell, nice col. and quality; 3, Glass, fine position, well drawn; 4, Johnstone; vhc, Lugton; hc and c, Paterson. HEN (7): 1, spl., Young, sweet little hen, well drawn; 2, Patterson, another beauty; 3, Cormack, yet another gem; 4, Brown, in fine trim; vhc, Russell; hc, J. Patterson, jun.; c, Glass. FOUL (13) hot class: 1, spl., and Hyde's spl., J. Patterson, jun., charming foul capped yell. hen, rare head; 2, spl., Patterson, buff tkd. on cheek, another beauty; 3, Brown, sweet little cinn. tkd. hen, rare jaunty swagger of head; 4, Cormack, another gem; vhc, Russell; hc, Brown; c, Young. YELL. MKD. (7): 1, Glass, ck., mkd. eyes, wings and head; 2, Lugton, another good one, nice eye markings; 3, Denholm, fine markings and type; 4, Patterson, six-pointed hen, in grand order; vhc, Cowe; hc, Brown; c, J. Patterson, jun. BUFF: 1, 4, hc, Denholm, leader nice three-pointed cinn. in pink of condition; 2, Young, in grand order, fine col.; 3, Glass, sweet cin. hen, in rare order; vhc, Patterson; c, Johnstone. GREEN CINN. (5): 1, 2, 4, Patterson, 1st nice buff green ck., well pencilled down thighs and back, 2nd yell. green hen, another nice one, 4th buff green hen, grand type; 3, Brown, yell cock, fine type and quality; vhc, Cormack. SCOT FCY. (3): 1, 2, 3, Lugton, 1st grand yell. foul hen, showing rare head and neck; 2, buff cock, grand length of neck; 3rd large buff hen. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Forsyth, 1st variegated. C.B., nice size, good length of head feather, well lashed; 2, wing mkd., dark crest, 4th variegated. Mule. BREEDING PAIR (5): 1, Russell, grand pair pied Scotch Fancies, fine buff ck., prominent shoulder, free drive, nice top; 2, 3, Patterson, 2nd ideal pair of Bord. (fouls), buff cock and yell hen, 3rd Scotch Fancies, nicely matched; 4, Patterson, jun.; vhc, Johnstone. GIFT (8): 1, Glass; 2, Patterson; 3, Lugton.

DARLINGTON.

The Darlington C. and B.B.A. fourth annual show was held in the Corn Exchange, on October 16th. More classes were provided, especially in the British bird section, and the response was liberal. The Yorkshire classes were well filled and competition was keen. Norwich were not so good as we generally see at shows in this district, many birds not being yet ready. British were good indeed, both in quantity and quality. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. Black) carried out his duties in a most courteous and efficient manner, and was supported by a capable and hard-working committee. All birds from a distance were sent off in good time so as to arrive home that night. Mr. J. Wilcock judged and seemed to give general satisfaction. Messrs. Wildsmith and Hawkins won the bowl for best bird shown by a member.

The Critique.

YORKS CL. YELL. (7): 1, Ware, grand quality, rich level col., good wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, unflig., lengthy, grand wing carriage, nice col. and quality, not quite fit yet; 3, Messenger, hot col., good quality; vhc, Mountain; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, C. Turner. BUFF (11): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson, A1 quality, nice salmon col., very stylish, neat wings and tail; 2, Merrin, good quality and position; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, good head, wings, and tail; vhc, Ware; hc, Campling; c, Richmond. TKD. (7): 1, Dixon, wing tkd. yell., well up on leg, grand quality; 2, hc, G. W. Cuthbertson, wing tkd. buff, long raking bird, A1 quality, stylish, well up on leg; 3, Davey, buff tkd., back head, good quality, nice position, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Douglas; c, Mays. HEN (18): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson, cl. buff, large and shapely, grand feather and bloom; 2, J. Cuthbertson, cinn. mkd. yell., slim and good type, A1 quality; 3, Merrin, yell., nice quality, good head, back, and tail, bit slovenly with her wings; vhc, Adams and Atess; hc, Richmond; c, Barker. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Watmough, tkd. back head, rare col., stylish, plenty of leg, good wings, neat tail; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, fine length and position, A1 quality; 3, Dykes, good quality, lengthy, nice position, rough on chest; vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson; hc, J. Cuthbertson; c, Ridley. BUFF (22): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, wing and neck mkd., lovely quality, close-fitting wings, neat tail; 2, hc, Dykes, grand quality and type; 3, Elwell, good feather, well up on leg, spreads tail; vhc, Sampling; c, Stephenson. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Barnes, capital col., good size, nice feather and head; 2, Middleton, well-made bird, good quality, nice shape; 3, Cleminson, good quality, feather, and shape; vhc, Dixon; hc, Burdett; c, Watson. BUFF (12): 1, Wake and Carr, rare size, nicely mealed, good head and neck, good col. and condition; 2, Coventry, large, nice col., well mealed; 3, Barnes, nice shapely bird, not quite so big; vhc, hc, Hesp; c, Sherrington. TKD. (10): 1, Dalgetty, variegated. yell., red-hot col., nice quality feather; 2, Lawson, buff, thick-set, rare quality, nice meal, shapely and big, nice chest, our choice; 3, Hesp, good quality; vhc, Barnes; hc, Wake and Carr; c, T. Brunskill. HEN (16): 1, Middleton, yell., big thick-set bird, good chest, nice shape, level rich col.; 2, Wake and Carr, yell., another big bird, good quality and col.; 3, Crosling, buff, plenty of size, good col. and type; vhc, Freeman; hc, Lawson; c, Barnes. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Hesp, good head and wings, plenty of substance, nice feather and shape; 2, Dalgetty, good type and quality, level col., neat head; 3, Dixon, fine chest and size; vhc, Freeman; hc, Burdett; c, Watson. BUFF (16): 1, Sherrington, rich col., nice substance and size, good quality, well frosted; 2, Wake and Carr, shapely, grand type and col., neat head and wings; 3, Dixon, wing and tail mkd., good shape; vhc, Ridley; hc, Hesp; c, Dalgetty. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, J. Cuthbertson, green crest, small neat centre, good feather and droop, grand shaped crest, beautifully groomed, good one, 2nd lightly variegated. C.-B., rare skull, well lashed, good feather; 3, Siddle and Dawson, wing mkd., dark crest, good feather; vhc, hc, Adams and Atess; c, Taylor. HYB. (20): 1, 2, Bond, cl. buff Goldie Can., well known gem, in grand trim, 2nd capital Greenie-Bullie in rare condition, good size, splendid col.; 3, Grainger Bros., Goldie-Bullie, much improved both in size and col. since last year, one of the best out; these three birds were much admired; vhc, c, Sokell and Binks; hc, Wake and Carr. LINNET (20): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 1st large and shapely, nice pencilling, 3rd shade smaller, grand type, rich nutty brown colour, in grand trim; 2, Milburn and Hughes, good shapely bird, nice markings and col.; vhc, Todd; hc, Hutchinson; c, Wake and Carr. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (21): 1, Stamp, Bullie, good breast col., fine expansive cap, nice bars; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Goldie, well-known, nice bright face, good tan, well buttoned, good size; 3, c, Johnson, Bullie, nice big bird, good head and shape; vhc, Thompson; hc, Watson. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Todd and Son, big shapely bird, good col. and condition; 2, Milburn and Hughes, good clean shape, good col. and bloom; 3, Gregory, tight and shapely; vhc, Stamp; hc, Blackett; c, Grainger Bros. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, 2, Forster, pair of Brambles, leader topper, immense size, rare colour and grand markings, claimed at catalogue price, £2 10s.; 3, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Chaffinch, big and shapely, net up in colour yet; vhc, Owen; c, Weedy. TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, large and shapely Twite, good markings and col; 2, vhc, hc, Todd and Son, Siskin, neat and in nice trim; 3, Blackett, nice Twite; c, Sokell and Binks. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinches, leader real good one, steady as a rock, rare size, good bib and col.; 2, Todd and Son, Yell. Bunting, fine size and col., nicely mkd. head; vhc, Forster; hc, Simpson; c, Mrs. Woodhouse. THRUSH, ETC. (11): 1, 3, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand Thrush leading, good ground col., well mkd., in capital trim, 3rd Starling, good lustre, well spangled; 2, hc, E. Freeman, Thrush, another good one, close up; vhc, Forster. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (14): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, real tip-top Redstart, big and very steady, grand col., nice exhibit; 2, Boyd, taking Chough, not one of the biggest, but in fine form; 3, Jackson, nice 'Gale, good size, very steady, nice shape and col; vhc, Bousfield, very good Grey Wagtail, in grand trim; hc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good Yell. Wagtail and Tree Pipit; a grand class. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, Slack; 3, Wilson; hc, Coventry; c, Wake and Carr. (15/-) (11): 1, Taylor; 2, Slack; 3, Lawson; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Carter; c, Wake and Carr. (10/-) (18): 1, Siddle and Dawson; 2, Parnaby; 3, Cleminson; vhc, Barker; hc, Carter; c, Cooper. MEMBERS—YORKS (15): 1, c, J. Cuthbertson; 2, Messenger; 3, vhc, Stephenson; hc, Metcalfe. NOR. (11): Cleminson; 2, J. Cuthbertson; 3 (no name); vhc, H. C. Carter; hc, Sokell and Binks; c, O'Connor. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, J. Cuthbertson; 3, O'Connor; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Siddle and Dawson; c, H. C. Carter. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Wilcock. HYB. (5): 1, 2, Sokell and Binks; 3, H. Robinson. NOVICE MEMBERS—CAN. (9): 1, 3, Messenger; 2, c, Stephenson; vhc, O'Connor; hc, Metcalfe. BRIT. (9): 1, 2, Lawson; 3, hc, c, Hildon; vhc Metcalfe.

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Club Reports.

LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B. SOCIETIES.

A meeting of the Council of the London Federation was held on October 8th at "The Feathers," Westminster. Those present were: Mr. R. L. Crisp (vice-chairman) in the chair, Messrs. J. Dewhurst, F. W. Thorpe, W. H. Mugford, A. C. Burn, A. W. Curtis, F. Boxall, H. W. Cook, E. S. Lugg, W. R. Angear, T. Miller, H. Churchard, R. P. Harper, W. Penton, C. R. Carr, H. Smith, J. Carson, J. Wyatt, J. C. Birch, W. Clark, W. J. Honeysett, F. W. Hamer, F. E. Stockwell, R. Cunningham, H. W. Tomsett and P. Adamthwaite, the hon. sec.

The Cage Bird and Yorkshire Unions.

The first business of the Council was the consideration of communications from the Cage Bird and Yorkshire Unions. Mr. Raynes, secretary of the C.B.U., had replied to the Council's letter in the following terms: "At a meeting of the Executive Council of the C.B.U., held just recently, I read your letter respecting the suggestions made by you to uphold any disqualifications, etc., that the Federation may make, and to assist in approaching the railway companies with a view of getting a reduction of fares to fanciers visiting shows, etc. I was instructed to inform you that the Union will fall in with your suggestions and do what they can for the good of the Fancy. I might add that the Union has tried to do something with the railway companies, but up to now nothing has come of it." The secretary of the Federation was instructed to write thanking the Union for their reply. A letter was also read from the Yorkshire Union with reference to the railway companies' question, and at a later stage in the meeting the chairman's suggestion that the Yorkshire Union be asked to formulate a scheme by which reduced fares could be obtained, and send it down to the Federation for consideration, was carried unanimously, on the proposition of Mr. Houcysett, seconded by Mr. Curtis. The Council's excuse for not taking the initiative in this matter, it was pointed out, was that just at this juncture they had a great deal of business on hand which occupied all the time they had at their disposal. It was decided to write to the Cage Bird Union to the same effect.

The "Defaulting Member" Question.

What might be regarded as the Council's "burning question of the hour" was next dealt with—we refer to the question of the defaulting member of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.; in fact, Mr. Burn's eagerness to dispose of it was, it is to be presumed, his excuse for moving most of the resolutions connected therewith, though in justice to him it should be stated that he apologised to the Council for moving so many of them.

Several of the defaulting members had replied to the Council's communications, and each of these was read and the cases were dealt with on their individual merits. In regard to one of these, a resolution to the effect that the rules be enforced, and that the fancier in question be debarred from showing at the affiliated society's shows until he fulfils his financial obligations to the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. was carried, an amendment that he be suspended twelve months having been lost. Cases in which financial trouble or lengthy illness was known to be the determining factor in the non-payment of subscriptions and levies, were referred back to the Society for consideration.

The Chairman here pointed out, in reply to a question raised by Mr. Dewhurst, that he presumed a copy of the resolution would be sent to the C.B.U., and to the Yorkshire Union, in which case he said, the gentlemen in question would probably be debarred from showing almost everywhere; but it was decided not to refer the cases to either Unions at this stage.

Mr. Curtis said there seemed to be a stumbling block to many in the fact that the matter respecting the levying of the Dulwich and Peckham Society's members, on account of certain liabilities, had been settled wholly in committee, and that the general membership had not been consulted. If it were only the levies that the members objected to, asked Mr. Cunningham, one of the Society's delegates, why do they not pay up their subscriptions? Mr. Burn suggested that the Council pass a resolution to the effect that they would not enforce their rules in regard to any Society until a general meeting of the members had been called and the objects and rules of the Federation had been considered. Perhaps, he added, the Council should have considered that matter before.

The cases of several defaulting members who had replied having been disposed of, the Council proceeded to deal en bloc with the remaining 21 names on the list. All these, but one, it was decided, are to be debarred from showing at the London (affiliated societies) shows until their financial obligations have been met. The exception was that of Mr. F. Easterling, who was present to defend his attitude to the D. and P. C.B.S., which he did to the satisfaction of the delegates, but on the suggestion of the Secretary, who said that it would look nicer, be in no wise lowering to Mr Easterling's dignity, and be also a great help to him (the secretary) personally, Mr. Easterling generously offered to there and then sink his scruples and "pay up," which elicited the loud applause of the meeting.

The Insurance Scheme.

The Council were informed that in reply to the secretary's communication asking the officials at Somerset House if their case could be met by having a sheet printed with the conditions of the insurance set out on the top and perforated certificates of insurance following (this to be franked with a penny stamp), a letter had been received, which stated that in the proposed sheets of certificates the liability of each certificate to duty as a policy remained unaltered.

The Secretary suggested that a letter be sent to the affiliated societies asking them to take a poll as to whether the members would be prepared to pay threepence instead of twopence per certificate. The penny stamp duty must be got over somehow, he said, and the question was, were the members themselves prepared to pay the duty?

The Chairman said he thought the Council quite capable of dealing with the question without needing to refer it to the individual societies. The Secretary added that the more he thought over the scheme the more simple it appeared—if the members would pay threepence per the certificates; and the members should not lose sight of the fact that they would even then have many advantages over and above what the railway companies would give.

Mr. Easterling suggested that a scheme might be formulated similar to that of the C.B.U., whereby members could insure their birds for a certain amount, say £10, for a whole year, and upon one payment. The Secretary wondered if the Council would "go halves" in the stamp duty, and charge each member 1s. 3d. per book of certificates instead of 1s. 6d.? and Mr. Birch said he thought they might have a certificate to cover the three risks—the outward and homeward railway journeys and while their birds were at a show.

Other suggestions were made, but having gone thoroughly into the matter, the Council decided, on the motion of Mr. Honeysett, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that the matter be referred back for the sub-committee to consider the advisability of providing three separate kinds of slips to cover the three risks—to, at and from shows. It was decided to issue a separate policy for fire insurance—one shilling for twelve pounds.

Mr. Curtis gave notice of motion, "that this Council recommends that where levies are to be made in a Society, this shall only be done by the consent of the majority at an extraordinary meeting of that Society."

The Secretary's Appeal.

The Secretary then read a letter which he proposed sending to the London Societies not already affiliated to the London Federation, and it was decided to ask the Fancy Press to publish same. The letter is couched in the following terms:—"I am instructed by the Council of the Federation to ascertain if your Society has yet seen its way to become affiliated to the London Federation of C.B. Societies? In view of the extensive reports appearing from time to time in the Fancy Press, it is hardly necessary for me to reiterate the good work undertaken, and still being undertaken, by the Federation; but the Council feels very strongly that the best endeavours to bring about a perfect understanding for mutual goodwill among London societies can only be obtained by the wholehearted and generous support of every society in London. The work of the Council during the coming autumn and winter is of exceptional importance, embodying as it does such matters as the approaching of the various railways in the United Kingdom for reduction of fares to fanciers visiting shows, reduction in charges for the carriage of exhibits, the completion of the scheme of insurance, and other equally vital matters affecting seriously the welfare not only of London but the whole of the Fancy. In this respect I am happy to inform you that the Cage Bird Union and the Yorkshire Union are each working in conjunction with the Federation, and the Council, in this combined effort, is very hopeful of ultimate success. I do not think any doubt can be entertained of the sincerity of the Federation in its endeavour to bring all societies in London and district into closer fellowship for mutual goodwill, and extending a helping hand to overcome the many difficult matters that arise from time to time, even in the best of regulated societies. The zealous and business like manner in which the delegates have met the many obstacles in the way of placing the Federation upon a sound footing, and the enthusiastic but sincere deliberations of delegates in meeting, have led the officers to believe that the movement has fulfilled even the wishes of the most pessimistic of the Federation's supporters. Good work is being done, and greater work can be accomplished if only the support of those societies still outside the Federation is ultimately obtained. The Council, therefore, hopes your Society will see its way to join the Federation, and I need scarcely say you may be assured of a warm welcome. For your information I enclose a copy of the rules and regulations.—P. Adamthwaite."

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

FEDERATION OF C.B. SOCIETIES.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE CENTRE.

Owing to lack of interest in this good movement, the end of the above-named federation has been decided on. A meeting of the representatives was held at the Oldham Show on Saturday, October 16th, and the sale of the cup to the Oldham C.B.S. was agreed upon.—A. ACKROYD.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held October 16th, in the Fawcett-street Cafe. Mr. J. Farrar presided. Several letters were placed before members. It was unanimously decided that Mr. A Walker be appointed assistant secretary in place of Mr. Maddison. Mr. J. Kinlayside kindly presented the members with a gold medal for competition at the annual show. A good deal of show business was got through, and several important details settled. It was decided that Mr. Heath take Norwich, Crest, Cinnamon, and Yorkshire classes, and Mr. Stanger the remainder. Will members kindly look out for specials and subscriptions, and also push forward the sale of tickets as far as possible?—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A washing competition was held at headquarters, the Constitutional Club, on October 4th. The Chairman said he was pleased to see so many present, there being between 60 and 70. The Secretary (Mr. B. F. Forse) having asked if any present would like to give a special for the forthcoming annual show, Mr. Wilson immediately said he would be pleased to give a cup value £2, to be competed for at the annual show only (to be won three times in succession before becoming the property of an exhibitor) for best bird in show. Mr. Wilson's kind offer was accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks given to the donor. Many others promised specials, including Messrs. Rhodes, Wallace, Williamson, Forse and Son, Carr, Ovenden, J. S. Clarke, Hellene, and Bartlett. The champions, Messrs. F. Williamson and A. B. Forse, were soon looking very businesslike among the soap suds, each doing his best to win the silver medal. Their birds having been put through the ordeal and made "comfy" to dry, the novices were asked to step up, and Messrs. Burbidge, Roberts, and Wood faced the judge, each one intent upon winning the other silver medal. While the birds were drying, Mr. J. S. Clarke, who officiated as judge, gave some of his experiences of washing, and also answered a number of questions. When the birds were put on the table, Mr. Clarke said he had one of the hardest tasks ever set him, it being one of the tightest contests he had ever witnessed. Mr. A. B. Forse had certainly handled his bird better than Mr. Williamson, but his bird had got some soap left in its neck, and also had a frill on the chest, whereas Mr. Williamson's bird was free from these faults; and taking all things into consideration he decided to pronounce Mr. Williamson the winner, which gave general satisfaction. In coming to the novices, Mr. Clarke said that the best washer of the evening had lost his chance through stage fright, for without a doubt Mr. Wood was the best washer, but he had not rinsed his bird; it therefore came out a sorry sight, all its feathers being matted together with soap. Messrs. Burbidge and Roberts had put up a real good fight for the medal, and it was hard to separate them, but he thought Mr. Burbidge was entitled to the medal, if for nothing else, for the way he had thoroughly rinsed the soap out. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke for his kindness in coming to act as judge was given.

JARROW, HEBBURN & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, on Oct. 12th. Mr. R. Hutler in the chair. This was one of the largest meetings we have had this year, and a fair amount of business was gone through. Mr. Hutler read the balance sheet in connection with the social held in September. After paying all expenses, we have a balance of £3 14s., so Jarrow are on the right side again. It was proposed that we hold meetings fortnightly till after the show, and that all members have their subscriptions paid by next meeting. Five new members were enrolled. It was also decided to add a Subscribers' Class to our schedule. Our judge is Mr. R. S. Bewick.—R. BLORE.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held October 14, Mr. Fry presiding. Present: Messrs. Rooney, McDonnell, Dowling, Callaghan, Lynch, Holly, Birse and Lea. A letter was received from the hon. secretary of Larne C.B.A., enclosing a "special" for our show, which was greatly appreciated. It was decided that the society apply for the patronage of Y.C.C. of Ireland. The society has also been granted the patronage of the N.P.C. of Ireland. The society has purchased a cup for most points in champion classes at our show, which makes a total of five cups (presented by the society) this year. Members will receive schedules at end of present week.—D. CARROLL, hon. secretary.

CASTLE DOUGLAS F.A.

A lecture on "The Birds of our Countryside," was delivered in Ashley Hall on Oct. 4th, before a good turnout of members and friends, by Mr. S. W. Birchley. The chair was taken by J. R. Saunders, Esq. Mr. Birchley, in his opening remarks, strongly advocated a careful study of Nature's ways as a most interesting and instructive recreation, and an antidote to the modern craze for excitement. In illustration of his remarks, there was depicted a series of limelight pictures of bird-life, by means of photographs obtained by Mr. Birchley. All were distinctly beautiful. The lecture and pictures combined to make a most enjoyable and instructive evening.—JOHN C. BURNIE, Sec.

DERBY C.B.C.

Special meeting held October 13th, to make arrangements for members' show. We had decided to have old bird classes for Norwich without the stock class, the Crests same as young classes, and A.O.V. Can. Mule or Hyb.; British, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; British, A.O.V. (smaller than a Thrush), two Nor. classes for novices who have never shown before, one for old birds, and one for young birds. Entrance fee, 6d.; all classes to stand on their own, with 1st prize to take half, 2nd to take two-thirds of what was left, and 3rd the remaining one-third. At a previous meeting it was carried that the points in members' show be counted from the lowest bird with a card, beginning with one. We trust there will be a good gathering of members and others at the washing exhibition and lecture by Mr. W. Eley on October 30th, 7.30.—W. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

At our meeting held at Rochdale, a fair number of members were present; Mr. Nadin (President) in the chair. It was decided that the Secretary write the L. and P.O.S. as regards Lancs. classes at the Crystal Palace show, which are to be dropped to two only this time; this we consider an injustice to the birds. The resignation of the Secretary was next considered. As he has not the time available his resignation was accepted with regret, and Mr. C. Whitehead was to be approached in regard to taking the office; he has since accepted the office, subject to confirmation at our meeting at the Rochdale Town Hall show on Oct. 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. I hope members will give him as much support as possible. I should also like to point out to non-members, as the idea seems to be abroad that if some of them join us they will want to have 4 cages of the Society's pattern, that this is not so; they only really want their nominated birds in such cages, and 1 or 2 would suit them well to begin with; then if success followed with their other birds they do not mark, extra cages could be bought. —WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, on Oct. 16th, a good number of members being present. The chief item of interest was the definition of a novice in regard to cup competition. A very keen and interesting debate ensued, and on the motion of Mr. Martin it was decided that a novice must win three first prizes, either in open or open novice classes, but shall be entitled to compete in open classes for the novice medal and other specials for the remainder of the season in which he wins his full number of prizes. In regard to Ramsden's cruet, it was decided that each win count one point, most points at the end of season to win the special. To enable the novice to have a better chance, and also for the convenience of shows, it was decided that each member nominate two birds only at each show, such bird to be marked R.P. at end of the two entries. Will all members kindly make a point, when entering, to mark each entry L. and L.F.A., as, unless such be printed in catalogue, and marked on entry form, they will not count for cups, etc. Next meeting will be held at Rochdale on Nov. 7th, same day as Rochdale Good Intent Show.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

OITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, Sept. 27th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from Mr. C. Prior and Mr. H. Hawes, apologising to Mr. Prior through the medium of the Association for attacking him in the columns of the Press. The draw for the shield took place, the result being Border Fancy, with A.O.V. of Canary as runner-up. Mr. A. W. Curtis then rose to say that he had further considered the case of his resignation as delegate to the Federation, and he would consent to stand till the end of the year. It was then proposed that Mr. Curtis retain office, and carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Curtis then interested the meeting by a short account of his holiday in Norwich, during which he paid a pleasant visit to our Vice-President, Mr. Jacob Mackley. He mentioned that Jacob (as he is wont to be called) looked very well and hearty, but not having the chest of the Plainhead as formerly. Mr. Mackley was doing well with his business; in fact, was just despatching a large order to Australia. A judging competition in Norwich Plainheads then took place, consisting of two classes, viz., 9 yellows and 21 buffs, with three champions, four amateurs, and seventeen novices taking part. Of such high quality, and so level were they, that Mr. G. E. Weston found he had a more difficult task than he anticipated. After detailing the various points which led him to his decisions, and answering questions, Mr. Weston complimented the members upon the splendid show. The Chairman presented Mr. W. Knight with ½-peck of Canary seed for making the most entries. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Weston for his services. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed a pleasant meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

GUISBORO' & DIS. "PRIORY" O.B.S.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting lecture on "Moulting and Colour-feeding," and other items in connection with the exhibiting of cage birds. It was given in splendid style by Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough). At the close a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by our chairman, Mr. J. G. Cook, and carried.—J. T. WILSON, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH NORTHERN O.S.

Monthly meeting, held Gows Rooms, Rose Street, Oct. 4th. The Vice-President, Mr. Stenhouse, intimated that he had received a silver cup, to be competed for by Norwich or Borders, whichever the members decide on. The following committee was then appointed to assist at the show on 6th November:—Messrs. Adams, Stenhouse, Collie, and Robertson. Auditors:—Messrs. Dandie and Alex. Robertson. It was decided that we hold our next meeting on Oct. 25th, for booking of young birds for show.—THOMAS PURDIE, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 16th, in Church Hall, Mr. Geo. Barkas in the chair. We appointed Mr. J. Maddison to judge the Mules, British, and Foreign birds, at our open show on Oct. 30th. I hope fanciers will give him a good lot to do. We have a special of 2/6 for almost each class now. Mr. W. Rickaby has given a special of 10s. to the novice member who has never won a first prize. I have sent over 300 schedules out; if any have not received one, will they send for one, when it will be sent to them. Entries close on Oct. 25th.—J. BROWN, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting, held October 15, Mr. O'Reilly in the chair. Present: Messrs. Dowling, Duigeman, McDonnell, Bray, V.P., and Hyland, hon. secretary pro tem. Mr. Bray informed the meeting it was his intention to change the conditions for his special prize, which now read: "Special prize, value £2 5s., presented by Mr. Grattan Bray, V.P., for most points gained by Canaries in all classes excepting gift, classes containing less than six exhibits points only to count 4, 2, and 1, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes." The secretary has now over 30 special prizes for competition, including 3 silver watches. This year's prizes are far more valuable than last year's. It is the intention of the committee to have the schedule printed by November 1, and it will be deemed a favour if intending donors of specials will notify the hon. secretary at once. An application from Mr. Carroll, asking for the patronage of Y.C.C. of Ireland, on condition that we ask for his club's patronage, was marked "read." This concluded the business, and the meeting adjourned.—J. R. HYLAND, hon. secretary, pro tem.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Tame Chaffinches.

I have two Chaffinches. They are called Richard and Peter. They are both very tame, and will fly about the house and return to their cage when tired. But I can't let them both out at the same time, or there is sure to be a fight. One day when I was sitting with Richard on my shoulder, Peter came out of his cage in some way and went in to Richard's. Richard darted for his cage, and chased Peter out, and then sat up on the spar and commenced to sing. Another thing about Richard is that I can stand about two yards away and throw hemp seeds to him and he will catch them.—Sent by William Vine (age 15), 73, Crossburn Street, Glasgow.

**What is That ?

A tiny bird said to her mate,
"What do you think I've found?
A little thing, not big like us,
That crawls upon the ground.
We want some breakfast, yes, my sweet,
I wonder if it's good to eat?"

Her mate then wisely shook his head,
"I don't know what to say.
This funny thing may not taste good,
And yet, perhaps, it may.
Suppose we wait while we count two
And see what this queer thing will do."

But that small thing had six good legs,
Besides a pair of wings.
It said: "Why, I can fly as well
As any bird that sings;
So catch me first, you greedy pair."
Then off he flew and left them there.

Sent by Rebecca Osborne (age 11), Outram Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

*A Thrush and a Worm.

One day, the year before last, my brother took a young cock Thrush from a nest. It was about eleven o'clock in the morning. In the evening when we arrived home from a drive, we tried to feed the bird, but not a bit would it swallow. So we put it in a cage. Next morning we were more than surprised to see the mother bird on top of the cage with a worm in its mouth. Seeing it could not get near the young bird, we fixed a small shelf on the outside of the cage. As soon as we were away the bird flew from a tree on to the shelf and succeeded in giving the worm to its offspring. This performance happened every morning until the bird could feed itself.—Sent by H. B. Leavers (age 15), 51, Market Street, Watford, Herts.

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In the Courts.

AN ABERDEEN AVIARY RIFLED.

Sixteen Birds Missing.

Before Sheriff Begg, in the Aberdeen Sheriff Court, some short time ago, James Milne, iron moulder, 13, Merkland Road East, Aberdeen, was charged with breaking into an aviary in Seaforth Road, occupied by George Beattie, fish vendor, and stealing 16 Canaries, between August 7th and 8th. Accused pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr. G. M. Aitken, solicitor.—A "production" in the case was a cage of six Norwich Canaries, which kept the court lively with their chirping.

George Beattie said he had a wooden house in which he kept the Canaries. He was amongst the birds all the afternoon on Saturday, August 6th, up to about 6 o'clock. He had altogether 49 Canaries. On leaving, he locked the door, and, on going back early on Sunday morning, found that the door had been broken open by the lock being forced. On entering the aviary he found the birds loose and flying about, and on counting them found sixteen were missing. The value of those sixteen birds was about £6. Several of them were prize-winners. He shortly afterwards heard about some Canaries being for sale in Milne's house, and went to see them, when he identified six of the birds as those which belonged to him. Witness said he had no difficulty in recognising the birds. He communicated with the police, who took possession of the Canaries. The six birds recovered were about £3 in value. He got no trace of the other ten birds.

By Mr. Aitken: There were special markings on the Canaries. He never saw one with the same markings as one of the birds. He identified the bird on account of its shape and size, and also the markings. He knew the Canary as one would know a dog. It had won a second prize.

William Ellison identified three of the Canaries—he had not the slightest doubt that they were Beattie's birds. He had known one of the birds for three years, and had handled every one of them in Beattie's aviary. He identified the three-year-old by its "cap" and its "make." It was what was known as a "dry feather" Norwich Canary.—Andrew Anderson gave corroborative evidence.

Detective Donald Mathieson said the house had been entered by false keys. When witness called at accused's house, Mrs. Milne said she knew nothing about the Canaries, except that her husband brought them home. Witness took possession of the birds, and saw the accused afterwards, who said he bought them on Saturday, the 8th, from a man near the football grounds, and paid £1 for them. He said he asked the man to take the Canaries to his (accused's) kennels, and paid him there. Accused also said he never saw the man before. At the Police Office he said it was Sunday, August 1st, he met the man on the Links, when he bought the birds for £1, and paid 2s. as an instalment, asking the man to bring the birds to his house on the following Saturday, when he would be paid for the balance. It was an entirely different story altogether. When charged with the theft, accused replied, "Well, I am very sorry, and will have to face my position."—Detective Gordon corroborated.

Accused, in the witness-box, said on Sunday morning, August 1st, he was out on the Links, and met a man, who said: "Is't Milne they ca' you?" and accused replied that it was. He then said: "I believe you keep birds," and accused replied, "I used to; but it is dogs now." The man was carrying a cage wrapped in a muffler, and said he had a few birds he could sell cheap. Accused asked him to take the birds to the kennels to "get a sicht o' them." At the kennels the man asked, "Are they dear at £1?" and accused said, "No, I will give you £1 for them." Accused asked him to keep the birds for a week, as he had no space for them, and he would take them next Saturday. Accused asked why he was selling them, and the man replied, "Oh, I am tired of them." The birds were decent-looking, and a fairly good bargain, and he (accused) did not want to lose the deal. The man was middle-aged, and wore a reddish muffler. He had a heavy dark brown moustache. He (the accused) got a cage from a Miss Christie for the Canaries.

Several witnesses gave evidence in accused's defence, including Mrs. Milne, who said the man called on the Saturday night with the birds, and the cage was ready for them. She objected to the birds being kept, and the birds were offered for sale. Her husband had not been out of the house on the night of August 7th, the night of the theft.

The Sheriff said there seemed to be no doubt that the theft had been committed on the night of August 7th, between 6 p.m. and 6.15 on the following morning. Where the accused was at that time, depended entirely upon the evidence of his wife, but there was no proof that he was actually out of the house. The Sheriff attached considerable importance to the evidence of the two detectives. He did not think, however, that there was any evidence that accused himself had committed the theft, but it was quite clear that he had got the birds into his possession, knowing them to be stolen. The accused knew the birds were worth about £2 10s.; and a man he knew absolutely nothing about came and offered them under most suspicious circumstances. That was just the usual case of a person resetting goods. For £1 accused got property which was worth two or three times as much. He (the Sheriff) accordingly found him guilty of reset, and imposed a penalty of £3 of a fine, with the option of 20 days in prison.

Constable Alleged to have Tortured a Bird.

A case taken up by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals came before Mr. R. B. Bagnall-Wild at the Nottingham Shire Hall recently.

James Shelton, a labourer, living in the Hunger Hill Gardens, was summoned for cruelty to a captive Linnet at Lambley on August 24th, when, according to Police-Constable Clarke, he was using the bird as a decoy for catching others. It had a brace round its neck, causing a lacerated wound.—"I suppose I shall have to go to the Hall for this," said Shelton to the constable. "I would rather give you a sovereign than go."—The officer added that he watched the defendant for half an hour, during which time the man continually jerked the captive bird on a wire.

The defendant denied that he had been guilty of any cruelty, and alleged that the constable tortured the bird before killing it. He had the bird for two years, and got his living by it.—Shelton was fined 15s.

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD City Show on Saturday last was the greatest success ever achieved in the district—671 entries in 33 classes, an average of over 20 per class. On the top of this came a splendid gate, the show-room being packed to its utmost during the better part of the time it was open. The Yorkshires came up well throughout the show, and the Norwich, with the exception of two classes, were also fairly strong in numbers. Last week I mentioned that the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. novice members had not upheld the classes made for them; but this week I really must apologise. The two classes at the City Show contained 53 entries, 22 in the cock class and 31 in the hen class, and of these no less than 36 were staged by members of the C.M. Club.

NOVICE classes were grand; some real good Yorkshires amongst them, and some very large classes, 35 in the yellows, 30 in the buffs, and 27 in the yellow hens. The winner in the latter class was claimed by two individuals at the catalogue price of £5 5s.

THIS time the wives and daughters of some of the members had a hand in the management, having sole charge of the catering department, an innovation that was warmly appreciated by fanciers and friends from a distance. To be able to get a good tea of beef, ham, and sweets, as much as you like for a "hoh," and in a room next to the birds, is something to be thankful for!

SEVERAL societies were holding members' shows on Saturday evening last, the birds being staged between seven and eight p.m. At Bingley a nice lot were placed before the judge, Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton), some very smart birds being on view. Laisterdyke and Tong were also included, the former having Mr. W. Mann to adjudicate, and the latter Mr. J. Wilkinson. The competition at both these societies is usually of a very keen order, some smart birds being put down in the race for the specials.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, October 10th. 1st, Soloman; 2nd, Mrs. Kendall; 3rd, Cooper. Judges, A. Lorriman, P. Madden. Interesting quality singing contest heard October 17th. A very large entry of birds was hung, and admirably judged by Messrs. T. Summers, J. Clark, and P. Madden. 1st, Fisher; 2nd, Soloman; 3rd, Madden. Saturday matches commence October 23rd; first hang at 3 p.m.—J. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, October 9th, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings, and some very good singing was heard. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Johnson. Also on October 10th, when 20 birds sang, and when Mr S. Hardcastle got 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Mawson. Also on October 16th, when 16 birds faced judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, and J. Naylor. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd shared between Rowe and Hardcastle. Also on October 17th, when 23 birds sang. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. Challenge: Mr. W. Sissons is open to sing anyone in Leeds, Mr. Soloman's bird preferred, for one hour's sing, for £1 to £5.—WILSON NAYLOR.

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WILL exchange long-distance working homers, rung, for Canaries, or anything useful.—Keep, 24, Northfield-lane, Ealing, W.

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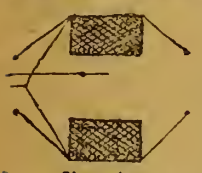
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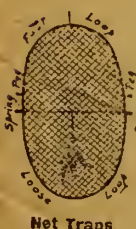




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For nearly 16 months not a single bird has been returned to me; for proof, the Editor of this paper. Am I a judge, or not? I will leave it to yourselves. If you want ten, twenty or thirty pounds' worth of British, send to me. Goldfinches, Goldfinches. Real English Peartree cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, with grand broad heads and beautiful square cut scarlet blaze, with splendid wing bars and richly tanned on breasts, and beautifully buttoned, a credit to send out, 2/-, 2/6, and 3/6; a few that can win in keen competition, 5/-; Goldfinches, used to catching, both for netting and liming, 3/- each; Goldfinches, singing very hard and showing splendid colour, 2/- and 2/6; exhibition British show cage, with one of my best Goldfinches, 6/6. My cages are a treat, with my A1 special Linnets, 4/6; ready for the show bench at once. Linuets, Linnets; my A1 specials can beat the world for steadiness, size, colour, and markings, for three years this class of bird have won all before them, price 2/6; Linnets, singing grand, with a beautiful polished cage, and my book of secrets, and a packet of my special mixture, 3/6; worth double. Look; fierce singing cock Linnets, with blood-red breasts and extra loud voices, with cage and my book of secrets, right for catching or contest singing, only 2/6; Linnets, taught by the champion Linnet of the world, will sing anywhere, only 1/6; a few specials, 2/-; Linnets, from the same place as the world's champion, only 1/-; the same as I have supplied most of the leading Linnet clubs of England. I defy any dealer in the world to supply the same for the money. Deposit your money with the Editor of this paper for honest stuff; all on seven days approval. House-moulted Linnets, singing with their wings down, 10/6 to 15/6. Look; the finest cock Larks in England, singing day and gaslight, and as straight as arrows, and as steady as rocks, 1/- and 1/6; a few singing extra loud, 2/6; exhibition British show cages, 2/- each; polished singing contest cages, 1/6 each. The best Linnet whistlers in England, 6d. each. My book of secrets, 9d., which is the original. For proof of the above read what others say:—"Westgate, Cleckheaton, Yorks.—Dear Sir,—Bird arrived safe, and am highly satisfied. I have not written sooner, as I have had so many from other dealers that have looked alright the first day and then died; but I have given this a fair trial, and I can safely say that this is the finest bird I have had for the money. You can rest assured that all further orders will be placed with you with confidence.—L. Whitely to H. Allen." "50, Ashville-terrace, Morton, Manchester.—Dear Sir,—I received the Linnet and Goldfinch quite safe, and am very pleased with them.—Yours, A. Coupe to H. Allen." So those who want real honest value for their money send to me. All my birds are on seven days approval; cash or deposit. So write with confidence to the largest British bird dealer in the world.—Harry Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

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Norwich.

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REAL Norwich Canaries, grand strain; cocks, 6/6 to 10/6; hens, 3/6; carriage paid.—Hampden, 63, College-rd., Norwich.

DAY and gaslight songsters, Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6.—Cyril Brown, "Ivydene Aviaries," Spalding.

FEW Champion show and stock Norwich for sale cheap; approval; state wants.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

FOUR cocks, seven hens, Norwich, large flight, four breeders, accessories, 55/-.—Yates, 13, Almaterrace, Arthur-rd., Windsor.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, bred from the best of stock; several that can win; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

FOUR pairs good young Norwich yellow cocks, buff hens, fine quality birds, good size, typical, 15/- pair.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

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PURE bred typical Norwich, from cold room, cocks and hens; prices reasonable. Kindly state wants.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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BEAUTIFUL plumage Buff Norwich cock, lovely songsters, sacrifice for 5/6. Bred from great winners.—Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS winning Norwich for sale, show or stock, cheap; state wants; few from evenly marked strain.—R. Stirling, 22, Sellincourt-rd., Tooting.

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FOR sale, Norwich Canaries; cocks from 7/0; hens from 5/-; matched pairs from 15/-; approval.—W. T. Kirby, 14, Benthall-place, St. Thomas, Swansea.

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NORWICH Plainhead, songsters, well bred, healthy cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/6; approval; fuller particulars.—Barber, Bushbury-lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

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YOUNG Norwich and Goldfinch Mules, for sale; clears and variegated cocks, singing, good, chubby birds, 5/- each. Cash or deposit.—T. Southam, Honeybourne, S.O.

TWO unflighted Buff cocks, good birds, 12/- two; money returned; exchange exhibition Yellow cock and part cash.—Wm. Reid, Commercial-rd., Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire.

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I CAN spare variegated buff cock, brother to my 3rd Accrington (unflighted, Novice), see CAGE BIRDS report, 12/6, bargain; approval.—W. Heywood, 4, Castle Garth, Kendal.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; if not satisfied, money returned. —Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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TWENTY pairs 1909 colour-fed Norwich, all own breeding, from good stock, well up in head and neck; see Nottingham reports, from 10/- to 20/- pair.—Sharp, 31, Belton-st., Hyson Green, Nottingham.

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CLEAN moulted Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/6, 15/-, upwards; cage 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Norwich.

CHAMPION marked buff cock, grand head, fine size and quality, winner in the best competition, 35/-; grand clear buff cock, winner, 25/-; a gem of a buff hen, 1909, tip-topper, win anywhere, 30/-; approval.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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TYPICAL Norwich, lightly marked, buff cocks, winner Sandiford's medal, 1008 bred, 20/-; unflighted clear yellow, 10/6; large buff marked, double yellow bred (rare), 1908, 10/6; good hens, 1908, and unflighted, from 5/-; clean-moulted, hot fed, approval, cash.—Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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EXHIBITORS; typical eyes marked Buff Norwich cock, 1st, special sugar bowl, Reading, year old, 40/-; unflighted saddle-marked cock, also cappedmarked, likewise clear, bred from above, real gems, all type, winners, 21/- each; see Oxford report; marked Yellow cock, 1st, special Wolverton, invaluable for colour producing, 21/-; unflighted Yellow from same, 15/-; three variegated Buff hens, 3/6 each; 10/- lot; clearing.—Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

SPLENDID clear Yellow cock, 1908 bred, colour fed, can win anywhere, 35/-; another clear Buff cock, 1909, over moult, a gem, 21/-, worth 50/-; clear Buff cock, one of the very best out, 1908 bred, 30/-; clear Buff hen, splendid shape and quality, 15/-; another good one, 10/-; few more grand typical Norwich Plainheads, cocks and hens, in Yellows, Buffs, clears, ticked, variegated, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 each; matched pair Plainheads, all colours, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 60/-; all honestly worth treble; approval, deposit, if carriage paid; hundreds testimonials.—Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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Through unforeseen circumstances I am reluctantly compelled to give up the Fancy. Exhibition 1908 buff variegated Norwich hen, a little gem, £2 10s., Trengove's strain. Splendid 1908 buff crestbred cock, winner 3rd Oxford (see report), £1 5s.; large unflighted yellow Norwich stock cock, £1. I have a few variegated birds bred from greens, also a few greens for disposal from 10/- up. Approval, deposit.—25, Windsor-rd., Neath.

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Very large and stout heavily variegated Buff, natural colour, cock, 15/-; with lovely type Yellow hen, 25/-; extra good large variegated Buff hen, 15/-, can win; wing ticked unflighted Yellow cock, grand head, 12/6; with really good Buff hen, 20/- pair; unflighted Buff cock, 10/-; with good Yellow hen, 17/0; 60 others, any sex or colour, from 5/- to 50/- each; state wants; cold-room; approval; inspection invited.—R. Allen, 106, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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Owing to increasing demand for personal attention to business, I am unable to exhibit both Crests and Norwich Plainheads. I have therefore decided to part with my whole collection of Norwich Plainheads and show cages; got together regardless of cost. I bred and sold more winners last year than any fancier in Scotland, and have 60 this year to dispose of, including all my last year's winners; just coming into show form; inspection cordially invited, and any will be sent on approval to known fanciers; prices very reasonable for a speedy clearance.—John M'Lay, East High-st., Kirkintilloch, N.B.

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Massive 1909 bred clear buff cock, real startler, fed, grand head, stout, good wing carriage, can win in champion classes, price 50/-; 1909 bred, very large stout colour-fed clear yellow cock, grand head and tecming with quality, an ideal show bird, price £3; marked 1909 bred yellow cock, very large stout, lovely wing carriage, 2nd last week, price 32/6; slashing fed clear buff cock, wonder for stoutness, size, and quality, can win at big shows, price 50/-; 1908 bred, extra large clear yellow cock, champion show and stock bird, price 30/-, cost £4; monster clear buff hen, can win Gateshead or elsewhere, price £2 2s.; massive fed clear yellow hen, price £2 2s.; the above are first-class show birds and can win in champion classes; numerous winners sold every season to many leading exhibitors; approval on receipt of cash.—Apply, George Cubley, Long Sutton, nr. Wisbech.

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3, Rime Street, Burnley, October 22nd, 1909. Birds arrived safe. Am delighted with them, and hope for good results next season. Jas. Curson to W. Rudd. **Did Not Expect so Good.**

32, Hill Street, Dunfermline, October 4th, 1909. The birds arrived all right. I am well pleased with them. I did not expect so good at the price. H. Fletcher to W. Rudd.

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3, Ormedale Place, Dingwall, October 16th, 1909. The birds arrived all right, and look well. Pleased with same. D. McKenzie to W. Rudd.

57, Norrey's Avenue, New Hinksey, Oxford, October 13th, 1909. The bird arrived to-day safe, and I like the look of her very much. Thanking you for prompt attention to my order. T. W. Wren to W. Rudd.

11, Lion Well, Wynd, October 25th, 1909. I must say I am highly pleased with birds, especially the cock, which is a grand size. J. Dickson to W. Rudd.

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Bridge Street, Buckfastleigh, October 12th, 1009. Norwich songster arrived quite safe. Thanks for such a grand bird, it sang same day as it arrived. G. Skewes to W. Rudd.

11, Balfour Terrace, Haddington Road, Devonport, October 14th, 1909. I received the bird to-day, and I am very pleased indeed with same. It commenced to sing directly it left its travelling cage. H. Penfound to W. Rudd.

17, Killarney Road, Old Swan, Liverpool, October 19, 1909. I received bird all safe, and am delighted with same. It arrived on Saturday, and was singing on Sunday, Thanking you, R. Davies to W. Rudd.

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshires, own breeding, Greens, Yellows, Bulls, varirgated, from 4/6 each; state wants; exchange household goods.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PRIZE and prize bred Norwich Plainheads from 7/6 upwards; approval or exchange lady's bicycle or anything useful to trade, bolts, lies, etc.—C. Handley, coach builder, Walsoken, Wisbech.

PAIR elap nets, 8 yards by 5ft., all complete; three new call cages, 7/6 lot. Nine young Norwich, as bred, good birds, majority cocks, best cash offers.—Burridge, 80, Lowrr High-st., Thame, Oxon.

TWO Grand Norwich hens, buff and yrllow variegated, 20/- earh; oxrhangr the two for good yellow 1908 corks, fed; also pair good Norwirh for show cages.—Wilson, Chapel-st., Peterhead, Scotland.

FOR sale or exrhange, three rock Canaries, three hens, sell £1 5s., or exchange for girls' lasts or women's, or anything useful for boot rrpairing; will be sent on approval on deposit.—Hooke, 128, West-st., Erith, Kent.

BEAUTIFUL young Norwich cork Canary, in full song, in handsome singing rage, 5/6; also first-class house moulted cock brown Linnet, champion songster, in nire singing cage, suit catcher, or Muir breeder, 4/6.—Luther Dobb, 10, Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

GREEN Parrot, with large square cage, sell £1 or useful exchange.—Bailey, 13, Salisbury-rd., Ipswirh.

EXCHANGE cock Cockatiel in good condition for two hen Budgerigars.—Duckworth, 25, New Market-st., Colne, Lancs.

SELL genuine talking Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and new cage, 55/-; exchange Roller cocks; offers.—Stanger, Burnley-rd., Bacup.

BUDGERIGARS, adults, pair yellows, best outdoor rondition, 8/6; exchange Cockatiels, Greens, etr.—Carruthers, Gladstone-st., Consett, Durham.

LARGE healthy adult Green Budgerigars, 6/6; young Greens, 4/- pair; exchange; wanted set light harness for 11 hands pony.—C. Braithwaite, Newark.

EXCHANGE pair of Adult Green Budgerigars, have bred this srason, for yellow Norwirh cork or Goldfinches; two cock Linnets, clean moulted, 2/6; approval willingly.—A. Turnrr, 150, Rawson-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

EXHIBITION birds. Now the shows are on I can offer Great Northern Hill Mynah, perfert plumage, good talker, also winner, 40/-; Malaccan Pink-chrek Parrot, splendid colours, 30/-, or will exrhange Forrigners to value.—Waldram, Redcar, Yorkshire.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE ten pigeons for pair Scotch Fancy, 1909.—Everington, Saltburn.

ROACH rod, pike rod, reels, lines, exchange.—13, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

THREE pairs flying homers, 7/6; exchange; offers.—Smith, 73, Brandon-st., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE show case, carry six, exchange Yorks hen.—Chadwick, Duxbury-st., Earby.

EXCHANGE mincing marhine, good order, for Norwirh hens.—19, Albert-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE violin for Borders, Yellow cock, Buff hen.—Hood, 174, Mathieson-st., Glasgow.

PHONOGRAPH, cost 22/6, seven records; what offers.—Royce, High-street, Esher, Surrey.

CAGE fronts, sizes to order; exrhange Canaries. Baldwin's Aviaries, Kingston-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE Flemish-Belgian doe for pair Bullfinches.—Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE show cages, and case for pair Lizards.—25, Gt. Croft-st., Darlaston, Staffs.

PAIR clapnets, 18ft. by 4ft., all complete; exchange.—Dainty, 110, Stamberrnill, Stourbridge.

TWO pair Magpie pigeons, 3/- pair; exchange Canaries.—Ferguson, 9, Cromwell-terr., Blackpool.

RECORDS, 1 dozen Edison's, exchange Yorkshires or Rollers.—Slarks, Haypole, West-st., Horsham.

EXCHANGE new Crystal Palace aviary for Canaries.—Rees, 24a, Gethin-st., Abercanaid, Merthyr.

WILL exchange solid gold medal (new), value 25/-, for Canaries.—Lewis, 72, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

EXCHANGE, buck and doe, with her nine young Rabbits, for Canaries.—P. Parkes, "Holbeche," Tipton.

EXCHANGE set carvers, stag handle, for 3 cock Goldies or Bullfinches.—Hill, 95, Eyre-lane, Sheffield.

SEVENTY-TWO fretwork designs, exchange anything.—Franks, 71, Winchelsea-rd., Ore, Hastings, Sussex.

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WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

It gives me great pleasure in declaring the following elected members of our club:—Mrs. G. L. Harber (Merthyr), Messrs. J. Warlow (Merthyr), and R. O. Thompson (Llandudno). Still there is room for more, and as the show season is with us, I shall be pleased to enroll others who are not yet "within the fold." We have several cups and medals for champions and novices to be competed for during the season. Members who have not paid their subscription kindly forward at once.—G. F. Jones, hon. sec., Arfon House, Brecon.

Club Reports.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Mr. Greenwood won the first prize in the washing competition, which was held at headquarters Oct. 19th, before a good assembly of members and friends. Mr. G. Riley took 2nd and Mr. F. Gelder 3rd prizes. Mr. C. Cowgill acted as judge, and Mr. W. Cruise kindly lent the birds for the competition. —H. Hill, secretary.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The following points have been gained for the Association's bowls and cups at Folkestone Show:—Norwich Plainheads: Gibbs 9, Jordon 3, Meades 6, Taylor 10. Yorkshires: Gibbs 2, Lockett 12, Austen 1, and Reeve 6. Crests and C.B.: No competition. Lizards: Wood 10. Borders: Dr. Bowes 10, Weaver 5. British: Brett 6, Austen 11, Jordan 5, Wickham 6.—G. Sanderson, hon. sec.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND DIS. F.A.

Annual meeting held October 20th, a fair number of members being present. Mr. T. C. McCullagh took the chair. The Secretary presented the balance sheet, showing a balance in favour of £1 0s. 4d. The annual subscription was reduced to 3s., and it was decided to hold the usual twenty-mile radius show on December 28th. Mr. S. E. Pearce was thanked for past services.—S. E. Pearce, hon. sec.

CANNOCK AND DISTRICT F. & F.S.

The following is the list of special winners at our late shows:—Cage bird section: Special prize winners, Hyde's, H. T. Collier, 5s. cash for most points (givrn by B. Sowter, Hednesford), Ily. Bryan; Cage Birds special for best member's exhibit, Ily. Bryan; 2s. 6d. cash (given by Ily. Gallattley, Bridgtown), for best British bird, Tams and Son; 5s. cash (given by E. Taylor, Cannork), for best Canary, J. H. Millincamp.—H. W. Briggs, hon. sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A., held usual monthly meeting, on October 9th, in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, Mr. C. Hunter presiding. The trophies were balloted. A silver rose bowl is to be given to the Crested section, a silver flower pot to the Mules and Hybrids, and a silver rose bowl to the Border sertion, all to be given for young birds bred 1909. Mr. Lennie then gave an exhibition of rage-making, and in a very short time made a Norwich show cage, and also a small carrying cage. During the progress he showed all the ways of bending and fixing the wires. The books will rlose for membership on the 31st October, and members, both old and new, must he clear by that date, or they will not be eligible to compete at annual show.—Geo. Smart, Scr.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A very instructive washing exhibition and disrussion took plare on October 19th, when Mr. James Hartley put four birds through in first-rate style. Mr. Hartley has a novel style, using a large bar of soap, on which he plares the bird's tail and flights, using his brush on the soap; in quick time he had the four birds wrapped up and dryiug. While this was going on, a fair amount of questions and discussion followed. Mr. H. contended that providing you had a good specimen, that method was all that was required to make it fit to show. At this juncture Mr. H. took the birds out of the cloths (after being in about 20 minutes), and made special mention of the drying process. A good deal more birds were spoiled, he said, by drying too quickly, than by soap left in the feather. A vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec.

BATTERSEA C.B.A.

The list of special prize winners at the open show is:—Sperial No. 1 King, 2 Rirhardson, 3 Young, 4 Messrs. Upton and Button, 5 Mrs. MrGregor, 6 Hawes Bros., 7 Green, 8 Crisp, 9 Hamer, 10 Dixon, 11 Rogers, 12 Baker, 13 Augeur, 14 Herbert, 15 Botting, 16 Hurst, 17 Howe, 18 Prior, 19 Corks, 20 Archer, 21 Maxwell, 22 F. J. Grern, 23 Jordan, 24 Mabey, 25 Priest, 26 Augeur, 27 Archer. Team sperials: 1, J. W. Rennle; 2, Lee and Kearney; 3, W. R. Augner (and best novice team); Trowers', Maxwell; Hydes', Richardson; Ramsden, Easterling; Easterling, Mabey. S.Y.C.C. sperials: Champion, best cork, Hawes Bros.; hen, Crisp; vhe, Mabey. Novire, cock, Rogers; hen, Augeur. Members' specials: Cup best unflighted Norwich, Luff; Yorkshire, Found; pencil case best vhr, novire, Palmer; best rhamp, Yorks., Warley; Norwich, Easterling; novice, Yorks., Holloway; Norwich, Palmer; Brit. bird, Dewhurst; best bird shown by a lady, Mrs. Gill.—F. Easterling.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A lecture was given in the Assembly Room, Weavers' Institutr, on October 22nd, by Mr. S. W. Birchley, entitled "In Birdland with a Camera." Dr. Jackson, J.P., proved a very capable chairman, and in introduring the lerturer, gave his listeners a very appropriate but short speerh, and at the close expressed his great pleasure in seeing and hearing the lecture, whirh was illustrated by photos taken from Nature, at very great expense and personal risk by Mr. Birchley. The elertric light was used for the first time with the photos, and produced a far better and clearer pirture than the ordinary gas or lime-light rcproduction. The lecturer declared that the Assembly room was the finest hall he had had the pleasure to lecture in. The audience, though not so numerous as desired, was very appreciative, and showed it at the close of the lecture in the usual Lancashire way, by a hearty clap. The lecturer and his operator, Mr. Howard, were kindly entertained, and put up for the night by the secretary of the Nelson C.B.S., whose kindness was very much appreciated.—John England.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

For the meeting arranged in connection with the Rochdale Town Hall Show a large number of members were present, Mr. J. Law taking the chair. The most important business was the appointment of Mr. C. Whitehead to the post of secretary, and I hope members will rally round him. It was decided that our treasurer, Mr. Wm. Hardy, of Oldham, should judge the birds eligible to compete for medal for best bird in champion section, the Rochdale O.C. giving us full permission to remove the required birds, for which we tender our hearty thanks. It was decided that we take the highest bird of any member in every class, which resulted in 10 birds being brought out, and the judge awarded the medal to Mr. W. Adams. This gave satisfaction to all our members. It was also decided to hold our next meeting at Littleborough in connection with their show, which is being held the last Saturday in November. Below is the list of points gained in competitions by our members at the show:—Champion Section: Messrs. W. Lee 24 points, Adams 22, Conaghy 15, Garner 15, Nadin 14, Oldham 14, Lowe 8, and Laycock 3; Novice Section: Messrs. Turner 21 points, Fish 17, Fitton 13, Whitehead 13, Beattie, 7.—Wm. Adams.

The Shows.

BRISTOL.

The 19th show of the Bristol F.A. was held in the Drill Hall on Oct. 27th and 28th, and was again a big success, the entry being good, just over 600, and the quality splendid right through the show; especially was this so in the Crest, Cinnamon and Yorkshire sections, where the handsome challenge bowls drew together some wonderfully fine specimens. The arrangements were splendid. Mr. T. R. Ind was again the superintendent of the section, with Mr. E. A. Lovell as his assistant, and Mrs. A. B. Roberts, with Messrs. A. S. Bann, F. Buckland, S. H. Maggs, and E. G. Screen, as stewards, and a better lot of workers one could not desire. The exhibits were all nicely staged and most carefully fed and watered whilst the room in which they were shown was brilliantly lighted, and made very snug and comfortable by a big heavy curtain, which was thrown across the doorway. The Bristol executive know how to run a show, and they do it. Mr. A. Tottle, the chairman of the general committee, takes more than a passing interest in cage birds, and he was ever ready to help by his advice and guidance, whilst, Mr. G. T. H. Magga, the general secretary, did all that such an official could do in the interests of exhibitors and exhibits. Mr. T. Heath judged Norwich Crests, Cinnamons, A.O.V., and Selling, and Mr. C. A. House the remainder; and their awards gave general satisfaction.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (27): 1, Smith, very slim and racy, capital length, grand colour, quality, and style; 2, Dukes, grand length and shape, rare feather and style, hardly so finely drawn; 3, Keegan, grizzled wing, lovely colour and feather, very smart and racy; 4, vhc, Jeffrey, wing tick, rare shape, not so tight; 5, Ellis; hc, c, Gamble. BUFF (22): 1, Bond, very sweet-bodied bird, lovely colour, and quality of feather, full of nerve; 2, Price, grand, sleek, close feathered, variegated sweet head, grand back, wings and tail; 3, Burton, grand-bodied clear, rare shape and feather, stands like a soldier; 4, no name, grand shape and feather, palo in col.; 5, Halliday and Chittenden; vhc, Phipps; hc, Hamilton; c, Morgan and Wilcox. HEN, YELL. (19): 1, Bond, grandly modelled clear, full of style, lovely col., and feather, rare wings and tail; 2, Taylor, heavy marked, but a gem for shape, col., feather, and carriage; 3, Ellis, rattling clear, grand wings and tail, beautiful feather, splendid carriage and nerve; 4, Dukes, very smart-bodied cl.; 5, Parsons; vhc, c, Martin; hc, Miss Jelley. BUFF (20): 1, Beer, most charming wing tkd, fine head and neck, rare shape, feather, and style; 2, 3, c, Lovell, again a wing tkd, of grand type and feather, lovely style, and nicely fed; 3, grizzled in neck, stands up like a soldier, and shows plenty of nerve, is well cut away, and beautifully feathered; 4, Halliday and Chittenden, eye tkd., grand style and feather, but stonter; 5, Dukes, sweet shaped cl., grand feather; vhc, Morgan; hc, Parson. NON-FED (12): 1, Lovell, magnificent buff, a most typical Yorkie, size of the cup winner in 1909 class; 2, vhc, Keegan, lovely feathered yellow of grand shape and style; 3, Scase, very smart and showy yellow, but does not handle his wings quite so smartly; 4, c, Pool; 5, Ashman; hc, Mrs. Pace. BRED 1909 (38): 1, and challenge bowl, Lovell, a clr. buff, a regular little picture, very slim and stylish, fine head and neck, lovely back, wings and tail, as tight as wax, and shown to perfection; 2, Taylor, neck tkd., yell., very finely drawn, magnificent col., style, and feather, rare wings and tail; 3, Easterling, thigh tkd. buff, one of the sweetest, grand in shape, full of quality, neat head, wings and tail, plenty of nerve; 4, hc, Burton, grand shaped yell., rare col., and quality, stands well, but opens tail; 5, Hamilton, grand yell., but wants handling; vhc, Smith; c, Morgan. NOVICE (36): 1, Alford, grand shape and carriage, beautifully feathered, and full of nerve, a grand Yorkie; 2, Davis, equally good buff, quite toss up, either could have won, grandly finished and stands remarkably well; 3, Cox, another very finely drawn yell., full of quality, grand shape and carriage; 4, hc, Potter, neck tkd. buff, most beautifully feathered, grand carriage; 5, Smith, long, slim, finely drawn yell., full of nerve; vhc, Morgan; c, Thomson. LANCS. COPPY AND PLAINHEAD: Both cancelled. BRED 1909 (10): 1, 4, vhc, Turner, grand shaped yell. coppy, and buff Plainhead, both massive and full of feather, with grand style; 2, 3, 5, Ind, very nice team, yell. Plainhead, tkd. buff coppy, and tkd. yell. coppy, former very nice shape, length and carriage; 3rd has plenty of feather and is of good substance, whilst 5th has great length, and when finished moulting may possibly beat the other two; hc, c, Tottle. MULES, GOLDIE (15): 1, Locke, beautiful four-pointed yell., as tight as wax, full of col., grand face and wings; 2, Arnold, also a four-pointed yell., but not so well-balanced in marking, rare shape, col., and feather; 3, Davis, again a four-pointed yell., beautiful col. and feather, nice shape, heavier in marking; 4, Edwards, well-known four-pointed buff; 5, Gough, smart dark jonque; vhc, Miss Byerley; hc, Lees; c, Tilley. A.O.V. (8): 1, Lees, grandly feathered, nice coloured, showy light Linnet; 2, Mrs. Freke, rich coloured, well marked, nice shaped Goldie-Bullie; 3, 5, Edwards, well-known Linnet-Bullie, grand col. and feather, and a good Greenie-Canary; 4, Davis, well-marked Siskin-Canary; vhc, Winterburn; hc, Bessell. BRIT GOLDIE (18): 1, Tilley, very large square-cut blaze of rich deep col., lovely checks and collar, grand bars and buttons, good chest; 2, 5, Williams, two grandly mkd. birds, blazes, bars and buttons, all very cleanly cut, neither of them so fit as winner, but when they are someone will know it; 3, Herbert, not so large in blaze, beautiful rich col., charming style and feather, neat buttons; 4, Coggins, very smart in shape and feather, beautifully cut markings; vhc, Vincent; hc, Reynolds; c, Hussey; much the best class of Goldies we have seen this season. BULLIE (16): 1, 2, White, two gems, look almost as though they came out of the same mould, almost perfect in shape, markings, and feather, and both most beautifully coloured, staged in grand form; 3, Russell, grand shape and size, beautifully feathered, lovely back and bars, very grand cap; 4, Bacon, big and shapely, nice feather; 5, Baseley; vhc, Jones; hc, Winterburn; c, Morris. LINNET (15): 1, 3, Lovell, the brightest and soundest col. in the class, beautifully mkd., grandly feathered, and nice shape; 3rd, fine big splendidly mkd. bird, capital feather and carriage, not so nutty in col.; 2, Miss Byerley, fine, big, bouncing fellow, most evenly mkd., grand feather, not so rich in col.; 4, Rees, again plenty of size and good shape; 5, vhc, Hopkins and Allsop; hc, Hussey; c, Cook. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Lovell, fine big Redpoll, rare bloom and tightners of feather, beautifully mkd.; 2, Hipwell, large, well mkd., rich coloured Siskin, splendid feather and very steady; 3, 4, vhc, Russell, grand shaped, rich coloured, well feathered, steady Twite, and a Siskin almost equal to 2nd if not quite; 5, Cook; hc, Miss Byerley; c, White. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, Parsons, lovely Blackbird, most charming Crocusbill, great depth of body col.; 2, Lee, another superb Blackbird, in bill, shape, size, and feather quite the equal of winner, beaten in body col.; 3, Jones, very large Starling, grandly spangled, and full of rich metallic lustre; 4, hc, Silcox, well marked Thrush; 5, Lean and Son; vhc, Tilley; absent, Pearce. A.O.V. (28): 1, Tilley, very rich col. Meadow Pipit, most lovely col. and marking, not a feather out of place, and wonderfully steady; 2, Lean and Son, well-known winning Wheatear in superb condition; 3, Bond Bros., the champion Cornish Chough, in lovely fettle; 4, Jones, pretty little Warbler; 5, Bacon, well mkd. Chaffinch; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, Barnett; c, Bessell. FOR. LARGE (8): 1, Davies and Wilkins, a stranger to us, but a wonderfully handsome bird of the Jay family; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Mrs. Sage, very grandly feathered, rich col., well mkd. Senegal Parrot, and a most charming pair of White Doves in rare feather; 3, Hodgkin, well feathered and rich col. Oriole Weaver; 5, Smith, pretty pair of Cockatecls. SMALL (11): 1, hc, Mrs. Sage, splendid pair of yell. Budgerigars, large and good col.; 2, Miss Walker, very fine Bishop, rich col. and grandly feathered; 3, Miss Bousfield; 4, Brain; 5, vhc, Hodgkin; c, Bell. MEMBERS, YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Mrs. Roberts. BUFF (2): 1, Mrs. Roberts; 2, Chappell. MULE (1): 1, Cairns. BRIT. (1): 1, Carnes.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Osmond, grand specimen, splendid wing carriage, clean cut away; 2, Rippon, short cobby bird, well up in size, not much to choose between; 3, Godley, splendid col., good head, crosses his wings, which no doubt put him back; 4, Spoor, real Nor. type; 5, Tristem and Taylor, grand col.; vhc, Pickford; hc, Luckton; c, Strathcombe. BUFF (8): 1, Tristem and Taylor, real good one, plenty of substance, good wing carriage, clean cut away, runs right away from rest in class; 2, Steele, some thought very lucky, had bad wing carriage; 3, Brown, A1 type, splendid stock bird; 4, Luxton, well mealed, grand shape; 5, Brain, grandly mealed; vhc, Rippon; hc, Spoor; c, Young. TKD. ETC. (11): A grand class; 1, 2, Tristem and Taylor, 1st tkd. buff, grand quality, A1 carriage, plenty of substance, all over a Norwich, wins; 2nd, nearly even mkd. yell., not much to choose between; 3, Spoor, well known winner, looking a little thick to-day; 4, Garland, eye tkd., splendid head, nice wing carriage, short flights and tail; 5, Southcombe, grand head, splendidly mealed; vhc, Banbury; hc, Steele; c, George. HEN (11): 1, Brown, clear buff, plenty of substance, good wing carriage, well packed flights and tail; 2, A. A. Pool, lovely quality feather, good head and neck, only wants tightening up to make a topper; 3, Hodder, yell., splendid specimen, looking a little soft; 4, George, magnificent buff; 5, Rippon; vhc, Edwards; hc, Spoor; c, Brain. NOR. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Green, buff, real Norwich properties, well over the perch, good one; 2, Spoor, splendid quality feather, not quite ready; 3, Tottle, grand shape and quality, only want size; 4, Pool, good big one; 5, Spoor, yell., loses only in size; vhc, Garland; hc, Viney; c, Tottle. UNFLIG., BRED 1909 (13): 1, Tristem and Taylor, wing, eye and capped mkd. yell., real topper, splendid head and neck, good wing carriage, compact flights and tail, romps home; 2, Banbury, lovely quality of feather, real Norwich type, plenty of substance and clean cut away; 3, Greenwood and Burson, plenty of size, quality and carriage, good stock bird; 4, Garland, yell., hard luck here meeting these topping buffs to-day, real topper; 5, Rippon, plenty, nice size, quality; vhc, Osmond; hc, Brain; c, Luxton. NOR. NOVICE (18): 1, Gardener, neck mkd. buff, gem of a Norwich, take care of him Mr. G., he will do you some more good; 2, Bryant, wing and eye mkd. buff, splendid shape, well mealed, short compact wings and tail; 3, Edwards, yell. ticked in neck, teeming in col., nice quality feather, takes perches nicely; 4, Master Pool, A1 buff, lovely boxwood feather, well shown; 5, Pickford, only wants size; vhc, Bryant; hc, Porter; c, Master Pool. CREST YELL. CK.: Cancelled. CL. BODY (dark, grey or cl. Crest) BUFF CK. (9): 1, Taylor, cl. body dark Crest, will take some stopping when ready; 2, Bale, cl., good all-round bird, inclined to split left side, well made up; 3, Evins Bros., cl. body dark Crest, good centre; 4, Colledge, cl. body dark Crest, soft at time of report, not finished moulting, crest will some down a bit; 5, Colledge, cl. body, griz. Crest; vhc, Ford; hc, Colledge; c, King. TKD. ETC. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Taylor, old champion, looking as well as ever, needs no comment; 2, King, very good bird, but not up to 1st, will improve however; 3, Smith, variegated Crest, good bird; 4, Simmonds, wing mkd. dark Crest, splendid bird; 5, Cory, even marked dark Crest, we think 1st at Plymouth; vhc, Simmonds; hc, College; c, Joyce. CREST. HEN (14): 1, Taylor, varieg. Crest, good all-round hen, splendid centre; 2, Evins Bros., nearly green, splendid Crest, been washing; 3, Cory, even mkd. dark Crest, nice leafy feather and crest, first in novice class last year, we think; 4, Smith, wing mkd. dark Crest, looking a little out of sorts at time of reporting; 5, Mills, variegated dark Crest; vhc, College; hc, King. CREST., BRED IN 1909 (the Bristol Bowl Class) (13): 1, spl bowl, Taylor, nearly green, wonderful frontal and thick drooping crest, real topper; 2, Evins Bros., varieg. D.C., good frontal; 3, Bale, right wing mkd., good all-round Crest, we think; 4, Miles and Spencer, good frontal, will be heard of again; 5, King, good Crest; vhc, Greenwood and Burson; hc, College; c, Smith. CREST., NOV Cancelled. C.-B. YELL. CK.: Cancelled. C.B. BUFF: Cancelled. BUFF, VARIEG., ETC., CK. (9): 1, spl, Mills, monster C.B., marvellous width of skull and length of head feather, grand one; 2, Taylor, another green, good bird altogether; 3, Bale, fine head feather; 4, Smith, good body green, grand width of skull; 5, King, fine size; vhc, Greenwood and Burson; hc, Simmonds; c, Colledge. HEN (9): 1, Taylor, green C.-B. wonderful head properties, well staged; 2, Taylor, smart-bodied hen, lovely Nor. type; 3, A. A. Pool, green C.B., good length of feather; 4, Mills, varieg. buff, nice dark crest, looking a little seedy; 5, Evins Bros.; vhc, Bale; hc, Simmonds; c, Straw. C.B., BRED IN 1909 (the Lord Mayor's Bowl Class) (17): 1 and Lord Mayor's special bowl, and 21s. C.C.C. special, Bale, heavily varieg. buff, wonderful length of head feather, real gem, wins; 2, no name; 3, no name, two exceedingly good birds, hard to find fault with; 4, Cory, varieg. buff, good body; 5, Pool, good length of feather; vhc, Pool; hc, Simmonds; c, Joyce. NOVICE: Cancelled. CINN. NOR. YELL., CK.: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. CINN., HEN: Cancelled. CINN. NOR. UNFLIG (also Bowl class) (13): 1, Dormer, most typical specimen, needs no comments; 2, 3, Riding, 2nd close up, splendid col., grand carriage and well over perch; 3rd another good one, only wants tightening up a little; 5, c, Dormer, lovely col; vhc, hc, Godley. A.O.V. Cancelled. SELL. (30s.), CREST, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (20s.) (10): 1, Norman; 2, Edwards; 3, Mrs. Love; 4, Canning; 5, Walker; vhc, Morgan; hc, Spoor; c, Pool. (10s.): 1, Tristem and Taylor; 2, Spoor; 3, Pool; 5, Quarman; vhc, Mrs. Love; hc, Lovell; c, Buckland. MEMBERS, NOR. CREST (5): 1, 2, 3, Ind, 1st immense crest, clearly defined centre, grand droop, 2nd really good bird, 3rd another topper; vhc, Miles and Spencer; hc, Mrs. Roberts. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Ind, two grand birds, need no comment; 3, Miles and Spencer; vhc, Mrs. Roberts. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Brown; 2, Roberts. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Brown; 2, Roberts.

PAIGNTON.

The Torbay O.S. held their third annual show on October 27th, and they must be heartily congratulated upon achieving a great success. The venue was again the Town Hall, a most excellent place for a bird show, being well lighted, roomy, and quite free from draughts. The President (H. Whitley, Esq.) once again kindly lent the Society a splendid collection of palms, ferns and flowers to decorate the hall, and these being nicely grouped, gave a most pleasing appearance. The quality of the exhibits in nearly all the classes was most excellent. Norwich and Yorkshires were particularly good, and the competition most keen. The special for best in these two sections fell to Mr. Easterling's grand clear yellow Yorkshire, after a tough fight with the clear yellow Norwich of Messrs. Gill and Pethick's. The special for best Britisher went to Mr. W. Howe for his Great Grey Shrike, a bird of much merit and nicely put down. In the dark Mule class, the Exeter winning Canary-Bullie of Messrs. Lashbrooke and Son, was easily second, and was looking well. The members' classes contained many nice exhibits; several of the winners would have done well in the open. The exhibits were nicely staged round the hall, and were well looked after by a good working committee of genuine fanciers, of whom Mr. Webber is the popular chairman. Mr. C. Parnell makes an ideal secretary, being most methodical, courteous, and obliging, and the Society should feel fortunate in having such a capable officer at the helm. Catalogues with marginal awards and specials were on sale within half-an-hour of the last slip being handed in, a truly smart performance, reflecting the greatest credit on all concerned. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne, whose awards gave satisfaction.

The Open Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl., c, Gill and Pethick, gem for shape, col., and quality, clean cut, grand wing carriage and neat well-carried tail, nice head and full neck; 2, Collins, brimful of quality, splendid shape, nice short flights and tail; 3, Totle, head, neck, and wing mkd., nice shape, beautiful silky feather; vhc, Lee; hc, Redwood; No. 9 wrong class, a buff. BUFF (13): 1, spl., Gill and Pethick, beautiful shape, nice short flights and tail, rich under-col., neat head, short full neck; 2, Brown, lovely shape, nice col. and quality, grand wing carriage, well mealed; 3, Redwood, nice shaped body, beautiful quality, neat head; vhc, Daw; hc, Collins; c, Yates. HEN YELL. (9): 1, spl., c, Gill and Pethick, cl., good shape, nice col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, Collins, cl., splendid shape, nice col. and quality, short flights and tail, good carriage; 3, Smith, lovely col. and quality, good head, nice flights and tail; vhc, Tottle; hc, Spillman. NON-FLIG. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, spl., Redwood, cl., clinker for shape, col., and quality, nicely rounded chest, full neck, good flights and tail; 2, Garland, mkd. left wing, short cobby body, beautiful col. and quality, short flights and tail; 3, Parrish, mkd. head, neck, wing, and tail, good shape; vhc, Daw; hc, Nicks; c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Dart, mkd. head, eyes and wings, thick-set, shapely body, with good head and neck, short wings and tail, neat head, beautiful quality of feather, gem; 2, hc, Gill and Pethick, splendid shape, short flights and tail, lovely col. and quality, nice full neck, neat head; 3, Rowden, eye and head mkd., lovely feather, nice shape, good col.; vhc, Collins; c, Parrish. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl., spl. over Nor., Easterling, stands like a Guardsman on good pair of legs, beautiful col., fine long well-packed flights; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, rare length, well up on leg, nice flights and tail, good back; 3, Dykes, grand stand, lovely quality of feather, nice back; vhc, Thomas; hc, Fox; c, Parnell and Son. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Dykes, wing tkd., magnificent quality feather, close as boxwood, lovely wing carriage, nice whip tail, stands well; 2, Easterling, splendid length, grand quality, lovely back and front; 3, Stonelake, straight as a pencil, nice quality feather, neat head, good wing carriage; vhc, Thomas; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Parnell and Son. HEN YELL. CL., ETC. (11): 1, spl., Dykes, cl., slim built, beautiful quality, rich level col., well up on leg, good wings and tail; 2, Tucker, nice col. and quality, good back, long flights and tail, nice stand; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, mkd. eyes and wings, slim built, good stand and style; vhc, Fox; hc, c, Bowden. NON-FLIG. YELL. (9): 1, spl., Clark and Hodge, rare length, slim built, straight as a rush, stands well, good feather and col., nice long flights and tail; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, lovely quality feather, nice wings and tail, neat head; 3, Dykes, tkd. neck and right wing, hot col., nice stand; vhc, Thomas; hc, Jewell; c, Richards. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Clark and Hodge, cl., splendid length and stand, slim built, well up on leg, feather like wax, grand quality; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, mkd. head, neck, and wings, close on heels of winner; 3, Easterling, grizzled on head, good col. and feather, nice style and position; vhc, Thomas; hc, Fox; c, Parnell and Son. CREST (10): 1, spl., 2, Piper, two grand birds, winner good long frontal crest, coming well to beak-end, nice droop, 2nd nearly green, well formed circular crest, nicely radiated and good in droop; 3, Huskell, wing mkd., nice back crest, good droop and radiation, lovely quality; vhc, c, Davy; hc, Ryder. C.-B. (10): 1, spl., 3, Piper, winner long and wide in head feather, well lashed, good entrance and back skull, 3rd nice cushion-shaped skull, good entrance, dense head feather; 2, vhc, hc, Davy, nice skull, good length of head feather, well browed; c, Preston. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, spl., Butt, yell. Belg., nice straight back, good side, nervy and stands well; 2, Lee, jonque Cinn., good shape and feather, sound col., of good depth, nicely pencilled; 3, Jones, yell. Scots, quick worker, gets head well down, good drive, well cleaned out; vhc, Tottle; hc, Jones; c, Richards. DARK CAN. MULE (11): 1, spl., Lashbrooke and Sons, Can-Bullfinch, rare size, col., and feather, wins easy; 2, Collins, charming little Redpoll-Can., nice shape, beautifully feathered, well mkd.; 3, Rowe and Richards, jonque Goldfinch, nice face, grand feather and condition; vhc, Badcock; hc, Stonelake; c, Mugford. BRIT GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl., Rowe and Richards, romps home an easy winner, grand face, well tanned chest, nice back, buttons and bars; 2, vhc, Cockram, nice bars and buttons, well tanned, cl. checks; 3, Beard, grand bars and buttons, not quite up in face yet; hc, Tucker; c, Clark and Hodge. A.O.S. BRIT. LARGE (8): 1, spl., Howe, Great Grey Shrike, beautiful feather, grandly mkd., in fine form; 2, Webber, Hawfinch, grand feather, lovely col., well cut bib, in nice order; 3, Beard, grand Fieldfare, beautifully mkd., rare size and shape, a good one; vhc, Rees; hc, Howard; c, Webber. SMALL (6): 1, spl., Jones, Whinchat, lovely little exhibit, beautifully feathered and mkd., nicely put down, Exeter winner; 2, Wills, yell. Bunting, splendid feather, grand col. and well mkd., good size; 3, Beard, Nightingale, nice feather and col., good hold eye; vhc, Evans; hc, Rosser; c, Rowe and Richards. SELL. (20/-) (20): 1, spl., Collins; 2, Easterling; 3, Rowden; vhc, Jewell, Tottle; hc, Gill and Pethick, Beale; c, Redwood, Pope. (10/-) (12): 1, spl., Pope; 2, Rowden; 3, Veale; vhc, Daw, Nicks; hc Nicks; c, Nosworthy.

The Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, Redwood; 3, Daw; vhc, c, Hosken; hc, J. N. and J. Jeffrey. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, Redwood; 3, J. N. and J. Jeffrey; vhc, Daw; hc, Hosken; c, Bastard. HEN (10): 1, 2, J. N. and J. Jeffrey; 3, Daw; vhc, Bastard; hc, Redwood; c, Hosken. UNFLIG-YELL. (5): 1, spl, Redwood; 2, 3, Daw; vhc, Fox; hc, Nicks. BUFF (4): 1, Fox; 2, 3, J. N. and J. Jeffrey; vhc, Daw. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Hodge; 3, vhc, Parnell and Son; hc, Hosken; c, Lamble. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Parnell and Son; 2, Hodge; 3, Bamberry; vhc, Heathman; hc, Lamble. HEN (5): 1, Hodge; 2, Hosken; 3, vhc, hc, Bamberry. NON-FLIG. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hodge. BUFF (1): 1, Hodge. GREEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Innes. A.V. NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, 3, Elliott; 2, hc, Tozer; vhc, Webber. LIGHT ETC. MULE (1): 1, Fox. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, Fox; 2, Hodge; 3, Mugford; vhc, Hyne. HYB. CAN. (1): 1, spl, Collins. BRIT. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Elliott. SMALL (17): 1, vhc, Miss Tozer; 2, 3, hc, Miss Elliott; c, Badcott. HEN (6): 1, Miss Tozer; 2, Hyne; 3, Miss Elliott; vhc, Badcott; hc, Webber; c, Jeffery. FOR. LARGE (1): 1, Miss Tozer. CARDINAL AND SMALLER (1): 1, Parnell and Son. JUNIOR CLASSES.—NOR. (7): 1, Veale; 2, 3, Bastard; vhc, hc, Jeffrey; c, Parnell. A.O.V. (6): 1, Veale; 2, Parnell; 3, Elliott; vhc, c, Hyne; hc, Jeffrey.

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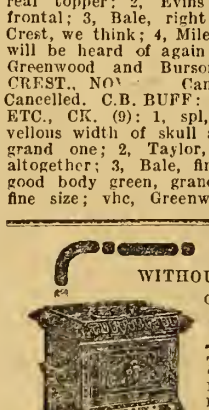
Canary Show, held in the Assembly Rooms, on October 16th. There were 71 birds in six classes. Mr. Sam Dean judged and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, spl for best unflig., S. Denby; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Hartley; vhc, Middlebrook; hc, Holmes; c, Townley. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Denby; 2, Holmes; 3, Barker; 4, Whittingham; vhc, Townley; c, Walton. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Denby; 2, Hird and Simpson; 3, Barker; vhc, Livesey; hc, Wade; c, Smith and Son. BUFF (7): 1, Hird and Simpson; 2, 3, Denby; 4, Walton; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Barker; c, Smith. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (21): 1, 4, hc, Denby; 2, 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Wade; c, Walton. BUFF (15): 1, Walton; 2, Wade; 3, Townley; 4, Barker; vhc, Denby; hc, Smith; c, Livesey.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful members' show was held on October 23rd in the Friends' School, Leeds-road, Attercliffe, a very good room for a show, being well lighted by large windows on both sides, as well as being nice and lofty, and having good light on at night. The birds, too, were free from draughts. Entries came up well, 346 birds being staged, while the exhibits were all that could be desired. It is noticeable how the novices are coming up; two of them got the first and second specials for best young Yorkshires in show. The committee are indebted to the following gentlemen for contributing special prizes: Messrs. Bingham, Bradshaw, Crookes, Carl, Dickinson, Garnett, Hodkin, Peace, Scott and Walsh. Winners of specials:—For best young Yorks., F. Jones; 2nd, G. Revell; 3rd, W. H. Champion; for best young Nor., E. Johnson; 2nd, T. Hemmings; 3rd, J. Woolhouse; for best Crest, old, J. W. Crookes; young, J. Evans; Crest-bred, old, G. Moore; young, J. Evans; for most points Crest or C.B., J. W. Crookes; British, P. Walsh; 2nd, H. Bishop; 3rd, A. Hobson. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. The secretaries, Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, had everything well in hand, and with the help of Mr. A. Hobson, as steward, the arrangements were carried out expeditiously and well.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Havenhand; 2, 4, Woolhouse; 3, Lindsey. BUFF: 1, Havenhand; 2, 3, Lindsey; 4, Richardson. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Champion; 2, Spencer; 3, Richardson; 4, Cowley. CL. ETC. HEN: 1, Richardson; 2, Bingham; 3, Woolhouse; 4, Lindsey. BUFF: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Lindsey; 4, Tow. BUFF CK.: 1, Hemmings; 2, 4, Woolhouse; 3, Tow. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Woolhouse; 2, 4, Tow; 3, Taylor. NOR. HEN: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Tow; 4, Hemmings. CREST CK.: 1, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, 4, Moore. HEN: 1, Evans; 2, Crookes; 3, Godfrey; 4, Moore. CREST (old birds): 1, Crookes; 2, Moore; 3, Peace; 4, Godfrey. C.B.: 1, Moore; 2, 3, Crookes; 4, Memmott. LINNET: 1, Bishop; 2, Walsh; 3, Bower; 4, Spencer. GREENFINCH: 1, Bishop; 2, Porter; 3, Bennett; 4, Hobson. REDPOLLS, ETC.: 1, 3, Walsh; 2, Bishop; 4, Hobson. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, Scott. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, Crapper. OLD BIRDS.—YELL. YORKS.: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Spencer; 4, Jennett. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Lindsey; 3, Lockwood; 4, Scott. MKD.: 1, Spencer; 2, 4, Lindsey; 3, Kent. YELL. HEN: 1, Cowley; 2, Richardson; 3, Binge; 4, Havenhand. BUFF: 1, Lindsey; 2, Richardson; 3, Binge; 4, Havenhand. YELL. NOR.: 1, Porter; 2, Tow; 3, Havenhand; 4, Hemmings. BUFF: 1, Havenhand; 2, Taylor; 3, Johnson; 4, Tow. MKD. NOR.: 1, Johnson; 2, Havenhand; 3, Taylor; 4, Bradshaw. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Havenhand; 2, Hemmings; 4, Tow. BUFF: 1, Porter; 2, Taylor; 3, Havenhand; 4, Tow. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Revill; 2, Bradshaw; 3, 4, Kent. BUFF: 1, 4, Jones; 2, 3, Revill. MKD.: 1, Bunting; 2, Webster; 3, Bennett; 4, Jones. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hutton; 3, Webster; 4, Kent. BUFF: 1, Kent; 2, Jones; 3, 4, Thorpe. MKD. BUFF NOR.: 1, 2, Hobson; 3, Richards; 4, Hobson. HEN: 1, Scott; 2, Hobson; 3, 4, Richards.

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CLAPHAM.

Held October 27th and 28th, in the Avondale Hall, a splendid venue, which we have before had occasion to praise as being all one could wish for the purpose. A very good entry was received in response to the generous classification and prize money offered, and in every section the quality of the exhibits was grand. The Norwich Plainheads were a very fine lot, while some clinking good Yorkshires were staged. The chief features, however, were the British and Foreign sections. These contained birds of the very highest merit and such as are seldom seen, even at the Glasshouse. There was, however, one disappointment to fanciers and visitors which was occasioned by the absence of Mrs. Frostick's much-talked-of Dartford Warbler, but our representative understood that circumstances had arisen (over which Mrs. F. had no control) which decided her not to exhibit the bird. Mr. Maxwell's old champions, the Chough and Magpie, the only survivors of his disastrous fire of some few seasons ago, were in their usual places, looking as bonny as ever. The insectivorous classes contained some gems, notably the Hon. Mrs. Burke's Nightingale. Mr. Maxwell's Black Redstart and Yellow Wagtail, and Mr. Frostick's Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, claimed their fair share of attention. One Magpie, tired of waiting for the judge, was taking a fly round the hall. The Foreigners, always a centre of interest, were particularly strong in numbers and quality. The now well-known King Bird of Paradise filled the one and only place that could possibly be alloted to such a gem. One new-comer was a very pretty Ruby-throated Flycatcher, exhibited by Mr. Miller, sweet little bird in exquisite condition. Mr. Chas. Cooper's well known Blue and Yellow Macaw was as chirpy as ever. Mr. Maxwell won the challenge cup for most points in the show. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, who was graciously pleased to become a member of the Society, and purchased a bird before leaving. The able and very hard-working Secretary, Mr. A. C. Askew, had made admirable arrangements and well merited the success which met his efforts. He was efficiently assisted by the other officials, comprising: Committee—Canaries: Messrs. S. H. W. Baker, D. T. Barker, A. W. Masters, T. G. Morris, R. A. Newley, A. L. Priest, M. Thorpe, G. J. Warley. British Birds: J. Brighty, F. Clark, W. Francis, E. Hathaway, T. J. Hose. Foreign: C. Cooper. Hybrids: E. Sexton. The judges were Messrs. J. Dobson, W. Mundell, and A. Silver. Their awards seemed to be well received.

The Yorkshire Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Jones, blaze of col., long flights, piped tail, grand position, a stormer; 2, Robertshaw, pale col., long flights and tail, magnificent quality; 3, Messrs. Hartley, unflig., rich col., grand flights and tail, good head, well up; vhc, Forse and Son; hc, Crisp; c, Tighe. BUFF (8): 1, Robertshaw, rich col., boxey feather, neat head, clean on breast, grand position, well placed; 2, Mabey, boxey feather, nice wings and tail, neat head, rich col.; 3, Warley, long flights and tail, nice quality, grand head, good third; vhc, Baker; hc, Easterling; c, Tighe. TKD. ETC. (6): 1, spl, Robertshaw, true mark, buff, lovely feather, long flights and tail, full of nerve, good first; 2, Dyke, yell, tick, rich col., neat head, grand position, magnificent quality; 3, Hartley, buff tick, long flights, typical, lovely col., silky feather; vhc, Crisp; hc, Forse. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Messrs. Hartley, yell. cap and wing mark, rich col., boxey feather, position, very fine bird; 2, Jones, buff, blaze of col., mealy feather, stands well on leg, well braced wings and tail; 3, Crisp, yell., very slim, full of quality, neat head, clean on chest; vhc, Dykes; hc, c, Baker. NOVICE CL. YELL. (14): 1, Cook, good bird, rich col., neat wings and tail, nice position, magnificent quality; 2, Beeney, hen, very slim, splendid quality, piped tail, nice head; 3, Taylor, rich col., lovely feather, nice position, well braced wings, piped tail; vhc, Holloway; hc, Miss Hall; c, Brookes. BUFF (11): 1, Beeney, typical, good head, clean on chest, well braced wings, a credit to its owner; 2, Hall, position and quality A1, long flights and tail; 3, Silverthorne, very stylish, magnificent quality, sound col.; vhc, Cook; hc, Parks; c, Hall. TKD. ETC. (15): 1, Silverthorne, buff, cheek tick, rich col., full of quality, excellent position; 2, Fenton, variegated, yell., boxey feather, good head, wings and tail, worth its place; 3, King, variegated, buff, neat head, lovely quality, grand position; vhc, Eborn; hc, Clark; c, Silverthorne. UNFLIG. (22): 1, vhc, Cook, yell., typical, neat head, well braced wings, rich col., staged in good form; 2, Dixon, buff, boxey feather, stands well on leg, long flights and tail, good 2nd; 3, Joyce, yell., sound col., nice feather, grand position, very slim; hc, Taylor; c, King. MEMBERS' CHAMP. (4): 1, 2, 3, Warley, all birds full of quality, and of good position; vhc, Askew. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Warley, nice team, slim and upstanding; 3, hc, Askew, 3rd good one. NOVICE (20): 1, 2, 3, Holloway, all creditable birds; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Masters; c, Honeysett. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 2, 3, hc, Honeysett, again really creditable; vhc, Yeoman; c, Masters.

The Norwich and Borders.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Richardson, big, bouncing bird, nice feather, rather wide in head, and a trifle long in shaft; 2, Kilby, lovely head, rare body, shorter in wings and tail, grand colour and quality; 3, Ellis, smaller, rich colour, lovely feather. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Hodder, close as wax, nicely moulded, neat fitting wings, well braced, grand under-colour and mealy; 2, Kilby, beautiful under-colour, well burnished head, grand bird; 3, Sprules, soft, silky, close-fitting feather, typical to a fault, not quite so rich underneath, perhaps; vhc, Ellis; hc, Rippon; c, Godfrey. CL. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Kilby, ticked yell., gem for colour and feather, soft and gorselike, and on a yellow, grand head, bold chest; 2, Battison, also ticked yellow, short wings and tail, not nearly so full of colour, but fine quality; 3, Rippon, ticked buff, splendidly moulded, good head, rich undercolour, stands well across; vhc, Rippon; hc, Godfrey; c, Battison. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Hodder, yellow, nice feather, colour, neat head and wing carriage, soft at the time we saw it; 2, Godfrey, buff, rare silky feather, grand type, nice head, back, wing, and undercolour; 3, Midgley, yellow, beautiful shape and colour, nice head very clubby body; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Rippon; c, Pavey. OPEN NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Botell, beautiful flowing feather, full chest, good back and wings, rich colour, trifle long in tail; 2, Lack, non-fed, apparently a hen, if so, a gem, beautiful head, rare quality; 3, Lack, rich colour, grand quality, trifle thinner in build; vhc, Botell; hc, Law, c, Bellinger. BUFF (14): 1, Bellinger, really nice mould, rich quality, rare chest and head, just a trifle cut off at rump; 2, Medleycott, very sweet, grand quality; 3, Botell, full of colour, rare size, rather long in barrel; vhc, Lack; hc, Dixon; c, Mrs. Thynne. TKD. ETC. (16): 1, Read, saddle marked buff, very typical, soft bloomy feather, short wings and tail; 2, Hamer, ticked yellow, fine silky feather, rich colour, crosses wings a bit at tips; 3, Inch, heavily wing marked, nice type; vhc, Thursby; hc, Thomas; c, Bellinger. UNFLI. (27): 1, Read, yell., ticked in neck and wing, rich quality and colour, small; 2, Hamer, buff, just a little long in barrel, grand quality, rich under-colour; 3, Inch, yellow, somewhat similar in build; vhc, Thursby; hc, Thomas; c, Bellinger. CREST (5): 1, spl, Slade, heavily vgtd., grand girth of crest, leafy and nice vein, not yet quite finished at centre, good back, nice body; 2, Slade, nearly green, very shapely, nice vein, very neat centre; 3, Slade, same colour, good body; vhc, Slade; hc, Masters. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Slade, both variegated, nice skulls, turnback, and density, good bodies; 3, Askew, nice body, grand exhibit; vhc, Masters. BORD. CL. ETC. (19): 1, 2 spls, Garrod, buff, nice carriage and feather, nice wing carriage; 2, Smith, yellow, perky, nice style, looked very well; 3, Hall, buff, very jaunty, close, soft feather; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Hall; c, Garrod. BORD. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, 3, Saytch, winner, yell., nice carriage and quality; 3rd, buff, not quite so good in wing carriage; 2, spl, Mrs. Thynne, very rich-feathered bird; vhc, Smith; hc, Saytch; c, Bellamy. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, spl, Mrs. Thynne, colour-fed Border; 2, Hall, Border Fancy; 3, Stone Bros., heavy Cinnamon Yorkshire. MEMBERS' NOR. (8): 1, spl, Luff, good quality, nice colour; 2, Warley, typical buff, nice head and quality; 3, Luff, yell., nice colour; vhc, hc, c, Sprules. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Sprules, buff, nice type and quality, good under-colour; 2, Luff, buff, deeper colour; 3, Sprules, ticked, good type and quality, nice bloom; vhc, Askew; hc, Sprules. NOVICE NOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, Priest, winner, ticked yellow, nice quality and colour; vhc, Mrs. Kirkin; hc, Miss Tanner; c, Morris. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Priest, ticked buff, nice quality and undercolour; 2, Morris, ticked buff, good type and quality; 3, Priest, yellow, nice quality; vhc, Ward; hc, Priest; c, Morris. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, spl, Sprules, nice and neat, heavy crest, good body, well shown; 2, Sprules, veiny crest, wing marked, nicely shown; 3, Miss Tanner; good body; vhc, Sprules; hc, Askew; c, Campbell. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl, Honeysett, a dainty little Border, very fine quality, good carriage; 2, 3, Warley, both Borders; vhc, Mrs. Tanner.

The British, Mule and Foreign Birds.

BRIT GOLDFINCH (14) a really good class: 1, sp, 3, Maxwell, both bonny Finches, well up in col., massive, square, clean cut blazes, fine wing bars and buttons, both rich in tannings, well polished, steady as possible, little to choose between these two and 2, Francis, capital Finch, rare size, well up in col., clear in whites; vhc, Herbert, another grand Finch; vhc, Sourie, beautifully tanned, steady; hc, Prior, Wickham, Tighe; c, Coe.

BULLFINCH (8): 1, sp, Frostick, beautiful Bullie, rich breast col., splendid cl. back, good wing bars, grand clean cut cap, wonderful bloom; 2, vhc, Francis, former similar type of bird, little to choose, very cl. wing bars and back, rich breast, wonderful condition, latter very good bird and in perfect feather; 3, Marley, large bird, hot col., very steady, dense cl. cut cap, good carriage, in the pink of condition; vhc, Howe; hc, Mays, c, Maxwell; all good birds and in nice order. LINNET (15): 1, 2, Marley, two well-known champions, too well known to need further description, both in perfect order; 3, vhc, hc, Prior, 3 beautifully finished Linnets, former a well-pencilled good feathered bird, plenty of work, shows well; vhc, Maxwell, Wickham; hc, Coe; c, Sexton, Mays. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Botting, Battersea winning Twite, in fine fettle, deserves his place again to-day; 2, Marley, sweet little Siskin, fine laced cap, nice bib, good rich col.; 3, hc, Maxwell, former nice Siskin, splendid order, good col., latter fine Lesser Redpoll, well browned and pencilled; vhc, Grahame, Mealy Redpoll, in good feather; Page, rich col. Twite; hc, Herbert. CHAFFINCH (15): 1, sp, 3, Prior, well-polished, fine size, good cl. whites, steady (2 tail feathers short right side of tail), 3 very rich colour, big bird, fine silky plumage, well shown; 2, Frostick, rare size, deep col., good wing bars, showy bird; vhc, Botting, another good bird, in grand order; hc, Maxwell; hc, c, Francis; c, Wickham. BRAMBLEFINCH (17): A grand class; 1, sp, Coffey, well-col., well-spangled Bramble, fine stylish bird, very forward; 2, Lawrance, rare col. and spangling, polished like marble, tight as wax, a beauty; 3, Carter, his old winner, very well up in col., nice size, shows itself well; vhc, Prior, grand conditoned Finch; vhc, Cutting; hc, Maxwell, Mascall; c, Marley, Francis. GREENFINCH (13): 1, sp, Maxwell, rare-sized Greenie, fed to perfection, very rich wing bars, beautiful quality; 2, Cutting, nice-sized bird, full of colour, shows well, good head, fine condition; 3, Marley, natural col., good wings and tail, fine carriage; vhc, Francis, good size, very stylish. HAWFINCH (5): 1, 3, Maxwell, former real beauty, very tame, in perfect order, rich brown head, cl. in neck band and wing bars, perfect bib, 3rd trifle smaller, but very rich in col. throughout, very steady; 2, Prior (the Battersea winner, but 1st has reversed the positions to-day), in lovely bloom, colours well defined, very close run; vhc, Goode, very rich col.; hc, Carter. YELL. BUNTING (10): 1, c, Prior, two very fine natural coloured Yell. Buntings, leader wonderful rich cl. col., perfect head markings, nice size and shape, grand bloom; 2, Goode, another grand 'Hammer, dense head marks, fine size, very steady, perfect feather; 3, Grahame, another good bird, grand head markings; vhc, Sandy, Vale, both fine birds, well shown; hc, Francis, Marley. A.O.S. BUNTING (5): 1, 2, Francis, Lapland Bunting, fine black head and throat, very steady, rich back, well-pencilled thighs, will improve yet, 2nd large Corn Bunting, very steady, perfect feather, nice head and breast pencillings, very steady; 3, Carter, very fine Reed Bunting, good white collar, nice black head and throat; vhc, Linsey, nice Lapland Bunting; hc, Goodall, another nice Reed Bunting. BRIT. HEN SEEDEATERS (8): 1, 2 spls, Frostick, topping hen Bullie, lovely polished cap, perfect feather, well shown; 2 (name missed), Linnet, neat bird, grand feather, well pencilled; 3 (name missed), Bramble, small, good feather, some thought lucky; vhc, Sandy good Hawfinch, all birds in lovely fettle. FINCH, FIELD MOULTED (9): 1, sp, Copeland, good-sized Goldie, nice blaze and wing bars, almost too good to be genuine field moulted, we noticed it feeding from hand; 2, Clark, rich col. Lesser Redpoll, nicely pencilled; 3 (no name), Goldie, some tail feathers missing, good blaze and wings; vhc, Cutting, Twite; hc, Gooch, Askew; c, Vincent. SONG THRUSH, etc. (12): 1, sp., Askew, beautifully spotted Song Thrush, lovely qual. feather, rich col., steady as a rock; 2, hc Maxwell, two splendid Blackbirds, former capital shape, jet black through lovely crocus eye, cere and bill, latter good specimen, well shown; 3, Francis, well-spotted Starling, nice sheen, shows well; vhc, Howe, Starling, in good fettle; c, Prior. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (9): 1, sp, Jackson, grand 'gale, rich back, fine size, perfect feather; 2, Puck, charming Blackcap, tight as wax, plumage like silk, well shown; 3, Maxwell, another fine big 'gale, perfect feather, very steady; vhc, hc, Hon. Mrs. Burke, two splendid 'gales; c, Lean, 'gale. LARK OR PIPIT (5): 1, sp, Howe, topping Tree Pipit, capital size, rich col., well shown; 2, Frostick, also beautifully conditioned Tree Pipit, perfect feather, good size; 3, Mays, another sweet Pipit, nicely shown; hc, Askew, Skylark. MAGPIE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Maxwell, the old champion, Chough leading and Magpie, his stable companion, both "at home," wonderful polish, in rare order; 3, Vale, also lovely Magpie, very clean cut bib, pure in whites, grand quality and size, will give 2nd a good run; vhc, Burrows, Magpie, in nice order; vhc, Jarrett, was exploring round the hall when we arrived. INSECTIV. (SMALL) (7): 1, sp, 3, vhc, Maxwell, grand team, leader noted black Redstart, in perfect feather, steady as possible, wins well, 3rd obl champion yell. Wagtail, hot in col., perfect feather, well shown, vhc Redstart, in nice order; 2, Mrs. Frostick, sweet Jenny Wren, the substitute for the Dartford Warbler, attractively shown; vhc, Vale, Redbacked Shrike, nicely shown, splendid col.; hc, Frostick, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, well shown. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Maxwell, 1st beautiful great grey Shrike (Butcher Bird), cl. breast and back, dense eye marks, perfect feather, 2nd Waxwing, fine size, tight as wax, richly col. wing and tail tips; 3, Francis, grand col. Missel Thrush, nice size, very regular spots. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (5): 1, Bond, noted light Goldie-Canary, fine size, grand fettle, perfect feather, shows well; 2, Lawrence, Goldie-Can., another beauty, only slightly tkd. on wing, a gem; 3, Botting, Goldie-Can., tkd. over eye and wing, in nice order; vhc, Twiddy, Goldie-Can., fine little fellow; vhc, Masters, nice Linnet-Can., variegated. DARK GOLDFINCH-CAN. (11): 1, sp, Coffey, grand Linnet-Can., fine size, rich col., capital feather; 2, Best, Goldie-Can., rich blaze, good wings, grand condition; 3, Ayling, Linnet-Can., nice col., in fine order; vhc, hc, Cooper; c, South. A.O.V. DARK CAN. (except Bullfinch) (8): 1, sp, Coffey, rich col. Greenie-Can., good size, rare form; 2, Maxwell, sweet little Siskin-Can., nice cap, rich col.; 3, Bond, Greenie-Can., fine size, capital col., shows well; vhc, Sokell and Binks; hc, Goode; c, Horsey. BULLFINCH HYB. (2): 1, sp, Lawrance; 2, Bond; a couple of real beauties, little to choose between their fine caps and rich breasts. HYB. BETWEEN 2 BRIT. (11): 1, Coffey, Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, nice size, good feather and condition, shows lot of Bramblefinch and little Chaffinch; 2, South, Redpoll-Goldfinch, bonny little bird, showing both parents well, in splendid condition; 3, Lawrance, Greenfinch-Redpoll, pretty little bird, in good order; vhc, Gerrey, Cooper; hc, Clark, Sokell and Binks. FOR. PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, vhc (2), Maxwell, elegant Grass Parakeet, perfect gem, rich colours, Black-faced Lovebirds, Rock Grass Parakeet, very pretty trio; 2, Mrs. Leslie Miller, grand pair of Cuban Parrots, most interesting; 3, Rayner, Meyer's Parrot, very rare exhibit, nice order; vhc (2) Cooper, well-known Blue and Yell. Macaws and Black-headed Caique. WAXBILLS, ETC. (15): 1, 2, 3, Maxwell, violet-eared Waxbills, painted Finches, and black-cheeked Waxbills, in order named, all rare exhibits and attracted great attention; vhc, Mrs. Leslie Miller, pretty little painted Finches; vhc, Miss Ellis, Blue Waxbill; hc (2), Miss Bousfield, Hodgkin. A.O.S. INSECTIV.: A wonderful class, headed by Mr. Maxwell's superb team, 1st being the now renowned King Bird of Paradise, leading, perfect blaze of red, white, emerald, and shading into hues which leave one wanting in words to describe; 2, equally gorgeous black-throated Tanager; 3, gem of a Niltava Flycatcher, this bird ranges from Cobalt blue to Oxford blue in shades, and a rich deep blue throat and reddish brown breast; vhc, Maroon Tanager, another very beautiful bird; vhc, Miller, ruby-throated Flycatcher, great rarity; hc, Ruttigan, Hangnest, very striking, in nice condition. SELL. (£1 10s.) (20): 1, Flemons; 2, Mabey; 3, Miller; vhc, Sprules, Easterling, Luff, Masters; hc, Masters, Joyce; c, Thorpe. BRIT. AND FOR. (30/-) (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Maxwell; vhc, Hon. Mrs. Burke. CAGE CLASSES: 1, Linsey, double breeder.

MEMBERS', BRIT. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (7): 1, sp, Thorpe; 2, Francis; 3, Sandy; vhc, Warley; hc, Vincent; c, Vale. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, sp, Askew; 2, Coe; 3, Francis; vhc, Vale, Warley; hc, Priest, Campbell. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Askew; 2, sp, Francis; 3, Carter; vhc, Coe; hc, Vincent. LARGE INSECTIV.: 1, sp, Askew; 2, Francis. SMALL: 1, Frostick; 2, Francis; 3, Askew.

GLOUCESTER.

The Gloucester and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual open show on October 27th and 28th in the Northgate Mansions, where a large number of fanciers and the general public met. The hall in which the exhibits were staged is an ideal one in every respect, and a better one it would be hard to find; being electrically lit overhead, the birds could be seen to the best advantage. The show was held under C.B.U. rules, and was favoured with the patronage of the Y.C.C., the S.Y.C.C., and the B.F.C.C. The exhibits were beautifully staged, and the whole exhibition was as attractive as it was possible to make it. For this, and for the capital general management throughout, the hon. sec., Mr. J. Houghton, and his assistants are to be thanked. Mr. Houghton very evidently knows how to manage a show, and he did it admirably on this occasion. His hard-working committee consists of Messrs. Williams, Wasley, Gwilliam, Bishop and Duggan. Mr. J. Houghton won the Norwich bowl, and Mr. T. J. King the "Any Variety Canary" bowl. The S.Y.C.C. specials were won by Messrs. Crisp (2) and Hawes Bros. in the champions, and Mrs. Gill and Mr. H. Rogers in the novices. Sandiford's special went to Mr. H. Duggan. Specials for best birds were won by Miss Gibbons, and Messrs. J. Houghton, Follwell, E. Stephenson, Kings, Amblers, Smith, Jones, Walton, Poole, Wasley, and Grant. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye and W. Vardy, whose awards appeared to give perfect satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Houghton, grand feather, fed to perfection, well staged; 2, Brown, another grand bird, fails only in wing carriage, good 2nd; 3, spl., Wasley, some preferred for 2nd, nice one; 4, Harber; vhc, Williams hc, Folwell. BUFF (8): 1, two spls, 2, Houghton, 1st lovely bird, grandly frosted, well placed, 2nd another grand bird; 3, Stephenson, should be heard of later; 4, Davis; vhc, Williams; hc, Brown; c, Walton and Noakes. YELL. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Spillman, eye tkd., got a W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) look about it, nice short flights, quality of the best; 2, Houghton, nice, heavier bird; 3, Hitchins, useful Nor.; 4, Colvill and Wright. BUFF (7): 1, Wasley, tkd. both eyes, fed well, deserved 1st position; 2, Williams, another good bird, well put down; 3, Harber, another good one, hardly so nice in feather perhaps; 4, Houghton, grand mealy specimen; vhc, hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Spillman, fed to perfection. YELL. UNFLIGH. (10): 1, spl, Folwell, lovely bird, short flights and tail, beautiful head, true to type; 2, Mortara, again a nice bird, very chubby; 3, Houghton, another good one, wants a little tightening, will improve; 4, Wasley, rich col.; vhc, Spillman; hc, Duggan; c, Spoor, grand stock bird. BUFF: 1, spl, Houghton, grand type of a Nor., good enough to win anywhere; 2, Spoor, not the Bullfinch type of winner perhaps, but a good one nevertheless; 3, Williams, good bird; 4, Mortara, nice bird, fails only in head; vhc, Houghton; hc, Brown. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Wasley, lovely little lady, needs no comment; 2, vhc, Houghton, 2nd another good bird, should do a lot of winning; 3, Harber, could win at some shows, a good one, true to Nor. type; 4, hc, Wasley, 4th had been having a dip when we saw it; c, Lees. BUFF (12): 1, sp., Stephenson, heavy variegated, well frosted, well worth position; 2, vhc, Lawson, 2nd grand bird, not quite so good in head; 3, Spillman, wonderful chest, well shown; 4, Houghton; hc, Davis, bird we liked much; c, Walton and Noakes. YELL., NAT. COL.: 1, spl, Houghton, splendid bird, inclined to be a bit browy, very nice all over; 2, Quarman, grand col., well up, a good 2nd; 3, Spillman, fine bird, will do some winning; 4, Preece vhc, Williams; hc, Spoor. BUFF: 1, Stephenson, a giant, in splendid trim, a credit to its owner; 2, Bateman, grand one, well shown; 3, Barnes, bird which some thought could have gone higher; 4, Soper; vhc, Preece, wants more handling; hc, Williams. NOVICE (20), a really grand class: 1, spl, 2, Duggan, well done, a topper, 2nd another real Nor.; 3, Barnes; 4, Bennett, both good type, well shown; vhc, hc, Colville and Knight; c, Barnes. CREST (2): 2, King, grand bird, well radiated crest, good frontal, lovely feather; 4, spl, King, splendid drooping crest, a capital exhibit; vhc, Peters, another good one. C.-B.: 2, Hands, well placed, a credit to Mr. H.; 4, vhc, King, two grandly horned specimens. CREST HEN (4): 2, Hands, well groomed, in right position, a nice exhibit, well placed; 4, vhc, King; hc, Grant. C.-B. HEN (2): 2, 4, King, 2 grand birds, pity there was not more competition. YORKS. CHAM.—YELL CL., (11): 1, spl, Amblers, straight as a pencil, good feather, stands like a Guardsman; 2, Crisp, rather stouter, grand exhibit; 3, Bishop, fails just a wee bit in head, good one, worth its position; 4, Pattrick, good carriage and tail; vhc, Rennie; hc, Bishop; c, Rorke. BUFF CL. (14): 1, spl, Amblers, a bird we liked much, a grand first; 2, Crisp, another nice one, well placed; 3, hc, Rennie, 3rd good, long-sided bird, will do a lot of winning later; 4, Elsmore, very typical all through; vhc, Hawes Bros. MKD.: 1, Rorke; 2, Pattrick; 3, Rennie; 4, Bishop; vhc, Amblers; c, Hawes Bros., all these were well placed, and were typical, good birds. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Rorke, grand one, perfect model, wins well in a good class; 2, Elsmore, nice pipe tail, well up on leg, good one again; 3, Crisp, clean as a pencil, stands well; 4, Bishop; vhc, hc, Rennie; c, Pattrick. NOVICE YELL. (5): 1, spl, Smith, nice bird, very slim, a credit to its owner; 2, Thomas, looking a bit rough when we saw it, good one however; 3, Rogers; 4, Lohr; vhc, Gill. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Gill, well filled neck and clean cut, grandly feathered, well placed; 2, Whittome, another good one, worth its place; 3, Smith; 4, hc, Rogers, both 3 and 4 were good ones, and well placed; vhc, Lohr. MKD. (3): 2, Gill; 4, Smith; vhc, Whittome. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Merrett, good bird, but not quite finished yet; 3, Lohr; 4, Smith; vhc, Parkyn, all nice ones, and typical. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, Rogers; 2, Merrett; 3, Whittome; 4, Lohr; vhc, Smith, all very nicely staged, good ones. BUFF (6): 1, Smith; 2, Thomas; 3, Rogers; 4, Whittome; vhc, Gill; hc, Merrett, all very nicely put down, and well placed. BORD. YELL., CK. (3): 2, Miss Darell, real little gem, grandly feathered; 4, Gwilliam; vhc, Jones, both good ones, well placed. YELL. HEN (3): 2, spl., Jones, perky lady, greatly admired, very sweet; 4, Harrison; vhc, A. King. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (4): 1, 4, Gwilliam, 1st grandly feathered, perfect little gem, 4th also a topper of a Bord.; vhc, J. Taylor. HEN (4): 1, Edwards; 2, Gwilliam; 4, Taylor, all three were good, and won their awards well. EVEN MKD.: 2, King, good one. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Gwilliam; 3, Harrison; 4, Jones, again good ones, and were deserving of better competition. GREEN OR CINN.: 2, Harrison, green, tight, compact little gem, a real topper, very creditable; 4, vhc, Middleton, 4th green, also a good one, wins well the 4th prize. vhc a good Cinn. A.O.V. SELL. (30/-): 1, Edwards, C. and C.-B.; 2, Houghton, grand pair, Nor.; 3, Hands, C. and C.B.; 4, Hayling; vhc, Peters; hc, Hayling; c, Quarman. (21s.) (13): 1, Hiles; 2, Bateman, pair Nor.; 3, Hands; 4, Wasley; vhc, Morris; hc, c, Lawson. (10s. 6d.) (9): 1, Duggan, Nor.; 2, Barnes; 3, Wasley; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hiles, Crested hc, Wilson, Yorks; c, Oliffe. NOR. (20s.) (7): 1 Houghton, 2, 4, Wasley; 3, Duggan; vhc, Barnes. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Richards, grand blaze, bars and buttons, a good Finch, well put down; 2, White, another nice Finch, giant enough for a Siberian; 3, Richards; 4, Stephens, both good ones; vhc, Richards. BULLFINCH (8), a fine class of toppers: 1, Miss Darrell, splendid cap and breast col., red enough "to light a cigar," staged wonderfully well; 2, Edwards, steady as a rock, a grand Bullie; 3, White; 4, Clifford; vhc, Poole; hc, Oliffe; they have some fine Bullfinches about here, evidently. LINNET, ETC. (2): 2, Poole, nicely pencilled, well up in col.; 4, Edwards, another nice one, should improve yet. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, spl, Walton, good Brambling, beautifully staged, a real topper, wins well; 3, Poole, Hawfinch, grand bib, well placed bird; vhc, Ballingham. SOFTBILLS: 2, spl, Poole, Wagtail, looking wonderfully well, nicely shown; 4, Jones. DK. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Edwards, good Linnet-Mule, wins well, in a nice class; 3, Ballingham, fine exhibit, we overlooked to note the cross; 4, Wasley; vhc, Poole, too early. LIGHT (2): 2, two spls, Wasley, very nice four-pointer, grand exhibit; 4, Lees, another good one, not much to choose between these. SMALL FOR.: 1, spl, Miss Gibbons, lovely Whydah, well placed and well staged 4, Miss Darrell, good Bishop, creditable to owner; vhc, black-headed Sugar bird. MEMBERS, NOV. (7): 1, Stephenson; 2, Houghton; 3, Barnes; 4, Miss Gibbons; vhc, Wasley; hc, Duggan; c, Houghton. CREST: 1, spl, Grant; 2, hc, Hiles; 3, vhc, Hands; 4, Grant.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Members' Show, held October 23rd, at the Barley Mow Hotel, 88 birds being staged in 12 classes. Mr. J. Greaves (Manningham) judged, and his awards were well received. The principal winners in the open were Messrs. Casey, Gledhill, Thompson, Firth, and Helliwell; in the Novice classes Messrs. Dinsdale, Mitchell, and Robinson and Sharpe.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, Firth; 4 Thompson; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Casey. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Casey; 2, Thompson; vhc, Firth; hc, Helliwell; c, Clark. UNEV., ETC., CK.: 1, Firth. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Casey; 3, c, Helliwell; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Thompson; hc, Clark. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Casey; vhc, hc, Firth; c, Gledhill. UNEV., ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Gledhill; 2, 4, Firth; vhc, Casey. NOVICE.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Mitchell; 2, vhc, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Dinsdale; 4, Hargreaves; hc, Booth; c, Battersby. BUFF: 1, c, Mitchell; 2, 3, hc, Dinsdale; 4, vhc, Robinson and Sharp. UNEV., ETC.: 1, Dinsdale; 2, Mitchell; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Dawson; vhc, Robinson and Sharp. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Dinsdale; 2, vhc, Calloway; 4, Battersby; hc, c, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Battersby; 2, hc, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Dinsdale; c, Booth. UNEV., ETC.: 1, Calloway; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Dawson; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Booth; hc, Battersby.

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November 5th & 6th.

C.B.U. Rules. St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road. Judges—Messrs. Mundell, J. C. Barnes, and Weston. Under patronage of G.C.A., Y.C.C., N.B.B.& M.C., and E.& W.B.F.C. **Novice classes** for Yorkshires and Norwich. 20/- most points Cinnamon classes. Prize-money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; 2/6** most points each class. Mammoth Section Specials. If you have not received a Schedule send for one at once, it will pay you. Don't forget we treated you well last year. Prize-money paid out at Show. Entries close **November 1st. J. W. METCALF, Reservoir Hotel, 35, Whitefield Road, Liverpool.**

BONESS SHOW.

CAGE BIRDS ONLY.

Saturday, Nov. 6th.

Splendid Classification, Hosts of Specials, Cups and Medals. Specialist Judges. Entries close **Oct. 30th** Schedules Now Ready. Apply—**FINDLAY McGILLIVRAY, Sec., Ferry View, Bo'ness, N.B**

THE Champion One-day Show of the North.

ROCHDALE

GOOD INTENT C.B.S., NOV. 6th.

(Under C.B.U. Rules). Under the Patronage of the L.C.A. & L. & L.F.A.

NO CANCELLING OR AMALGAMATION.

30 Open and 5 Novice Classes. Judges, J. H. Roe and R. R. Barrass. Entries close **Monday Nov. 1st.** Tuesday first post in time, Prize Money **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** With Specials every Class and extra specials. Acknowledged by leading Judges the best lighted room in Lancashire. Schedules (second to none) from—**W. ADAMS, 35, Bedford St., Rochdale.**

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual Open Show on Sat. NOVEMBER 6.

Entries close **Tuesday, November 2nd.** Members of the Yorkshire Union; also under the patronage of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., O.N.P.C.C. and N.G.M.Y.C.C. Judges: W. Mundell, Yorkshire classes; J. Beswick, Norwich Classes. Good classification. Numerous Specials. For Schedules apply **J. W. TELFORD, 15, Westfield Road, Toller Lane, Bradford.**

THE POPULAR SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.

LEICESTER HAND IN HAND C.B.S.

(Under C.B.U. Rules.) 10th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds on **NOVEMBER 6th & 8th.**

Judges: Messrs J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe. Splendid classification. See this week's review of schedules. Points to remember: Prize money and cash specials paid within 7 days. Excellent list of cash and other specials. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Write now for schedules, plenty of time. Will accept entries **Tuesday Nov. 2nd, Jno. Allen, Show Manager, 4, Bensall Street, Mere Road, Leicester.**

HASTINGS SHOW

NOVEMBER 9th and 10th.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge: J. Robson. **Entries close November 2nd.** For schedules apply **A. E. GOLDEN, Hon. Sec. 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale, Hastings.**

LEEK Fourth Annual Show,

Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

Judge, W. VARDY, Esq.

8 Norwich, 8 Yorkshires, 3 Cinnamons, 8 British, Light and Dark Mule, Hybrids, Foreign, etc.

Open Novice—4 Norwich, 4 Yorkshires. Entries close **Saturday, November 6th.**

Schedules ready from **ROBT. HALL, 9, Russell Street, Leek, Staffs.**

RAMSGATE

The Best Show of the South. **NOVEMBER 10th & 11th, 1909.** **Entries close Nov. 1st.**

Judge—J. North, Esq. C.B.U. Rules. We appeal to all Fanciers to send us a good entry. 40 Classes open to United Kingdom. Plenty of good specials. Entry Fee **1/9.** Prize-money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Send entries, we will classify. Schedules of **Messrs. ALLEN & TUCKER, Hon. Secs., 84, Queen Street, Ramsgate.**

SWANSEA

The pride of Wales.

Nov. 10 & 11.

C.B.U. Rules.

Finest classification ever given in Wales. Judges: J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester and Chas. Houlton, Esq., St. Helens. Under the patronage of the S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., E.W.B F.C.C., B.F.C.C., W.C.B.C. Specials galore Schedules apply **Alf. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Swansea.**

FANCIERS DON'T FORGET

FROME C.B.S.

Under C.B.U. Rules.

Second Grand Open Show **NOVEMBER 11.** Splendid Classification of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance fee **1/6.** Exhibitors making 4 entries 1/- only for each additional entry. Novice classes provided. Judge: T. Heath, Esq. Send for schedule. We appeal for your support. **W. Minty, Hon. Sec. Stony Street, Frome.** Entries close Nov. 6.

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association

BANBRIDGE

THURS. & FRI. 11 & 12 NOV. 1909.

54 Classes for Cage Birds, 12 for Pigeons. Judge if Cage Birds, **H. W. Battyo.** 3 Cups and numerous specials. Apply for Schedules to **R. J. Hamilton,** Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Cage Birds only. Under C.B.U. Rules. C.C.C. and N.B.B. and M.C. Patronage.

NOVEMBER 11th and 12th.

Birds fed by Messrs. Trower and Co., Bird Food Specialists, London. 6 Norwich, 6 Yorks, 7 Borders, 8 Crests, 2 Novice Crests, 1 Dutch Frill, 1 Green Yorks, 1 Green Norwich, 1 Pairs, 2 Cinnamons, 4 Selling, 13 British, 3 Hybrids, 2 Foreign. ALL OPEN. Prizes: **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry Fee, **1/6.** Members, **1/3.** Judges; J. Robson and J. Frostick. Entries close November 2nd Schedules ready. **T. S. MOORE, 126/8, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.** FANCIERS PLEASE HELP US.

WIGAN & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Open Show

of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, stuffed specimens, and Roller singing Canaries, in the Victoria Hall, Wallgate, Wigan, **NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.** C.B. Union Rules. Judges: H. Tams and W. Macsey. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules from **W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

MARKINCH CAGE BIRD SHOW on NOVEMBER 6th, 1909

in Masonic Hall. Judges, J. McLennan, Edinburgh; J. Paterson, Chirnside; and A. W. Watson, Leith. Entries close on **Oct. 30th.** Schedules from **GEORGE MITCHELL, Secretary, Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.**

DARVEL SHOW

Will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 6.** Good classification. Popular Judges. Large and well lighted halls. Entries close **November 1.** Schedules from Secretary.—**Jas. Robertson, Jnr., 5, Hastings Place.**

BRECHIN'S Forty-sixth Grand **OPEN SHOW** will be held in **TEMPERANCE HALL** on **NOVEMBER 6th.** Good classification. Numerous specials. Popular judges. Schedules from **GEORGE MITCHELL, 116, MONTROSE ST., BRECHIN.**

PARTICK and District Cage Bird Club. Eleventh Ann al Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in The Subway Halls, **Sat. Nov. 6th.** Doors open at 1.30 p.m. Secretary, **John Henderson, 85, Byres Road, Partick.**

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society (Under C.B.U. License and Rules).

Sixth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons, and Cage Birds will be held in the Market Hall, on **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: Bantams, Mr. Binns; Pigeons, E. H. Crow; Cage Birds, Alb. Bentley. A grand classification, specials galore in every class. Entries close **October 30th, 1909.** Schedules now ready from the **Secretary, JAMES E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES

AND DIS. C.B.S.

5th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, open to the United Kingdom, **NOVEMBER 6th, 1909.** Judges: H. W. Battye and C. Houlton. Prize money, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-.** Entry Fee, **1/-.** Specials every class, and most points. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules—**J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

Twentieth Annual Show.

COUNTY OF PEMBROKE Fanciers Society will be held on the **10th Nov. 1909.** Classes for English and Foreign Birds. For schedules and entry forms apply **Wm. Hy. Bowling, Hon. Sec., Pembroke Dock.**

PENZANCE

Eleventh Open Show of Pigeons and Cage Birds. (Under C.B.U. Rules).

NOVEMBER 10th and 11th, 1909.

Cage Bird Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 33 Classes. 4 Money Prizes, numerous specials. Entries close, **November 3rd.** Schedules, etc., **J. P. Sampson, 4, Parade Street.**

LOWESTOFT

Twenty-second Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cats. Cage Birds under C.B.U. confined to Suffolk.

November 10th & 11th.

Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves; G. H. Billett; H. Hunt. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules from **E.L.A. CROW, 64, London Rd., Lowestoft.**

MALTON (YORKS) Nov 11. Annual Show of Cage Birds, under patronage of the Yorks. British Bird and Mule Club. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. Entries close **November 6th,** to **GEO. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton.**

LUTON NOVEMBER 11th, 10 Classes.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry Fee, 1/3. Judge: G. H. Billett, Esq. Sec., **A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Road, Luton.** Entries close Nov. 5.

NORTH BERKS

November 11.

Entries close, **November 2nd.** Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Sixth Annual Open Show, at the Corn Exchange, Abingdon. 50 Specials, Cage Bird judge, Mr. F. C. Levett. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of **T. BOWEN, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

EVESHAM. **NOV. 12th.**

6 classes for Cage Birds, 3 classes for Cats. Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance **1/-.** Entries close **Nov. 3. Sec., G. WITTS. EVESHAM.** JUDGE: Mr. BILLETT

LEEDS ROLLER CANARY CLUB Fourth Annual Open Contest Held in Temperance Rooms, 16, New York Street, **Nov. 12 & 13.** Judges, Messrs. F. A. Lester and F. Oldroyd. Entries close **Nov. 8.** Schedules **T. W. Walton, 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.**

GLASGOW & West of Scotland Great Open Show.

Still to the front. In the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, **NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909.** Judges: Norwich, James Calderwood (Kilmarnock); Crests and Yorkshires, Mr. Charles Campbell; Borders, Mr. James Smillie (Riccarton); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. L. J. Arright (Edinburgh); and Sam Ward. Entries close, **November 6th.** Schedules now ready, from **FRED BOWMAN, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.**

SHIREBROOK ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits, on Sat., **NOV. 13th, 1909.** Entries close **Nov. 6th. 70** Classes. Popular judges. Schedules from **H. M. COX, Secretary, Main Street, Shirebrook.**

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

(affiliated to Cage Bird Union), Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Wallsend, **NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909.** Patronages: N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. 56 Open Classes, including 7 for Novices. Judges: J. H. Roe, J. Wilcock ,and J. W. Bruce, Esqrs. 4 Cash Prizes, and cash special for every class. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from **RICHARDSON AND GREENWELL, Secretaries. 35, The Avenue, Wallsend.** Entries close Nov. 6th.

WHITEHAVEN

Under C.B.U. Rules.

Eleventh annual show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Friday and Saturday, NOVEMBER 12th and 13th, 1909.** 40 Classes, 6 Nor., 9 Yorks., 8 Borders. Specialist judges: Messrs. J. S. Wilson and T. Kearton, Esqrs. Schedules, sent to exhibitors at 1907 and 1908 show, others please apply **W. J. DOUGLAS, Hon.. Sec, 17, King Street, Whitehaven.**

CLYDEBANK & Dist. O.S., 23rd Ann. Show, **Sat., NOV. 13th.**—Sec., **A. KIRKWOOD, 18, Livingstone Street, Clydebank.**

KIRKCALDY

Cage Bird Society's Annual Show, Scotch Fancy, Border Fancy, Crest, Norwich Plainhead, Yorkshire, Common Canary, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioneer Hall, Kirkcaldy, **NOVEMBER 13th.** Splendid classification. Specialist judges. Shield, Cups, Border Club and other Medals, etc., with a host of specials. Entries close **November 8th.** Schedules from **T. ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire.**

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 13th.** Entries close **November 9th.** Members of the Yorkshire Union, also under the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C. and O.N.P.C.C. Judges, R. Carr, Yorkshire classes; W. Booth, Norwich classes. Good classification. Numerous specials. For schedules apply **R. GREENSMITH, 18, Fenton Road, Lockwood Huddersfield.**

CONSETT, BLACKHILL

and Dist. Poultry, Pigeon, Rabbit, and **Cage Birds** Society's Great Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 13th, 1909.** 32 Open Classes for Cage Birds. Full prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Judge: W. P. Barnes, Esq. Entries close **November 8th.** Schedules now ready.—W. H. **HUTCHINSON, Jun., Secretary, 21, Park Road, Consett, Co. Durham.**

NOTTINGHAM

OPEN SHOW. Under C.B.U. Rules

65 Classes. Prize money, 22/- per class, and numerous valuable specials. Entrance fee, 1/6. Under patronage of the Specialist Clubs. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, C. Houlton, and W. Vardy. **NOVEMBER 13th and 15th, 1909.** Extra prize money for Foreign classes.—**Hon. Sec., C. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Nottingham.**

MAESTEG & DIS. C.B.S.

NOVEMBER 17th.

Under C.B.U.R. and patronage of Southern Yorkshire C.C. and W.C.B.C. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. 50 Classes. Special for every Class. Schedules ready from **W. JENKINS, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.**

MORRISTON

AND DISTRICT

C.B.S. Show, Nov. 18, 1909.

under C.B.U. Rules. Judges, W. Mundel, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. Special for each class; silver medals, cups, and cash prizes in galore. Schedules from **W. H. LEWIS, Secretary, 24, Sway Road, Morriston.**

LANCASTER

3rd. Annual Open Show. **NOVEMBER 19th & 20th** (Under C.B.U. Rules). 4 Cash Prizes, 22/- per class, also special. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. 24 Classes. Schedules ready.—Apply **J. H. NAYLER, Secretary, 6, Mary Street, Lancaster.**

SUNDERLAND

NOV. 19th and 20th. Under C.B.U. Rules. 54 Open Classes. Cash special for best bird in show. Cash specials for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, most points. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-,** with 2/6 special each class; entrance fee 1/6. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Stanger. Schedules ready shortly, from **W. REID, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.**

MILLOM

& DISTRICT C.B.A.

Sixth Annual Open Show of Cage Birds and Pigeons will be held in the Central Hall on **Nov. 19th and 20th.** Judges, Mr. J. H. Roe, and Pigeons, Mr. J. H. Wilcock. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** and specials galore. Entrance 1/6. Yorks 6, Norwich 5, Border 6, and British. Entries close **Nov. 13.** Schedules from **W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road, Millom.**

BARNSLEY

Cage Bird Society will hold an Open Show on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 20.** Canaries and British Birds, Mr. Barnes, of Sheffield, Judge.—**ED. CARLISLE, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley.**

WOODSIDE

O. S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds in Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on **NOV. 20th.** Judges Chas. Campbell, Glasgow, and D. Ross, Forres. **Alexr. Thomson, Sec., 100, Gt. Northern Rd., Aberdeen.**

PRESTON O.S.

Annual Open Show,

Friday and Saturday, November 12th and 13th.

Under the patronage of the N.P.C. and Scotch N.P.C., the Green Canary Association, the English and Welsh B.F.C.C., also the British Bird and Mule Club. Judges—Dr. Herd, A. Wellings, Esq., Parker Robinson, Esq. **£2 2s.** to the Exhibitor making the most entries, **10s. 6d.** to the Member of the Scotch N.P.C. making the most entries. Membership open to all. Send your Subscription 5/- and compete for the Society's Cups and Specials. If not got schedule send entries on and I will classify. **R. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec., Lime Kiln Inn, Preston.** Entries close **Monday, November 8th; Tuesday morning latest.**

TIDESWELL

NOVEMBER 13th, 1909.

Affiliated C.B.U. Good chance for Amateurs. 35 Classes. Numerous Cups and Specials. Prizes—1st **10/-,** 2nd **5/-,** 3rd **2/6.** Entry Fee, **1/6.** A Splendid Hall, good light and well ventilated. Judges—Trengrove and Mundell. Schedules and Particulars, **BAGSHAW & FLINT, High Street, Tideswell, Buxton.**

BOURNEMOUTH

Nov. 16 & 17.

MONTAGUE E. FELTHAM 150, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.

WIMBLEDON

Nov. 16th & 17th.

Under patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C, N.B.B. & M.C.

Affiliated to C.B.U. and London Federation.

Queen's Hall, Wimbledon. Grand Classification. Champion and Novice open classes. 12 Yorkshire, 13 Norwich, 8 Brit., 1 Border Fancy, 3 Hybrid, 2 A.O.V., 2 Foreign. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. **Over 100 Splendid Specials,** including Trophies, Cups, Medals, and Liberal Prize Money promptly paid. To be held in large and well-lighted hall. Heated by hot water pipes. Birds attended to by well-known Fanciers. Entries close **November 9th.** Intending Exhibitors should apply at once for Schedules to—**H. SMITH, Hon. Sec. 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.**

HAYLE

THE PRIDE OF THE WEST.

ANNUAL SHOW, NOVEMBER 17th and 18th.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cavies and **Cage Birds.** Cage Bird Judge—W. Vardy, Esq., Notts. Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, **1/6.** Special for every Class. Entries close **November 9th.** Schedules of **HENRY WARE, 2, Pond Road, Hayle, Cornwall.**

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

C.B.S. Seventh Open Show (under C.B.U. and London Federation Rules) Thursday and Friday, **Nov. 18 & 19** at Amersham Hall, New Cross. Judge: Mr. John Robson. 23 open classses. Entry fee **1/6.** No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed and paid within three days. Good specials. Entries close Monday, **8th November.** Schedules now ready from **F. W. RAMER, 136, Verney Road, London, S.E.**

INVERNESS

Twenty-Ninth Annual Show, **Wed. Nov. 24** under the Patronage of Scottish P.C. Grand Classification. Specials in every Class. Judge, Jas. F. Dewar, Esq. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance Fee, **1/6.** Entries close **Nov. 17.** Schedules from —

Alex Urquhart, Hon. Sec, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.

WEST BROMWICH

SHOW. C.B.U. RULES. NOVEMBER 17th & 18th.

Better Classification than ever. Two Specialist Judges: J. H. Payne (Canaries), W. G. Poole (British and Foreign). Good specials.—**THOMAS DUFFIELD, 18, Braybrook Street, West Bromwich.**

KILMARNOCK C.B.S.

Great Open Show, **NOVEMBER 19th and 20th, 1909.** 65 Open Classes. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. J. Dalgleish and T. Paterson; Crests and Norwich, Mr. James Winter; Borders, Mr. Wm. Shearer; Yorkshires, British and Foreign, Mr. A. Cochrane. Schedules now ready.—Send to **J. B. Y. MURDOCK, Sec, 9, Burnside Street.**

ST. HELENS

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW, NOVEMBER 19th and 20th. 40 Open Classes. Schedules now ready, apply—

R. GIBBIE, Sec., 10, Reservoir St., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

HULL

C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 19 and 20.

Grand Classification for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds. **Prize Money Guaranteed,** and **Paid** within **24 hours.** Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, and E. Brunskill. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. & M.Club. Entries close **November 16th.** Schedules ready.—**ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

AVONBRIDGE

O.S. 6th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, on **Saturday, NOV. 20th.** Under Patronage of the B.F.C.C., B.B.&M.C., and the G.&W.C.C. Cup, medals, and numerous specials. Judges: J. Holmes and A. Cochrane. Entries close **Nov. 13th.** Schedules now ready.—Apply, **PETER GENTLEMAN, Secretary, Forrester's Buildings, Avonbridge.**

GALASHIELS

CAGE BIRD AND PIGEON SHOW. (The Palace Show of the Borders.) **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1909.** Innumerable specials, including cups and medals. Entries close, Cage Birds, **Nov. 16th.**; Pigeons, **Nov. 13th.**—Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Sec, 19, ST. ANDREW ST., GALASHIELS, N.B.**

CROOK

Original Cage Bird, Fur & Feather Society.

Fifth Annual Show, to be held **NOVEMBER 20th, 1909.** Cage Birds in Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Browne, Gateshead. Silver cup for most points for members. 28 Classes for Cage Birds. For schedules, apply to **BIRD AND SIDDLE, Hon. Secs., 15, Church Street, Crook.**

COVENTRY O.S.

29th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW. November 20th.

C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 37 Open Classes. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. Entrance fee, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Held at the Sydenham Palace, the finest hall in the country for a bird show. Exhibits are properly fed, cared for, packed, and put on the railway on Sunday evening only. Entries close **November 15th.** Get a schedule from **G. PETERS, 29, Coundon Road, Coventry.**

WOKING

NOVEMBER 23th and 24th 1909.

Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds. 10 Miles Radius. Judge, Cage Birds, Mr. C. A. House. Splendid list of specials. Entries close **Nov. 12th.** Schedules from **L. C. B. HOCKIN, High House, Sutton, via. Guildford.**

WHITBY

Fanciers' Show,

Wednesday, November 24th. Huge Classification. Hon. Secretary, **J. G. TOMLINSON, Central Chambers, Whitby.**

BRISTOL

C.B.S. ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, NOVEMBER 24th & 25th.

under C.B.U. Rules. Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe, **W. H. MANLEY, Hon. Sec., 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield, Bristol.**

LUDLOW

Open Show, in the Town Hall,

November 24th and 25th.

Canaries, Britishers, Hybrids, and Foreign Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby. No amalgamation or limit Classes. Entries close **November 20th.** 40 Classes, Schedules now ready from **J. BESSELL, Hon. Sec., 5, High Street, Ludlow, Salop.**

BEDALE

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, and Cat Show, will be held on **NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.**

W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec., Bedale, Yorks.

CIRENCESTER

OPEN SHOW NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Good classification. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Prompt prize money. Good room. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close **Nov. 15th.**—**W. G. INWARD, Hon. Sec., Cirencester.**

HETTON-LE-HOLE

& Dis. C.B.S. Under C.B.U. Rules, **Sat. NOV. 27th,** in Miners Hall, 2 Open Classes for Cage birds. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/-. Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Judge, A. Brown. Schedules apply **A. J. Notley, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Durham.**

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

EGREMONT

The old reliable. 14th Annual Show, Nov. 26th and 27th. 26 Open Classes. C.B.U. Rules. Patronage of N.&W.B.F.C. Specials every class. No amalgamation. Prizes, 10/-. 5/-., 2/6. Entry, 1/6. Guaranteed and paid within seven days. Judge, A. Hirst, of Accrington. Schedules ready.—**WM. LEWTHWAITE, Hon. Sec., Egremont, Cumberland.**

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show, under C.B.U. Rules, **NOVEMBER 27th and 29th, 1909.** 30 Classes. Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of Classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood, and Chas. Houlton. Entries close **Tuesday, November 23rd.** Send for schedules to **THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.**

Under C.B.U. Rules. Open to the World.

LAUNCESTON

November 30th, 1909. **Entries close 26th.** One Day Show. Birds returned first train Wednesday. Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 10/6** Special Best Bird. **7/6** Special 2nd Best and many other Specials. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester. 24 Open Classes. **N. H. Reed, Church St., Launceston.**

PORTSMOUTH

23rd Annual Show, DEC. 1st and 2nd.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules. 16 Classes. Numerous cash specials. Judge, G. Gardner. Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Schedules ready Nov. 1st.—**Messrs. HAWES and FRAMPTON, 125, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.**

LOCHCRAIG Feather Asso., Grand Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds,** on **DEC. 4th.** Specials galore. Specialist judges. For schedules, apply—**ROBT. BALLOCH, 68, North Glencraig, Fife.**

STONEHOUSE N.B.

Second Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, to be held on **Saturday, DECEMBER 4th,** 1909, in the Public Hall, Stonehouse. 9 Classes for Scotch Fancy Canaries; 8 classes for Border Fancy Canaries; 11 classes for Norwich; 21 classes for British and Foreign Birds and Mules. Popular judges. 11 classes for Flying Homers.—**JOHN GOVAN, Secretary, 7, Union Street, Stonehouse, N.B.**

DON'T FORGET

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Saturday Dec. 4. 1909.

Good classes. Good Specials. Prompt payments. G. H. BARNWELL, Sec., 20, College Road.

SIX BELLS

Abertillery (Mon.)

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Twitterings.

Entries close for Bo'ness on October 30th. Hurry up with your entries.—(ADVT.)

Will Mr. J. Ward kindly send us his address, and the plates he requires will he sent him by return.

Exhibitors remember, we accept all entries, none returned from the Rochdale Good Intent. —(ADVT.)

Entries for the Cheltenham Show, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, the hon. secretary, are extended till October 31st.

Bridgend Show report, in the selling class, should have credited me with 3rd and h.c., writes Mr. G. T. Jones (Brecon).

Fraserburgh Show is fixed for January 5th, 1910, with Mr. Alexander Grant (76, Broad Street), as the secretary once again.

The green Border shown at Battersea and gaining 3rd prize, belongs to me, and not as in report.—COURTENEY A. BELLAMY (London, N.W.)

The Rochdale Good Intent Showroom is the best lighted room in Lancashire, and no carrying about of birds; all judged as staged.—(ADVT.)

Kindly note, writes Mrs. Kemp, late of 35, Litehan Street, Kentish Town, that I have removed to 34, Lovey Place, Kentish Town, London, N.W.

Will secretaries kindly note my change of address from Edward Road to The Aviaries, 35, Warner Road, Walthamstow, Essex, writes Mr. S. Boyce.

Will secretaries please note that I have removed from Aldergate, Tamworth, to 95, Cross Street, Kettlebrook, near Tamworth, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer.

Darlington Show report gives to Davey the 3rd prize in the ticked buff class, which is wrong, as I got 3rd, writes Mr. Roht. Dowey (Skelton in Cleveland).

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B., as sent us by the hon. secretary, Mr. Wynn, shows a cash balance in hand of £28 0s. 4d.

Plymouth Show report in the crestbred 1909 class, gives second as won by Mrs. Turner; it should have been Miss A. Turner.—Miss A. TURNER (Southampton).

We take this opportunity of thanking you for your splendid report of Morpeth Show, and wish your paper all the success it deserves.—E. COWLING, hon. secretary.

Owing to a misunderstanding we said last week that Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch), was parting with his crests and cresthreds, as well as his Norwich Plainheads, but we now hear that this well-known Scottish fancier is disposing of his noted stock of Plainheads only, owing to business calls.

Splendid classification at Banbridge. Fanciers should send for schedule to R. J. Hamilton.—(ADVT.)

I have changed my address from Park Road, West Ham, to 7, Bostell Hill, Plumstead (Kent), where I should be glad to receive schedules.—F. A. FORSE.

For high-class Norwich at low prices, see J. W. Ramsden's exhibits at the joint show at Lambeth Baths, Kennington Road, Thursday and Friday next.—(ADVT.)

London Provincial and Dulwich Joint Show. Ramsden's specials are confined to exhibits that have been colour fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—(ADVT.)

Entries for Gravesend Open Show are very short. Send on at once, and I will classify. Will receive till 1st post Monday.—E. R. Fox, 12, New Road, Gravesend.—(ADVT.)

Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, of Stockbridge, will judge our members' show at St. George's Schools, on November 13th, writes Mr. J. Chambers, hon. secretary of the Leeds C.B.S.

That progressive metropolitan society, the Poplar and Dis. C.B.S. is holding its next annual show on December 11th, and the members are looking forward to achieving a record success.

Owing to a transposition of a line the schedule review of the Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S. Show read wrongly last week. The schedule will be found reviewed again this week.

Plymouth Show report credits Jepp with winning two seconds and two thirds, in the open Norwich section, which is according to catalogue, writes Mr. G. Jeffs (Northampton), but it should read Jeffs.

Will fanciers kindly note, writes Mr. E. W. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Wihsey and Dis. C.B.S., that I have changed my address from Holroyd Hill, Wihsey, to 40, Ivy Terrace, Old Hill Top, Low Moor, Bradford.

The "Rendezvous" for next week is Lambeth Baths, and all good "fanciers" will converge thereon on Thursday and Friday, on the occasion of the Great Combined Show. Tickets 6d.; music, refreshments, comfort.—(ADVT.)

Will fanciers kindly note, writes Mr. W. J. Thomas, hon. secretary of the Millom and Dis. C.B.A., that we are holding our annual show on November 19th and 20th, when 24 classes will be provided, and Mr. J. H. Roe will judge.

I will present to the fancier making most entries throughout the Preston O.S. Show, writes the hon. secretary, Mr. R. Taylor, £2 2s., also 10s. 6d. to the member of the Scottish Norwich P.C. who makes most entries in the Norwich classes.

We have received a sample of medicated bird soap from Mr. John Guy (Lightburn Road, Runcorn), which is really excellent, and while quickly removing grime, does not kill the natural gloss of the plumage. It is very economical, too.

I should like to thank the Western Counties O.S. through CAGE BIRDS for their prompt payment of prize money, writes Mr. W. Hussey (Bath). I may state I received a cheque the second day of show at 8 a.m. I trust their show was a grand success.

Entries for our show, writes Mr. J. H. Willows, hon. secretary of the Midland Roller C.C., are very short indeed. We are extending date, and will accept any posted on Saturday next, October 30th. Roller fanciers please help us along with our first contest.

Our entries close on November 1st, writes Mr. A. E. Allen, joint hon. secretary of the Ramsgate Show, and at time of writing we have no entries whatever for eage-birds, notwithstanding a good classification, excellent prize money, and plenty of specials.

Owing to a committeeman taking some of our show catalogues away, writes Mr. B. Peake, hon. secretary of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., I was not able to send all away by post the same night. Our show was a record one for the society.

We sincerely regret to hear that Mr. R. Grant, of Bideford, has been compelled to relinquish his interest in the Fancy owing to being attacked by some disease said to be incurable, but which we trust may yet yield to medical skill.

We much regret that in our report of Darlington Show the name of Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees), was accidentally omitted as being the judge of the British and Hybrid sections, in which his awards, we hear, were exceedingly well received.

The Selkirkshire P. and P.A. have fixed their show for December 18th, writes Mr. A. J. Brodie, the secretary, and there will be. in the Canary Section, 8 classes for Border Fancies, and 4 for Norwich. Mr. J. Thomson (Newton Grange), will judge.

We beg to thank you for the grand report in your paper, of Battersea Show, write Messrs. Easterling and Allen, the secretaries. We have had a host of letters congratulating us on the care taken of the birds, quick despatch, and prompt payment of prize money.

Kindly allow me to correct an error in CAGE BIRDS. My name should have read Thomas Burns, 30, Hammond Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and not M. Burns, as published in the correspondence in relation to the making of moving fronts.—THOMAS BURNS (Newcastle).

Our members have rallied round well since it was announced in CAGE BIRDS that we were going to wind up the society, writes Mr. W. H. Lewis, hon. secretary of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S. We expect to have a most successful show, and we hope exhibitors will do their best for us. There is no extension of entries, as I think it unfair to committees that entries should be coming in until a day or two before a show.

We have received three cleverly coloured pictures of birds from Master Freddy Giles, of Pimlico, S.W., who, though 8 years old only, is evidently quite skilful with the paint-brush.

Our annual show, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, hon. secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A., will be held on November 27th, when 63 classes will be provided, and Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and A. G. Davis will judge. This is the last show for the season's specials, including cups, medals, and rose bowls.

I received an order for a Roller Canary, for £3 10s., from an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and my customer has written to me to say he is delighted, writes Mr. Bernard Hollins (Hull). I have just bought a breeder's stock of some of the finest Rollers, which have won several prizes in Germany.

We have extended the date of entries closing, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, hon. secretary of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., to November 2nd. There is a splendid list of specials, and we hope fanciers will rally round and give us a bumper. The staging will be on the new principle.

Would the party who entered two birds—classes 31 and 34—for competition at the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. Open Show, but omitted to give name or address on entry, send birds to show with name and address, and labels will be fixed on, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the secretary. Post stamp was Bathgate.

NEXT WEEK we shall issue another

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and would once again impress upon all readers the necessity of ordering copies from their newsagents in advance if they would make certain of obtaining them.

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The closing date is Tuesday, November 2nd.

Post all advertisements early to reach us on that day certain, or we cannot guarantee insertion in this Mammoth Number.

The secretary of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S. writes pointing out a printer's error in their schedule, so that the 2 novice classes in our review of the schedule should have read for Yorkshires. The society have decided to add another open foreign class, viz., 46a, smaller than Cardinal. Schedules may he had on application.

The following extra specials were received after schedule was in printers' hands, writes Mr. F. Bowman, hon. secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show:—2s. 6d. by Mr. Alex. Henderson, for most points in Norwich; 2s. 6d. by Mr. J. Bowman (Forfar), for most points in novice Norwich; and 2s. 6d. by Mr. Alex. Henderson, for most points in Borders.

Allow me to thank you for the most excellent report of Battersea Show, writes Mr. W. J. Honeysett, the chairman. We owe our successful show to many reasons, first of all the grand display of advertisements in the Fancy Press, and the "Dates fixed" column system, with a good classification to suit all, and nice prize money. The London Federation, too, has, in my opinion, played an important part. With that old warrior, secretary Easterling, and his colleague, Mr. Allen, if we have the good fortune to retain them with an increase of members which is sure to follow, four figures will yet be reached at Battersea Town Hall.

Please convey to Mr. G. F. Neve, Mr. J. Cockburn Dyson, and Mr. Watson, my sincere thanks for the birds given me. I am very grateful to them for their kindness and sympathy, and I appreciate the birds very much. All are good ones, and give me every encouragement to try again. Will the other correspondents also please accept my thanks for their sympathy and wishes, and I trust that readers of your paper will now have heard the last of bird fever. May all those who have suffered through the fever this year have something to compensate them next season in the shape of good birds, and many of them.—F. H. SOUTHORN (Tyne Dock).

I am very sorry that owing to rush and hurry to get "marked" catalogues out, several errors in awards have unfortunately crept into our list. In class 44 unflighted Norwich hens, Mr. Winter is credited with 1st and special; it should be Mr. R. Martin, who wins 1st and special c. medal for best hen in section. Also first in class 71, should be Mr. A. W. Watson. —JOHN YOUNG, secretary.

I was very pleased to see my clear Greenie Mule depicted in CAGE BIRDS this week, and congratulate your artist, Mr. Norman, on the likeness. I am afraid he found him none too steady. The grizzle marked back, head, and wings at the Battersea Show, was not a nest brother to this clear, though he was a nest brother to a clear. The printers give my initials as A.C.A.; it should be—H. C. ARCHER (Plaistow, London, E.).

It is "Citizen Sunday" on the 31st inst., and Mr. V. Wynn informs us that on that date the Rev. Rosslyn Bruce is to come up to town to take the 7 p.m. service at St. Anne's Church, Shafteshury Avenue, W.C., a place of worship noted for its famous choir. The Rev. Rosslyn Bruce will be well-known to many metropolitan bird-lovers. He is a great "birdy-man" himself, and a vice-president of both the City and Suburban A.C.B. and the Nottingham O.S., the Midland "lace city" being his present place of residence.

Owing to a printer's error the prize money for Sheffield Show has been left out of schedule, writes Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, the secretaries. We are paying 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., also 3 points specials in each section, and other specials to appear in catalogue (including case of fish carvers for best crest or cresthred in show). We have not received a single entry up to time of writing. I hope fanciers will send on their entries, and give us a good show. Exhibits will be sent off in good time to reach home on Saturday night. Enter from review of schedule.

The young birds competition of the British Roller C.C., writes the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Norris, is being held in connection with the Wigan and Dis. C.B.S. Show on November 5th and 6th, in the Victoria Hall, Wallgate. A feature of the prizes is the ladies' section, their specials (12 in all) taking the form of umbrellas. We are having the club show at the Royal Horticultural Hall in conjunction with the L.C.B.A. We have five judges—Messrs. F. A. Lester, J. Netherwood, C. Roehl, John C. Schluter, and myself. We ought to have all records broken, as we have over 40 specials for five classes.

The delay in issuing our schedules, writes Mr. H. Smith, secretary, Wimbledon Show, is owing to the Southern Norwich P.C. sending us a request on Saturday last to take the champion section as well as the novice. We have decided to fall in with their wish. I hope the members of the S.N.P.C. will give us their full support. We are offering good specials, and can promise that the birds will be well looked after. On the occasion of our show last year we did not receive a single complaint. We have engaged popular judges, viz., Messrs. H. Norman and J. Robson, and the hall is admitted to be one of the best round London.

Kindly note, writes Mr. Geo. H. Neal, late hon. secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S., that I have removed from Upper Holloway, to 35, Sawley Road, Long Eaton, Derbyshire. I am sorry to say that the last week before I left London I had the misfortune to lose the whole of my stock of Norwich Plainheads, Yorkshires, and Crests through fever. I had no fresh birds brought into my room during 1909, and had had a good season. The loss of 60 or 70 birds, being left with not a chick, comes as a great blow to me. I have refused £2 and £3 for some of them, it having cost me a lot of self denial to get the strain. I don't think I shall be able to get up again, as I now have other stock that do not grow their own clothes. But I am not downhearted. I started with a 7s. 6d. cock bird and a 2s. 6d. hen in my first year, and with patience and waiting and selling my surplus stock out and buying better, I got to what I was. I intend having another start next spring, and I shall hope, after creeping, to crawl a year later. I still take in CAGE BIRDS weekly.

The Crystal Palace.

I have read paragraphs and letters in many newspapers regarding the winding-up order made by Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady, against the Crystal Palace Company, writes Mr. E. J. Husey (receiver and manager), and I should be grateful if you would allow me to inform the public that the order only refers to the Crystal Palace Company, and does not affect the Crystal Palace itself, or me, its receiver. I should like further to state that it is intended that the business of the Palace will go on as before; in fact, I am at this moment in negotiation with the object of holding at the Palace next year a function of world-wide interest.

Swallows' Homing Instinct.

Several Swallows sent by Mr. Henry Gallimore from Lostock Gralam, Northwich, have flown home successfully from Douglas, Isle of Man, says a daily contemporary, in two and a quarter hours. The journey, which works out at over forty miles an hour, has attracted much attention among naturalists, as it proves that Swallows possess the homing instinct like homing Pigeons. Another interesting experiment of Mr. Gallimore shows that Swallows return to their old nests after the annual migration. A number of Swallows were marked by tying red strands of silk round their legs, and several of the birds returned this April with the cord a little frayed to their old home.

Mr. G. E. Weston has removed from Clevedon Mansions, his address now being 66, Woodsome Road, London, N.W. Will friends (he writes), kindly make a note of this?

I advertised 3 Parrot Finches at £4 5s. writes Miss M. C. Hawke (Tadcaster), and had an answer from a man who said he would take them if suitable for an unheated birdroom. I am writing to say his letter is lost, and I do not know the address. Will he kindly write again?

I must hasten to congratulate you upon, and thank you for, the grand report you gave of our show in your brilliant twopenny issue of October 23rd. It has been the topic amongst the fanciers in the West of Scotland for the week-end. Long life and success to CAGE BIRDS, say I and hosts of others.—JOHN YOUNG, secretary (Norwich Section, City of Glasgow O.A.)

The Bromley fanciers unite in their special thanks to the many exhibitors who so readily responded to their genuine and urgent appeal, writes Mr. H. E. Speller, the hon. secretary. Entries simply rolled in; late, 'tis true, but better late than never, and enabled the Bromley fanciers to close their doors with a bumping entry. It speaks volumes for the importance of advertising in your esteemed journal, CAGE BIRDS.

Messrs. Witherby and Co. (326, High Holborn, London, W.C.), inform us that they will publish this autumn, "A History of the Birds of Kent," by Dr. Norman F. Ticehurst, also "The Home-life of a Golden Eagle," by Mr. H. B. Macpherson, which, it is stated, will contain one of the most wonderful series of bird-photographs ever published. Mr. Macpherson has been able to obtain at close quarters (in Scotland) photographs which show the Golden Eagle at its eyrie, from the time the eggs were laid, until the young fledged; they show the parent Eagles brooding, guarding and feeding, and teaching the young to break up the quarry, and even to fly.

There will be a welcome from many bird-keepers for the useful and ingenious device advertised in our columns this week by the H.D.S. Syndicate (42, Poultry, London, E.C.). It is a very simple yet effective hanger for bird-cages, which enables one to hang the latter in any suitable position on a wall or in a window with a minimum of trouble, and it has the great merit of being instantly removable, so that the position of the cage may be changed at will. This novel feature is sure to be widely appreciated, for any pet bird may be moved from the window on cheerless, cold days, to a snug spot on the wall of the room, and vice-versa, and all at the expenditure of a moment in time. The simplicity and effectiveness of the "Ever-ready Movable Bracket" must be seen to be appreciated. We commend it to the notice of readers.

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The increase in the number of small birds in the Mid-Athol district in Scotland, is said to be almost entirely due to the wholesale destruction by game-keepers of the Hawks, Owls, etc., to be found in the neighbourhood. The Sparrow is considered the most ravaging of them all, and the "small bird pest" is held responsible for the complete threshing of acres of oat crops yearly.

Killing the Goose.

The big Solan Goose was at one time used as an article of food. Cliff climbers clubbed the fledged young ones and threw them into the sea, where they were picked up by a boatman. They were then taken to the land and plucked, and roasted in a specially constructed oven. The roasted birds were then hawked through the country in carts, and sold for a shilling each. The fat was sold for the greasing of cart wheels.

A SENSATION AT CLAPHAM SHOW.

Unprecedented Action of the Police.

There will, it is safe to say, be many visitors to Clapham Show disappointed in one thing, at any rate. It was here that the Dartford Warbler—that most uncommon British bird—was to have made its "first and only appearance on the show-bench" (vide the catalogue). But the fates (and the police) willed otherwise. The sensation and the pride of the show was destined to provide a "sensation" of a quite unexpected, and not a little disagreeable, character. On the evening before the exhibition opened, there stalked into the show-room the awe-inspiring form of a Police Inspector, with a Police Sergeant bringing up the rear. They at once evinced a curious interest as to the whereabouts of the Dartford Warbler, and it transpired that someone had laid information that the bird was to be on show, and had pointed out that it had been obtained in contravention of the Wild Birds Protection Act. They were able to supply convincing proof of this from an article which the owner of the Dartford Warbler (Mr. John Frostick) has recently had published, in which he indicated the locality and the time of the taking of the birds! Naturally there was consternation in the hall. But naturally, the police failed to discover the object of their search. Eventually they left. What further action they will take only the future can reveal. We presume the owner of the bird would have had his treasure impounded (poor Warbler! imagine it at the police station on police rations), and we believe the disposal of birds is left in circumstances such as these to the discretion of the presiding magistrate. We are given to understand (we state it with all reserve), that the police acted on information laid by the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds.

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I am pleased to say I have had good results from my advertisements in "Cage Birde."—W. WALLACE (Workington).

My last advt. in your paper, "Cage Birds," cost me only 5d., and I got 34 replies. I wish your paper every success.—F. BAYLEY (Seacombe).

Kindly thank all who applied for my Norwich hene that I advertised in "Cage Birds" (writes Mr. G. S. Goode). I could not possibly answer them all.

Kindly announce that it was impossible for me to answer all lettere that I had in reply to my advert. in "Cage Birds," on Oct. 2nd.—W. CARR (Mansfield).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds." I have had so many replies that it is impossible to answer all.—CHAS. W. BREAM (Grantham).

My advertising in "Cage Birds" has met with great success all over the kingdom for my English Goldfinches. My thanks to "Cage Birds."—E. ELLIS (Welshpool).

Through one small advertisement in "Cage Birds" I have sold all the Yorkshires I have to spare, and these to a gentleman in Switzerland.—F. WHITING (Mitcham).

Kindly thank the numerous applicante in reply to my advt. in "Cage Birds." They came from all parts, and I am unable to answer them all.—J. LOGAN, Hon. Sec., Dysart C.B.S.

It may interest you to know that I have shipped 24 Canaries, various kinds, to Montreal, Canada, on Oct. 13th; this order came through my advt. in "Cage Birds."—J. A. TAYLOR (Frizinghall, Bradford).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds" last week. The replies I had from all parts of the country were far too numerous for me to answer them all.—W. SALMON (West Hampstead, London, N.W.).

Kindly thank all who answered my last advert. in "Cage Birds." I could only answer those who sent a stamp, as I had so many enquiries; which speaks well for the wide circulation your paper, "Cage Birds," has.—F. J. CHILD (Leeds).

As I have been quite over-run with replies to my advt. in your most valuable paper, "Cage Birds," and they are still coming in, I must sincerely thank all whom I have not answered by post.—"Cage Birds" is absolutely THE Paper. — TOM MOSCROP (Gateshead).

Kindly allow me to thank all who sent me, in reply to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," offers for my Linnets and Redpolls, for I could not find time to answer them all. I wish your most valuable paper, "Cage Birds," all the success it deserves.—GEO. DODDS (Pendleton).

Kindly thank all who answered my advt. in "Cage Birds" of Oct. 2nd. They were by far too numerous for me to be able to answer any of the applications other than those who enclosed a stamp. My advice to all fanciers is, always advertise in "Cage Birds."—WM. J. PARRY (Dinorwig).

"Cage Birds" has indeed helped me a great deal, and as an advertising medium I don't think it has an equal. I have had applications from all over the British Isles for Bullies, which speaks volumes for your well known and much appreciated paper.—NAWTON (Pickering).

My advertisement in "Cage Birds" issue of Oct. 23rd (British Birds) has brought me scores of applications—too many for me to attempt to reply to. A gentleman from Leeds came personally and bought the birds. I would like to thank all applicants. "Cage Birds" for advertisements always means a quick sale.—FRED. TYLER (Baildon, Yorks.).

My advertisement in "Cage Birds" has been a great success, as I received applications for 13 Choughs in all, but only had one bird for sale. Fanciers must rush for your paper directly it is out, as letters started to arrive from different parts of England on the Saturday morning. All success to your paper, "Cage Birds."—E. R. PHILLIPS (Blackrock, Co. Dublin).

It was a pleasant surprise to see our Meadow Bunting pourtrayed on the frontispiece of CAGE BIRDS some weeks ago, and it would be ungrateful if we did not write a few lines in acknowledgement of your kindness and in appreciation of the artist's splendid reproduction. We are young in the Fancy, one might say, and this is the first time we have had the pleasure of seeing a bird of ours depicted in so prominent a place before the Fancy, so that we felt greatly elated. I can assure you this was one of our aspirations in the hobby, not for the love of praise, but for the inward satisfaction and encouragement that every fancier must feel when he puts out a bird which proves worthy of the judges' attention, and is ite own reward. Being in lodgings at present and away from the centre of our late operations in the hobby, I am unable to give you particulars regarding the bird in question, further than that it won for us a good number of prizes here and there throughout Scotland, and was eventually and necessarily sold at a good price. May it prosper and assert its excellent qualities this coming show season for the encouragement and profit of its present owner. Your readers will observe that for the present the name of Milne Bros. is an unknown quantity in the birdy arena, but in the words of a beautiful song, of which I forget the title, "Deem not 'tie for ever." When we are again gathered into the fold under the wing of our guardian angel, CAGE BIRDS, it is our hope to enter the circle with greater vigour and ambition than ever before, and to renew all those old acquaintances and associations which have cast so beautiful a spell on the past. In conclusion, I would add that this most fascinating of hobbies, bird-keeping, in its interminable variety of forms, is the finest tonic ever recommended to the public for all the ills that afflict mankind.—MILNE BROS. (Keith).

Mr. Norman's plates of my Mule and Thrush are to hand, and they are real masterpiecee of the art of illustrating winners. For these please accept my best thanks. The performances of the birds are as follows:—The Light Linnet Mule I name "The Irishman," as he was bred in Ireland, and I claimed him when exhibited at Banbridge Show, Co. Down, which I happened to be present at. Since coming into my possession, he has won the following prizes: 1st Bo'ness, 1st Berwick, 1907; 1st Broughty Ferry, 1st Berwick, 1st Gateshead, 2nd Blaydon, 2nd Kelty, 3rd Dunfermline, 1908; and other honours which at the present I cannot bring to my memory. The Thrush is the well-known "Border Queen," and her name marks her place of identity, as she is a native of Tweedside having been reared in Coldstream. She passed into the hands of that well-known bird-lover, Mr. G. W. McParting, of Newcastle, from whom I had the pleasure of getting her in an exchange. She has had a most successful show career, as the following will testify. Her first turnout was the Crystal Palace Show, where she was placed first under Mr. Hills (1908 show season), 1st Newcastle (Mr. Houlton), 1st Kelso (Mr. Hay), 1st Berwick (Mr. Bewick), 1st and special best British, Carlisle (Mr. Laidlaw), 1st Gateshead (Mr. Robinson), 1st Bathgate (Mr. Ward), 2nd South Shields (Mr. Shephard), 2nd Wallsend (Mr. Dewar), v.h.c S.N. Edinburgh (Mr. Cochrane); after which she again succeeded in winning at the Crystal Palace, 1909, under Mr. Hills. I am pleased to say both birds have made a good moult, and again should well be able to hold their own in competition. I may say, too, that none of these birds has been colour-fed, and when they have been placed down the list have invariably been beaten by colour-fed specimens. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. W. BRUCE (Coldstream).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 66, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 50, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.

*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 56, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.) J. Gr., H.W.B., J.H.R., E.G., S.H., W.B.C. and C.H.

Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.

Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham). T. Dxn.

*Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England** — (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H. J.R. Stk., W.E.G.

Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.

*Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.

*Nov. 3.—**Cholteham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J, W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.

*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.) J.B., W.V.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock). H.T. & W. My.

*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.

Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.

*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.

*Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.

Nov. 6.—**Bradford West**—(J. W. Telford, 15, Westfield Road, Toller Lane). W.M. & J.Bk.

*Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffe). W.V.

*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street). J.N.

*Nov. 11—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 121, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne** — (Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.

*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.

*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.

*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.) J. Btk.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.) W.V.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 19, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road,) J.H.R.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.

*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton. 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.R.

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B.

*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.

*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.

*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.** — (E. Brunskill, 2, Dane bury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

*Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Miner Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) A.B.

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed, Church St.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mallet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Forryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 125 School Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 1—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigglnton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Botkow Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.Clk.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J.Brn., D. L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Ganze Road, Chauce). J.Sd., W.Mn., J.Tn., W.C.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wtn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Br. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J Dn., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.). A.P, D. Lc., J Se.

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.). J.F.D., J.Bl., W.C.

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 8, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Lse.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Wo dburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**— (D. Anthony, Main Street. Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W., W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Cw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.) J.H.P., C.H.

*Nov. 17—**Macsteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.

*Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W.J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15 — **Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H.

*Jan. 11.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.

Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R., Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, Jo' Street, Toronto, Canada.)

A Few of Many.

The Hawfinch plate was just lovely.—J. LONGBOTTOM (Wisheck).

The coloured plate of the Hawfinch is a treat.—HOLKER (Westhoughton).

The plate with the last Double Number is grand, and I am having it framed.—G. H. NEAL (Long Eaton).

I think the coloured plate of Hawfinches is truly grand, and a great credit to your artist, Mr. Norman.—NAWTON (Pickering).

I think your Double Number and plate are a credit to the Fancy, and I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—R. WHITE (Beeston, Leeds).

Your recent Double Number was quite a treat, and no fancier should miss it. The coloured plate is most life-like.—J. MOOR (Morpeth).

Allow me to thank you for the "Budget" of October 23rd. That Double Number of CAGE BIRDS was excellent.—W. J. HONEYSETT (Clapham, London, S.W.)

CAGE BIRDS Double Number I am delighted with, and also with your splendid plate, which is lifelike, and I cannot praise it enough. I wish your smart paper every success.—W. BOOK (Dublin).

I must again congratulate you on the splendid Double Number you have given us, and upon the excellent plate of the Hawfinches, which I think is unique. You always give us something better every time. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—ALF. ROWLES (Peterborough).

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Just Beginning.

T. V. Jones.—Your query is quite too vague for me to do more than give a few general hints, and if this does not meet your special requirements, please write again, and give me some idea what kind of aviary it is you have bought, where you wish to keep it—indoors or outdoors—and its dimensions. Without some knowledge on these points it is impossible to give a definite reply to some of your questions. When you supply these particulars I shall be happy to give you all the help I can. The kind of birds that would be suitable depends entirely upon the aviary and its position. As you seem to wish to go in for breeding, you certainly cannot keep a pair of each kind flying together, unless you did not mind the birds mating themselves indiscriminately, and producing all kinds of crossbred mongrel youngsters. You would have to limit yourself to one variety, and it is not necessary to have an equal number of sexes in these circumstances. If the aviary is well built, of good size, and stocked with cold-bred birds, they will certainly live outdoors all the year round without any kind of artificial heat.

Birds Panting Heavily.

Bert.—Your diet is faulty, and I cannot see for what reason you have been giving opium in the water. Certainly you have not been giving this regularly for no definite object. I hope not. Yet this is what your query suggests. Put birds on a diet of plain canary, and give separately every second day, a teaspoonful of bread and milk, slightly sprinkled with soft sugar, to the three birds, and on the alternate days give each half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Twice a week give a pinch of hemp, and for green food for the next fortnight give only half ripe plantain stalks or seed stalks of shepherd's purse, and if these are not obtainable, substitute a little banana. Keep them in a comfortable place, where the air is pure and fresh, but not exposed to draughts or great variations of heat. Stop all other seeds and food of all kinds for the present. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week. On the alternate days in the latter half of the week give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and four of tincture of gentian, and continue this on alternate days for a week. Do not give any other drugs at all.

Winter Diet in an Aviary.

G. Dear.—Your proposed dietary, even in your exposed position, is, I think, likely to err a little on the side of generosity. The trouble you would have to face under such a regimé is that the birds would probably be always in a condition when the least rise in temperature would bring them into fresh breeding condition, and in the early spring this would be very far from a desirable result. The rape may with advantage be reduced a little in the staple diet. Make it two parts canary to one part rape, and a little later on, when the weather gets more severe, alter it to two parts canary, one part rape, and a half part hemp, and omit the hemp from the separate mixture, whilst giving it in the staple diet. This should only be given during the coldest part of winter, and the first-named staple gone back to early in spring. The separate mixture you should give now three times a week, and the soft food twice; for the latter you may give either bread and milk, or the cod liver oil food, or give each kind once a week. Later on give the mixed seeds every second day, and the soft food on the alternate days only. The sunflower, oatmeal, and malt culms, reserve for the severest spells of weather, and then give a little with the soft food. But be sparing with these items. When giving the mixed seeds, every second day cut down the proportion of linseed to a mere sprinkling. The aviary is quite overcrowded now. Twenty-four birds is the limit for safety in this respect. I do not quite understand your postcript about the birds dying, unless there are some other birds which you have separately caged. If this surmise is correct, put them on a diet of plain canary as a staple, with a scrap of bread and milk daily. Keep fairly warm, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, and six each of syrup of rhubarb and buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If they are not considerably better then write again and say how and where kept.

Two Hens Unwell.

P. P.—1. Put this hen in a fairly warm place, where there is as little variation as possible in the warmth, quite out of reach of draughts, and away from the fumes of burning lamps or gas. Keep a light cover over cage for a few days. Feed on a diet of plain canary, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake, with a slight dusting of flowers of sulphur mixed in it, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed. When weather is fair, give a small spray of chickweed or seedy head of groundsel for green food, and omit the dandelion and apple for the present. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of buckthorn and a few blades of saffron every second day for a week, and plain water which has been boiled, on the alternate days. 2. Feed this hen the same as above for a fortnight, but omit the maw seed and sulphur from soft food. Give the same green food also. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, six drops of rhubarb, and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence, two days in every three for a week. After this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week.

Frayed Wing Feathers.

Perplexed.—There are two probable causes of this, which I should suspect in such a case, viz., that the birds themselves are responsible for the frayed and broken ends of the feathers by nibbling at them, or that it is due to the cages being small, and probably, with some rough surfaces or damaged wires, which either rub the feathers down or engage with the tips as the birds flap about and break them off. In the latter case the remedy is obvious, by thoroughly examining the cages and wires, and looking into the arrangement of the perches, to see if any friction occurs anywhere, as the birds are moving briskly about, and flapping their wings, and removing such cause, if it exists, by giving larger cages, or readjusting the perches, as may be necessary. If you find birds are continually nibbling at these feathers, catch them about every third day for a fortnight, and slightly moisten the tips only of the damaged feathers with castor oil. At the same time tie a bit or two of partly ravelled string to the cage wires to divert the birds' attention from their feathers. Let them bathe freely, but stop spraying them with Jeyes' Fluid, and continue your efforts in all other directions to exterminate red mites. If you want these birds for show, as soon as you are satisfied the cause of the trouble is removed, carefully draw out these damaged feathers and let new ones come in their place. Of course, you must not exhibit them until the new feathers are full grown, or nearly so; and do not forget to give a little colour food whilst they are being produced, if the birds have been already colour fed.

Roller Losing Song.

Brownlow.—I do not remember your former query. It would perhaps have been helpful had you referred to my former reply. It is true, in a sense, that Rollers are rather apt to become more or less seriously affected in the voice. But it is often more a question of injudicious treatment than a peculiarity of the variety. I do not say this is the case with your bird; at the same time, if you keep your birds in open wire cages similar to the design enclosed you are certainly inviting vocal troubles. Place the three-year-old cock in a box cage, open only in front, and give every second day for a month, in the water, ten drops of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills and tincture of lobelia. Also take a teaspoonful of honey, as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a shilling, a few drops of warm butter, and make all into a soft paste with a little crushed biscuit powder. Give the bird a piece about the size of a pea twice a week, stuck on the wires. If there is no improvement in a month, I think you may give up any hope of curing him. There is really no reason why you should not get another Roller. With proper care they will retain their singing powers, save in exceptional cases, for a number of years. If you wish to breed with it you must not get a Mule of any kind, as they do not breed. For singing only a Mule is generally very successful, but the song is not to be compared with that of the Roller. This, however, is just a matter of taste. The end of November or December is a good time to buy Rollers, and just after or during the first snap of wintry weather is best for Finches.

First Aid for Travellers.

Enquirer, Fintona, Ireland.—Unless the birds meet with very unfavourable weather conditions on the journey, they should not arrive in such a bad condition as you say many of them do, even if they were delayed a little en route. The following treatment should enable you to save all that are not quite beyond hope on arrival. Remove wrappers from the cages in a comfortably warm room, but leave the birds in the travelling cages for a few hours. Have ready some warm milk, to each ounce of which add a teaspoonful of brandy or whisky—whichever is most handy—and as soon as the wrappers are removed hang on the wires a drinker filled with the lukewarm milk and brandy. Whilst birds are drinking, soak a piece of stale bread in another portion of the milk and brandy, press out surplus fluid, sprinkle with soft sugar and maw seed, and give a good teaspoonful to each bird. Shake the soiled seed out of the cages, and throw in a little plain canary seed. Put the cakes in a warm place—not too warm— and leave the birds to feed and recuperate quietly for an hour or two before transferring them to other cages. Any that seem much exhausted may with advantage be left in the travelling cages under this treatment until the following day. Watch the birds when first putting on the brandy and milk and when they have taken about a dozen beakfuls remove it for ten minutes, then give a drinker of lukewarm water for a few minutes, and replace the milk again for an hour, after which give a drinker of water in which you have mixed twenty drops of port wine and six of malt extract. If any of them should refuse the first drink, dilute it with equal parts of water, and let them take a few beakfuls of lukewarm water with port wine and malt as above in between.

Songster and Disinfection.

J. P. W.—For information, see replies to "Invalid, Huddersfield," and "Brownlow." As a songster, a well-trained Roller is not to be beaten, and it should not always go wrong in its voice if properly cared for. It should be kept in a box cage, in an equable temperature, out of draughts, away from fumes of burning lamps or gas, and in a pure atmosphere. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, maw, tenzie, and gold of pleasure, twice a week, a teaspoonful of egg-food, crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar once a week. Give one or another of the latter, or each in rotation, but not all in one week. Give green food daily in summer, three times a week in winter when available free from frost. At other times give a bit of sweet fruit instead. No, asthma is not infectious. Still, a cage should always be well washed out with a fairly strong disinfecting fluid—Jeye's or any similar fluid which happens to be handy—and afterwards re-distempered when a bird has died in it from any cause.

Bad Feet and Fits.

Novice.—1. Sore and swollen feet are very often simply the natural result of dirty and neglected cages, but as yours seems to be a very aggravated case, and comparing this with your second query, I think there must be something seriously wrong with your management. As you are quite silent on this point, you cannot do better than get one of our handbooks on Canary management generally, or write again, and say how you keep and feed your birds. Meantime, bathe this bird's feet in tolerably warm water, in which you have dissolved boracic acid in the proportion of a small teaspoonful to half a teacupful of water. After bathing for a few minutes, gently remove all dirt and foreign substances, gently press out any matter that may be present in the sores, wash clean, and dry carefully on a soft rag. Then paint the feet over with a small feather dipped in tincture of benzoin. Keep the cage and perches very clean; do not use sharp, coarse sand on the floor; and bind a strip of soft rag around the perches until the feet are better. Repeat the bathing and painting daily as long as it seems necessary. 2. The cause of the fits is probably a weakly and anæmic condition generally. It is useless treating the fits and ignoring the cause. See that the diet is correct, and you may give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentain and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. When a fit occurs suspend other treatment, and give as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of bromide of potassium for a few days. These cases are rarely amenable to any treatment other than proper food and management.

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Half-a-Dozen.

T. N. Z.—1. Without wishing to appear unkind, I am afraid this bird died of turpentine. Only a post-mortem could discover what was really the matter. Probably it had been exposed to a chill or draughts, and was suffering from acute bronchitis. After removing it to the warm room, you should have given it a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and added ten drops of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills, paregoric and essence of aniseed to its drinking water for a few days. 2. A temperature of forty-five degrees is ample for any save coddled strains of Canaries during the winter. Whether your top attic would be too cold depends upon the locality and the attic. But lots of high-class Canaries are bred and kept in such a position without any heat at all. 3. When frost and snow are about you should omit green food, and substitute pieces of sweet fruit—apple, banana, etc.—or slices of raw or boiled carrot. I do not approve of cabbage leaves myself, though some use the tiny leaves of Brussels sprouts. The top of inner stalks of celery are much appreciated, and very good for them, and watercress may be given when obtainable. Green food may also be grown indoors in pots or boxes. 4. Plain canary seed only as staple—all other seeds as frequently named in this column give separately, as you see advised. 5. The cocks are—well, more "cocky"—holder, more defiant, and swaggering, more graceful curve from lower breast to under tail coverts, and the throat swells and pulsates when the cock sings. Coarse, scaly legs and feet and overgrown claws are an indication of age. A young bird should have fairly smooth feet, and claws with fine, needle-like points. 6. Prevent them catching cold; that will be far better than curing them afterwards. Twenty drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together in the drinking water, if given early, should be all that is required.

Brevities.

Blood Clot on Head (Genial Arthur).—As it is well and lively I do not think the blood clot can be serious. From its position I should say it is immediately over, or upon the edge of, the bird's ear, which is usually hidden by feather, and the hole which you think would result from removing the clot is, in all probability, the external orifice of the ear. It is not impossible for the blood to have come from the ear, but it is far more likely to be simply the result of some slight injury to the skin, such as a peck from another bird if any are caged with it; the rupture of a small quill feather by scratching; or an abrasion of the skin by flying against a jagged end of wire; or by the bird scratching with overgrown claws. You might look into these points to prevent any recurrence. All you need do now is to anoint the clot gently now and again with boracic or zinc ointment until you can easily remove it without using unnecessary force, or causing a renewal of the bleeding.

Soft Moult and Seeds (Noggs).—They are brown millet and linseed, neither of which is of much service in the staple diet of Canaries. When present in any appreciable quantity the linseed—the small flat lozenge-shaped seed—is really harmful to closely-confined birds. Still, the diet would not account for the bird moulting so long; the more likely cause is that you keep it in a position exposed to either draughts or extremes of temperature. Keep it where the warmth is regular and equable. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give separately a few grains of hemp every second day for a month, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give a small piece of banana three times a week in lieu of green food. In the water give a pinch of Epsom salts for a day or two, and after that twenty drops of chemical food every second day until the feathers cease dropping.

Precocity (Next).—It depends to a great extent upon the management through the winter whether an August-hatched hen would go to nest as early as one hatched in April. Under the same management the August hen might defer nesting a week or two, but probably not more than a month in any case, after the older bird. On the other hand, if the August hen were forced in any way, and the other kept under normal conditions, the younger hen would probably go to nest first.

Variety for Singing (Invalid, Huddersfield).—The variety that will serve your purpose better than any other is a Roller. They get called by all kinds of fancy names, such as Hartz Mountain, Trute, Seifert, St. Andreasberg, etc. As long as you get a trained Roller, the name is of no account. Look up our advertisement columns under heading Rollers, select a dealer of repute who seems to have what you want, but do not expect the best trained birds are sold for the lowest amount, and have a bird on approval, depositing the cash with our Editor until you are satisfied with the bird's song. The bird will not be much to look at in comparison with your Yorkshires, but the song, which is your chief object, will be O.K.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Three Items.

Novice Exhibitor.—1. I do not "sheet down" my British birds (even when colour-feeding) in the manner adopted by Canary fanciers. But I keep the direct rays of the sun off them (by means of a cream-coloured window blind) until they are beginning to come up well in colour. This applies to Goldfinches and all the others. I let them have sunbaths in plenty afterwards; at the end of the moult the sun, of course, is losing its power. 2. Healthy Canaries certainly ought to come to no harm in an outdoor bird-room, the temperature of which "does not go below temperature in winter," as you put it. Many indoor bird-rooms (my own, for instance) go a long way below temperate. 3. This is partly answered in the reply given question number one. I think it necessary to keep the rays of the sun off any birds which are being colour-fed—whether Canaries, Mules, or British. But I know from practical experience that both Canaries and Mules can be fed hot enough for anything without their cages being actually "sheeted down." Still, some fanciers will not agree with this statement of mine.

An Exhibition Redstart.

Resurgam. By all means try again. The old saying, "If at first you don't" (you know the rest) should be followed by all aspirants to exhibition honours. But if your Redstart is in winter plumage he will stand little chance. They need to be colour-fed, and to have the best of insectivorous food at the moult, so as to get them into spring plumage. Size and shape, of course, are essential points, and these you can only gauge by comparing your bird with other examples when on the show bench. Show Redstarts should be cobby (stoutly-built), with broad heads, and wide well-rounded chests, and perfect feet. The head should be bluish-grey, and the back, also, though tinged with red; the root of the tail should be as fiery a red as possible, and the region of the lower breast and flanks a deep, warm red; the cheeks, throat and upper breast should be a rich glossy black, there being white fringes (or "frosting") hereabouts. There should be on the forehead, and extending round the eyes, a white band, and this should be of nice width and clearly defined (cut) at the edges. There only requires to be a very sparse mottling of white on the breast, by-the-way. The depth of the red depends largely on colour-feeding, which helps very much to attain it. A good Redstart, when in show condition, should shine like a piece of satin. Free bathing helps to attain this.

A Goldfinch for Show.

Fixite.—A Goldfinch can certainly be shown in an ordinary Norwich Plainhead show-cage. There is nothing in any show regulations which compels the exhibitor to adopt one particular pattern of cage. I have often seen Goldies exhibited in all-wire (house) cages, such as singing Canarics are kept in. It does not help one's bird to win, however. A Goldfinch worth exhibiting at all is worth being exhibited properly. Get a proper Finch show-cage, by all means. You cannot well better the pattern and size adopted by the N.B.B. and M.C. All cage makers stock it; see our advertisement columns. 2. I don't advise a pale colour. Use an extremely dark green—not lighter than holly green—for inside and wires of the cage. This shows a Goldie up to perfection. 3. It depends entirely upon whether a Goldfinch is dirty or not whether one needs to "tub" him. I think all birds, however, which do much travelling round the shows should be washed at intervals, as they undoubtedly get soiled, and this slight dirtiness is bound to tell if they run up against spotlessly clean Finches their equal in other respects. You must use your own judgment. If you live in a large town you will probably need to hand-wash oftener than a fancier living in the country. A lesson or two helps one, of course, but a skilful fancier can wash a bird after reading a good article, especially if he tries on some bird of little value at first.

A Disappointing Yellowhammer.

T. Boyle.—Your "experienced" friend (whatever that may signify) may be right when he says that the Yellowhammer had been "touched up" before it was sold to you. But he is much more likely to be quite wrong. The bird would be in summer (breeding) plumage when you bought it, which would account for the richness of colour and the clearness of head, cheeks and throat. But when they moult into winter garb, the yellow is much paler, and on the head, throat and cheeks is obscured by "ticking"—that is, the dark edging on the feathers. In the spring this ticking disappears, and the bird "clears up" in colour (as fanciers term it)—shows more "gold," and both yellow and chestnut acquires a much richer tone. This "clearing-up" process is hastened by rich feeding (plenty of live ants' eggs, mealworms, and other live insects; also good insectivorous food frequently) during the moult, when a little colour food is also helpful. A Yellowhammer is not at its best in colour until it is three years old. The chief colour points of a show Yellowhammer are rich yellow (golden) top of head, cheeks, throat, and breast, especially the two latter, though the breast is usually more or less shaded over (across) with a beautiful warm brown. The back should be a rich deep brown, showing the dark markings (pencilling) distinctly and evenly (also the wing markings). Very important markings are the V-shaped black streaks running along each side of the crown, meeting at the beak, and the somewhat horseshoe-shaped cheek markings. These should both be dense black, thick and well-defined (clear-cut). The centre of the head-mark should be as clear and bright a yellow as possible (free from black ticking), and round about the cheeks also. These parts are generally "cloudy" after the moult.

Scales on the Legs.

P. MacDougall.—I can quite believe that the scales have become more prominent during the moult. Yellowhammers are very subject to "scales," and their legs become most unsightly; have often seen good show birds disfigured in this way. There is no way to prevent the scales forming, I believe. The "cure" for scaly legs is to remove the scales. I have often in this column explained how to do it. It is quite easy, providing one has confidence in the handling of birds; it need cause the bird but very slight pain, and it will bring great relief after it is over. I usually heat a little salad oil fairly hot (put it in a suitable vessel, and immerse the latter in boiling water), soak the legs well in this, and then pick off the scales with my finger-nails, also sometimes using curved nail-scissors or a pair of nail clippers, which occasionally come in handy. Afterwards I wash the feet and legs in warm water, dry them, and anoint them with a little healing ointment—Zambuk, boracic, or mild carbolic. A bird's legs may also be scaled quite easily after soaking them in a lather made with carbolic soap and hot water. It is quite easy, if common care is exercised, so as not to violently wrench a leg or a toe, which, of course, may spell dislocation. If any blood be inadvertently drawn from one or other of the toe joints, touch the spot (after washing) with Friar's Balsam or "New Skin." The soap lather is the simplest; but the oil was the first method I tried, and I believe in sticking to old friends. Some fanciers use hot water only.

About a Tree Creeper.

Anxious.—You are quite right when you say that a Tree Creeper "seems to stand a grand chance in the insectivorous class." So it does; but, as I had occasion to explain before, this bird is highly delicate, and no one should attempt to keep it who is not well skilled in attending to the wants of tiny insectivorous birds, otherwise it is certain to die. The house cage should be a large one (say 24 inches long, by 20 high by 12 to 14 wide), and the back and sides must be lined with bark (called "virginian cork," at shops where it is sold), for the bird to run about on. Get this flat, if possible. Perches are not absolutely necessary, though I generally have one in my own cages. The wire front must be of half-inch gauge, not more, and the best feeding vessels are those which swing in through openings out into the front rail of the cage. If the sides and top of the cage are not bark lined (the

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back *must* be), they should be lined with a thick material, such as good quality baize (glued on). For food the bird must have an insectivorous mixture of the finest quality (containing plenty of good ants eggs) prepared in the usual way with finely grated raw carrot or minced greenfood, a little minced hard-boiled egg being frequently added. Live food is essential to the bird's continued well-being—flies, aphides, wasp-grub, small scoured gentles, small (or cut-up) mealworms, live ants' eggs and the like. Unless you can cater for the bird properly, don't attempt to keep it; try a species less delicate. You do not put water in the show-cage while travelling to the show, it would only get spilled over the cage bottom, and make an awful mess. Exhibits are given water as soon as they reach the exhibition; see that they get a drink just before starting—easily ensured by leaving them without water for half-an-hour or so before packing them, and then offering water. I like damped cocoa-nut fibre (obtainable at florists' shops) as a covering for the cage bottoms. Press it down hard, after damping it.

Brevities.

A Jackdaw's Cage (A. A. Savell).—The cage is a fine size, but I do not recommend you to have any part of the roof wired—it will be best completely covered in. Any rain which got inside would make the interior highly unpleasant, and cause it to smell, too.

For a Goldfinch (F. Matthews).—Dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much Epsom salts as will cover a shilling, then stir in six or seven drops of good brandy. Leave in the cage 24 hours. If Canary seed "killed Goldfinches," I should hardly be likely, week in and week out, to recommend its use. Let the bird have Canary and teazle in addition to the hemp, with a pinch of niger, thistle, and maw now and again, and a few sunflower seeds.

With a Cold (Another Thrush Puzzle).—It is not much of a puzzle this time, I fancy. Birds are very liable to catch a cold during the moulting season. Keep the Thrush out of draughts (indoors), and in an equable temperature. In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water stir a teaspoonful of the following medicine (which any chemist will mix for you): Oxymel of squills, liquor tolu, mucilage of gum acacia, and glycerine of each one drachm, water to three fluid ounces. Continue this for a reasonable period; colds can't be cured in a day.

In a Flight (E.H.L.W.).—Seven or eight birds in each flight cage will be ample. It is impossible to say that they will be "likely to agree." Birds differ in disposition. Some Goldies, for instance, are extremely quarrelsome; others do not seem to mind companions. I cannot, of course, foresee the dispositions of the birds you will acquire. Further, some will agree through autumn and winter, and turn quarrelsome in the spring. A very good seed-mixture would be: Canary and teazle three parts each, hemp two parts, summer rape, charlock, sunflower and linseed one part each.

Flight Feathers Missing (J.G.).—This loss of flight feathers is an accident which may happen in the "best regulated family," so to speak. The food had nothing to do with it. Any violent fluttering may serve to dislodge them when they are not fully grown and "set." Your attempt to catch him brought about the disaster. However, new feathers will soon grow, and the bird will be none the worse for the mishap. It certainly will not affect him so far as breeding goes. A good many people, I expect, would not believe Linnets were fond of "maggots"; glad to hear I have "learned you something" on this and other points.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Breeding Budgerigars in a Cage.

Novice.—Yes, it is quite possible to breed Budgerigars in a cage; the cage should be 2ft. long by 15 inches deep by 18 to 24 inches high. It is really immaterial, so long as the birds are kept out of draught, whether the cage be box or all wire; in the case of the latter, some kind of screen should ho kept over the breeding husk, so that they may get some little privacy with the domestic arrangements. Their requirements are very simple, viz., canary, white and spray millet seeds, with a few oats, green food (fresh lettuce at this season), with grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Hang up two husks, one at either end of the cage. Hope you'll have luck, but do not pry much into their nesting economy, or they may refuse to sit their time out. Either of the booklets "Foreign Birds for Beginners," or "Budgerigars" (see advertisement in this column) would give you valuable help in attending to your birds.

Brazilian Siskins, etc.

Experimenter.—Occasionally we get fertile Hybrids with these crosses, but in the great majority of instances they are sterile. The Brazilian or Black-headed Siskin is a very handsome species, and should produce a very handsome hybrid. The hen bird entirely lacks the rich black areas of the male, but the lack of the black head and neck alone is sufficient to distinguish her from the male; nevertheless, though much duller in hue than the male, she is not by any means plain, but a neat and prettily-clad little person . . . the price is about normal. Re Siberian Bullfinch, I should advise you to repeat your query, as I opine either the advertiser in question has either sold out or your letter of inquiry has gone astray. Did you send a stamped addressed envelope for reply? If not, write again and do so. If you succeed in breeding hybrids, pair them up with the species from which they have sprung; you may get a small percentage of fertile hybrids, and my perpetuate the cross with a little inbreeding and careful selection.

Grey Parrot in Bad Plumage.

W. Gerrard.—You can give ripe fruit almost ad lib, and the bird will be the better for it. In addition to the ordinary dietary, steep a little Indian corn, pour boiling water over it overnight, and let it so stand till morning, then after shaking off all superfluous moisture by shaking the corn about in a cloth, well dust it with flower of sulphur; also well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till the feathers are all reproduced. You must keep its bowels freely moving, with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of drinking water) as required. Soaked bread is quite permissable if soaked in water, and might with advantage have a few drops of chemical food soaked into it; do not give any slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Seed mixture: Two parts each Canary, white millet and oats, and one part each hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds. Hope there will soon be an improvement, many Parrots are moulting now.

Parrot with Growth by Beak.

C. Smith.—I should advise you to let a "vet." see this bird, as he could probably remove the growth at once, and the trouble would be rapidly over. You do not give me sufficient data to assist you properly. You had better repeat query next week, and tell me how you have been feeding the bird, and a little more of the nature of the growth. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and put a little on and under the tongue once or twice a day till the trouble yields. Keep the

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bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (see other replies in this issue). If the growths are soft you could foment with a hot (not scalding) decoction of camomile flowers, and when the growths appear ripe, prick them, and get rid of the humour by gentle pressure; if the growths are hard, lightly touch each growth daily with tincture of iodide; use a camel hair brush, and clean it after each occasion—do not get the tincture among the feathers more than can be helped.

Brevities.

About Java Sparrows (T. N. Z.).—I. Canary and white millet in equal parts; also a mixture of paddy rice, oats, and a little hemp. At this time of year fresh lettuce is the best green food; when this is unobtainable a little ripe apple makes a good substitute. 2. This is a hardy species, and unless their cage is so small that they cannot take proper exercise, any cold room that is not draughty will suffice. A fly round the room occasionally will certainly add to their well-being. 3. As a rule, aged birds can be told by the legs and feet, these being in aged birds so coarsely and heavily sealed as to appear almost horny. As a rule, also, aged birds are mopey, and less sprightly than young birds; a little observation of living specimens will enable you to readily distinguish such points. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful in treating your birds.

What Whydah? (G. Watson).—It is a Paradise Whydah, a native of Africa. This species is always the better for a few live insects, and I should certainly try to capture for it such insects as spiders, smooth caterpillars, beetles, etc.; or, failing these, a couple of mealworms per diem will add to their well-being; they should also get a little fresh lettuce or ripe apple. The size of show cage must be sufficient for it to stand on the top perch without getting its tail spoiled, so that its caudal appendage must be above the cage floor when it is so perching. Distemper your cage a deep holly-green inside and black out; such a cage suits most species of birds, and will certainly answer admirably for your Whydah. I should anticipate it would retain its caudal plumes over the period you name.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Illustrated Ideas (W. G. Elisha).—We have utilised already a very similar notion. (W. Lovering).—This also applies to the perch you send.

Water Tins at Shows (W. R. Everett).—We thank you for your postcard, and sympathise with your views. We are afraid, however, the losers of tins are entitled to take such steps as seem best to themselves.

Natural Colour (Keppy).—It is against our rules to permit correspondence concerning a judge's awards, unless the circumstances involve something more than just individual differences of opinion. These non-colour-fed classes have been responsible for much disputation.

Alleged Incompetent Judge (Yellow Border). We cannot allow correspondence concerning a judge's awards; after all, everyone—even a judge—is entitled to his own opinion; and often it resolves into a mere question of opinion as to which bird should be first and which bird second. If, as you say, a Scotch Fancy judge was elected to officiate upon Norwich and British, that is a matter for the Society concerned—a matter which you could, if you choose, bring direct to the notice of the officials. If shows choose to imperil their chances of success by engaging incompetent judges, that is their own look-out; they have to "pay the piper," of course. Fanciers have it in their own hands whether they shall make entries or not.

A Thistle Tearing Machine (J. Gosling).—We have not received a reply. Perhaps you would care to repeat your letter.

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Budgerigar (Athos).—Apoplexy, possibly the result of too much food, and not enough exercise.

Grey Parrot (H. H.).—Chronic softening of liver, recent inflammation and rupture of blood vessels of that organ. More exercise and less food of a stimulating nature would probably have kept it in a healthier condition.

Canary (W. Morris).—Pneumonia. The absence of any item of information as to symptoms and duration of illness, and the crushed condition of the body through not being enclosed in a box, do not conduce to a helpful judgment as to cause of death.

Goldfinch (J. Yeo).—Disease of liver and inflammation, involving kidneys. It was a cock bird, and had the appearance of being cage-reared. It has probably had too much rich food, and not enough exercise.

The Young Naturalist.

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**The Happy Family.

I had two white mice, an Owl, and a Magpie. One day I let them all out in the house together, never thinking there would be any quarrelling. At once one of the mice ran under the ash-grate, and the Magpie and the Owl were quarrelling which was to have the other mouse. However, neither of them got it because it ran straight after the other one. About a month after I sold the Owl. You would hardly believe how much the Magpie sulked, but it got over that very soon. Every time we were having a meal, it shouted out, as much as to say, "Give me a bit." About a month after I got a Jay. When I used to let that out to clean the cage and then catch it, I used to have to throw a heavy overcoat over it. and then it sometimes slipped me. Now I've got some Canaries and am doing a lot better.—Sent by Thomas Kemp (age 12), 212, Girlington Road, Bradford. (Master Kemp also encloses two clever pencil drawings.—UNCLE PETER.)

*A Tame Cockatoo.

My brother recently exchanged a pair of clapnets for a Cockatoo, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS. We call it Peter, and it shouts "milk," when the milkman comes, whistles the dog, etc., and will take sunflower seeds and monkey nuts from our fingers. It kisses too. But one Sunday, when my brother opened CAGE BIRDS and put the coloured plate at the side of the Cockatoo's cage, the bird pulled it to pieces when he was not looking.—Sent by Willie Watson (age 10), Jessop Street, Codnor, Derbyshire.

*The Birds' Concert.

The birds gave a concert,
One summer day,
In a green tree-top,
Over the way.

Thrushes and Linnets,
And blue Jays together,
Everyone dressed
In his very best feather.

The Larks and the Blackbirds
Came in a crowd,
And gold-crested Kinglets,
Feeling so proud.

The voices of blue Jays
And Blackbirds all blended;
And everyone thought
The concert was splendid.

Sent by Florence Shinn (age 11), 33, Edward Road, Bedford

CLUB NOTICES: continued.

Runcorn C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Lea's Temperance Hotel, 8. Preparing for show, Dec. 11.—T. P. Baxter.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 1, Technical School, 8. Specials for open show, etc.—J. Irlam.

St. Helens O.S.—Nov. 1, George Inn, 8. Annual show business.—R. Gibbie.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Stockton C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Final arrangement for open show.—J. W. Jones.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 2, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Members' first winter show, entries Nov. 1st.—J. Robinson.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Nov. 1, 6, Broadway, 8. Annual show, etc. Washing competition by members.—H. Smith.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.—Oct. 30, Talbot Hotel, 7. Details of show.—J. Gill.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Nov. 3, Station Hotel, 7.15. Final meeting before annual show.—Richardson and Greenwell.

West London F.A.—Nov. 4, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. Atteridge will give a washing exhibition.—J. Dewhurst.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Nov. 2, headquarters 8. Washing competition and exhibition.—W. Mallinson.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Altrincham C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road. Third table show. Judges (Yorks.) T. Harrison. (Nor.) A. Royle. (Bord.) W. Priddleton. (Brit.) A. Taylor. Birds to be staged at 7.45. Fanciers invited. T. Harrison.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 2, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Back-end show business, etc.—H. Foden.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Providence Onward Hall, 8. Show business.—J. Spencer.

Bolton O.S.—Nov. 1, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Receive ticket money and appoint judge for Dec. show.—H. Parkinson.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. — Nov. 2, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Paying out prize money.—Elliott and Wood.

Battersea Open C.B.S.—Nov. 3, headquarters, Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, 8. Pay out members' prize money, etc.—Easterling and Allen.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. Wm. Cruise, "Aids to Successful Breeding," and open show business.—H. Hill.

Bingley O.S.—Nov. 2, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30.—A. Livesey.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Victoria Hotel, Members' Show, 7. Judge, Mr. E. B. Denton (Shipley). Entries taken Oct. 29th, 8.30, 10.—M. Skirrow.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Nov. 1, City Cafe, N. Methven Street, 8. Arrangements for club show, etc.—J. Kerr.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Crown, Hill Street, 8.30. To complete schedule.—J. H. de Maillet.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Nov. 2, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Show business; subscriptions and new members.—J. Swindley.

Crewe O.S.—Nov. 2, at Burton Hotel, 8. Entries for show. Allotment of specials. Please make big entry to ensure success.—T. L. Hancocks.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Nov. 3, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7.—Bird and Siddle.

Cannock F.F.S.—Nov. 2, Band Room. Members requested to bring open show ticket money, 8.—H. W. Briggs.

City of Wakefield.—Oct. 30, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Open show business. Presentation of cup and money prizes and specials.—Parker and Parkes.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 3, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Allotment of specials, and show business.—G. Peters.

Dalkeith C.C.—Nov. 6, Ship Inn, 7. Payment of prize money and election of office hearers.—J. Ewing.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Show business.—J. Holroyd.

East Ham F.A.—Nov. 1, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Adoption of schedule for annual show. Lectures for coming season, specials, open classes.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Nov. 1, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Show arrangements, entries must be in at this meeting.—G. R. Smith.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Nov. 4, Riego Street Hall, 8. Financial statement, and enrolment of new members. Young fanciers specially invited.—R. Life.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—Nov. 6, Granite Bar, 7. Members' show report.—W. Grewar.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Business important; wish all members to be present, and bring specials.—R. Binks.

Guisboro' "Priory" C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Wear's Rooms, 2.30. Table show, etc.—R. Mays.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S. — Oct. 30, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Show business; lecture at 8, by Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax), "The Preparation and Treatment of Birds during the Exhibition Season." Fanciers invited.—H. Schofield.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Cotter, Towngate, 8.—J. Wilson.

Glasgow and Western Counties B.C.—Oct. 30, 6.30.—T. Drysdale.

Grangemouth O.S.—Nov. 1, Boilermakers' Hall, 8.—G. Smith.

Greenock, Port-Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—Nov. 3, Co-op. Hall, P.G., 7.30. Table show, Crest Cock or Hen, Young, P.H. Cock or Hen, Young, Goldfinch, Linnet.—J. Forrester.

Hyson Green (Nottm.) C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Cricket Players, 8. Subscriptions due.—W. Cottingham.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 29, Griffin Hotel, 8. Members' show. Birds to be staged at 8. 12 classes; judges, Messrs. Dearden and Speak.—J. F. Thackray.

Hanley C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Albion Hotel, 8.—B. Peake.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Y.M.C.A., 8.—J. W. Papple.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Fox and Hounds, 8.15. Allot specials for annual show, etc.—W. Lang, Jun.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Last meeting before show; members requested to sell as many tickets as possible.—C. J. Cafferty.

Longton C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Castle Inn, 8. To receive ticket money for open show, to appoint new secretary, etc.—E. Tams.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Show business. Members must attend meeting or there will be no show.—P. Hart.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, etc. Fanciers and visitors welcomed.—J. A. Turnbull.

Lewisham C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Roebuck Hotel. Annual show, birds to be staged Nov. 1, at 8. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Mr. Austin seeing to birds during the day.—G. H. Phillips.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Centre Hotel, 7.30.—D. John.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 8, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Show arrangements.—T. W. Walton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Nov. 2, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Show business. Members must bring entries to "White Swan" on 30th, from 8 to 10 p.m.—J. E. Wood.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Oddfellows' Hotel, 6.30. Final show arrangements.—W. Jenkins.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S. — Oct. 23, Crown Hotel, 8. Report of open show, and members' prize money.—A. Wake.
(Probably Oct. 30 is meant.—Ed.)

New Stevenston O.S.—Nov. 2, Masonic Hall, 8. Entries wanted for forthcoming show.—J. Lamb.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Lockhart's, 7.30.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Bull Hotel, 8. Election of steward for December show, etc.—J. England.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Nov. 1, headquarters, 8. Show arrangements.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 1, Chapel Street Hall, 8. Special meeting.—T. Clayton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 30, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business; novice judging competition; members and friends invited.—A. Percival.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Colliery Inn, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show.—L. Hall.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Baptist School. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Windhill). Birds must be staged by 8. Meeting Nov. 2, 8.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Temperance Club, 8. Show, etc., latest time for members' entries 9. Some urgent business.—W. Adams.

Correspondence.

The Feeding of Softbills Abroad.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Harrison, in last week's CAGE BIRDS, *re* Chinese dried flies, I may say I do not think they can be obtained in this country. In appearance they somewhat resemble a dead moth, though the wings differ in texture to those of the moth. The fly in size is about the same as those commonly sold, though of course smaller. I intend sending by this mail for a sample, and if Mr. Harrison will let me have his address, I will be very pleased to send him a few on their arrival.

R. G. P. NELSON.

4, Penventon Terrace, Redruth.

Glastonbury Show and C.B.U. Rules.

SIR,—Should any intending exhibitor at Glastonbury open show, on November 17th, notice that we have not the declaration notice printed at the foot of our entry forms, also that we have not printed in our schedules that we are under Cage Bird Union Rules (as per our advert), I beg to say that the cause was through the delay of the head office in not replying to our application. We are under the C.B.U. rules, and I trust shall have a good entry.

J. J. BRAIN,
Chairman Glastonbury and Dis. F.A.

Foreign Birds at Liverpool Show.

SIR,—I should like to call your attention to an error, either on the printer's part or on the part of the Show Committee of the Liverpool O.S., viz., on the front of the schedule received by me it states "Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds"; and yet on looking through the schedule I cannot find a single class for foreign birds. This, to me, is a surprise, as I should have expected six or seven classes for foreigners at a seaport like Liverpool. Look at the number of advertisers of foreign birds in Liverpool in CAGE BIRDS. From these one would expect to see one of the finest collections of foreign birds possible. This error in the schedule also occurred at Pendleton last year. I simply point this out for secretaries' consideration, as it is very misleading and annoying to intending exhibitors.

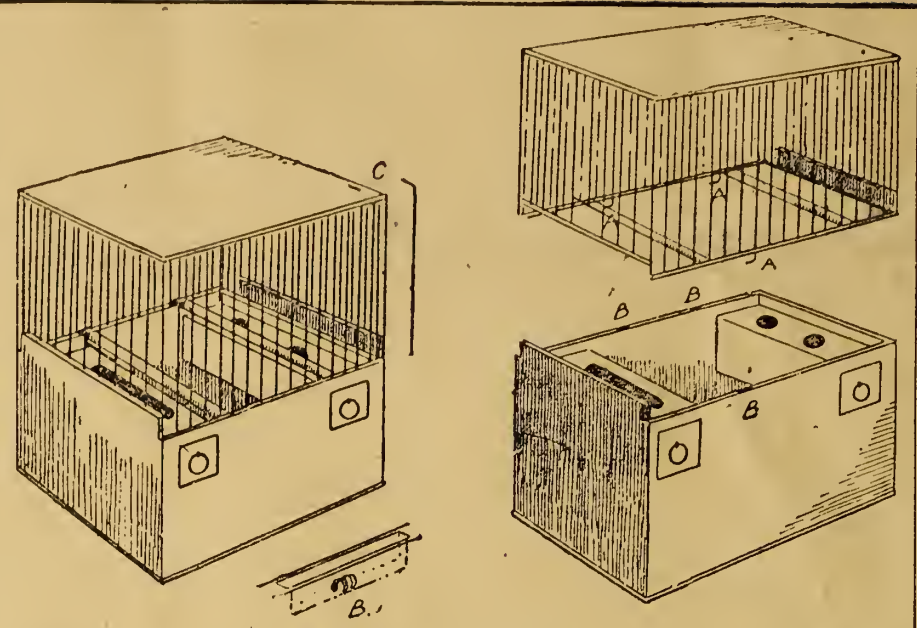
JOHN ENGLAND.

How I Bred my Champion Winning Yorkshire.

SIR,—Allow me to tender to you my most sincere thanks for the agreeable surprise I had and the honour you conferred upon me in your last issue, in depicting so well my old champion Unevenly Marked Buff. He had the honour of gaining his 23rd first prize at the Crystal Palace Jubilee Show. I must also congratulate your artist, Mr. H. Norman, on his undoubted skill. You can readily understand why I appreciate it when I say I am both the breeder and the exhibitor of this bird. It may interest many of your readers to know that his success has been attained in a class where Yellows and Buffs were combined until this season. He has won all under the most noted Yorkshire judges, viz., Messrs. Mundell, House, Battye, Hadwin, Hirst, Carr, Dawson, Harrison, Cowgill, Cruise, Broadley, Sutcliffe, and Ambler. You will see that I have not followed any judge who has given him a first prize. With one exception—Wallsend—all his honours have been attained at Y.C.C. and Y.U. shows, so that he had to face the keenest competition. Perhaps a few hints as to how he was bred would, no doubt, interest your novice readers, and those who breed for the hobby. His great grandsire was a half-Yorkshire Belgian I bought from Somersetshire. He was not a large one, under 6ins. in fact, but of good feather, type and position. This I mated with a large Yellow Yorkshire hen, 6½ins. good, and thick in the neck. I bred two cocks and three hens from these. I kept the lot, as the hens especially were fine ones. It was from these hens I bred the father, now in my possession. The latter I mated to my Yellow hen, 3rd at Crystal Palace, one of a trio who gained the silver medal in the Amateur and Novice Class for most points, 1905. Neither of these was a large bird, not over 6½ins., but both were well balanced. From these I bred three winners in one season, as well as a Clear Yellow bred the same way. The bird depicted is the sire of my champion Foul-Marked Buff, winner of four firsts and sixteen seconds. You will see that like has produced like in this case. This season I have three promising youngsters from him, all Buffs as usual (two Clear Buffs and one eye-ticked Buff). One young buff is a hot one both in colour, type and quality, and I am hoping he will fill his father's place, whom I intend to pension off after this season. My best advice to the novice and amateur is, if you breed a good bird, stick, and do not be tempted with gold, as from such a bird you may get others. Do not run away with the idea you can breed another next year. You may get a disagreeable surprise. What is even more, you have your model constantly before you. Aim for that, and that only. Note defects in your stock birds, balance these, and note result in progeny. Before showing bring out your model, and compare with those you intend showing, giving points for the different parts then as a whole, according to the table provided by the specialist clubs. Last, but not least, be careful where you buy your stock; be sure the fancier you deal with has bred them. I issue this as a warning—I was gulled when I was young in the Fancy. Be sure your man is a breeder, and one who exhibits his own birds.

F. ARMSTRONG.

Halifax.



A Novel Linnet Cage.

A—Bent Wires for inserting in slots B. B—Slots for receiving the bent wires A. B 1—Shows the interior of slots B, with wire "catches." C—"Pin" which fastens the Doors and helps to make top of cage secure.

The name of the sender of this cage for illustration unfortunately appears to have been mislaid, but we shall be glad to duly acknowledge his kindness next week if he will write us.

The Hoopoe—A Rare Visitor.

SIR,—A short time back a hint was thrown out that a very rare bird was seen in this district (Hunts). At first the bird did not seem to be recognised, as one had never been seen in these parts before. When the shooting season came on, however, the bird fell to the gun; it was then that it was identified as the Hoopoe, and a very fine specimen it was. This is believed to be the first seen in the county and captured. It is now being mounted. How it came to these parts I cannot say; it is possible there may be another one about, and it is hoped its life may be spared. It is, of course, possible that it may have escaped from some aviary, and had not migrated here.

HOOPOE.

A Plea for Novice Lizard Classes.

SIR,—As a constant reader of your valuable paper, I trust you will allow me to very highly compliment all the novices in the Lizard Fancy who exhibited at Rochdale O.C. show, and not only for the splendid display of the Lizards themselves, but more for the sake of obtaining better classification for the novices. I feel sure that after Rochdale O.C., Manchester and N.C.O.S., and Rochdale Good Intent, that the powers that be will be convinced that the novice Lizard fanciers would do justice to three classes—not only a class for Golds and Silvers, but also a class for the hens. As a novice myself, I have a few hens that I would exhibit, providing they would give us a class for them, and there is no doubt that a few of those exhibitors who showed at Rochdale in Novice Lizards are in the same boat, and will absolutely refuse to back up professional classes until they have qualified. However, I feel sure now, after such a success at Rochdale, the L. & L.F.A. will be very strongly induced to insist upon having three classes, viz., Gold (any variety), Silver, ditto, hens, ditto, (for novices), before they give their patronage to any of the shows next year. If they can see the wisdom of adopting this course (and, by the way, there are plenty of shows that would accede to their request), they would no doubt do a very great deal to encourage both the breeding and exhibition of Lizards, and strengthen their society at the same time. In conclusion, just a word to the Novice Lizard fanciers: Buck up for Manchester and Rochdale Good Intent, and any of the other shows where you have been catered for. By doing so, you will not only be doing your duty to the "spangled beauties" that you so dearly cherish, but to a great extent you will give encouragement to the L. & L.F.A., and show committees, and force their hands (or rather their heads) at the same time.

EDWARD THOMPSON.

A Canary with One Wing.

SIR,—In the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, I noticed an enquiry under the above heading as to whether any reader of your paper had such a freak. In reply, I have pleasure in stating that in the season 1908 I bred a green Norwich cock, minus a wing, and he seemed to get on very well without it, except when he was singing, as he very often lost his balance in his excitement, and arrived on the bottom of the cage in rather much of a hurry, wrong side up. The bird is not now in my possession, but a friend has it, and it is doing well.

JOHN MALCOLM, JUN.

SIR,—I am writing to say that I had the same freak (a Canary with one wing) as W. Tansley. I am very sorry to say that the little thing had the misfortune to be drowned. One day I put the dish in for them to have a bath, and left them for a while, and when I returned I found the freak in the dish dead. This might put W. Tansley on his guard to be careful when he gives them the dish to bathe in.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS again I read another letter on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. Watson, and I am glad in this case that the gentleman has his ideal bird illustrated. Before this last breeding season commenced I had taken a great liking to this class of bird, and obtained what I thought two really good pairs to start with, but up to the end of the breeding season I continually read letters dealing with this kind in one way or another, so that I seriously thought, after having a good success with stock of young ones, I had better not trouble myself about showing any of them week after week, as probably it would be a waste of money and a likely disappointment. Yet I have sold many to various parts of the British Isles, even though I had not given the birds the required artificial dye—that is nowadays the registered polish of all birds, viz., colour-food. No doubt the birds look well and a little "tasty" with this extra trouble, but I am a great lover of a bird in its natural fine and healthy plumage, so this matter also was left alone in my case, as well as leaving the shows alone. I would gladly send two of my young birds to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS to be photographed, and then illustrated in his valuable paper, for the inspection afterwards of Mr. Watson, who might then give his opinion as to the distance they are "off the mark." I am sure it would be interesting and very instructive to perhaps many like myself to know which are the defective points that still need to be worked up. Also, I should like to hear from any other gentlemen of experience. Should our Editor go to this trouble, I should afterwards gladly accept information on lacking points, and in the next season would set about trying to remedy the defects, and attain something "near the mark," as from Mr. Watson's illustration I am still "off the mark" in my opinion.

JJOHN H. JOWETT.

[We have never yet had the good fortune to see a photograph which correctly rendered the type of a living Canary of position, and have so far found the difficulties in the way of producing the same insurmountable. If, however, Mr. Jowett can send us a photograph which he considers satisfactory, we shall have pleasure in reproducting it.—EDITOR.]

A Linnet Singing Society for Carbrook.

SIR,—A meeting was held on October 24th, at the Fitzwilliam Hotel, to make arrangements for a Linnet Singing Society for Carbrook. The house selected was the Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook. There will be a general meeting at 8 o'clock on November 7th, when all Linnet singers who wish to become members can do so by giving their names in to the Secretary. There will also be a Linnet contest on November 7th, at the Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, for three good prizes, open to all England, entrance fee 4d. per bird; first pair up at 1 o'clock.

A. BROWN, Sec.

The Return of Exhibits from Perth Show.

SIR,—Will you give me space for a few lines of apology to the fanciers who were exhibiting at Perth show on Saturday last, and who were disappointed at their birds not being despatched earlier than they were? Most of the birds were packed in plenty of time for their trains, and the usual arrangements were made to have them conveyed to the station, but owing to one of the vanmen not turning up, we were left at the last moment with the bulk of the birds, and had to do our best to get them all away with one van; with the result that some of them were sent away by later trains than we meant them to travel by, and those that could not be delivered were returned to my house. I can assure the fanciers who did not receive their birds till Monday that I gave them every attention, and sent them away on the Monday morning, everyone looking in the best of condition. I am sorry that anyone should be disappointed, as I am anxious if my own birds are kept later than usual at a show; and I hope fanciers will accept the thanks of my society for their support of one of the oldest societies in Scotland in the past, and that they will favour us with their entries at our future shows, and we will try our best to avoid any cause of offence.

JAMES KERR, Hon. Sec.

Alleged Mutilation of Exhibition Birds.

SIR,—As I was a steward at Peterborough show, and assisted in the unpacking and packing of the birds, I think it only right that I should say a word *re* Mr. Hall's buff Norwich hen. It is a mean action for any exhibitor to say that his bird has been mutilated whilst on exhibition at Peterborough show. I would like to ask Mr. Hall if he thinks anyone would really risk mutilating a bird (by plucking all the feathers from the middle of the back) that had not even got in the cards, as it was utterly impossible for anyone to have done so without being seen by some of the stewards. The judge says that the bird was all right at the time of judging, and I might say that when the birds were packed for the return journey there was not a feather to be seen in any of the cages. Did Mr. Hall take the trouble to notice the bottom of his cages when he unpacked his birds? I must say that Mr. Hall is one of the many disappointed exhibitors to try and tax a society like this, that holds a world-wide reputation, and is second to none for its management, I would like to ask a few of the visitors if they saw any birds mutilated at Peterborough show.

ALF. ROWLES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Cocks' questions *re* hen Canary, firstly, he said it was utterly impossible for this bird to have been plucked; secondly, he wants to know if I noticed any missing feathers when unpacking. I was at home when the bird arrived, and took her out of the case myself. It was not a very pleasing sight, I can assure you. On the bottom of the cage were about half the missing feathers. These I picked out and put carefully away, and on the following Thursday I showed these missing feathers, also the hen to Judge Roe, who said there was not the least doubt that the bird had been plucked. Is this not enough to convince you, sir? If not, then I will give you the name of another judge, also the names of four other well-known fanciers who were all of the same opinion. Did Mr. Cocks think I was going to let this matter drop without bringing it before the Fancy? If so, he made a great mistake. As for withdrawing my remarks (which you state are both dirty and ridiculous), I must ask him not to be so personal. His sympathy I do not require. I have plenty of sympathy from gentlemen who saw the bird.

GEO. HALL.

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Bournemouth Show and the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—I enclose you a schedule of Bournemouth Show. They have not paid their subscription this year, consequently have no right to put in front of the schedule what they have done, viz., that "members and affiliated members of the C.B.U. are eligible to exhibit at this show." I am writing them, and perhaps you will insert this notice, that members of the Cage Bird Union cannot exhibit at Bournemouth.

J. RAYNES,
Secretary C.B.U.

The Alleged Stained Lizards at Rochdale Show.

SIR,—The District Committee met at Rochdale on Saturday afternoon last. After hearing the evidence, and seeing Mr. Howse's reason (left with Mr. Butterworth, the hon. sec.), they decided that the judge's decision be upheld: That Mr. W. Whipp be suspended until March 31st, 1911, and that secretaries of all societies be requested not to accept entries from any of the family during that time. Mr. Whipp was called into the room to offer any explanation he wished to make, which he did, but it was not satisfactory to the Committee.

J. RAYNES,
Secretary C.B.U.

A New "Comet" Appears at Newcastle.

SIR,—A new "comet" was reported from the Newcastle observatory as to be seen in the constellation Hybrid. Whether it was the small power of the instrument installed there has not been decided, but the "astronomer royal" failed to locate the interesting and brilliant phenomenon. Certain it is that it was seen by other observers in close proximity to the "sun" previous to and during the early hours of October 22nd and 23rd. The "sun" even was denied existence. However, they will both again be seen in conjunction, when it is hoped a better view will be obtained by the astronomer on duty, when the great phenomena will receive its due amount of attention. The discoverer, Mr. MacPartling, states the "sun" to be composed of Greenfinch, with a preponderating amount of Canary; likewise its attendant, the "comet" (first seen about the middle of May) is compounded of the Twite, with its complement of Canary. Its colour is that of shepherd's purse. Its path has not been decided, but there are many suggestions as to the observatory in which it should next be seen. The presence of such unusual visitors caused great surprise at Newcastle, and there is still a golden opportunity for some "astronomer" to be the first to recognise

MAC'S COMET.

[We believe this curiously worded epistle concerns the said to be clear yellow Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid, exhibited by Mr. MacPartling at the recent Newcastle Show, and which was marked "wrong class" by the judge. Apparently, a Twite-Canary Hybrid is also referred to. The future career of these "comets" will be followed with interest by breeders of Hybrids.—EDITOR.]

"Going Light": Can it be Cured?

SIR,—A lot of correspondence with reference to birds going light has appeared, and I write to say I have been troubled with the same malady. I lost fifty grand youngsters in three weeks. I tried all sorts of medicines and charcoal as well, but they all failed to stop the disease. In picking up a local newspaper one day I came across an advert. where it said a free sample of Liquerzone would be given free of charge. I sent for one, and I used a half-teaspoonful for each pair of birds, and the cure was marvellous. I did not lose one more after giving them their first dose.

J. H. H.

SIR,—Since I penned my letter on July 31 many letters have appeared under this heading, but none of them as yet appear to have got at the bottom of the trouble. Some lay it down to the seed. As I have had some experience in seeds, I know, and have known for years, that all seeds are not A1; some are new and good, some have been "well stored"—kept too long—and some are very immature, with no nourishing properties, and nothing left in to give the birds the necessary nourishment to keep them in vigour. But I cannot take it for granted that is the cause. I know good seed from bad, or else my thirty years' experience of birds and their food counts for nothing, and I have badly wasted my time in gaining all that experience. No, since I have taken up birds as a hobby I have given them most serious thought, and have studied their many ways, and how to keep them in health, and to get them to moult in their brightest plumage. Cages may have something to do with it, especially if they are old ones, no matter how they are disinfected. But to do away with these is not a cure; it might be a preventative, however. I am sorry no medical man has taken this subject up, also "The Fatal Disease" and "Septic Fever," and given us his opinions. We should then have something to work upon, for the disease can be checked, if not cured. I have tried the plain Canary seed as suggested by Mr. Jones, and also the wild seeds and berries when in season; but they have not altered the case, neither have boiled, soaked or dry seeds, crushed or uncrushed. Tonics I have given them, also quinine with soft food, and in their water in various strengths; also I have given them medicine through the beak. But no real or certain cure have I been able to find for this fatal disease. Egg cannot be blamed, as I don't us it for British birds, particularly so with the Greenfinches, which have been much the worse sufferers from this disease, as they are the longest recovering. As it is only a common species not much notice is taken of the birds, and if they die one can try others; but mine were good, and when you do have them good you don't want to see them die a lot at a time, especially when you expected to get a decent Hybrid from them. Hand-reared birds have suffered the most, probably because they had not the stamina of the wild ones, no matter how they have been fed. I still hope we yet shall see some remedy for this fatal disease.

NIMROD.

The United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association.

A Cup Matter.

SIR,—I confess, Mr. Secretary, that I am acquainted with your rules and the clause relative to cup winners, wherein it states that the member counting most points at last show is to hold cup for the year. It has been won once by Captain A. J. Philp, and once by Mr. John Fairley. My imagination has certainly not been at fault here. According to your letter, this particular cup has not yet been purchased, but it will be "when won." Is this arrangement not unusual? You also in your letter mention that medals are only presented when won. You are quite right there. All associations present medals and cups, etc., only when won. I really did not think your association gave the medals free gratis to all who applied for them. Oh, no. I thank you for your letter, which explains all I asked for. In my former letter the year should have been 1908-9 not 1910, as stated.

ENQUIRER.

Rare Mules and Hybrids.

SIR,—I have been anxiously looking over CAGE BIRDS each week to see if its pages contained any reference to a rare Hybrid or Mule bred during the past season. I suppose we shall have to wait until well in the show season before we get to hear or see one. Perhaps fanciers in Bonnie Scotland have produced some; they are generally in the running most years with something good. I think, however, we should have had a whisper before now if the Siskin-Bullie Hybrid had been reared. No doubt several have tried for it, and I should much like to hear of their success, or even of their experience in trying for it. How long shall we have to wait for another Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid to appear; and has the Hawfinch this year proved to be a cage or aviary breeder? Are there any more Redpoll-Bullies bred to enter on show bench? Shall we have to record any more Canary-Bullies this year, or have we made another stop for a time? Has the cock Bramblefinch-Chaffinch or Bullie proved the male parent of any coming Mule or Hybrid? If so, this would greatly interest Hybrid breeders, particularly the writer of these notes, who has been a trier of the cock Bullie and cock Chaffinch for over 20 years in various ways. I am also glad to see any notes of any particular success in this hobby, and I hope some of the successful breeders will give us a line or two before the show season gets much more forward of their doings in this line. Are there any good Goldfinch-Bullies to come to light, like the noted one of some years ago from the foreign birds, or the Linnet-Bullies—another beautiful bird when well staged. I expect to hear that the Greenfinch has done well this year, both the male and female, and that some good specimens will appear on the show bench. This bird is a great favourite of mine for crossing purposes in Hybrid breeding. The hens I find generally sit well, especially if hand-reared.

HYBRID.

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The Removal of Exhibits at Newcastle Show.

SIR,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper about Newcastle show. We working men are not done till 12 o'clock, and have to travel perhaps two or three miles, and we have no chance to get down to the show at one o'clock when they start to lift birds. The man that sends a bird to the show and wants it away at one or two o'clock is a bad-hearted bird fancier. The birds that were sent off early belonged to the deck-sweepers and prize snatchers. The birds of the men that get the prizes are taken away in front of your eyes. You have a catalogue in your hand, and try to find a bird; it has gone. It is time there was something done to stop what I term imposing on working men fanciers.

J. KEPPY ROBSON.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Under the White Rose.

SHIPLEY Society is to be congratulated on the success of the show on Saturday last. The total just topped the 500, which for 27 classes gives an average of over 18, a real good entry considering there were quite a number of shows on the same date, within easy sendable distance. For a few years the officials and members here have worked hard for their show, but could not attract the entries. Last year they had quite a heavy loss, and at one time they were undecided whether to run the risk of another show or not. But enthusiasm prevailed; fancierlike, they couldn't resist, and all are heartily glad they have conquered.

ON Tuesday, the 19th inst., the Bingley members and friends had a real treat of a washing exhibition. Their member and friend, Mr. J. Hartley, put four birds through the process in good style, surprising many of the novices by the quickness and manner of his work. After the birds were dry, a discussion took place, a very large number of questions being put to Mr. Hartley, which were admirably answered. Finally, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

YORKSHIRE County British Bird and Mule Club this week issued a natty little booklet to its members, containing list of officers, rules, list of shows where patronage is given, particulars of special prizes offered to members, and list of members—just the thing to pop in your pocket, and keep for handy reference. Amongst the members' names it is pleasing to see that the number from noted places where British birds are kept is steadily increasing. The subscription for honorary members is 1s., and for exhibiting members, 2s. 6d. Send your names in please. Secretary's address, W. R. Myers, 23, Ingleby Place, Bradford.

WHEN exhibitors have to send their birds away to shows which they cannot attend, it is always a matter of importance as to their safe and early arrival home. Of course, some places are not on a direct route, and this makes it very inconvenient, and the birds are apt to be very late, sometimes not arriving until late on Sunday. Several fanciers on Saturday went down at Bradford Station to meet birds home from Newcastle, and were somewhat surprised to find they were already here. And, as one fancier said, they were decidedly better packed than when sent. What is more interesting, they had put pages of CAGE BIRDS between the cages for the birds to read on the journey.

THE first year-book of the "National Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club" is really good, and reflects great credit on its author, the secretary. A scrutiny of the names and addresses reveals the fact that the total membership is now over 100 in number, which proves that without doubt the club is on a sound basis, and that the club was absolutely necessary. The book contains a list of officers, rules, bye-laws, notes to judges officiating at shows under their patronage, particulars of prizes and competitions, list of shows and judges, and many other important items.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

GRIMSBY.

The Grimsby and Dis. O.S. third annual show was held in the Foresters' Hall, Garabaldi Street, on October 27th and 28th. This hall is one of the best in the country for a bird show, being spacious, and having a grand top light, enabling the birds to be judged in their respective positions; it was warm and comfortable too, and free from dust. The chairman is Mr. W. H. Moore, senr., the vice-chairman Mr. H. E. Stubbs, the treasurer Mr. H. Harding, and the committee Messrs. Beaumont, Cotterill, Cartwright, Dowie, Good, Oliver, Pett, Robinson, and Way. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. H. Moore, jun., who is energetic, courteous, and efficient; and for work he is a veritable "chip off the old block." Councillor R. W. Roberts, the Mayor-elect, who has the entire local esteem, generously headed the subscription list, and also opened the show, supported by his wife and Councillor Oliver Best, who was introduced by the vice-chairman, Mr. H. E. Stubbs. After a few well-chosen remarks by the Mayor-elect, the show was declared open. The total entries in 36 classes numbered 276. Judging commenced by 9.30. Judges: for Canaries, Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby); for British and Foreign, Mr. T. Medley.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Moore, senr., good col. and size, nice head and neck; 2, Pepper, large bird, good type and carriage, a wee trifle open in feather; 3, 4, Moore, senr., 3rd not quite so large, but good col., nice bird, 4th grand quality feather, nice type and style, some thought as well as any in class; vhc, Clews; hc, Rippon; c, G. Brumby. BUFF (10): 1, Townshend, large bird, good col. and quality feather, nice pipe tail, grand carriage of wing; 2, Havenhand, another nice bird, some thought lucky, however; 3, Harland, lkd. back of head, good style, chest, and quality of feather, steady, nice carriage of wing; 4, hc, Moore, senr., beautifully mealed, grand under col., nice medium; vhc, Pepper, loses in col., otherwise a really nice bird; c, Stubbs. CL., ETC., YELL., 1909 (9): 1, Harland, good size, nice col., well placed; 2, Moore, junr., mkd. at back of head, good col., small side, somewhat poor head and neck; 3, Stubbs, similar bird to 1st, only stouter, flatter in col.; 4, Moore, junr., cl., good size, col., style and quality, some thought should have won; vhc, Moore, senr.; hc, Pepper, some like as much as 2nd; c, Woodall. BUFF, 1909 (10): 1, Harland, head, wing and neck mkd., nice type and quality, crosses wings, wants tubbing; 2, Woodall, cl., nice type, quality, col. and meal, unsteady and crosses wings at times; 3, 4, Woodhouse, 3rd cl., loses only in col., good style, type and character, 4 another very similar bird, some made a good 2nd; vhc, Moore, junr.; hc, Moore, senr.; c, Townshend. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Clews, capped head, grand style, type and col., cl. cut, very nice hen; 2 Bailey, cl., a trifle flat in col., good 2nd; 3, Harland, cl., unflig., very large, somewhat open in feather; 4, Moore, senr., lkd. back of head some made 3rd winner; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Havenhand; c, Calem. BUFF (10): 1, Bailey, large cl., grand meal, quality and size, grand hen, wins easily; 2, Stubbs, large cl., good quality and substance, nice head, wants washing; 3, Harland, large, good quality and substance; 4, Moore, senr., large bird, grand quality and style; vhc, Havenhand, large cl., grand hen; hc, Gill and Gee; c, Pepper. NOVICE OPEN, NOR. (£3 limit). —CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Cliff, cl., not the largest but a nice bird all over, grand style, quality and wing carriage; 2, Mason, cl., hot col., good bird, hugs the perches at times, might have won perhaps; 3, Johnson, wing and neck mkd., nice size, style, and quality; 4, Gibson, cl., nice type and style; vhc, Wilson; hc, Gill and Gee; c, Calvard. BUFF (13): 1, Tose, lkd. neck, grand style and quality, easy win 2, Gill and Gee, nice size, quality and col., wee bit flat in head; 3, Potter, very steady, nice type and quality, bit rough on thigh; 4, Angliss, similar bird to 3rd; vhc, Longhorn, cl., nice bird, ought not this to have been in the money?; hc, Belcher; c, Fish. CL., ETC., 1909 (17): 1, Johnson, saddle mkd., good style, type and quality; 2, Bray, cl. buff, somewhat flat in col. otherwise very good; 3, Tose, cl., nice quality and style; 4, Potts, head and wing mkd., grand style, type col. and meal, some made this the winner; vhc, Mason; hc, Wilson; c, Siddall. CL., ETC., HEN (14): 1, Mason, very nice bird, easy win; 2, Tose, cl., ycl., good bird; 3, Calvard, wing and tail mkd., a little rough on rump; 4, Cliff, nice cl., good type; vhc, Chambers; hc, Potter; c, Ridley. YORKS. CL. ETC. (5): 1, Mountain, mkd. both eyes and wings, grand style and length; 2, Stone, cl. yell., but shows a lot of meal; 3, Harrison, variegated buff, not quite so fine drawn, still a really nice bird; 4, Simpson, cl. buff, grand style, finely drawn; vhc, Havenhand. CL. ETC. BRED 1909 (13): 1, Precious, tick neck and wing, buff, grand length and quality; 2, Woolhouse, cl. yell., grand length, finely drawn, grand style; 3, Havenhand, cl. buff, wants tubbing; 4, Harrison, cl. yell., might perhaps have been 3rd; vhc, Mountain; hc, Stone; c, Harrison. CL. ETC. HEN (4): 1, Simpson, cl. buff, grand length, style and quality; 2, Bingham, cl. yell., grand bird, fine good position; 3, Mountain, cl., similar bird to 2nd; 4, Havenhand, buff tick wing. NOVICE OPEN YORKS. CL. ETC. (£3 limit) (20): 1, Smith, cl. yell., grand bird all over, could however do with a wash; 2, Holmes, similar, but cleaner, some made the winner; 3, 4, Precious, 3rd very similar to 2nd; 4th, buff; vhc, Grantham; hc, Smith; c, Sowden. CL. ETC. HEN (9): 1, Bingham, grand hen, good style and position, easy win; 2, Precious, cl. buff, another good one; 3, Holmes, tick wing yell., finely drawn, good bird; 4, Frith; vhc, Potter; hc, Auton; c, Booth. CRESTS OR C.B.: Cancelled. CINN. (5): 1, Nason, buff, nice type and col.; 2, Calem, buff, not quite so stout, but cleaner cut; 3, Ingram, large bird, will probably improve in wing carriage with care; 4, Ingram, nice yell.; vhc, Nason, yell., good in col., very compact in feather. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Hodgson; 2, Pepper; 3, vhc, Bexton; 4, Rawlins. SELL. (15/-), SINGLE OR PAIRS (7): 1, Grantham; 2, Simpson; 3, Booth; 4, Johnson; vhc, Moore, sen.; hc, Calvard; c, Burdett. (20/-) (12): 1, Emerson; 2, Holmes; 3, Wood; 4, Clews; vhc, Calem; hc, Robinson; c, Simpson.

The Remaining Classes.

MULES OR HYB. (5): 1, Stamford, grand Green finch and Siskin Hyb., well placed; 2, Stamford, dark Goldfinch Can. Mule, another nice bird; 3, Gibson, buff Goldfinch-Can. Mule, six-pointed, very light in col.; 4, Jacklin, Goldfinch-Can. Mule; vhc, Horton. LINNET ETC. (14): 1, Hunt, Linnet, grand size and pencilling, makes a good 1st; 2, 3, Mays, 2nd another good Linnet, well staged; 3rd, bonny Redpoll, very steady; 4, Stamford, Siskin; vhc, Oliver, Linnet; hc, Sadler, Linnet; c, Hunt, Linnet. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Brumby, lovely Bramble, in every respect, well placed, a topper; 2, Brumby, Hawfinch, very good bird, nicely staged; 3, Clews, grand Crossbill; vhc, Sadler, good Bramble. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, magnificent Redstart, grand size and col., well put down; 2, Mays, Golden Crested Wren, very bonny bird, greatly admired; 3, Hexter, Fieldfare, grand bird, nicely staged; 4, Blackcap, in fine feather, popular; vhc, Milne, nice Wren; hc, Potter, good Redstart. FOR. (5): 1, Lowery, grand Grey African Parrot, well placed and greatly admired; 2, Welbourn, White Cockatoo, beautifully put down; 3, Mrs. Pettit, fine Green Parrakeet; 4, Mrs. Smith, Grey African, good one; vhc, Mrs. Newbitt, nice Parrot. A.O.S. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Towl, grand Red-crested Cardinal, beautifully staged; 2nd, Zebra Finch, a nice one, well put down; 3rd, nice Orange-cheeked Waxbill; 4th, good Siberian Bullie; vhc, Waxbill.

NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR. CL. ETC. (10): 1, Cartwright, cl. buff; 2, Harding, cl. yell., nice bird; 3, Beaumont; 4, Cartwright; vhc, Cotterill; hc, Wood; c, Pett. YELL. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Wood; 2, Robinson. NOVICE CL. ETC. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Harding, buff, nice bird; 2, Wood, buff; 3, Angliss, buff; 4, Cartwright, buff; vhc, Harding; hc, Cartwright; c, Cotterill. HEN NOVICE: 1, spl, 4, Harding; 2, 3, Cotterill; vhc, Pett; hc, Oliver; c, Cartwright. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (3): 1, Jacklin; 2, 3, Beaumont, two Goldfinch and Can. Mules. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Towl, Goldfinch; 2, Jacklin; 3, Cartwright. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Bowden; 2, Dowie. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, Cartwright; 2, Dowie; 3, Towl; 4, Saden; vhc, Moore.

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Some Personal Views on the —— Border Fancy. ——

By A. SHORT (Tweedmouth).

We print Mr. Short's interesting contribution exactly as written, but desire to make it clear that we do not necessarily endorse all his remarks anent the type, the judging, etc.—EDITOR "C.B."

The Border Fancy Canary is, I think, rapidly becoming one of the most popular breeds of Canaries, judging by the way it has been taken up all over the country since the specialist clubs were formed. No other breed offers such advantages to beginners. Borders are the least expensive both to buy and keep, while they do not require "feeders" as do Scotch Fancies, or colour-feeding like the Norwich. They are also about the smallest, and certainly one of the hardiest of Canaries, besides being most prolific breeders.

The Variety at the Shows.

Shows which are well patronised by Border men, usually provide classes for clears, ticks, cinnamons, or greens, even and uneven marks. If a fancier breeds a good bird he need have no difficulty in showing it to the best advantage, and really good birds are not so very plentiful in any of the classes, for, as may be seen from the show reports, certain birds win wherever shown. Although the Border has been brought to a high state of perfection, it can still be greatly improved, and I think some of our judges leave a lot to be desired in the way of judging. If they would all go for a uniform type of bird that would add to one's chance of improving the bird, in type at least. At present there are several variations of type in Borders, as fanciers cannot fail to see in any big classes of Borders, and it puzzles one to know what is the right sort to breed for—especially when it so happens at a show that each class has a different stamp of winner! The Border Fancy Canary Club has its model and standard of points, so why shouldn't the judges go by them? It would simplify matters both for themselves and for fanciers. The judging, considered on the whole, usually gives satisfaction; but in some cases a lot of grumbling is caused by incompetence, and in others by the favouritism shown.

Good condition and feather are all very well, but when they are placed before type, then type becomes secondary to condition, etc., and the result is fanciers do not pay that attention to type they should, thereby running the risk of destroying the chief charm of the Border. No exhibitor will complain of his birds when they win, no matter of what type the birds are, and should he go out judging naturally he will favour his own stamp of bird, and so bring his strain into prominence, to the disadvantage of other and perhaps better strains. That neither improves the breed, nor does it do much good to the Fancy.

The Colour Line.

Colour does not count for many points in a Border, but it is advantageous to have good colour, as when other points are equal colour decides the winner. There are strains of Borders with extremely high colour. These birds have been bred for marks for years, and chiefly with birds that were good in colour. It happens sometimes when they are shown that their colour is questioned as not being genuine (although judges usually "pass" them, knowing the difficulty there is in telling whether a bird has had colour-feed or not). It is rather hard on a fancier when he has got his birds with plenty of colour to have them doubted, while others who may use colour food are seldom suspected.

The buffs of these strains are the ones usually looked on with suspicion, and the reason is, I think, that they have lighter wings and light edging (or mealiness) of the outer feather, which contrasts strongly with the deeper body colour, giving them an uneven appearance in colour. There is a lighter shade of buff, which has a nice waxy look and even appearance, which is very noticeable in one well-known exhibitor's birds. These varying shades of buff, when compared, show us the difference very distinctly.

Some fanciers who may notice the difference in colour of the two shades of buff, would quite likely put the stronger colour down as "colour feed," which mistake would arise out of not knowing the strain from which the birds were bred. The yellow birds of deep colour usually escape criticism, as birds in these classes are mostly good coloured, and are not, therefore, so conspicuous.

Tips about Wing Tips.

To get the best results from birds for showing, each should be treated separately, so that each can have the attention and feeding most suitable. Some birds require a higher kind of feeding than others, while some are nervous and need more handling.

The fewer faults an exhibition bird has the better its chances. Now, there are one or two faults that may be improved by showing, or they may be made worse. A bird that crosses its wings slightly at home should not be sent to a show, where he is certain to cross them to a worse degree through excitement; while a bird that hangs its wings a little may, under similar circumstances, draw them closer together until they are almost in the correct position. Of the two faults the crossed wings is the worse to deal with, and one that it is difficult to breed out of a strain.

It is not advisable to keep a slimly-built bird in too high condition, or when he is shown he will be apt to draw his feathers tightly up to the body and spoil the outline altogether; while a stout bird is better kept in high condition for the same reason. A bird usually looks right enough at home, but its excitement when at a show makes a big difference.

A Border may have a frilled breast—a bad fault if in the strain, but it is sometimes caused by the bird being too thin. The remedy is to get some flesh on the bird by the use of egg food, hemp, etc.; but it must not be overdone, of course, or the bird will get too fat.

Winners Not Easy to Get.

It is not an easy matter to breed winners, although some are lucky enough to get one or two good enough to win before they have themselves been long in the Fancy; but it depends greatly upon how they go about it. It is a bad plan to buy birds here and there, even if they are first-class. Nobody can have much of an idea as to how they will throw young birds. By getting all the birds from one strain one is able to form a better idea of the sort the young will be by reason of the birds having been bred to a certain standard.

The best method is to become acquainted with a fancier who breeds his own winners. Buy two or three pairs off him, not grudging a decent price. Get as many particulars about the strain as possible—what their strong and weak points are, and how they are bred. When a beginner has got his birds, and as many particulars as he can extract, he is on a fair way to success. In one case he will be trying to make a new strain of his own; the other (and easier method) is the better way to become early successful.

Plenty of bathing whenever the weather is suitable is one of the best ways in which to keep the birds healthy and clean; but anyone wishing to exhibit should learn to hand-wash, as birds travelling about shows soon get so dirty that it is almost impossible to get them clean by any other means than by hand-washing. Most experts at that game are always willing to show any novice how it is done, and one or two practical lessons are worth more than a page of writing.

Concluding Hints.

For breeding purposes some Border men use all-wire cages, while others prefer the box pattern. Each sort has its advantages. The box cages are warmer, keep the birds cleaner, and provide the best protection against draughts, while the all-wired sort have no shelter for red mite, etc., are easily cleaned, and the birds are steadier and more at home when first run into show cages. I have tried them both, and have found little difference, having had fair results with each.

When young birds are moulting they should be well covered up to keep clean and to prevent their catching cold. They moult quicker, too, that way, and are not so liable to damage themselves by flying on the wires.

Some fanciers give their birds linseed to help put a gloss on the feather. I prefer gold of pleasure seed, as I think I get better results by its use, and the birds seem to like it better than linseed. A tip from a "crack" Border man is to mix three parts oatmeal and one part sugar together, and make it crumbly moist with cod-liver oil. Give each bird about a teaspoonful once a week; sprinkle it with some maw seed, and they soon take on with it. It is also good for putting flesh on to thin birds; it soon fills out the breast.

Although it is a method not generally adopted, I give the birds all the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, plantain, etc., I can get, and have never found any harm result. When young birds get a few sprays of wild seeds to peck at it keeps them out of mischief, and provides both food and amusement for them.

For the general management of Borders I usually follow the methods so often explained in CAGE BIRDS, trying any new idea I see, to find out its value.

The Early History of the Roller Canary.

By MAX JACQUEMIN.

A paper read recently before the Midland Roller Canary Club.

Perhaps the early history of the Roller Canary is not new to you, but I hope my small paper will be of some interest to you, and give you a better idea of our songster, the Roller.

The Introduction of the Canary.

It is now five hundred years since the Canary was first imported into Europe from the Canary Islands. It was in the year 1405 that John Bithincourt brought the first Canaries to Cadiz, a Spanish seaport. He a few years before that date had, with his fleet, taken possession of the largest Canary Island, Lancirota. The newly-imported bird soon made many friends through his nice song, his tameness and his hardiness in captivity.

The Spaniards soon took advantage of the bird's good qualities, and did a good export trade with him. Even in those days they knew the easy breeding and rearing of the bird. The prices were high, and only rich people could afford to have them. The bird was a great favourite, especially with the ladies; in fact, he was the pet of the day. He was trained to sit still on the finger or shoulder, and it was the custom of the lady of the house not to receive visitors or friends without the bird on her finger; also on the old family pictures you can see the Canary painted.

The Spaniards only exported cock birds, so they were able to monopolise the whole market. This is very likely the reason it was quite 100 years later before the bird came to the southern part of France, in the department that is now called Bouches-des-Rhone, and then farther along the coast to North Italy, as far as Livorna, where it was bred with the local Siskins.

The Change from Green to Yellow.

It has often been asked how long it took before the Canary changed to its nice yellow colour. Already in the beginning of the 16th century the yellow and buff were known to exist. In the middle of the 16th century, so history tells us, a ship with many Canaries on board got stranded off the coast of Elba, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, close to Italy. The birds made straight for the Island which suited them so well, then settled down and multiplied in great numbers.

Italy, the land where thousands of birds are slaughtered annually at the present time, was not different in those days, and the inhabitants soon destroyed many of the new immigrants; and when they learned the high value of these birds they did not rest till the island was quite clear of them.

Up to the present time everyone takes it for granted that the Canary came first from Italy to Switzerland (Tyrol district), and from there to Germany in the Hartz Mountains. According to history, at the end of the 17th century and the beginning of the 18th, the townspeople of Joust in the Tyrol bred and exported a great number of Canaries to all parts of Europe. It was from this town that the celebrated Nightingale Rollers came. One man especially had a nest of young Canaries from which, as soon as they chipped, he took the cock away and left the hen to rear the young by herself. As soon as they could do for themselves he put one young cock in a room with a well-singing Nightingale, and to the man's surprise and delight the young bird learned the Nightingale's song to perfection, and when he sang by night as well as any, the man knew he had a small fortune. With this and many other birds he travelled as far as St. Petersberg and Moscow, where he realised a large sum of money for his special trained one, besides making his name, and was the means of bringing money and trade into the poor Tyrol district.

How it Became Famous.

But for all this Nuremberg was the first place where breeding and dealing were carried on on a large scale. The "Chronicle" of Nuremberg states that as early as 1645 the bird was valued for his beautiful song and rich yellow colour. Also at that date the merchants imported the birds direct from the Canary Islands, so the Nuremberg breeders had them first hand at the beginning of the 17th century. They bred and sold over 8,000 birds per annum. Shoemakers, tailors, haberdashers, etc., were the men who mostly bred and sold them to outside dealers, and these men travelled about from town to town with as many birds as they could carry. So the Nuremberg Canary became quite famous.

A number of unprincipled men bought birds of inferior quality and sold them as real Nurembergs, but as the town had such a good business with the Canary the authorities stepped in, and only well-known dealers were allowed to buy, and when leaving the town they were compelled to have a certificate stating how many birds they bought and took with them.

Nuremberg suffered a great deal through the war at the beginning of the 18th century, and all industries and trades were at a standstill for many years, especially such as were carried on as hobbies, which were spoilt altogether. So it came about at the beginning of the 19th century, when the people of the Hartz Mountains first made an attempt to breed Canaries, the late, well-flourishing breeding trade of Nuremberg was entirely forgotten. Only many years after, in the year 1850, when Canary breeding was carried on nearly everywhere in Germany, did Nuremberg start the second time.

Training for Song.

If the song was specially trained in those days history does not say. The honour of cultivating and training the song to its present standard belongs to the breeders of the Hartz Mountains, and the rapid progress they made in training the birds into the Edel Roller was really astonishing. But since, the well-known breeders, such as Trute, Euidgon, and Seifert, have died, the song has not made much progress. In fact, it has gone back in a good many ways. For instance, great depth and variety in song tours, which were plentiful about 20 years ago, are very scarce to-day.

Here I will say a few words about Trute, who was a poor miner of St. Andreasberg, in the Hartz Mountains. His birds were famed for their great variety in song, some having as many as 20 odd tours or changes. The best fancier after this was Seifert, who produced Trute's birds without their defects, birds which were noted for their fulness of tone, deep voice and gentle way of singing their extraordinary number of hollow tours.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Glossy Calornis.

This bird (*Calornis metallica*) has been distinguishing itself at the Zoo this year by exhibiting a commendable eagerness to nest at very short notice. A pair were brought home by Mr. W. Frost this summer, along with the rest of the consignment from the Aru Islands, and placed in the new aviaries at the front of the Small Birds' House. Here they felt so much at home that they went to nest, or began to—at any rate, I saw them pairing and carrying nesting material. But as they were only on deposit, a private aviculturist bought them from the owner, and their subsequent proceedings will be gone through in the seclusion of his aviaries. The bird is a very handsome one, glossy dark green and purple above, and white streaked with black below, with ruby eyes. It is about the size of a Thrush, and the plumage mentioned is only an immature one, for perfect adults are all dark and glossy below, as well as above, with no white feathering.



The Glossy Calornis.

Two Types of Glossy Starlings.

These species of *Calornis*, of which there are a good many, ranging from Bengal to New Guinea, are Starlings of a kind, though very different in form and movements from the typical Starlings and Mynahs. In being purely tree-birds, and hopping instead of walking when on the ground, they resemble the Hill-Mynahs, but they have a characteristic Starling flight, as have all birds of the Starling group I have seen—steadier and heavier than those of most birds of the size. The eyes in these Eastern glossy Starlings are usually red, whereas in the glossy Starlings of Africa, which are walkers like our Starlings—they are commonly yellow. The species of *Calornis* have seldom been on sale over here, but some time ago a specimen of one remained for months unsold in a London bird shop, though one would have thought someone would have picked it up for a rare show bird—not that it could compare for beauty of colour with the rest of the African glossy Starlings which used to be not uncommon at shows.

The Dicaeum Group.

Another interesting Aru bird that Mr. Frost brought home is the Red-breasted Flower-pecker (*Dicaeum ignicolle*), a wee Wren-sized Softbill, with its red breast set off by a blue-black head and back—though this part was mostly brown when it came. The Flower-peckers are very small birds of the Eastern Tropics, living in the tops of trees, and feeding mostly on fruit; the present individual, its importer told me, was hand-reared by him on banana, showing it to be an easy subject. I have kept a species of *Dicaeum* myself in India, the crimson-backed Flower-pecker (*D. cruentatum*), in which the top of the head and the back are scarlet, contrasting with the blue-black upperparts; but there is no red on the underparts, which are all cream colour, much as they are in the Aru bird, except on the breast. This Indian species was smaller even than the Zoo bird, and an intensely greedy little creature and very fearless. Unfortunately, it was excessively pugnacious as well. I had two cocks and a hen, and before I realised what their little *jui-jitsu* performances on the floor might lead to, I lost both the former.

An Avicultural Experiment.

There is an excessively tiny Flower-pecker in India, the smallest bird in the Old World, which I once possessed for a very short time indeed. This is the Red-billed (*D. erythrorhynchus*); its bill is really only flesh-coloured, and its plumage is plain, simple drab. I only saw one specimen of it alive; it was in a cage in the bazaar at a shop where betel-nut and other stuff for chewing was sold, and where birds were also often to be had. I offered two annas (2d.) for this midget. "Take, Sahib," said the dusky owner, and I did take it—in my hand, for neither he nor I had a travelling cage or paper bag—and walked over with it to my friend, Mr. E. W. Harper, who lived not far away. "There," said I, "see what you can do with that." He not only kept it successfully, but sent it to the Zoo here, and that specimen, with one of the crimson-backed he also sent, were the only Flower-peckers which have reached England, to my knowledge, so far, until the arrival of this third species from so much further east.

A Valuable Tree for Birds.

This year, as in some years past, I have had the opportunity of watching the great relish with which birds devour the fruit of the white beam (*Pyrus aria*), of which there is a tree close to the south entrance of the Zoological Gardens. The berries are very like haws, growing in clusters, but are twice the size, and orange-coloured instead of red. Inside they have one pip, and the flesh is mealy in appearance and taste. The Starlings and Blackbirds feast on them continually, and the Woodpigeons cannot even wait till they are ripe, while one year I even saw a Moorhen up in the tree. I concluded at the time it must have been after the berries, and what was published recently in CAGE BIRDS about these birds eating fruit from a tree, makes this practically certain. Not even in India, where fruit-eating birds are so common, have I seen a tree more constantly attractive than is this one, and I mention it here in order to suggest that the fruit would probably be found useful to owners of fruit-eating birds, either British or foreign, where it can be procured. It tastes to me quite insipid, but birds' ideas about good fruit, though they sometimes coincide with ours, very often do not.

Our Handsomest Finch: All about the British Goldie.

By H. TOMKINSON.

A short but pithy article in which is to be found much reliable information concerning this most popular of all British birds.

The Goldfinch is without doubt the handsomest of all the British Finches. He is admired for his beautiful plumage, brightness and intelligence; and he is also a fair songster. In the wild state he is a bird that is fond of company.

Feeding and Breeding in Nature.

His food consists of the seeds of the thistle, hardhead, dandelion, chickweed, groundsel and other plants, and the birds are often seen on waste land in search of same.

Goldfinches are very late breeders, and do not commence until well in the month of May, while they often have young ones in the nest at the end of August. This late breeding is no doubt the cause of so many fresh-caught birds (Greypates) dying, when captured early in the catching season, as they are not only caged but are fed with hard seed (which they have not been accustomed to) before they are hardly able to cope with even their own natural food. If they were not sought after by the catchers until later in the year, the birds would then be more matured, and would stand a better chance of surviving when put on to hard seed.

The Goldfinch's nest is often to be found in orchards, in apple or pear trees. It is composed of wool, moss and other materials, and is lined with horse and cow hair and down. The eggs are usually five in number; they are of a pale greenish-blue colour, streaked and spotted with brown. The Goldfinch has been known to rear three nests of young birds in one season. The young, as most readers will know, are called Greypates until they have moulted out into their proper colour.

Sexing the Species.

The sexing of Goldfinches is not easy, and only comes through experience; and it is a very difficult matter for anyone to guarantee the sex of a Greypate. Of the full-coloured birds the sexes are more easily distinguished, however, and if you have the opportunity of comparing a cock and hen together you will soon be able to discern the one from the other. The cocks have usually larger, flatter skulls, longer and more powerful beaks, and the markings are more distinct, the black markings being denser. The blaze, too, is one of the surest signs; in the cock birds this extends to the far corner of the eye. The hens are usually smaller than the cocks, the feathers over and round the beak are brown instead of black, and the blaze does not extend past the middle of the eye; the black feathers, too, on the head and the wing butts are of a brown cast.

The Goldfinch soon takes to cage life, and will live a good number of years thus if properly cared for. His food should consist of Canary, hemp and teazle seeds, and a little niger and linseed. He should also have given him the seeds of the thistle, hardhead and dandelion when these are obtainable, together with a little maw seed now and again. He is also fond of a little sweet apple and the flowering heads of the dandelion. These two, given to the Finch early in the Spring, are a great help towards bringing him into condition for Mule breeding.

Treatment During the Moult.

During the moult the Goldfinch should be given plenty of his own natural food, and if he is to be moulted for exhibition, he should be kept in an outdoor aviary if possible; the birds can get more light and more fresh air in an aviary, than when kept in a room or kitchen. An outdoor moulting, no doubt, has a great deal to do with the bird's colour; the markings, too, come out clearer, and the birds seem to get through the moult quicker and better. During this time also they should be given more linseed and allowed a frequent use of the bath; if, too, they are occasionally given a dose of Epsom salts (in the drinking water) they will not go far wrong.

I do not believe in colour feeding the Goldfinch, as I am of opinion that if a bird has a good colour to begin with, and is properly fed and looked after while passing through the moult he requires no "feed" to improve his colour.

Goldies for Exhibition.

Goldfinches intended for exhibition must first of all be got steady before moulting, as tameness is one of the most important points; they are of no use for show purposes if they are wild and will not stand being looked at. They must also be of a fair size, have large heads and wide, ing through the moult, he requires no reachos back beyond the eye, and comes well down under the bill; it should be of a pure scarlet colour; as square and clean cut as possible, not rounded off at the sides, and as free as possible from the black (which should be pure) that surrounds the beak and eyes. If there is too much of this black it spoils what may be otherwise a good face.

The cap of a Goldfineh must be of a good black, clean cut, and of nice width, tapering down each side of the neck, and the cheeks should be as pure in colour as possible (just a slight brown tinge), and of nice width. The tanning on the breast should be of rich chestnut in colour, running well down the body from the shoulders, and showing as little of the white down the centre of breast as possible. The yellow wing bars must be large, and bright and deep in colour; the wings should just meet at the ends. The buttons should be large and distinct, running down evenly to the ends of the wings, and the whole of the black on the wings and tail must be of a jet colour. The tail should be nicely folded, and short. The bird should also have a fair length of leg, and should stand well up. The other important points are activity, shape and condition.

There are also what are called the Cheveral and the Peathroat Goldfinches, but these are only mis-marked birds. They are very similar, and only differ in the under-blaze. The Cheveral is known by a pure white mark running clean through the centre of the blaze under the bill. The Peathroat has a white spot in exactly the same place (the middle of the under-blaze). In other respects the Cheveral and the Peathroat are the same as the ordinary Goldfineh.

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Wild Bird Life.

The Grasshopper Warbler.

During the winter months students of ornithology are able to carefully study the various species at the shows, and occasionally these include a specimen or two, rare both as a cage bird and as a visitor to these shores. At a recent show a good example of the Grasshopper Warbler was on view. Although this is not the first time this species has been exhibited, it is sufficiently rare as a show bird to attract considerable attention. The Grasshopper Warbler is small, measuring about five and a half inches in length; it is olive brown in colour, and somewhat mottled; the wings and tail are dark brown, the underpart of body whitish. The tail is rounded, the outer feathers being shorter than the centre ones; it is ribbed across with bars, more distinct in some specimens than in others. The demeanour and the dusky colouring of the bird exhibited incline one to think it a hen, the bars on the tail being scarcely discernible. The Grasshopper Warbler is one of our rarer summer migrants, although fairly well distributed, and it is perhaps the least known of any of the Warblers that breed with us.

The bird derives its name from its peculiar note, which is very similar to that of the grasshopper. In general appearance it closely resembles the Reed Warbler, with its pointed head, arched back, long legs, and clinging habits. But it is easily recognised by its rounded tail. In our woods and hedgerows we have not a bird more skulking in its habits, although one may be constantly on the look-out for bird life; still, if it were not for the peculiar trilling song it would frequently escape notice. Even when the sound for a moment has been located, the bird is still far from discovery. From choice it frequents ground well covered with underwood, tall grass and matted weeds. Among these it passes with mouselike movements, flitting across an opening just above the ground, backwards and forwards, clambering up the long stalks of herbage, or low bushing. The bird lover may spend a long summer's afternoon chasing this dainty creature, and scarcely obtain more than a fleeting glimpse of him. I have with a companion gently walked the bird down to a spot where the undergrowth is less dense, and by remaining perfectly quiet the object has been obtained.

The Brainy Sparrow.

A House Sparrow has been seen to take a piece of crusty bread, and hold it in a pool of water to soften before eating.

Where Rooks are Getting Scarce.

Rooks are not nearly so plentiful in London as formerly, but visiting birds, strange to town life, find no difficulty in getting a living. The effect of city life upon birds is quite incalculable, and the unexpected is frequently happening.

In Favour of the Starlings.

On cattle farms Starlings are to be encouraged. Sheep evidently regard them as friends and never object to their perching upon their backs, for they rid them of flies, ticks, etc. In the early summer months they accompany cattle, feeding upon the larvae of injurious insects and worms brought to the surface by the tread of the animals.

A Bird of the Hills.

The arrival of the pretty Dotterell among the hills is the first sign to the shepherd that the winter has past. This species was at one time plentiful, but has sadly diminished in numbers lately. They nest in the most solitary places, and when autumn comes and the young are strong on the wing, they leave their mountain home, and make their way to the sea, forming flocks with others they meet on the journey. The Dotterell is a gregarious bird, excepting during the breeding season.

Blackbirds among the Fruit.

The Blackbird is certainly the most destructive of all birds to the fruit crops. In the spring he is mad after the strawberries, and will force his way through the netting spread to protect them, or dance upon the top until his own weight brings him within reach of them. All day long he is to be found where the ripest red currants grow, scattering nearly as many on the ground as he eats. He is a great admirer of the greengage, and later on shows his partiality for ripe apples. Rich red cherries he cannot resist. In the Kent cherry orchards he is a great nuisance.

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Bedale, Nov. 25, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. W. Barrett. 7 open classes: Yorks. 4, local Can. 1, Brit. 1, and Sell. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 18 to W. F. MERRIN, Bedale, Yorks

Lowestoft (C.B.U.), Nov. 10 and 11, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. 29 classes (open only to Suffolk): Nor. 9 (3 novice), Crest 8 (1 novice), Nor. pairs 1, Nor. Green 1, Clun. 2, Crest pairs 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Extra stock 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/3. Ent. close Oct. 30 to E. L. A. CROW, London Rd.

Woking, Nov. 23 and 24, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 10 members' classes. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 12 to L. C. B. HOCKIN, High House, Sutton, via Guildford.

Luton (C.B.U.), Nov. 11, The Plait Hall.—Judge, Mr. E. H. Billett. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/3. Ent. close Nov. 5 to A. C. PILBEAM, 144, Dallow Rd.

Wallsend (C.B.U., N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B,M, and B.C.), Nov. 12 and 13, Co-operative Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe, J. Wilcock, and J. W. Bruce. 56 open classes: Nor. 10 (1 novice), Crest 4 (2 novice), Cinn. 3 (1 novice), Yorks. 8 (2 novice), Bord. 8 (1 novice), Liz. 2, Scots. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 5 (2 pairs), Mules 3 (1 novice), Brit. 9 (1 Linnet novice), For. 2, and 27 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 6 to RICHARDSON AND GREENWELL, 35, The Avenue.

Leicester Hand in Hand (C.B.U.), Nov. 6 and 8, White Swan Hotel, Market Place.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe. 32 open classes: Nor. 12, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 3, and 3 members. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, the Coventry O.S. and Leicester H. in H. Societies' Challenge Cup and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 30 to JNO. ALLEN, 4, Bonsall St., Mere Rd.

Hastings United (C.B.U., S.N.P.C.), Nov. 9 and 10, Parish Priory Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 18 open classes: Nor. 9, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Brit. 3, and 8 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 1/0. Ent. close Nov. 2 to A. E. GODDEN, 50, Harold Rd., Clive Vale.

Wigan (C.B.U.) Nov. 5 and 6, Victoria Hall, Wallgate.—Judges, Messrs. H. Tams and W. Massey. 38 open classes: Yorks. 8 (1 novice), Nor. 8 (1 noviee), Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Bord. 2, Liz., 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 3, Novice Gift 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Stuffed specimens 1, Roller singing 1, and 13 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 30 to W. RIDGE 55, Poolstock.

Glasgow and W. of Scot. (B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scot., and S.C.C.), Nov. 12 and 13, Drill Hall, Taylor St.—Judges, Messrs. J. Calderwood, C. Campbell, J. Smillie, L. J. Arrighi, and S. Ward. 60 open classes: Nor. 16 (1 noviee and 2 sell.), Crest 5 (1 sell.), Bord. 9 (1 sell.), Cinn. 1, Yorks (confined to Scot.), 4, Mule 7 (1 sell.), Brit. 14, For. 3, Gift. 1. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 5/-, 3/- 2/- and many spls. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 6 to F. BOWMAN, 5, Parkview Gdns., Tolleross, Glasgow.

Leeds Roller (B.R.C.C.), Nov. 12 and 13, Leeds Temperance Society's Rooms, 16, New York St.—Judges, Messrs. F. A. Lester and F. Oldroyd. 4 open classes: Young birds, Noviee Young birds, Amat., and Novice any age. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. 2 B.R.C.C. young bird competitions and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 8 to T. W. WALTON, 20, Cecil Grove, Cecil Rd., Armley, Leeds.

Greenwich and Deptford (C.B.U., and London Federation C.B.S.), Nov. 18th and 19th, Amersham Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 37 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks 5, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Noviee Nor. 2, Nov. Yorks 2, Brit. 7, Mule 1, For. 1, and 38 members. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8th to F. W. HAMER, 106, Verney-road, S.E.

Canterbury (C.B.U. and K.C.C.B.A.), Dec. 8th and 9th, Lower Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles, 37 classes (open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex): Nor. 10, Crest 1, Yorks 7, Bord. 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Non-Feds 2, Sell. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 4 (Sell. 1), For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Ent. close December 1st to J. W. SARGEANT, 25, St. Peter's-street.

Stockton-on-Tees, Nov. 6th, Temperance Hall, Dovecot-street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and C. Houlton. 31 open classes: Yorks 5, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 3, and 12 members'. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and many spls. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 30th to J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning-street.

Exeter, Nov. 6th, Corn Exchange, Lower Market.—Judge, Mr. E. A. Lovell. 33 members' classes, 5 silver challenge cups, medals, and other spls. to be won. Fee, 6d. Ent. close October 30th to R. H. FOLLEY, 28, Rosbery-road.

Avonbridge, Nov. 20th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Holmes and A. Cochrane. 42 open classes: Nor. 9, Bord. 11, Mule 4, Brit. 15, For. 2, A.O.V. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries close Nov. 13th to P. GENTLEMAN, Forresters' Buildings, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

Reading, Nov. 17th, Palmer Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 19 members' classes. Fee 6d. Ent. close Nov. 3rd to W. H. PIKE, 25, The Grove.

Lye (10 mile radius), Nov. 8th and 9th, Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Machin. 7 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Mule 1, and Sell. 1. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 1st to G. H. DARBY, The Hayes, Wollescote, Stourbridge.

Kirkburton (£5 limit), Nov. 13th, Liberal Club Assembly Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 2 open Can. classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 8th to A. LODGE, opposite Highburton Co-op. Stores, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield.

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Limavady, Nov. 10th, Alexander Memorial Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Neill. 19 classes: Scot 2, Crest 1, Nor. 2, Common 1, Yorks 4, Mule 2, Brit. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 29th to W. J. WILSON, 34, Market-street.

Shirebrook, Nov. 13th, Council Schools.—Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 16 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks 4, Liz 2, Brit. 2, For. 2, and 3 members'. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Ent. close Nov. 6th to H. M. COX, Main-street.

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Oakham (£3 limit), Nov. 18th, Poultry Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Sell 1, and 3 members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 8th to T. J. WALKER, Burley-road.

West Auckland (C.B.U.).—December 4th, Club Room, Talbot Hotel.—Judge, Mr. G. Harland. 17 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Sell. 2, Brit. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, and 4 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 29th to JAS. GILL, St. Helens, Bishop Auckland.

Wimbledon (C.B.U., Lond. Fed. C.B.S., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., N.B.B. and M.C.).—November 17th and 18th, Queen's Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. Norman. 40 open classes: Noviee and Champ. Yorks. 12, Nor. 13, Bord. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 3, A.O.V. 1, For. 2. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and very many specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close November 9th to H. SMITH, 115, Merton-road, S.W.

Rochdale "Good Intent" (C.B.U., L.C.A., and L. and L.F.A.).—November 6th, Parish Church School, Lower Tweedale-street.—Judges, Messrs. R. Barrass and J. H. Roe. 35 open classes: Lancs. 8 (2 novice), Liz. 6 (2 novice), Crest 3, Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Noviee A.O.V. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 1st to W. ADAMS, 35, Bedford-street.

Frome C.B.S. (C.B.U.).—November 11th, The Mart, Vicarage-street.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 35 open classes: Nor. 8 (1 novice), Yorks. 8 (1 novice), Crest 3, Bord. 1, Lancs. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, and 9 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6 (if more than four entries, only 1/- for the additional entries). Entries close November 6th to W. MINTY, 7, Stony-street.

Sheffield (C.B.U.).—November 5th and 6th, Temperance Hall, Townhead-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Broadley and W. Vardy. 36 open classes: Yorks. 7 (novice 2), Nor. 7 (novice 2), Crest 7, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 1st to LINDSAY and BINGHAM, 202, King Jamies-street.

Midland Roller C.C. (B.R.C.C.).—November 3rd and 4th, "Swan and Peacock," Wolverhampton. Judges, Messrs. F. A Lester and J. Netherwood. 4 open classes: Champ. Young Birds, Noviee Young Birds, Any Age, and Limit, and 1 members'. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 30th to J. H. WILLOWS, 39, Upper High-street, Wednesbury.

Hayle (C.B.U.).—November 17th and 18th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 25 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 5, Cinn. 2, Crest 1, Pair 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 10 Local (confined to Hayle) classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 9th to L. COCK, Foundry, Hayle.

Lambeth (Combined Show of Lond. and Prov. O.S. and Dul. and Peckham C.B.S.).—November 4th and 5th, Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington-road, S.E. Judges, Messrs. H. Broadley, J. Robson, and Allen Silver. 49 members' classes. Many valuable prizes. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 29th to H. E. TRINGHAM, Old Barge House Wharf, Commercial-road, Blackfriars, S.E.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 31.—**Cheltenham.**—W. Pounsett, 5, Whiteeross Square.

Nov. 1.—(1st post.)—**Gravesend.**—E. R. Fox 12, New Road.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 29.—**Lambeth.**—H. E. Tringham, Old Barge House Wharf, Blackfriars.

Oct. 30.—**Midland Roller.**—J. H. Willows, 39, Upper High Street, Wednesbury.

Oct. 30.—**Wigan.**—W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock.

Oct. 30.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—Geo. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.

Oct. 30.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street.

Oct. 30.—**Cleator Moor.**—J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road.

Oct. 30.—**Bo'ness.**—Findlay McGillivray, Ferry View, Chance.

Oct. 30.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

Oct. 30.—**Lowestoft.**—E. L. A. Crow, 64, London Road, N.

Oct. 30.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—F. Cameron, 103, Sydney Street.

Nov. 1.—**Ramsgate.**—Allen and Tucker, 84, Queen Street.

Nov. 1.—**Sheffield.**—Lindsay and Bingham, 202, King James Street

Nov. 1.—**Liverpool.**—J. W. Metcalfe, 38, Whitefield Road.

Nov. 1.—**Rochdale.**—W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street.

Nov. 1.—**Darvel.**—J. Robertson, Junr., 5, Hastings Place.

Nov. 1.—**Lye.**—G. H. Darby, The Hayes, Wollescote, Stourbridge.

Nov. 1.—**Ramsgate.**—Allen and Tucker, 84, Queen Street.

Nov. 2.—**Abingdon.**—T. Bowen, 10, High Street.

Nov. 2.—**Cambridge.**—T. S. Moore, 126/8, Newmarket Road.

Nov. 2.—**Leicester H. in H.**—J. Allen, 4, Bonsall Street, Mere Road, Leicester.

Nov. 2.—**Blackburn.**—J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street.

Nov. 2.—**Hastings.**—A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale.

Nov. 2.—**Bodmin.**—A. E. Jago, Robartes Road.

Nov. 2.—**Bradford West.**—J. W. Telford, 15, Westfield Road, Toller Lane.

Nov. 2.—**Hetton-le-Hole.**—A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs.

Nov. 3.—**Gillingham.**—A. T. Cotterill, 12, Nelson Road.

Nov. 3.—**Penzance.**—J. P. Sampson, 4, Parade Street.

Nov. 3.—**Evesham.** — G. Witts, "Bengeworth," Evesham.

Nov. 5.—**Luton.**—A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Road.

Nov. 6.—**Leek.**—R. Hall, 9, Russell Street.

Nov. 6.—**Malton (Yorks.).**—G. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

Nov. 6.—**Blackwood (Mon.).**—J. Christmas, 35, Gordon Road.

Nov. 6.—**Shirebrook.**—H. M. Cox, Main Street.

Nov. 6.—**Wallsend.**—Richardson and Greenwell, 35, The Avenue.

Nov. 6.—**Glasgow and W. of Scot.**—F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tolleross.

Nov. 6.—**Frome C.B.S.**—W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.

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In the Courts.

THE BLINDING OF SINGING BIRDS.

HARD-HEARTED SCOUNDREL MEETS A WELL-MERITED SENTENCE.

Frederick Collins, 56, a labourer, of Sultan Street, Camberwell, surrendered to his bail, and was charged, on remand, before Mr. Hopkins, at Lambeth Police Court, on October 25th, on a warrant, with unlawfully maiming two Chaffinches, which were kept in confinement.

When he was arrested last week by Sergeant Methuen, chief warrant officer of the court, and the nature of the charge was explained to him, the prisoner replied, "That's not a game of mine, guv'nor."

Mr. S. G. Polhill, who now appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the prisoner was charged with cruelty to two birds by blinding them. It was a practice amongst some of these men in different parts of London to catch wild birds and then blind them with a needle, the reason for doing so being that birds so treated were supposed to be better songsters or warblers, and such birds were frequently used in competitions. The practice, he was sorry to say, had been going on for a number of years, and the society had made many attempts to trace the people who carried it out, but owing to the great secrecy which was observed this was the first occasion upon which they had been in a position to prosecute. A great deal of skill was shown in blinding the birds, and externally there was no sign of injury. The birds adapted themselves to their blind state in a wonderful way. They fed and drank and found their perches in the most natural way, and to the casual observer there would appear to be nothing wrong with them.

Answering a question by the magistrate, Mr. Polhill said the proceedings were taken under the Wild Animals in Captivity Protection Act, 1900.

Twenty Years at the Game.

Mr. Arthur Wilmot, an officer of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, stated that about 12.30 on the morning of Sunday, the 17th inst., he was in East Street, Walworth, with a man named Boswell. He there saw the defendant Collins. After he had been introduced by Boswell, Collins said to witness, who was in plain clothes, "'Jack' (Boswell) tells me you want some birds. I have got two ready at home which you can have." He accompanied Collins to a house in Sultan Street, and was taken into an upstairs room, which was practically full of birds, all of the finch kind.

Prisoner: I beg to differ. There were some Linnets there.

Proceeding, Inspector Wilmot said Collins, after pointing out several Chaffinches, which were all blinded, showed him the two Chaffinches to which this charge related. Collins said he caught one at Croydon, and the other just outside Orpington, and added, "I put them through it right out." When asked what he meant by "right out," the defendant replied: Blinded; but it is a dangerous word to use. If I was given away it would mean three —— months for me. I played the game on them last Friday week. This one (pointing to the Croydon bird) is just getting over it.

Asked if they were really blind, Collins replied:

Yes, I done them myself. I have been at the game twenty years.

Witness tested the birds by passing his hand in front of them, and found they were undoubtedly blind. There were, at least, eight other Chaffinches hanging in cages in the room, and referring to those, Collins said, "These are splendid songsters on the grass." Witness purchased the two birds in question for 1s. 6d. each. Collins, Boswell, and himself then left the house, and walked back towards East Street. On the way Collins said:

You will always know where to find me if you can do me any good. If anything goes wrong with your birds come to me, and I will give you another for a matter of a few coppers.

Steady Hand Wanted.

They afterwards went to a public-house, where the defendant ordered some cider. Witness said, "I see you are a teetotaler.' Collins replied. "Yes. At my game you have to be. You want a very steady hand for the needle." Witness remarked that it was a very cruel thing to do, and the defendant then said, "Other —— do it, and others haven't got the heart."

Prisoner: You have told the magistrate that I told you I had done this for twenty years. I beg to say that you have committed perjury. I told you I bought two birds in Club Row.

Mr. Hopkins: I want you to understand that there are two points, as I understand it, in the case, and two only—first, are these two birds blind? and, secondly, did you do it?

Prisoner: I bought these birds in Club Row, and did not know they were blind until I was charged on the warrant. If I had known they were blind I would have put my foot on them.

Boswell, the man who was in company with the society's officer, gave some corroborative evidence.

Mr. Alexander Pearce, veterinary surgeon, said he examined the birds in question. In the case of one bird both eyes were disorganised. In the case of the other one eye was disorganised, but the other had apparently not undergone the process. He came to the conclusion that the optic nerve and the artery in the centre of the eye had been severed by inserting a needle at the back of the eye. The process made the birds totally blind, but left the eye to a casual observer much as it was before the operation.

Mr. Polhill: Would that cause suffering?—It would cause very acute suffering when the nerve was severed, and inflammation would follow which would also cause very acute suffering.

Asked by the magistrate what he had to say in defence, Collins replied, "I say I am innocent of what I am charged with. I bought these two birds from a man in Selater Street, Bethnal Green, on a Sunday morning.

Mr. Hopkins: Then it becomes important for you to call the man.

Prisoner: There are so many men down there selling birds, that it would be difficult to find him.

Mr. Hopkins: Is that all you have to say?

Prisoner: Yes.

Mr. Hopkins: Then all I have to say is that you knew what the penalty was, and were very right. It is three months' hard labour.—"Daily Telegraph."

An Editorial View.

A perusal of the above report (taken *in extenso* from the columns of the "Daily Telegraph") leaves us hot with indignation. It is deplorable that so interesting and entirely uplifting a hobby as that of bird-keeping should be disgraced by callous scoundrels of the type of this brute Collins. That his sentence of three months hard labour was richly merited none can question, and we are sure that the actions of the R.S.P.C.A. and the magistrate will be endorsed by every reader.

Our hobby suffers sufficiently at the hands (or words, rather) of ill-informed sentimentalists, without having attaching to it the stigma of such brutal conduct as the blinding of birds for singing purposes. More power to the arm of the R.S.P.C.A., say we, in a matter of this kind. Anything we can do to help the officials of that society shall be gladly undertaken; and we would, too, ask readers to co-operate with them so far as they are able.

If bird singing contests cannot be conducted without the perpetration of an atrocity such as this, then we unhesitatingly say that the sooner they are suppressed the better. But we know that it is not so; we know that the contests in which birds compete for song one against the other can be carried out without a semblance of cruelty—either in the training of the birds or at the actual contest. We know, too, that the great army of working men who make it their hobby to train their birds—whether Chaffinches, Linnets, or Larks—and take joy in their victories, we know, we repeat, that they do not indulge in such disgraceful acts as the blinding of their pets. Far from it; no bird receives more studied and careful attention than the bird which it is intended shall join in singing contests. This attention, in point of fact, is absolutely the first essential to success.

The sentimental aspect of the question—whether wild birds should be confined in cages—is too wide a subject for us to enter into here. We cannot refrain in passing, however, to venture the opinion that this sport of the humbler classes—contest singing—will compare very, very favourably from any point of view with many of the "sports" indulged in by the leisured well-to-do—take, as an instance, the hunting of tame deer.

One more word on the subject of the blinding of Chaffinches, and we are done.

It might be gathered from the opening statement of the prosecuting solicitor that this diabolical blinding process is quite commonly practised—in fact, an essential to success at the contests. If it was the intention to urge this view, then we meet it with an emphatic denial. We say, further, that the great majority of the winners at the Chaffinch handicaps (as they are called) in London, have the full use of their vision. The object of the blinding is to prevent the bird being distracted by outside influences, and thus "knocked off his song" whilst singing against an opponent. The birds can be, and are, so perfectly trained, however, that when engaged in a "song battle" they are oblivious to everything save the necessity of out-singing their opponents—they even exhibit every sign of enjoyment (we pen the word with full appreciation of its meaning) in the strife.

In short, it is only amongst certain of the "old hands" that the practice of blinding contest birds now obtains. And this abomination ought to be put down with a strong hand. We welcome the efforts of the R.S.P.C.A. to this end, and, as we have indicated above, we will gladly aid the society to attain this consummation. We only hope that every person found to be in the possession of a Chaffinch (or any other bird) which has been so cruelly and shamefully ill-treated, may be brought within the pale of the law and prosecuted.

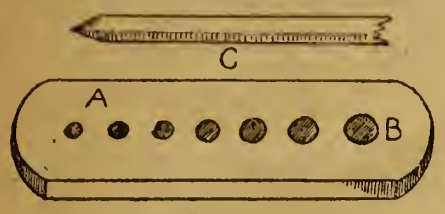
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No. 356.
Making Round Perches.
Sent by Mr. F. Willan, 2, Bromsgrove Road, Burnley.

This is an idea which I use to make round perches. A is a piece of steel (or iron) plate, about 4ins. long, 2ins. wide, and ¼in. thick. B represents holes drilled the same diameter as

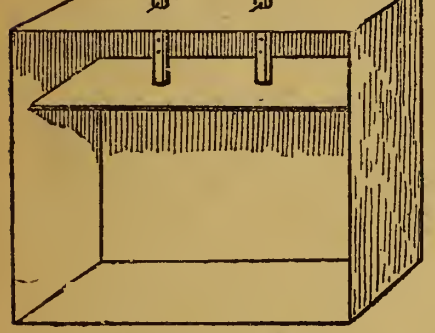


To Make Round Perches.

the perch required. C is a square piece of wood to be made round; cut to a point at the end to give it a start. The wood has then to be carefully knocked through the plate, and afterwards sandpapered.—F. WILLAN.

No. 357.
A Steadying Cage with False Top.
Sent by Mr. H. Jenkins, 59, Lower Aberdyberthi Street, Swansea.

I herewith send you what I think is a very useful and humane idea of a cage for steadying fresh caught birds. The enclosed sketch will, I believe, fully explain it. Two strips of



A Steadying Cage.

wood, ¾in. by ¼in., with holes in them at any desired distance, slide easily through the top of the cage, enahling the head room to he reduced or increased, as the conduct of the bird permits. A further reference to sketch will clearly show how the adjustable top is secured in position hy pins passing through little staples in the cage top, and then engaging with the two strips of wood, which work up and down.—HENRY JENKINS.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, October 23rd, when 15 birds sang. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead. Judges, Jennings and Naylor. Also on October 24th, when 20 birds sang. Judged to perfection by Jennings and Naylor. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Good contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, on Octoher 23rd. 1st and 2nd prize divided Mrs. Kendall and T. Laycock; 3, C. Biss. Neutral judges were picked. Also contest held October 24th, and again some clever singing was heard. Result: 1, W. Fisher; 2, T. Laycock; 3, N. Soloman, Judges Messrs. T. Summers and J. Clark. Match between N. Soloman and T. Laycock will he sung at above house October 31. Best quality sing during contest.—JOB HARGREAVES, hon. sec.

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The Shows.

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KELTY & BLAIRADAM

Annual show of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. held October 23rd. Entries were in advance of last year's by about 70. The only section which did not come up to expectations was the Yorkshires, and this, we believe, was owing to the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, who wrote to the secretary drawing attention to the fact that in the schedule the classes were open to all competition, whereas according to their rules and patronage they should have been confined to Scotland only. What were on view in the Yorkshire classes, however, were good, competition was keen, and the judge's (Mr. J. W. Bruce's) awards were well received. Crests and Norwich were good, and some well-known winners were on view. Scotch Fancies, too, were good all round, and the quality in some of the classes was of a very high standard; the special for best was secured by a good alround yellow cock. Borders were extra fine classes, some grand exhibits being on view, and Mr. Hislop, who judged these varieties, seemed to be happy in his selections. Mules and British were the feature of the show, some hot ones being out, many well-known winners being among them. These classes were judged by Mr. G. Marlin, and he spotted the winners well. Mr. Rodger, of Slateford, judged the Scotch Fancies, and Mr. Cameron, of Kelso, the Norwich and Crests. The hall is very suitable for a cage bird show, but a shade on the dark side, though excellently free from draught. The management, as usual, was A1. The committee is composed of sterling fanciers, and had at their helm the ever-obliging Mr. Ford, who is an ideal secretary, and was ably assisted hy Mr. Anderson, treasurer. The show was largely patronised by visitors, and we hope to hear that it was a financial success.

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl best in show, Gordon, good alround yell., nice size and substance, grand top end, very fine, good drive and reach; 2, Wilson and Campbell, shade slimmer got up, but very stylish, nice action; 3, Inglis, shapely and stylish, well placed; vhc, Wilkie and Sholbread; hc, Cook. HEN (9): 1, Carmylie, good exhibit, nice length of side, well got up, good shoulder, fine taking one; 2, Laing, well up in shoulder and neat in drive; 3, Wilson and Campbell, fine depth across and lengthy, a trifle dull in action; vhc, Gordon; hc, Chalmers. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Cook, stylish, good shape, nicely put down, a topper; 2, Gordon, fine top end, good length of side, could do with a little more depth across; 3, Wilkie and Sholbred, good throughout, nice quality and shapely. HEN (8): 1, Cook, wins, sweet alround, nice top end, good reach, prominent shoulders, very stylish, nice depth and quality; 2, Wilson and Campbell, taking bird, fine action and shape; 3, Wilkie and Sholbred, nice depth and length of side, good reach; vhc, Inglis; hc, Chalmers. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (9): 1, spl. cup, Fotheringham, green, splendid style, plenty of length of side, grand shoulders, rare reach; 2, Carmylie, another good one, fine substance, grand length, not quite so free or prominent on shoulders; 3, Laing, also close up, nice substance, good quality, feather; vhc, c, Dow; hc, Cook. HEN (5): 1, Fotheringham, again to the fore, good alround lady, free and stylish; 2, Leslie, very stylish, but wants a little more substance, good top end and reach; 3, Corrigan, nicely finished, free, good depth; vhc, Fulton. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Fotheringham, strongly made, nice substance throughout, well up on leg, nice top end and reachy; 2, Beattie, close up, finely packed shoulders, reachy, good length of side; 3, spl, Beattie, again a nice one, fine top end, plenty of style; vhc, Leslie; hc, Chambers. HEN (10): 1, Gordon, wins, in rare bloom, nice typical bird, well up in shoulder, grand reach, very stylish, exceedingly well put dowu; 2, Cowan, taking one, stylish nice length and depth; 3, Dow, shapely throughout, well moulded, nice compact shoulders; vhc, Gibson; hc, McGregor and Balfour; c, Rough. SELL., CK. (£1) (6): 1, Gibson; 2, Fotheringham; 3, Dow; vhc, Fulton; hc, Duns and Laurie; c, Sneddon. HENS (£1) (3): 1, Gibson; 2, Carmylie; 3, McGregor and Balfour. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (21): 1, Robertson, in rare bloom, lovely texture of feather, nice level shade throughout, rare head, grandly drawn on front, in tip-top bloom; 2, Arnot, close up, inclined to cross wings at times, but a beauty for quality; 3, Peters, finely finished, good front, niccly drawn, A1 size, lovely position; vhc, Crichton; hc, Anderson; c, Thomson. HEN (15): 1, B.F. medal, runner-up to cup winner, Hamilton, real gem of a yell. hen, grand head and neck, perfect wing carriage, beautiful pose, finely drawn in front, shows to perfection, unbeaten this season we heard, and a credit to the owner, her breeder; 2, Craig, lovely bloom, good stamp, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Robertson; good in type, shade slimmer, well placed; vhc, Bickerstaff; hc, Anderson; c, Crichton. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Peters, sound col., lovely head, grand body (wins spl, medal winner debarred), real good Bord., grandly rounded; 2, Thomson, nice quality feather, well up in col., good 2nd; 3, spl, Hamilton, typical, lovely quality feather; vhc, Spence; hc, Dunsmore; c, Murray. HEN (14): 1, Webster, sweet, nice exhibit, grand feather, lovely shade of col., nice front, A1 head, beautiful wing carriage; 2, Hamilton, fine mould, good round one, well drawn; 3, Peters, shade plainer looking, but nice quality feather, good position; vhc, Neshit; hc, Gihb; c, Craig. UNEVEN YELL. (9): 1, Kilpartick, grand position, A1 shade of col., nicely drawn, good front, fine hack and wing carriage; 2, Baird, well feathered one, A1 type and quality, well put down; 3, Watt and Storie, looks like a lady and a good one, lovely shape and carriage; vhc, Craig; hc, Stirling; c, Arnott. BUFF (15): 1, Shields, topper for feather, grand quality throughout, A1 shape, finely rounded; 2, Anderson, very similar, not much between this and winner; 3, Morris, eye and wing mkd., grand quality feather, well up in type; vhc, Lamhic; hc, Easter; c, Watt and Storie. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Crichton, wins, best in class, nicely balanced markings, in fine order; 2, Arnott, shade larger in build, hut good in feather; 3, Masterton, somewhat similar, heaten only in type; 4, Peel, nice yell. SELL. (10s. and 7s. 6d.) (16): 1, Hamilton; 2, Barrie; 3, Wilson; vhc, Baird; hc, Welsh; c, Forrest. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, Thomson, good one, lovely col. throughout, solid and niccly pencilled, A1 type and quality; 2, Bickerstaff, nice quality feather, well staged; 3, Forrest, good mould, inclined to cross wings at times, well placed; vhc, Lambie; hc, Campbell; c, Arnott. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (9): 1, Patterson, raking hird, grand length, slim, fine free pose, lovely quality feather; 2, Girrin, grand stamp, well drawn, shade longer hehind him, again in rare hloom; 3, spl., Bowman, nice quality feather, good lengthy hird; vhc, Braiedy; hc, McKenzie; c, Haggie. HEN (5): 1, spl, McRobbie, gem for quality, tight as wax, lovely position, grand front and wing carriage, treat; 2, Braledy, slim, got up, but inclined to be hooky in appearance; 3, Bowman, nice quality, good feather; vhc, Penman; hc, McDougal, good hen, but very soft when judged. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Bowman, grand length, good substance, free from roughness, well drawn, very stylish in shape; 2, McDougal, stunner for col., like a blaze of fire, close and tight in condition; 3, Ireland, grand positioned bird, best headed Yorks. in show, shown in soiled plumage; vhc, Heggie; hc, Crearer; c, Paterson CL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, 2, Paterson, leader slim got up, very close in feather, nice front A1 position and style, 2nd nicely drawn, in good bloom, well put down, pair of good ones; 3, Bowman, good length, nicely drawn, staged in fine bloom, well placed; vhc, Penman; hc, Wilster; c, McDougal. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, spl best Yorks., Girvan, hot one, heavily variegated yellow, grand rounded head and lovely free pose, splendid wing carriage, A1 front; 2, McDougal, lengthy and slim, good quality, showing bad frill, should improve. HEN (4): 1, Girvan, slim, heavy variegated bird, in good form, nicely drawn, good position; 2, Penman, grand stamp of a hen, good carriage; 3, Paterson, good quality, well rounded; vhc, Wilster. SELL. (15s.) (4): 1, Ford; 2, Wilster; 3, 4, Hunter. CREST CK. (6): 1, Howie, lovely headpiece, nice length of feather, well centred, good side and frontal; 2, Veitch, not quite so dense in feather, but well up in length, well groomed; 3, Arnott, plenty of top gear, nice frontal and side; vhc, Sharp; hc, Fennock; c, Beaton and Sons. HEN (3): 1, John Veitch, wins, best in head, good length of feather, well centred, nice frontal, good shape; 2, J. Veitch, nice alround, scarcely so well down in front; 3, Beaton and Sons, neat exhibit, should improve yet. C.B. CK. (8): 1, 3, Buchanan, leader good headed full and free, plenty of length of feather, nice entrance, well up in skull, 3rd nice lash and plenty of size; 2, Kemp, fine width of skull, neatly lashed; vhc, Allan and McLean; hc, Beaton and Sons; c, J. Veitch. HEN (3): 1, Allan and McLean, good all-round exhibit, nice head, fine entrance and lash; 2, Hunter, well lashed at back, good skull; 3, Sharp, narrow, a well-steadied, nice bird. UNFLIG. CREST AND C.B. (10): 1, 3, 5, Reid, usual team of good ones, leader grand dense head, leafy feather, nicely radiated, 3rd we could not find; 2, Allan and McLean, nice headpiece, well carried to front, splendidly rounded; vhc, hc, c, Veitch. HEN (6): 1, Fulton nice shapely bird, good centre, fine length of feather, well put down, hotly followed by 2 and 3, Reid, two good Crests, 2nd grand alround, fine and full on sides, well down in front, 3rd scarcely so good in front, perhaps, hut nicely centred; vhc, Allan and McLean; hc, J. Veitch; c, Sharp. SELL. (6): 1, J. Veitch; 2, Martin; 3, Allan and McLean; vhc, Allan; hc, Smart; c, Beaton and Sons. PLAINHEADS, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Nisbet, grand bloom, A1 size, neat in shape, good front, well rounded in head, splendid wing carriage; 2, Martin, stylish bird, good back and wing carriage, very showy; 3, Malcholmson, hot one, fine shape, good col.; vhc, Kerr; hc, Thomson; c, Ferguson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Bishop, good one, grand substance, beautifully rounded, neat head and wing carriage, A1 feather; 2, Baird, very typical, full of bloom, lovely texture of feather, grand head, full on front; 3, Howie, neat size, typical, well moulded, fails just slightly in wing carriage; vhc, Spence; hc, McHale; c, Brown. BUFF CK. (10): 1, McCue, short and chubby, good feather, neat size, free from roughness, finely filled back level wing carriage; 2, Howie, close up, good quality, in fine order; 3, Procter, taking one, correct size, neat head, good style; vhc, Dickson; hc, Miller and Eadie; c, Hynd. HEN (8): 1, Martin, well up in size, good quality feather, neat in front, nicely drawn, marvellous bloom; 2, Philip, close up, scarcely so well finished off perhaps, but good; 3, Sharp, stylish, fine fronted bird, neat head properties, all there for quality; vhc, McHale; hc, Mathieson; c, Spence. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, Bishop, romping buff, fine substance throughout, splendidly moulded, good head, close and tight in feather; 2, Dickson, yell., good shape, well rounded, tip-top feather and condition; 3, Howie, again close up, sweet headed one, plenty of substance, tip-top form; vhc, Harris; hc, Malcolmson; c, Ramsay. HEN (3): 1, Dickson, wins, marvellous bloom, close and short in feather, well moulded, in extra good form; 2, Thomson, another excellent bird; 3, Mathieson, fine substance throughout. UNFLIG. CK. (19): 1, 2, Sloan, two good ones, not the largest, but well made, winner best in head, short flights, well carried wings, 2nd fails in finish only, nice varieg. yellows, well placed; 3, Logan, sweet exhibit, grand front and finish, teeming with quality; vhc, Martin; hc, Malcolmson; c, Dickson. HEN (16): 1, McCue, good shapely buff, fine size, good head, nice position, very showy; 2, Martin, good varieg. buff, grand front and taper, A1 wing carriage, fine cut bird, in lovely bloom; 3, Malcolmson, yell., inclined to be a shade open in feather, good substance; vhc, Lugton; hc, Dickson; c, Sloan. CK. NON-FED (12): 1, Hamilton and Wallace, good all-round green, nice shape, close in feather, good head and front, fine wing carriage, well drawn; 2, Lambie, close up, buff, plenty of substance, nicely finished off, good wing carriage; 3, McGregor, green, not quite so large as winner, but good in quality, well placed; vhc, Frew; hc, Harris; c, Howie. HEN (8): 1, Howie, rattling buff, fine size, well moulded in front, good all-round exhibit, in fine order; 2, Kerr, taking one, fine quality feather and again all there for size; 3, Barclay, good shapely bird, shade narrow in front, but good; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Proctor; c, Foster. SELL (£1) (14): 1, Miller and Eadie; 2, Ferguson; 3, Logan; vhc, c, McRobbie; hc, Brown. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Hutt; 2, Hayly; Mountain Rollers, in nice order. COMMON CAN. (6): 1, Ewenson, good green; 2, Miss Cargill, large foul buff, typical commoner; 3, McGregor, yell. hall Nor.; vhc c, Murray. GIFT (10): 1, Brown, Bord; 2, Aikman, Bullfinch; 3, Veitch, Canary; vhc, Anderson.

The Mule, British and Foreign Classes.

DARK CAN. MULE (9): 1, Simpson, good Linnet, fine size, well forward in colour, in A1 order; 2, Johnstone, nice Greenie, well up in size and col., nicely staged; 3 (could not find on taking notes); vhc, Rankine; hc, McGoram; c, Mathieson. LIGHT (6): 1, Malcolmson, jonque variegated Goldie, grand size, tight in feather, good one for a yell., could be improved with a wash; 2, Jamieson, large buff, in lovely order, clean as a new pin, plenty of substance, lightly variegated, well worth its place, good one; 3, Lindsay, jonque, nice quality, well staged; vhc, Rankine; hc, Bell and Dewar. HYB. (6): 1, Nichol, good all-round Linnet-Bullie, nice size, showing col. well, in very nice order; 2, Dunn, Goldie-Bullie, plenty of col., well put down, a nice one; 3, Jamieson, Siskin-Greenie, well up in size, very nice col., well shown; 4, Calder; hc, Irvine. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, McCall and Henderson, well up in face, nice expansive blaze, good cheeks, well buttoned, fine size, in grand order; 2, Wilson and Campbell, nicely made Finch, good in col., well up in size; 3, Hoyle, good all-round Finch, much admired; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Hunter; c, Bennett. BULLFINCH (11): 1, 2, Chalmers, leader good one, grand shape, nice cap, well up in breast col., in grand trim, 2nd close up, good body col., not so well fined down as winner; 3, Purves, nice size, good col.; vhc, Brown; hc, Nicholl; c, Webster. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Malcolmson, grand quality feather, lovely tone of col., good wing flights, fine shape, bold-headed, marvellous condition; 2, Johnstone, hot one, all there for col, beaten only in tightness of feather; 3, Logan, nice col. Finch, grand quality feather; vhc, Anderson; hc, Veitch; c, Peel. BRAMBLE, ETC. (15): 1, 4, Miller and Eadie, leader nice Bramble, well up in size, good sound col., nicely spangled, clear-cut breast; 2, hc, Ward, 2nd romping Chaffie, fine size, grand tone of col., rare wings, flights, well staged; 3, Henderson, Bramble, not quite so dense in col. as winner, perhaps, but as good in size and shape; vhc, Paton; hc, McKenzie; c, Hoyle. SISKIN (12): 1, Bishop, well up in size, hot fed one, grand tone of col., nice bib, lovely lacing, put down in masterly fashion; 2, Grey, sweet natural col. one, grand size, good cap and bars, again in grand order; 3, Hoyle, fed one, good feather and cap, nice lacing; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Irvine; c, Bowie, jun. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (13): 1, Malcolmson, grand shape and col., nice bib and lacing, staged in fine order; 2, Ross, good col. Twite, fine flights, well up in size, very steady; 3, Hoyle, Mealy, large, grand bib, looks like the Glasgow winner; vhc, Bell and Dewar; hc, Haldane; c, Lewson. LINNET (14): 1, Malcolmson, grand shape, fine tone of col., plenty of work, very steady, in grand trim; 2, Hislop, good front, well defined, fine flights and tone of col., nice size, in grand trim; 3, Ward, fine flighted bird, in tip-top condition; No. 7, Bishop, winner City of Glasgow, put back for damaged wing, the best Linnet in class, great size, splendidly mkd.; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Paton; c, McKenzie. LESSER REDPOLL (18): 1, Hoyle, real good one, fine size, nice bib, staged in lovely order, good exhibit; 2, Williams, close up, grand body col., fine size throughout; 3, McGillivray Bros., newly caught one, in full bloom, rare bib, splendidly laced, in extra fine order; vhc, McGorum; hc, Kerr, jun.; c, Anderson. SOFTBILL SMALL (6): 1, Cordey, sweet Grey Wagtail, nice size, good all-round markings, well up in condition; 2, Hoyle, Yellow Wagtail, hot fed and steady, shown to perfection; 3, Russell, Bearded Tit, fine col. and good face markings, taking exhibit; vhc, Ford; hc, Caldwell. LARGE (5): 1, Lester, nice Missel Thrush, well up in size, splendidly marked, in fine trim; 2, Mulligan, good conditioned Thrush, fine feather; 3, Law and Brown, romping Jay, very pure in col., again staged to perfection, worth its place; vhc, Cargill; hc, c, Stenhouse. HARDBILL: (13): 1, Shields, good Hawfinch, fine col., grand head, tip-top bib, grand size, beautifully put down; 2, Baird, Yellowhammer, warm tone of col., lovely eye markings, very pure on head; 3, Kirkwood, good high col. Corn Bunting, fine size, splendidly laced; vhc, Barrie; hc, Martin; c, Paton. HEN FINCH (14): 1, Malcolmson, good dense-colonred Bullfinch, fine size, rare cap and polish, grandly put down; 2, Bald, another Bullfinch, tight condition; 3, Brown, Linnet, nice size, well mkd., shown in rare bloom; vhc, Morrison; hc, Bowie, jun.; c, Miller and Edie. SELL. (7/6) (6): 1, Murray; 2, Aikman; 3, Brown; vhc, Duff; hc, Smith; c, McCall and Henderson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Rankiue, nice all-round Finch, good pure col., dense markings, fine breast and wing flights; 2, Howie, real topper, dense expansive blaze, very pure and cl. in markings, grand cheeks, well buttoned; 3, Nicoll, grand shape, well up in size, will improve yet; vhc, Watt and Storrie. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, 4, Laurie and Welsh, leader nice Paradise Whydah, in full bloom, well staged, hotly followed by 2, Ford, good large Black-headed Gouldian, looking a shade seedy, fine size, well mkd.; 3, Henderson, pair of Australian Grass Finches, good col, well mkd., plenty size, nicely staged. LARGE (3): 1, spl., Hamilton and Wallace, nice glossy Starling, in fine feather, nicely staged, a real treat; 2, Bruce, Black-faced Parrakeet, in good feather, staged in too large a cage to show to advantage.

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DIS. C.B.A.

Second of a series of table shows held Oct. 20th, when Mr. W. Sharpe judged.

NOR. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, 2, Dufner; 3, Hnhhard. YELL.: 1, Dufner; 2, Huhbard; 3, Sharpe.—H. ONIONS, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First of a series of members' shows was held on October 23rd in Hangram-street Mission, 82 birds being staged. This was considered a very good entry. The show was visited by a large number of fanciers and friends. Mr. W. Mitchell (Mirfield) judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Sykes; 2, Bailey; 3, Tattersall; vhc, Wright; hc, Coggan; c, Hirst and Cawthra. BUFF: 1, 2, Tattersall; 3, c, Morrison; vhc, Fielding; hc, Ellis. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, B. and J. E. Hargreave; 2, c, Tattersall; 3, Bailey; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Coggan. BUFF: 1, 2, Tattersall; 3, Wright; vhc, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; hc, Hirst and Cawthra; c, Briggs. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Bailey; 3, Ellis; vhc, Fielding; hc, Morrison; c, Tattersall. BUFF: 1, 2, Tattersall; 3, Sykes; vhc, Ellis; hc, Fielding; c, B. and J. E. Hargreaves. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Ellis; 2, Morrison; 3, Fielding. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Ellis; 3, Naylor; vhc, Hirst and Cawthra. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Ellis. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Hirst and Cawthra. FOUL MKD. CINN. OR GREEN: 1, Naylor; 2, Hirst and Cawthra. CLASS 13: 1, Sykes. BRIT.: 1, Sandiford. Best bird in show, Tattersall; best oloured bird, B. and J. E. Hargreaves.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

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A Great Show on the Tyne-side.

Entries total over 1,700, a distinct advance on last year, while the display in point of quality has never been excelled.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S. held their fourth annual show on October 22nd and 23rd, and it proved a record success, the total entries being over 1,700, or 70 in advance of last year. All the various breeds were well represented, the Canary sections being specially good. Norwich Plainheads, as usual, opened the programme, and were exceedingly strong. Every class was keenly contested. The judge's task was an exceptionally heavy one. In a few cases we heard the comment made that Mr. Vardy had a slight leaning towards size; as usual, this is a matter of taste. They were carefully judged, and the winner for best in the section was indeed an ideal one. Greens and Cinnamons were not so strongly represented as their light-coloured brethren, but they were good in quality. The special winning Green, belonging to Mr. V. Deacon, was a good Yellow, of a nice shade of colour, and good in substance. The Cinnamon special winner (Mr. Godley's) was a slashing buff of rare size, and a lovely tone of colour; it will take something good to beat him.

A Feature of the Show.

Yorkshires were undoubtedly a feature of the show, quality and quantity being here in force. What an array of gems! Such has never been seen in the North before, and every class contained two sets of winners. The special for best was secured by Messrs. Amblers, with a grand ticked Buff, of lovely position, and exceedingly well drawn, slightly broken in colour, but a hot one, which, however, must have been hard pressed by the winning unflighted yellow cock. The Green Yorks. made splendid classes, the special being secured by a sweet Yellow. Scotch Fancies and Borders were numerous, the former being one of the finest collections for quality we have seen at North of England shows for some time. The special for best went to a grand all-round Buff, of lovely position and drive, shown by Mr. Craig; a fine, very free-working bird. In Borders the quality throughout was good. The Scottish breeders took a fair share of the spoils. The special for best in section was secured by Mr. Gilchrist's Yellow hen, a nice all-round Border in lovely feather, but some thought his Buff cock could have secured the premier position, being one of the best out this season.

Where Competition was Keen.

The Norwich Plainheads numbered 256 in 11 classes, an average of over 23 per class. Many grand birds, fit to win at most shows, had to stand cardless here, so keen was the competition. We are pleased to report a most decided improvement in wing carriage, and those long-sided, cross-winged birds that many declare are winning on the show bench at the present time, were certainly not in evidence here, the majority of the birds being of the correct Norwich type. The three unflighted classes contained 101 birds, and the fact that many well-known exhibitors had to stand down is abundant proof of the keenness of the competition. The special for best Norwich went to Mr. J. Trengove with a grand ticked Yellow hen, a regular model for type. Another beautiful exhibit was Mr. Geo. Harland's unflighted Yellow hen, "Queen of Queens," which we thought equal to the section winner in all but size. The Norwich Greens were a grand collection, averaging 11 per class—birds of great size, wonderful type, and brimful of colour, some of the exhibits being delightful in this respect.

Crests had an average here of over 13 per class (eight classes), and without a doubt were *the* feature of the show. All the champions were out, consequently the quality of the exhibits was simply marvellous, and they were worth going a long way to see. The Crested birds exhibited by Mr. R. Armstrong and Mr. T. Taylor make one wonder if the limit to the size of Crest has now been reached. Mr. Armstrong's "King of Kings" is really a wonderful bird, with a most magnificent crest of tremendous size and of splendid formation. This bird has not been bred with this season, and consequently has had a good moult, and although not quite ready yet, is really better than ever it was, and had no difficulty in securing the special for best bird in the show. The winner of the challenge bowl for best young bird in the show was Mr. Tom Taylor, with a foul tail Green Crest, a bird possessing wonderful crest properties, the crest being of great size, and beautiful formation and droop. Mr. Taylor's bird has been well named, "Emperor," and we are of opinion that he will take some stopping on the show benches this season. Another notable exhibit was Mr. Bewick's well-known Crest-bred "Duchess." The N.C.C. special for best old Crest went to Mr. B. Armstrong; best old Crest-bred, Mr. Jim Taylor (Shildon); best young Crest-bred, Mr. T. Taylor; best novice Crest, Mr. J. M. McDonald; and best novice Crest-bred, Mr. J. Waugh. Mr. T. Heath judged to the general satisfaction.

A Disputed Parentage.

The Mules were the best in the variety sections, which altogether were down in numbers from last year's total. The Mules were strongest, containing many interesting crosses—so interesting, in fact, that some of them were "wrong-classed," though, in every case, the judge's decision was not exactly agreed with by breeders and visitors. This was especially so with No. 5 in Class 62, exhibited by Mr. McPartling, a clear yellow Greenfinch-Canary Mule. Owing to its lovely yellow tone of colour throughout, it probably was a little difficult to decide upon, but, on closer examination, it seems to show two points decidedly in its favour, namely, the strong legs and feet it has got, and also the formation of body and style of action, which, without doubt, appeared to be purely Greenfinch. The bill (which seems to be the great point in deciding new faces and rare crosses in the hybridising world) is also Greenfinch in appearance, but not so pronounced as the other points. The flights are good, and an examination in the hand ought to be the deciding point in recognising this, one of the greatest triumphs in the annals of Mule breeding. These classes were good all over, and difficult to judge, and the winner of the coveted special was a sweet Redpoll-Bullie, a real good Hybrid shown by Messrs. Colton and Dawn.

The British, on the whole, were only fair, but many of the birds are scarcely in bloom yet. The special for best Hardbill went to the winning Linnet, a good Finch, grand in size and beautifully pencilled. It is scarcely up in bloom; still, taken all round, it was well placed. The Softbills were attractive, and here the special was secured by a rather uncommon exhibit, the Grasshopper Warbler, staged in very nice style by Mr. Cocks, but seeming to be minus a good few feathers at back of neck. The Foreigners were a nice collection, the special for best bird being secured by Mr. Taylor's Tricoloured Tanager, in splendid form.

The Ship's Crew.

The present remarkably attractive exhibition was held, as usual, in Cambridge Drill Hall, an ideal place for an exhibition, spacious and comfortable, and it was under the management of Mr. J. Currah, who knows how things should be worked, and who was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. Mr. Currah is also president of the society, and they can congratulate themselves on having so whole-hearted a fancier in their ranks. The amount of work he got through was phenomenal, and the excellent arrangements reflected the highest credit upon him and the joint secretaries, Messrs. W. Curry and J. G. Hutchinson, who were always in the thick of the fray, and worked ably and well. A better trio of officials it would be hard to discover. The committee comprised: Mr. J. Mackenzie, as vice-chairman, and Messrs. T. Robson, J. Hubbuck, M. C. Potts, A. Storey, J. Bertram, J. Maddison, J. M. Macdonald, R. Young, J. Coutts, G. Taylor, J. Shepherd, E. White, G. W. MacPartling, J. Currah, jun., G. Allinson, C. G. Petterson, J. E. Atkinson, J. Chapman, G. Ellis, R. Tindale, G. Vanner, and J. Gillespy. All these gentlemen must have felt highly gratified at the record show which rewarded their exertions. The public responded in fine style, and the show-room was crowded during the greater part of the time in which it was open. The judges were Messrs. W. Vardy (Nor.), T. Heath (Crests and Yorks. Greens), W. Mundell (Yorks. and Cinns.), W. C. Duncan (Borders), and J. Robson (Mules, Brit., and For.)

The Norwich and the Green Sections.

NOR., CL. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Hall, magnificent type, rare head, neck and chest, well carried wings and tail, beautifully cut away behind, red hot in col.; 2, Harland, grand shape, good head and neck, rare wings and tail, again hot col.; 3, Seed, beautiful type, good front, grand quality feather, not quite so well cut away behind, perhaps; 4, c, Cowling, hot col., nice shape, good head and neck; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Moorhouse. BUFF (28): 1, spl, Snowdon, grand shape and col., rare body substance, nice head, short thick neck, short flights and tail; 2, Dobinson, magnificent type, good col., rare quality feather, good head and neck; 3, Lawson, good type, grand quality and col., nice head and neck; 4, Waters, nice shape, splendid quality, good col.; vhc, Harland; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Holden and Todd. TKD., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Smeaton, mkd. wings, eye, and side of face, beautiful shape, grandly cut away behind, lovely col. and quality; 2, Cawling, mkd. on both eyes, rare type and quality, grand head, neck and chest, well carried wings and tail; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, thigh tkd., hot col., nice size, good head and neck; 4, Stanger and Herdman, griz. on left wing, rare shape, grand col. and quality, thick head and neck; vhc, Dr. Herd; hc, Mercer; c, Winter. BUFF (20): 1, spl, 4, Braybrook, lightly varieg., short thick chubby bird, good size, grand quality and col., well carried wings and tail, 4th tkd. on back of neck, good type, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Harland, tkd. on back of neck, large, rare shape and substance, deep chest, thick neck, nice col.; 3, McKay, thigh tkd., lovely shape, good size and col., nicely mealed, fine head and neck; vhc, Mercer; he, Barker and Abbot; c, Dobinson. HEN, YELL. (19): 1, spl, and spl best Nor., Trengove, tkd. on side of neck, beautiful type, short chubby body, grand quality, nice even col., good round head, thick neck, short flights and tail, good size, grand hen; 2, Wilcock, cl., nice size, beautiful shape, hot col., good head and neck; 3, vhc, A. Grey, cl., magnificent shape, rare substance, good col. and quality, nice head and neck; 4, Younghusband, tkd. on neck and left wing, splendid shape, nice col. and quality, good head; hc, Seed; c, Snowdon. BUFF (26): 1, spl, Pickering and Wright, lovely shape, nice size, col., and quality, good head and neck, short chubby body; 2, Lawson, again lovely type, nice size, good col. and quality, grand head and chest; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, griz. head, grand shape and col., nice quality, rare head, neck and chest; 4, A. Grey, gem for shape, good col. and quality, grand head, neck and chest; vhc, hc, Dobinson; c, A. Grey. UNFLIG. YELL. (24): 1, spl, Dormer, lightly varieg., red hot, magnificent shape, medium size, rare head, neck and chest, beautiful wing carriage; 2, Smith, griz. head, large, rare shape and col., good wings and tail; 3, Crawhall, varieg., good size, hot col., nice head, neck and chest; 4, Gowland and Crosby, gem, beautiful shape, rare chest, grand head and neck, good col. and quality; vhc, Younghusband; hc, Dr. Herd; c, Dobinson. A grand class. BUFF (37): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, grand size and col., lovely shape, deep broad chest, good head, thick neck, grand wings; 2, Waters, good type and size, nice col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, rare type and col., good size, thick neck, good broad chest; 4, Mercer, varieg., grand shape, good size, fine col. and quality; vhc, Harland; hc, Grey; c, Hermiston. Three sets of winners could easily have been selected from this class. UNFLIG. HEN (40): Grand class, many tip-top birds having to stand cardless: 1, spl, Harland, yell., "Queen of Queens," gem, magnificent type, medium size, grand quality, nice even tone of col., grand head, rare neck and chest; 2, hc, Godley, another magnificent yel., lovely type, medium size, hot col., rare head, neck and chest, beautifully-carried short flights and tail; 3, Midgley, yet another grandly-shaped hen, buff, short thick-set bird, good size, and deep chest; 4, Lawson, grand type, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, McKay; c, Haigh and Son. NAT. COL. (16): 1, spl, Younghusband, cl. yell., rare type and size, good quality and col., nice head and neck, deep broad chest, grand wings and tail; 2, Smith, lovely col. and quality, nice head, neck and chest; 3, Richardson, good type and col., excellent wings and tail; 4, Cowling, grand type, good colour, nice size, well carried wings; vhc, Lee; hc, Dr. Martin; c, Seed. PAIRS (12): 1, spl, 2, A. Grey, varieg. buff ck., and cl. yell. hen, magnificent pair, ck. of great size and good col., hen short and chubby, 2nd cl yell. ck., nice shape, with a cl. buff hen, typical in every respect; 3, Godley, yell. ck., good size and type, with buff hen extra in shape; 4, Woollett, buff ck. and yell. hen, plenty of size, grand col.; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, c, Hermiston. NOR. GREENS, SELF YELL. (10): 1, Barker and Abbot, grand col., deep and lustrous, correct Nor. type, grand deep chest, rare quality feather; 2, hc, Deacon, magnificent col., nice quality feather, rare size; 3, Dr. Martin, rich col., grand quality, nice type; 4, Walker, fine size and type, good quality; vhc, Lawson; c, McMillan. BUFF (13): 1, Hawkes, rare size and shape, grand col., deep and pure, good quality, grand flights and tail; 2, spl, 3, 4, Walker, nice size, good type, extra col., 3rd lovely col., nice shape and type, 4th typical green, short thick-set bird, good col. and quality; vhc, McMillan; hc, Hadwin; c, Lawson. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, spl, and spl for best in section, Deacon, foul head, magnificent depth of col., deep, rich and lustrous, grand size and shape; 2, Trengove, foul tail, large, nice shape, good quality, grand col.; 3, Jenkins, foul tail, grand size and shape, good level col.; 4, Winter, foul tail and throat, beautiful type, correct Nor. properties; vhc, Murray; hc, Lawson; c, Nelson. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Harrison, foul tail, graud rich deep tone of col., good quality, splendid Nor. type, short flights and tail; 2, Deacon, foul tail, great size, rare head, neck and chest; 3, hc, Walker, foul tail, grand col. and quality, nice type; 4, Deacon, foul tail, fine size and shape, good quality; vhc, Dr. Martin; c, McMillan.

The Magnificent Crests.

CREST DARK CK. (8): 1, spl best bird in show, Armstrong, "King of Kings," magnificent crest of great size, grand formation and droop, radiating beautifully from a well-defined centre; 2, spl, 3, Currah and Son, wing-marked D.C., good large crest, nice shape, beautiful droop, hard lines meeting winner; 3rd, varieg. D.C., good large even crest, well defined centre, round and neat; 4, Broad, grand sized crest, nice formation and droop, runs in centre of crest; vhc, Broad; hc, Gray; absent, H. Radley. BUFF, LIGHT, CREST OR YELL. (Crest any colour) (11): 1, spl, T. Taylor, "King Edward," crest of good size, beautiful shape, broad leafy feather, drooping nicely from a well-defined centre; 2, Armstrong, cl., a beauty, good sized crest, nicely formed, radiating grandly, does not possess quite the same broad leafy feather as winner; 3, Evins Bros., another grand crest of delightful shape, splendid formation and droop; 4, hc, Hands, cl., neatly formed, well defined centre, nice droop; vhc, Taylor; c, Sanderson. HEN (12): 1, R. Armstrong, cl. body D.C., grandly shaped crest, nice radiation and droop, well defined centre; 2, T. Taylor, varieg. D.C., large, winner, not quite finished moult; 3, spl, 4, Dobson and Son, heavily varieg. D.C., grand even crest, good size and shape, densely packed; 4th, wing-marked D.C., grand crest, good shape and quality; vhc, Marshall; hc, Evans Bros.; c, McColl. C.B. CK. (15): 1, J. Taylor, varieg., great size and width of skull, heavily lashed, rare entrance, good rise, wealth of head feather; 2, Scott, varieg., rare size, beautiful wide skull, plenty of feather of good quality; 3, spl, 4, T. Taylor, cl., a monster, good quality feather; 4, Green, great size, good skull,; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Radley; c, Richardson. HEN (8): 1, Bewick, well known "Duchess," great size, wonderful head properties, great length of feather, good rise; 2, spl., 4, T. Taylor, Green, fine size, well lashed, nice wide entrance; 4th, good size, nice head, plenty of feather, well lashed; 3, McColl, foul green, good broad skull, feather; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, McDonald; c, Jenkins. CREST, 1909 (25): 1, spl, bowl, 3, T. Taylor, "Emperor," wins challenge bowl for best young bird in show, foul tail green, grand exhibit, wonderful size, monster crest, densely packed, splendid quality feather; 3rd, clear body D.C., beautifully shaped crest, round and neat, nice quality, good droop; 2, 4, Dobson and Son, wing-marked D.C., very neat crest, beautiful shape, dense in feather, good droop; 4th, varieg. D.C., crest good size, fine droop, nice quality feather; vhc, Broad; hc, Currah and Son; c, Marshall. C.B., 1909 (23): 1, spl, 3, T. Taylor, another grand exhibit, varieg., great size, wonderful head properties, abundance of feather; grand quality, good large wide skull, well lashed; 3rd, foul tail green, great size and width of skull, grandly lashed; 2, 4, Currah and Son, varieg., great size, splendid skull, well lashed; 4th, varieg., again good size, abundance of feather, nice lash; vhc, Almond; hc, Dobson and Son; c, Widdowfield. PAIRS (for Crest breeding) (6): 1, Bewick, nearly green Crest, grand size and shape, nice formation and droop, varieg. C.B., great width of skull; 2, Armstrong, green crest with foul tail, nice shaped crest of good size, and varieg. C.B., good size and quality of feather; 3, T. Taylor, both varieg., nice sized crest, neat centre, and a tip-top C.B., good wide skull, clothed with abundance of feather; 4, Wood, wing-marked D.C., good size, nice formation, and varieg. C.B., nice size; vhc, Marshall; absent, Dobson and Son.

The Scotch and Border Fancy Sections.

SCOT. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Little, grand action and style, fine top end and reach, splendid drive, always in position, with a little substance would be a stormer; 2, Summerhill, fine depth throughout, nice length of reach, good in side, does not get to perch quick enough; 3, Craig, good varieg., plenty of substance, good top end; 4, Sloan, stylish, very full, plenty of length of side; vhc, hc, Chapman; c, Hudson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Craig, good one, hard up, plenty of shoulder, fine reach, good drive, plenty of substance, grandly rounded, very stylish; 2, Cobb, massive bird, fine depth across, good in top end, well put down; 3, Patterson, stylish, very free, in lovely order, scarcely the rib and depth of winner perhaps, but grand action; 4, Lugton, another good one, well placed; vhc, Little; hc, Dobson; c, Gladstone. A.O.C. CK. (7): 1, Patterson, buff varieg., hard up on top end, nice reach and droop, very free worker, sweet bird around; 2, Chapman, very typical, regular fancy, rare shoulder and reach, grand shape, nice substance; 3, 4, Little, 3rd hot one, grand size, plenty top-end, fails only in shape; 4th, very stylish, close up; vhc, hc, Cobb. HEN (16): 1, Cobb, wins, real good one all over, fine top end, splendid reach, nice drive, good in substance, very showy yell.; 2, Thompson Bros., stylish, good in substance, does not throw itself to work as well as winner, but plenty of length; 3, Craig, nice quality, compact, lacks a little in action, good shoulder and side; 4, Little, free, good shoulder, well placed; vhc, hc, Chapman; c, Mrs. Lugton. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (25): 1, Bennet, real good one, grand quality of feather, rare weight, nice on legs, good head and wing carriage, very stylish; 2, Gilchrist, lovely bloom, grand quality feather, shade thin in neck perhaps, but good position; 3, Wilson, some thought lucky, good-looking bird, but soft when we saw it; 4, Thomas, hot one, would look better if staged better, grand body and shape, lovely front and wing carriage; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Armstrong; c, Young. HEN (18): 1, spl best Border in show, Gilchrist, a beauty for feather, nice body, fine wing carriage, well rounded; 2, Brockie, head tick, well rounded, lacks the taper below, but grand wing carriage, and nice feather; 3, Jones, trifle shorter in make, but nicely rounded, good head and wing carriage; 4, Bruce, fine position, good head and showy; vhc, Young; hc, Patterson; c, Chapman. BUFF CK. (21): 1, Gilchrist, wins in a canter, gem of the first water, fine position, grand head and wings, lovely feather, staged to perfection; 2, Bennet, very typical, well up in condition, good position, nice wing carriage and weight; 3, Wilson, not quite so shapely perhaps, but good front, nice quality feather; 4, Pennington, nice shape, good head and neck, A1 style; vhc, Nixon; hc, Brockie; c, Purves. HEN (20): 1, Bennet, lovely quality feather, good back and wing carriage, stylish, grand finish; 2, Wilson, trifle plain looking, but nice head, well placed; 3, Gilchrist, some thought as good as any, gem for size, grandly made, splendid head and wing carriage; 4, J. Brown, nice quality feather, good weight, well placed; vhc, G. Brown; hc, Nixon; c, Hawkins. EVEN MARKS (6): 1, Currah and Son, (Queenie), undoubtedly one of the best evens living, grand shape and position, nicely balanced markings; 2, Purves, another yell., grandly balanced, typical, but fails a little in shape to winner; 3, Gilchrist, buff, shade heavy on one eye, but good position and quality of feather; 4, Alexander, very evenly balanced bird, good eyes; vhc, Murray; hc, Thomas. UNEVEN, YELL. (21): 1, Gilchrist, well-known yell. hen, looking as well as ever, rare position and quality of feather, shade stronger this year; 2, Pennington, splendid made bird, a wee shade on the long side, but fine head and wing carriage, nicely finished; 3, Chapman, gem of a cinn. tick, for shape a perfect model, grand weight, A1 head and wing carriage; 4, Voy, nicely made bird; vhc, Brockie; hc, Pattersou; c, Young. BUFF (18): 1, Wilson, good quality throughout, nice position, lovely tapered one, good head and front, showing to perfection; 2, Dixon, A1 bloom of feather, nice size, lovely little bird; 3, Bennet, fine feather, a wee shade drawn in back, will improve; 4, Chapman, good body and head, nicely balanced on wings, well placed; vhc, Young; hc, Alexander; c, Brown. GREENS (22): 1, Dixon, nice yell., fine depth of col., nicely pencilled, grand shape and quality of feather; 2, Johnstone, close up, deep grass green, fine model of a bird, lovely head, solid throughout in col.; 3, Montgomery, buff, plenty of lacing, good depth of col., fine quality throughout; 4, McQuillan, again good one; vhc, Murray; hc, Johnston; c, McQuillan; a hot class. CINN. (7): 1, Bennet, clear win, one of the best cinnamons out, grand shape, lovely size, correct quality of feather, deep tone of col.; 2, 4, Clinch, 2nd good birds, containing plenty of cinn. properties; 3, Roberts, stylish, good lacing and col., well placed; vhc, Hadwin; hc, c, Young.

The Cinnamon, Yorkshire, etc., Sections

CINN. (5): 1, spl, Godley, 1st buff, grand head, rich col., vhc good wings; 2, 3, Dormer, 2nd fine head, deep col., lovely quality, 3rd nice type, good col., both excellent birds; 4, Wilson, another really good one. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 4, Dormer, 1st buff, grand head, nice quality, rich col., well put down, 4th yell., blaze of col., good head and neck, well placed; 2, Griffiths, yell., rich col., nice quality, again good head; 3, Godley, yell., nice type, head and neck rich col.; vhc, Winter; hc, c, Hermiston. CINN., LIMIT £3 (9): 1, Wagstaff, buff; 2, vhc, Godley, yell.; 3, Wilson, buff; 4, Coutts; hc, Hermiston; c, Trengove. NOVICE CINN. (7): 1, Leach, yell.; 2, Dixon, buff; 3, Douglas; 4, Young; vhc, Coutts; hc, c, Kirkpatrick, all very nicely staged, a fine lot. YORKS.: In this section some lovely birds were benched. Messrs. Amblers won the 10s. 6d. special for best bird, with their buff tkd. CL. YELL. YORKS (8): 1, Bailey, well up on leg, long flights and tail, good head, lovely feather, rich col.; 2, Cuthbertson, nice type, good wing carriage, rich col., grandly staged; 3, Wilcock, typical, well braced wings, piped tail, rich col., full of quality; 4, Wilson, breedy, silky feather, neat head, good wings and tail; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Wigglesworth; c, Sutton. BUFF (11): 1, Hartley, grand position, long flights and tail, neat head, boxey feather; 2, Murgatroyd, well up on some good legs, rich col., full of quality, very showy. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Bailey, thigh tkd., blaze of col., long flights and tail, good head, stands well up; 2, Amblers, cap and wing mkd., lovely quality, neat head, good wings and tail, very breedy; 3, Cockburn, cheek tkd., rich col., quality, a wee shade stout, yell.; 4, Hartley, good head, long flights and tail, plenty of leg, wants a little more steadying; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Douglas; c, Walsh. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Amblers, 1st neck tkd., lovely quality, good leg, neat head, grand wings and tail, wins 10s. 6d. special for best bird, 4th thigh tkd., long flights and tail, rich col., good head and position; 2, Bailey, a gem, cheek tkd., feathered like a Java, grand position, will take some stopping; 3, Wilson, eye tkd., position A1, long flights and tail, good head, rich col. and feather; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Carr; c, Wilcock. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, 3, Amblers, 1st lovely quality, neat head, stands well on leg, long flight, neat tail, very steady, eye tkd., 3rd very rich col., well up in quality, nice position, grand flights, well braced neat tail; 2, Spencer, eye tkd., very neat, rich col., good head and position; 4, Crawhall, unevenly mkd., full of quality, well put down; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Parkinson; c, Douglas. BUFF (13): 1, Cuthbertson, very rich col., boxey feather, position A1, grand wing and tail; 2, Stewart, very stylish, full of quality, good head, nice rich col., pretty hen; 3, Dean, wing tkd., nice type and quality, good feather, well braced wings, neat tail; 4, Bailey, teeming with quality, neat head, wants just a little more size; vhc, Dewhurst, nice hen, but wild; hc, Douglas; c, Murgatroyd. YELL. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Dewhurst, good head, nice type and quality, long flights and tail, good col.; 2, Stewart, full of quality, neat head, position A1, a wee bit on the small side; 3, Cuthbertson, nice head and tack, good wing and tail, showing just a little frill; 4, Bailey, fine type and quality; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Wilcock; c, Spencer. BUFF (18): 1, Cuthbertson, wing mkd., lovely quality, nice position, rich col., grand exhibit; 2, Wilcock, good head, boxey feather, nice type, sound col., nicely staged; 3 c, Murgatroyd, 3rd good length, well up on leg, rich col., full of quality, good head and chest; 4, Stewart, blaze of col., lovely quality, typical, nice round head; vhc, Hartley; hc, Atkinson. NOVICE (37): 1, 4, Cockburn, unevenly mkd. buff, grand wing and tail, full of quality, rich col., nice type, 4th yell., griz. on back, nice quality, long flights and tail, good head; 2, Tomlinson, yell., blaze of col. full of quality, compact wings, neat tail; 3, Grieve, rare length, full of quality, position; vhc, Lindale; hc, Johnson; c, Davison. HEN (21): 1, 2, Dix, 1st yell., teeming with quality, well on leg, grand position, 2nd buff, tkd., boxey feather, good head, rich col., piped tail; 3, Davison, yell., rich col., long flights, neat tail, position; 4, vhc, Hulter; hc, c, Tindall. SELF YELL. GREEN (29): 1, 4, Clayton, 1st grand position, rich grass green col., good flights and tail, 4th position, long flights, neat head, good col.; 2, 3, hc, Rowlands, 2nd nice type, good col., wings and tail, 3rd sound col., position, feather; vhc, Handley; c, Wardale. BUFF (28): 1, c, Rowlands, 1st grand type, sound col., good flights and tail, position A1; 2, Simpson, good col., well up on leg, a wee bit wild yet; 3, Dean, sound col., very typical Yorkie; 4, Atherton; vhc, Clayton; hc, Pilling. FOUL YELL. (17): 1, 2, Clayton, foul tail, position A1, good head, wings and tail, 2nd foul tail position, good head, clean on breast, both nice ones; 3, Rowlands, foul tail, sound col., grand position, wings and tail; 4, Cunningham, foul tail and wings, true to type, nice quality; vhc, Hughes; hc, Simpson; c, Atherton. BUFF (18): 1, Atherton, foul breast and tail, lovely position, full of quality, well up on leg; 2, Robinson, foul tail, a wee shade on the strong side full of quality, excel-

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lent position; 3, Nimmo, foul tail, good one, long flights and tail, neat head; 4, Rowlands, nice type, good flights and tail; vhc he, Gore; c, Abbott. PAIRS (7): 1, Seely Bros., Clun.; 2, Cobb, Scotch Fancies; 3, Hyslop, Lizards; 4, Crawhall, Yorks.; vhc, Gadley; hc, Armstrong; c, Leach. SELL (15s.) (11): 1, Dr. Heid; 2, Currah and Son; 3, Floyd; 4, Pickering and Wright; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Cair; c Dobson and Son.

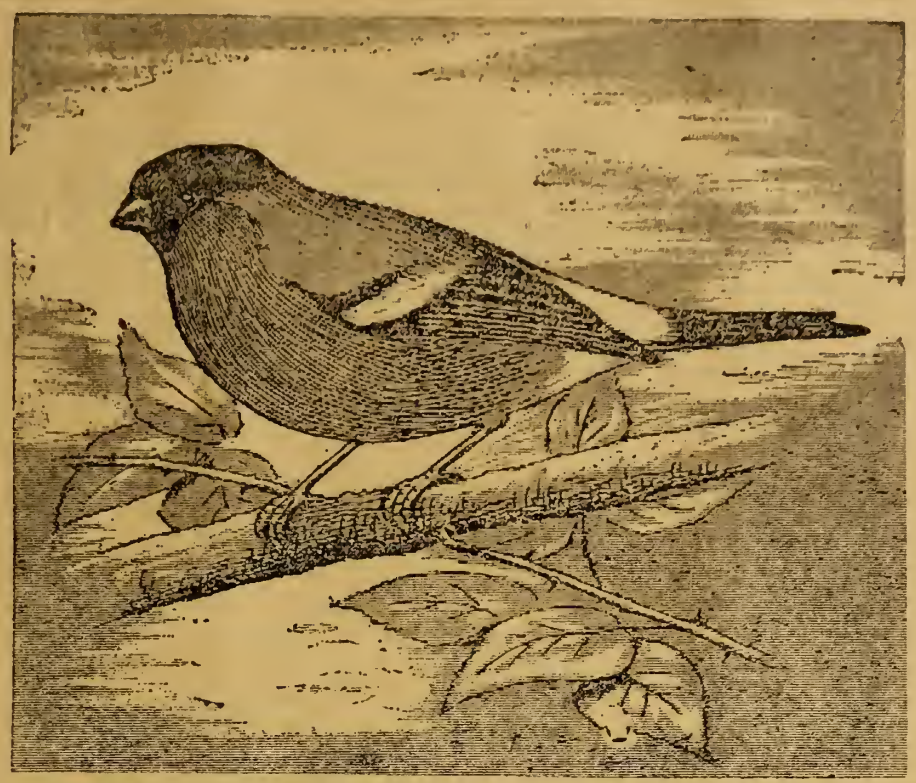
Mule, British and Foreign Birds.

CL., ETC., MULE (A.V. Hyb., or Can-Bullfinch) (11): 1, spl., Colton and Dawn, Redpoll-Bullie, fine size and shape, showing blending of colours to perfection, nicely put down in fine bloom; 2, Bond, Can.-Bullie, well up in size, nice tone of colour, well laced, in fine bloom; 3, Dixon, cl. Linnet Mule, hot fed, fine size and quality of feather, steady, worth its place; 4, Bond, lightly mkd. Siskin Mule, in good order; vhc, hc, Maddison. UNEV. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, 3, Maddison, leads, romping Goldfinch, almost cl., slightly tkd. on eyes and one feather in wings, grand size, rare quality throughout, hot one, 3rd slightly mkd. Linnet Mule, fine size, good quality feather, well put down; 2, hc, Bond, 2nd variег. Siskin, good in size, nice col, shows cross well, in fine bloom; 4, Dixon, romping Goldfinch and Can., fine in size, grand face and wings; vhc, Bruce; c, Johnston. MORE THAN HALF DARK (12): 1, Dixon, Greenfinch, plenty of size, good col., cl. on head, well put down; 2, Johnston, Goldfinch, fine flush face, falls trific in size and finish, some thought lucky to be placed here; 3, Hutchinson, taking Linnet, nice shape and size, splendid feather, very steady, well put down; 4, Colton and Dawn, romping Greenie, heavier mkd. than winner, but large and in fine order; vhc, Maddison; hc, Bruce; c, Rutherford. GOLDFINCH OR LINNET MULE (8): 1, Maddison, Linnet, grand size, dense in col., splendidly finished off, fine shape, neatly mkd.; 2, Coffey, also Linnet, plenty of col., nice quality feather, well staged; 3, Grieve, buff Goldie, nice flush face, expansive, needs a little more size; 4, Charsley, also Goldie, nice colours; vhc, Young; hc, Reid; c, Taylor. DARK MULE (11): 1, Coffey, good jonque Greenie, well up in size, teeming with col., grand wing flights, rare shape and quality of feather; 2, Johnston, sweet nat. col. Siskin, nicely pencilled, plenty of size, showing cross well, will be hot when moulted again; 3, 4, Maddison, 3rd Redpoll, nice flush on breast, well up in size, 4th buff Greenfinch, nice size; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Cox; c, Roberts. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Maddison, wins on condition, nice face, good in col., finely buttoned, blaze of fine size, nice tannings, scarcely deep enough on cheeks, perhaps, 3rd darker tone of col. throughout, nice sized blaze, scarcely so forward in condition; 2, Goodfellow, fine shaped bird, grand cheeks, well defined on body, nice buttons; 4, Jones, nice size, good col.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Dobinson. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Bruce, plenty of size, good cap and back, fine wing bars, in grand order, very steady; 2, Jones, nice Finch, well up in col., loose in feather as yet; 3, McVay, rare shape, slim, but grand cap, nice tone of col., fails a bit in size; 4, Livingstone and Sharp, dense cap, nice col. throughout, very unsteady; vhc, Keates. LINNET (20): 1, spl., Shephard, good one, best in section, grand size, beautifully laced, grand back, very steady, good order, a trifle dull yet in feather; 2, King, very high col. bird, fine quality feather, fails only in size and breast markings to winner; 3, Dunn, taking bird, grand shape, spangle not quite so clear and distinct, fine condition; 4, vhc, Hunt, well up in col. and markings, well placed; vhc, hc, Chapman; c, Innes. GREENFINCH (10): 1, 2, Maddison, leader a beauty, well fed, rare size, grand shape, splendid bloom, easy winner, 2nd plenty of size, nice col., not quite so well finished; 3, Coffey, good one, plenty of size, fine shape and quality, will improve; 4, Goodfellow, in grand order, splendidly put down; vhc, Bruce; hc, Longden; c, Parkinson. SISKIN, REDPOLL, TWITE (15): 1, Risehorough, nice sized mealy 'Poll, good bib, beautifully laced, fine tone of col., in grand order; 2, Coffey, Twite, sweet shape, grand size, nice pencilling and flights; 3, Waters, hot fed Siskin, nice size and cap, blooming badly; 4, Hunt, good Lesser Redpoll, in grand bloom, fine bib and markings, well staged; vhc, Maddison; hc, Stewart; c, Taylor. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (16): 1, Coffey, nice Brambte, well laced ou head and shoulders, good dense colours throughout, fine size and quality of feather; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, magnificent breast col., plenty of size, good cap, slightly run in pencilling, fine quality, well placed; 3, McVay, good all-round Chaffinch, nice whites, well up in col.; 4, Bertram and Story, Chaffie, good col. and size; vhc, Longden; hc, Parkinson; c, Forster. HEN FINCH (11): 1, McVay, romping hen Bramble, great size, good col., wins well; 2, Atkinson, lovely Siskin, maze of lacing, grandly put down, very sweet exhibit, grand size and col.; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, lovely Bullic, steady, dense cap, pure in bars and breast col., in rare bloom; 4, Goodfellow, good Greenie, plenty of size and col., very wild: vhc, McGinn; hc, Bertram and Storey; c, Shephard. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Shepbard, nice Corn Bunting, nicely mkd., well up in col., rather unsteady yet, well staged; 2, Waters, Hawfinch, nice size, good in col., fails a wee trifle in feather and finish to winner; 3, Taylor, Yellowhammer, nice head markings, nice size and col., well placed; 4, Bertram and Storey, Ortolan Bunting, some thought as good as any, fine size and col., well staged; vhc, Bainbridge. FINCH, ETC. (NOVICE) (12): 1, Blackitt, nice Bramble, all there for size, splendid col., well staged; 2, 4, Markwell, Bramble, fails only in col. to winner, well up in size, etc., 4th good romping Greenfinch, A1 col., grand bloom; 3, Barron, sweet Chaffinch, in very nice condition, well put down; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Locke; c, Irving. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, Bruce, noted Song Thrush, looking as well as ever, real topper, staged to perfection; 2, Patterson, nice size and col., fails a trifle in breast markings, rather soft-looking when we saw it; 3, Blore, sweet spangled Starling, grand size, in rare bloom; 4, Bates Bros., Song Thrush, nice size, well put down; vhc, Bell; hc, McVay. SMALL SOFTBILL (8): 1, 4, spl., Cocks, 1st Grasshopper Warbler, in lovely order, steady, well shown, interesting exhibit, 4th Treecreeper, nice size, beautifully mkd.; 2, Welch Bros., ideal Blackcap, nice size and in A1 trim, well staged; 3, Forster, Wheatear, plenty of col., grand size, scarcely tight in feather yet; vhc, c, Hackworth; hc, Elliot. LARGE (8): 1, Crockett, good all-round Waxwing, in grand feather, a beauty, Glasgow winner; 2, 4, Shephard, good, large, well-spangled Missel Thrush, well put down, and a nice Redwing, good body col., in grand order; 3, Bates Bros., sweet Magpie, in grand trim, well mkd., in fine bloom; vhc, Waters; hc, c, Boyd. LARK (7): 1, King, nicely laced bird, good breast, A1 size, very steady, well staged; 2, Playford, warm shade of col., nice size and front, good back, nicely spangled; 3, Walsh, light tone of col., not quite so well continued on front, in lovely order; 4, Cnstard, some thought might have been 2nd, maze of spangling on back, grand head, nice front, well up in size, in rare order; vhc, Paton; hc, Potts; c, McVay. FOR.: PARROTS, ETC. (6); 1, Porteous, good King Parrakeet, splendid colours, staged to perfection, A1 exhibit; 2, Howe, interesting exhibit, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, well put down, in fine bloom; 3, Mackenzie, well-marked Pennant coming into bloom, fine exhibit; 4, Alexander, Alexandrine Parrakeet, in nice condition, good col. and feather; vhc, Lamb; hc, McKenzie. A.O.S. SMALL (12): 1, 3, Howe, leader Green Avadavat, in nice form, well up in size, in really good feather; 3rd, pair of Java Waxbills, in lovely feather, nice size, well staged; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Pettersson, 2nd Orange-cheeked Waxbills, in tight feather; 4th, Java Finch, nicely put down; c, Potts; a interesting class of good birds. SEED-EATING (Finch-like) (5): 1, Porteous, lovely Pintailed Nonpareil, in grand form, fine size and steady, a beauty, well staged; 2, Bruce, smart Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in full bloom, good 2nd; 3, vhc, Wilson, 3rd pair of Masked Finches, fine size and col.; 4, Chadwick, Red-crested Cardinal, good crest, grand size and quality of feather. FOR., SOFTBILL (1): 1, spl best For., Taylor, Tricoloured Tanager, in grand form, very steady and in lovely feather, good all-round exhibit.

The Members' Section.

Members' classes came up well, especially in the Nor. and Bord. sections, 305 entries in members', and 206 in novice classes—a total entry of 511, which an open show would be glad to get. Mr. T. Taylor's young Crest, "Emperor," won the case of carvers for best bird. The special for best Norwich went to Mr. C. McKay, while Mr. J. Waugh won special for best bird shown by a novice.

NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (21): 1, spl. Dobinson; 2 Seely Bros.; 3, vhc, A. Grey; hc, Herniston; c, Smith. BUFF (24): 1, Herniston; 2, spl, 4, c, A. Grey; 3, Dobinson; vhc, Stanger and Herdman. HEN (27): 1, spl best Nor., McKay; 2, spl, 3, Dobinson; 4, vhc, Grey; hc, Fletcher; c, Hoddon and Todd. CREST (11): 1, spl best bird in members', c, T. Taylor; 2, spl, 3, Dobson and Son; 4, Currah and Son; vhc, Marshall; hc, Dobson and Son. C.B. (10): 1, spl, 2, T. Taylor; 3, vhc, Dobsoa and Son; 4, Scott; hc, Currah and Son; c, Floyd. HEN, CREST OR C.B. (15): 1, T. Taylor; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Currah and Son; 4, Scott; hc, Marshall; c, Dobson and Son. CINN. YELL. (9): 1, T. Winter; 2, hc, M. Dixon; 3, spl, 4, Woolcit; vhc, Kent; c, Jonas Roy. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Herniston; 4, vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Mather. SCOT. FCY. YELL. (5): 1, J. Little; 2, spl, 3, T. Chapman; 4, W. Harvey; vhc, W. B. Cobb. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Little; 2, Harvey; 3, Chapman; 4, Cobb. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Wrigglesworth; 4, vhc, Carr; hc, Allison; c, Bowman. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Parker; 2, Carr; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Floyd; vhc, Anderson; hc, Allison. BORD. FCY. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Bennet; 2, G. Brown; 3, Stanger and Herdman; 4, c, Currah and Son; vhc, F. F. Hawkins; hc, Jas. Paterson. BUFF (18): 1, spl, H. Bennet; 2, Patterson; 3, hc, Chapman; 4, Brown; vhc, Young; c, Dobinson. HEN (23): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Bennet; 3, c, Chapman; 4, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Jas. Paterson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Maddison; vhc, Kent; wrong class, Shepherd, McPartling, G. Taylor. DARK (9): 1, spl, 4, Maddison; 2, Kent; 3, hc, Waters; vhc, Armstrong; c, Taylor. LINNET (10): 1, Shepherd; 2, Chapman; 3, Waters; 4, vhc, hc, spl, Maddison; c, Coltman. GOLDFINCH ETC. (11): 1, spl, 2, 4, Maddison; 3, Bertram and Storey; vhc, Allison; hc, Floyd; c, G. Taylor. A.O.V. FINCH ETC. (14): 1, Shepherd; 3, spl, 4, Bertram and Storey; 2, Waters; vhc, c, Maddison; hc, Taylor. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, c, spl, Bertram and Storey; 2, vhc, Shepherd; 3, Bates Bros.; 4, Patterson; hc, Waters. FOR. SMALL (14): 1, spl, T. Taylor; 2, H. B. Wilson; 3, vhc, hc, c, Patterson; 4, Atkinson. LARGE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mackenzie. GIFT (9): 1, Petterson; 2, G. Taylor; 3, Young; 4, Chapman; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Jones; c, Dobson and Son. NOVICE MEMBERS.—NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (24): 1, hc, Smith; 2, spl, 3, Bell; 4, Prior; vhc, Steveuson; c, Wood; wrong class, Ilnxham. BUFF (35): 1, spl, Ronald; 2, Smith; 3, Hooper; 4, Dixon; vhc, Bell; hc, Stevenson; c, Telfer. HEN (29): 1, spl, Ronald; 2, Hooper; 3, Stevenson; 4, Telfer; vhc, Smith; hc, Bell; wrong class, Huxbam. CREST (3): 1, spl, Waugh; 2, Mather; absent, F. W. Robson. C.B. (3): 1, spl, spl best nov., Waugh; 2, Peel; absent, F. W. Robson. HEN CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, spl, 2, Waugh; 3, Mather; 4, Peel. YORKS. YELL. (19): 1, spl, hc, Tomliuson; 2, Tindale; 3, vhc, Atkinson; 4, Kent; c, Cowman. BUFF (14): 1, Atkinson; 2, spl, 4, Parker; 3, Mather; vhc, Curry; hc, Kent; c, Cowman. HEN (11): 1, spl, 3, Mather; 2, 4, Tindale; vhc, Wrigglesworth; hc, Parker; c, Curry. BORD. FCY. YELL. (16): 1, spl, vhc, Dixon; 2, Jones; 3, Graham; 4, Dowson; hc, T. Smith; c, Blere. BUFF (7): 1, Dowson; 2, spl, vhc, Scott; 3, Reed; 4, Graham; hc, Craig. HEN (10): 1, spl, Graham; 2, Reed; 3, c, Dixon; 4, Jones; vhc, Dowson; hc, T. Smith. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, Dixon; 3, spl, vhc, hc, Leach; 2, Coutts; 4, Young. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, spl, Johnson; 2, McPartling; 3, Park; 4, Markwell; wrong class, McPartling. BRIT. SEED-EATING (15): 1, spl, 2, Markwell; 3, Woollett; 4, Parkinson; vhc, c, Irving; hc, Dixon. SOFTBILL: Cancelled.



THE WINNING BULLFINCH AT NEWCASTLE SHOW.
Exhibited by Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream.)

MIDDLESBROUGH.

The Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S. held their fourth annual show in the Oddfellows' Hall, on October 23rd. The Chairman is Mr. T. Gardner, the Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Swinsco, and the Committee the Rev. B. Wilton, Messrs. R. Unthank, T. Oliver, F. Salmen, E. Hughes, A. Milburn, W. Colinson, G. Butterfield, T. Wells, J. W. Oliver, J. Greenfield, W. Wells, J. Carr, B. B. Metcalfe, C. Mallory, W. Thompson, T. Gibson, J. Hanson, G. E. Lancaster, R. Taylor, C. W. Watson, S. Jenkinson, R. Wilkinson, A. Wake, Wm. Thompson, H. Brown, J. Appleton, W. Rand, J. Unthank, J. E. Ward. Mr. Arthur Wake, the hard-working Secretary, had the birds well staged, and in good time the judges were hard at work. The management was excellent, the birds being attended to in good style, while the room is a nice one for show purposes. It was a very fine show. The judges were Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford) the Canaries, and J. Maddison (Newcastle) the Mules and Brit.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS CL. YELL. (24): 1, Jos. Cuthbertson, rich col., full of quality, neat head, typical piped tail, wins easy; 2, Lane, well up on leg, very stylish, good wings and tail, full of quality, rich col., nicely braced wings and tail; 3, G. W. Cuthbertson, has position and featber, round head, clean on breast, piped tail; 4, Woodhead, nice position, long flights; vhc, Farnish; hc, Hodgson; c, Halliday and Chittenden. BUFF (19): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, very stylish hoxy feather, well braced wing, piped tail, neat head, sound col.; 2, Walker, rich col., fine quality, long flights and tail, good head, grand position; 3, Farnish, good head, silky feather, typical, wee shade on the stout side; 4, Atkinson, nice type and quality, a trifle browy; vhc, Watts; hc, Watmough; c, Ware. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Hodgson, wing tkd., grand position, full of quality, neat head, rich col., well placed; 2, Cook, mkd. on breast, long flights and tail, very stylish, boxy feather, good head; 3, Atkinson, thigh tkd., typical, short feather, well braced wings and tail, sound col. throughout; 4, Bearpark; vhc, Mark, lovely quality, neat bead; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden; hc, Mrs. F. Dixon; c, G. W. Cuthbertson. BUFF (13): 1, c, Long, thigh tkd., lovely quality, neat bead, clean on breast, very breedy; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, unev. mkd., boxy feather, stylish good head, well braced wings and tail; 3, Cook, eye tkd., neat head, full of quality, grand position; 4, Bearpark, head and wing mkd., typical, full of quality, rich col.; vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson; hc, Hodgson. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Lane, cap on head, blaze col., long flights and tail, lovely feather, position A1 ycll.; 2, Cook, buff, typical, full of quality, nice wings and tail, rich col.; 3, Atkinson, yell., cap on bead, blaze of col., long flights and tail, lovely position; 4, Watts, buff, tkd. on head, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Woodbead; hc, G. W. Cuthbertson; c, Hodgson. HENS (24): 1, Lane, yell., stands well on leg, full of quality, good head, wants just a little more handling to make perfect; 2, Hood, buff, boxy feather, very stylish, good head, wings, and tail, rich col.; 3, Jos. Cuthbertson, cinn. mkd. yell, lovely quality, grand type, slim, beautiful wings and tail; 4, Bearpark, buff, rich col., well on leg, good head, fine quality, steady; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden; hc, Atkinson; c, Long. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Burdett, good bead, neck, and chest, rich col., short and chubby, full of quality, true to type; 2, Smith, blaze of col., quality, short flights and tail, bit leggy; 3, Axe, full of quality, good head and chest, short flights and tail; 4, Mennard, nice type, clean on breast, rich col., good bead, quality; vbc, Seed; hc, Sedgwick; c, Wake and Carr. BUFF (6): 1, Wilson, blaze of col., short and chubby, good head, full of quality, nicely staged; 2, Papple, pale in col., grand type, clean breast, good head; 3, Sherrington, rich col., full of quality, short flights and tail, chubby; 4, Wake and Carr, good head and neck, clean on breast, rich col., full of quality; vhc, Sedgwick; hc, Greenfield. TKD., ETC. (15): 1, Axe, cap on head, blaze of colour, short and chubby, good head and chest, full of quality, yell.; 2, Rev. B. Wilton, buff, true to type, lovely quality, rich col, good head; 3, Hesp, tkd. yell, again full of quality, good head, short flights and tail, rich col.; 4, Wake and Carr, buff, nice quality, rich col., good chest, very chubby, vhc, Middleton; hc, Papple; c, Jos Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Hesp, blaze of col., good head and neck, clean on breast, short flight and tail, real model; 2, Freeman, excellent quality, rich col., chubby, nice type, good 2nd; 3, Smith, good head, boxy feather, short flights and tail, rich col.; 4, Wake and Carr, true to type, lovely quality, good 4th; vhc, Edwards; hc, Nelson; c, Burdett. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Wake and Carr, 1st rich col., silky feather, good head, clean breast, chubby, worth position, 3rd variег., boxy leather, nice type, good head and chest; 2, 4, Greenfield, fine quality, good wings and tail, neat head, rich col., 4th tkd. on head, fine chest and neck, grand quality; vhc, Axe; hc, Dalgetty; c, Freeman. NOR. HENS (18): 1, Seed, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely quality, rich col., good head and neck, clean on cheat; 2, 3, Wake and Carr, 2nd buff, good head, rich col., magnificent quality, 3rd yell., boxy feather, short flights and tail, rich col., good head and chest; 4, Wilson, nice type and quality, rich col.; vhc, Middleton; hc, Smith; c, Burdett. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Horsfield, unev., rich col., magnificent quality, grand wing carriage, cl. boxy feather, very typical; 3, vhc, c, Rev. B. Wilton, again typical, full of quality; 4, Jenkinson; hc, Miss E. Bennett. BUFF (6): 1, Rev. B. Wilton, unev. mkd., teeming with quality, very typical; 2, 3, Horsfield, 2nd grand quality, nice type all through, 3rd boxy feather, typical exhibit; 4, Wilcock; vhc, Miss E. Bennett. CINN. (5): 1, Hanson and Lancaster, buff, good head and chest, nice quality, won well; 2, Elwell and Parnaby, yell., rich col. and quality, fine head; 3, Wake and Carr, buff, nice type, good 3rd; 4, Mrs. M. Hinchcliff Turner; vhc, Rev. B. Wilton. CREST (15): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st D.C., good centre and droop, plenty of feather, wins well, 2nd green, good centre and droop, massive body and feather, worth its place; 3, Yates; 4, J. A. Taylor, both fine birds; vhc, Palmer; hc, Blackburn; c, Rev. B. Wilton. C.-B. (13): 1, 2, J. Taylor, variег., broad skull, plenty of feather, well lashed, good 1st, 2nd variег., close up, excellent skull, well lashed, plenty of feather; 3, Edwards; 4, Blackburn, again two good exhibits; vhc, Gibson; hc, Palmer; c, Rev. B. Wilton. A.O.V. (4): 1, Hodgson, Belg.; 2, Wake and Carr, foul Nor. green; 3, Stevens, green Yorks; 4, Wake and Carr, foul Nor. green, nice one.

MEMBERS.—YORKS (9): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Rand; 3, Metcalf; hc, Jenkinson. NOR. (8): 1, Greenfield; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Wake and Carr; c, Rev. B. Wilton. A.V. HEN CAN. (19): 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, hc, c, Wake and Carr; 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, Thompson. A.V. NOV. (15): 1, Thompson; 2, Unthank; 3, Jenkinson; 4, hc, c, Thompson; vhc, Watson.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, shown in the pink of condition, wins well here; 2, Grainger Bros., grand Goldie-Bullie, well staged; 3, Wake and Carr, nice Linnet-Bullie, makes a capital exhibit; 4, Wilson; vhc, Inman; hc, Edwards; c, Jowett. DARK CAN. MULE (23): 1, Sokell and Binks, Can.-Greenie, grand shape and quality, well put down; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, lovely Linnet Can., much admired; 3, Wells, grand Goldie-Can, worth position; 4, vhc, Todd and Son, 4th Greenie; hc, c, Edwards. SELL. (20/-) (17): 1, Watmough; 2, Gibson; 3, Wake and Carr; 4, Stevens; vhc, Wilson; hc, Jos. Cuthbertson; c, Peacock. (15/-) (13): 1, Todd and Son; 2, Taylor; 3, Mann; 4, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, Carter; hc, Jackson; c, Messenger. (10/-) (18): 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Elwell and Parnaby; 4, Livesey; vhc, Wilson; hc, Thompson; c, Hanson and Lancaster. LINNET (21): 1, Stamp, rich col., lovely markings, very steady, shown in the pink of condition and wins easily; 2, 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 2nd nut-brown, nicely pencilled, very steady, 4th nicely mkd., bonny type; 3, Duncan, jun., grandly pencilled, very steady, very typical; vhc, Dunn; hc, Parvass; c, Yeates. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son, 1st good square blaze, bars and buttons, in grand condition, wins easily; 2, Milburn and Hughes, good blaze, very steady, nice bars and buttons; 3, Duncan, jun., again rich blaze, good bars and buttons, shows well; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, a nice Finch, plenty of col; c, Todd and Son; a very good class of Goldies. BULLFINCH (24): 1, 2, Woods, 1st good breast col., grand cap, shown well, a real topper; 2nd good cap, very glossy, rich col.; 3, Lowe, lovely cap, rich col., in grand condition; 4, Messenger; vhc, Inman; hc, Edwards; c, Milburn and Hughes. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Todd and Son, grand type, lovely col., fine head and chest, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Livingston and Sharp, nice type, good col., massive head, good 2nd; 3, Gregory, nice type and quality; 4, Garbutt and Clement, another nice bird; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, c, Rev. B. Wilton. SISKIN, ETC. (21): 1, 4, Todd and Son, Siskin, nice bib, rich col., beautifully pencilled, 4th Siskin, nice bib and markings; 2, Salmon, Redpoll, in grand condition, beautifully staged; 3, Inman, fine Twite, shown in the pink of condition; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Blackett; c, Nicholson and Son. HARDBILL (15): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, lovely Hawfinch, grand bib, in lovely condition, very tame, 3rd Chaffinch, in grand condition, well staged; 2, Foster, lovely Meadow Bunting, a credit to owner; 4, Axe, nice Yellow Bunting, rich col. and markings; vhc, Brown and Edwards; hc, Edwards; c, Rev. Wilton. SOFTBILL (23): 1, ex 2, Wilkinson and Danby, 1st Redstart, in the pink of condition; 2, ex 4, hc, c, Nicholson and Son, 2nd Yellow Wagtail, nice condition, very steady; 3, Briscoe, grand Nightingale, very steady, shown in lovely condition; 4, vhc, Freeman, 4th Redwing. FOR. SEEDEATERS (9): 1, Siddle and Dawson, nice exhibit; 2, 3, hc, Nicholson and Son; 4, Dunn, lovely Paradise Whydah; vbc, Chadwick; c, Marley. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, all nice Foreigners, beautifully staged.

MEMBERS.—MULE OR HYB. (14): 1, 3, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, vhc, hc, Wells; 4, Thompson; c, Milburn and Hughes. LINNET (11): 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Wake and Carr; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Milburn and Hughes; c, Thompson. BRIT. (17): 1, Thompson; 2, c, Milburn and Hayes; 3, vhc, Ward; 4, hc, Wake and Carr.

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Rochdale Keeps Up Its Reputation.

The Rochdale Ornithological Club once again Breaks its own Record.

Yet again have the Rochdale Ornithological Club scored a big success and created another record, the entries at the show in the Town Hall on October 22nd and 23rd totalling 826, just over 50 above last year's figures, whilst the quality was as good as the numbers. Rochdale is the one show in the kingdom that commands the support of the best breeders of Lancashires and Lizards, and here year by year is staged the cream of these two breeds. The giants of the Fancy on this occasion totalled 139 in the classes provided for them, irrespective of a large number staged in the pairs and selling classes, and it was the general opinion that a better lot of Lancashires had never been seen. Those who talk of the deterioration of the Lancashire should see Mr. Barrass's ticked yellow Coppy and Plainhead, and Messrs. Fitton's and Lee's clear yellow and buff Plainheads in the adult classes; they would then hush their voices. But far away and beyond the magnificent specimens shown in the open classes were the young 1909 birds. We have seen every show held at Rochdale for twenty years, and never have we seen two such classes as these. Some of the youngsters, if shown in the open section, would have held their own with the champions, and Messrs. Lee, Turner, Newell, Barrass, Fish, and Entwistle are to be heartily congratulated upon the handsome specimens they staged. Dr. McConaghey, a new hand, put down a grand team of birds in this section, and met with sufficient reward to whet his appetite for greater things.

A Grand Lot of "Dark 'Uns."

The Lizards fell just short of 100, and although many of them showed signs of the cold, damp moulting season having affected them, the collection was well up to the average. The older school were well represented by Messrs. Rukin and Levi Butterworth, whilst of the younger fanciers Mr. J. Dewsnap met with a goodly measure of success. Judging by Rochdale, "the dark 'uns" are not used up yet. We regret to have to record the fact that Mr. House found it necessary to disqualify a clear capped gold and a broken capped gold shown by Mr. W. Whipp, alleged colouring matter being removed from both birds, and the case, we heard, was to be dealt with by the local committee of the Cage Bird Union on the second day of the show.

The eight classes of Yorkshires produced 115 exhibits, and although we missed the names of some prominent exhibitors, the quality generally was splendid. The clear yellows were equal to anything we have seen this season, and Mr. Schofield's winner was, without doubt, the pick of the whole section.

Wonderful Display of Norwich.

Crests were not great in numbers, but they were a very even lot, and most of them birds of grand quality. Norwich had the support of the Norwich Plainhead Club, and the members responded right nobly, no less than 225 exhibits facing Mr. Battye in this section, and amongst them were many that will, ere the season is closed, have earned for themselves the title of "champion." As we looked them over, many of them recalled to our minds the "Prescot Norwich" of the olden days. They would possibly be a shade too bulky for Southern lovers of the breed, but in colour, shape, and quality of feather they were magnificent. Mr. Battye handled them well, and we heard no adverse comments on the awards. The two classes for non-feds contained the best lot we have ever seen, the winners in each class being really high-class representatives of the breed. The amateurs were strongly in evidence, and the exhibits would not have disgraced their owners had they been in competition with the champions.

The Mules and British made a nice show. Mr. Beatty's black Redstart attracted a lot of attention from visitors, as did Mr. Walsh's Wryneck and Great Grey Shrike. The Hardbills, strange to say, were in far better plumage than any we have met at Southern shows this season, many being quite hard in plumage and showing depth of colour. The stuffed specimens are always a feature of Rochdale shows, and this year the competition was more varied than usual, and the class presented some splendid examples of the taxidermist's art.

Not Forgetting the Ladies.

At Rochdale one always expects management of the highest class, and the executive never disappoints. The members do their work in the most thorough and efficient manner, the lead being taken by Messrs. J. Naden (chairman), Levi Butterworth (vice-chairman), and R. Barrass (the treasurer). What would Rochdale Show be without this splendid trio of veterans, who have all grown grey in the service of the R.O.C.? Mr. J. Butterworth, who has been secretary for several years now, is most courteous and indefatigable in the discharge of the duties which fall to his share, and nothing is wanting on his part. The wives of the members also do their share in keeping the finances sound, and the splendid refreshment stall which is managed entirely by a committee of ladies is a strong feature in the arrangements. The ladies responsible were Mesdames Buckley, A. Butterworth, Whitworth, Naden, Leach, Butterworth, Parker, Bamford, Ashworth, Cowan, and Siddall.

The show was opened by Mr. W. B. Boyd-Carpenter, the Conservative candidate for Rochdale, who, in a most admirable speech, exhorted the members to continue in the good work which they had so long and ably carried out. Mr. Councillor Davidson, who occupied the chair, presented Mr. Boyd-Carpenter with a handsome brass cage and a Canary. The judges were Messrs. C. A. House, Lanes., Liz., Yorks., and For.; and H. W. Battye the remainder.

Mr. House's Classes.

LANCS. COPPY YELL. (6): 1, 3, Turner, rare length and shape of body, capital carriage, large, well spread, nicely centred coppy, 3rd very neat and shapely coppy, beautiful quality of feather, and good, shapely body; 2, Garner, not so much spread of coppy, but more densely feathered, and droops somewhat, plenty of feather; 4, Gaskill, full of Lancashire character, capital length, shape, and carriage of body, coppy not ready; vhc, Barrass. BUFF (6): 1, Oldham, great width and spread of coppy, neat centre, grand shape, and length of body, which is beautifully carried, and covered with long, broad feather; 2, 3, Garner, in shape, length, and carriage of body a beauty, coppy is well set, and nicely spread, 3rd is larger in body and carries more feather than 2nd, but lacks the essential Lancashire carriage; 4, Turner, rattling body for shape, size, length and style, well formed coppy; vhc Lowe; hc, Newell. PLHD. YELL. (11): 1, Fitton, great length and substance of body, stands on a good pair of legs and shows well, large, broad skull, well lashed, and covered with broad, heavy feather; 2, Naden, great length and carriage of body, plenty of feather, both on skull and body, hardly so stout in head or neck; 3, Lowe, an immense skulled bird, possessing great width and substance, but not so erect in carriage or long in body; 4, Adams, another tremendous skull, and plenty of feather on body, very stout neck; vhc, Whitehead; he, Oldham; c, Beswick and Gaskill. BUFF (13): 1, Lee, large, broad, overhanging skull of the true Lancashire pattern, great length and substance of body, grand carriage, and an abundance of feather both on body and head; 2, Naden, an immense bodied bird, plentifully covered with broad, long feather, stands well, and is of good length, skull is broad and long, but rises a trifle too much; 3, Vickers, lacks the stoutness of skull of 2nd, but is more the correct shape, being flatter, and more overhanging, grand body, shape, length, and carriage; 4, West, splendid shape and width of skull, brows broad and massive, nice length and carriage of body; vhc, Fish, slashing bird, although, capital head, neck, and back, plenty of feather, nice style, tail not full length; hc, Lord; c, Barrass. TKD. YELL. COPPY (13): 1, Barrass, a really grand all-round Lancashire, very long, wide coppy, tremendous length, with great substance, and an abundance of feather both on head and body, stands splendidly; 2, Turner, shows rather more flatness of skull, and coppy is flat and spreading, but hardly so long, although not so massive in body, in carriage he beats the winner; 3, McConaghey, splendid shape, length and carriage of body, plenty of feather, of rare quality, nice shape and fit of coppy, hardly so full in front; 4, Adams, very stylish, long body, plenty of feather of capital quality, very neat and shapely; vhc, Fish, plenty of length and substance of body, capital feather; hc, Fitton; c, Oldham; absent, 5, Hardy. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Adams, two large, heavily-feathered birds, of nice carriage, and carrying broad, well-shaped skulls, covered with good spread and well-arranged coppies, winner the heaviest, and best-finished coppy; 3, Fish, not so much spread of coppy, but grand length, shape, and style of body; 4, Oldham, great length and substance of body, plenty of body feather, which is dense, wide, and long; vhc, Fitton; hc, Naden; absent, 4, Crossley. TKD. YELL. PLHD. (7): 1, Barrass, again a real giant, and a fitting companion to the tkd. yell. coppy, great width and substance of skull, very densely feathered, grand carriage; 2, Vickers, not so long or broad in skull, nice, shapely, well-carried body, plenty of feather of rare quality, a good showy bird; 3, c, Lord, a stouter and more imposing bird, great length and width of feather, but not so fit, wants about another fortnight; 4, Mills, plenty of length, and an abundance of feather, grand shaped head, well lashed; vhc, Melia, grand shaped body and skull, plenty of feather, nice style; hc, Turner. BUFF (7): 1, 4, hc, Adams, tremendous skull, very heavily lashed, great substance of body, very long, dense feather, both on body and skull, 4th not so flat in skull, but plenty of substance and feather everywhere; 2, Whitehead, grand shaped skull, well lashed, long, stylish body, but lacks the strength and massiveness of winner; 3, Hartley, huge bird, of tremendous length, splendid carriage, rare width and shape of skull; vhc, Gaskill; absent, 3, Adams. HENS, COPPY (10): 1, 4, Garner, a tkd. yell. of wonderful length, shape and carriage of body, well centred, nicely spread coppy, grand quality of feather, 4th nice shaped buff, stands well, neat, shapely, nicely-feathered Coppy; 2, Barrass, an immense tkd. buff, rare substance and strength of feather, splendid shape, and size of body, hardly ready; 3, McConaghey, slashing yell., tkd., rare shape and style of body, shows well, coppy nicely spread; vhc, Hordern, tkd. buff, not so massive, but capital shape, and fit of coppy; hc, c, Laycock. PLHD. (8): 1, Beattie, large, broad, flat-skulled yell., splendid lashing, great length and substance of body, has grand carriage, and shows for all she is worth; 2, Barrass, yell., another giantess, as a bird quite equal if not superior to winner, but not so fit, and condition told its tale; 3, Whitehead, again a yell., rare shape, length and carriage, plenty of feather, but hardly so massive in skull or body; 4, McConaghey, good shape and width of skull, capital body shape and length, plenty of feather, buff, good one; vhc, Garner, grand-headed buff, fine style and shape; hc, Mills; c, Entwistle. BRED 1909, COPPY (10): 1, 3, Lee, the finest young yell. coppy we have ever seen, wonderful length, shape, substance and carriage of body, very neatly centred, well spread coppy, and grand quality right through, 3rd tkd. buff, tremendous size of body, very heavy coppy, dips just a trifle, but is well finished at back, shows wee bit of the Norwich type, but not enough to peg it back; 2, hc, Turner, very handsome buff, rare shape and spread of coppy, great length and substance of body, stands well when handled, and carries a wealth of dense long feather of grand quality; 4, Newell, very long, stylish yell., neat, shapely coppy, good one; vhc, West, another very heavily-feathered buff, coppy, shows a touch of Norwich; c, Garner. PLHD. (21): 1, Barrass, a slashing cl. buff, an immense flat, well-lashed skull of great width and substance, very large, long body, which is carried almost in Yorkshire fashion, a truly noble bird; 2, Fish, cl. yell., and a real good one, too, hard lines to run against such an exceptionally smart buff, rare shape, length, and substance, full of feather; 3, Lee, another very heavily-feathered, massive bird, a tkd. buff, grand shaped skull, plenty of lash, not so neat in body feather or so stylish; 4, Entwistle, a most promising yellow, capital length, shape and substance, plenty of feather; vhc, West, heavily feathered, big-bodied buff, grand shaped skull; hc, Garner; c, McConaghey. NOVICE (20): 1, Beattie, long, stout-bodied yell. coppy, well-formed, spreading coppy, plenty of feather, and stands well up; 2, Entwistle, heavy feathered buff plhd., rare shape and substance of skull, and a wealth of feather; 3, vhc, Bracegirdle, yell. plhd., nice, wide front, broad, massive skull, well lashed; 4, Newell, nice headed yell. coppy, plenty of feather and substance; hc, c, Whitehead. LIZ. GOLD, CL. CAP (9): 1, 3, spl best cock, and best Lizard, Rukin, very neat cap, beautiful col., large broad back, well rowed with fine cl. bold spangling; 3, beautiful shape, col., and spangling, hardly so well finished on shoulders or cap, both good in size; 2, vhc, J. Dewsnap, grand shape, size, and feather, neat, well-finished cap, grand back, full of work, very evenly rowed, and dense and cl.; 4, Holland, very smart in shape, feather, and spangling, nice cap; hc, Barnes; c, W. Dewsnap; No. 4, W. Whipp, disqualified. SILVER (16): 1, L. Butterworth, one of the old-fashioned sort, rare shape and size, back covered with large, cl. spangling, which is beautifully frosted with cl. silver tippings; 2, Oliver, beautiful cap, rare shape and size, sound ground col., hardly so much silvering, splendid dark legs; 3, hc, J. Dewsnap, another grand legged bird, very neat, well cut cap, grand rowing, the spangling being clear and distinct, but hardly so bold; 4, Martin, another most excellent pair of legs, beautifully spangled right through, hardly so neat in finish of cap; vhc, Rukin, shapely, sound-coloured bird, full of work; c, W. Dewsnap. GOLD BROKEN (6): 1, Lees, large, shapely, bold-standing bird, of rich deep col., full of work, grand feather, nice shoulders and breast; 2, J. Dewsnap, hardly so deep in col., but beautifully spangled, and has nice shape, size, and quality; 3, Barnes, large, broad back, full of work, but not quite so evenly laid on, good Col., and feather; 4, vhc, Rukin, but for being a bit open in centre, which may have been due to flashing, was as good as either of the leaders; No. 3, W. Whipp, disqualified. SILVER (10): 1, c, Hampshire, a regular little picture, rich ground col., beautifully frosted, nice, broad back, full of large, bold, cl. spangling; 2, 3, 4, J. Dewsnap, a splendid trio, wonderful col., shape and quality right through, 2nd almost a "no cap," full of grand, rich spangling, 3rd rare spangles and frosting, hardly so much work on shoulders, 4th quite equal in all points, except size; vhc, Lees, grand shape, col., and spangling; hc, Barnes. HEN, GOLD (9): 1, 2, spl best hen, J. Dewsnap, a very handsome cl. cap, rich ground colour, grand wings and tail, full of rich cl. spangling, 2nd grand in feather, shape and col., hardly so bold in spangling, two gems; 3, hc, Barnes, beautifully spangled, hardly so rich in col., but grand shape, size, and quality of feather; 4, W. Dewsnap, a lovely broken cap, rare col. and spangle, nice size; vhc, Rukin; c, Holland. SILVER (17): 1, Whipp, very smart broken cap, large and shapely in body, rich in col., plenty of spangle, and well frosted; 2, vhc, c, Dewsnap, a cl. esp, lovely back and breast, hardly so bold in size and carriage, but rare quality and col., full of work; 3, Rukin, very neat broken cap, beautiful col. and quality, grandly spangled hardly so clear on shoulders; 4, Nuttall, very smart and stylish, capital shape, plenty of spangle; hc, Martin. NOVICE (25): 1, Dewhurst, broken capped gold, rare col., nice shape and size, broad back covered with bold cl. spangling; 2, vhc, Thompson, very smart shapely, sound col., well frosted silver, grand spangling, grey tip in tail; 3, Hargreaves, grand bright col., broken capped gold, beautiful shape, feather, and spangle; 4, Bosworth, big, shapely broken capped silver, plenty of work; hc, Lees; c, Smith. YORKS YELL. (8): 1, Schofield, long slim stylish bird, lovely head, neck, wings and tail, the best yell. Yorkie we have seen this season; 2, Tate, beautiful col., feather, and style, but built on stouter lines; 3, Wilcock, grand shape, feather, and carriage, full of style, not down in tail yet; 4, Thornton and Bower, grand shaped body, beautiful feather, plenty of nerve; vhc, Hirst; hc, Addison; c, Edmondson and Son. BUFF (16): 1, Thornton and Bower, beautifully drawn out from head to tail, rare quality of feather, handles well; 2, Wilson, very neat and compact in feather, grand shape, gets well up and shows nerve; 3, Towers, plenty of length, and although somewhat large is of most excellent quality; 4, Bullough, grand shape, full or style, lovely feather; vhc, Smith and Sellars; hc, Simpson and Son; c, Schofield. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Wilkinson, slashing wing tkd., rare shape and length, grand feather and great style; 2, Lingley, neat cap mkd., a bird of wonderful quality and style, well moulded; 3, Towers, neck tkd., very slim and stylish, stands like a soldier, lovely quality; 4, Radley, thigh tkd., grand head, shoulders and flights, plenty of nerve; vhc, Hartley; hc, King; c, Mayers. BUFF (16): 1, Radley, very long, well cut thigh tkd., not a feather out of place, grand head and back, neat wings and tail; 2, hc, Wilson, wing tkd., very fine and slim, grand feather and shape, hardly so straight; 3, Tate, cinn. mkd., full of quality and style, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 4, Schofield, thigh tkd., capital head, back and wings, rare style, not tightened up yet; vhc, Shaw; c, Hodgson. HEN YELL. (13): 1, Hartley, beautiful long, finely drawn hen, grand shape, plenty of nerve, and lovely quality; 2, Schofield, hardly so long, but in shape, feather, and carriage is hard to beat; 3, Hodgson, grand head, shoulders, and back, beautiful quality and carriage, inclined to open tail; 4, Broughton, very handsome and stylish, grand shape, not quite fit; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Radley. BUFF (17): 1, Schofield, for shape, feather and style one of the best yet out, she has plenty of nerve and handles well; 2, Radley, firm racy hen, lovely col., shape, and feather, handles splendidly; 3, Collinson, beautifully moulded, wing tkd., as tight as wax, and as shapely and stylish as one could wish, but is pale in col.; 4, Hirst, neck tkd., capital shape and feather, needs a lot of handling to make her show; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Wilkinson; c, Broughton. UNFLI. YELL. (18): 1, Wilcock, beautifully drawn wing tkd., grand head and neck, rare shoulders, wings, and tail, full of quality and style; 2, Radley, cheek tkd., rare shape and feather, handles well and shows for all she is worth; 3, Simpson and Son, lovely cl., one of the best shaped hens in class, grand quality, but opens her tail when handled; 4, Hartley, very long slim cl., grandly cut away, but is not over steady; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Hirst; c, Hilary. BUFF (20): 1, Hartley, wing tkd., very smart and stylish, grand head, wings, and tail, full of quality, and stands up like a soldier; 2, Loates, cheek tkd., splendid feather and shape, neat head, full of nerve; 3, Schofield, very smart little cl., beautifully feathered and full of nerve; 4, Smith and Sellars, lost for being a bit pale in col., a real gem, handles splendidly; vhc, Fortnam; hc, Bullough; c, Fraser. FOR. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Millsum, 1st very nicely feathered Brown's Parrakeet, 3rd beautiful pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds; 2, England, a very fine Alexandrina, rare col., markings, and feather; 4, Beaty, handsome pair of Pileated Parrakeets, which would do nothing but cling to wires of cage; vhc, Ballington; hc, Walsh; absent 6, Millsum. PARROTS (5): 1, Beaty, very handsome beautifully feathered Hawk-headed Parrot; 2, Walsh, large blue and buff Macaw, grand col and most excellent feather; 3, Millsum, rich col. Purple-capped Lory, not in full feather; absent, 4 and 5, Millsum. WAXBILLS, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Howe, very pretty pair of Nutmeg Finches, and pair of Grey Javas, both in grand condition; 2, vhc, Walsh, beautifully mkd. Parson Finch, grand col. and feather, and pair of Weavers; 3, Millsum, rich col. well feathered Orange Bishop. A.O.V. SEED-EATERS (5): 1, Nichols, very nice bright col. Parrot Finch, grand feather and markings; 2, 3, Howe, Green Cardinal, in most excellent feather and col., and a neat little Crimson Finch of rich col.; 4, Millsum, nice little Painted Finch; vhc, Walsh. TANAGERS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Millsum, Black-headed Sugar Bird, in perfect feather and very steady, 3rd very handsome Blue-winged Bulbul, in rare form; 2, Beatty, very pretty Tanager, rich in col. and nice feather; absent, 4, Millsum; 5, Edmunds. A.O.V. (5): 1, Beatty, showy Green-billed Toucan, capital bill and feather; 2, vhc, Millsum, nicely feathered, well mkd. Levaillants Barbet, and a well-mkd. Indian Nuthatch, but too restless to be judged; 3, 4, Walsh, Blue-headed and Black-headed Jays, in good feather.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

CRESTS (7): 1, Hesketh, very heavily-fronted green, rare droop and radiation, lovely quality and shape; 2, Brotherton, neatly centred grey, lovely quality, rare droop and capital shape, splendid body feather; 3, vhc, Brookes, green with pied tail, very dense feather, splendid front; 4, Peace, very nice quality grey, neat centre, beautiful radiation, not so massive; hc, Fitton; c, Whipp. C.-B. (6): 1, 3, Brotherton, varieg. yell., grand shape, rare feather and substance, 3rd cap and wing buff, very shapely and well browed; 2, Hesketh, big broad-headed green, with pied tail, nice feather; 4, hc, Hardy, slashing cl., good substance and a wealth of feather; vhc, Radley. CREST HEN (7): 1, Radley, very heavy-fronted green, grand quality and droop, dense feather; 2, Hesketh, wing mkd., of capital shape and quality, very shapely; 3, 4, Hardy, varieg. and green, with pied tail, both very shapely, nicely radiated and well drooped, hardly so dense; vhc, Peace; hc, Daniels; c, Ratcliffe. C.-B. (5): 1, Hesketh, nice dome-shaped skull, well carried, with long broad feather, good brow; 2, Peace, rare shaped green, full of quality, yet plenty of substance; 3, Brotherton, varieg., good length of feather, nice top, hardly so wide in entrance; 4, vhc, Hardy, very pretty cl., capital shape and quality. NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, 4, Sandiford, two deep fronted birds, of lovely col. and quality, stand well over perch and staged to the minute; 2, Davies, big, bold, bouncing deep-bodied bird, plenty of col.; 3, Trengove, a bird we liked much, rare type, quality, and col.; vhc, Turner; hc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Lee. BUFF (18): 1, Marsh, nice deep col., nicely frosted, stout and compact, rare close-fitting feather; 2, Lingard, a real good one, beaten by one which excels in wing carriage; 3, Sandiford, hardly fit, but when ready should take some stopping, rare type and col.; 4, Seed, all that one could wish for in col. and feather, with just a wee bit more skull would take stopping; vhc, Huggins; hc, Davies; c, Lees. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Cook, a beautiful wing tkd., rare shape, full of col. and quality, smart and neat throughout, we heard that Mr. Cook refused an offer of £18 for this gem; 2, Ellison, grizzle neck, grand rich sound col., rare shape and feather; 3, Hayhurst, grizzle neck, not so much substance, but rare depth and evenness of col. and nice feather; 4, Marsh, varieg., just our idea of a breeding Nor., neat and compact, without any superfluity or exaggeration; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Grimes; c, Beswick and Gaskill. BUFF (12): 1, Trengove, very smart and shapely with grand col. and quality, but not the same stamp of head feather as his mate in the cl. yell. class; 2, hc, Evans, head tkd., big bouncing bird with plenty of col. and good feather; 3, Grimes, head tkd., short, neat and compact in body, wings, and tail, stands well, beautifully fed and full of quality; 4, Vardy, head tkd., one of the true Hucknall breed, a little beauty indeed; vhc, Davies; c, Seed. HEN. YELL. (11): 1, Trengove, thigh tkd., a lass calculated to make one love her for her sake alone, she's just a peach; 2, Seed, thigh tkd., rare shape, col., and quality of feather, loses a bit in carriage of flights; 3, McKim, in figure and style a real beauty, but she had not been to the col. pot quite so often; 4, Shore, neat and pretty wing mkd., full of style and quality; vhc, Massey; hc, Dent; c, Lingard. BUFF (20): 1, Sandiford, wing tkd., beautifully proportioned, carries a plentitude of col. which is most delicately frosted, and her clothes evidently are of the Directoire period; 2, Barraclough, for col., size, and closeness of feather she was a beauty, but a trifle less feather behind would improve her; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, lovely little lass, so neat and pretty, full of quality and most beautifully col. and frosted; 4, Cook, grizzle tailed, splendid shape, stands well, rare col. and feather; vhc, Evans; hc, Curwin; c, Dent. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Davies, varieg. deep chested, good head and neck, rare col., plenty of quality and shows well; 2, Beswick and Gaskill, not so much substance, but all there in shape, feather, and col.; 3, Hopkins, big bouncing, well fed, eye, neck and tail mkd., plenty of col. and well shown; 4, Turner, neck tkd., more after the style of 2nd, and a bird we liked very much indeed; hc, has type, col., and feather in high degree; vhc, Lees; hc, Shore; c, Marsh. BUFF (19): 1, 3, spl., Davies, very smart eye and wing mkd., and a varieg., both of grand type with a wealth of col. and silkiness of feather; 2, Marsh, wing mkd., very shapely, grand col. and meal, shows for all he is worth, a bonny bird; 4, Hayhurst, neat and compact, a Nor. of the right stamp, grand feather and col.; vhc, Grimes; hc, Huggins; c, Lees. N.C. (9): 1, Hopkins, varieg., one of the best nat. col. birds we have ever seen; 2, Hayhurst, was soft when we made our notes, but looked a bird of quality and neatness; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, very close and nice in feather, bit longer; 4, Mapp, small, shapely, nice feathered head tkd.; vhc, Evans; hc, Lees; c, Grey. HEN (11) 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor, yell. and buff, two most charming lasses, type and feather, both of the highest standard; 3, Law, eye and wing mkd., a big bold forward lassie, dressed in a silky close-fitting costume; 4, Walton, a real gem of a yell., hard to find fault with; vhc, Grey; hc, Curwin; c, Fletcher. AMATEUR YELL. (12): 1, Fletcher, eye mkd., neat, short, and chubby, full of quality and style, and beautifully col.; 2, Sutton, sweet little cl., rare shape, col., and feather; 3, spl., Anderton, wins Sandiford's spl., the hottest member we have met for a long time; 4, Jenkinson, very shapely, close feathered cl., good col. and style; vhc, Harrison and Rayner; hc, Barber; c, Simms and Taylor. BUFF (28): 1, Anderton, big and good cl., plenty of size and col., a taking bird; 2, Peak, cap and wing mkd., not so large, lovely col., meal, and style; 3, Heaton, a gem, short and chubby, very close silky feather, and beautifully even in col.; 4, Oliver, grand shape, col., and feather, not so neat in wing carriage; vhc, Espley; hc, Sutton; c, Fowler. UNFLIG. (23): 1, J. Oliver, fine big bouncing yell, capital col., rare style and shape; 2, Epsley, good bodied, stylish, close-feathered buff, needs just a bit more width of skull; 3, Dewhurst, very shapely, good col., close feathered yell.; 4, vhc, Platt, deep chested, grand feathered and frosted Buff; hc, C. Oliver; c, Hargreaves. HENS (24): 1, J. Oliver, really grand yell., full of col. and bloom, rare shape, style, and quality, a bird for a novice to be proud of; 2, Cooper, varieg. buff, plenty of size and style, capital col. and well frosted, longer; 3, Epsley, most charming little lady, lovely silky feather, rare figure and carriage, eye and wing mkd. buff; 4, Bunting, eye mkd. buff, grand shape and feather, hardly so much col; vhc, c, Fletcher; hc, Barber. PAIRS (12): 1, spl., 2, Smith and Sellars, very typical, well balanced, good col. pair of Nor., and a stylish, graceful, close feathered pair of Yorks; 3, Hughes, long, massive, well feathered Lancs.; 4, Hardy, very useful pair of Crests; vhc, Grey; hc, Howarth; c, Epsley. MULES LIGHT (9): 1, Tams and Son, very handsome cl., grand shape and style, capital face and wings; 2, Vardy, very pretty close

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feathered, warm col., four-pointed buff; 3, Beatty, a fine big bunuing fellow, mkd. eyes, wings, and tail, and tkd. on back of the head, rare feather and col.; 4, vhc, Colton and Dawn, neat stylish cl. built on smaller lines; hc, Walsh; c, Smith. DARK (11): 1, Colton and Dawn, fine big Greenie-Bullie, rich col., grand face and breast, rare style and feather; 2, Johnson Bros., Goldie-Bullie, grandly mkd., very smart in shape, carriage, and feather, and carries plenty of col.; 3, J. M. Walsh, another Greenie-Bullie, splendid feather and col., hardly so much of him; 4, H. Walsh, again a Greenie-Bullie of nice shape, feather, and col.; vhc, Yurdy; hc, McKim; c, Beswick and Gaskill. SELL (30/-) (10): 1, Dearden; 2, Langley; 3, J. Trengove; 4, Butterworth; vhc, Clarkson; hc, Bullough; c, Whipp. (20/-) (20): 1, Fitton; 2, Faulkner; 3, Proctor; 4, Hesketh; vhc, Lees; hc, Adams; c, Leach. (12/6) (31): 1, Curwin; 2, Lees; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, Beswick and Gaskill; vhc, Smith; hc, Mapp; c, Brookes. NOVICE A.O.V. (23): 1, Hurtley, very handsome cl. yell. Nor., lovely col. and feather, and very smart and shapely; 2, Webster, slick and graceful yell. Yorks, full of quality and style; 3, c, Kelsey, well turned, strong shouldered Scots Fancy; 4, Dewsnap, nicely feathered and stylish yell. Yorks; vhc, Nuttall; hc, Dewhurst. BRIT. SOFTBILL SMALL (10): 1, Beatty, very smart black Redstart, grandly feathered and nice style, in rare form; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, Wryneck and Yellow Wagtail, two beautiful specimens, and shown in the very best of form; 4, vhc, Nicholls, very pretty little Gold-crested Wren, and a steady, well feathered, nice col. Nightingale; hc, c, Blincoe. LARGE (7): 1, 2, Walsh, Great Grey Shrike and Cornish Chough, two beautifully feathered birds, shown in grand form; 3, Mrs. Hudson, grandly mooned Thrush, beautiful shape and col., as tight as wax; 4, Law, fine big, good col. Missel Thrush; vhc, Blincoe; hc, Nichols; absent, 7, Rabbish; GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, McMurdo, the best Goldie we have seen this season, magnificent col., grandly cut blaze, cheeks, and collar, rare bars and breast; 2, Rabbish, rich-fronted Bullie, carries a rich glossy cap, nice soft col. back, very shapely and close feathered; 3, hc, Blincoe, rich col., well mkd. Siskin, nice feather, and very showy; 4, Naden, neat little Linnet, beautifully mkd., good in his whites and very steady; vhc, Brookes; c, Frost. HARDBILL A.O.S. (18): 1, Beatty, very rich col., well spangled Bramble, plenty of size and nice shape; 2, Tams and Son, rich col., close feathered Greenie, with grand wings and tail; 3, 4, Johnson Bros., Hawfinch and Yellow Bunting, two finely col. birds of capital shape and feather, and beautifully mkd.; vhc, hc, Blincoe; c, Cleminson and Taylor. STUFFED SPECIMENS (14): 1, Hopwood, two Birds of Paradise, the mounting of these was splendid, as was the arrangement and disposition of the plumes; 2, 4, vhc, hc, W. Lord, a pair of Kestrel Hawks feeding their young, a Buzzard Hawk in the midst of a frozen landscape looking for food; a Golden Eagle, and a group of stoats; 3, Handley, a well arranged group of Kingfishers and Water Ousels; c, Greenwood.

NORWICH AMATEUR C.B.A.

The Norwich Amateur C.B.A. held their annual show at The Stadi, Duke-street, on October 18th, when in twenty-seven sections a remarkable lot of feathered specimens were shown. The building is admirably suited for such an exhibition. The birds exhibited were a grand lot, and the judges (Messrs. J. Calver, S. Roberts, and A. Woollard) had a task in placing them. Taken altogether, their awards were well received. Mr. E. Fox proved an efficient secretary. Mr. Jacob Mackley is president, and Mr. R. Roll vice-president, there being a strong committee.

CL. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Browne; 2, Vincs; 3, Page; 4, Wright; vhc, Alden; hc, Moore; c, Gay. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, Piggin; 3, Whitmore; 4, Brewster; vhc, Brundell; hc, Browne; c, Beart. EVEN MKD.: 1, Steward; 2, Thompson; 3, Mitchell; 4, Cutmore; vhc, Johnson; hc, Swann; c, Harl. TKD. YELL. CK. (one tick only): 1, 2, Eagleton; 3, Perowne; 4, Page; vhc, Piggin; hc, Scott; c, Locke. BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, Piggin; 3, Chaloner; 4, Gay; vhc, Scott; hc, Beart; c, Bales. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Martin; 2, 4, Harl; 3, Eagleton; vhc, Browne; hc, Capon; c, Whitmore. BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, Wright; 3, Williment; 4, Howe; vhc, Reeve; hc, Beart; c, Brewster. YELL. HEN, CL. ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, Harl; 2, Horth; 4, Smith; hc, Baker; c, George. BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, Silom; 3, Abel; 4, Bales; vhc Potter; hc, Thompson; c, Williment. A.V. YELL. (non-col. fed): 1, Bartram; 2, Harl; 3, Dunham; 4, hc, Abel; vhc, Baker; c, Lacechee. BUFF: 1, Horth; 2, Davison; 3, Reeve; 4, Davison; vhc, Skipper; hc, Oog; c, Baker. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 4, Harl; 2, Moore; 3, Horth; vhc, Daynes; hc, Silom; c, Cutmore. BUFF: 1, Barrett; 2, Harl; 3, Vines; 4, Harcourt; vbc, Daynes; hc, Swann; c, Wright, PLNHDS. (matched for breeding): 1, 2, Harl; 3, Brewster; 4, Horth; vhc, Bales; hc, Freeman; c, Brighten. YELL. CREST: 1, Coman; 2, Pauling; 3, Whitlock; 4, Hall; vhc, Thompson; hc, Page; c, A. E. Thompson. CL. BODY BUFF: 1, Colman; 2, Poter; 3, Dyke; 4, Greenwood; vhc, Whitlock; hc, Pill; c, Dunham. MKD., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, Goodman; 2, Ong; 3, Potter; 4, Piggin; vbc, Greenwood; hc, Brundell; c, Whitlock. HEN: 1, A. Thompson; 2, W. Thompson; 3, Thurston; 4, Whitlock; vhc, Pauling; hc, Carlton; c, Ong. C.-B. YELL.: 1, Whitlock; 2, A. E. Thompson; 3, Dunham; 4, Durrant; vhc, Potter; hc, Holman; c, Baker. BUFF: 1, A. Thompson; 2, Whitlock; 3, Thurston; 4, W. Thompson; vhc, Durrant; hc, Pauling; c, Pill. HEN: 1, W. Thompson; 2, Potter; 3, A. Thompson; 4, Durrant; vhc, Whitlock; hc, Pauling; c, Sheldrake. PAIR CRESTS MATCHED: 1, Johnson; 2, Pauling; 3, Goodman; 4, W. Thompson; vhc, hc, A. Thompson; c, Potter. NOVICE YELL. PH.: 1, Smith; 2, Fulcher; 3, Howe; 4, Widdows; vhc, Sheldrake; hc, Hufton; c, Whitmore. BUFF: 1, Hufton; 2, Goodman; 3, Howe; 4, Sheldrake; vhc, Smith; hc, Simmonds; c, Lister. CINN. CK.: 1, 2, 4, Smith; 3, Chaloner; vhc, Skipper; hc, c, Smith. SELL: 1, A. Thompson; 2, Waller; 3, 4, Howard; vhc, W. Thompson; hc, Eagleton; c, A. Thompson. A.O.V.: 1, Widdows; 2, Stoyell; 3, Widdows; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Abel; c, Cbaloner. Special prize winners: Best Plainhead, Harl; Crest, A. Thompson; most points, Harl. Inter-club competition: 1, City of Norwich, 114 points; 2, Golden Dog, 106 points; 3, South Heigham, 84 points; 4, Perseverance, 45 points.

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City and County of Perth O.S. annual show held on 23rd Oct., in the Co-operative Hall, Canal Street, and received a very nice amount of support. The entries totalled 450, being equal to last year's. The Norwich and Crest sections were a decided improvement both in numbers and quality, some grand birds being exhibited in these sections. The Border Fancy section was much the same as last year, Messrs. Patterson (Chirnside) and P. McKenzie (Kelso) capturing most of the plums in this section. Mules, British and Foreign were back in numbers, owing no doubt to the backward season, while the Scotch Fancy Section was a keen disappointment. The society incurs loss every year on this section, and unless the classes meet with better support, we were informed, the executive will require to cut them out altogether. Let us hope the Scotch Fancy members will see to it that this course is unnecessary by turning out in greater numbers. The Secretary, Mr. J. Kerr, had everything in tip-top order, and the judges were through with their tasks in good time. The efforts of the Secretary were ably seconded by Mr. A. Borrie, the treasurer, Mr. D. Brown, the president, Mr. A. G. Forrest, the vice-president, and the committee—Messrs. G. Wyllie, C. Mitchell, Wm. Sharp, T. Bolt, J Smith, T. B. Gray, Wm. C. Smith, James Watson, A G. McDonald, G. D. Malloch, Jas N. Patton. The New Model Prize Cards were used, and came in for a lot of favourable criticism, the general verdict being that they were a distinct improvement, the models used being all up-to-date. The judges officiating were: for the Scotch Fancy Section, Messrs. G. Fulton (Partick) and G. C. T. Hope (Edinburgh); for the Crests and Crest-breds, Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock), for the Norwich Plainheads, Mr. Jas. Sandison (Aberdeen); for the Border Fancies, Mr. John Craig (Brechin); for the British, Mules and Foreign, Mr. John Adams (Dundee). All their awards were well received, few comments being heard.

The Scotch Fancy and Crest Sections.

SCOT. FCY.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Keil, leader rare style and action, long reach, good top end; 3, same stamp, fine nervy bird; 2, Melville, grand position and good shoulders, well set up, reaches well; 4, Carmyllie, nice stamp, fine action; 5, Ramsay; 6, Lundie. BUFF (8): 1, Muirhead, an eye opener, massive frame, splendid top end, long, reachy neck, wins; 2, Low, very stylish, quick action, nice drive; 3, 4, Curtis, bracc of good ones, well up on leg, good shoulders and wings, just beaten in substance; 5, Melville; 6, Sadler; 7, Henderson. YELL. PIED., ETC., CK. (5): 1, Nairn, fine stamp, plenty of size, good top end, sweet action; 2, Low, fine length of side, very stylish action, not far behind; 3, Merrilees, nice top end, wee shade shorter in reach; 4, Thoms, very nice bird, shade slimmer; 5, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Merrilees, grand depth of chest, rare length with good shoulders, splendid action; 2, Nairn, nicely built specimen, fine free action, sweet head and neck, well placed; 3, 5, Black, leader well up on leg, good in action, and fine broad chest; 4, Sadler, nice bird with plenty of go; 6, Beattie; 7, Henderson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Nairn, topper, grand substance of body, fine length of wings, fine shoulders, and splendid droop, wins easily; 2, Ramsay, very sweet hen, well up on leg, plenty of reach; 3, Keil, good top end and reach, fine action, works freely; 4, 5, Curtis; 6, 7, Sadler. BUFF (8): 1, Hamilton, fine stamp of hen, broad shoulders, good top end, nice droop; 2, 7, Keil, leader bonny hen, fine depth and length of side, works well; 3, Merrilees, loug reachy neck, well up on leg; 4, Beattie, good stamp, fine drive; 5, Muirhead; 6, Muir. YELL. PIED., ETC. (10): 1, Black, sweet exhibit, rare substance, good top end, long, free neck; 2, 6, Low, leader nice free action, well up on leg, good one; 3, Ramsay, fine stamp, rare worker, follows well; 4, Carmyllie, nice hen, good substance; 5, Nairn; 7, Reid. BUFF (4): 1, Ramsay, nice stamp of hen, stylish movement, grand reach, plenty of top end; 2, Black, well set up hen, fine length of side, works sweetly; 3, Reid, all there for shape, follows well; 4, McGregor. SELL. CK., £1 (10): 1, Sharp, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Hamilton; 4, Reid; 5, McGregor; 6, Muir; 7, Smith. HEN, £1 (7): 1, Melville; 2, 5, Sharp; 3, Stiven; 4, Carmyllie; 6, Miller; 7, Smith. DARK CREST CK. (7): 1, Noble, green, rare substance of body, grand formation of crest, fine quality feather; 2, Whitton, good stamp, well laid on crest of nice texture, failing a trifle in frontal; 3, Sanderson, good size of body, well laid on crest, inclined to run a trifle thin; 4, Kirkwood, nice crest wants dressing, Mr. K.; 5, Cochrane; 6, McDonald; 7, Clark. HEN (6): 1, Noble, dense, leafy crest, nicely centred, plenty of body feather; 2, 3, Cram, both good stamp, failing just a bit in finish to winner, both well staged; 4, Paterson; 5, Low; 6, Bruce. C.-B. CK. (10): 1, Noble, massive skull, nicely domed, well lashed, plenty of body feather; 2, McNaughton, rare size, nicely cushioned head, wee bit weaker in entrance; 3, Campbell, good type and size, not quite so good in head; 4, Whitton, lovely bird all over; 5, Gray; 6, Cram; 7, Miller. HEN (10): 1, Noble, plenty of feather here, nicely domed skull, hard pressed by 2, Kirkwood, fine quality feather, grand cushioned skull, and nicely lashed; 3, Whitton, broad, leafy feather, nicely rounded head, well worth its place; 4, Miller, nice size, failing only at entrance; 5, Campbell; 6, Low; 7, Cochrane. CL. OR GREY CREST (3): 1, Noble, again leading, good griz., fine centre, well laid down; 2, Grey, nice bird, not ready yet; 3, Sanderson, cl. crest, a bit thin on sides, nice one. CREST—BRED, 1909 (6): 1, Griffiths, good body, broad, leafy Crest, in fine order, wins; 2, Paterson, good specimen, with crest of fine formation and centre; 3, Noble, dark crest, nice circle, well laid down; 4, McIntosh, nice size, fails a wee bit in formation of crest; 5, Blythe; 6, Sanderson. C.-B. (5): 1, Whitton, grand substance and quality of feather, wide entrance and nicely cushioned, well lashed, wins; 2, Griffiths, nicely domed skull, good lashing, worth its place; 3, Kirkwood, grand quality Green, just failing in entrance; 4, McDonald, another nice one; 5, Cochrane. CREST, LIMIT, £1 (3): 1, Griffiths; 2, Low; 3, Cochrane. C.-B. (6): 1, 2, Bowie; 3, 6, Taylor; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Love.

The Norwich and Border Fancy Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Lyall, rare stamp, short and cobby, nice quality feather; 2, Mitchell, beautiful quality feather and colour, fine frontal, wee bit weak on head; 3, McFarlane, nice front, well balanced wings, also a trifle weak on head, will improve; 4, Garden, good quality bird; 5, Kemlo; 6, Smart; 7, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, 2, McFarlane, good type, well cut away at vent, fine front, 2nd loses only in wing carriage, another nice one; 3, Lumsden, good col., short wings and tail, well put down; 4, Smith, nice substance; 5, Hutchison; 6, Strachan. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Howie, built on correct lines, nicely moulded front and back, grand quality and col.; 2, Adams, good substance of body, nicely mkd.; 3, Garden, good quality bird, nice head, well filled in back, short wings, wants a little more time to tone down; 4, McFarlane, fine type, pinched on head; 5, Harris; 6, Mitchell; 7, Ritchie. BUFF (10): 1, Howie, lightly mkd., grand stamp, round head, nicely rounded front; 2, Kerr, nicely got up, rare quality and col.; 3, McFarlane, well finished bird, failing only in depth; 4, Harris, good type, fine quality; 5, Kemlo; 6, Marr; 7, Adams. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Mitchell, sweetly moulded hen, grand quality, nice round head; 2, McFarlane, large; 3, Gillies, nice model, good quality, somewhat badly staged; 4, McNaughton, neatly got up; 5, Kerr. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Marr, leader correct type, grand quality, clean cut away, nice head, wins, 4th good stamp, rare front, some preferred for 2nd; 2, McFarlane, short and cobby, has had wing carriage, grand otherwise; 3, Garden, useful hen, nice quality and col.; 5, Harris; 6, Mallock; 7, McNaughton. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Mitchell, sweet type and quality, wee bit leggy, beautifully staged; 2, Garden, good size and substance, useful hen; 3, 6, Smith, leader fine stamp and quality, just a trifle patchy in col. yet; 4, McFarlane, fine body, good col.; 5, Harris; 7, Wylie. BUFF (6): 1, Howie, short and chubby, lovely mealing, nicely carried wings, sweet hen; 2, McFarlane, good front, well braced wings, nice quality; 3, Mitchell, plenty of size, not quite so well cleaned out as leaders, perhaps, but useful stock bird; 4, Ritchie, nice type and quality; 5, Wylie; 6, Steven. NON-FED CK. (13): 1, Howie, cl. buff, grand all over, nice type and quality; 2, Marr, varieg. buff, lacks the substance of winner perhaps, but nice quality, well put down; 3, Garden, nice type, good one, much admired; 4, Harris, yell. green, round head, and rare type; 5, Bolt; 6, Porter; 7, Trail. HEN (11): 1, Lyall, yell. green, sweetly rounded head short and cobby body, splendid ground col. and pencilling, wins; 2, Marr, rare quality, fine substance of body, a favourite exhibit; 3, 4, Steven, fine substance and wings, both nice ones; 5, Howie; 6, Duff; 7, Hutchison. UNFLIG. CK. (13): 1, Smart, yell., fine style and quality, nicely carried wings, good col., grand exhibit; 2, Hampton, buff, rare col. and quality, nicely rounded head, fine frontal; 3, McFarlane, buff, good substance of body, a little weak on head perhaps, but well worth position; 4, Kerr, good one, built on somewhat finer lines, and wants time to finish. HEN: 1, Steven, nice quality feather, good type; 2, 5, McFarlane, leader yell., short wings and tail, round head, fine quality; 3, 7, Wylie, rare quality and col., short wings and tail, fine substance for a yell., presses hard; 4, Garden, nice stamp of a yell.; 6, Patterson. SELL., CK. (£1) (17): 1, Kemlo; 2, Burnett; 3, Patterson; 4, Adams; 5, Piric; 6, Taylor; 7, Sontar. HEN (16): 1, Marr; 2, Lyall; 3, Wylie; 4, Bolt; 5, Adams; 6, Mitchell; 7, Milne. BORD. FCY., CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1 and medal, Patterson, sweet wee Bord., rare col. and quality, nicely packed wings, staged to perfection; 2, Lumsden, rare type, grand wings and tail, sweet head and neck, put down in rare order; 3, Munro, exceptional col., nice head and neck, splendid feather; 4, Bolt, good quality, failing only in wing carriage, nice exhibit; 5, Auld; 6, Campbell; 7, Dargie. HEN (7): 1, Hutchison, jaunty little lady, fine quality, well staged; 2, Patterson, lovely feather, nicely laid wings; 3, Munro, typical specimen, inclined to cross wings a bit, grand bird; 4, Lumsden, good col. and quality, sweet head; 5, Hampton; 6, Crichton; 7, Craig. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Patterson, rare type, feather like satin, just a trifle unsteady but fine all over; 2, McKeuzie, same stamp as leader, lovely quality, presses hard; 3, Hampton, good type, just lacks the finsh of leaders, another fine exhibit; 4, McIntosh, very typical; 5, Douglas and Fenwick; 6, Lumsden; 7, Dargie. HEN (11): 1, Gentleman, grand type, sweet head, well filled in back, rare wings; 2, Patterson, wee bit slimmer, built really, grand quality; 3, Bell, nice type, good quality and col.; 4, McKenzie, another good one, not far behind; 5, Hutchison; 6, Smith; 7, Munro. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, McKenzie, buff eyes and wings, good markings, grand quality, very typical, nicely staged; 2, Patterson, another buff, four-pointed, fine quality, hardly so round in form perhaps; 3, Hislop, nice markings, good col., finely got up; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice type and quality. UNEVEN MKD. (8): 1, McKenzie, yell., rare col. and quality, nicely staged, a good one; 2, Patterson, another yell., fine type and col., a favourite; 3, McWatt, buff, good one, lovely quality, well put down; 4, Brown, nice type, well staged. GREEN OR CINN. (1): 1, Patterson, fine stamp of a buff, good ground col., excelling in work. FOUL (8): 1, Lumsden, buff of rare quality and col., feathered like a Java, well deserved win; 2, Patterson, yel., grand col. and quality, very typical, nicely staged; 3, Bell, nice col. and type, good feather; 4, Kerr, nice head and front; 5, Blair; 6, Heard; 7, Auld. SELL. (10/-) (9): 1, McKenzie; 2, Esslemont; 3, G. Brown; 4, Hutchison; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 6, Heard; 7, Campbell. SELL., CONFINED (18): 1, 7, Rodger; 2, Sharp; 3, Patton; 4, Kerr; 5, Borrie; 6, Blythe.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Muirhead, expansive blaze of even col., nicely tanned, good wings, fine polish, well deserved win; 2, Combe, larger Finch, nice head, well cut blaze, fails only in polish, good one; 3, Sanderson, another fine bird; 4, McGregor, good bird, smaller, not ready yet; 5, Smeaton; 6, Irvine; 7, McLaren. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Thomson, rare size, sound col., jet black cap, well defined, grand Finch, wins easily; 2, Chalmers, fine condition good body col., nice cap and size; 3, McGregor and Boyd, grand size and col., good wing bars, dense cap; 4, Smeaton, good col. and polish, unsteady; 5, Hovelsrood; 6, Lamb; 7, Thomson. GREENFINCH: 1, McWatt, fine size and col., nice wings, wee bit rough on head, but good bird, well staged; 2, 5, Smeaton, 2nd lacks substance of winner, sound col., in excellent condition; 3, Dalling, sound col. and condition, steady as a rock; 4, Dryden, nice stamp; 6, Gentleman; 7, Reid. SISKIN (13): 1. McGregor and Boyd, sweet shape, well defined markings, fine cap and bib, splendid col.; 2, Dalling, grand type, rare cap, nicely laced, good second; 3, Kerr, non-fed, short of cap and bib; 4, Parker, dense cap and good lacing; 5, Brown; 6, Esslemont; 7, Gillan. LINNET: 1, 7, Smeaton, leader

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nice tone of col., good in pencilling, well put down; 2, 4, Dryden, 2nd large, warm col., rich pencilling, presses hard; 3, Ramsey, nice type and col., good substance; 5, McPherson; 6, Parker. A.O.S., SMALL (11): 1, Miller and Eadie, nice Blackbird, shown in good order, much admired; 2, McDiarmid, pied Wagtail, showing signs of age; 3, McIntosh, excellent Bramble, good col. and spangling; 4, Patton, grand Whitethroat, well put down; 5, Gavin; 6, Dryden; 7, Whyte. LIGHT CAN. MULE (5): 1, McFarlane, four-pointed buff Goldie, fine polish, well placed; 2, Jamieson, varieg. buff Goldie, nice condition, worth 2nd place; 3, Gentleman, heavily varieg. buff Goldie, good col.; 4, Chaplin. DARK (14): 1, 2, 5, Brown all Linnet-Can., winner grand coloured Jonque, rare substance, wins easily, 2nd good all-round bird; 3, Patterson, Siskin, nice cap and markings, very warm col.; 4, McWatt, Goldie-Mule, hardly finished yet; 6, Gentleman; 7, Muirhead. HYB. (3): 1, Jamieson, nice specimen of Goldie-Greenie; 2, Hovelsrood, smart little Redpoll-Siskin; 3, Irvine, Redpoll-Linnet, all nice birds, beautifully staged. SELL, BRIT. OR MULE (7s. 6d.) (5): 1, Miller and Eadie, Bramblefinch; 2, McLaren, buff Goldie-Mule; 3, Kirk, Bullfinch; 4, Brown, Siskin-Mule; 5, Ramsay. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, Dalling, well cut blaze, of good dimensions and col., nice tanning, grand wings; 2, Strachan, big bird, very wild yet, blaze not quite so clean cut as winner, but well placed; 3, 5, Whyte, 3rd nice underblaze of good col.; 4, Ferguson, loses only in substance, a grand exhibit otherwise; 6, Roy. FOR., SMALL: 1, 4, Whyte, 1st Pintail Whydah in nice condition, wins easily, 4th pair of Cutthroats, nicely staged; 2, 5, 6, 7, Gavin, 2nd graod Whydah in fine plumage; 3, McDiarmid, Madagascar Weaver. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Chaplin, Amazon Parrot and a Cockatoo, both worth their places; 3, Whyte, Hyde's special won by G. Wylie; Sandiford's, J. Howie; B.F.C.C. medal, J. Patterson; Scottish Crest Club, J. Noble.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Table show held at P.S.A. Rooms on October 19th, Messrs. R. Barron and J. Mellor judged.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Fairclough; 3, S. Marlor; 4, J. Mellor. BUFF: 1, Fairclough; 2, Mellor; 3, Hughes; 4, S. Marlor. NOR. HEN: 1, S. Marlor; 2, Marlor Bros.; 3, Drabble. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Green. BUFF CK.: 1, Grayson. HEN: 1, Grayson; 2, 3, Green. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Crowther. BRIT.: 1, 4, Barron; 2, Grayson; 3, Marsland.—J. R. COLVILLE, Treasurer.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Members' show held October 23rd at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, where 74 birds were staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill made the awards.

OPEN SECTION.—CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Ludbrook; 2, Helliwell; 3, Lingley. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Lingley; 3, Ludbrook; 4, vhc, Jones. UNEVEN ETC. YELL.: 1, Lingley. BUFF: 1, Lingley. YELL. HEN: 1, Ludbrook; 2, Lingley; 3, 4, Helliwell; vbc, hc, Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Ludbrook; 4, Lingley; c, Helliwell. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Brown; 2, hc, Bateman; 3, West; 4, Plowrigbt; vhc, Brombam; c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Bateman; 2, Smith; 3, Birbeck; 4, West; vhc, Brombam; hc, Edmondson. UNEVEN ETC. YELL.: 1, Edmoudson; 2, Brown; 3, Fawcett; 4, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Bateman. YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, hc, Bromham; 3, Bateman; 4, Birbeck; vhc, Brown; c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Bateman; 2, Birbeck; 3, West; 4, Plowright; vbc, Smith; bc. c, Bromham. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Plowright; 2, 4, vhc, Holmes; hc, Bateman. HEN: 1, 4, c, Plowright; 2, Birbeck; 3, vhc, hc, Holmes.—F. RHODES, Hon. Sec.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

First old bird show held October 23rd, when 64 birds were staged. There was a good attendance of the public, and I believe we could make an open show pay its way. There is a good rivalry among leaders for points. The leaders in the novice section are: Booth, 58 points; Dean, 53, Crossley, 35; Wilson, 34. In the open: Pyrah, 39; Ramsden, 33; and J. W. Mitchell, 21. In the British: Fisher, 31; Gledbill, 12; Holliday, 6. There are three medals for novices. Mr. W. Morement judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK. YORKS.: 1, Wilson; 2, Mitchell; 3, vhc, Crossley; hc, Pyrah. CLASS 2: 1, 3, vhc, Dean; 2, Wilson. CLASS 3: 1, Ramsden; 2, Smith; 3, T. Booth. CLASS 4: 1, Ramsden; 2, Pyrah; 3, Dean; vhc, Smith. CLASS 5: 1, Booth; 2, 3, Dean; vbc, J. W. Mitchell; bc, Ramsden; c, Wilson. CLASS 6: 1, Wilson; 2, J. W. Mitchell; 3, bc, Dean; vhc, Pyrah; c, Booth. CLASS 7: 1, Pyrah; 2, Booth. CLASS 8: Nil. CLASS 9: 1, 3, hc, c, Dean; 2, Wilson; vhc, Pyrah. CLASS 10: 1, 3, Pyrah; 2, Booth; vhc, c, Crossley; bc, Wilson. CLASS 11: 1, Pyrah; 2, Mitchell; 3, Toulman; vhc, Booth; hc, Ramsden. CLASS 12: 1, Crossley. CLASSES 13, 14, 15: Nil. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, Fishers; 2, Gledhill; hc, c, Hollingworth. CLASSES 17, 18, 19: Nil. CLASS 20: 1, Crossley; 2, Booth; 3, Wilson.—ROBT. H. TURNER, Sec.

NORTHAMPTON (Good Intent).

(*See also page 261 last week.*)

The two missing folios of our reporter's notes on the above show have come to hand. He writes:—The thirty-eighth annual show of the Northampton "Good Intent" Society was held in a hall (the Corn Exchange) most suitable in every respect, being very commodious, and having both side and top light. The committee are well-known fanciers, and throw their heart and soul into the work, being ably led by their genial secretary, Mr. G. M. Larkman. The cage birds were staged on both sides of the room, being placed at a nice height for seeing them. The Norwich (as is customary at Northampton) were the principal feature of the show, and both in quality and quantity were well up to the average, although we noticed a number of the birds were scarcely through the moult. Only one class of Britishers was on view (the other classes being cancelled). This was a very strong one, the winning Goldfinch and Bullfinch being fine specimens, and the winners friend Hobbs, who judged, picked out to his own and other people's satisfaction. Mr. J. H. Roe judged all other classes. NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (9): 1, Felce, good cl. of rare type, grand head, rich col., full of bloom; 2, Hall, tkd. head, nicely modelled and teeming with quality; 3, Griffin, cl., with wonderful body properties, but fails a trifle in head; 4, Mitchel, tkd., nice quality and build, could do with a bit more in front; vhc, Keenes; hc, Cooper; c, Fennell. YELL. (8): 1, Griffin, rare size for a yell., sound in col. throughout, really a very fine specimen; 2, Ette, another good cl., nice type and quality, beaten only in size and col.; 3, Belcher, lovely quality, correct type, shows a bit more brow than winners; 4, Lawrance, very smart bird, red hot, close up; vhc, Cooper; hc, Breitenfield; c, Nason. MKD. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, Keenes, very large varieg. buff, bulldog type, about the biggest Norwich in show; 2, hc, Isom, smart mkd. yell., warm member, of correct type; 3, Cooper, large beavily mkd. buff, nicely moulded throughout; 4, Griffin, mkd. yell., of rare col. and quality; vhc, Packer and Bott.

HANLEY.

Hanley and Dist. C.B.S. held their open show in the large club rooms at the Albion Hotel on Oct. 21. The room is a really excellent one for show purposes. The entries turned up well, over 400 birds being staged. Mr. B. Peake, the hon. secretary, and his committee—Messrs. C. J. Robinson, T. Walker, J. Tennant, A. Dean, S. Pygott, G. Lawton, G. Evans, A. Scott, J. Toplass, J. Smith, S. Wild, J. Johns, J. Williamson, W. Bickerton, J. Bloor, and A. Muitland—had the birds well staged, and looked after their wards in the best possible manner. A great number of the public visited the show during the afternoon and evening, and everything passed off successfully. Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, judged.

The Open Champion Section.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (10): 1, hc, Yates, rich col., good head and neck, nice wing carriage, full of quality, true to type; 2, 3, Whetstone, 2nd grand type, short wings and tail, rich col., boxey feather, will be better in a few days, 3rd good head and neck, clean on breast, grand wing carriage, full of quality; 4, Tams and Son, grand bird, but would not show itself, very wild, good head and chubby; hc, Davis; c, Hall. BUFF (5): 1, Shaw, blaze of col., good head and neck, clean breast, lovely wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Bowyer, pale col., boxey feather, grand head and chest; 3, Shaw, good quality, nice wings and tail, short and compact, wants just a little more time; 4, Hall, pale col., a trifle open on chest and tail, nice type; vhc, Bowyer. YELL. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Davis, check mkd., blaze of col., lovely quality, grand wings and tail, wins spl for best yell. Nor. in open classes; 2, Hall, variег. very typical, lovely col. and feather, short wings and tail; 3, Hall, wing tkd., pale col., lovely quality, very steady, shown well; 4, Wilkinson, cap and wing mkd., rich col., boxey feather, short wings and tail, good head vhc, Bowyer. BUFF (7): 1, Wilkinson, wing mkd., lovely quality, fine head and neck, clean on breast, rich col., grand wing carriage, short tail, true type; 2, Bevan, variег., blaze of col., boxey feather, in the pink of condition; 3, Tams and Son, tkd. on head, good sound col. throughout, chubby, good wings and tail, correct type; 4, vhc, Hall, eye tkd., little open on breast, good head, short wings and tail; hc, Whetstone; c, Bowyer. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Yates, boxey feather, lovely type, short compact wings and tail; 2, hc, Whetstone, unflig., blaze of col., boxey feather, chubby, neat wings and tail, good head; 3, Bowyer, good head and neck, full of quality, clean on chest, short and chubby; 4, c, Bevan, nice type, fine col. full of quality, good head, well bracеd wings; vhc, Shaw. BUFF (12): 1, Shaw, cap on head, gem, brimful of quality, good head and neck, chubby, short wings, neat tail; 2, c, Bowyer, neat head, good quality short wings and tail, rich col., grand type; 3, Davis, quality, rich col., compact wings and tail, very chubby; 4, Smith, very chubby, good breast, blaze of col., silky feather; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Roberts. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Davis, unevenly mkd., blaze of col., feathered like a Java, good head, compact wings and tail; 2, Bowyer, good head, short and chubby, rich col., very wild; 3, 4, Hall, blaze of col., grand head, well filled-in neck, good wings and tail, 4th variег., blaze of col., boxey feather, good head, typical; vhc, c, Rathbone; hc, Bevan. BUFF (16): 1, Griffiths, wing tkd., full on chest, good round head, well braced wings, very chubby, grand bird; 2, Hall, wing tkd., not so rich in col., lovely quality, round head, well traced wings, short and chubby; 3, Rathbone, variег., boxey feather, good clean breast, short flights and tail, very typical; 4, Bowyer, wing tkd., rich col., silky feather, good head and neck; vhc, Whetstone; hc, Bevan; c, Wilkinson. A real good class, many good birds without a card. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL (13): 1, Furness, well up on leg, neat head, position A1, full of quality, well braced wings, piped tail, very typical; 2, Baxter, pale col., hoxey feather, stands well on legs, long flights and tail, close up; 3, Harris, long flights and tail, grand position, full of quality, few feathers not yet open on head and neck; 4, Mountain, full of quality, well braced wings, neat head, grand position, pale col.; vhc, Williams; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Victor Williams. BUFF (11): 1, Mountain, lovely col., good head, well braced wings, grand position, true Yorkie; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, very stylish, long flights and tail, standing on a pair of good legs, full of quality; 3, Broadley and Son, rich col., lovely position, very slim, hoxey feather, very neat head; 4, Dykes, long flights and tail, grand type, round head, boxey feather; vhc, Dukes; hc, Peake; c, Harris. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Parry, wing tkd., blaze of col., long flights and tail, good head, full of quality, staged to perfection; 2, hc, Peake, mkd. on wing, hoxey feather, grand position, lovely col., very steady; 3, Dykes, typical, good head, long flights, compact tail, full of quality, cheek and wing mkd.; 4, Burke, Cinn. mkd., feathered like glass, grand position, good head, wings and tail; vhc, Williams. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, tkd. on head, boxey feather, good wings and tail, typical, rich col.; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, unevenly mkd., lovely quality, straight as a pipe, good head and wing; 3, Shaw Bros., uneven mkd., hoxey feather, well up on leg, piped tail, long flights; 4, hc, Hawley, 4th variег., rich col., grand position, good head; vhc, Robinson; c, Peake. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Allen, good head, long flights and tail, grand position, very steady; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, lovely quality, very stylish, nice wings and tail, very neat head; 3, V. Williams, quality, rich col., long flights and tail, fails a trifle in type; 4, Dukes, good head, nice wings and tail vhc, Robinson hc, Perry; c, Mountain. BUFF (10): 1, c, V. Williams, Cinn. mkd., lovely quality, well bracеd wings, piped tail, neat head, grand type; 2, Dukes, nice type and quality, good position, neat head; 3, Parry, well up on leg, good head, clean on breast; 4, Dykes, rich col., grand head, hoxey feather, long flights and tail; vhc, Shaw Bros; hc, Hawley. UNFLIG. YELL (12): 1, Ellis, position A1, lovely col., grand wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, good head, long flights and tail, position full of quality; 3, Dykes, cheek tkd., position, feather, rich col., neat head and clean on breast; 4, Hawley, very stylish, neat head, nice compact wings and tail; vhc, Allen; hc, Mountain. BUFF (16): 1, Dykes, very stylish, full of quality, neat wings and tail, nicely put down; 2, Ellis, typical, full of quality, long flights and tail, good head; 3, Broadley and Son, lovely head, nice position, well braced wings, piped tail, full of quality; 4, Baxter, neat head, good wings and tail, position and quality, wants a little more length; vhc, Harris; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, V. Williams. SELL. (25s.) (14): 1, Yates; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Tams and Son; 4, Williamson; vhc, hc, Greaves; c, Broadley and Son. (12s. 6d.) (19): 1, Taylor; 2, Wallman and Son; 3, Tams and Son; 4, Rathbone; vhc, Wild; hc, Rowley; c, Toplass. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, Tams and Son, Goldie Can., lovely quality, nicely staged, grand bird; 2, Edwards, Goldie-Can., 4-pointed, nice quality, again well staged; 3, Orme, variег., nice exhibit; 4, Pitchford; vhc, Tams and Son. HYB. (4): 1, Fysh, Goldie-Bullfe, in lovely condition, well put down; 2, 3, Tams and Son, Linnet-Greenie, Goldie-Bullfe, two nice birds, a credit to their owners; 4, Edwards, Linnet-Bullie, nice bird. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Tams and Son, grand blaze, square cut, good bars and buttons, grand condition, very steady; 2, 3, Davies two lovely Finches, shown in grand condition; 4, Childs; vhc, Evans; hc, Lambert; c, Hubble. LINNET ((15): 1, Poole, nut brown, nicely pencilled, very steady, good condition; 2, Bancroft, close up, in grand col., nicely mkd., very steady; 3, Edwards, pencilled, steady, not quite so rich in col. as 1st or 2nd; 4, Mason; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Hemmings and Brereton; c, Jones. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Bancroft, Siskin, nice bib and markings, grandly put down; 2, Hexter, Redpoll; 3, Mason, Redpoll, both much admired; 4, Tams and Son, again a Redpoll; vhc, Rowley; hc, Jones. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Bancroft, 1st in grand condition, good col., well staged, 2nd excellent head, in fine condition, not quite so large as winner; 3, Fairhurst, a topping exhibit; 4, Poole; vhc, Jones. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, Jones, Hawfinch, grand bill, good head, lovely col., shown in the pink of condition, very steady; 2, Edwards, Bramble, again very steady, nicely pencilled, in good condition; 3, hc, Tams and Son, 3rd Yellowhammer, rich col., steady, good head; 4, Bancroft, Chaffinch, good one; vhc, Machin. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, Williams, 1st Cornish Chough, in the pink of condition, 2nd lovely Redstart, very steady; 3, Stocker, nice Waxwing, well staged; 4, Griffiths, pied Blackbird; vhc, Markwell; hc, Bailey. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Williams, two fine Tanagers, beautifully put down; 3, 4, Stocker, 3rd grand red-faced Lovebird, 4th another Tanager, all in the pink of condition.

The Open Novice Classes.

This section made a fine show; many of the birds could hold their own in the champion classes. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 4, Smith, 1st lovely col. and quality, good head and wings; 2, Roberts, type and quality all there, fine head; 3, hc, Evans; hc, Derry. BUFF (12): 1, Dunn, eye and wing mkd., full of quality, good head and chest, blaze of col.; 2, Holland, typical, good head and chest, boxey feather; 3, Evans, grandly shown, sound col., compact wings and tail; 4, Gibbons; vhc, Dallman and Sons; hc, Childs; c, Fowler. UNFLIG. (31): This was one of the finest classes in the show, many good birds being left out of the cards: 1, Roberts, yell tkd., blaze of col., lovely quality and type; 2, Morris, buff, boxey feather, good head and chest; 3, Smith, yell., sound col. throughout, good head, short and chubby; 4, Peakin, buff, grand type, full of quality; vhc, hc, Guest; c, Wilkinson. HEN (17): 1, Perkin, buff, grand lady, silky feather, short flights and tail, good head and neck; 2, Roberts, yell., rich col., full of quality, grand type; 3, Guest, buff, short and chubby, silky feather, grand head, very clean on chest; 4, Evans, yell., rich col., quality; vhc, Derry; hc, Holland; c, Smith. YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Cowley, red hot, grand position, lovely feather, long flights and tail; 2, Foster, neat head, long flights and tail; 3, Elsegood, type and quality A1; 4, Evans; vhc, Pygott; hc, Rowley; c, Barnes. BUFF (13): 1, Stirrup, type and quality, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, 4, Elsegood, 2nd variег., lovely feather, 4th rich col., typical, both nicely staged; 3, Caine, lovely quality, good position, good head, neat tail; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Bryan; c, Perrins. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Stirrup, buff, gem, lovely quality; 2, Elsegood, nice type, good wings and tail, yell.; 3, Bryan, buff, boxey feather, rich col., good head; 4, Foster, yell., long flights and tail, well up on legs; vhc, Hughes; hc, Jones; c, Cowley. HENS (14): 1, Stirrup, buff, nice quality, good head, very straight, piped tail; 2, Thomas, yell., full of quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Evans, buff, lovely type and quality; 4, Lawton; vhc, Walker; hc Bryan; c, Mear.

NOVICE MEMBERS.—NOR. (4): 1, Lawton; 2, hc, Williams; 3, Smith; 4, Wild; vhc, Evans. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Robinson; 2, Lawton; 3, Pygott; 4, Walker. BUFF (5): 1, Pygott; 2, Lawton; 3, Robinson; 4, vhc, Walker.

HINCKLEY (Leicester).

The Hinckley and Dis. C.B.S. held their 17th annual show on October 22nd and 23rd. The Drill Hall, in which the exhibits were nicely staged, is large and well lighted. Unfortunately, the entry was a failure, only seven classes standing out of 18. We cannot at all understand this, as the management is all that can be desired. Mr. H. Towers makes a really ideal secretary, and he was ably assisted by a band of willing helpers, namely: Messrs. S. H. Pilgrim (president), A. Pickerings (vice-president), Colledge, Cubley, Growdridge and Son, R. Hill, McNaughton, C. Mills, T. Towers, and W. Warner. In the few classes that stood there were some fine birds. The outstanding birds were the three Linnets exhibited by Mr. W. Judd, which won very easily. Also there were one or two fine Norwich shown by Messrs. Dipple and Broadhurst. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. The classes cancelled were Norwich Nat. Col., Nor. Yell., Buff, Unflig. Yell., A.O. Yorks., A.O.V. Mule, etc, Goldfinch, A.O.V. Finch, A.S. smaller than Thrush, and Foreign (2).

The Critique.

NOR. HEN. (12): 1, Broadhurst, cl. yell., splendid size and shape, neat head and wings, in good form; 2, Pole, back mkd. buff, grand size and col., splendid shape, A1 condition and carriage; 3, Colver and Sons, cl. yell., very stylish, nice even col., short tail and flights, nice bloom; res., Mills, very stylish exhibit, in good form; vhc, Dipple, smart taking bird; hc, Lawrance, very neat; c, Growdridge. UNFLIG. BUFF (6): 1, Dipple, head mkd., good size and shape, capital col. and carriage, good quality and condition; 2, Cooper, stylish cl., fine substance, lovely col. and quality, well up in size; 3, Growdridge, cl., A1 shape and form, good size and col.; res., Dipple, very stylish head mkd., in fine order; vhc, Broadhurst, smart and neat head mkd.; hc, Wittle, stylish and good col. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Judd, wonderful size and col., finely pencilled, lovely shape, style, 2nd grand shape, hardly so good in substance, also lacks size to winner; 3, Judd, good shape, nice size, and pencilling; res., Lawrance, good bird, in A1 feather; vhc, Pegg, nice pencilling; hc, Pilgrim; c, Growdridge. GREENIE, ETC. (6): 1, Pilgrim, charming little Siskin, good col., and quality, very neat markings; 2, 3, Towers, two neat little Redpolls, former much the best col., correct size, latter good one; res., vhc, Seal, neat Siskin, a wee shade weak in bib and lacing; hc, Pilgrim. 15s. (6): 1, Lucas; 2, Dipple; 3, Growdridge; res., Dallman; vhc, Growdridge; hc, Wittle. 25s. (6): 1, Lawrance; 2, Jennings; 3, Lucas; res., Dipple; vhc, Pole; hc, Dallman and Sons. MEMBERS, A.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, no name in catalogue, cl. yell., good size and shape, wonderful col. and condition; 2, no name again, Bramblefinch, good feather markings and condition; 3, no name again, cl. yell. Nor., in nice form; res., No. 6; vhc, 3; hc, 2; c, 8.

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KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

Annual show of the Kirkcudbright F.A. was held on October 21st, in the Drill Hall. The hall is large, well lighted, free from draughts, and an ideal place. The arrangements were carried through by a large and energetic committee, the Secretary, Mr. W. R. Cruickshank, and his assistant, Mr. James Murphy, doing everything in their power for the comfort alike of exhibits and exhibitors. In the cage bird section there was an increase of over 50 entries, including some of the principal winners of the season. Mr. J. Hannay (Maxwelltown) judged, and his awards were well received.

SCOT FCY. CK. (5): 1, Edgar, buff piebald, good all-round, rare size, full of nerve; 2, Thomson, cl. yell., good top and drive; 3, Welsh; vhc, Edgar; hc, Welsh. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Edgar, 1st cl. yell hen, wins both spls., fine head, good shoulder, nice length of side and wing, good worker, 2nd yell. pied, small, but a neat one, 3rd buff pied, good size; vhc, Heron; hc, c, Welsh. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, McCredie, taking exhibit, rare size, close in feather; 2, Rae and Son, loses in neck; 3, Hunter, not finished moult, will make good one; vhc, Gordon; hc, Welsh; c, Harper. HEN (4): 1, McCredie, rare class of good ones, some thought very lucky; 2, Welsh; 3, Clnes; vhc, Gordon. BUFF CK. (3): 1, McCredie, good model, like a bit of wax; 2, Gordon, fine, well-rounded body, heaten only in quality of feather; 3, Welsh, nice stamp of buff. HEN (5): 1, Gordon, grand type, pick of the basket, neat jaunty carriage, very close in feather; 2, McCredie, very good second; 3, Welsh; vhc, Hunter; hc, Rae and Son. A.O.V. CK. (8): 1, Gordon, unev. mkd. yell., in good condition; 2, McCredie, buff mkd., another nice one; 3, Heron, well staged, good exhibit; vhc, Welsh; hc, Gordon; c, McCredie. HEN (8): 1, Gordon, yell. mkd., very tight in feather, steady; 2, 3, McCredie, yell. mkd. pressing winner closely; vhc, c, Welsh; hc, Hunter. CREST OR C.-B. (9): 1, 2, Griffiths, 1st cl. buff, D.C., of rare quality, 2nd good C.-B. with grand head, well staged; 3, vhc, Devoy; hc, c, Harper. NOR. CK. (10): 1, vhc, Devoy, cl. yell., lovely shape, fine full front and head; 2, Brown, grand quality feather, rare wing carriage; 3, Rome, good bird; hc, Thomson; c, Andrews. HEN (10): 1, 3, Devoy, both yell., rare quality, nice exhibits all over; 2, Rome, scarcely finished moult yet, good one; 4, Brown; hc, Rome; c, Andrews. YORKS CK. (4): 1, hc, Moffat, cl. yell., well up in position, fine head, wings, and tail; 2, Jardine and Penman, a trifle short, but nice quality; 3, Welsh, another good one. HEN (5): 1, Heron, cl. yell., rare position and length, fine quality feather; 2, Jardine and Penman, grand bird, beaten only in wing carriage; 3, vhc, Moffat; hc, Welsh. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Heron; 2, Rome, both beautiful exhibits. DARK (3): 1, Young, nice yell. green, good shape and quality; 2, Contts; 3, Edgar, both nicely put down. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (13): 1, Murray, nice size, large blaze, grandly fanned, well mooned wings, neatly buttoned to the points; 2, Young, slightly deficient in tanning and blaze to winner, but a good Britisher; 3, Sloan, worthy of its place; vhc, Burnie; hc, McNaught; c, Contts. GOLDFINCH FOR.: No entries. BULLFINCH CK. (4): 1, Young, nice size, good cap, very rich breast, nice back, clear wing bars; 2, Welsh, fine size, a little pale in col., will improve; 3, vhc, McNaught. BULLFINCH HEN (5): 1, Young, very steady, cl. markings, nicely staged; 2, vhc, McNaught, grand hen; 3, Heron, another good one; hc, Contts. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL (8): 1, Thomson, nice steady Yellow Wagtail, in the pink of condition; 2, Young, Bramblefinch, well spangled, very steady; 3, Welsh, well col. Greenfinch in rare condition; vhc, Thomson; hc, Burnie; c, Clues. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, Thomson, splendid Whydah, worth first place; 2, 3, hc, McKinnel and Son, good Bishop, well staged; vhc, Sutherland; c, Heron. SELL. (10/-) (10): 1, Thomson; 2, Hunter; 3, Moffat; vhc, Edgar; hc, Devoy; c, Welsh. (5/-) (2): 1, Hunter; 2, Flannighan.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

At the monthly meeting held in the Chorus Room of the Mechanics' Institution, it was decided, owing to the present depression in trade, to reduce the annual subscription then followed, Mr. T. Poole kindly judging.

NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, Bywater. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Greenwood and Burson; 2, 3, res, Bywater. BUFF: 1, 2, Greenwood and Burson; 3, Loveday; res, c, Bywater; vhc, hc, Sprules. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Dale.—WM. DALE, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, held October 23rd, at "Butcher's Arms," 61 birds being staged. Mr. A. Morley awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN.—CLASS 1: 1, hc, Self; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, 4, c, Messrs. Hartley; vhc, Bentley. CLASS 2: 1, Lister; 2, 3, Self; 4, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 3: 1, 2, 4, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Self. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Bentley. CLASS 5: 1, Self; 2, vhc, Bentley; 3, Barraclough; 4, Ormonroyd; hc, Lister. CLASS 6: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, 4, Lister; 3, Bentley; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Benn. CLASS 7: 1, Kellett; 2, Lister. NOVICE—CLASS 1: 1, C. H. Self; 2, vhc Gibson; 3, Stansfield; 4, Oliver. CLASS 2: 1, C. H. Self; 2, Oliver; 3, Crabtree; 4, vhc, Gibson; hc, Kellett; c, Stansfield. CLASS 3: 1, Crabtree; 2, Shackleton. CLASS 4: 1, Crabtree; 2, Oliver; 3, C. H. Self; 4, Gibson; vhc, Howlett. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Crabtree; 3, Gibson; 4, Oliver; vhc, Howlett; hc, Stansfield; c, Shackleton. Messrs. Hartley winners of most points in Open Section; Mr. F. Crabtree in Novice.—J. HOLROYD, Hon. Sec.

FORFAR AND DISTRICT C.B.I.S.

Members' show held October 23rd in the Masonic Hall, well suited in every way for such a show. Entries came up well, there being over 100. Some of the classes were very keenly contested. Special for best bird, also special for best Norwich, were won by W. Grewar's buff variег. hen; special for best Border was won by C. Kennedy's; that for best wild bird by A. Masterton. Mr. D. A. Craig, Arbroath, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, W. Grewar; 5, J. Grewar. HEN: 1, 2, W. Grewar; 3, 6, J. Bowman; 4, 5, J. Grewar. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, W. Grewar; 4, J. Grewar. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, W. Grewar; 5, J. Grewar; 7, Dundas. NON-FED: 1, J. Bowman; 2, 4, W. Grewar; 3, J. Grewar. NOVICE, CK.: 1, 2, 3, 6, Kydd; 4, Middleton; 5, 7, Brown. HEN: 1, 4, H. Bowman; 2, 7, Kydd; 3, Kennedy; 5, Brown; 6, Middleton SELL. NOR. (10s.): 1, W. Grewar; 2, J. Grewar; 3, Kydd; 4, Kennedy; 5, Dundas. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, Campbell; 3, Kennedy. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF, CK.: 1, 2, Kennedy; 3, 4, Campbell; 5, Stevenson; 7, Falconer. HEN: 1, 3, Stevenson; 2, 4, Kennedy; 5, 6, Campbell; 7, Falconer. NOVICE, CK.: Cancelled. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Kennedy. SELL. BORD.: 1, Campbell; 2, Stevenson; 3, Falconer; 4, 5, Kennedy. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 6, J. Bowman; 2, 4, Fyfe; 3, 5, J. Grewar; 7, Nicoll. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 5, Fyfe; 3, 4, Ormond. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Masterton; 2, 3, Ormond. A.O.S. BRIT.; 1, W. Grewar; 2, 3, Nicoll.

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Very successful show held under the auspices of the Shipley O.S. on October 23rd, in the Central Schools, Saltaire Road, when in response to a very generous schedule a total entry of 501 exhibits from 155 exhibitors was secured, an average of over 18 throughout the 27 classes. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and N.G.M.Y.C.C, with Mr. W. H. Shackleton as judge, his awards meeting with general satisfaction. The principal winners of sectional specials in the open were Messrs. Ogden Bros., J. Bailey, and A. Cooper, and in novice sections Messrs. Grayshon, Stables, Priestley, Thomas, and Naylor. Mr. H. Martin is an earnest and enthusiastic secretary, and he had things well in hand, being ably seconded by his assistant, Mr. J. Robinson, and a very hard-working committee, which included Messrs. Broadley, Towers, Bradshaw, Crossland, Grange, Marsden, and Hudson. The committee are fortunate to be able to secure so good and pleasant a room, quite an ideal one for a show, fully capable of holding 700 to 800 birds, and still leave plenty of room for visitors. There was a very good gate considering the adverse state of the weather. Some grand birds were staged, and appear to be getting into splendid condition. The novices staged some toppers, no less than three being claimed at catalogue price of £5 5s. Mr. M. Broadley assisted in the judging by taking the novice and selling classes.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (19): 1, 2, spl, Stebbings, grand birds, leader nice length, good shape, well cut away, neat position, lovely head, neck, and back, 2nd red hot colour, nice shape and quality, not quite so good in position as winner; 3, Wood, lengthy, good shape, leggy, nice feather; 4, Bailey, extra good quality, nice shape and style; vhc, Chippendale; hc, Edmondson and Son; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (14): 1, Helliwell, tkd. wing, good size and shape, well up in position, grand back and wings, nice quality and col.; 2, 3, spl, Bailey, 2nd extra good col. and quality, nice shape and style, 3rd lengthy, nice shoulders and well cut away, niece position, all there for quality; 4, Dyson, nice length, good shape and style, rich quality; vhc, Waterworth; hc, Beaumont; c, Charlesworth. UNFLTD. YELL. (16): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, lengthy, neat narrow shoulders, well drawn out, nice flights, good head, nice quality; 2, c, Charlesworth, grand shape, very stylish, well carried wings and tail, lovely quality; 3, Thornton and Bower, uneven mkd., lovely type, straight as a rush, grand position; 4, Fortnam, good type, nice position, fine col. and quality; vhc, Bailey; hc, Helliwell. BUFF (15): 1, hc, spl, Charlesworth, nice shape, extra good quality and col., well up in position; 2, Ogden Bros., neat type, good wings and tail, rich quality and col.; 3, Bailey, grand shape, nice narrow body, well up on legs, neat quality; vhc, Dyson; c, Lodge. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, grand length, very typical, leggy and nice position, good wings and tail, neat feather; 2, Walsh, marvellous shape, grand position, best of backs, good wings and tail, not quite clean under, or would take some beating 3, Ogden Bros., trifle stronger, lovely quality and col., nice position; 4, Bailey, good shape and quality, well up in position; vhc, Hill; hc, Tate; c, Chippendale. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Beaumont, good length, very shapely, stands well, extra quality, smooth as glass; 2, Ogden Bros., grand type, leggy and nice position, lovely head and back, extra quality and col.; 3, Bailey, typical, fine position, lovely quality, very clean made; 4, Wood, good shape and position, rich quality, neat; vhc, Dawson; hc, Robertshaw; c, Bottomley. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, lovely shape, leggy and nice position, full of quality, grand markings, wins; 2, Ogden Bros., grand length, very shapely and stylish, nicely feathered; 3, Towers, varieg., hot col., typical, nice position, plenty of leg, rich quality; 4, Drake and Sons, nice body, well up on legs, grand quality; vhc, Walsh; hc, Mason; c, Dobson. MKD. BUFF (14): 1, c, spl, Smith, great length, grand shape and position, lovely wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Ogden Bros., another lengthy one, excellent col. and quality, well up in position, good shape; 3, Cooper, lengthy and shapely, nice quality and col.; 4, Kaye, nice-shaped bird of good position, lovely quality; vhc, Dyson; hc, Holden. MKD. YELL., HEN (9): 1, 3, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, grand ladies, leader extra good shape, stands cleverly, neat markings, grand quality, 3rd very typical, leggy, lovely feather; 2, Briggs, very slim, grand shape, straight as a rush, good quality; 4, Tate, extra col. and quality, nice shape and position; vhc, Lingley; hc, Drake; c, Cooper. BUFF (9): 1, 3, hc, spl, Ogden Bros., leader grand shape and position, lovely back, wings and tail, full of col. and quality, 3rd nice shape, very leggy, lovely feather; 2, Mason, lengthy, good shape and position, nice quality, trifle low on legs; 4, Chippendale, plenty of size, nice quality; vhc, Hirst; c, Slater. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., grand shape, wonderful position, good quality and col., very clean made; 2, Mason, very shapely, stands well up, grand quality; 3, Towers, narrow, very typical and straight, lovely col. and quality; 4, c, Copper, rather pale col., exceptional shape, grand position, leggy; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Clark. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Halliday and Chittenden, lengthy, grand shape, well up in position, lovely back, wings and tail, rich quality; 2, Towers, good length, grand shape and style, neat heat, smart col. and feather; 3, c, Cooper, extra type and position, good shoulders, very clean feathered; 4, Wilcock, good length, shapely, nice back, lovely quality vhc, hc, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (17): 1, spl, Jowett, marvellous type and position, rich col. and quality, smooth as glass throughout; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, neat, typical, nice position, rich quality; 3, Townsend, good shape and style, lovely col. and quality; 4, Wright and Son, very straight, nice shape, lovely feather, smart bird; vhc, Towers; hc, Mason; c, Goodwin. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Mason, very slim, grand shape, beautiful wings and tail, clever position, full of quality; 2, Ogden Bros., trifle stronger, grand position and rich quality, lovely head and back; 3, Cooper, grand shape, lovely quality, stands well, very smart; 4, Wood, slim, racy shape lovely back wings and tail good quality; vhc, Clark; hc, Hirst; c, Towers. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK., NOVICE (28): 1, Grange, buff of grand shape and position, leggy, well braced wings, lovely quality; 2, 3, spl, Grayshon, 2nd yell., well up in position stylish, nice quality and col., 3rd buff grand shape and style, nice quality; 4, Raynor, yell., very neat and stylish, rich quality; vhc, Simonett; hc, Tinkler; c, Elsegood. HEN (25): 1, spl, Greenwood, buff, smart type, very stylish, nice quality, very clean feathered; 2, Gelder, grand-shaped yell., well cut away, leggy, nice quality; 3, Tillotson, buff, grand shape and position, good back, full of quality; 4, Grayshon, shapely, grand position, neat wing carriage, nice quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Clegg; c, Swaine. SELL., £1 (20): 1, spl, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, Wadsworth; 3, Stables; 4, Warner; vhc, Broadley; hc, Robertshaw; c, Hardaker and Sample. 15s. (20): 1, spl, Holmes; 2, Goodwin; 3, Beaumont; 4, Hammond; vhc, Hardaker Bros.; hc, Taylor; c, Dawson. HEN, 12s. 6d. (30): 1, spl, Barker; 2, Denby; 3, Webb; 4, Taylor; vhc, Holden; hc, Grange; c, Mason. Y.U. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (18): 1, spl, Elsegood, grand shape, stands well, lovely wings and tail, full of quality, very smart; 2, Priestley, grand shape and position, good back and wings, lovely feather, very neat; 3, Shepherd, lengthy, good type, leggy, nice back, fair quality; 4, Hall, lengthy, grand type, good back, wings and tail; vhc, Clark; hc, Atkinson; c, Martin. BUFF (28): 1, spl, Priestley, lovely shape, stands well, very rich col. and quality; 2, Simpson, trifle stronger, nice shape and position, splendid quality; 3, Thomas, grand shape and position, best of wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Hall, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, c, Atkinson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Greenwood, grand length, all there for shape and position, nice quality and extra good col.; 2, Batty, good type, leggy, extra long wings and tail, nice feather; 3, Morley, tkd. wing, typical and nice position, good head, lovely quality and col.; 4, Kaye, uneven mkd., grand shape, very stylish, rich quality and col.; vhc, Bates; hc, Rigg; c, Firth. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Priestley, smart shape, grand shoulders, well up in position, leggy, lovely feather; 2, Stables, uneven mkd., lengthy, grand shape, stylish, lovely quality; 3, Haigh, uneven mkd., grand length, typical and stylish, rich quality; 4, Thomas, foul mkd., grand shape, nice position, good quality and col.; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Martin; c, Tillotson. YELL. HEN (28): 1, spl, Turton, grand shape, stylish, grand head, back and wings, trifle uneven in col., good hen; 2, Hutton, slim, nice-shouldered bird, well cut away, very stylish, nice quality, looking well; 3, Dewhurst, good shape, stands well up, lovely col., very neat; 4, Hall, nice type, good position, rich quality; vhc, L. Crossland; hc, Moore; c, Brayshaw. BUFF (32): 1, spl, Stables, grand shape, nice position and leggy, extra good quality and col., a gem; 2, Bates, tkd. wing, very good shape, grand position, full of quality, compact; 3, C. H., nice length, very good type, stylish, nice quality, not quite fit; 4, Firth, very typical, extra good feather and col., good head, neck and back; vhc, Ellis Bros.; hc, Thomas; c, Martin. NOV. NOR. CK. (14): 1, hc, c, spl, Naylor, yell., marvellous substance and head, grand col. and quality, good bird; 2, Plowright, yell., fine shape, short flights and tail, very compact; 3, Jeffreys, buff, grand shape and substance, extra col. and quality, good bead; 4, Horsfield, buff, grand substance and shape, well up in neck, nice quality and col.; vhc, Ball. A.V. HEN (14): 1, Horsfield, buff, nice type, good substance, rich quality and col., nice and compact; 2, Birbeck, yell., marvellous substance and size, good quality, very chesty; 3, c, Thomas, nice substanced yell., lovely col. and quality; 4, vhc, Naylor, cobby, compact huff, nice quality and col.; hc, Clark.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Fifth annual show of the Tunbridge Wells and District F.A. (open to Kent, Sussex, and Surrey) was held in the Sussex Assembly Rooms on Oct. 21st and 22nd. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor, and the day being favoured with plenty of sunshine it is hoped the "gate" receipts were satisfactory. Mr. North judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. H. G. Whibley makes a most excellent secretary, and to his indefatigable efforts, coupled with those of his assistants on his committee, is due in great part the success of the exhibition.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., COL.-FED (8): 1, 3, Gibbs, former stout, typical yell., splendid col. and quality, latter smart bird, good size and col.; 2, Hills, nice mealy, well chested, might be just a little stouter in skull; res., Berry, Mitchell; hc, Elliott; c, Brown. NON-FED (12): 1, Smithers, takes special for members' best Nor., yell., nice type, quality and size; 2, Richards, good sized buff, might be a wee bit better in flight; 3, Warner, smart buff, extremely neat; r, hc, Whitton; vhc, c, Stewart. VARIEG. (12): 1, Kew, typical wing mkd. buff, splendid under col.; 2, 3, Gibbs, former stout yell., not quite finished, latter big buff, nice quality, just a trifle strong in feather; res, Berry and Mitchell; vhc, Smithers; c, Whitten. CREST (5): 1, spl for best bird in show, Bond, large dark circular Crest, nicely veined and centred, evenly mrk. wings; 2, Gale, fine large feathery varieg. ck., spreading dark crest, still in pen feather; 3, spl. best local exhibit, Hayward, pretty crested green; res, Gale; vhc, Hayward. C.B. (5): 1, spl best members, and spl for best in Crest and C.B. classes, Gale, well-known winning green, splendid type and feather; 2, Hayward, large varieg. bird, good head feather; 3, Gale, plenty of nice feather, a wee bit narrow in skull; res., Duck; vbc, Bond. YORKS. YELL. OR BUFF, FED (13): 1, Clark, most typical yell; 2, 3, Gibbs, leader long, straight buff in beautiful bloom, latter very breedy; res. and spl best members', Humphries, smart and smooth, rather stout; vbc, hc, Wraight; c, Knapp. NON-FED (4): 1, Taylor, yell., nice type and quality; 2, Humphries, mealy of good position; 3, Batchelor; res., Taylor. VARIEG (11): 1, 2, Gibbs, former typical tkd. yell., latter very lengthy, plenty of feather; 3, Allen, quite the right style; res., Humphries; vhc, Allen; hc, c, Wraight. HYB.-CAN., LIGHT, ETC. (8): 1, Ward, six-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can. ck., tight as wax, nice col. and condition; 2, 3, Wraight, former stout varieg. mealy Goldfinch-Can., splendid condition, latter well-mkd. six-pointed buff hen, spectacled eyes; res., Humphries; vhc, Curd; hc, Neale; c, Hills, Tickner. DARK (7): 1, c, Curd, winner nice stout self Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Ward, large, stout Linnet-Can.; 3, vhc, Wraight, former tight-feathered Siskin-Can.; res., Gardener; hc, Waters. SELL. (30s.) (13): 1, spl, Buck, good size and formation of dark Crest; 2, Berry and Mitchell, typical buff Nor.; 3, Warner; ex. 3, Richards; res., Kew; vhc, Elliott; hc, Baker, Richards; c, Jeffery. (15s.) (18): 1, spl., Kew, nice Nor.; 2, Gale; 3, Borman. MEMBERS', CAN. (20): 1, spl, Hayward, D.C., varieg. body, Crest nice shape and substance; 2, Buck, sweet green Crest hen; 3, Richards, yell. Nor. ck. of nice type; res, Richards, buff Nor.; vhc, Smithers, Humphries; hc, Wraight, Russell; c, Warner. MEMBERS', HYB. (4): 1, Wraight, dark capped and flighted mealy Goldfinch-Can., nice condition; 2, Wraight, Greenfinch-Can., good feather and col.; 3, Tickner, varieg.; res., Batchelor. BRIT. (7): 1, spl best local Brit., and spl members' best Softbill, Borman, Nightingale in excellent condition; 2, Reed, Crossbill in splendid wild carmine col.; 3, Hughes, Jay, well shown, nice feather and steady; res. and spl for members' best Goldfinch, Richards, good size, col., and condition; vhc, Reed; hc, Richards.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Annual show of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. held on October 23rd, in the Staffordshire Knot Auction Rooms. It proved a great success, entries being capital in all classes. Quality was of the best, and many noted fanciers were present; and as so many classes had more than 12 entries, the Society decided to give an extra 4th prize of 1/6. How pleased everyone was with the grand display, and how well fanciers turned out to appreciate it! We noticed Messrs. T. Fox (looking very much better), Eckersley, Hakes, Andrews, and many others we cannot at the moment think of. The Norwich were a capital display, and all classes were keenly contested. The winning mkd. unflg. buff of Mr. W. R. Nutt is a topper, and looks like one of those Norwich that cannot go wrong. Yorkshires made a nice display and contained some champion exhibits, Mr. L. Dykes carrying off three 1sts with three rattling good birds. The A.O.V. also brought together one or two fine Crests, the winner being worthy of special note. The British birds were a fine success, and a very nice entry was obtained, the quality, too, being wonderful. The Foreign birds were, as usual, a grand collection, and every attention was paid to them by Mr. Hadley, who attended to their wants. In fact, the arrangements all through were all that could be desired for the comfort of the birds and public. A good staff of willing helpers worked well under the Secretaries' (Messrs. Elliott and Wood) guidance, and not a hitch occurred in any direction. Messrs. Elliott and Wood are the right men in the right place, being very quick, courteous, and obliging. Others who put in long hours in packing and unpacking the exhibits were Dr. Docherty (Chairman), Messrs. R. H. Coltman, T. R. Hadley, A. Ford, H. Hathaway, J. England, T. Kirkland, A. Emery, S. Hakes, H. Hawkins, W. Freeman, and W. Lane. Mr. J. Robson judged. Sandiford's special was won by Mr. Hathaway, and the Foreign Bird Club medal went to Mr. S. H Hadley. Other special winners were Messrs. F. Howe, R. Bond, W. Hester, W. R. Nutt, L. Dykes, S. Hakes, J. England, W. Elliott (2), T. Kirkland, and J. Cameron.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. YELL. (15): 1, Tams and Sons, good shape and substance, full, deep, nicely rounded chest, short neck and flights, good level col. and quality; 2, Nutt, ablaze with col., grand quality, splendid head, back, and wings, in lovely feather; 3, Moore and Sons, beautiful col., nice quality, good head and back; 4, Emery, short body, good shape and substance; vhc, Dixon, nice shape; hc, Mason; c, Whetstone (all clears). BUFF (16): 1, Stubbs, cl., good shape, lovely col., nice and short, grand carriage, splendid col. and bloom; 2, Hodgkinson, very good shape, fine bead and neck, lovely back, neat tail; 3, Bellamy, close lovely feather, grand head and neck, grand wings and shape; 4, Mason, nice shape, grand col., neat back, wings, and tail; vhc, Whetstone, smart and neat, capital feather; hc, Moore and Sons; c, Hathaway. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Hathaway, leader head and wing mkd., rare shape and substance, capital col. and wings, neat head, good carriage, latter eye and wing mkd., good shape and size; 2, Hall, varieg., beautiful col. and quality, nice shape and carriage, good front; vhc, Bellamy, short cobby body, nice quality, in A1 bloom. BUFF (7): 1, Drakeley, varieg., capital col. and shape, smart bead and wings, nicely frosted; 2, Mason, head and wing mkd., nice col., shape, and quality, fine back, good wings and tail; 3, c, Hathaway, varieg., rich col., grand wings and tail, good shape and quality; vbc, Hodgkinson; hc, Emery. HEAV. VARIEG. (7): 1, vhc, Hall, varieg., grand quality, good shape, nice col., smart head and wings, in A1 condition; 2, Hathaway, another taking varieg., grand shape and substance; 3, Bellamy, varieg., nice col., shape, and quality, fine back, good wings; hc, Emery; c, Orme. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Whetstone, cl., gem for shape, quality of feather, and finish, smart short flights and tail, splendid col. and condition; 2, Laurance, cl., grand feather, close, short, good quality, splendid shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Emery, cl., nice shape, well cut away, nice feather and quality, good col.; vhc (no name in catalogue); hc, Mason; c, Elliott. BUFF (15): 1, Moore and Sons, cl., very massive frame, capital shape and carriage, nice col., and quality, clean cut; 2, Laurance, cl., good substance, nice col. and frosting, smart head and neck; 3, Garfield, cl., fine size and shape, good carriage, nice even col., grand wings and tail; 4, Mason, very cobby eye and wing mkd., grand col. and quality; vhc (no name in catalogue); hc, Stubbs; c, Oliff. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Moore and Sons, neck mkd., magnificent size and shape, good substance, nicely rounded chest, fine level back, good col. and quality; 2, Garfield, head and wing mkd., beautiful col. and quality, nice shape and carriage, A1 bloom; 3, R. Hall, cl., nice col., fine back and wings, good back and tail, grand feather; 4, Wilcox and Sons, very typical cl., capital col. and form; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Laurance; c, Elliott. BUFF (21): 1, Nutt, head ticked, wonderful shape and substance, splendid rich col., rare head, neck, and back, grand carriage, in good form, will do a lot of winning; 2, Whetstone, cl., very short and typical, nice head, good col., clean cut, also in pink of condition; 3, Elliott, cl., nice size and quality, grand cobby shape, lovely even col.; 4, T. Judd, cl., rare shape and style, capital head and col.; vhc, Tring and Morton; hc, Emery; c, Mason. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Colloby and Brown, stylish neck mkd., capital shape and size, good bead and wings, neat tail, splendid carriage; 2, hc, Emery, smart neck, eye, and wing mkd., excellent feather, nice shape, neat round head; 3, Hathaway, saddle mkd., good shape and col., neat head and wings, A1 feather and carriage; vhc, c, Elliott. MATCHED PAIRS (£2): 1, Hathaway, smart pair, head mkd., buff cock, cl. hen; 2, Lee, varieg. buff ck., cl. hen, nicely matched; 3, Mason, neck mkd. buff cock, yell. hen, very typical; vhc, Searle; hc, Ford; c, Critchley. YORKS YELL. (14): 1, Dykes, charming neck and tbigh tkd., capital length and position, splendid col. and wings, wins well; 2, Bishop, wing grizzle, capital quality, stands well, nice back and flights, in fine trim; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, cl., nice length and position, good col., well up on leg; 4, Millincamp, cl., capital col., good wings and tail, stands well; vhc, Wall; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Peake. BUFF (13): 1, Dykes, cl., tight as a Java, very slim and upstanding, grand quality and col., perfect back, wings, and tail; 2, King, cl., good length, straight as a rush, very good col.; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, cl., good length and feather, rattling quality; 4, Emery, slim and upstanding, capital col. and position; vhc, Bishop; hc, Evens; c, Peake. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Dykes, cheek mkd., warm col., good length and position, nice back and flights, A1 bloom; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, cl. yell., very promising, capital quality, stands like a rush; 3, Emery, slashing cl., rich quality and col., A1 stand; 4, York, typical cl., slim and upstanding, nice col., good style; vhc, Critchley; hc, Andrews; c, Goode. HEN (15): 1, King, cl. yell., rare length, capital feather, grand stand and position, splendid back wings and tail, A1 form; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, cl. buff, straight as a rush, smooth as wax, A1 stand, grand col.; 3, Millincamp, wing mkd. yell., rare length and col., grand quality and stand; 4, Emery, cl. buff, very stylish, racy and slim, good wing carriage; vhc, Bishop; hc, Edwards; c, Dykes. BORD. FCY.: Cancelled. DUTCH FRILL (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dr. Docherty, very fine team, all of good length and substance, wonderful profusion of feather; Mr. C. I. Young entered three birds in this class, only his labels did not arrive in time for birds to be sent. A.V. EVEN: Cancelled. A.O.V. (9): 1, vhc, Barker, capital feathered varieg. D.C., of good size and droop, nice centre, wins well; 2, Midwinter, cl.-bodied D.C., rare width of skull, good quality of feather; 3, Mason, cl.-bodied, light crest, monster, good shape; hc, Smith; c, Taylor.

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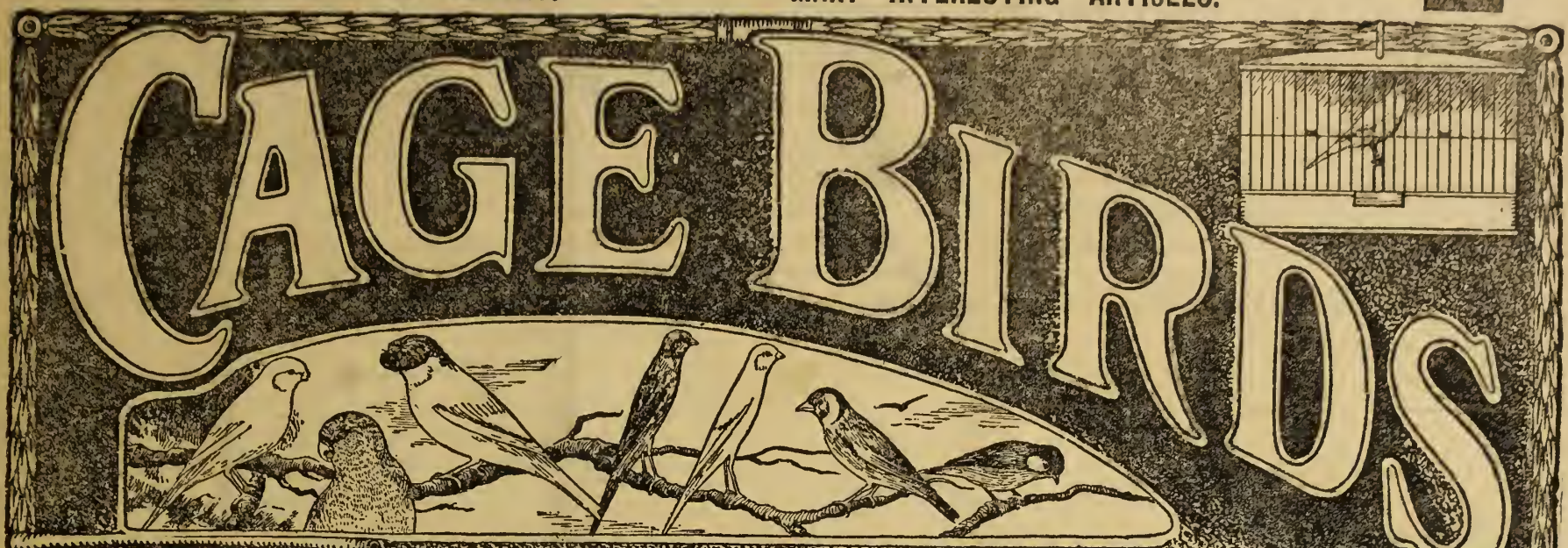
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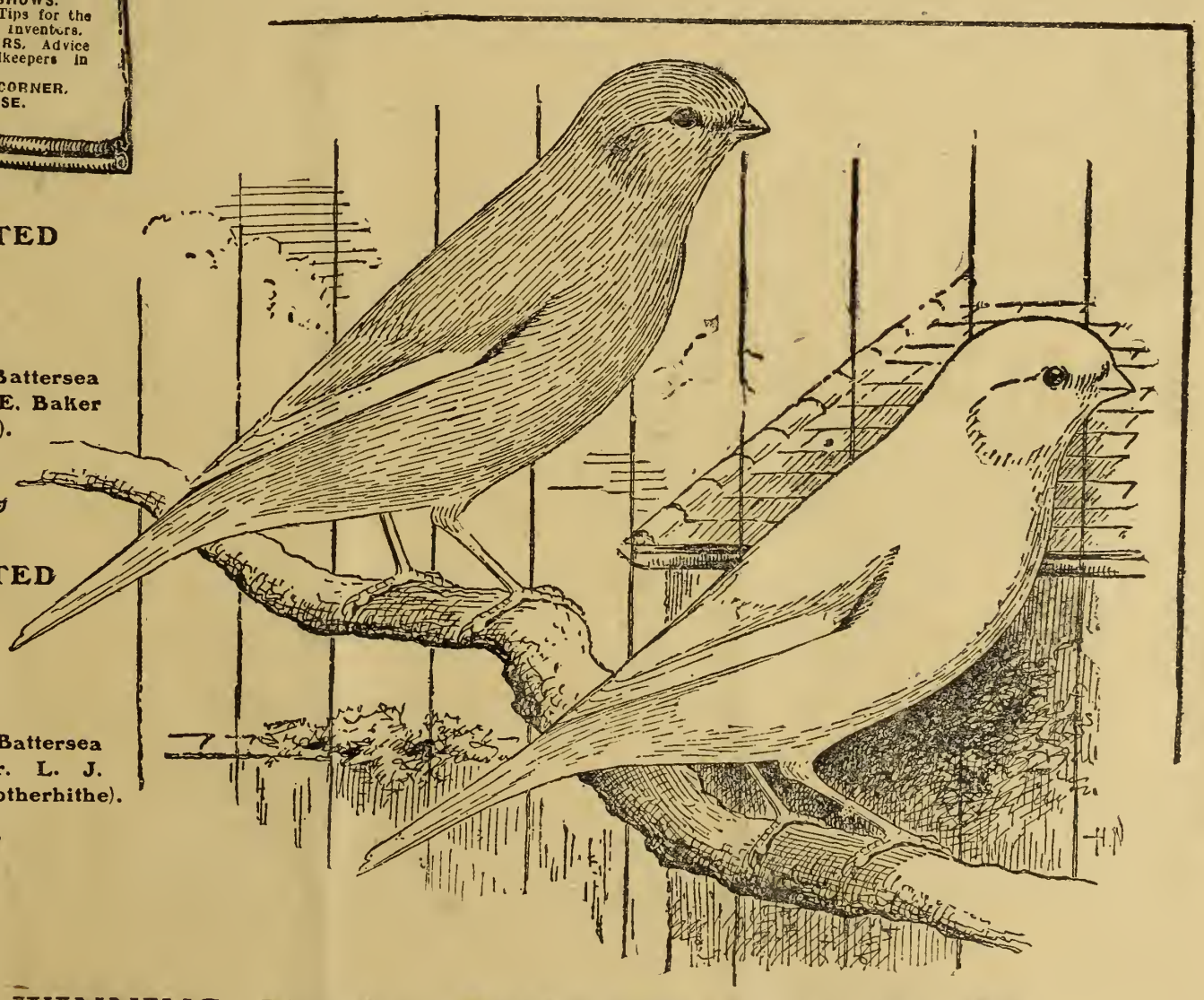
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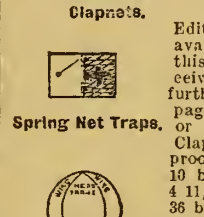
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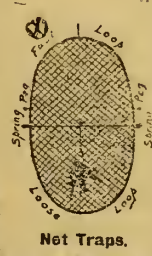




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CLEAR body dark Crest cocks, 2nd Burton-on-Trent last week, £4; variegated Crest-bred hen, champion stock hen, £2; wing-marked dark Crest hen, £2; grand Siskin Mule, winner, 35/-; giving up; no time to attend to them.—Howkins, Oak-st., Burton-on-Trent.

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T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, is open to dispose of his entire stock of Cinnamon Crests, which has no rival; this is a unique opportunity of possessing the best strain of this variety in the world. He has also lot good stock dark and grey Crests, at £2, £3, £4 the pair, certain to breed the best, as no better blood can be obtained; also few show Crests, Crest-breds; approval.

BEAUTIFUL massive green Crested hen, 1908, also first-class Crest-bred cock, 1908, to match, 20/-; also have variegated Crested hen, 1908, and Crest-bred cock, 1908, to match, 20/-; also massive Crest-bred hen, 1908, 15/-. The above are all Barnett's strain, strong and healthy; have bred first-class stock this season; giving up the Fancy; approval.—Samuel Dobb, 10, Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

OXFORD, Peterborough, Burton, Bristol, and Wolverhampton; see reports in Fancy papers; special value in Crests and Crest-breds; two fine show birds, Crested-bred Yellow cock, a sure winner, also a very large Buff-marked Crested cock, with a grand frontal crest and droop, a winner; several highly-bred stock birds, cocks and hens, from 30/-.—A. J. Smith, "St. Ives," Chester-rd., Erdington, nr. Birmingham.

MONSTER clear Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 12/6; monster even-marked ditto, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 12/6; monster clear Crest hen, 11/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, 10/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 13/6; monster Yellow variegated ditto, 12/6; monster clear buff ditto, 10/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 12/6; monster Green ditto, 11/6; massive feathery ticked ditto, 10/6; all massive healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition crest, £1 5s.; monster clear Crest cock, exhibition crest, £1; monster wing-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 17/6; monster green Crest cock, perfect crest, 17/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 17/6; monster wing-marked dark Crest hen, 14/-; massive heavy feathered clear Crest hen, 12/-, gem; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head, £1; monster ditto, 16/-; massive heavy feathered green Crest-bred hen, 12/6; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, 11/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, exhibition bird, £1 5s.; monster yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, exhibition bird, £1; monster Buff ditto, 15/-; monster clear yellow Crest-bred cock, 15/-; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills.—If you want these, see my advert. on page 324, or send for List.—Rudd.

Greens.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, and Border Greens, ready for show; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT Yorksbire Greens, 15/- pair; one pair 4th Middlesbrough last week, 20/-, card sent; approval.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton.

GREEN foul variegated or clear Norwich, cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6, upwards; good stock birds; seven days' approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, bred from winners; approval anywhere.—Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES.—If you want these, see my advert. on page 324, or send for List.—Rudd.

GRAND Buff Lancashire Plainhead hen, over moult, 12/6; worth double; approval.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

GRAND young Lancashire buff Plainheads, healthy cocks, 10/6; hens, 7/6; on approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

GRAND buff Lancashire Plainhead cock, winner, 12/6; also feeding hen, 2/-.—W. E. Markham, 67, Little Clegg, Smithy Bridge.

TWO young large Buff Plainhead cocks, 16/6 each; young Yellow Plainhead cock, 18/6; approval anywhere.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

GRAND lot of young Lancashire coppies and Plainhead yellows and buffs, large and healthy; prices reasonable.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

I HAVE a few good birds for disposal, same strain as my winners Rochdale, Manchester, etc.; price reasonable.—J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.

LANCASHIRES.—I have three pairs for sale, cheap. Yellow coppy hen, winner, buff Plainhead cock, 40/-; buff coppy cock, yellow Plainhead hen, 35/-; yellow Plainhead cock, buff coppy hen, 30/-; few odd Plainhead hens, from 15/-. Approval, deposit; stamp reply.—Laycock, 31, Bankfield-st., Colne, Lancashire.

F. J. GREEN,

late of London and Redhill, has won more prizes with Lancashires this last few years than any other exhibitor, is compelled to reduce his stock, offers some grand Lancashires very reasonable; no better strain living; state wants; no odd Yellow hens; stamp reply.—54, Frederick-st., Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Lizards.

LIZARDS.—If you want these, see my advert. on page 324, or send for list.—Rudd.

REALLY high-class Lizards; 10 pairs to clear from 12/6 pair.—Green (see Lancashires).

LIZARDS, Gold and Silvers, some good ones, broken and clear cap; reasonable.—Wood, 39, Market-st., Hythe, Kent.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

WEST BROMWICH Show; seven open classes for Norwich; schedules ready.

SIX pairs Canaries, 5/- pair; 27/- lot.—Miss Harwar, Slindon House, Bognor.

FOUR cocks, 6/- each; one hen, 2/6, Norwich.—J. Wotton, Brook-st., Brentwood.

NORWICH fed cocks, from 7/6; hens, 4/-.—Billingsley, 99, Manor-rd., Leyton.

NORWICH cocks, fed, for small shows, 10/6.—Cutmore, 15, Stoneville-rd., Liverpool.

BIG Norwich cocks for Sale, 5/6 and 6/6; hens, 2/-, J. Brown, The Green, Brassington.

LARGE Yellow and Buff cocks, 10/6; natural colour.—Horsley, Butcher, Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, also Yorkshires, from 7/6 pair.—Oliffe, Church Green, Witney.

WHAT offers 25 high-class Norwich; must clear.—Price, 239, Blackstock-rd., Highbury.

GRAND young Norwich cocks, 5/-, hens 2/6 each. —Castleman Brown, Leeds, Maidstone.

A FEW good Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for show or stock. Approval stamp.—Dixon, Edgell-st., Kettering.

NORWICH Plainheads, six cocks, 1909 bred, 45/- lot.—J. Ashlee, 20, Buckingham-rd., Margate.

NORWICH Plainheads.—If you want these, see my advert. on page 324, or send for list.—Rudd.

TWO grand 1909 Norwich cocks, 4/- each; two hens, 2/- each.—J. Jeffs, Lyddington, Uppingham.

FEW grand Norwich cocks from 6/6; hens from 4/6.—W. Daniel, 49, Horbury-rd., Ossett, Yorkshire.

NORWICH, own breeding, guaranteed cocks, 5/6, 6/6 each. Approval.—Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham.

FOUR Norwich cocks, two buffs, two yellows, all young birds, 24/- the lot.—Norman Couper, Bervie, N.B.

TWO pair cobby Norwich Canaries, 10/6 a pair.—Mr. J. P. Wilson, 19, Ann-st., Kendal, Westmoreland.

FEW high-class Norwich Plainheads, 1909, fit to win; approval.—J. W. Routh, 14, Chalon-st., Ipswich.

FOUR Norwich Buff hens, 2/6 each; fed Buff cock, variegated, 7/6.—R. R. Forster, 137, Magdalen-st., Norwich.

FOUR 1909 cold-room Norwich Canaries, 3 cocks, 1 hen, bargain, 9/6 to clear.—Lloyd, Dover-place, Aberdare.

TWO Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; good cock Goldfinch mule, 10/-; Linnet muler, 5/-.—Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon.

FEW good young colour-fed Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6 and 4/-.—Mrs. Richardson-Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

EIGHT variegated Norwich hens and three cocks for sale, chiefly 1909 birds.—Harmer, Risden Cottages, Hawkhurst.

BEGINNERS' Chance.—Beautiful Norwich pair, buff cock, yellow hen, 6/-, stamp.—Townend, Nelson Lodge, Bognor.

CHAMPION Norwich, show or stock, from 15/- pair; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

GOOD Norwich for sale, bred same as my Clapham winners; a few only, state wants.—T. G. Morris, 57, High-st., Tooting.

NORWICH cocks, 1909, own bred, from 6/6 each; hen Mules, 1/- each.—Brown, 4, Shaftesbury-st., C.-on-M., Manchester.

NOTICE.—Grand warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle-Douglas.

LARGE typical Norwich yellows and buff, cocks 10/-, hens 3/-; bred from winners.—Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

25 NORWICH, grand quality, lovely colour and feather, all bred from winners; will sell at half price to clear.—E. White, Shepherd's Station, Cornwall.

A FEW good Yellow and Buff hens from 10/- each; approval; see report of Ayr Show.—D. Devoy, 23, George-st., Stranraer.

PRIZE BRED Norwich, ready for showing. Giving away, so must clear; approval, deposit.—Thomas, 12, Queen's-rd., Ashford.

TWO unflighted colour-fed buff Norwich cocks, 6/- each; inspection invited.—Bosworth, 24, Sartoris-rd., Rushden, Northants.

FEW good Norwich, colour-fed, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval, deposit.—Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

FEW high-class Norwich for sale; same strain as my winners; stamp reply.—R. W. Mercer, 175, St. Huberts-rd., Great Harwood.

NORWICH; typical hens from 3/- upwards; Crest and Crest-breds cheap; approval.—J. Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham.

TWELVE smart young Norwich hens, good size, warranted clean, healthy, 18/-; cocks, singing, 4/3. —Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/; hen pairs, sell cheap in one lot; approval, deposit.—Garrett, North-rd., Brentwood.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, sure winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval.—M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

LARGE young Norwich cock, 6/-; hens, 3/-; matched pairs, 8/6; cold-room; approval.—John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

GRAND stock of cocks, on full song, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, according to size; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-.—Broadbent, Decorator, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

SMART buff unflighed Norwich cock,, 10/6; good yellow hen, 5/6; approval, cash.—E. Price, Glanbrydan, Manordilo, nr. Swansea.

NORWICH yellow hen, large bird, splendid type, 7/6; greed Crestbred hen, 3/6. Approval.—Mathews, 37, Catesby-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, Yellow and Buff cocks, in excellent condition, 7/6 each; approval.—J. C. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

LOOK.—For sale, 4 pairs of Norwich (Vardys and Sandifords), 36/-; approval; deposit; must sell cheap; —Fed., 75, Scott-ter., Stanton Hill.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, bred from the best of stock; several that can win; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

YELLOWS and buff cocks and hens, for show or stock, seen evenings, Sundays excepted.—McLaughlin, 87, Westlenhar, Harthill, Lanarkshire.

NORWICH, large cobby birds, single or matched pairs, variegated, clear, Buff, Yellow, grand condition; cheap.—Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

EIGHT unflighted Norwich cocks, six Yellows, two Buffs, singing, colour-fed, 40/- lot; week's approval, deposit.—Murphy, 24, Cross-st., Morecambe.

ONE prize-bred 1908 cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6; 1909 cocks, 5/6, 7/6.—Chas. Waters, Queen's-st., March.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

FEW good Norwich for sale; Yellow and Buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/- each; approval, deposit.—Bailey, 153, Hemblington, Norwich.

FIRST-rate Norwich, from 8/6 to 40/-, true to type, fine quality and full of colour; stamp; approval.—Rev. B. Nume, Shirebrook-rd, Heeley, Sheffield.

C. ROBERTS, champion Norwich to be sold cheap, show or stock birds from 7/6 each; state wants; approval.—67, Whitegate-st., Blackpool.

LOVELY quality from 7/-, fit for show; see Wednesday afternoons before sending miles away and paying double.—56, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

FOR sale, Norwich Canaries; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; matched pairs from 15/-; approval.—W. T. Kirby, 14, Renthall-place, St. Thomas, Swansea.

1909 NORWICH. Some really good birds, cheap; clears and greens. Approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—Daniels, 69, Derby-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 15/- pair; kept in cold room, approval.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

SHOW and stock Norwich, fit for novice or local shows; prices reasonable; tick Buff hen, 2nd Carlisle, 50/-; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

IF you want a good show Norwich or Crest, or good stock pair cheap, write to me; approval, deposit Editor.—44, High Mill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

EXHIBITION big ticked buff Bullfinch shape Norwich cock, 1st, spl. Ryde Club, 27/6; grand clear yellow, 1st, spl. Gosport, 60/-; stamp.—Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has grand Norwich Plainhead cocks from 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, etc.; splendid pairs, 8/6, 10/6; approval; cash or deposit.

D. GREENWOOD, 16, Standish Street, Burnley, has one pair of Norwich for Sale, buff cock, and yellow hen, at 20/-, worth double; cash or deposit; stamp reply.

WHOLE stock for sale; satisfactory reason for disposal; 20 pairs, both show and stock, at prices to suit all; stamp reply.—Calderwood, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

A FEW pairs of high-class clear and variegated Plainheads, unflighted; also a few odd cocks and hens; bargains.—Strank, 16, Huntly-terrace, Springboig, Shettleston.

HIGH-CLASS winning Norwich for sale; show or stock; state wants; see Wolverhampton report this week's unflighted class; approval.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

YELLOW and Buff Norwich cocks, Sandiford and Eckersley's strain, cold-room, colour-fed, 7/6 upwards; approval.—Quarman, 35, Stevens-crescent, Totterdown, Bristol.

WINNING Norwich, from 15/-; Ticked Yellow hen, first Clapham, 25/-; cocks on song, 5/6 each; approval; cards sent.—Smith, 58, Carlton Park-av., Raynes Park, Surrey.

NORWICH Plainhead, buff, clear unflighted hen, 6/6; clear and variegated cock, 25/- each; yellow hen, 30/; prize birds.—A. E. Long, 39, Chipping-st., Longsight, Manchester.

LOOK!—High-class Norwich Plainheads, cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6 up.; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, up; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 up; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; if not satisfied, money returned. —Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HIGH-class Norwich, few unflighted yellows and buffs for sale, guaranteed same strain as my winners Burnley, Peterborough, Bolton, etc., from 10/- each. —T. Crimes, 409, West-st., Crewe.

SEVERAL Buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, can win in open novice, brothers and related to my 1st, spl Battersea, Clapham, etc., 15/- and £1 each.—Dixon, 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden.

NORWICH, two yellow cocks, bred from pink-eyed Cinnamon, 10/- each; two hens, yellow green, 2/6 each; Linnets, 2 house-moulted, fit for exhibition, 10/- each; three caught this season, 2/- each; approval, deposit.—Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

LARGE Norwich for sale. Var. buff cocks and hens, 15/- each; two large var. yellow cocks, 20/-, 15/- each; mostly non-fcd. Approval, cash or deposit.—Chas. Murray, Glengarnock, Ayrshire.

LARGE, handsome, rich yellow Norwich cocks, 8/- each, 5/- pair; singing beautifully; perfect health. Cash willingly returned if not approved.—W. Jackson, 12, Oldham-rd., Miles Platting, Manchester.

GEO. BAKER can now offer a few grand unflighted and year-old birds, including Yellows and Buffs, fine type, colour and quality; stamp, approval.—35, Oscott-rd., Perry Barr, Birmingham.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain; few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/6, 8/0, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/0; pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-; real bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Helper.

MR. ECKERSLEY has now some good unflighted and year-old birds ready that he can spare; very smart typical 1908 marked Yellow cock, 30/-; grand unflighted ticked Buff, 40/-.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

WANTED a team of Norwich, every bird must have won in keen competition; also cages, case, exchange one of the finest whole-plate camera outfits in England, all accessories.—Particulars, Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

CLEAN moulted Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/0, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/0, 3/6, 5/-, 7/0, upwards; matched pairs, 7/0, 9/-, 10/6, 15/-, upwards; cage 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester Street, Norwich.

C. E. BROWN, winner nearly 600 prizes, cups, etc.; see latest wins; can offer exhibition or stock birds cheap; my strain winning at all leading shows; cocks from 15/-; hens from 10/-; approval.—Kingswesston, Shirehampton, Bristol.

FOR SALE, from my winning Norwich, large 1908 variegated yellow cock, 3rd Vaynol Park, 15/-; two unflighted buff cocks, 8/-, 10/-; two grand clubby yellow hens, 8/6 each, all fed to perfection.—Owen, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeslon, S.O., N. Wales.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, has decided through ill-health to dispose of all his valuable stock of Norwich Plainheads, from 10/- pair upwards; on approval; grand opportunity for young and old fanciers; worth a visit, or write.

NORWICH.—Smart buff cock, good yellow hen, 7/6 each, 14/ the pair, winning strain; monster buff cock, prize winner, £1 (cost 50/-); typical yellow hen, 12/6 (cost 30/-); selling only to reduce my stock, not having sufficient time to attend to same properly.—Guest, Market-place, Bromsgrove.

CLEAR yellow cock, 1st Cardiff, 30/-; variegated yellow cock, 1st Cardiff, 1908, 27/6; unflighted monster variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, 27/6; monster clear buff cock, variegated yellow hen, 27/6; clear yellow cock, buff hen, 25/-; others from 7/6; approval, deposit.—Thomas, 48, Craddock-st., River Side, Cardiff.

J. BERTIE is, through sickness, compelled to abandon the idea of exhibiting this season. I have now ready some Crackerjacks in Norwich and Cinnamons, for show and stock. Those short thick ones with head and neck in proportion, real typical birds; prices very reasonable; approval; stamp reply.—521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

FANCIER leaving for Canada wishes to sell 10 cocks, Norwich yellow, buff variegated; 20 hens, yell., buff, variegated, green, off champion strain; also one dark yellow Goldie-Mule, muling Twite, one green Crested cock and hen, in one lot, or sell cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; some gems. No approval.—James Smith, 94, Dens-rd., Dundee.

GRAND selection of healthy Norwich, at prices to suit all; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, splendid lot of colour-fed specimens, suitable for small and large shows; cocks, yellow or buff, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; hen, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; enquiries invited; matched breeding pairs, suitable for beginners, from 7/-; all cold-room bred; approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

GIVING up; for disposal contents of bird-room of Mr. Shaw, who has gone abroad; rare chance for novices requiring good stock birds; non colour-fed Norwich Plainheads, reasonable prices; also his breeding cages and accessories; can spare a few of my own unflighted Norwich, all colour-fed, good healthy birds; send stamp for detailed list.—Hoskins, Printer, Verandah-buildings, Dalton-in-Furness.

SIXTY prize and prize-bred Norwich; guaranteed same strain as my solid siver cup winners two years in succession. Some fit for show; real beauties for type and quality, from 8/6 to 20/-; worth double. No higher price, to clear. Bargains without doubt. All colour-fed. Or lot £16. Very cheap. Cash, or deposit with Editor.—Hulley, Crossfield House, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

GIVING up the Fancy, through pressure of business. All my noted winners, etc., for disposal; also cages and appliances. Fanciers requiring either first-class show or stock will find this a grand opportunity to acquire birds got together regardless of time and expense. Please state exact requirements and prices prepared to give, to save unnessary correspondence. Approval on receipt of cash.—Joseph Atkinson, 41, Murrell Hill, Carlisle.

CAP and wing-marked Buff cock, 1908 winner, keen competition, 30/6; clear Yellow cock, 1908 bred, grand head and neck, winner, 30/6; unflighted ticked eye Yellow cock, model for shape, brimful of colour, short flights and tail, winner, 27/6; unflighted clear Buff cock, tip-topper, 27/6; three unflighted Buff cocks, 12/6 each; win at small shows; genuine bargains; grand chance to secure winners cheap; approval with pleasure.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

E. GODLEY, 29, RISHTON, BLACKBURN has now ready some grand Norwich and Cinnamons. **SHOW OR STOCK BIRDS. Stamp, Approval**

J. HODDER,

Breeder of **Champion Norwich, winner of L.P.O.S. Championship Diploma, and Champion Challenge Cup, S.N.P.C. Champion Trophy outright,** also **S.N.P.C. 10 guinea Champion Challenge Cup,** first time last season, and numerous other specials. See show reports, Peterboro', Caterham, Plymouth, Southall, Battersea ,and Clapham this season. **This is proof of the quality of stock I keep.** Grand value in single birds, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs 15/- to 40/-. Prices of show birds on application; approval. Seen any time by appointment, except Sundays.—**6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London (near Old Street Electric Station).**

Winning Norwich.

I have some grand specimens ready for immediate exhibition, direct from our noted Crystal Palace King and Queen strain, finest blood in the world, winner of 5,000 prizes. Grand yellow cocks and hens from 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; buff cocks and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials from birds I have supplied. Breeder 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder and Judge. Preston, Lancs.

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There is only one answer to that:—Best value for the money you spend. This, I profess to give you, whether in a pair at **6/6** or a pair at **£20.** Most people are aware I never myself "show" any birds. That is no reason others in the business should not; we all have a right to do as we like; but, when people advertise winners 8 or 9 months out of 12 and say they breed them **ALL,** I say, for heavens sake let's have something a little more sensible. How many pairs would it take to breed sufficient to supply orders for 9 months; and who is the man that can breed winners by the hundred annually? If he could, his fortune would soon be made. What a **Happy Life** it would be! I do, however, assert that I have had more winners pass through my hands for many years than any other living man (I refer to Canaries). I give here a few prices, all are on approval, and I would far sooner have them returned than not give entire satisfaction; besides, I pay all carriage back—do others? If you do not see in following prices what you require, send for full **Illustrated List,** post free.

CRESTED COCKS, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

CRESTED HENS, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- to 60/- upwards.

CRESTED-BRED COCKS, clear yellow, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; 30/-, 40/-; clear buff, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

CRESTED-BRED HENS, ticked or variegated, 3/6, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; paire matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-Bred, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards, per pair.

PLAINHEADED NORWICH COCKS, clear yellow, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; clear buff, 6/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; ticked or variegated, 4/9, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards.

PLAINHEADED NORWICH HENS, clear yellow, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; clear buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; ticked or variegated, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

YORKSHIRES, cocks, 4/9, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

LIZARDS, hens, 3/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; cocks, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards.

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YORKSHIRES

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WANTED, good Goldfinch; exchange homer cock, double rung, flown Oxford, 198½ miles; pedigree.—N. Green, Pierson-st., Redcar.

WANTED, pair good Yorkshires in exchange for a good brindle bull bitch; birds first.—Thomas, Welsh Stores, Pentre Rhondda.

WANTED, small printing machine (Excelsior No. 1 preferred); exchange prize bred Yorkshires.—Hairdresser, Union-st., Southport.

WANTED, young Linnet-Mules, cocks; will give good exchange in prize Rabbits.—Apply F. Carter, Hairdresser, Paddock, Huddersfield.

MRS. CRAGGS, Sun House, Richmond, Yorks., wants pedigree puppy or Parrot; will give two pair prize-bred show Homers in exchange.

WANTED good Yorkshires, exchange pedigrees Scottish terrier bitch, 18 months, or sell, 35/-.—Barber, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

WANTED offers Canaries, for watch, good time-keeper, warranted five years, sell 12/6.—Walker, Usworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED dogs, Parrots, birds, pigeons, cavies, etc., purchase or exchange other live stock.—Barlowe Aviaries, 33, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, Yorkshires; exchange hand-made cloth hearthrug, 1yd. by 2yds.; value 15/6.—Cooper, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED, Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, for cash, or exchange new pair bird nets, sell, 8/6.—Baker, Specialist, Bedminster.

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries and Mules for cash. State price and particulars.—Jones, The Aviaries, 23, Caerleon-rd., Newport, Mon.

WANTED exhibitors to send for schedules of West Bromwich Show; shee our show advert.; assist good management; don't be a whipper-in.

WANTED to exchange, winning fantails and flying homers for Canaries or British, or exchange anything useful.—Harrison (see Exchange).

WANTED large green or wing-marked Norwich cock (1909), or two hens; exchange yellow cock, or Foreign birds; approval.—P. Brown, Potton.

WANTED, dealers to take weekly supply cock Linnets, 3/6 doz; cock Larks, 3/- doz.—J. Corcoran, Bird Dealer, 36, Devonshire-st., Northampton.

WANTED young, healthy hen Nightingale, will exchange 1909 Sib. cock Canary, singing; approval.—Geo. Knowles, 105, Middlewich-rd, Northwich.

WANTED, exchange English cock Goldfinches for left-off clothing, anything useful; stamp reply.—Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. Catcher.

WANTED first-class team exhibition British, in exchange for Edison home phono., new, value £7; 56in. brass horn, £1 8s.—56, Shaw-st., Runcorn.

WANTED, three cock Canaries or Mules, singing, give beavily silver-plated teapot or cruet, valued 15/-, new; approval.—Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

WANTED genuine talking African Grey Parrot, in Exchange for Graves' English Lever Watch, cost 50/-.—Davis, 77, Argyle-rd., Normacot, Longton, Staffs.

WANTED Canaries, for cash, or exchange Yorkshire terrier dog, 3½lbs. weight, eighteen months old.—George Adams, 80, Cumberland-st., Calton, Glasgow.

WANTED, good show Finch or mule, show cages for same; exchange golden sable collie bitch; sell 30/-; yours first.—Sharp, E. Borlaud, Denny, Stirlingshire.

WANTED lady's cycle or glass for greenhouse; exchange pair of Yorkshires and pair Cinnamons, Norwich.—Wm. Alderson, Greenfield View, Skipton, Yorkshire.

WANTED two pairs children's boots, exchange large yellow Norwich cock, fed; wanted British show cage, exchange show Bullfinch cock.—Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, Siefert Roller Schoolmaster; exchange beautiful yellow Yorkshire cock in brass hanging cage; mutual approval.—Taylor, Daisy Hill, Addingham, Leeds.

WANTED, show Finch or Mule, show cages; exchange three good Canaries, hens, two bred mules, 3/6 each; yours first.—Sharp, E. Borland, Denny, Stirlingshire.

WANTED 100 hen Canaries, any breed, 1/- each given; hen Goldfinch Mules, 8d. each; 500 cocks wanted; state prices.—Raine, 164, Bromsgrove-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, Canaries or good Finches; exchange champion pedigree Fox Terrier bitch, two years; grand brood bitch; sell £2.—Carr, 4, Nowell Parade, Harchills-lane, Leeds.

WANTED 20 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, and Scotch Fancy, must be reasonable for cash, or exchange winning pigeons.—McKeand, 13, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

WANTED matched pair of exhibition Crests, will give in exchange gent.'s silver English lever watch, value 50/-.—Robert Whiteford, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

WANTED any kind of live stock in exchange for a roll of new barbed netting, also a quantity of second-hand natural history books.—DeVon, Ltd., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

WANTED, good strain of birds; exchange strong racquet, drilling machine, pair two-holed pliers, pair of foot prints, and double cutting pliers; all new.—Trevor, 55, Hargrave Park, Holloway.

WANTED, from catchers, any amount of Goldfinches, Linnets, etc.; exceptionally good prices paid; money before birds, if needed.—C. Haynes, Bird Aviaries, 48, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED first-class Seifert Roller Schoolmaster in exchange for new set of adult boxing gloves and cock and hen Goldfinches, twice house-moulted; no rubbish wanted or offered; yours first.—Haines, Charlton, Chichester, Sussex.

WANTED 20,000 cyclists and cycle repairers to send for our wholesale bargain book of cycles and accessories, complete cycles ready for the road, £2 19s. 6d.; reliable second-hand cycles, 25/- each; outer covers, Dunlop or Clincher pattern, 2/11 each; inner tubes, 1/11; free-wheels, 1/6½; roller chains, 2/6; oil lamps, 1/-; plated gas lamps, 1/11.—Smarts, Ltd., Spiceal-st., Birmingham.

NORWICH show case, and cages, must be good, also winning yellow hen, or cock; give in exchange good overcoat, leather motor jacket, valise, goggles, etc.—Particulars, Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

NOTICE.—I will give 12/- doz. for hen Canaries; must be Norwich or Yorkshires; open to buy 100; hen Goldfinch Mules, 10/- doz.; hen Linnet Mules, 9/- doz.; must be healthy birds; senders must pay carriage.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

AGENTS.—Two valuable stock Golden Sebright pullets, near laying, price 15/-, given away free, to first letter opened containing half-crown for safety razor, three extra blades, tablet shaving soap; rare chance; be first, send now.—Huxley, 71, Bedford-rd., Ilford.

WHOLESALE.

Wanted, dealers to send for wholesale price list of colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich; large or small quantities at very low prices, and best quality.—J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

CANARIES WANTED.

5,000 PAIR of surplus stocks wanted, Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Lizards, Scotch Fancies.—Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDS, animals, and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods, moderate charges; all work guaranteed; birds' eggs, etc. Lists, 1d. stamp each.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

REDPOLLS, 4d.; hen Goldfinches, 10d.; or exchange.—Tommy, 13, Station-rd., Wem.

COCK Goldfinches, caged month, 3/6, 4/6; approval. — Thomas Manders, Bioscope, Treharris, Glam.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, card sent, 10/-; exchange for two good singing Rollers.—Gorton, Victoria-av., Wigan.

COCK Siskin Mules, 4/6 each, or exchange for Goldfinch or Goldfinch Mule cocks.—Norris, Hare-st., Romford.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch, six Linnet cocks, for two Redpoll hen Bullfinches.—Busbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

SIX hens, three cocks, hen Mule; exchange cutlery, silver-plated tea service; offers.—Sceney, 286, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

SIX extraordinary large Bullfinch hens, 2/6 each, or exchange cock Canaries.—Russell, 49, Rowley Hill,-st., Worcester.

WANTED boots; exchange five healthy Goldfinches, or sell 1/6 each.—Morrison, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterborough.

BRITISH cock Bullfinch, fit to win; exchange big Siberian hen Bullfinch, or big Norwich hen.—Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

GOOD cock Goldfinch mule, singing, pair Bullfinches, 10/-; exchange good clap-nets.—Bert Rice, Ramsds, Wellingboro'.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, 5/6; exhibition Linnet, 5/-; buff Norwich cock, 6/6; exchange.—Parkin, jun., Liversedge.

TWO cock Brambiefinches, one house-moulted; exchange for cock Goldfinch Mule; offers.—P. Binks, Clapham Cottages, Bedale.

EXTRA large Hawfinch for sale, price 10/-; perfect markings, or exchange for large cock Siskin.—Armstrong, Derwent-st., Stanby, S.O.

GRAND pair buff Pekin bantams; can win, 10/6; 1909 bred; hen, 1908, 3/-; giving up; exchange Goldfinches.—Chase, Fakenham, Norfolk.

LARGE house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, 10/-; exchange good British show cages and case.—A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

BARGAINS.—Cocks, full song, hand-reared Linnet, 2/6; Goldfinch mule, colour-fed, 7/6; pair Bullfinches, 2/-; 10/- lot; offers.—Smith, Tailor, Norton Malton.

EXCHANGE three house-moulted cock Linnets, full song, ditto hen Bullfinch for exhibition cock Siskin, or sell, 3/ each.—Stewart, Stanley-ter., Morpeth.

SQUARE Parrot's cage, 5/-; cock and hen Chaffinch; hen Bullfinch, clean moulted, 4/-, or exchange Canaries.—A. Titch, Market Place, Ingatestone, Essex.

HAWFINCH cock, house-moulted, full plumage; exchange Siamese cat, Yorkshire Cinnamon, Norwich Cinnamon preferred.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

LINNETS, Larks, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, selected, and guaranteed cocks, 6d. each, 1/6 four; exchange anything.—Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

MARCH-Hatched hand-reared cock Blackbird, warranted, 4/6, or exchanged gent.'s umbrella or anything useful. — McInnes, Beckery, Glastonbury, Somerset.

SALE, show Linnet and cage, 3/6; Lark and cage, 3/6; Linnet Mule and cage, 5/-; exchange Goldfinches or light Mule.—Wright, 10, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

EXCHANGE aviary-moulted cock Bullfinch and pair Spice birds, for pair St. Andreasberg Rollers, or sell, 9/6.—Mann, 41, Sumner-st., Atherton, nr. Manchester.

GENUINE bargain, hand-reared Skylark, marvellous songster; bow-fronted cage; 12/6; exchange Canaries, Mules. — 45, Grey Mare-lane, Bradford, Manchester.

TO Exhibitors.—Grand steady cock Nightingale, 20/-; colour-fed Yellow Wagtail, 15/-; both perfect, can win keen competition.—Walker, 122, Burscough-st., Ormskirk.

NOVELTIES; Redpolls, draws water and seed, cages complete, 4/- each; exchange for Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, anything useful.—Buckmaster, 5, Violet-rd., Walthamstow.

TWO Greenfinch mules, two Canaries, 1909 cocks, three hen Canaries, 1907; best offer cash, or exchange anything useful to blacksmith, or wire netting; yours first.—Cullingford, Tattingstone, Ipswich.

GRAND Bullfinches, cocks 1/9, hens (2) 1/6; Redpolls, 2/6 per dozen; Goldfinches, cocks 2/6, hens (2) 1/6; cock Bullfinch, grand specimen, 6/-, or exchange Canarics.—Gamble, 232, Belgrave Gate, Leicester.

COCK Goldfinch, twice housemoulted, bred mules, 10/; another cock Goldfinch, 3/6; green Yorkshire-Norwich cock, 7/6; or exchange for good Roller cocks; approval.—Bennett, 4, Commercial-st., Chesterford.

NO time for showing; splendid cock Thrush, hand-reared, 1st in a class of thirteen, Guisbro' show; see report this week's "Cage Birds," 7/6, bargain.—C. Jackson, 2, Church Street, Guisbro'.

COCK Canary Linnet mule, clean moulted, singling, splendid bird, fit to exhibit, 10/-; bargain; exchange gent's welted glace boots (eights).—Richards, 10, Umfreville-rd., Harringay, London.

GRAND 1909 Roller hens, 3/- couple; three hen mules, 1/- each; one pretty variegated, 2/6; two cock mules, 5/- each; approval; willingly exchange Siberian Goldfinch.—Barrett, 8, Borneo-st., Walsall.

SEVEN cock Linnet mules, four lightly marked, three dark Linnet note; fit show, 6/6 and 10/- each; two Canary-reared cock Linnets, one ditto Goldfinch, large birds, 5/- each; exchange for anything useful.—Wheeler, Coachman, Grillin's Wood, Epping.

EXHIBITION Softbills, three Mistle Thrushes, Blackbird, hand-reared, colour-fed, one Thrush, a winner of many prizes, including show cages; Greenfinch and show cage, winner, cash or exchange painter's tools, brushes, diamond.—Bloodworth, 91, Crooksmoor-rd., Sheffield.

THREE cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, big, fine birds, in song, 14/- for the three; 3 yellow, big Yorkshire hens, Clears, 10/- the three, or exchange white leg cock Goldfinches; a big yellow ticked Norwich hen, a beauty, 5/-, or exchange Goldfinches. —Hepworth, Brompton, near Northallerton.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO Norwich cocks and hen; exchange Rollers.—Symons, 10, Allen-st., Burnley.

COCK Canaries, 3/6 each; exchange Norwich hens. —Barnes, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

Two variegated Norwich cocks, 10/-, or exchange.—C. Mardling, 64, Pinfold-st., Rugby.

YORKSHIRE cock, Bailey-Swanger's, 10/-; deposit or exchange.—28, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

CANARIES from outdoor aviary, healthy birds; exchange anything useful.—6, Tancred-rd., Liscard.

CRESTED cocks, 5/-; also Plainheads and Goldfinch Mules, 4/6.—W. Abberley, Bayston-hill, Shrewsbury.

EXCHANGE Canaries for anything useful; fowls preferred.—Winstanley, Junction-terrace, Ince, Wigan.

SALE or exchange Cinnamon Yorkshire Canaries, anything useful.—Dungwortb, 53, Highfield-place, Sheffield.

NORWICH or Yorkshire cocks, sell 6/- each, or exchange anything useful.—Game, 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield.

GOOD Norwich Canaries for sale; or exchange anything useful.—W. Daniel, 49, Horbury-rd., Ossett, Yorkshire.

SIX Norwich cocks, 6/- each, exchange powerful air-gun, good Lark, or Linnet preferred.—Smith, 92, Eldon-st., Preston.

TWO young variegated Norwich hen Canaries; sell 2/6 each, 4/6 two, or exchange British.—Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

EXCHANGE pair good Yorkshires for pair good Norwich (clear or ticked); or sell, 15/-.—Kennedy, Drygate-st., Larkhall.

YOUNG Canarics, 7/- a pair; cocks, 5/-; exchange anything useful; offers.—Hooke, 2, Lynford Villas, Highland-rd., Aldershot.

HENS; Green Crested Border Fancy, 1908, 9/-; exchange Roller, full song; yours first.—Hatch, 12, St. Mary's-rd., Hastings.

NORWICH-ROLLER cross, foul cocks, singing; foul hens, sound, healthy; offers cash or exchange.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

PAIR prize-bred clear Yorkshires for Crests or Crest-bred, or sell £1; yours first.—Barber, 44, Davy-st., Denebank, Ferryhill.

EXHIBITION Norwich, from 10/-; would exchange young cock for good, square Parrot's cage.—Fuller, 22, Roxboro'-rd., Harrow.

QUANTITY good Rollers, Yorkshires, and Goldfinch Mules, sell cheap; exchange entertained.—Finney, Grocer, Oswestry.

GREEN cock Canary, sell, 6/-; or exchange two good cock Goldies; yours first.—Morrison, Lowpalacecraig, Coatbridge, Scotland.

A GOOD pair of Yorkshires (1909) for a large yellow Norwich hen (1909).—Williams, Greenfields-rd., Burnbank, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE good Yellow Norwich cock for a 1909 Green Norwich cock.—Thomas Barr, 23, Townhead-st., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

GRAND Yorkshires, 15/- pair; exchange for two unflighted buff cinnamon Norwich hens.—Bent, 113, King Edward-rd., Coventry.

FIVE Norwich cocks, winning strain, two 1909, three 1908, sell 22/-; exchange pullets preferred.—Ted Partridge, Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE cock Canary, full song, for two Black Minorca pullets, pure breed; approval.—Jones, Asylum Lodge, nr. Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 7/-; Border cock, 6/-; hen, 2/6; Norwich hen, 3/-; or exchange large Crests.—Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere.

BUFF coppy hen, 15/-; green Crest-bred hen, 7/6; both large birds; exchange large Crest hen.—Chas. Aitken, 3, Forgan Hall, Falkirk.

TYPICAL buff, variegated, Norwich hen (Hodder strain); exchange two good songsters; yours first.—Williams, Cross-st., Deri, Cardiff.

TWO pair 1908 Selfert Rollers, 15/-; cold-room; exchange small mail-cart, pullets, anything useful.—Round, 4, St. James's-terr., Dudley.

WHAT offers in pony harness for six German Rollers, cocks, singing, or young Spaniel?—B. Tibbetts, Villiage, Rowley, Birmingham.

HEN Canaries, last year's birds, in good feather, 2/- each, three for 5/6; young cocks, in song, 5/6 each.—Nicholls, Aviaries, Whitstable.

LARGE 1909 Lancashire-Norwich cock, suit Mule breeder, 17/6; approval; or exchange anything useful.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, Ambler's strain, cock full song; fancy double-breeder, 17/6; or exchange.—5, Bexley-avenue, Bayswater-rd., Leeds.

PAIR Canarics and nearly new breeder, 12/6; exchange Yorkshires, Pomeranian, or Toy pup, preferred.—Keeley, Powncy-rd., Maidenhead.

SALE or good exchange, good Roller cock, 7/6; pair of 1908 Yorkshires, 12/-; two big young cocks, 6/6 each.—Ogborn, 58, Colwyn-st., Oldham.

GRAND pair Norwich, 12/6, Hodder's strain; exchange trousers, boots (8's); excellent pair Crests, 30/-; approval.—31, Eastover, Bridgwater.

TWO good 1909 buff Norwich cocks, fed., for sale, 12/- each, or exchange for songsters to value.—Derry, 319, Dawlish-rd., Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THREE Roller hens, 4/6; two Roller Yorkshires, 4/-; or exchange for slim yellow Yorkshire cock.—Shipley, 64, Victoria-rd., Longeaton, Notts.

SOME good Norwich for sale, single or pairs; will exchange for good Cinnamon hens to value; mutual approval.—R. Dixon, 4, Bowlby-st., Houghton-le-Spring.

SIXTY high-class Yorkshires, colour-fed, feathered to perfection; hen from 3/6; cocks from 5/-; exchange, offers.—Halliday, 38, Manorfold, Baildon, Shipley.

TWO 1908 cock Canaries, pair of Bullfinches, 15/-; exchange cock Goldfinches, Siskins, or British show cages.—Fern, Moorside, Cromford, Matlock.

WILL give ten hen Canaries, and two cocks for exhibition Nonpariel or red-headed Gouldian, or sell 16/-.—James Peters, East High-st., Buckhaven.

FEW good Borders left; exchange set of brass fircirons, dinner set, or anything useful.—Mr. John Hunter, 182, Tarbrax, Cobbinshaw-by-Carstairs.

EXCHANGE prize Borders and feeding Norwich hens, for exhibition British Bullfinch or Siskins.—Robert Calder, 45, East Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock for a Goldfinch and Bullfinch (cocks); yours first.—Thomas Bruce, 39, High Miller-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

GRAND pair of Norwich, matched; exchange for good Scotch Fancy, hen yellow, clear or variegated; approval both ways.—D. Kydd, 48, North-st., Forfar.

MATCHED pairs of Crests and crest-breds from winners, 15/- upwards, or exchange good Buff Coppy cock; approval.—Stiles, 45, Cromwell-rd., Caversham.

EXCHANGE, four pairs of Norwich, grand, healthy birds, for mangle, lady's bicycle, or stout brass-railed bedstead and spring; must be good.—Dance, Police Sergeant, Aylesbury.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for suit lengths, good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; approval.—McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED 160-egg Hearson or Phipps incubator, sound working condition; exchange high-class Crest, Crest-bred Canaries; seven birds, 1908, value £4.—Strawbridge, Alexandra-terr., Wallington.

GRAMOPHONE wanted, also Norwich Canaries (good), give extraordinary smart white English terrier bitch, pedigree, could win, or Canaries.—23, Rylett-st., Lower Broughton, Manchester.

PAIR Seifert Rollers, trained songster, in healthy condition, sell 12/6; also indoor aviary, 5/6, or would exchange both for anything useful to value.—Hawkes, Windsor Road, Chobham, Woking.

EXCHANGE four common hens, two cocks, unflighted, sell £1 5s. the lot; wanted a Lancashire, yellow coppy hen, unflighted; on approval.—M. Welsh, 6, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

YOUNG Cinnamons, marked and greens, all Cinnamon blood, Norwich type; hens, 2/6; cocks, 6/-; exchange good Norwich or Yorkshires, clears.—Stanley Evans, 1, Wer-rd., St. Werburghs, Bristol.

4 LARGE clean-moulted cock Linnets, for cock Canary (singing), or anything; 3 cock Greenfinches, deep colour, fit for show or muling, sell or exchange, cock Goldie.—Bassett, Queen-st., Gravesend.

SALE or exchange six cock Canaries, singing, 5/6 each; four hens, 2/6 each; house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 2/-; cock Greenfinch, bred Mules, 2/6; Greenfinch Mule, 2/-; cock Goldfinch, 1/6.—Potter, 159, Upper Lloyd-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

PAIR of Cinnamon Canaries, Norwich, 7/6; four pairs of Scotch Border Fancies, 7/6 a pair; or exchange for ladies' or gents' boots, drapery dress material, clothes, or household goods, cutlery. —Pinchbeck, 15, Bursar-st., Cleethorpes.

BUFF Norwich cock, 1908, full song, 7/6; two young 1909 Norwich, variegated, Bullie type, as bred, 8/- pair; 1909 Yorkshires, yellow and buff, 10/- pair; many others to spare; exchange household goods.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

REMOVING, must sell 20 pairs Canaries, Norwich, Borders, Yorks., from 8/6 pair, including 22 winners, nearly clear, grand Goldie Mule, winner, £3 10s.; double breeders; or exchange Parrot, gramophone, printing press, aviary, anything.—Morter, Colchester.

JAS. RAMSAY offers a few of his noted pink-eyed Sibs, best strain living, guaranteed light Mule breeders; cock and hens, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each; or exchange British Hardhills, for exhibition, house, or field-moulted; offers, no rubbish; approval.—Primrose-st., Scotstown, Glasgow.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Foreign Seed-eaters for ditto moulted British; offers.—Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

NONPAREIL hen, acclimatised, pair Javas; exchange Foreigners; offers.—Webster, Waterloo-rd., Aldershot.

GRAND Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, and cage complete, 30/-; exchange to value.—Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

BEAUTIFUL Ringneck Parrakeet and cage; exchange Norwich cock.—Leverett, Heptborne-lane, Chesterfield.

COCKATOO and cage, Parrot and cage; exchange gramophone, roller skates, anything; no live stock.—Pillans, David-st., Kirkcaldy.

ADULT Budgerigars, yellow cock, green hen, 7/-; acclimatified; Lovebirds, 3/6; wanted Hawfinch.—Barie-Bayley, Bonhay-rd., Exeter.

GREEN Indian Parrakeet and cage, guaranteed talker and whistler; exchange bicylcle, anything useful.—Meek, Vicarage, Hunstanton.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, commenced talking, very good bird, and cage, complete, 60/-; exchange to value.—Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

PARROT, splendid Amazon, just commencing to talk, with new cage, 40/-; exchange cob harness, Bull pup, or good mackintosh overcoat, 47 chest.—Basten, High-st., Ringwood.

OUTDOOR Aviary Budgerigars; pair Yellows, odd Green cock, fine specimens, 10/-; also pair Canaries, lovely songster, 6/6; exchange.—G. Griffin, Wesleyan School House, Redditch.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

LIVER Spaniel pup, 7/6; or exchange offers.—169, Gilfie-rd., Ystrad, Glam.

PAIR of new razors, value 8/6; or exchange.—Mallinder, 84, Talbot-st., Sheffield.

OILSKIN coat and cap for Goldies and Bullies.—Burkinshaw, Biscay, Wath-on-Dearne.

MAN'S strong metal watch, 5/-; offers.—Johns, 25, Stafford-rd., Southtown, Yarmouth.

SEVENTY birds' eggs, 6 lbs. copper; exchange anything.—Hulme, 114, Nansen-st., Seedley.

EXCHANGE Scotch Blankets (257) for Canaries.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE banjo-mandoline for aviary, Rollers. —Bethell, Clarence-place, Lower Weston, Bath.

GRAND Brindle Bulldog, fit to show; exchange Canaries.—Lenderyou, Berkeley Vale, Falmouth.

EXCHANGE four prize show Homers for good phonograph.—Henry Sissons, Epworth, Doncaster.

WHAT offers exchange silver English lever watch, double-barrel gun?—Hatton, Nelson-st., Brighton.

NEW Mandoline-Harp, cost 40/-; sell 16/-; exchange anything useful.—Perry, Chapel House, Winsford.

EXCHANGE Spangle Bantam cock for singing Canary.—Cox, Margeret Villas, Newhall, Burton-on-Trent.

VIOLIN, bow and case, nearly new; exchange four Norwich hens.—Humo, 103, Eldon-rd., Wood Green.

EXCHANGE, cage, 5ft. high by 2ft. 6ins. by 15ins., for birds; sell, 10/-.—Holland, 26, High-st., Homerton.

BUFF Pekin Bantams, cockerel, five hens, winning strain, 15/-, bargain.—Oliffe, Church Green, Witney.

EXCHANGE 8 pigeons for 2 Norwich hen Canaries.—Delahurty, Artillery Barracks, Great Yarmouth.

200 "CAGE BIRDS," with plates; exchange two cock Goldfinches, or sell, 4/-.—Oakleigh, Station-rd., Bexhill.

PRESERVED CAVY globe; exchange Yorkshires, Norwich, 12/6.—Proctor, Dorset-st., Middleton, Manchester.

WANTED, Waxbills, or pair of Budgerigars for Flemish buck, value 10/6.—Rudkin, Junction-rd., Leicester.

FOR Sale, 50 mice, all varieties, from 8d. pair, or exchange for Watson soap wrappers.—Gardner, Bluest., Boston.

C. P. AVERY gun, 4.10 bore (single), sale or exchange Parrot, anything.—Hayward, Fairmile, Cobham, Surrey.

EIGHT healthy hen Canaries, 16/-; ½-plate camera, quantity accessories, 7/6; useful exchange.—6, Kendal-rd., Hove.

EXCHANGE nice pair 1909 carrier pigeons, for good Roller, in song.—R. Burborough, Asylum, Littlemore, Oxon.

ROULETTE board, with double cloth, good size, sell 25/-; or best offer in Mules.—Taylor, Mutual-st., Doncaster.

BULL and Airdale puppies, dog or hitch; exchange exhibition black leghorns, or offer.—Waller, 6, Alpha-rd., Cambridge.

SIX ivorine-handled knives, and silver-plate cake knive, for three hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

LARGE Palace aviary, 30/-; exchange small mahogany partitioned aviary.—E. Palmer, Lode-hill, Downton, Wilts.

EXCHANGE silver grey doe (Sowter's strain), for Yorkshire hen Canaries, young.—Will Pritchards, Hill Top, Hednesford.

PHONOGRAPH and 30 records; exchange Canaries, songsters, offers; sell 30/-.—Shuttleworth, 7, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs.

EXCHANGE 4 ft. flight cage, as new (and cash), for two cock Canaries, sell 7/6.—Priest, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

EXCHANGE Whippets, two dog pups, for good Goldfinches or Norwich.—Duncan, Hairdresser, Woolman-hill, Aberdeen.

CASH Book, new, cost 7/6, sell 5/-, or exchange Roller, Goldfinches, anything.—Muscett, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod Wells.

GOOD perambercot, cost 55/-, will sell 16/-, or exchange, value 21/-; yonrs first.—Whysall, Wright-st., Codnor, Derbyshire.

GRAND pinfire gun, next to new, kill 40 yards, sell 21/-, or exchange British birds to value.—Cass, 35, Greystone-rd., Carlisle.

WANTED, offers small Foreign Seed-eaters; exchange suit lengths, value 18/6.—Davis, Tailor, Frankwell, Shrewsbury.

EXCHANGE six of my noted spring net traps, large size, for pair Canaries.—Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

A FLEMISH doe, with nine young ones, pure bred, sell 11/-; exchange birds or poultry.—T. Wileman, 13, Alma-rd., Hinckley.

EXCHANGE concertina, by Lachenall, for pair good Yorkshires, value £1.—Page, Luther-st., Calverley-lane, Rodley, Leeds.

DISC machine, 29 10in., 11 7in. records, cost £6; exchange gold albert, or watch.—Taylor, 65, Skipton-rd., Colne, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE 20 prize bred Magpie pigeons, blacks and yellows, for Canarics; offers.—Lake, Wallescote-rd., Weston-super-Mare.

EXCHANGE 5 red Magpie pigeons, ready for show, best strain; what offers in Canaries.—Sturges, Green-st., Northampton.

BARGAIN, will give fox terrier bitch, value 30/-, for pair of good Norwich; offers.—Haw, Lodge, Wyther, Kirkstall, Leeds.

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GRAND Sable and White Collie puppy, champion pedigree, accept 30/-; or exchange.—T. Woodall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

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GOOD country apples, 4/- and 5/- bushel, prompt delivery, satisfaction guaranteed.—C. Clements, Wilde-st., Mildenhall, Suffolk.

EXCHANGE two splendid Sheffield ringer razors, in cases (approval) for three hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE white Scotch Terrier bitch, fond of children, good ratter, for good clear Norwich cock. —McKenzie, Hairdresser, Lain.

EXCHANGE choice collection bush and standard roses for Canaries, anything useful.—Wiltshire, Carterhatch-lane, Enfield Highway.

STOCK of cages, 10 breeders, five flights, sell lot £1; show case, with four cages, 7/6; bargains.—Brooks, 31, Holland-rd., Brixton.

WILL exchange good Black Angora buck, also White doe, both winners, for Yorkshire cock Canaries.—Bratley, Pywipe, Grimsby.

PEN Spangle Bantams, 1909 birds, one cock and three hens; exchange anything useful, or sell 9/-.—Broadhent, James'-st., Thornley.

PAIR Norwich Canaries and double breeding cage, sell, 12/6; or exchange anything useful; approval.—129, Bordesley-green, Birmingham.

FOUR prize Himalyan rabbits, sell 15/-, or exchange for trained roller, rung; what offers, card sent.—Harper, New-rd., Darlaston.

EXCHANGE a pair ivorine-handled carvers, silver-mounted (approval), for three hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

TREADLE fretsaw and drilling machine; exchange cock Canaries, Goldfinches, nets, or sell 8/-.—Lyndon, 354, Garrison-lane, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE, small gramophone and records for Norwich cock or cock Mule; sell 7/-; offers.—Fairey, Elwick-rd., West Hartlepool.

WHAT offers in singing Yorkshires or Norwich for Sandow's developer? Yours first.—Dawes, Quarry-rd., Somerreotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

MICROSCOPE, three powers, mahogany case, quantity micro. circles, forceps, etc., two years old; exchange prize Norwich, or sell 30/-; approval, deposit.—Ashdown, Draper, Reading.

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Bird Medicines:

Their Value and Proper Uses Explained.

By R. SMALLEY, M.P.S.

A Contribution which will be welcomed by all Bird-keepers.

Notwithstanding the numerous books published in the interest of bird-keepers and the mine of useful information at their disposal in CAGE BIRDS, there are good reasons for believing that the difficulties of beginners are almost, if not quite, as numerous as when information was less widely diffused. But with the altered conditions when troubles do occur they are more readily understood and more frequently overcome.

The Selection of Medicines.

Departures from health in the bird-room are common sources of anxiety to fanciers. In many cases, on the cause of the trouble being removed, Nature speedily restores the natural order of things; in others the fancier may well puzzle his brains to find the best remedial agent, such a multitude of reputed remedies is at his command. Care must be exercised in the selection of medicines, if successful results are to be obtained. As a rule those medicines producing mild effects are to be preferred to more drastic drugs.

Having decided on the drug or preparation to be used, the next consideration is the dose. Definite doses should be regarded as the quantities which may be employed for an *average* case, concerning a bird of average size. It will be evident to readers that the dose of a medicine which would be ample for a Lancashire Canary might be more than sufficient for one of the smaller varieties.

The Folly of Using Spoons.

In speaking of medicines, it is quite the usual thing to describe quantities by the spoonful. The folly of using these domestic implements for medicine only needs to be pointed out to be appreciated. Both teaspoons and tablespoons vary so much in capacity that it would be a good thing for the sake of uniformity if fanciers when preparing medicines would use either a glass medicine measure graduated to measure teaspoonfuls and tablespoonfuls, or a graduated measure to hold two ounces. The latter are sold cheaply for photographic purposes, and although not absolutely accurate, are decidedly preferable to metal spoons. Not only do these vary in capacity to a considerable extent, but metal goods, whether for use as measures or drinkers, are not to be tolerated for holding medicinal preparations.

In measuring doses of most medicines a certain amount of latitude is permissible At the same time, abuse of this liberty should be guarded against, as most unexpected results may be obtained by merely increasing or reducing the dose of some drugs. For instance, ipecacuanha wine is recommended to be given in doses of two or three drops for dispelling sickness in the human individual. Given in teaspoonful doses, the same drug is a well-known agent for promoting vomiting. This case is mentioned to show the desirability of adhering somewhere near the dose that has been found to answer the purpose required.

It is well to bear in mind that sixty drops and one drachm are about the same quantity as one teaspoonful. One ounce is equal to two tablespoonfuls, and in the imperial pint there are twenty ounces.

The Value of Chalk.

A few of the medicines in common use are enumerated below. The method by which each may be prepared at home (where this can be done conveniently); also some of the properties and peculiarities, are briefly described.

Chalk being of an absorbent, antacid and astringent nature, is found to be useful in cases of diarrhœa, especially where the fluid excretions are of an offensive character. It is usual to mix a few grains of prepared chalk with a moderately dry milk sop, which is then given to the birds. The chalk used in schools and "French" chalk are quite different from prepared chalk, and should not be used for the above purpose.

Dandelion Juice is a tonic and a liver stimulant. It is obtained from the recently gathered roots of the dandelion, by means of pressure. Roots gathered in the autumn are considered to possess more pronounced medicinal properties than those gathered at other times of the year. The juice is best when freshly prepared. It may be procured from the chemist, and a suitable quantity should be mixed with three times as much water, which is then given in place of drinking water.

A Valuable Tonic.

Infusion of gentian is a valuable tonic and stomachic. For old or young birds it may be used with perfect safety. It is very useful after diarrhœa. The infusion is made on a commercial scale from the roots of plants which have been grown in Central or Southern Europe. A quarter of a ounce of the dried root, a little dried orange peel, and a small quantity of fresh lemon peel, are all thinly sliced and cut into small pieces. These are brewed for a quarter of an hour with a pint of boiling water.

The clear liquid or infusion is to be decanted, and when mixed with an equal quantity of water, may be supplied in place of drinking water. A concentrated infusion eight times the strength of the above may be bought, and is very convenient. Of the lattor, one teaspoonful may be made up to four tablespoonfuls with water.

Infusion of quassia is used in the bird-room for destroying red mite. One ounce of the chips should be mixed with a pint of water and stirred occasionally for a quarter of an hour, when the clear liquid may be poured off and is ready for use. Directions are sometimes given to use boiling water. This is not necessary, as the wood readily yields its active principle to cold water. As in the case of infusion of gentian, a convenient concentrated infusion is sold by chemists.

Quassia preparations, although capable of destroying small insect life, are not poisonous in the ordinary sense. The infusion may be used as a tonic in the same way as infusion of gentian. The wooden tonic cups occasionally met with and formerly very common, are made of quassia wood. It is a product of Jamaica.

A Useful Aperient.

Infusion of senna is a useful ordinary aperient, and may be prepared from senna leaves or senna pods, both of which are imported from Northern Africa and also India. Place in a cup half a dozen pods or about twenty of the leaves. Add a quarter of a pint of warm water, stir well, and allow to stand for eight hours. The clear liquid is to be given in place of drinking water.

In making this medicine, the addition of a little sliced ginger would be an improvement, inasmuch as it would reduce the griping which accompanies the use of senna. In using aperients, it is well to remember that, as a rule, they should not be given on consecutive days.

Iron Preparations.

Citrate of iron and quinine is sold in small glass-like yellowish-green scales. Dissolved in the proportion of one grain to each ounce of drinking water, it forms a valuable bitter tonic, which is largely used during the period of moulting. It increases the appetite.

Citrate of iron and ammonia would be similar in appearance to the last-named, but for the colour. In this case the scales are very dark red, in fact, almost black. It is a useful tonic which is not bitter. It may be given in precisely the same manner as that recommended in the case of citrate of iron and quinine, and, like the latter, is advocated for moulting birds.

Sulphate of iron is a third preparation of iron used for birds during moulting. It occurs in crystals of pale green colour. Half an ounce may be dissolved in three pints of drinking water.

The iron preparations referred to are all used as tonics. They possess astringent properties, the citrate of iron and ammonia in the least, and the sulphate in the highest degree. This property, I have an opinion, has much to do with their relative popularity as mordants during colour-feeding. For this purpose it is usually deemed sufficient to give one of the preparations mentioned two or three times a week during the latter half of the moult.

Iron preparations are liable to discolour glass and earthenware vessels in which they are kept. The stains may be removed with a hot solution of oxalic acid, using an ounce of the acid and half a pint of boiling water. After using this the drinkers should be well washed before being put into use again.

Lime Water and Castor and Olive Oils.

Lime water possesses feeble antacid and astringent properties, and has been recommended for diarrhœa. It should be prepared from selected limestone, which has been burnt, slaked and well washed. Two ounces of this are used for a gallon of lime water (which is made with distilled water). It may be used in place of drinking water, either alone or mixed with an equal quantity of ordinary water.

Castor oil is used for birds as a laxative. It is prepared in France, Italy and India, from the seeds of the castor oil plant. It is usually recommended for birds threatened with inflammation of the bowels, and also in the preliminary treatment of diarrhœa, where this is supposed to be due to the partaking of unsuitable food. It is variously appreciated by fanciers; some swearing by it, others at it. One or two drops are given to a bird the size of a Canary from a taper or warm knitting needle directly into the beak.

Olive oil, also a laxative, is imported from Italy, France and Spain, where it is prepared from the fruit of the olive tree by means of pressure. The dose and method of using are the same as described under castor oil, in place of which it is often employed. Of the two it is preferred by many fanciers. Samples differ considerably in quality, the better varieties being paler and brighter in colour, and having a mild odour and flavour, which are by no means disagreeable.

(To be continued.)

Breeding and Exhibiting Crests and Crest-breds.

SOME ADVICE ADDRESSED TO THE BEGINNER.

By W. HARDIE.

I should like to give a little advice to novices with regard to the exhibition and breeding of the Crested Canary. Nowadays, with such a paper as CAGE BIRDS, I don't see what is to hinder a beginner from being successful on the show-bench right away. The Crested Canary is my special favourite, and for a novice it will be found to form a fascinating as well as a paying hobby. You will always find a ready sale for good Crests; and you have also your Crestbred from which to derive income.

The Buying of Birds.

My first advice to the beginner is that he should buy in two sections—his exhibition birds and his stock birds. That puts him on the show-bench right away. Never buy a low-priced inferior bird, as you will never get good results from it. Buy from an experienced fancier, and upon CAGE BIRD'S deposit system; by so doing you will see the bird you are buying.

To buy a winning Crest and keep it in proper show condition will be the first experience of the beginner. It is a fact that some fanciers believe if anything goes wrong with their birds that they have not been fairly dealt with, when the fault is really their own; so I advise you, when buying your birds, to get the fancier's "line of treatment" sent along with them.

Handling and Washing the Birds.

Many fanciers are afraid to handle their Canaries. Just put that fear from you right at the start; and a Crest is, I believe, the easiest Canary to handle of any. If you watch your opportunity when your bird is settling on a low perch, you can place your hand on it in a moment.

In keen competition, where the points are equal, the bird that is in condition takes first place. To obtain that condition you must have recourse to the tub. A Crest should be washed four or five days before being sent to a show, and should be taken out every morning after, and every slight soil on the crest carefully brushed off. A crest that is what fanciers call horny (that is, with the feathers standing out behind), can be made to lie down by the following method:—Take a small soft sponge, dip it in warm water, and soak the feathers of the crest well; then take a camel hair brush, warm it before the fire, and then well brush the crest down behind until it is quite dry; the crest will then lie quite even all round.

This is the method I recommend for the washing of a Crest. Use nothing but pure soap and water; first bring your water to boiling point, fill two small basins with it, and then allow it to stand until cool enough for washing (the heat not more than blood heat). Upon no account add cold water, as by doing so you harden the water again; also, instead of using a badger hair brush, I recommend you to use a nice soft sponge; you will find this gets into all the dirtiest places with ease.

Keeping to the Standard.

Having got your birds for exhibition you want to keep them up to the standard. You must look to your best bird as your standard, and your aim should be to breed a better. This is where you will require to learn from experience. Your first lesson will be to learn what a Crested Canary should be. First, you want a large mushroom-shaped crest, coming well to the tip of beak, perfect in formation, with dense broad feather, equally radiating from a well-defined centre; good stout body; and tight, compact body feather.

Having now some idea of what is wanted, the next thing is to learn how to breed Crests. Mate a Plainhead with a Crest first. The object for doing so is to maintain the crest. The necessity of this can be proved by successively mating two Crests, which will be found to result in the birds' having mere tufts of feathers on the tops of their heads, with no formation at all. My own experience of double-cresting was that it was very unsuccessful, an occasional good bird only turning up, which convinced me I was on the wrong track. If you do double-crest, the produce must not be paired again with a Crest. If you do happen to get a good bird from the double-cresting, you will generally find that your paired birds were nearly equal in merits.

Where Great Care is Necessary.

Coming now to ordinary pairing, it is necessary that your Plainhead should be a bird bred from at least one Crested parent. You will require to exercise great care in the selection of this bird, as the formation of the crest on the progeny depends upon it. As it is used in conjunction with the Crest (the point of which is size and density of feathers), it stands to reason it should have as large an amount of feather on its head as can possibly be got there.

Next comes the shape of the head. Avoid above all things a bird with a flat skull, as it is impossible to breed a Crest with a nice droop from a flat-headed parent. The head should be nicely arched so that the feather, instead of lying flat on the head, naturally falls over the eyes. Mind that it is equally wide in front. Avoid birds that are narrow in the head. It is not necessary to discard one having a small head, that is if the head is of a right shape; it will surprise you sometimes the amount of feather to be found on a small head.

By mating in this way, say, with two pairs, you will got an equal infusion of Crest and Plainhead blood, the Plainhead being important in order to the maintenance of the formation of the Crest —No. 1 pair, Plainhead hen bred from a Crested hen, paired to a Crested cock bred from a Plainhead cock. Your 2nd pair will then be reversed—Crested hen bred from a Plainhead hen, paired with a Plainhead cock bred from a Crested cock.

I hope these few remarks may be of use to young fanciers, and I wish all success who take up the delightful hobby of Canary rearing and management. I might also say, by way of warning, that Crested birds bred from Crested birds should always be paired with mates bred from Crestbreds.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Crest-bred Lumpy.

A.E.J.—You ought to have said how the bird was fed and treated, and whether it had moulted, or was now moulting. Try following treatment for a few weeks, and if it is not better in two or three weeks, write again and give above particulars, referring to this reply. Keep bird in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily a high one, but equable and regular, and see it is free from draughts, and is not pestered by red mite. Keep cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with three drops of sherry mixed in it. Vary the latter occasionally with a small piece of bread soaked in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture parts hemp, niger, and gold of pleasure seeds, and three times a week give a spray of green food, or a bit of sweet fruit when green stuff is not obtainable in good condition. Limit the diet to this for a month. In the drinking water give six drops each syrup of buckthorn and syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and every alternate day for the rest of the week. On the alternate days in the latter period give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, and continue this every second day for week.

Obstinate Redmites.

In Despair.—Your efforts at exterminating red mites must certainly have left a loose screw somewhere, or they would not have been so ineffectual. The probability is that although you seem to have been very thorough in dealing with the birds and cages, you have omitted to give the same attention to the wall, and the nails or hooks upon which the cages hang. If the wall is covered with paper there is also a great probability the mites find harbourage beneath loose edges or damaged pieces of the wall-paper in the vicinity of the cages. If hanging by a cord from a hook in the ceiling, both cord and hook should have careful attention. Now try washing out your cages in the same thorough manner as before with a fairly strong solution of Jeyes' Fluid, and, bearing the above hints in mind, extend your operations down the last possible harbour for the pest, either upon the cages, cage fittings, wall, or, in short, anywhere in the vicinity, or in contact, with the cages. Get the birds to bathe, if possible, by removing the drinkers when they begin bathing in them, and inserting a bath in the cage to which a few drops of essence of quassia have been added. The example of a free bathing bird would doubtless incite them to emulation. If they still refuse, spray them lightly twice a week for a time, and add a few drops of quassia to the sprayer. Your suspicion that the mites which restock the cages are upon the birds is not very feasible, as red mites rarely remain upon the body of the bird.

Mopy Norwich and Diarrhœa.

W.H.L.—(1) You ought to have said how and where bird is kept. It is possible its age may largely account for its condition, and its wheeziness is probably due to exposure to draughts or extreme variations of temperature. Try following treatment for a few weeks. First of all place it in a position where it is quite free from draughts, and where the temperature is as equable as possible, though not necessarily very high. Feed on a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and gold of pleasure seed. Every second day for the next two or three weeks give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry mixed in it. Two or three times a week give a little green food, or a bit of banana as a substitute. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every alternate day for the rest of the week, and on the alternate days in the latter period, six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, if necessary. (2) The remedy depends too much upon the cause for a general treatment to be given for all cases without any knowledge on this point. Better write again and say how the birds in question are fed and treated. Meantime, give them a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two, and follow this with a small piece of gum arabic the size of a hemp seed.

Baldness and Death.

Ignorant.—It would have been a help in solving this trouble had you said how old the birds affected probably are, and whether kept in an outdoor or indoor aviary. But I think you may at once dismiss this idea that the baldness is a legacy of some infectious disease left by the bird that died two months ago. I rather suspect the bird died from blood poisoning due to absorption of putrid matter from the abscess, and its curious behaviour before the abscess burst was undoubtedly due to cranial pressure. Only a post-mortem could have cleared up the matter satisfactorily. Keep these two birds in a fairly comfortable temperature, free from extreme variation, or draughts, and in a pure atmosphere. Exterminate all trace of red mites from the cages—In this respect look up another reply under heading "Obstinate Red Mite Attacks." Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure seeds, and every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and twice a week slightly dust it with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give a little chickweed, watercress, or a bit of banana three or four times a week as long as the weather keeps open. Encourage them to bathe freely. Slightly anoint the bare places twice a week with a little warm olive oil or sulphur ointment.

Breeding Yorkshires.

P. C., Paris.—If you carefully study the books sent you, I have no doubt you will find the information you ask for in greater detail than is possible here; all the points are fully dealt with. Should you, however, find any point not sufficiently clear, do not hesitate to write and state difficulties. In mating, you must not persistently pair a deep yellow to another; nor should you adhere strictly to all clear birds and ignore those with markings. In either case, your stock would soon begin to deteriorate in colour and quality of feather. The usual method—and it is far better for a novice to observe this strictly until some experience has been gained—is to mate a yellow to a buff. The sex of each colour is unimportant; it may either be a yellow cock and buff hen, or *vice versa*. It is usual, also, to mate a bird with more or less markings with one that is clear, as unless a sufficient proportion of green blood is kept in the birds, the natural deep rich yellow you want to breed will certainly lose tone and depth. The birds you refer to on our front page are both buffs, not yellows, and both are also marked birds. As you may see, one has several dark feathers in the wing—a green mark—and the other a rather smaller mark not quite so dark in colour, which is a cinnamon-mark. It is not true that a Goldfinch will never produce young with a Canary hen that has already bred with a Canary cock. A rather closely inbred clear buff hen is probably about the best to mate up for light Mules. This, however, is a question you should send to our Mr. Weston.

A Possible Clue.

G. Dear.—It seems your last letter gives the clue to all your troubles when you first say that you now find there is a draught from the N.W. quarter, and then ask whether it is advisable to "always have a rush of fresh air right through." That north-west draught—probably a damp, moisture-laden one, too—must be shut out, as also must any other cutting current of air, and there must by no means be a rush of fresh air right through. I would advise you to thoroughly overhaul the structure of the shed, and see that it is really weather-proof. Provide proper inlets for the ingress of fresh air near the floor, arranged so that the current of air is directed away from the birds when roosting, and outlets for foul air near the roof. Fit sliding shutters over each so that you can regulate the ventilation to suit the season. If you carry out this suggestion properly, I have no doubt you will soon find the birds improve. Whilst you are attending to this matter, move the birds indoors, and they will have a better chance to throw off the effect of the last few weeks, and be in a better condition to go back. Do not put them in a warm room, or it would not be safe to return them to the aviary afterwards. After carrying out this work, if you still think they seem to require more warmth, then you may set up a small stove and boiler under a separate cover, outside the shed, and carry hot-water pipes through the wall and around the inside of the shed. Placed in such a position an oil stove will be quite suitable to heat the boiler, but it must be well protected from the weather, so that it does not get blown out by the wind unawares. When you set this going, you must remember that it must be kept up continuously through the winter, or it will increase rather than diminish your troubles. About forty-five degrees will be sufficient to keep the shed at. Do not apply heat until you have obliterated the draught. There is no book such as you require, but "Cage Birds Annual," and the book on Seeds, etc., which you will see advertised in our columns weekly, might fill your want for the time being.

Young Canaries Unwell.

W Coates.—I fear your birds are in a very bad way, and that there must be something radically wrong with your general treatment. On the latter point, however, you do not give sufficient information to enable me to form any opinion as to where or how you go wrong. Under these circumstances I can only ask you to adopt the following treatment and adhere strictly to it for a month, and then report result and refer to this reply. Also say next time how you have been treating the birds prior to this. Put each bird in a moderate-sized box cage, such as you would keep them in for singing purposes. See that these cages are quite clean and perfectly free from insect pests. Cover the floor with gritty sand, and keep the supply clean and fresh. Place in a nice comfortable temperature—not very warm, nor yet on the cold side—where the heat will not show extreme variations, and quite out of reach of draughts. See that all seeds are sound and clean. Feed on a staple of plain Canary seed only, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. About once a week, or three times in a fortnight, you may omit the sponge cake and give instead a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure seeds, and a scrap of green food or bit of banana, three times a week; give no other foods at all for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and then give six drops of tincture of gentain and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for the rest of the week. In the second week give twenty drops of whisky, five each of tincture of lobelia, and oxymal of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the same medicines as in the first and second, respectively.

Losing Feathers.

A.D.—Although you say you have examined the bird and cannot find any Insects, I am inclined to think these pests are chiefly responsible for the condition. Overhaul cage and examine thoroughly for red mites. It is useless looking on the bird for this pest, as it harbours by day in secret hiding places about the cage, or in its immediate vicinity. Scrape out any cracks, holes, or open joints with a pin, and if any mites are discovered thoroughly exterminate them. You might also look carefully around the base of the bird's neck, under the wings, and around the root of the tail, for signs of grey lice. Keep cage and perches perfectly clean, the floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and encourage the bird to bathe freely. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week for a month give a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on two other days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give these two items alternately every second day. Give a spray of chickweed or watercress on the intervening days as long as it is obtainable in good condition, then substitute a bit of banana. In the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and lemon juice, and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week. Slightly anoint the bare places with sulphur ointment, but avoid soiling the feathers as much as possible.

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Crest or Crestbred Unwell.

Querist.—You do not say to which variety the bird belongs. I am afraid the bird will be beyond help when this reply reaches you. If she is not, keep her in a rather warm place, quite free from any draught, and give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days about the same quantity, not more, of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give a fair-sized spray of chickweed, watercress, or flowering tips of groundsel daily as long as obtainable in good condition, and afterwards substitute a bit of banana or sweet apple. Limit the diet to this for a month, and in the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of buckthorn and syrup of rhubarb, and a small pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and every second day for the rest of the first week, and on the alternate days during the latter period give six drops of tincture of gentain and four of aromatic sulpburic acid. In the second week give twenty drops of port wine and six of malt extract every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the same medicines as in the first and second respectively. If you have any mealworms handy, give the bird one each day all through the treatment. Report progress at end of month, and I will advise further if necessary.

Brevities.

Mating Yorkshires (E. Godry).—Save in exceptional cases, where same specific object is in view, it is undoubtedly a bad practice to mate yellow with yellow. For further details on this point read reply to "P.C., Paris."

Diet for Outdoor Aviary (Fred. Horn).—It is always best to give each seed separately in aviaries where there is plenty of space for a divided seed-hopper or several separate hoppers, as this helps to prevent waste. Give an unlimited supply of Canary and summer rape in separate hoppers, and in a third vessel give a mixture of two parts hemp, one part each millet, and black rape, a half part niga, and a quarter part each of maw, gold of pleasure, sesame, split groats, safflower (cracked), and linseed. This mixture is not to be given ad lib, but used in small quantities from two to four, or five times a week, increasing the frequency and also the quantity given at a time according to the severity of the weather. In all ordinary conditions of weather, a small teaspoonful per bird twice a week of this mixture is amply sufficient. A little crushed dry biscuit or sponge cake occasionally may be given, and may take the place of egg food.

To Finish a Cage (R.N.S.T.).—The best way is very much a matter of individual taste. You will find a detailed reply in these columns two or three weeks ago, to which you might refer. But to prevent insect pests, and make the inside "scrubbable," you cannot do better than leave the wood in its natural condition, sandpaper it smoothly all over, paint it over with a liberal dose of creosote oil, let it stand in the open air until smell has passed off, by which time the oil will have penetrated into the surface and joints of the wood, and the wood will have had time to dry. Now give it three or four coats of thin shellac dissolved in methylated spirit until of the consistency of thin cream. Allow each application to dry before applying another. This will make the wood practically waterproof, and the cage will bear the maximum amount of scrubbing. Good enamel makes a very good finish for cages, and is quite washable, but you must not expect it to withstand scrubbing. If the cages are well put together, washing with a fairly strong disinfectant, without vigorous scrubbing, should be effective. Sky blue is a nice colour for variegated green, or dark plumaged birds, so is a light pea-green. Autumn green or a medium blue is better to show up clear birds.

Colour d'rose (V.M.M.T.).—I am not aware of any variety of Canary that could be properly termed rose coloured. It is just possible you may have in mind some such terms as "red fed," "red hot colour," "a hot one," etc., which are often applied to colour-fed specimen. These terms, however, do not imply that the specimen is really red, or even rose coloured. Colour-feeding can only be done whilst a bird is moulting, and it is now too late to start the process, even if you wished to do so. If you keep your eye on our columns next July and August, you will glean lots of particulars about the process, and can then carry it out.

Not a Hustler (Harry Giffard).—I rather fear you would like to reach the summit of the ladder of fame with the minimum of effort or trouble. If you have reared very successfully, and now cannot see the profitable side of the hobby, simply because you cannot sell your stock, you should hustle a little and make them go. Why not advertise them? The very fact that our advertisement columns are so well patronised is proof that a market exists for your stock. There is no very practical way of allowing birds to fly loose, and breed indiscriminately, and yet keep them select—not even if you bought prize winners to start with. The price of a pair depends much upon the vendor and his knowledge of the bird. It is not essential, though undoubtedly helpful, to be an exhibitor at shows in order to be able to sell your birds.

Crest-Bred Thick (T. Remmett).—As you seem satisfied the bird is not exposed to draughts, note also whether it is subject to fluctuation, such as being near the heat from a fire by day which is extinguished at night. If so, move it further away from the source of heat, but still keep well out of draughts, so the temperature is more equable. See it is not troubled with red mites, and reduce it to a plain diet for a fortnight or so—give plain canary seed only, and every second day separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of bread and milk, pressed very dry, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Give a little green food, or a bit of banana or boiled carrot as substitutes three or four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops each dandelion juice, syrup of rhubarb, and a small pinch of Epsom Salts daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, and on the alternate days in the latter period six drops tincture of gentain and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. During second week give twenty drops chemical food in the water each day.

Roller Matters (J. P. W.).—A nicely trained bird for ordinary singing purpose would cost about 10s. 6d.; better trained specimens, usually termed schoolmasters, from 15s. to 25s. The more highly-trained specimens, such as contest singers, may run up to £5 or more. As an ordinary singing pet, the half-guinea bird should prove satisfactory. I do not think there is any preference. On the other hand, the Teuton pays such great heed to song, and song alone, and has so much greater and better facilities for scientific training, that, save in exceptional cases, I should be inclined to give the preference to imported birds. As before stated, a box cage is decidedly preferable. You may, however, make a very fair substitute by covering the ends and one side. One objection to the method is that the bird will probably spend a good portion of its time in playing with the cloth and trying to unravel it instead of singing. If you adopt this method, remove cloth once a week and immerse it in boiling water. This will help to prevent red mites getting a footing. Sorry I cannot name any dealer, for reasons which must be obvious. Wait another month, until the birds have had a little more tuition, then have one on approval, and deposit cash with our Editor. I advise a 1909 bird.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hybrid Breeding.

A Bird Lover.—1. A hen Siskin has been known to bring up her young successfully in a cage. But this is the exception rather than the rule. As I have often said, no hen British bird can be depended on in this respect. It is always safest to transfer the eggs to a hen Canary. I have found cock Redpolls good fathers, many of them helping to feed the young; sometimes they are mischievous and pull the nest about when being built. 2. CAGE BIRDS will very soon have such a book out on sale. 3. There are several crosses you can try for with the cock Redpoll, viz., with Bullfinch, Siskin, Goldfinch, Linnet, Twite and Greenfinch hens. I, personally, think the three first-mentioned matings produce the handsomest Hybrids.

A Trio.

Spivinix.—1. I think the Linnet-Goldfinch Hybrid well worth trying for, the young being handsome birds (the males). You are feeding very "high"; niger should not be given in the stock mixture. They might rear their young in a cage. Hen Goldies have many times been known to succeed. Note reply to "A Bird Lover." 2. As I am not the Canary specialist, I thought the hen Bullie was the bird emulating Johnny Trundley. However, treatment mentioned will answer for either. You ought to give at least six doses of syrup of buckthorn (4 or 5 drops) with a day's interval between each. The seed mixture will make a very good one for the winter. 3. The Linnet may fill the eggs this next season with another hen Canary. I suppose you saw to it that he was in full breeding condition?—blue beak, fierce song, etc. It is but seldom that a steady Linnet will not breed Mules, if he is in the right condition. In fact, I always recommend the beginner to try his prentice hand upon Linnet Mules.

Keeping a Jay.

A Young Beginner.—The two essential things to ensure perfect plumage are (1) a very big cage, with the perches placed well away from the sides, to prevent fraying or breaking of the wing and tail feathers: and (2) a very large and suitably deep bath (dish) filled with clean water every morning. I might add a third item, which is, keeping the cage scrupulously clean. "Sharps and bread, mixed," can be improved upon as a food, I think. Try this method. Any good brand of dog meal (such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Meiox") makes an excellent stock food. It should be soaked with hot water, and then reduced to a crumbly consistency by the addition of a little packet Thrush or Lark food. Also, of course, give the table scraps (including meat and greens), as at present, dead mice, Sparrows, etc.; a raw (or cooked) egg now and again is a great treat. These members of the Crow family must have flesh food fairly frequently if they are going to live and really thrive in captivity—for instance, mice, Sparrows, and other small birds, beetles, pieces of rabbit, the "innards" of fowls, etc., scraps of raw beef or mutton, etc.

Concerns a Thrush.

Loco. H.B.—It is curious to hear of a Thrush which "will not bathe." It is usually difficult to keep them out of the water. My own Thrush is always eager for a "tub." I should certainly spray the bird lightly; he will soon get used to it. Instead of the bread-crumbs, use scalded "Melox" in the way so frequently recommended by me. You will find it by far the best. Probably you would find peat moss litter (that broken up very finely) the best for use on the cage bottom. It is obtainable from any good corn dealers, or poultry food stores. Do you give the bird a little live food now and again? They are also fond of ripe berries, many kinds of which are now obtainable. All birds are the better for variety in their food. I have never tried using plaster of paris to fill up the cracks in a breeding cage. Have found some good putty answer every purpose, especially with a good thick coat of enamel or distemper put on top of it.

A Chaffinch.

L. Pryer.—It may be quite correct that the bird has not yet moulted, though it is, as you say, late in the season. A "box exhibition cage" is not suitable for continual use, for it will, of course, be rather small. A Finch stock cage (all makers supply them) about 16ins. long will be far better for everyday use. The Chaffinch will sing and thrive well in this. However, as you will know, you cannot expect the plumage to come right until the bird has moulted. You could improve its food by adopting the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed, half a pint each. To this a half-plot of sunflower could be added. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. An occasional mealworm, flies, etc., are relished.

Black Mules.

G. Dodd.—I do not think you will find the "black" Goldfinch-Mules bring you any particular high price. They are of no use for exhibition purposes (not being "rare-feathered British birds" within the meaning of the show schedules); in fact, are purely and simply freaks, for which you may find purchasers willing to give a few shillings more than ordinary dark Mule price. "Black" Mules

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are not particularly uncommon either. I have seen and heard of a good number during my career in the Faocy. It is said that improper feeding will induce melanism (as it is called) or a bad moult. It this is so, then the birds may moult into normal colour next season. The black coloration must be due, it is fair to assume, to some disordered condition of the colour-producing pigments of the blood.

About Two Blackbirds.

E. M. Roberts.—If you need a recipe for a cold cure, I gave one last week in reply to "A Thrush Puzzle." It is not necessarily "dangerous" for any bird to miss a moult. I have known many do so, and nothing serious happen afterwards. At the same time, it is unnatural, hence is always more or less disquieting. You certainly have nothing to worry over, however, so long as your Blackie keeps in full song and seems so healthy. The menu you detail is a good one, and no doubt meets their wants thoroughly—this, indeed, is evidenced by the fact that you have kept them five years. For the second bird mentioned, you should get a little flowers of sulphur from a chemist, and mix amongst its soft food daily as much as will cover a shilling. Continue this for ten to fourteen days. If the place seems scurfy-looking, anoint it two or three times at daily intervals with a light touch of carbolic ointment.

Ailing Linnet-Mule.

F. Yardley.—Am glad to know that the treatment advised has helped the bird to pull itself together. You should not have given the Epsom Salts after the syrup of buckthorn, however; to keep on purging a bird is calculated to weaken it. It would have been far better to have kept on with the syrup in tiny doses (three or four drops). I am of opinion that it is always best to keep ailing birds in a heated room—it need not necessarily be a hot room. Try the Mule now with a little thistle and maw seed daily, in addition to the canary seed, and also give half a teaspoonful of cracked hemp. You could give this one day, and a little soft food the next day. Probably a tonic would aid complete recovery—say Parrish's Chemical Food (from a good chemist), a small teaspoonful in two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Don't let the bird become costive; resort to the buckthorn on any sign of this.

Goldfinches & a Heating Problem.

J.C.L.—Did you not see the coloured plate issued in our last Birthday Number (in January) on which were depicted both cock, hen and young Greypates)? This and the accompanying article by that well-known fancier, Mr. Prior, should supply the answer to many of your questions. The wing butts of the cock Goldie are a jet-black, sometimes with a greenish cast, whereas in the hen they are brownish (or greyish) black, and her blaze is much smaller, hardly ever extending backwards to the middle of the eye, while she is shorter and rounder in the head, when viewed in profile. The food when moulting I dealt with fully some two weeks ago. Here it is in brief. Let the stock food be good, sound teazle seed three parts, Canary and linseed one part each. In a separate dish give a teaspoonful of good old hemp seed one day, and a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower seed the next day, with a good pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. Don't give hemp freely until the moult is drawing to a close. A little wild seed mixture is also excellent. Above all, however, the bird must have a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, when in season, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. Many like a tiny white mealworm (just cast its skin) or two now and again. He should have provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important. Failing this he must be sprayed on all suitable days. You cannot use a common oil lamp without more-or-less smell unless a "jacket" connecting with a fume pipe is placed over it, and the latter carried outside the bird-room. It would cost but little.

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Brevities.

Song of Young Thrushes (Mrs. Evans).—The young cock Song Thrush practically always commences to warble (just to try over) his song while still in nestling plumage. I have always found them do so. When they are moulting they go off song, of course, until the plumage has been fully reproduced, when they soon start to whistle in earnest.

Soft Moult (Novice).—You cannot do anything with a bird that is well advanced in "soft moult," except to let him go through with it. Feed him well, and keep him out of draughts, for preference in a comfortably warm (not dead cold) room. Try the following medicine for a week or so. Get one ounce of citrate of iron crystals from a chemist, and in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve (fresh daily) as much as will just cover a threepennybit. Use a glass or earthenware vessel only to give it in.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

A Non-talking Amazon.

Ruabon.—Of course, individuals do turn up occasionally that will not trouble to interest their owners by speechifying, but such are not the rule, and exceptional. As the passive method appears to have failed with your bird, I should most certainly try the constant repetition method. Try it with a word to begin with and keep at this till it is thoroughly learned before beginning another. The best time to talk to a bird is when it is restful after a meal; it may not respond then, but it cogitates, and they usually come out with the word or sentence when least expected. I should also whistle to it and generally make a fuss of it. It is a Blue-front, and most of these birds make excellent mimics and talkers, though their articulation is not so clear as that of a Grey. I should say, judging from past experience, that you will yet be as gratified with your bird as you are now disappointed.

Another Feather Puller.

G. G.—It is tiresome work checking one of these birds which has become confirmed in this most annoying habit. Some never give it up once it is fully assumed; but I hope it will not be so with your bird. You must continue with the treatment already advised. Try it with a little boiled maize daily, over which you must dust flowers of sulphur. Note, the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. Also continue to use the pyrethrum powder; but on all warm genial days, when you can safely do so, spray it with chilled quassia solution. In the course of a few months the heated condition of the blood may yield to the treatment, and the habit be gradually laid aside, possibly disappearing entirely with the following moult. I shall be glad to hear later how the bird is progressing, and hope to hear of an improvement. Give it cotton reels, sticks of wood, etc., to play with and chip up instead of its plumage.

Foreign Birds for Cage.

E. H. L. W.—I am assuming from the manner in which your query is worded, that you do not desire to breed, but merely to have a mixed series of pleasing little birds in your cage. Common and Green Avadavats are charming little birds, and have a low, sweet little song that is very charming. The same applies to the Zebra, Waxbill, also the St. Helena Waxbill and the Grey. You could have a pair each of these charming birds in your cage, also a pair of Grey Singing Finches, and you would then

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have plenty of song. The above birds would thrive on canary, white and spray millet seeds, with lettuce and a little ripe apple as green foods. Of course, grit, cuttlefish, and water must be supplied. Stretch some twigy branches along the back of your cage and put up a row of, say, half-a-dozen cokernut shell nests; push a little hay into each, and the birds will make these snug nesting and sleeping places. Get "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert in this column); it will help you greatly.

Budgerigars Sneezing.

T. J. C.—Get the following mixture from your chemist: ipecacuanha wine, oxymal of squills, and glycerine. For use, take two parts of water to one of the mixture, and do not give any plain drinking water till the birds have had a good drink of the medicated water; as a rule, if the drinking water is removed overnight, the birds will readily drink in the morning. Also get a small camel-hair brush and bathe the birds' nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline. I very much fear the cock bird will not recover, as it very much looks as if it had pneumonia; in such case it will not last long. A greenhouse is a very unsuitable place for birds on account of the variable temperature, and it is positively dangerous unless draught and damp be eliminated. Give it a little lettuce (fresh), supply a few oats, but keep for the staple diet canary, white and spray millet seeds. This species is better without heat, but even the hardiest species cannot be subjected to draughts with impunity.

A Feather Puller.

W. E. Hawley.—Give this bird, so long as its voidings are not watery, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water (one ounce of water to one teaspoonful of magnesia should be sufficient for each dose) every third day, and give no other drinking water till this has been consumed. Steep or boil some maize (it only keeps one day after boiling), drain off all water and well dust with flowers of sulphur; also when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. You will have to persevere with the treatment, as this annoying vice is very difficult to cure once it has been taken up. You do not give me details of diet, but seed mixture, boiled maize, ripe fruit, with plain biscuit, cuttlefish and grit should all be given; but do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. If you suspect parasites, the remedies are, dusting with pyrethrum powder or spraying with quassia solution, preferably use both till the pests are eradicated. Hope the bird will soon improve.

Birds for Profit.

Bill Sykes.—I am sure nothing in this life is certain, much less profit on Foreign bird breeding. Nevertheless, you get plenty of interest, and with ordinary luck should manage to pay your seed bills. Re Budgerigars, these with ordinary luck should more than pay their own keep. Either or both the booklets "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" and "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert. in this column) should prove of great assistance to you. I fear again exhibiting birds for profit is very much of a lottery, and unless you are prepared to buy rare and beautiful birds at a high figure, in certain classes your success would be but small. To be quite plain, if you can manage either two aviaries or two indoor flights (cold room), and keep one for Yellow, the other for Green, Budgerigars, this would be your best procedure, and you should do very well with them, providing you have a market for them in your locality. In large box cages you should have fair success with Zebra Finches, White Java Sparrows, Cutthroats, and the like, all of which are cheap. From the nature of your query I should advise you to make a start with the Budgerigars, and to gradually increase your stock and "feel your way" with other species gradually.

Brevities.

Alexandrine Ceasing to Talk (Avis).—I cannot answer fully till I have more data to go upon. Please inform me how you have been treating this bird—diet, etc. In the meantime, give it two doses Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), with two days between each. It is not safe to pass mopiness by, as it is mostly caused by indisposition of some degree. At the same time, birds, like humans, are out of sorts at times, and on such occasions lose their vivacity and speech for a short period. But if you supply me with full information. I can advise you more satisfactorily.

Zebra Doves Wintering (C. C. Brown).—I cannot answer till I know your county and the kind of aviary. Speaking roughly, if you have a good weather and damp-proof shed for them to retire to at nights, providing your county is not too Northern, they should be safe. With a proper shelter I should have no hesitation in keeping them out-of-doors in London. They would agree well enough with the Weavers and Cardinals, but would be the better for a little Dove mixture in addition to the canary and millet. A piece of rock salt is very wholesome. All conifers, spruce, bamboo, and fruit trees do well in an aviary, providing the birds are not too numerous; but Cardinals, Canaries, and the like make sad havoc with growing bushes. However, those named survive well, as also do hops up the standards, besides being very ornamental when in fruit. Grass and weeds should be sown underneath the bushes and left to run wild.

Budgerigars With Canaries, Etc. (Novice).—No, I cannot advise you to keep Budgerigars with your other birds, unless your aviary is very much more extensive, and even then there is a risk of slaughter and mutilation. By far your better plan would be to get pairs of Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, and White Java Sparrows. You would probably meet with fair breeding luck with them, and with the exception of the White Javas, the sexes can be readily told and their treatment is very simple, all being hardy. The male Zebra has chestnut-coloured ear coverts and flanks, and a black and white barred throat and chest, all of which features the female lacks. The male Cutthroat can be distinguished by his crimson collar; and the hen White Java has a narrower and more pointed beak than the male. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 from this office, post free, should be a great help to you.

What Jay? (Quong Sing).—The plumage of the various species, especially the Mexican and Brazilian species, varies to such an extent in the arrangement of the colour areas as to make identification very difficult, and I am a little in doubt. However, I will try and settle the point for you next week. These birds are almost omnivorous, and can have almost anything they will take—coarse seeds, ripe fruit, table scraps, little cooked meat, and as much live food as you can collect, milk puddings, sops, etc. I should hesitate to subject them to frost without carefully testing them. At the same time, if they were not kept in too confined a place, I should imagine they would fare well enough in a cold room. I consider their cage should not be less than 2½ft. long by 18in. wide by 2ft. high. Their value is roughly 30/- to 35/- each.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (F. Couzens).—Bird-fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Photo (F. Cockerill).—Thanks; we shall be pleased to publish the photograph in due course.

A Suggestion (Tin Tack).—We will endeavour to fall in with your suggestion, and thank you for calling our attention to the matter.

A Letter (J. Bertie).—Crowded out of last issue owing to pressure on space.

A Pull-line Swivel (J. Kavanagh).—Probably it is in our artist's hands waiting its turn to appear.

A Plate (T. W. Quarmao).—Thanks for your letter. We shall be issuing a plate in the near future which we think just meets your desire.

CLUB NOTICES: continued.

Stirling O.S.—Nov. 13, Douglas Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for show, Nov. 20.—G. Hislop.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 9, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30. Supper (9d. each), afterwards washing exhibition by Mr. H. Sutcliffe; friends cordially invited.—H. Martin.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Boilermakers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, near Openshaw, 8. Settlement annual show business; receive entries and table show, etc.—F. Washbourne.

South London Col. & F.A.—Nov. 11, Royal George, Tanners Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. Election of stewards for show.—G. A. Jeffreys.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30.—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition.—Duffield and Jennings.

Winghill Shipley O.S.—Nov. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Open show.—E. Boardley.

Windsor C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Star and Garter Hotel, 8.15.—E. A. Stickland.

West of Scotland.—Nov. 6, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram St., Glasgow, 7.30.—Revising schedules, etc.—G. Smart.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show, birds must be staged promptly; judge, Mr. R. Halliday.—E. W. Johnson.

West Stanley & F.S.—Nov. 6, Commercial, 7.30.—J. Cousins.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Nov. 9, headquarters. Schedules and tickets of show, Dec. 4, ready.—T. Callegari.

Yarm, Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Town Hall, 7.30.—Wilkinson and Danby.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Accrington C.B.C.—Nov. 11, Central Conservative Club, 8.—W. Philpott.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for show.—W. Richinson.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Nov. 9, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 7.30.—Open Show business; last meeting before Members' Show.—W. Massey.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8.—M. Skirrow.

Bury C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Textile Hall, 7.30. Show business.—H. Jameson.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Washing competition, good special and cash prizes, fee 3d; fanciers invited.—F. Gelder.

Bramley O.S.—Nov. 6, Carnival Rooms, 7. Washing competition for members, Mr. W. Richmond judge.—A. H. Craven.

Beamish C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Bird Inn, 7.—M. Crosby.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Good Templars' Hall. Annual Club Show.—R. Whitton.

British Roller C.C.—Nov. 9, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Members please bring birds.—J. W. Norris.

Clapham C.B.A.—Nov. 8, Avoodale Hotel, 8. General Show business.—A. C. Askew.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—R. Lambert.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 8, Church Institute, 60 Paddington Street, Marylebone, W, 8.30. Washing competition, Judge Mr. H. E. Tringham; three silver medals and bird spray for members bringing most birds. Visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—No. 6, Flying Dutchman, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Dudley C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Crowo Hotel, 8.30. Show and general business.—J. G. Leech.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Half Moon, 8.—E. Brunskill.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Royal Hotel, 8.—N. Rayner.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Albany Hotel, 7. Table Show, and to make arrangemeots for Christmas Show.—G. Bescoby.

East Ham F.S.—Nov. 8, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Allotting of specials for annual show.—H. Rutter.

Grimsby O.S.—Nov. 8, Slatter's Room, 8.—H. Harding.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Two Brewers, Greenwich, 8. Further business for annual show.—F. W. Hamer.

Guisbro' and Priory C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Wear's Cafe, 7.—R. Mays.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Nov. 6, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30.—T. Drysdale.

Grangemouth O.S.—Nov. 8, Boilermakers' Hall, 8.—G. Smith.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Nov. 6, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30.—T. Drysdale.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Important show business.—G. Buck.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 8, Schoolroom, Northumberland Street, 8. Show business, receive entries from members for open show.—R. Greensmith.

Hyde C.B.S.—Nov. 8, St. George's Schools, 7. Table show, Norwich 5 classes, and British 5. Judge, Mr. W. Booth.—F. Barraclough.

Heywood O.S.—Nov. 9, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.45. To receive entries for show, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 6, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Concluding show business, etc.—D. Hann.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Crowo Inn, 7. "Special" business meeting.—A. J. Notley.

Hamilton (C.O.) O.S.—Nov. 6, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Brownlie; fanciers invited.—A. Gant.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 6, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray.

Inverness O.A.—Nov. 10, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Final arrangements for open show, Nov. 24.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Final meeting before show.—R. Blore.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Nov. 11, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8. Question night.—F. E. Hawkes.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, Leicester, 8.15. Show business.—J. A. Tyler.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 6, at Lockhart's Briggate, 7.30. Discussion on Birdroom Requisites, prize money for Oct. 9, arrangements for Nov. 13 show.—J. Chambers.

Lancs. & Lic. F.A.—Nov. 6, Good Intent Show Room, Parish Schools, Rochdale, 6.30.—J. Rukin.

Llanelly P.S.—Nov. 5, headquarters. Ageoda: show matters.—D. Griffiths.

Leek C.B.S.—Nov. 8, headquarters, 7.30. Show management.—R. Hall.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Masons' Arms, 7. Payment of prize-money; election of office bearers, new members enrolled.—W. B. Smart.

Manningham C.B.A. — Nov. 6, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Arrangements for open show.—W. Holdroyd.

Middleton C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Old Boar's Head, 8. Important business for show.—J. Oldham.

Morley C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Sycamore Hotel, 6. Table show, birds staged at 6; Mr. Richmond (Rodley), judge; lecture at 8.—R. H. Turner.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Nov. 11, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. Washing exhibition by one of London's greatest experts; fanciers invited.—E. Box.

Nottingham P.O.S.—Nov. 6, Grapes Inn, Cross St., 8. New members invited.—W. Beal.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 9, St. Stephen's Schools, Couran St., Harpurhey, 8. Entries for show, Nov. 13.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.30. Novice washing competition (competitors to bring birds).—F. Steeple.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 8, Chapel St. Hall, Salford, 8. Schedules open show.—H. Clayton.

Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Hopkinstown Schools, 8. Lantern lecture.—McLucas and James.

Reigate F.A. (C.B. Section).—Nov. 8, Mutton's Hotel, High St., Redhill. Show business; washing exhibition by Mr. Montague.—Baldock and Weller.

Rochdale O.C.—Nov. 8, Club, 8.30. Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 13, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—W. Reid.

Swindon C.B.A.—Nov. 13, Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. Members' monthly exhibition; judging competition.—W. Dale.

St. Helens O.S.—Nov. 18, George Inn, 8. Show business.—R. Gibbie.

Spen Valley F.A.—Nov. 9, Temperance Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), well-known exhibitor and judge, lectures on preparing birds for exhibition; also table show for Yorkshires; fanciers and friends welcome.—F. Allen.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Nottingham (C.B.U., C.C.C., Cinn. C.C., N.B.B., and M.C., F.B.C., L & L.F.A., L.C.A.).—Nov. 13 and 15, Mechanics' Lecture Hall.—Judges: Messrs. T. Heath, C. Houlton, and W. Vardy. 66 open classes; Nor. 13 (1 Sell., 1 Pairs, and 2 Amat.), Crest 19 (1 Pairs, young birds 4, Sell. 4, and Amat. 2), Lancs 4, Liz. 4, Cinn. 4, Yorks. 1, Brit. 9, Mule 4, For. 7, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, in all classes but Foreign; 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and a huge number of valuable specials, including one for best talking Parrot. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 8, to G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Sq., Park Side, Nottingham.

Galashiels.—Nov. 20, Volunteer Hall.—Judges: Messrs. Patterson, Lowe, Smellie, and Mason. 34 open classes: Scot. 12 (2 Sell.), Belg. 1, Bord. 10 (1 Sell.), Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, and For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 2/-. Entries, close Nov. 16, to C. LUGTON, 19, St. Andrew St.

Whitehaven (C.B.U., B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 12 and 13, Oddfellows' Hall.—Judges: Messrs. J. S. Wilson and T. Kearton. 40 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 sell.), Yorks. 9 (1 sell), Bord. 8 (1 sell.), Scot 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For.3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8, to W. J. DOUGLAS, 17, King-street.

Cirencestor.—Nov. 25, Bingham Hall.—Judge: Mr. J. H. Payne. 15 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, Sell. 1, For. 1, and 2 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to W. G. INWARD, 3, Corin Villas, Cirencester, Glos.

Millom (C.B.U.).—Nov. 19 and 20, Central Hall, Holborn Hill.—Judge: Mr. J. H. Roe. 24 open classes: Yorks. 6 (1 sell.), Nor. 5 (1 sell.), Bord. 6 (1 sell.), Nat. col. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 13, to W. J. THOMAS, 83, Lonsdale-road.

Buckhaven.—Nov. 20, Free Gardeners' Hall.—Judges: Messrs. J. Kean and J. W. Bruce. 47 open classes: Scot. 9 (1 sell.), Bord. 11 (1 sell.), Crest 4, Nor. 9 (1 sell.), Yorks. 1, Gift 1, Brit. 7, Mule 2, Sell. 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close, Nov. 13, to J. LAWRIE, Graham's Buildings, Randolph-street.

Woolwich (C.B.U.)—Nov. 25 and 26, Windsor Assembly Rooms, Maxey-road, Plumstead. Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield. 9 open classes: Yorks. 1, Crest. 1, Nor. 2, Brit. 1, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, and 1 Novice Member's. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 15, to R. KIRE, Tudor House, Lion-road, Bexley Heath.

Leek (C.B.U.).—Nov. 10, Co-operative Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 43 open classes: Nor. 12 (4 novice), Yorks. 12 (4 novice), Cinn. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V., 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 1, and 1 novice members.' Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6, Entries close Nov. 6, to R. HALL, 9, Russell-street.

Maesteg (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C., and W.C.B.C.)—Nov. 17, Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. Norman. 43 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 7, Crest 2, Scot. 2, Cinn. 1, Bor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Unflig. 1, Mule 4, Brit. 12, Sell. 2, Spl. 1, For. 2, and 6 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 10, to W. JENKINS, 43, John-street, Nantyfyllon, nr. Bridgend.

Grand United Metropolitan.—Nov. 23, Lambeth Baths, Kennington-road, London, S.E.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 26 Open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Mules 5, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 15, to A. WATSON, 116, Maurice-avenue, Wood Green, N.

Deal, Walmer (K.C.C.B.A.).—Nov. 17 and 18, Drill Hall, Deal.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 19 Open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Liz. 1, Bord. 1, Mule 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Novice Can. 1, Brit. 2, For. 2. Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and spls. Fee 1/9. Entries close Nov. 8, to W. WADHAMS, Norbury, Church Path, Deal.

Tideswell (C.B.U.), Nov. 13, Bagshaw Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Trengove and Mundell. 24 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 8, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1, and 11 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 9 to BAGSHAW AND FLINT, High St.

Cambridge (C.B.U., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.), Nov. 11 and 12, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick. 57 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Crest 10 (2 Novice), Bord. 7, Cinn. 2, Greens 2, Pairs 1, Dutch Frill 1, Sell. 4, Mule 3, Brit. 13, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and very many spls. Ent. close Nov. 8 to T. S. MOORE, 126/8, Newmarket Rd.

Wimbledon (C.B.U., Lond. Fed., S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.), Nov. 16 and 17, Queen's Hall, Queen's Rd.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. Norman. 43 open classes. Nor. 13, (6 Novice), Yorks. 12 (6 Novice), Bord. 1, A.O.V. 2 (1 Novice), Brit. 8, Mule 3, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-, for Nor., Yorks., Bord., and A.O.V. Cham. Can., and 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6 for remainder. Many spls. Ent. close first post Nov. 13 to H. SMITH, 115, Merton Rd.

Highgate, Hampstead, Nov. 12th and 13th., Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N.W.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 85 members' classes: 53 Can., 20 Brit., 4 Mules, 2 For., 2 Sell., and 1 Gift. Ent. close Nov. 8th to C. W. LAW, 9, Oak Villas, Archway-road, Highgate, N.

Swansea (C.B.U.), Nov. 10th and 11th, Working Men's Club and Institute, Alexandra-road.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and C. Houlton. 50 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks 8, Bord. 12 (2 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 5, Brit. 14, Gift 1, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many valuable specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close first post Nov. 8th to ALF. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd-road, Landore, S.S.O.

Queen's Park (Lond. Fed.), Nov. 13th, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road, London, W.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 52 members' classes. Ent. close Nov. 8th to J. C. BIRCH, 68, Ashburnham-road, Willesden, N.W.

Inverness (Scot. N.P.C.).—Nov. 24, Music Hall.—Judge: Mr. J. F. Dewar. 45 open classes: Scot. 1, Yorks. 3, Bord. 3, Nor. 13, Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Sell. 1, Brit. 10, For. 3, Aviary 1, Singing Can. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 17, to A. URQUHART, 86, Telford-road.

Sunderland (C.B.U., O.N.P.C., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., C.C.C., Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., Cinn. C.C.). Nov. 19 and 20, Workman's Hall, Whitburn Street. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Stanger. 64 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 10, Cinn. 5, Bord. 7, Yorks. 8 (2 novice), Liz. 2, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 2 (1 Nov.), Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, and Hyde's. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 13, to W. REID, 14, Plantation Road.

West Bromwich (C.B.U.).—Nov. 17 and 18, Dartmouth Hotel. Judges, Messrs. Payne and Poole. 43 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 2, Yorks. 6, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell 3, and 13 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 11, to T. DUFFIELD, 18, Braybrook-st.

Whitby.—Nov. 24, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. 17 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, Sell. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 17, to J. G. TOMLINSON, Central Chambers.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 5.—**Luton.**—A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Road.
Nov. 6.—**Leek.**—R. Hall, 9, Russell Street.
Nov. 6.—**Malton (Yorks).**—G. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.
Nov. 6.—**Blackwood (Mon.).**—J. Christmas, 35, Gordon Road.
Nov. 6.—**Shirebrook.**—H. M. Cox, Main Street.
Nov. 6.—**Wallsend.**—Richardson and Greenwell, 35, The Avenue.
Nov. 8.—**Nottingham.**—G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.
Nov. 8.—**Whitehaven.**—W. J. Douglas, 17, King St.
Nov. 8.—**Deal.**—W. Wadhams, Norbury, Church Path.
Nov. 8.—(1st Post).—**Glasgow and W. of Scot.**—F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross.
Nov. 8.—(1st post, 9, latest.)—**Preston.**—R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.
Nov. 8.—**Leeds Roller.**—T. W. Walton, 20, Cecil Grove, Armley.
Nov. 8.—**Greenwich and Deptford.**—F. W. Hamer, 106, Verney Road, S.E.
Nov. 8.—**Kirkcaldy.**—T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair Street.
Nov. 8.—**Kirkburton.**—A. Lodge.
Nov. 8.—**Oakham.**—T. G. Walker, Burley Road.
Nov. 8.—**Consett.**—W. H. Hutchinson, 21, Park Road.
Nov. 9.—**Glastonbury.**—E. W. Radford, Edgarley.
Nov. 9.—**Hayle.**—H. Ware, 2, Pond Road, Hayle, Cornwall.
Nov. 9.—**Huddersfield O.S.**—R. Greensmith, 18, Fenton Road, Lockwood.
Nov. 10.—**Macsteg.**—W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend.
Nov. 10.—**Bournemouth.**—M. E. Feltham, 156, Holdenhurst Road.
Nov. 11.—**W. Bromwich.**—Thos. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.
Nov. 12.—**Woking.**—L. C. B. Hockin, High House, Sutton.
Nov. 13.—**Avonbridge.**—P. Gentleman, Forrester's Buildings.
Nov. 13.—**Backworth.**—H. Elliott.
Nov. 13.—**Biggar.**—G. Mitchell, Westend.
Nov. 13.—**Montrose.**—J. Clark, 1, John Street.
Nov. 13.—**Millom.**—W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.
Nov. 13.—**Pathhead.**—W. R. Gibson, 58, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.
Nov. 13.—**Pendleton.**—H. Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.
Nov. 13.—**Chapel-en-le-Frith.**—W. A. Mitchell, "Alderysyde."
Nov. 13.—**Buckhaven.**—J. Lawrie, Graham's Buildings, Randolph Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 7.—(1st Post).—**Gillingham.**—A. T. Cotterell, 12, Nelson Road.
Nov. 8.—(1st Post).—**Swansea.**—A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, near Swansea.
Nov. 8.—(1st Post).—**Frome.**—W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.
Nov. 8.—**Abingdon.**—T. Bowen, High Street.
Nov. 8.—(Last post).—**Cambridge.**—T. S. Moore, 126/8, Newmarket Road.
Nov. 9.—**Tideswell.**—Bagshaw and Flint, Sees.
Nov. 13.—(1st Post).—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Kelty and Blairadam; Torbay O.S.; South Shields; Burton-on-Trent; Brighouse; Hanley; Clapham; Dysart.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest held at Price Albert Hotel, October 31st, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. G. Towers and J. Smith. 1, 3, Madden; 2, A. Binner.

A LEEDS CHALLENGE.

Seeing a challenge in CAGE BIRDS by Mr. W. Sisson, I was agreeably surprised at such a declaration, writes Mr. N. Solomon, as when I meet them they simply put a bold face on it and get out of it the best way possible, as you will see by Mr. Sisson's apology. I call this bad sportsmanship, so I wish them please to desist with their boastfulness. Once and for all I say, as I challenged before, I am open to sing any quality singing Linnet in England, from £1 to £20.

The apology referred to by Mr. Solomon is signed, W. Sisson, and reads:—Last week an argument arose re quality Linnet singing, and according to my statement, I said I would sing any bird in Leeds, Solomon's bird preferred. I apologise through your valuable paper to Mr. Solomon, as it was a mistake, and should have read:—"I am open to sing any bird in Leeds, 1 hour's sing, from a £1 to £5, Solomon's bird barred."

LEEDS.

Contest held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, on October 30th, visitors coming from all parts. Result: 1, Soloman; 2, 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. Summers and another. Smoking concert held after, when Mr. Stanley Wilcock (tenor) and the Belmore Bros. (vocalists and dancers) contributed. Contest on October 31st resulted in a win for W. Sissons; he also receiving 2nd prize, N. Solomon 3rd. Judges, Messrs. Alf. Lorriman and T. Summers. Match between N. Soloman and T. Laycock was anxiously looked forward to, with the expected result of Soloman winning easily.—JOE. HARGREAVES, hon. secretary.

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Second Annual Show of the Ayr and Dist. C.B.S., held in Masonic Hall, Nile Court, on October 30th. The day was cold, miserable and showery. We wondered, in fact, what remarks Bobbie Burns would have passed on the clerk of the weather. However, on arriving at the hall we had a royal welcome from one and all of the committee, who are fanciers of the first and foremost type; everything was in tip-top order, and passed off without a hitch, under the splendid management of Messrs. R. McKay, John Forbes, James Hyslop, as Hon. President, President, and Vice-President respectively. In their secretary, Mr. Irvine, they have the right man in the right place; he left no stone unturned to bring the show to a successful finish, being ably assisted by a hard-working, level-headed host of stewards. Taking the entry all through, it was splendid, seeing there were so many shows in the district—nearly 200 entries more than last year; and the quality was of a very high-class order, each section being a show in itself. The special for best Scotch Fancy fell to a rare good one, owned by Mr. Hainey, closely pressed by a young Yellow shown by Mr. Hannah. Special for best Crest fell to a real monster, shown by Messrs. Currah and Son. Norwich Plainheads were also of a very high merit; special for best fell to a grand Yellow hen shown by Mr. Mitchell. Yorkshires were a show in themselves, and quite astonished us to see how many long 'uns there are in Bonnie Scotland. Borders came next, again the competition being exceptionally keen. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by a rare Buff, shown by Mr. McKenzie. The runner-up was a Clear Buff hen, shown by Mr. Craig. The Variety Class contained some grand Lizards. Mules, British and Foreign Birds were all well represented, a splendid Canary-Bullie shown by Mr. W. McQuinton came on top, in the Light Mule or Hybrid. The Hall is large and roomy, and well ventilated, although a shade dark, on such a dull day. Judges, for Canaries, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), for British and Foreign, Mr. J. Clark (Rothesay), and their awards were well received.

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, Hainey, leader large buff pied hen, length of side, prominent shoulder, long reach, always ready 2nd cl., another good one, hard up, good, long reach, plenty of nerve; 3, Hannah, grand shoulders and drive, very free, takes nice position; 4, McDougal, good shoulder, very free; vhc, he, Bell; c, Cameron. HEN (5): 1, Paton, large, nice substance, prominent shoulder, drive and reach; 2, Cameron, buff, fine size, graceful head and neck, nice shoulder and substance; 3, Hainey, very nice yell., long reach and neck, very active; 4, McLean, buff, takes nice position when settled; vhc, Hannay. BRED 1909 (5): 1, Hannay, splendid yell., great depth through, throws himself well back, hard up, splendid drive; 2, Paton, yell. pied, close up, very free in neck, good shoulder; 3, vhc, Hainey, grand yell. pied hen, has the making of a good one, hard up; 4, McDougal, another good pied, nice substance, good length. CREST CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, Currah and Son, monster leading, great, massive body, wonderful radiated crest, well centred and laid on at back, splendid formation and droop, lovely condition, 2nd large, nice length of feather in crest, well worth place; 3, Nash, green, foul tail, nicely centred, very neat; 4, Cram, well shown, good formation, nice drop; vhc, Adamson; he, McLean; c, Forbes. HEN (4): 1, spl, Noble, good size of body, finely radiated crest, well centred; 2, Cram, similar in body; 3, Forbes, good one, nice length of feather; 4, McKay, shade smaller, shapely body. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Noble, nice size, charming head feather, dense and leafy, splendid lash and turnover; 2, Cram, good size, fine substance and entrance; 3, vhc, he, McKay, varieg., wee bit smaller in body; 4, Adamson, nearly green, fine sized head. HEN (5): 1, Adamson, nice substance, long, leafy feather, well lashed; 2, McKay, shade smaller, nice entrance; 3, McLean, varieg., large head; 4, Noble, somewhat similar in head; vhc, Forbes. PLAINHEAD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Devoy, two beauties, well shown, nice head, bold fronts, well cut away, in splendid condition; 3, McKay, very nice head, short, cobby body; 4, Hutchison, nice back and wing carriage; vhc, Brown; he, McComb; c, Barr. HEN (10): 1, spl, Mitchell, stormer, nice bold head, full neck, short body, plenty substance, grand col. and quality; 2, Jeffreys, similar in shape, well modelled; 3, Watson, tick, nice head, full neck, well bal. wings; 4, Cant, nice stamp; vhc, Devoy; he, Harper; c, Nicholson. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Brown, rare size, beautiful bead, well filled shoulder, bold front, good col. and quality; 2, Hutchison, equal in all points; 3, McKay, very nice one, lovely head and neck, well rounded; 4, Muir, close up, in pink of condition; vhc, no name; he, Watson; c, P. McKay. HEN (12): 1, Devoy, lovely col., type and quality, beautiful wing carriage, good style; 2, Brown, close up, grand substance, nice bloom; 3, Muir, well shaped head, rounded body, well shown; 4, Cant, bird of similar build; vhc, Hutchison; he, Jeffreys; c, Watson. YORKS. CK. YELL. (15): 1, Syson, a clinker for style, nice head and neck, body well drawn, well braced wings; 2, Paterson, follows close, grand col., quality and type; 3, McRobbie, well drawn body, nice head, good col.; 4, McDougal, nice length and style; vhc, c, Girvan; he, Wilson. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Patterson, brace of beauties, former very sweet in body, lovely shade of col., full of style, later; 2, Syson, shapely bird, full of style, very nervy; 4, McRobbie, fine style; vhc, Bowman; he, Webster; c, McDougal. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Webster, cinn. tkd., grandly finished, good col. and quality; 2, Girvan, another bird, grand feather, splendid carriage of head; 3, McRobbie, nice length, good head, nice back; 4, Bowman, good length, finely drawn; vhc, Brown; he, c, Patterson. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Patterson, finely modelled, takes charming stand, lovely col., and quality; 2, Syson, another taking hen, shown in grand trim, well braced; 3, Bowman, very nervy hen, well shown, full of go; 4, McRobbie, fine length, well drawn; he, Gibb; c, Penman. BORD. YELL. CK. (23), grand class: 1, Craig, lovely modelled head and neck, well filled back, wings well carried, fine finish; 2, McKenzie, tick, presses hard, grand col. and quality of feather, beautifully modelled; 3, Cormack, grand head, body, well drawn, lovely col., and wing carriage, a treat; 4, Rae and Sons, close up, well drawn body, nicely filled back, wings well carried, good one; vhc, Laidlaw; he, no name; c, Halliday. HEN (18): Taylor, sweet little hen, well modelled head, fine in neck, back well filled, nicely tapered; 2, Craig, another taking one, well moulded from head to tail; 3, Hutchison, tick, nice one for style and shape; 4, Watson, grand col. and quality; vhc, Harper; he, Hogg; c, Laidlaw. BUFF CK. (18): 1, medal, McKenzie, real jaunty little fellow, in his Sunday best and no mistake, fine col., type and finish, grand wing carriage; 2, Hogg, close up, grand type, taking style, beautiful col. and quality; 3, Gillies, nice head, well drawn front, fine wing carriage; 4, Jamieson, nice one for typo and position; vhc, Craig; he, Mossie; c, Montgomery. HEN (17): 1, Craig, gem, runner up for medal, round as possible in head, takes rare position, lovely col., quality and condition, wins well; 2, Mossie, another beauty, similar in type, graceful movement of head, free in neck, well rounded back; 3, Hallilday, good model, well drawn body, good head and back; 4, Smillie, tick, nice round head, back and front; vhc, Taylor; he, Clark; c, Watson (a good class). EVEN MKD.: 1, Currah and Son (Queenie), Newcastle winner, fine eye markings, nice head col. and quality, stylish all over; 2, Gillis, buff, good stamp, fine col. and condition; 3, Holden, yell., nice stamp, good head and front, eye markings small; 4, Findlay, stylish bird, nice wings again. UNEVEN (18), this might well be split up and still have a good class: 1, McKenzie, leading with real model of a yell., mkd. eye and wings, level col., grand quality feather; 2, Brown, nearly even buff, nice size, style and go; 3, Wright, five-pointed yell., good in eye markings, nice, jaunty carriage; 4, Hutchison, stylish buff, well mkd.; vhc, Mossie, yell.; he, Mossie, buff; c, Findlay. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 3, Cowie, two beautiful Cinnamons, former yell., latter buff, yell. excels in type, quality and pencilling, both well shown, wins well; 2, Smillie, yell. green, nice tone of col., well pencilled; 4, Cormack, another green, grand type; vhc, Harper; he, c, Jamieson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, he, c, Hunter, rare team of Lizards, leaders yell., nice cap, well spangled; 2, Cram, large coppy, nice crest, well centred, useful one; 4, no name, cinn. Plainhead, large, good col. SELL. 10/- (20), some cheap ones here, and a rare chance: 1, Wright; 2, Paton; 3, Holden; 4, McKenzie; vhc, no name; he, Webster; c, no name.

Mules, British and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, McQuiston, Goldie-Bullie, monster, well shown, wins nicely, expensive blaze, hot one all over; 2, Dale, another good one, smaller, but a shade higher in col., shows cross well; 3, McQuiston, Linnet, evenly mkd. Mule, has the making of a good one; 4, Irvine, Greenie-Goldie, in rattling good trim, splendid col.; vhc, Young. DARK (10): 1, 3, McQuiston, 1st Greenie-Can., large one, well shown, splendid col., style, and quality, 3rd Linnet-Mule, large one, grand col. and quality; 2, Parker, Goldie, presses hard, rare markings, nice blaze, fine depth of col.; 4, Brown, Goldie, medium size, fine col. and quality. GOLDFINCH (house-moulted) (17), hot class: 1, Young, real topper, splendid blaze, nice col., well buttoned wings, well mooned, in the pink of perfection; 2, Conkie (Pride of Swansea), rattling high-class Goldie, great deep square-cut blaze, fine tanning; 3, Hannay, nice one, good size, deep scarlet blaze, well forward, perfect wings, col., and buttons; 4, Fleming, good Finch, nice size, lovely head; vhc, Frame; he, Taylor; c, Fisher. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Calder, good size, fine head, well cut blaze, nice col.; 2, Murphy, must have pressed, in lovely condition and steady, nice expansive blaze; 3, Wason, yet another good Finch, well forward in col., nice condition; vhc, Cumming and Lowden, great size, nice markings; he, Conkie. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Young; 2, McQuiston; 3, M'Naught; 4, Irvine; vhc, Lyall; he, Crossley; c, Tannock. GREENFINCH (house-moulted) (12), hot class: 1, Calder, monster, lovely col, quality, condition, grand bold head and front; 2, Hay, wee shade smaller, but a bird of real merit, high col., nice, and stylish; 3, A. and W. Allan, another good Finch, nice one for size and shape, might be better staged, perhaps; 4, McQuiston, nicely built, showing fine colour, quality; vhc, Christie; he, Malcolmson; c, Henry. FIELD-MOULTED (8): 1, McGavin, grand solid col., great condition, real stormer, will take some stopping; 2, Bald, another good one, just a shade restless, very lovely in col., good size; 3, Roxburgh, nice size, in the pink of condition, well shown, deserves place; 4, McQuiston, grand col. and shape; vhc, he, Cumming and Lowden; c, Irvine. LINNET (house-moulted) (21): The feature of this section, two sets of winners could have been found: 1, McQuiston, massive, grand position, in the best of trim, well pencilled, shows whites well; 2, Jamieson, shade smaller, very steady, grand col., quality and markings, sweet; 3, McQuiston, large Bullie type, very taking head, nice back markings; 4, Wason, grand throat markings, fine nutty brown back; vhc, Nixon; he, Young; c, Irvine. FIELD-MOULTED (13): 1, Jamieson, great size and col., well pencilled, shows whites well, lovely sheen, very steady; 2, Irvine, topper for size, col., quality, and pencilling, nicely arrayed, well staged; 3, Jamieson, grand body col. and pencilling; 4, Jeffrey, somewhat similar in shape, very steady; vhc, Cumming and Lowden; he, Henry; c, Wason. SISKIN, ETC. (1): Hoyle, Siskin, Glasgow winner, we think, well shown, in faultless condition, rare size, col., and markings; 2, Martin, Twite, bouncer, again well shown, grand col. and quality, one of the front rank; 3, Malcolmson, mealy Redpoll, rare size, good markings; 4, M'Lean, Twite, nice quality and condition; vhc, McQuiston; he, Jeffrey. LESSER REDPOLL (19): 1, Hoyle, grand size, lovely tone of col., lacings of the best; 2, Lawson, wee shade longer, good marking, shown to perfection; 3, Cumming and Lowden, one we liked, fine lacing, lovely bars and bib; 4, Gibb, presses hard, good size, lovely finish; vhc, McQuiston; he, A. and W. Allan; c, Wright. HEN (for Hybrid breeding) (15): 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, we should like to see the Hybrid from her, we are still wondering what her mate is to be, in the opinion of some should have been w.c.; 2, Bald, Bullfinch, nice cap, dense in col., good size; 3, Taylor, Bramble, real jaunty lady, shows some breeding; 4, Irvine, another useful hen; vhc, Hay; he, Hannay; c, Burgess. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, looked large, beautifully mkd., in the pink of condition; 2, Taylor, Black Redstart, charming exhibit, nice col., shows his under col. well; 3, Irvine, Blackcap, fine size, nice col., a wee bit round in feather; vhc, Lindsay; he, c, Cumming and Lowden. LARGE (6): 1, McQuiston, Chough, well coloured bill and legs, splendid condition, nicely shown; 2, 3, Cumming and Lowden, Jay, again well shown and steady, worth its place, 3rd Starling, good size, shows well, fine sheen and spangling. SELL., BRIT. (7s. 6d.) (14): 1, McQuiston, Bramble; 2, Morrison, Starling; 3, Cumming and Lowden, Redstart; 4, Martin; vhc, Waitt; he, Bell; c, Burgess. FOR. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Guthrie, great square blaze, finely mooned and tanned, good size, wins easy; 2, Hutcheson, equally as good in size and col., fails a wee bit in shape and condition; 3, Forbes, nice blaze, good condition; 4, McQuiston. SMALL FOR. (7): 1, Morrison, Whydah, shown in grand order, lovely sheen, very steady; 2, Irvine, Green Cardinal, finely marked on bib and back, splendidly staged; 3, 4, Sellars, 3rd Parrot Finches, shade rough in feather, have the making of good ones, 4th Diamond Sparrow, nicely marked, in rare good order, greatly admired; vhc, Davidson; he, c, Cumming and Lowden. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Cowan, Rosellas, 1st well staged, in splendid order, 2nd Ringneck, presses hard, gorgeous plumage, taking exhibit; 3, French, Indian Rock, nice one, well staged.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Points gained by members are as follows:—Champion Section: Messrs. Lee 24, Oldham 19, Adams 18, Conaghy 16, and Lowe 11 points. Novice Section: Messrs. Turner 19, Fish 17, Fitten 11, and Beattie 8 points. Should any of these figures be inaccurate please write the Secretary, 53, Moss Street.—C. WHITEHEAD, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

(See also other pages.)

LAISTERDYKE.

This show was held on October 30th in the Tyersal Board School, under the rules of the Y.U., the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C., and the leading gentry of the district, including Sir W. E. B. Priestley, M.P. Mr. James Barley (Allerton) was the official judge elected by the Yorkshire Union, and the Society were fortunate to obtain Mr. R. Sutcliffe, of Windhill, as assistant, the former, of course, taking all the open classes and also the novice buff Yorkshire hens and Norwich hens, and Mr. Sutcliffe the selling classes and remainder of novice classes. The awards of both were well received. The schedule provided 27 classes, and 411 entries from 131 exhibitors were obtained, an average of over 15 per class. This year the Society have returned to their old room, and without doubt it is one of the best, there being plenty of space and light. The arrangements were in the hands of an old veteran, Mr. A. Bottomley, their esteemed secretary, who, with an able bodyguard of fanciers, including Messrs. Casey, Turner, Shoesmith, Pudgett, and Elsegood, carried out the work in first-class style. Messrs. Ogden Bros. won special for most points in show, Mr. W. H. Shackleton being 2nd; Mr. J. Thomas secured special for most points in novice, with Mr. J. Nayler in second place. Other point specials were won by Messrs. Wilcock, Charlesworth, Cooper, Ellis, Robinson and Sharp, Richmond, Casey, etc.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, Wilcock, lengthy, grand type, well drawn out behind, stands well, lovely col. and quality; 2, White, grand length, typical, long wings and tail, nice feather; 3, Wilson, another long one, grand shape, splendid feather, very clean front; 4, Chippendale, nice shape and style, good back; vhc, Lumb; hc, Tate; c, Briggs. BUFF (11): 1, Peel, marvellous shape, correct position, nice col.; 2, Wilcock, splendid type, leggy, lovely back and head, extra lovely col. and quality; 3, Wilson, grand type, nice shoulders, well cut away; boxy feather; 4, Shackleton, good shape, lovely quality; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden; hc, Stebbings; c, Murgatroyd. TKD., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, White, good length, very typical, lovely wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Charlesworth, grand shape and position, stands clever, full of quality; 3, Dyson, red hot col., very typical, grand quality, smart bird; 4, Briggs, slim, lovely type and quality, smart carriage of wings and tail; vhc, Wood; hc, Priestley; c, Lingley. BUFF (11): 1, Radley, exceptionally good in feather, nice shape and position; 2, Briggs, grand type and position, rich col. and quality; very neat; 3, Charlesworth, smart cut, leggy, lovely feather; 4, Peel, good positiou, shape and quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Dyson; c, Coates. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Charlesworth, buff, shapely, fine position, marvellous quality, neat wing carriage; 2, Chippendale, yell., typical, leggy, good back, smart feather; 3, Hartley, lengthy yell., grand type, well on legs, good back and wings, neat feather; 4, Ogden Bros., straight, grand type and position, rich quality; vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; hc, Wright and Son; c, Wilcock. FOUL MKD. (9): 1, Smith, grand lengthy buff, good type, leggy, lovely feather; 2, Towers, yell., grand col., very straight and smart position, good compact wings and tail; 3, Holden, buff, grand shoulders, well cut away, extra nice position; 4, Hodgson, typical yell., stylish, plenty of col.; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Priestley. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Field, marvellous quality, like wax, good neck and back, nice position; 2, 4, Shackleton, 2nd longer and better drawn out, nice back wings and tail, 4th grand position, shape and quality; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, typical, stands well, nice quality; vhc, Hill; hc, White; c, Jennings. BUFF (16): 1, Shackleton, lengthy, grand type and style, leggy, smooth in feather; 2, Ogden Bros., excellent shape, leggy, lovely col. and quality, well braced wings and tail; 3, Wilson, grand front and shape, nervy, very smooth feather; 4, Moss, well up, nice shape; vhc, Wood; hc, Knight; c, Murgatroyd. MKD. HEN (8): 1, Drake, yell. of good length, very stylish, rich quality; 2, Lingley, yell., smart type and style, good back, wings and tail; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., buff, plenty of col. and quality, neat type and position; 4, Shackleton, lengthy, good shape and position; hc, Dennison; c, Lane. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Mason, nice length, shapely, good in quality; 2, Wilcock, extra fine shape and position, full of col. and quality; 3, Ogden Bros., very shapely, stylish, smart wings and tail, all there for quality; 4, Towers, very smart type, straight as a rush, vhc, c, Cooper; hc, Clark. BUFF (9): 1, Towers well positioned, good shape, rich quality, nice col.; 2, hc, Cooper, lovely quality, nice shape and position, very clean front; 3, Ogden Bros., grand quality, very typical, leggy, lovely wings and tail; 4, Drake and Son, lengthy, grand position; hc, Wilcock; c, Jowett. YELL. HEN (11): 1, hc, Jowett, grand shape, leggy, lovely quality, all there; 2, Wright and Son, good shape and position, grand back, smart feather; 3, Mason, very lovely type, stylish, well carried wings and tail; 4, Towers, grand shape, good back, wings and tail; vhc, Townsend; c, Wilcock. BUFF (13): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., grand shape, stylish, neat head, full of quality; 2, C Cooper, gem for quality, grand shape and position, good hen; 3, Wood, typical, leggy, fine position and quality; 4, Towers, plenty of size, nice col. and quality; vhc, Bentley. SELL. (15/-) (20): 1, Ellis; 2, Pratt; 3, Dennison; 4, Ackroyd Bros.; vhc, F. Self; hc, Coates, C. Suggett. (12/6) (24): 1, 3, Rohinson and Sharpe; 2, Senior; 4, F. Self; vhc, Padgett; hc, Whitwham, C. Morley. HEN (12/6) (14): 1, Hodgson; 2, Taylor; 3, Horsfield; 4, Ellis; vhc, Hartley; hc, Priestley; c, Broadbent. C.M. NOVICE, CINN. TKD., ETC. (24): 1, Langford, buff, good length, grand position, neat quality; 2, Grange, buff, grand shape, nice position and style, excellent quality; 3, Clegg, slim, very neat type, good position and leggy, smart feather; 4, vhc, Richmond, buff, extra col. and quality, good back; hc, Grayshon, C. Taylor. HEN (21): 1, Lumb, yell., extra good type, position and style, lovely feather; 2, Richmoud, buff, neat type, good quality and col.; 3, Greenwood, buff, extra shape and style, very neat feather; 4, Gelder, yell., good type, nice style and feather, lengthy; vhc, Clegg; hc, Tinkler; c, Edmondson. YORKS. UNION NOVICE.—CL. YELL (13): 1, Clark, lengthy, good position, typical, grand back, wings and tail, rich quality and col.; 2, C. H. Self, neat shape, well up in position, nice wings; 3, Gelder, narrow, grand type, good position, clean feathered; 4, Huddlestone, lengthy good shape and position, nice quality; vhc, Hall; hc, Priestley; c, Shepherd. BUFF (15): 1, Pratt, grand type, well up in position, nice quality, very good head; 2, Hird and Simpson, grand shape and position nice back, rich quality; 3, Quarmby, lengthy, nice quality; 4, Atkinson, typical, grand quality and col.; vhc, Denby; hc, Thomas; c, Priestley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, c, Varley, extra shape, good shoulders, well up in position, good wings and tail, rich quality and col; 2, Thomas, very typical, leggy, grand quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Bateman, extra col., well up on legs; 4, Padgett, neat narrow bird, good shape, nice tail; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Firth. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Casey, lengthy, grand shape, excellent col. and quality, 4th similar bird; 2, Dinsdale, gem for shape, all there in position, nice quality and col., smart bird; 3, Shepherd, good shape, neat head and back, well up in position; vhc, Haigh; hc, Stubles; c, Elsegood. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Hiles, good yell., nice shape, position and col., rich quality; 2, Dinsdale; buff, smart shape, good back, neatly feathered; 3, Morley, yell., well drawn out, straight, grand quality; 4, Hall, buff, nice position, lovely feather; vhc, Batty; hc, Denby; c, Elsegood. YELL. HEN (24): 1, Hutton, neat narrow shoulders, correct shape, leggy, very boxey feather, smart; 2, Varley, lovely quality and col., good shape, trifle stronger; 3, Turton, shapely, good position, leggy, nice feather; 4, Hiles, very typical, well up, neat quality; vhc, Rigg; hc, Casey; c, Padgett. BUFF (20): 1, Greenwood, grand style, stands well, lovely wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Whitwham, slim, full of quality and col., plenty of leg; 3, Whitley, mkd., good length, nice position, good shape, neat feather; 4, Thomas, extra quality, shapely, and stylish; vhc, Firth; hc, Tetley; c, Brook. NOR. CK. (17): 1, vhc, hc, Naylor, grand trio, winner yell., marvellous substance, grand head, full of col. and quality; 2, Horsfield, buff, extra size, very cobby and compact, marvellous quality and col.; 3, Thomas, buff, typical, cobby shape, nice col. and feather; 4, Plowright, short, cobby, yell., lovely col. and feather; c, no name. NOR. HEN (11): 1, Horsfield, buff, grand substance, type, and carriage, rich col. and feathered to perfection; 2, Birkbeck, yell. of marvellous size, chesty, short wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Plowright, buff, nice size, typical, good quality; 4, Thomas, plenty of size, nice col. and feather; vhc, Clarke; hc, c, Naylor.

HARRINGTON.

Held in Temperance Institute on October 28th and 29th. The show of Canaries was not large, although some good birds were on view. The British birds were splendid, especially Linnets and Bramblefinches. A real treat of a Pekin Nightingale won the small Foreign class. The entry was similar to last year, and the society would find it to their advantage to advertise their show in CAGE BIRDS, as we came across many fanciers who knew nothing about a show being held. The able secretary of the cage bird section, Mr. Irwin, had everything in tip-top order, and he was well assisted by a hard-working committee. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) judged all classes, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (6): 1, 2, Davis, 1st tkd. buff, nice head, lovely col. and quality, bold front; 2nd, good cl., in nice bloom, scarcely so good in front; 3, hc, Moffat, larger, nice substance, down in condition to-day; vhc, Reed Bros.; hc, c, Younghusband. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Stewart, long, slim, stylish bird, in rare trim; 2, Irwin, another good one, well drawn, nice feather; 3, Stewart, nice type and style; vhc, Douglas; hc, Irwin; c, Rennicks. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Douglas, 1st grand col., condition and style, handles well; 2nd, very similar; 3, Stewart, very fine col. and well shown, fails only in wings; vhc, hc, Irwin. MKD. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Stewart, 1st good one, well shown, finely drawn out, nice head and back, splendid wings; 2, Rennicks, a shade longer drawn, but not in the same grand condition; 3, c, Irwin, nice three-point, well-modelled, just a shade soft; vhc, Douglas. BORD. BUFF (7): 1, Wilson, real gem, well shown, nice head, back and wing carriage; 2, Davies, very nice col., style and taper, fails condition; 3, Levason, nice type, not so well shown; vhc, Walker; hc, Herring; c, Hill; absent, Younghusband. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Glass, nice five-pointed bird, well shown, lovely small head, well modelled neck, back and front, good eye marks; 2, Wilson, tick, another sweet one, well shown, good col. and condition; 3, Levason, nice stamp, good col.; vhc, Fitt; hc, Hill. BUFF (10): 1, Chapman, beautiful three-pointed bird, nicely modelled, very free swagger, good back and wing carriage; 2, Wilson, five-pointed, nice eye markings, splendid col. and condition, fails bit in wing carriage; 3, Pool, tick, nice one all over, but a shade flat on head; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Elwood. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Poole, cl., great col., condition and quality, well shown; 2, Chapman, cinn. mark, very nice one; 3, Walker, tick, nice col. and quality, good type; vhc, Davis; hc, Herring. BUFF (11): Levason, grand cl., well shown, splendid style, good col. and quality; 2, Glass, uneven cinn., well modelled, good feather, just a shade stout; 3, Chapman, stylish cl., well drawn, good condition, shade flat on back; vhc, Wilson; hc, Davies; c, Hill. BRIT. LINNET (12): Gave the judge some trouble to handle; 1, spl, hc, Wilson, beauty, large steady, well pencilled, shows whites well, a treat; 2, Jenkinson, close up, in fine condition, warm col., beautiful style; 3, Kearton, equal in every point but wing carriage; vhc, Kitchen; c, Keough. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Kearton, leader Siskin, in the pink of order, rich warm col., sweet markings; 2, Poll, well shown, nice size, fine markings; 3, Lewis, Twite, large, but unsteady, has the making of a good one; vhc, Walters. A.O.V. SEED-EATER (15): A rare lot Brambles; 1, spl, 2, Wilson, former Bramble, monster, well mkd. cap and back, fine col. and condition, very steady; 2nd, Yellowhammer, rich tone of col., well defined markings, a large one; 3, c, Bell and Fisher, another good Bramble, charmer all over, fails only a little in size to winner; vhc, Lewis. CANARY MULE (10): 1, hc, Bertram and Bell, grand four-pointed Goldie, good size, lovely col., condition and quality; 2, Wilson, large Linnet-Canary, taking bird, rich warm col.; 3, vhc, Davies, large Greenie, nice head, bold front; c, Ligget. LARGE FOREIGN: 1, spl, Lewis, well shown, beautiful col.; 2, Thomson, Blue-fronted Amazon, good condition; 3, Graham, good talker, seems to delight in his bath; vhc, Pierce; hc, Brown; c, Irwin. SMALL (8): 1, spl, Lewis, Pekin Nightingale, in the pink of condition, well shown and steady, one of the best we have seen; 2, 3, vhc, Robertson, 2nd, Black-headed Gouldian, shade small, but beautifully mkd., and well shown; 3rd, Long-tailed Grass Finch, also well shown, lovely condition; hc, Thomson; c, Irwin. SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, Moffat, large buff Plainhead; 2, Chapman, nice yell. Scotch hen; 3, Davies, buff Norwich; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Wilson; c, Knight. DITTO (10/6) (9): 1, Wilson, cheap, buff Norwich cock; 2, vhc, Irwin, Yorks.; 3, Moffat, yell. Plainhead; hc, c, Johnstone. GIFT (4): 1, 3, Irwin; 2, Hill; vhc, Shackley. MEMBERS: 1, 3, Irwin, three-pointed Yorks., good length; 2, vhc, Hill.

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HARTLEPOOLS.

The Hartlepools C.B.S. 11th annual show was held as the Christ Church Hall on October 30th. The committee had prepared a capital schedule with special for every class, and a good special for most points. The hall is an ideal place for a show of this kind, being well lighted and lofty, and yet, in spite of their best efforts, they unfortunately did not command a very good entry. The Norwich were nice in quality, but many of the birds do not yet seem so well up in condition as they might be. The Yorkshires, though not very numerous, were excellent in quality, and were much better in condition than the Norwich. In the British bird section some really nice birds were staged, and the Mules and Hybrids were perhaps the strongest section in the show. The members' classes contained some very nice exhibits, and we noticed a great improvement in the staging of the birds in these classes. The new secretary, Mr. Papple, had everything in absolutely perfect order. He has an efficient and hard-working committee under him, consisting of the whole of the members, who one and all worked admirably to make the show a success. And their efforts were not in vain, for despite the fact that the entries might perhaps have been better, the show, taken on the whole, was a credit to the society, and the birds staged were not only greatly admired by the large number of visitors, but reflected much credit on their respective owners. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged the Canaries, and Mr. J. Wilkinson the British and Foreign birds, and both gave every satisfaction. Messrs. Nicholson and Son won special for most points in classes 1 to 26; Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson that for classes 1 to 37. Mr. J. W. Papple won special for second most points in classes 1 to 37. Sir Christopher Furness's challenge trophy was won by Mr. E. Woodhead, who also won special for best members' exhibit. Mr. I. Robinson won Sir Christopher Furness's junior cup for British birds, also special for most points in classes 27 to 37.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Burdett, nice cobby shape, good feather and condition, grand quality; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Papple, leader excellent quality, neat shape, level col.; 3rd, good col. and feather, not quite so typical perhaps, but lovely quality. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Williams, good size, grand quality, fine wings and tail; 2, c, Papple, big bird, nice meal and col., rich quality; 3, Wake and Carr, grand quality and size; vhc, H. Wilson; hc, R. Dixon. TKD. (5): 1, spl, Papple, yell., red-hot col., big raking bird, nice quality, good wing carriage; 2, Wake and Carr, grizzle-headed buff, fine shape and col., AI quality, a little out of condition or might have won; 3, Williams, variegated yell., AI quality, grand cobby shaped body; vhc, Dalgetty; hc, Burdett. HEN (9): 1, hc, Wake and Carr, grand yell., rare shape, AI quality, level col., good one; 2, 3, spl, L. Lane, yell. leading, another nice hen, fine shape and quality, well carried wings and tail; 3rd, buff grizzle rump, cobby shape, AI quality, good type; vhc, H. Wilson; c, J. T. Winn. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, spl, L. Lane, nice chubby shape, rich silky feather, neat head, well carried wings; 2, N. Smith, nice col. and quality, trifle smaller; 3, Papple, head and wing mkd., good col., AI quality, nice head; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, J. T. Winn; c, W. Burdett. BUFF (14): 1, spl, H. Wilson, good one, rare size, good col., nice meal, grand quality feather and typical: 2, c, Wake and Carr, fine shape, nice feather and quality, not quite so neat in tail; 3, L. Lane, close up, grand col. and quality; vhc, Dalgetty; hc, N. Smith; this was a grand class all over. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, L. Lane, even col., grand length and position, neat wings and tail; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, lengthy, fine position, level col., beaten only on condition; 3, vhc, spl, Richmond, grand quality, good type, rich level col., winner of Sandiford's medal. BUFF (3): 1, 2, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson, 1st hot col., good position, slim, well up on leg; 2nd, lengthy, well on leg, good wings and tail, nice condition; w.e., Greaves and Crabtree. TKD. (9): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, grand lengthy bird, feather like silk, good length of wing, neat tail; 2, hc, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson, head ticked buff, rare position, good col. and quality, just a wee bit loose on chest; 3, J. G. Cook, good length and type, grand condition; vhc, Merrin; c, Robson. HEN (8): 1, 3, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson, buff leading, Darlington and Newcastle winner, a real good lady, rare quality, grand position, well carried wings, pipe tail; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, grand yell., rare length, lovely quality and position, in lovely condition, two really good hens; 3rd, wing mkd. yell., neat and typical, A1 quality; vhc, H. Hood; hc, L. Lane; c, H. Williams. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson, long, shapely bird, good position and quality; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, lengthy and slim, A1 quality, well up on leg, not quite so tight in feather perhaps; 3, L. Lane, grizzle head, rich col., good quality feather, neat fitting wings; vhc, H. Hood; hc, W. Starling; c, Miss E. Bennett. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Elwell and Parnaby, cl., good feather and position, neat wings, spreads tail a little; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, wings and neck mkd., A1 quality, good shape and position; 3, W. Richmond, stylish, wing mkd., beaten quality; vhc, Greaves and Crabtree; hc, J. G. Cook; c, R. Dowey. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, Wake and Carr, green Nor., foul tail, good shape and size; 2, Miss E. Bennett, green Yorkie, lengthy, good position and quality, neat wings, pipe tail, presses hard; 3, T. Gibson, green Crest-bred, nice head and size; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, J. Taylor. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, spl, H. Kilner; 2, Greaves and Crabtree; 3, R. Lawson. (10/-) (14): 1, spl, T. Gibson; 2, B. Booth; 3, W. Lawson; vhc, H. Wilson; hc, Elwell and Parnaby; c, R. Dixon. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, spl, Wake and Carr, Linnet-Bullie, fine size, good breast col., grand condition; 2, R. T. Hanson, Goldie-Greenie, in good form, nice size and col., well staged; 3, R. Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, very similar to 1st, not quite so good in col. perhaps, but good one; vhc, J. Hutchinson. DARK (15): 1, spl, Sokell and Binks, Greenie-Canary, yell., rare size and col., grand feather and condition; 2, c, T. Wells, Goldie-Can., nice blaze, fine form, grand size, good one; 3, R. Todd and Son, well staged, nice col. and size; vhc, Fleetham and Lister, really nice Linnet-Can.; hc, T. Gibson. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Milburn and Hughes, bright, square, free, good bars and buttons, in nice bloom, well put down; 2, R. T. Hanson, good body col., not quite so bright in face as winner; 3, vhc, hc, spl, Nicholson and Son, fine sized Finch, nice square cut blaze, not up in bloom yet. BULLFINCH (3): 1, spl, Nicholson and Son, grand cap and breast col., rather unsteady, but wins well; 2, Messenger, beaten only in size and cap, good one; 3, Milburn and Hughes. LINNET (9): 1, 3, spl, C. Hunt, fine size, nice nutty col., good markings; 3rd, best marked bird, grand col., a wee shade smaller, both well shaped; 2, Milburn and Hughes, well pencilled, nice col. and size, good one again; vhc, G. Hutchinson; hc, H. Kilner; c, G. Ferguson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, spl, Milburn and Hughes, rare size, rich good col., well put down, much admired; 2, Todd and Son, big shapely bird, in good form, grand coloured Greenie; 3, Nicholson and Son, good size and shape; vhc, J. Hutchinson; hc, R. Wallinger; c, C. Lynn. A.O.S. SEED EATER (5): 1, R. Dixon, Hawfinch, good size and col., nice bib and marking, very well shown; 2, hc, spl, E. Ingle, nice Yellow Bunting, grand size and col., heavy head markings; 3, R. Wallinger, Bramblefinch, good col., nice spangling; vhc, W. Lasson. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, Brasse, Gale, plenty of size, good col., well put down, much admired; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Nicholson and Son, big Wheatear, great size, good col., just a shade soft or might have won; 3rd, nice Blackcap, in grand trim, and a pretty Yellow Wagtail, in fine order; hc, P. Lynch. A.O.S. (5): 1, 3, spl, E. Freeman, Redwing, in the pink of condition, very steady, well mkd., and a grand Thrush, rich col., beautifully mooned, in grand form; 2, Nicholson and Son, Starling, big one, grandly spangled, nice bloom; vhc, E. Hillier, hc, P. Wilcock. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl, Nicholson and Son, nice team, in grand trim, Shama very much admired leading; 2nd, Golden-fronted Fruiteucker, in grand col. and condition. LARGE (2): 1, 2, spl, Nicholson and Son, Glossy Starling, lovely exhibit, splendid sheen, not a feather out of place, just as if he was moulded, two very taking Parrakeets.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, spl, Papple; 2, Ashcroft; vhc, Pillar. BUFF (12): 1, hc, spl, Pillar; 2, Williams; 3, Ashcroft; vhc, Robinson; c, Papple. HEN (12): 1, 2, spl, Pillar; 3, Robinson; vhc, Ashcroft; hc, c, Papple. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Woodhead; 2, H. Williams; 3, c, Easby. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, spl, H. Williams; 2, c, Woodhead; 3, Cook; hc, Miss E Bennett. HEN (8): 1, hc, H. Williams; 2, Wood head; 3, vhc, Cook; c, Wilyman. A.O.V. (4): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson; 2, Miss E. Bennett; 3, vhc, spl, Robinson. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson; 2, Wilyman. LINNET (5): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson; 2, 3, spl, Robinson; vhc, hc, Boots. A.O.S. (3): 1, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson; 2, Robinson; 3, Ronald. HYB. (5): 1, vhc, hc, spl, D. McNicl; 2, Hillier; 3, Booth. Special for most points in first 26 classes, Nicholson and Son; for members', G. W Cuthbertson; 2nd members', J. W. Papple; cup for three nominated Canaries by member, E. Woodhead for British, J. Robinson.

LEITH.

The jubilee year of the Leith O.S. was celebrated by the holding of an annual exhibition on October 23rd. The show was held in the Duke-street halls, which were very comfortable and very free from draughts, the only drawback being in their not having better top light. The society has always been widely known as one of the principal quarters for Scotch Fancy breeders. Both quantity and quality were well maintained in this variety, and 82 birds were staged. Mr. W. Thornton won special for best bird. In the Norwich there were some really good specimens. Plainheads and Crests and Crest-breds mustered 117 strong. Here Mr. W. R. Finnie captured the cup for this season. Borders came out in strong force as usual, and a few very choice birds were staged. The best here turned up in a grand model owned by Mr. W. Hcok, who won special for best hen also, and B.F.C. medal. There were 132 Borders in the various classes. In the British bird section there was a grand turn-out, 140 in the different classes. The Goldfinch class contained a number of grand ones, and no less than six specials went here. The winning bird belonging to Mr. John Baxter secured the cup for this season for best British bird or Mule. The office-bearers were: President, Mr. James Hendry; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Geo. Brown; managing committee, Messrs. J. Baxter, J. Dalgleish, and T. Todd. Judges for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Brown and J. Carson; for Norwich, J. McLay; for Borders, Mr. H. Bennet; and for British, etc., J. F. Dewar. In Mr. Brown the society have an able and efficient worker, and both he and his committee deserve great praise for the businesslike manner in which all the details of management were carried out. The show was well patrouised by the public, and many were the eager glances of the visitors at the collection of really valuable and useful special prizes.

SCOT. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 6, spl, Dalgleish; 2, Allan; 3, 8, spl, Yule; 4, 5, spl, 7, spl, Hendry. BUFF (7): 1, spl best bird, Thornton; 2 spl, 3, spl, Dalgleish; 4, spl, Allan; 5, 6, Hendry; 7, Yule. YELL. PIED CK. (4): 1, Howden; 2, Dalgleish; 3, Thornton; 4, Lawrie. BUFF (5): 1, Rodger; 2, Dalgleish; 3, McMillan; 4, Hendry. YELL. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Thornton; 2, Hendry; 3, West. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Dalgleish; 3, West; 4, McMillan; 5, 6, spl, Yule; 7, spl, Hendry. BUFF (13): 1, 7, spl, Patterson; 2, spl, Dalgleish; 3, spl, McMillan; 4, spl, Hendry; 5, spl, 6, Allan; 8, Howden. YELL. PIED HEN (8): 1, spl, Hope; 2, Drysdale; 3, 4, Howden; 5, spl, Drysdale. BUFF: 1, 4, McMillan; 2, Dalgleish; 3, Hendry; 5, Finnie; 6, Paterson; 7, Howden. YELL. GREEN HEN (3): 1, Yule; 2, Lawrie; 3, Hendry. BUFF GREEN HEN (3): 1, Howden; 2, Paterson; 3, Rodger. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (16): 1, 3, Dunn; 2, spl, 6, Buglass; 4, 8, Finnie; 5, spl, 7, spl, Caldwell. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 3, 5, Finnie; 6, spl, W. Finnie; 7, Forrest; 8, Buglass. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (16): 1, two spls, cup best Nor., 6, 7, Finnie; 2, Miller; 3, spl, 5, Dunn; 4, spl, Kelly; 8, Alcorn. GREEN OR CINN. CK. (3): 1, Carson; 2, Moffat; 3, Meikle. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, spl, Dunn; 2, 7, Buglass; 4, 6, Finnie; 5, spl, Kelly; 8, Rodger. BUFF (12): 1, 2, spl, 3, spl, 6, Dunn; 4, spl, Buglass; 5, Proctor; 7, spl, Finnie. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Finnie; 2, Buglass; 4, Rodger; 5, Moffat; 6, Alcorn. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Buglass; 2, Caldwell; 4, 5, 6, Dunn; 7, Lumsden. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, 3, Meikle; 2, Carson. CREST CK. (5): 1, 3, Miller; 2, spl, Finnie; 4, Alcorn; 5, Holton. HEN (2): 1, Finnie; 2, spl, Holton. C.B. CK. (4): 1, 3, spl, Alcorn; 2, Holton; 4, Finnie. HEN (2): 1, spl, 2, Holton. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (22): 1, spl, 3, spl, Hook; 2, spl, Brown; 4, Baxter; 5, spl, Alcorn; 6, 8, Lawrie. BUFF (21): 1, 8, Brown; 2, 3, 6, spl, Hook; 4, spl, Baxter; 5, Todd; 7, Miller. VARIEG. CK. (13): 1, 2, Hook; 3, Baxter; 4, Miller; 5, Brown; 6, West; 7, spl, Caldwell; 8, McKnight. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 5, spl, Brown; 2, Hook; 4, Todd; 6, 8, spl, Baxter. BUFF (22): 1, two spls, B.F.C. medal, 7, Hook; 2, 3, spl, 4, Brown; 5, Lawrie; 6, spl, Alcorn; 8, Caldwell. VARIEG. HEN (17): 1, 3, 5, Hook; 2, spl, Brown; 4, 8, Baxter; 6, 7, Lawrie. GREEN OR CINN. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass; 5, McKnight; 6, Finnie; 7 Hook. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Buglass; 6, 7, Finnie. A.O.V.: 1, Carson, Buff Belg. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, spl, Baxter; 2, spl, Brown; 3, spl, Milne; 4, spl, 8, Dunn; 5, 7, spl, Finnie; 6, spl, Colbron. LINNET (19): 1, Allan; 2, spl, Colbron; 3, Moffat; 4, Barclay; 5, McMillan; 6, Ross; 7, Hook; 8, Sayers. GREENFINCH (26): 1, Brown; 2, Finnie; 3, Sayers; 4, McKnight; 5, Meikle; 7, Dunn. SISKIN (7): 1, Moffat; 2, Sayers; 3, Dunn; 4, spl, 6, Finnie; 5, Colbron. REDPOLL, ETC. (18): 1, 3, 7, Moffat; 2, 8, Sayers; 4, Dunn; 5, Colbron. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (18): 1, Barclay; 2, 5, spl, Finnie; 3, 7, W. Finnie; 4, Dunn; 6, 8, Moffat. A.O.S. BRIT. (19): 1, 3, spl, 4, Dunn; 6, 8, Moffat; 2, Barclay; 5, Finnie. HEN (13): 1, spl, Finnie; 2, 4, 7, Sayers; 5, Finnie. HEN (13): 1, spl, 5, spl, Moffat; 2, Barclay; 3, Colbron; 4, Allan; 6, McKnight; 7, Finnie; 8, Proctor. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Brown. DARK (12): 1, spl, 4, McMillan; 2, 5, Barclay; 3, 8, Moffat; 6, Allan; 7 Sayers.

DYSART (Fifeshire).

The Dysart and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual show on October 30th, and, taken all over, it was a great success. Entries totalled 473, being 23 in advance of last year's, and the quality was of a very high order, especially in the British bird and Mule classes, which were a feature of the show. Norwich and Borders were a choice collection, and comprised all the noted Scotch winners, while Scotch Fancies were a fine display. These classes were down in entries, but the quality throughout was good, some real good ones being on view. Unfortunately, owing to the small number of entries, the executive are wondering whether to curtail the number of classes, or to exclude the "King of the Fancy" from the schedule. Fanciers cannot, of course, expect show committees to cater for them at a continual loss, to the detraction of other and more popular varieties. The Wryneck exhibited by Mr. Gilmour was a beauty. The Mules were a grand lot, but when you see the name of Mr. Arrighi among the winners, you always expect some good stuff. Norwich, all over, were good, and here we must congratulate the judge, Mr. Holmes, on his selection; he went throughout for birds of the pure Norwich type, nice and round, and free as possible from roughness. His awards were well received. The Crests and Crest-breds were not as numerous as in past years, but quality was well maintained. The Borders were a marvellous collection, containing some of the best on the North-East Coast. Here Mr. Hamilton's noted yellow hen, although winning her class easily, had to knuckle down to a lovely buff hen, which seemed the special for best in show. The judge, Mr. Hislop, was again well-patronised, and the entry he received shows that fanciers in general have full confidence in his awards. Mr. Low judged the Scotch Fancies, Mr. Hislop the Borders, Yorkshires, etc.; Mr. Holmes the Norwich and Crests; and Mr. J. Brown the British, Mules, etc. Their awards were well received. The management was of the best. The genial secretary, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Hutchison, the treasurer, were at the helm, and they were ably assisted by one of the most enthusiastic committees we have had the pleasure of meeting—all genuine fanciers and vieing with each other in their efforts to guard the welfare of their charges. The hall is very comfortable, and the show was largely patronised.

The Borders, Crests and Norwich.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Robertson, fine positioned bird, free pose, grand head, nice wing carriage, very stylish; 2, Walker, tkd. on neck, well rounded, good carriage, real nice one, close up; 3, Arnott, a gem and no mistake, lovely shape, fine weight of body, well set up; vhc, King; he, Aanderson; c, Watson. YELL. HEN (15): 1, sp, 2, Hamilton, 1st good one, well known face, real position, fine head, good front, rare pose, real model; 2nd shade longer, but grandly rounded; 3, Hutchison, nice feather and finish, well staged; vhc, Trail; he, c, Robertson. BUFF (12): 1, sp, best in show, Robertson, good one, fine size, beautifully rounded, grand head, rare shape and position, fine quality feather; 2, Hamilton, neatly drawn below, fine back and wing carriage; 3, Coventry, nice position, well balanced; vhc, Webster; he, Peters; c, Walker. BUFF CL., ETC., CK. (14): 1, Wright, nice quality feather, good shape, well up in position; 2, A. and J. Thomson, lacks the finish of feather, but neat and fine in pose, very showy; 3, Hamilton, close up on 2nd, taking position and style, good trim; vhc, Arnott; he, Patrick; c, Walker. EVEN MKD. (7): 1, Crichton, buff, good wings, nice quality feather, some thought lucky to beat 2, R. Aitchison, real good one, lovely feather, grand shape, fine eye mark, sweetly staged; 3, W. Aitchison, light markings, good feather, well placed; vhc, Arnott; he, Walker; c, Morris. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Spence, 1st nice quality feather, good shape, well rounded, fine front, well drawn, staged in nice bloom, 2nd again close up, very little between them, grand wing carriage, fine texture of feather; 3, Patrick, nice size, good feather and finish; vhc, Robertson; he, Walker; c, Kilpatrick. UNEVEN YELL. HEN (10): 1, A. and J. Thomsen, round as a marble, grand headed bird, extra good front and wing carriage, correct size; 2, he, Morris, 2nd close up for shape, again well rounded, very stylish, good in head; 3, McAdam, shade slim in front, but good quality; vhc, Arnott; c, Patrick, BUFF CK. (12): 1, Robertson, grand order, good headed one, nicely drawn, well put down; 2, Walker, good position and feather, grand wing carriage; 3, Crichton, similar in all points to 1st, grand feather and finish; vhc, Patrick; he, Morris; c, Peters. HEN (9): 1, Robertson, good all round, fine front, full and well drawn, lovely wing carriage, well staged, in extra good order; 2, Anderson, beauty for feather, grandly drawn; 3, Shearer, good feathered, lovely finish, nice wing carriage, well drawn; vhc, McAdam; he, Hutchison; c, Spence. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, A. and J. Thomson, good one, grand shape, true Border Fancy, lovely finish and quality of feather, good solid grassy green; 2, he, Lambie, 2nd also yell. green, very faint in lacing, good ground col.; 3, Cleland, good buff green, solid col., nicely spangled; vhc, Finnie; c, Forrest. SELL. (10/-) (9), 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, Spence; vhc, Morris; he, Patrick; c, T. D. Smith. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Burt, Lizard, broken in cap and flights, nicely spangled; 2, Gillies, nice buff Belgian, good top end, fine droop and depth throughout. COMMON CAN. (5.6) (10); 1, Trail; 2, Arnott; 3, vhc, McGregor; 4, Nicol; he, Hutchison. CREST. CK. (5): 1, Howie, good one all over, nice top piece, fine length of feather, coming well down in front, full at sides, nice centre: 2, Veitch, good centre, side and length, dense in feather; 3, Griffiths, good quality, well staged, well placed; vhc, Arnott; he, Henderson. HEN (4): 1, Lindsay, good one, finely centred, nice length of feather, well carried on side, A1 size and shape; 2, Brown, lengthy, nice frontal and side; 3, McLean, shapely crest, dense, well centred; vhc, Summers. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, Holton, bouncing cl., staged in lovely order, finely lashed, good broad skull, very good in entrance; 2, Arnott, close up, if anything better in entrance, good head and size; 3, e, Buchanan, grandly lashed bird, fine length of feather, well groomed; vhc, Griffiths; he, McLean. HEN (9): 1, Brown, good lashing, well brushed down, bold skull, neat; 2, Griffiths, grand entrance and forward in length of feather, good type and quality, well put down; 3, Lindsay, nice size and shape; vhc, Kemp, he, McLean; c, Veitch. SELL. (20) (8): 1, Veitch; 2, McLean; 3, 4, Arnott; vhc, Smith. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Nisbet, grand shape, well rounded, good full head, nice wing carriage, rare front and stylish; 2, Cameron, good quality feather, nice finish and feather; 3, McAnally, well up in size, good col., well placed; vhc, Gowans; he, Brown; c, Barclay. YELL. HEN (5): 1, and medal, Bishop, nice position bird, good substance, fine full front, good head; 2, Smeaton, real gem, true Nor. shape, rare body and neck, grand head and wing carriage; 3, Howie, lovely feather and finish, nice all round exhibit; vhc, Cameron; he, Barclay. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Smeaton, topper, true Nor. shape, lovely Bullie mould, full free chest, well rounded head, A1 wing carriage, grand weight, well staged; 2, Steel, nice size, good quality feather, good 2nd; 3, McCue, head tkd., nice size, good quality feather; vhc, Foster; he, Logan; c, Burt. HEN (6): 1, he, Burt, 1st good feathered, close, tight fittings, nice balanced wing carriage, neat head, well staged; 2, Smeaton, good feather, nice one; 3, Harris, stylish, in nice trim; vhc, Allan; c, Paton. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Howie, warm, fed, rompling yell., grand back and wing carriage, A1 front, fine size, grand quality feather; 2, Bishop, lovely buff, grand tone of col., rare finish in feather; 3, Bmt, yell. variegated, nice one for quality, nicely staged; vhc, Smeaton; he, Proctor; c David son. HEN. (9): 1, Harris, wins in grand trim, good all round, buff, fine size, well rounded, shown in extra fine trim, well put down; 2, Dickson, also buff, tail and free on chest, well drawn; 3, he, Cameron, 3rd yell., good quality and finish, nicely put down; vhc, Dempster; c, McCue. UNFLG. CK. (18): 1, Howie, good all round, buff, fine size, good shape and head nicely tapered, neat wing carriage and finish; 2, and medal (no name in catalogue), yell. variegated, rare front and taper, grand style and finish; 3, Gamble, nice size, should improve yet; vhc, he, Malcolmson; c, Sloan. HEN (12): 1, Malcolmson, good all round, nicely moulded, good head; 2, Cameron, larger in body, grand front, good wing carriage; 3, M'Clue, grand feathered buff; vhc, Steel; he, Summers; c Gowans. CK., NON-FED YELL. (8): 1, Burt, nice feather, grand carriage, neat front and head; 2, Dempster, good body and face, well rounded, good wing carriage; 3, Sloan, immense substance, in good trim; vhc, Wilson; he, Lawrie; c Watson. HEN (5): 1, Trail, good yell., fine substance, well moulded, very stylish, grand weight and size, well put down; 2, Lambie, strongly made, fine substance throughout; 3, Steel, variegated quality feather; vhc, Howie; he, Barclay. CK BUFF (6): 1, Lambie, romper, good all over, rare front, noble full rounded head, nice quality feather, good back and wing carriage; 2, Trail, again A1 in shape, fine fronted, grandly drawn, in lovely bloom; 3, Logan, nice one for quality, neat head and wings; vhc, Burt, he, Howie; c, Balsillie. HEN (6): 1, Smeaton, nice shape, good quality feather, well rounded, A1 style; 2, Robertson, close up, good head and wing carriage, nice size; 3, Howie, neat head, in good bloom; vhc, Proctor; he, Lawrie; c, Thomson. SELL. CK. (20/-) (6): 1, Finnie; 2, Cameron; 3, Burt; vhc, Logan; he, Brown; c, Foster. HEN (20/-) (3): 1, Logan; 2, rown; 3, Kerr.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, Heggie, 1st nice buff, good quality feather, well drawn, fine position and finish; 2, yell., slim and well down; 3, Barron, hot fed yell., slim and well drawn; vhc, Henderson; he, Nicol. HEN (2): 1, Nicol, wins, nice one, well drawn, very stylish, good quality feather and finish; 2, Barron, hot fed, nice feather, well staged. SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., CK., YELL. (7): 1, Cairns, good one, free, fine top end and reach, nice depth throughout and very stylish; 2, Thomson, nervy, very good in reach, nice length of side; 3, Danskin, close up, stylish and lengthy; vhc, Berwick; he, Melville; c, Leslie; good class, keenly contested. HEN (7): 1, Gilmour, nice quality, good worker, grand length, good shape and finish; 2, 3, J. Thomson, 2 shade slower, but good in motion, wants working up, 3rd taking exhibit, well finished; vhc, e, Leslie; he, Auchterlonie. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Melville, good one, fine free worker, inclined to be a shade straight, but all there when in motion; 2, T. Thomson, clean got up and stylish; 3, Mason, lengthy in side, good back, good position; vhc, Watson; he, Cairns; c, Barrie. HEN (6): 1, Beattie, stylish, well up in top end and reach, good depth throughout; 2, he, Watson, 2nd taking exhibit, scarcely so prominent as winner, but good; 3, J. Thomson, nice depth, well placed; vhc, Wanskin; e, Gillies. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (2): 1, Barrie, good one, fine size, well staged, grand all round. HEN (6): 1, Leslie, nice size, shapely, well up in position, good carriage and style; 2, Gibson, close up, nice shape; 3, Barrie, good otherwise; vhc, Gilmour; he, Cairns; c, Finnie. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, Beattie, 1st good shape and free, nice drive, very neat in shoulder, good reach, 2nd extra fine in quality; 3, Watson, good shape; vhc, J. Thomson; he, c, Auchterlonie. HEN (9): 1, Berwick, good all over, grand substance, taking position, very shapely, well moulded; 2, Melville, close up, nice drive and style, well placed; 3, J. Thomson, stylish, good shape; vhc, Ness; he, Leslie; c, Gibson. SELL., CK (£1) (10): 1, J. Thomson; 2, A. Thomson; 3, Wallace; vhc, Gibson; he, Berwick; c, Beattie. HEN (£1) (6): 1, Melville; 2, Berwick; 3, Walker; vhc, Gibson; he, Peters; c, A. Thomson.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

DARK CAN. MULE (18): 1, Arrighi, Jonque Goldie, coming well up in col., scarcely ready yet, but good solid tone throughout, nice bars, good expansive face, lovely tone of col.; 2, Simpson, romping Linnet, well laced, plenty of size and col., in rare bloom, well placed; 3, Bogie, Jonque Goldie, nice flush face, deep in col.; vhc, M'Millan; he, Robertson; c, M'Gavin. LIGHT MULE (8): 1, Arrighi, almost cl., slight eye tick, buff, good size, well made, nice feather and col., improved in weight since last year; 2, vhc, Jamieson, 2nd large variegated buff, lightly mkd., in grand bloom, exceedingly well staged; 3, Malcolmson, noted "Prince Charlie," romping variegated yell., one of the best living of this variety; he, Peters; c, Shoolbraid. HYB. (5): 1, Holmes, nice Goldie-Bullie, very forward in col, A1 size, good dense face, finely put down, wins; 2, Arrighi, romping Greenie-Bullie, grand cap and markings, wants time for improvement; 3, vhc, Jamieson, 3rd Siskin-Goldie, nice size, well mkd., good col. throughout; he, Dick. LINNET (15): 1, Bishop, Glasgow winner, undoubtedly one of the best at present on show bench, lovely col., grandly pencilled; 2, Arrighi, different tone of col., plenty of lacing, noted winner in the past; 3, Malcolmson, large as any, good in col., broken on centre, but good flights; vhc, Hyslop, hot one, lovely breast markings; he, Bogie; c, Nicol. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Logan, good in col., grand for finish, real good one, Glasgow winner; 2, Laing, good shape, shade weak in neck, but good flights; 3, Finnie, good col., nice qual. feather; vhc, Miller and Eadie; he, White; c, Kerr. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Bishop, a good fed. Siskin, nice size, grandly laced on side, shown in lovely order, real taking exhibit; 2, Hoyle, good mealy poll, plenty of size, grand bib; 3, M'Gavin, good nat. col. Siskin, fine shape, very neat in bib, good cap; vhc, Dick; he, Arnott; c, Peters. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (9): 1, Lindsay, good blazed bird, expansive square cut, dense in col., nice cheeks, finely buttoned, staged in good order; 2, Hoyle, body colours well up, nice tannings and cheeks, good nap; 3, c, Ness, 3rd good bloom, nice all over, very forward in colours; vhc, Wilson and Campbell; he, Bisset. BULLFINCH (9): 1, vhc, G. Thomson, 1st clinker, gem of the first water, dense col. breast, rare cap and bib, fine bars and wings, marvellous condition, Glasgow winner; 2, P. Arnott, good finish, out-classed to-day, good in col., nice shape; 3, J. and J. Chalmers, large bird, good cap and bars, fine back lacking; he, Brown; c, Macdonald. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, Howie, wins in a canter, in full breeding order, dense blaze of great size, pure in whites, well cut, mellow tannings, buttons of great density; 2, Arrighi, similar to winner, close up in colours; expansive, well cut; 3, Hoyle, nice-sized Finch, steady; vhc, McGregor; he, Simpson; c, Trail. BULLFINCH, FOR. (3): 1, Arrighi, grand deep col., rare size, good cap and wings, wins on marvellous breast col.; 2, Spittal, shade smaller, but dense breast col., expansive cap; 3, Hoyle, romper for size. LARGE BRIT., A.O.S. (6): 1, Bowman, good Hawfinch, nice size, well mkd., good bib, well carried and cut; 2, Gilmour, real good all round Missel Thrush, in lovely order, grandly laced, fine colours; 3, Storrar, Song Thrush, nice size, staged in too large a cage; vhc, Lister; c, Bisset. SMALL INSECTIV. (4): 1, Gilmour, a clinking Wryneck for col., lacing and general finish, best seen in Scotland for years, nice size, beautifully finished; 2, Cordery, Grey Wagtail, well staged, in good feather; 3, Hoyle, a Blackcap, nice size, steady, good in feather, nicely staged. SMALL HARDBILL. (9): 1, Kerr, a good fed. Yell. Hammer, nice size cap and eye markings, fine body col., staged in fine bloom; 2, Henderson, Bramblefinch, nicely laced on head and back, well up in body col., neatly cut, good size and shape; 3, Gray, nat. col. Yell. Hammer, good one, fine head and markings, plenty of size; vhc, Malcolm; he, e, Henderson. FOR. (8): 1, Storrar, Nonpariel, nice feather and condition; 2, vhc, he, Lawrie and Andrew, 2nd Paradise Whydah, in full bloom, grand tail; 3, Henderson, Australian Long-tailed Grasslinches in full bloom; all taking exhibits, well staged. SELL. (7/6) MULES AND BRIT. (13): 1, Lindsay; 2, Miller and Eadie; 3, Bruce; vhc, Storrar; he, Anderson; c, Taylor. GIFT: Cancelled. HEN, BRIT.: 1, Bruce, Song Thrush, noted Border Queen, maze of splangle, fine size, staged in grand bloom; 2, Miller and Eadie, clinking Bramble, lovely col. and markings, grand size, real beauty, well put down; 3, M'Gavin, Mealy Redpoll, fine bib, well up in size and col., A1 order; vhc, Miller; he, White; c, Suttie; grand class all over.

BEDFORD.

The 7th annual show of the Bedford and Bedfordshire C.B.S. was held in the Town Hall, on October 28th, when there were over 400 birds on view, several of which could hold their own in many of the All England shows. The show was opened by W. A. Attenborough, Esq. (Parliamentary candidate for the Borough), who congratulated the Secretary (Mr. Wiggins) and the Committee upon the continued success of the Society. Mr. Wiggins does indeed make a capital Secretary. Mr. J. Robson judged. Many of the Norwich classes contained a bumping entry, and some choice exhibits, while the British and Foreign bird classes were very much admired by the visitors. The stuffed specimens were also greatly admired, Mr Nicholls being first in the small class with a beautifully staged Kingfisher, while Mr. Clark captured first in the large class with a very fine specimen of the Shefford Otter. The attendance was satisfactory, especially in the evening, when a string band discoursed sweet music to the accompaniment of the song and twitter of birds.

The Critique.

CL. YELL., ETC., NOR. (21): 1, 2, two spls., Millard, type and quality the great points of both, the former excelling in head; 3, Corrie, trifle bigger than winners, of excellent type, nice quality; res., he, Osborn, very fine typical bird; vhc, Wilmot, Keech; he, Keech; c, Markham TKD., ETC. (19): 1, spl., vhc, Millard, unev. mkd., excellent type, rare col., teeming with quality; 2, F. Webb (Luton), tkd. on neck, very nice exhibit; 3, c, Wilmot, tkd. on head, very smart, rich colr., nice quality; res., vhc, he, Keech, former mkd. on head and neck; vhc, Prudden; he, Beanland. CL., ETC., BUFF (19): 1, vhc, Millard, some made this the most typical Nor. in the show, really very fine bird, excelling in all Nor. properties; 2, 3, vhc (2) Keech, 2nd lovely quality of soft silky feather, excellent body, 3rd trifle smaller, but equal in other respects; res., Goodman; vhc, Smith, Litchfield; he, c, Gentle. TKD., ETC. (17): 1, spl., Litchfield, tkd. eye, mkd. wings, excellent type; 2, Oshorn, very heav. mkd., nicely moulded, should make rare stock bird; 3, Millard, lightly mkd. on head, very smart, tight as a Java; res., vhc, he, e, Keech; vhc, Gould, Webb; he, Markham; c, Goodman. YELL. HEN (18): 1, spl., Corrie, very large cl., rare type, has a wonderful body for a hen, in fact, beats half the cocks; 2, he, Keech, very smart mkd. bird, real Nor. all over; 3, Goodman, mkd. head, correct type, nice quality; res., Gould; vhc, Gentle, Notley, Bushby; he, Gentle, Smith; c, Notley. BUFF (24): 1, F. Webb, lightly mkd., very short and cobby, good quality; 2, 3, vhc, Keech, very fine variegated bird, well moulded, a little bigger than 1st, but hardly so cobby, 3rd very smart cl., teeming with quality; res., Prudden, very choice, lovely quality; vhc, Wilmot, Corrie, Osborn, Millard, Bushby; he, Beanland; c, Notley, Webb. NAT. COL. YELL. (9): 1, Griggs, nice col. bird, well put down; 2, Wilmot, mkd. bird, good head, correct type; 3, Keech, small tkd. bird, lovely quality; res, Griggs, smart cl.; vhc, Pink; he, Gentle; c, Swann. BUFF (12): 1, c, Griggs, very large bodied bird, good one; 2, Notley, variegated, excellent head, nice type, perhaps a wee bit long; 3, Gentle, smart, mkd. bird; res., Wilmot, nice cl.; vhc, Hailey; he, Corrie. SELL. (7/6) (16): 1, Markham; 2, 3, Wiggins; res., Beanland; vhc, he, Goodman; c, Swann. (12/6) (20): 1, vhc, Wiggins; 2, Litchfield; 3, Thring; res., Markham; vhc, Livermore, Gentle; he, Keech, Smith; c, Corrie, Smith. PAIRS (17/6) (16): 1, Goodman; 2, Markham; 3, Smith; res., he, Corrie; vhc, Millard, Keech, Bushby; c, Gould. CREST AND C.-B. (10): 1, 3, Bloomfield and Rose, lovely young Crest, rich quality feather, crest of nice size, good centre and radiation, 3rd green, very fine, large crest of excellent formation; 2, res., vhc (2) Mrs. E. Galloway, 2nd variegated. C.-B., abundance of feather, should make a grand stock bird; he, c, Smith. NOVICE (open to those who had never won a prize) excellent class of 16: 1, 10/6 spl. given by Mr. J. Smith (late of Cambridge); 2, res., vhc, Livermore, excellent team for a beginner, we must congratulate you, Mr. L.; 3, he (2), Parrott, very nice trio for a novice; vhc, Garrod, Bennett; c, Garrod. AVIARY OF 12 CAN. (8), an excellent show in themselves, and were much admired: 1, Keech, 12 choice Plainheads; 2, 3, Smith, Plainheads and Crests respectively, both lots really good; res., Notley; vhc, Osborn; c, Miss Collins. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (13): 1, Thring, smart unev. mkd. Goldfinch, his fourth consecutive win at Bedford; 2, vhc, he, Wilmot, 2nd dark Linnet, of brilliant plumage, well laced; 3, Bushby, Cinn., looks like a nice bird, but thick when we took our notes; res., Smith, very smart Twite Mule; vhc, F. Webb; he, Cherry; c, Beanland. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Wilmot, well up in col., rich square blaze, one of the best we have seen this season, 2nd smart Finch, good col., but not quite finished yet; 3, Timœus, has excellent square blaze and nice polish; res., Wiggins, smart Finch, not yet ready; vhc, Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, res., Wilmot, excellent house-moulted Bullie, good col., well cut dark cap; 2, Turnbeer, fine col. and cap; 3, Finding, field-moulted bird, nice col; vhc, Smith; he, Thompson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Turnber, rich col. Linnet, nicely pencilled; 2, W. Smith, very smart Twite, rich col.; 3, Cherry, bonny Lesser Redpoll, good col.; res., vhc, c, Wilmot; he, Savage. A.O.S. (14): 1, Cherry, very fine, brilliant col., steady Chaffinch; 2, Thring, very smart Whitethroat, in excellent feather; 3, W. Smith, good Blackcap, a trifle rough in plumage, or would have been higher; res., Bloomfield and Rose, really very fine Snow Bunting, cage not quite suitable; vhc, Wilmot, Turnber; he, Swann, Wilmot, Fawcett; c, Fawcett. A.O.S. LARGE (8): 1, spl., Cherry, lovely Hawfinch, caught (so Mr. C. informed us) in his own garden at Luton, rich in col., excellent bib, grand condition; 2, Ayres, very nice, well mkd. Thrush; 3, Spring, also good Thrush; res., Thompson; vhc, Smith; he, Gannt; c, Rayner. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, spl., res., vhc (2), he, Timœus, Superb Tanager, rich in its many cols., but hardly so good as we have seen him, some preferred the same owner's Racket-tailed Whydah, put up in splendid condition, with perfect tail, and not a feather awry; 2, he, c, Miss Galloway, lovely pair of Red-headed Gouldians, in prime condition; 3, Mrs. Galloway, brilliant-col. pair of rare Parrot Finches; very strong class. FOR. LARGE (8): 1, Meadow, very fine pair of Barnard's Parrakeets; 2, 3, res., Timœus, 2nd rich col. Peruvian Jay, Scaly-breasted Lorrikeet, in brilliant plumage of green and gold, like satin (some preferred this for winner); he, Millman; c, Miss Harpur. STUFFED SMALL (10), these made a very fine show, occupying one side of hall: 1, 2, vhc, he (2) Nichols; 3, res., c, Young. LARGE: 1, Clark; 2, 3, vhc, Nichols; res, Young. YORKS (11): 1, 3, F. Webb, two grand typical birds, yell. and buff, not much between the two; 2, res., Cherry, very lengthy yell, and good buff, close up; vhc, Webb; c, Smith.

GALSTON.

Galston O.S. held their annual show on 30th Oct. They tried the experiment this year of having cage birds; the first time for 26 years that there has been a cage bird show in Galston. But owing to so many other similar shows on the same date, the entries were none too strong. The Scotch Fancy classes were very poorly patronised, and six classes had to be cancelled. But what birds were there were good, some well-known winners being again to the front. Mr. J. Ward, jun. (Shettleston) and Mr. W. Urquhart (Paisley) were the judges for this section, and their awards met with approval. The Borders were out in stronger numbers, and there were some real nice beauties there. The Norwich were also choice. Mr. W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock) placed the awards in these classes, and placed them well, no grumbling being heard. The secretary, Mr. Frew, is a hard worker, being here, there, and everywhere, while a more courteous secretary could not be found. To Mr. Hopkins (the president) the same remarks apply. The hall is comfortable, although if cage birds are again to be there, we would suggest their being placed in the large room, as this hall was very crowded in the afternoon.

SCOTS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Paton, nice head and great length of neck, grand drive, splendid position, well placed; 2, Campbell, fine neck and shoulders, good drive; 3, Rabston, good head and neck, fine shoulders, tail well under, pressing 2nd hard. BUFF (5): 1, Findlay, clinker for size, grand head, neck and shoulders, splendid drive and position, wings well placed, tail well on perch, good win; 2, Nisbet, nice head and shoulders, lacks size and substance of winner; 3, Paton, good size, nice drive and position; 4, Bruce; 5, Pollock. BUFF PIED HEN (8): 1, 5, Smith, fine neck and back, good drive, splendid position; 2, McGeachie, grand body and substance, good drive; 3, Findlay, grand head, neck and shoulders, splendid drive, tail well under, lovely worker; 4, Pearsen; 5, Campbell. FOUL, ETC., HEN (3): 1, Findlay, good head and neck, fine shoulders, grand filled back, splendid drive, easy win; 2, Nisbet, good body and wings, tail well under, nice size and position; 3, Borland, nice head and neck, good back, fails substance. SELL. CK. (£1) (6): 1, Pearson; 2, Paton; 3, Bowie; 4, McDonald; 5, Campbell. HEN (£1) (5): 1, Paton; 2, McDonald; 3, 4, Campbell. BORDER CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Taylor, beauty, nice head, back well filled, good wing carriage, nicely tapered; 2, Murdoch, nice head, good wing carriage, lovely pipe tail, rougher in feather than winner; 3, Walker, another nice one, good head and neck, well tapered, stouter than winners; 4, Miller; 5, Wilson; 6, Willison. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Murdoch, nice beauty, lovely head, grand back, wings and tail, best of carriage, easy win; 2, Withers and Goudie, nice head, good back and wings; 3, Walker, nice back, good wing carriage, neat tail; 4, Willison; 5, Patterson. CL. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Ferguson, neat head, good wing carriage, finely tapered, grand type, splendid condition; 2, Jamieson, nice round body, good carriage, nice stamp, fails bit in condition; 3, Montgomerie, lovely head, grand wing carriage, feathered like wax, splendid condition; 4, Withers and Goudie; 5, Walker; 6, Guthrie. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Dick, Troon winner, in grand condition to-day, lovely head, nicely filled in back, good wing carriage; 2, Walker, another nice beauty, in grand order, neat head, grand style; 3, Murdoch, lovely head, grand wing carriage, neat tail, very typical; 4, Duncan; 5, Montgomerie; 6, Withers and Goudie. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. UNEVEN HEN (3): 1, Miller, variegated buff, neat head and neck, good wing carriage, nice pipe tail; 2, Gibson, variegated yell., nice head and neck, good type; 3, Lee, variegated buff, foot got hurt, could not show itself. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, 4, Willison, winner leading for quality, mkd. both eyes, nice back, good wing carriage; 2, Gibson, tkd. on cheek, nice head, good wings, fine stamp; 3, Duncan, very neat head, splendid wings and tail, fails condition a little. SELL. (7): 1, Montgomerie; 2, Jamieson; 3, Murdoch; 4, Guthrie; 5, 6, Hannah. NOR. CL. CK. (8): 1, Train, grand head and neck, good chest and body, fine quality of feather; 2, Watson, another good one, grand head and neck, well-filled back; 3, Calderwood, good type, fine wings, bit leggy; 4, Jones; 5, 6, Cooper. HEN: Cancelled. TKD., ETC., CK. (3): 1, Calderwood, nice stamp, good body, grand col. and wing carriage, wins; 2, Cooper, good head, fine back and body; 3, not forward. HEN (5): 1, Watson, lovely stamp, grand body, head and neck, silky feather; 2, Latta, another good one, great body, fine wing carriage, nice head, pressing hard; 3, Brown, good back and chest, well staged; 4, Scott; 6, Train. SELL. (6): 1, Johnston; 2, Jones; 3, Calderwood; 4, Brown; 5, Latta. COMMON: 1, Withers and Goudie, large yell., cross between Yorks. and a Nor. grand condition, good house bird; 2, Paterson, smaller bird, neat head and wings; 3, 5, Dunlop; 4, Frew. GIFT (6): 1, Duncan; 2, Roxburgh; 3, Campbell; 4, Borland.

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THE CAMERA AT WORK IN THE FANCY.

Some Groups of Bird-lovers Photographed at the Exhibitions or whilst out on Country Rambles.

UPPER LEFT HAND: Members and friends, with their sweethearts, wives and bairns, of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C., upon the occasion of their last annual country outing. RIGHT HAND: Some members of the Welsh C.B.C., taken on the occasion of the club show at Brecon. The names are (commencing from the right): Front row, D. H. Tedstone, General Sec. & Show Manager; T. L. Castree, Chairman and Judge; J. H. Jones, Treasurer; J. Pritchard, G. T. Jones, Show Sec. Second Row, I. J. Price, E. J. Bevan, G. L. Harber, A. E. Brown, F. Cross, D. Owen. Back row, G. Gregory, Lewis Lewis, Joshua Evans, D. Jones, S. Jones, A. Meale, Eynon, sen., W. J. Card, T. Parsons. The cups showing are the "Leech" and "Jones." CENTRE: The Grangemouth & District O.S., taken on the occasion of the annual show. Names, from left to right (standing): D. Smart, M. Smith, J. Aitken, J. Reid, H. Liddle, D. McFarlane, M. McLeod, J. Fergusson, J. Anderson and W. Heard. (Sitting), G. Smith, Secretary, J. Ovenstone (Cup Holder), C. Campbell, (Judge), J. MacPherson, President; G. F. Adamson, Judge; W. Scaife, Treasurer, and T. Cartner. LOWER RIGHT HAND: The Stockton Heath & District O.S., taken at the annual nest-feather show. Names, top (left to right): Messrs. J. W. Bowers, J. Whitley, C. Dukes, A. Stout, E. Harper, W. Williams, E. Oaks, J. Birchall and J. Langley. Bottom row: T. F. Moss, B. Moss, J. Griffiths, W. H. J. Jenkins, J. Leech, J. Bretherton and W. W. Morison. LEFT HAND: The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. Names (seated): Messrs. H. Saunders, A. Wright, Chairman; R. Symonds, Asst. Sec.; T. A. Cooke and A. J. Lucas. Standing (first from cages): H. Ward, J. Blackshaw, W. H. Bray, Hon. Sec., and J. Bent. At Back: J. Symonds, Vice-Chairman, and J. Allen.



A LABOUR OF LOVE—
Hen Blackbird Sitting on Her Eggs.

A Curious Parrot:

The Hawk-headed Caique.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

This singular, droll, intelligent and interesting Parrot inhabits the Brazils and Honduras, where, judging by the numbers that leak through to this country, it cannot be at all common. The bird whose picture adorns this article was placed on deposit at the Zoo (July, 1906) by my esteemed friend and fellow-aviculturist, Mr. E. W. Harper, from whom I purchased it in the following October.

Their scarcity in British Guiana is well illustrated by the fact that Mr. Harper was there for about three years and only succeeded in obtaining two, one of which, unfortunately, escaped. Very little is known as to their wild life. Mr. Harper informs me that they seem to be only procurable from the aborigines in the interior. I only know of three other specimens in the United Kingdom at the present time (December, 1908), viz., one each owned by Mrs. K. L. Miller (1st L.C.B.A.), Mr. O. Millsum, and the London Zoo. Of these four specimens, three were imported by Mr. Harper.

Description of Plumage.

Plumage: Adult male—Head, with the exception of the crown, brown; the crown is creamy-buff, and the feathers of the sides of the face have shaft streaks of the same colour, but slightly darker; the ruff or long feathers of the nape, breast and abdomen are deep red, each feather being edged with opaline-blue; the entire back, upper tail coverts and wings are rich grass-green; the bastard wing, primaries and coverts are black; the secondaries, green tipped with blue-black; the tail feathers, with the exception of the two outer ones on each side, are green, bluish at the tips; the extreme outer feathers are black, with a portion of their outer webs edged with blue; the next feather on each side has its inner webs black and its outer ones green; the underside of the tail feathers is black, with the lateral feathers splashed with red at the base of the inner webs; the iris is brown (my bird is only in its third year, and possibly not yet fully mature), said to vary from brown to rich yellow (this is probably sexual); the beak is a dusky-horn colour, lighter on the culmen and edges of the mandibles: the legs and feet are blackish-grey. Total length, 14in.; tail, 6½in.

Adult female: As to this I can only give secondary information. Count Salvadori thinks the female lacks the red areas at the base of the lateral tail feathers. It would appear as if he is correct, as the bird figured in Greene's "Parrots in Captivity" was afterwards ascertained to be a female. The said figure has the underside of tail entirely black, and I cannot think the artist would have overlooked this, the colouring being quite distinct, and not at all obscured.

The late Dr. Greene had an undoubted male later, which he describes as having the head, face and pointed nuchal feathers, creamy white; also that his female was smaller, and had the same portions of her plumage duller and grayer than those of the male. It would therefore appear as if these distinctions were fairly accurate, and that the accompanying figure is that of the male. In confirmation of this, I may say my bird favours the ladies, which is quite usual with Parrots of all species of the male sex.

Before leaving the description of plumage, I must point out that this varies considerably according to the position from which the bird is viewed. When the light shines upon its back the plumage appears a rich, shining grass-green; reverse this position, and the green portion of its plumage appears to be overlaid with bronzy-gold. Again, in the full light the red and blue of nape and underparts are very bright and beautiful, and also very sharply defined; vary the positions, and these appear at one time almost all red, and at another blue appears to predominate; and yet again these portions have a purplish appearance. I may say, too, that the beak of my bird has become darker since it has been in my possession, so that it is quite possible that when fully mature it will be blackish-horn, or perhaps blackish in colour. Whichever of the conditions or variations, according to position, under which the bird is viewed, it has a beautiful and striking appearance.

Remarkable Head and Neck Feathers.

This striking bird has the power of not merely raising the feathers of the crown, but of controlling the whole of the feathers of the head and neck in this respect to a greater or lesser degree; but it is in regard to the lovely feathers of the nape and sides of the neck that this is most remarkable, for they are not merely erected perpendicularly, but so that they lean forward at a fairly sharp angle. The movement could not be more striking if each feather had a joint beneath the skin. The feathers are raised simultaneously, but yet when watched each feather appears to pivot itself upwards and forwards individually. The feathers of the head and sides of face are only slightly raised, not fully to a horizontal position. They are better described as being shaken out, and separated one from the other, and partially extended upwards.

The erection of the ruff takes place either when the bird is excited, or when the back of its neck is rubbed, and at such times the wings are slightly raised and the plumage of the underparts shaken loose. On such occasions the beautiful markings and colours of the underparts are fully brought out, the spangling being very clear.



THE HAWK-HEADED CAIQUE.
(Photo by E. O. Page, reproduced by kind permission of the Council of the Foreign Bird Club.)

Attractive Qualities.

Dr. Butler (in "Foreign Bird Keeping"), quoting Schomburgk, says "that it is less abundant than the typical Parrots; it lives chiefly in pairs, more rarely in little companies, affects the lower woods in the vicinity of settlements, is confiding, easily tameable, but delicate and unteachable. Its cry sounds like Nia-nia (the English equivalent would be Hea-hea); it, moreover, nests in tree-holes, and lays more than two eggs, occasionally four." As regards the above, I can only say that it is neither delicate nor yet unteachable; in fact, just the opposite, for I consider it robust, and certainly to be numbered among the most intelligent of Parrots.

The Hon. and Rev. F. G. Dutton considers the bird treacherous and inclined to bite. This writer must have been unfortunate in his specimen. At the same time, it proves that cantankerous and malicious individuals occur in this species. My own experience coincides with that of the late Drs. Greene and Russ; but at the same time it will be seen later that it is not perfect. To my mind, however, it is the Parrot for a pet.

The attractive qualities are numerous, quite apart from its beauty and interesting manner of raising the feathers of the nape. It is nothing less than libel to describe this bird as delicate and unteachable. It is quite the reverse. But my specimen would have nothing to do with constant repetition, but has picked up such phrases as the following:—"Ernest," "Ernie," "Ernest's here," "Ernest's come," "What's the matter?" "What yer doing?" "Whatever are you doing?" besides the usual "Polly," "Nice Polly," "Very nice Polly," and others which it does not yet articulate clearly.



AND THE HAPPY RESULT.
Young Blackbirds Calling Out for Dinner.

When he wishes to come out of his cage he comes to the front and makes quite a noise with his mandibles against the wires of the cage, and calls out, "Open the door."

It is only noisy when left alone for a time, and then it calls out loudly to attract attention. Fortunately, even this noise (which is going on as I write this), is neither a discordant screech nor yet unmusical; and its screams, for the above cannot be counted as such, are of the same character; they are not often indulged in, and an entire lack of harshness robs them of their terror.

My bird is also quite a talented whistler, and imitates at times the Thrush with marvellous fidelity, and also persons and passers-by in the road; a boy whistling as he passes wakes him up at once, and he nearly always responds, and practically in the same key. Unfortunately, he often declines to display his talents before strangers. He is also an accomplished acrobat. The way he throws himself about in his cage (22ins. square by 30in. high), hanging from one foot, is both interesting and little short of marvellous. And, again, it is amusing to see him grip his perch with his feet and twirl round like a boy on the horizontal bar; and then turn round and look at you with an expression that is equivalent to: What do you think of that?

Another of its droll habits is to whine like an infant in trouble, and when he was being carried home from the Zoo (in a closed box), he was responsible, both in the train and roadway, for many glances round by his indulging in this drollery; the sound is most realistic.

Nursed, Cuddled, and Tickled.

He is very tame, and delights in coming out of his cage (though when he came into my possession in November, 1906, he did not speak a word, nor yet show any evidence of knowing how to use his wings) for a good fly round, and to be nursed, cuddled and tickled. He will lie for an hour or more in one's lap while gentle friction is applied to his person, purring with intense satisfaction the whole of the time. When he has had a fly round it is amusing to notice him when he settles on the table (whether a cloth is on or not); he will bend forward and rest his upper mandible on the table, and with wings slightly raised and tail outspread will run round the table, sometimes several times without lifting his beak therefrom. While taking exercise he will alight either on the uplifted hand or shoulder, and fly from one to the other. Frequently he will ignore the hand, and alight on the head instead. I may say the ladies (though they count him rare fun) most decidedly object to being so crowned.

He is also fearless and very fond of his own way (very human this), and when checked he most decidedly resents being interfered with, and would certainly protest with his mandibles if permitted. Anyone he objects to he "goes for," just as a bull-dog would, and just as fearlessly, but no harm is done, providing hands are kept out of the way. He will follow such an one round the room, frequently charging and worrying trousers or skirts as a terrier would a rat. At such times I am bound to admit that if the individual concerned were to be so careless as to let him lay hold it would need the surgeon's stitches to repair the damage.

It has one rather objectionable habit; when specially pleased, and with anyone he approves of, he will try to feed them by bringing up the half-digested food from his crop. However, if the one concerned permits him to lay hold of their fingers (he never even pinches on such occasions), he immediately re-swallows the regurgitated food. But occasionally he is so energetic that some is thrown out. This habit is common to many other species of Parrots, but is very pronounced in this species.

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FOR THE SAKE OF—
Great Tit Demolishing a Piece of Fat Bacon.



THE LITTLE ONES AT HOME.
Baby Great Tits Waiting for Their Share.



A STUDY IN CANARIES.

CLEAR-CAP GOLD LIZARD. CLEAR BUFF NORWICH PLAINHEAD. CLEAR YELLOW YORKSHIRE.

CLEAR CRESTED NORWICH. SELF YELLOW CINNAMON. UNEVEN MARKED BORDER FANCY.



THE PRETTY OUTDOOR AVIARY OF MR. J. W. GREEN (DARLASTON).

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This pretty and eminently practical outdoor aviary is tenanted, Mr. Green informs us, by a mixed collection of British and Foreign birds. The outside flight is 12 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 feet high. The sleeping shed is 12 feet long, 4 feet wide and 6 feet high. Mr. Green states that his first venture in the way of an aviary was a flight 6 feet long made entirely out of old boxes.

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The Bird's Diet.

I fear I have already wearied my readers, and must bring this long and somewhat rambling account to a close. Diet: He gets a mixture of canary, millet, rice in the husk, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower; and has for variety, for "afternoon tea," a piece of dry toast, also at intervals ripe fruit as in season, nuts and green food (the latter is seldom eaten). He is very fond of cuttlefish, and soon demolishes a good-sized piece.

He is a frequent but not a large drinker, taking a few sips after each meal. It is rather amusing to watch him with his toast; after he has eaten two or three pieces, dry as given, with the next he will descend from his perch with it in his mouth, go to the water vessel, and dip it in three or four times, then climb to his perch and quietly eat same, apparently with great satisfaction. It is also called the Ruffed Parrot; its native name is "Hia-Hia," which resembles its call note.



A CANDID OPINION.
Young Hooded Crows indulging in a few hard words.

Some Humours of Aviculture.

By WILLIAM R. SMELLIE, M.A.

A gentle "dig" at certain foibles of fanciers and of their birds, with a word for the visitors.

There is no doubt that bird fanciers, like other enthusiasts, get so engrossed in their hobby that they often lose sight of some of the aspects of it. And the humorous aspect is generally the one fated to fall into oblivion, ousted by the very seriousness and devotion given to the practical side of the hobby. This, surely, is hardly desirable, the more so since it is unnecessary; in fact, if fanciers would just give a little scope to their sense of humour, it would be found that their hobby is as prolific in respect of fun as any other; for not only do we find wags and practical jokers among the birds themselves, but our hobby throws us amongst such strange characters and into such strange circumstances that he would be a veritable Owl who could not find ample food for mirth and jest.

Ignorance is (?) Bliss.

Our brother fanciers relate with great gusto their success on the show bench or in the breeding room; on the other hand, they may drone forth a tale of devastation and woe dire enough to make a novice leave the Fancy and "take to drink"; but seldom or never do we hear of the side-splitting merriment the Fancy has brought them.

Let us first consider humour gleaned from the visitor who comes to inspect our pets. It is strange but true that no one ever lays claim to ignorance regarding birdy matters: all and sundry assume an expression of profound wisdom and make suggestions by the score, to all of which the tactful aviculturist with the laws of hospitality inculcated in him has to answer with a gentle "Yes, I believe that might be a good idea," etc. This agreeable lie the aviculturist tells while all the time he knows the ideas are fundamentally rotten, and the outcome only of unfathomable ignorance. He may even go further and thank the brainy one for thinking out such marvels of ingenuity, while all the time his hands are itching to reach for his gun. Many people know the Sparrow, the domestic hen, and one other kind of bird; and this one they serve up on all occasions and upon the slightest provocation.

Several of these wise naturalists have visited the writer, who has an aviary of small hardbills. One person had at some time in his life seen some miserable, decrepit specimen of a Java Sparrow in some dealer's window, doubtlessly marked "Beauty, very rare, splendid whistler, etc."; so he straightway advised that a "Jerusalem" Sparrow should be procured. Another thought that a Kingfisher was the one bird required to make the collection complete; while a third had a hankering after a cock Golden Pheasant, which he was sure would look well and get on well with the other birds. Doubtless it would have been entertaining to see a few rounds between the latter and a cock Redpoll, especially if the Redpoll had been under instruction from a Japanese wrestler. I am now waiting (with my gun) for some "cheerful idiot" to come around asking why there is not a Sparrow Hawk or a Golden Eagle included in the collection, as they make the best of foster-parents for Hybrids, taking them completely into their care!

The "Superior Person."

Again, when these visitors come in pairs, one of them generally assumes superior knowledge, and takes a fiendish delight in dilating upon the different birds, their names, habits, etc., and his information is generally new to the fancier himself, who previously was ignorant that he possessed such prodigies.

The Bullfinch will be pointed to, and the "superior person" will remark: "That's a wee Robin, grand whistler, but I didn't think it would live shut up." This sage remark will probably be followed by a query as to what blood-thirsty villain gave the Cutthroat the slash from ear to ear, or how much bigger the Avadavat would grow in another year. The birdy man has recourse to noise- and invisible laughter, but soon ceases making a lifelong enemy by disillusioning his sapient guests.

They departed delighted and feeling one the fancier owes them much; while the fancier thoroughly enjoys it, too, unless a favourite hen has deserted a clutch of valuable eggs on account of the "cackle" of the visitors.

Fanciers' Foibles.

Apart from one's own bird room in pursuing the hobby out and about, one meets with no queerer, funnier fellows than some of the bird fanciers. All sorts and conditions are found and all, if seen aright, are truly and naturally humorous. At the shows, if you have a sympathetic countenance, you will hear how the villainous hard hearted judge actually passed over the best bird in the show—nay, in Britain—and preferred a bird that would not be allowed to whistle in the same wood, to speak. Oh! the blind and foolish judge!

Again, a bird sale is teeming with laughable incident and opportunities for character study. Have you seen birds sold by auction? Everyone who has done so is familiar with the bibulous individual whom you have never seen before, but who is, nevertheless, your very good friend, and persists in shaking you by the hand, clapping you on the back, and weeping on your neck by turns, meanwhile advising you what to buy and what not to buy. When a buff Canary is put up for sale, your thirsty friend will tell you in a stage whisper that it is only a painted Sparrow and will become as black as the ace of spades inside three days. Perhaps he will even convey these glad tidings to the auctioneer himself, at the same time telling him his opinion of him and his ancestors, even unto the third generation.

Then we have the very smart man, who knows all the dodges, and persists in taking the bird he buys out of the cage himself lest the dealer intentionally give it a surreptitious squeeze of just sufficient force that it may die exactly 10 minutes 45½ seconds after the smart purchaser would have reached home with it. We have also the man who has the public weal at heart, and who persists, therefore, in loudly denouncing the dealer for his numerous frauds—e.g., selling hens for cocks, etc.—until his persistency and importunity earn for him his reward. He is cast forth amid the jeers of the multitude, and such is the ingratitude of mankind that those he was trying to assist and save, aid him to depart. He is sped on his way by many boots. Then by contrast we have the toady of the auctioneer, who denounces his revilers and aids and abets him so ostentatiously and noisily that he generally has to be assisted to the outer air shortly after his predecessor.

Lastly, the auctioneer himself is generally a character worth studying. His caustic answers to awkward questions are very amusing, as also are his remarks on the birds.

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A HANDFUL OF BIRD LIFE.
Young Wrens taking a first view of the outside world.



THE INDOOR BIRD-ROOM OF MR. W. YOUNG (BARNSTAPLE).
The inmates of this handsome apartment have won many first and other prizes for their owner at the great Barnstaple Show.

At the time this photograph was taken Mr. Young had in the room the following small Foreign Birds:—Red and Black-headed Gouldians, Crimson, Orange and Yellow Bishops, Paradise and Pin-tail Whydahs, Long and Rufous-tail Grass Finches, Masked, Yellow-rumped, Diamond, Zebra, Spice, Jacarini, Chestnut-breasted, Pileated and African Fire Finches, Combasous, Cordon Bleus, Orange-cheeked, Zebra, and Amaduvade Waxbills, White, Black-headed, Three-coloured Mannikins, Madagascar and Red-billed Weavers. The larger birds were:—Red and Mealy Rosellas, White-eared Conures, Blossom Head, Yellow Collar, Blue Bonnet, Alexandrine, and Many-colour Parakeets and Cockateels.



THE HERON AT HOME.

SOME HUMOURS OF AVICULTURE.—Continued.

Their good points assume gigantic proportions when described by his glib tongue, whereas, when he comes to a bird with death "writ large" all over its countenance, he euphemistically says that it is just a "little soft," like himself. Such is business.

Some Birdie Humorists.

Now, what about the birds themselves? In every community of birds, just as in every community of men, you are almost bound to find at least one or two real humorists. The bird lover can pick them out at once and diagnose their case. You cannot look at such without feeling an inclination to laugh or throw something at them. One antiquated specimen of the Canary tribe comes to mind. He is the funny man of the aviary. He glories in a fight of the kind that is mainly made up of noise and outstretching of wings, and he is not particular whom he gets to fight with. He will sit for five minutes at a time with a sunflower seed husk in his beak, at one time making it whirl round and round, as if it were pivoted on his tongue, at another time holding it as if it were a cigar (and by the expression on his face he seems to enjoy his "smoke"). Again, the benevolent old fellow has been seen feeding four hens, all in a row at one time, and has thus called down upon his head the just wrath of their jealous husbands. Such are a few of his vagaries, and his serio-comic expression enhances his antics while he seems to thoroughly enjoy his own jokes.

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul.

Again, is it not irresistibly funny to see an enterprising hen when building, go quietly up, pluck a loose feather from some sober, unsuspecting individual, and make off with it, leaving the victim with a stony stare of annoyance and surprise on his face? In fact, what with petty jealousies and free fights, a person can depend on soon getting his morbid interest awakened and his risible faculties set a going.

The hobby of aviculture provides a great deal of legitimate humour. When it concerns the birds, however, it takes a real fancier to see and enjoy it. Thus aviculturists are the exclusive participants in this phase of humour, and can, therefore, extract so much more enjoyment out of life than their neighbour. And that is something to swear by in this "vale of tears."

OUR PHOTOGRAPHS.

The clever series of small photographs in this issue are the work of Mr. Stanley Crook (Scarborough). Comprised in it are the admirable pictures of Blackbird and young, Great Tit and young, the Hooded Crows, the handful of young Wrens, the Heron at home, and the study of snow-bound woodland. Concerning the photograph of the hen Blackbird, we may point out how faithfully the camera shows up the mottled surface of the throat (the breast, of course, is also more or less similarly marked), a peculiarity of the female Blackbird, which often leads to her being confused with the Song Thrush, and is no doubt responsible for many of the accounts one reads respecting the mating of these two species and the production of "Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids."



BIRDLAND IN WINTER GARB.

The excellent reproduction of the interior of Mr. W. Young's birdroom is by Messrs. Darker and Loraine (Barnstaple); the qually admirable picture of an outdoor aviary is the work of Mr. J. W. Green (Darlaston). The photographs which make up the first page of the supplement are by Mr. James Reid (Kilmarnock), the outing of the Kilmarnock C.B.S.; Clark's Studios (Brecon), the Welsh Cage Bird Club; R. G. Hood (Grangemouth), the Grangemouth and District O.S.; Mr. H. E Tonge (Latchford), Stockton Heath O.S.; the name of the photographer concerned in the production of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S. has not reached us.





Drawing by] [*H. Norman.*

DARK GOLDFINCH-CANARY HYBRID.
Second Prize at Clapham Show.
Exhibited by Mr. J. BEST, Battersea.

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BRAMBLEFINCH.
First Prize at Clapham Show.
Exhibited by Mr. A. J. COFFEY, Liverpool.

DERWENT VALLEY.

The third annual show of the Derwent Valley C.B.S. was held on October 30th in the Church Hall, Ilkmsterley. The hall is an ideal place for the purpose. Entries came up very well, totalling 340, an increase of 120 over last year. Norwich, Borders, and Yorkshires made a good display, but four out of the five Clear classes had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. British also came up very well and many good birds were to be found in these classes. Members' classes filled well, and contained some very fine exhibits. Special for most points in the Canary section went to Mr. J. Lindsay, while Mr. H. Griffiths secured medal for most points in British classes. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. J. Brown, who makes an ideal secretary, being courteous and obliging to all, and continually on the look out for the welfare of the exhibits under his care; and the Society is to be congratulated upon having such a capable fancier at the head of affairs. He was ably backed up in his duties by a most efficient staff of fanciers, comprised of the Rev. Father Rickaby, Messrs. G. Burkass, W. Marsh, W. Tomlinson, W. Cury, M. Armstrong, W. Marsh, T. Betton, J. Moore, T. Fletcher, H. Griffiths, F. Dixon, and R. Johnson. Splendid weather favoured the event, and we were pleased to see the show so well patronised by the public. The show was not held under C.B.U. rules, yet we found several one-time strong adherents of the C.B.U. exhibiting here. The judges were Messrs. T. Dixon (Beddington Station), for Canaries; and J. Maddison (Newcastle), for British birds and Mules; and their awards gave every satisfaction.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Barkass, grand type, good hot col., nice quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, J. Thompson, nice size, good shape, rare head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, Alf. Grey, hot col., grand substance, nice head and neck, crosses wings; vhc and hc, no names. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Bright, rare shape, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice front; 2, hc, Alf. Grey, good type, nice quality and col., well carried tail; 3, Anderson, fine size, nice shape and col.; vhc, Fletcher; c, Thompson. BRED 1909 (15): 1, spl, A. Grey, buff, grand shape, rare front, hot col., good head and neck; 2, Miles Bros., yell., good size and shape, lovely col., nice quality; 3, Atkinson, tkd. on face, grand shape and quality, good head and neck; vhc, Barkass; hc, Smith; c, Fletcher. HEN (10): 1, spl, Baker, tkd. on head and neck, nice type, fine front, good col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, A. Grey, cl., yell., grand stamp, deep chest, good col., nice short tail; 3, no name, clear buff, rare size, grand head and neck, good col., nicely mealed; vhc, Barkass; hc, Thompson. NAT. COL. (6): 1, spl, Lee, grand size, good col. and quality, deep chest, nice wings and tail; 2, Smith, good size and type, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 3, Rigg, rare size, grand neck and chest; vhc, Telford and Marsh; hc, Simpson c, Moore. NOVICE (5): 1, spl, vhc, Pears, variegated, buff, rare size, capital shape, good col., rare thick head and neck; 2, hc, Telford and Marsh, nice shape, good col. and quality, grand wings and tail, some thought should have been first; 3, Barkass, hot col., good shape, short wings and tail. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Crawhall, apparently cl., fine length, well up on legs, long wings and tail, neat head; 2, Bright, long, slim birds, grand wings and tail; 3, Colling and Turnbull, thigh tkd., good length, stands well up, good wings and tail; vhc, Slater; hc, Reed. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Crawhall, griz. wings, finely drawn, good length of leg, very erect on perch, good wings and tail; 2, Reed, head tkd., grand length, good wings and tail, neat head and neck; 3, Colling and Turnbull, nice length, good flights and tail. BRED 1909 (6): 1, spl, Ellwood, buff, tight as a bottle, long, slim bird, finely drawn, good wings and tail, nice style; 2, Robinson, var. buff, good length, nice col., grand wings and tail, erect; 3, Colling and Turnbull, variegated, buff, grand length, nice col.; vhc, Anderson; hc, Dixon; c, Johnson. HEN (6): 1, spl, Colling and Turnbull, grandly drawn, extra body, wings, and tail, stands well on good legs; 2, Brown, grand long, slim bird, nat. col., very erect, good flights and tail; 3, Crawhall, wing mkd. buff, good length, grand shape; vhc, Cowman; hc, Anderson; c, Thompson. NAT. COL. (10): 1, spl, Griffiths, good length, very slim, long flights and tail, stands well up; 2, 3, Richardson, rare length, nice style, gets well up; 3rd good length, nice wings, gets well up on perch; vhc, Colling and Turnbull; hc, Brown; c, Johnson. NOVICE (11): 1, spl, Colling and Turnhull, yell. Cinn., grand type, nicely tapered away, rare wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Pears, yell., long, slim bird, grand wings, well up on legs, good col.; 3, Rigg, fine length, nice col. and quality; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Brown; c, Johnson. CLASSES 13,14,15, 16, Crests and C.B., all cancelled. CREST OR C.-B., NOVICE (7): 1, spl, 3, Pears, wing mkd., nice size Crest, good droop, neat centre, 3rd variegated, fine shaped Crest, nice front, good droop; 2, Colling and Turnbull, variegated, nice size Crest, good shape; vhc, Franks; hc, no name; c, Dickenson Bros. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, spl, hc, Lindsay, grand yell., beautiful shape, jaunty carriage, nice wings and tail, rare quality; 2, Gardiner, nice shape, good col. and style, well carried wings and tail, not quite so neat in head; 3, vhc, c, Betton, very neat Bord., good quality and style. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Ellwood, typical shape, good quality feather, nice wings, close packed tail, good head and neck; 2, vhc, Lindsay, nice shape, free, jaunty carriage, good wings and tail, fine quality; 3, Lane, good type, nice col. and quality; hc, Gardiner; c, Betton. HEN (7): 1, spl, no name, unev. mkd. buff, beautiful shape, grand quality and col., rare wings and tail, very neat; 2, Henderson, buff, tkd. on both eyes, grand stamp, good wings, nice col. and quality; 3, hc, c, Lindsay, griz. neck, nice quality and col., neat head and neck; vhc, Brown. BORD., A.O.V.: Cancelled. BORD., NOVICE (15): 1, spl, no name, grand shape, well rounded body, nice wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Henderson, variegated, nice style, good wings and tail, neat head and neck; 3, Hall, even wing mkd. buff, nice head and neck, good quality, nice wing carriage; vhc, c, Betton; hc, Franks. CL. MULE AND HYB.: Cancelled. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, spl, Miles Bros., Greenfinch-Can., grand col., good shape, nice size, splendid condition; 2, Barkass, Goldfinch-Can., excellent size and col., good shape, in high condition; 3, Curry and Gardner, Linnet Mule, lovely col., distinct pencilling, nice size and condition; vhc, Brown; hc, Moore. SELL., PAIR (30s.) (6): 1, Rigg; 2, Todd; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Barkass; hc, Robinson; c, Thompson. SINGLE (15s.) (8): 1, we could not find; 2, Ellwood; 3, Cowman; vhc, Miles Bros.; hc, Barkass; c, Baker (10s.) (12): 1, Livesay; 2, we could not find; 3, no name; vhc, Anderson; hc, Todd; c, Armstrong.

The Remaining Classes.

GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Richardson, good size and col., nice wings, good cheeks; 2, Curry and Gardner, nice size, grand blaze, not ready yet; 3, no name, good size, nice wings and body col.; vhc, Barkass; hc, Atkinson; c, Gill. BULLFINCH (6): 1, spl, Curry and Gardner, fine size, grand body col., nice back, dense black cap, good wing bars; 2, Henderson, grand size, nice cap, good back and wing bars; 3, Jameson, fine size, grand body col. and wing bars; vhc, no name; hc, Christon; c, Jameson. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Forster, rare size, grand col. and shape, good wings, showing plenty of yellow, very steady; 2, Armstrong, good col. and shape, fine size, nice condition; 3, hc, Griffiths, nice shape and col.; vhc, no name; c, Jameson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, spl, no name, Bramble, good size and col., fine shape, good lacing on head and shoulders, grand condition; 2, c, Griffiths, large nice lacing, not quite so rich in body col.; 3, Tomlinson, nice size, good col., fine condition; vhc, Betton; hc, Brown and Ingoe. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (9): 1, spl, Telford and Marsh, good size, nice col., well pencilled, shapely; 2, vhc, no name, good size and col., not quite so well pencilled on breast; 3, Wallace, good col., nice shape and size, fine markings; hc, Forster; c, Moore. FIELD-MOULTED: Cancelled. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Blackett, fine Twite, good size, well pencilled, grand col. and condition; 2, hc, Stewart, Lesser Redpoll, lovely col., well pencilled on flanks, fine lacing, nice condition; 3, Jameson, Siskin, nice cap, well laced, lovely col.; vhc, no name. HEN FINCH (5): 1, spl, hc, Curry and Gardner, Bullfinch, grand size, nice col. for a hen, good cap; 2, Griffiths, Bullfinch, good col., nice condition; 3, Telford and Marsh, Greenfinch, fine shape, nice size, good col. and condition; vhc, Forster. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 2, Forster, Hawfinch, nice size, good col., in grand condition; 2nd Meadow Bunting, nice size, well pencilled, good col., in lovely condition; 3, no name, Hawfinch, good size, rich col.; vhc, Bright; hc, Griffiths; c, Brown. SOFTBILL, BRIT. NOV., FOR. LARGE and SMALL: All cancelled.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Barkass; 2, Anderson; 3, Telford and Marsh; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Armstrong; c, Simpson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Anderson; 2, Fletcher; 3, Barkass; vhc, hc, March and Telford. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Cowman; 2, Anderson; 3, Brown; vhc, Dixon; hc, Johnson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Dixon; 2, Cowman; 3, vhc, Griffiths; hc, Johnson. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, spl, c, Lindsay; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Betton. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Lindsay; vhc, Forster; hc, Betton; c, Betton. CREST AND C.-B.: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, vhc, Curry and Gardner; 2, Charlton; 3, Barkass; hc, Brown. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, Curry and Gardner; 2, Jameson; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Moore; hc, Hall. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Armstrong; 2, 3, hc, Griffiths; vhc, Curry and Gardner; c, Jameson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, spl, hc, Griffiths; 2, Moore; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Betton; c, Armstrong. SISKIN, ETC.: Cancelled. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Telford and Marsh; 2, Curry and Gardner; 3, Griffiths; vhc, c, Forster; hc, Moore. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, Dixon; 2, Griffiths; 3, Johnson. BRIT., A.O.S.: Cancelled. BRIT., NOVICE (11): 1, spl, hc, Griffiths; 2, Curry; 3, Jameson; vhc, Tomlinson; c, Moore. CAN., NOVICE (10): 1, spl, Franks; 2, Forster; 3, hc, Charlton; vhc, Brown; c, Armstrong. NON-FED (9): 1, spl, 2, Griffiths; 3, Telford and Marsh; vhc, Charlton; hc, Simpson; c, Brown. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, Fletcher; 2, 3, c, Curry and Gardner; vhc, Brown; hc, Moore.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Novice night show held at Oldham Hall, Oldham-street, October 14th, a large number of members being present. Entries came up well, and competition was very keen. Mr. W. R. Knowles, of Earlstown, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Lloyd; 2, 3, Kay; vhc, hc, Eccleston. BUFF (16): Hot lot; 1, 2, hc, c, spl, Bullough; vhc, Kay. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (6): 1, spl, Algie; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dickinson; c, McDermont. BUFF (4): 1, 2, spl, Dickinson; 3, Algie; vhc, McDermont. NOR. GREEN YELL. (2): 1, spl, Brown; 2, Cutmore. BUFF (5): 1, 2, spl, hc, Brown; 3, vhc, Cutmore. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, spl, Williams; 3, c, Cutmore; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Bullough. BUFF (8): 1, 2, spl, Williams; 3, Bullough; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Cutmore; c, Brown. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, spl, Bullough; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Kay. Special most points Yorks., B. Bullough; most points Nor., A. Williams.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

LUTTERWORTH AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual members' show held at Angel Inn, October 23rd. On the proposal of that well-known fancier (Mr. H. Dickens) it was decided that the society make it so that every member can take a prize, the member totalling most points to take first prize, and so on down to the last prize. Those members not taking a prize in first show will have to compete in monthly shows following till they have won a prize. By that means it gives the novice a better chance of winning than by having to compete against the best birds. Sixty-four birds faced the judge, which speaks well for a new society. The notable features were the grand specimens staged by Mr. H. Dickens, and the Linnet-Bullfinch of Mr. W. Matthews, the British class, which was a strong one, being headed by the well-known hen Linnet. Mr. T. H. Ride judged, and gave entire satisfaction. He also gave a lecture, which was much appreciated.

NOR. YELL. ETC.: 1, 2, Dickens; 3, Dobbs. BUFF: 1, 2, Dickens. NON-FLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Dickens; 2, Ward; vhc, Dobbs. BUFF: 1, 3, Dickens; 2, Ward; vhc, Brooks. NOR. YELL. ETC. NAT. COL.: 1, Brooks; 2, Hankin; 3, Dyson; vhc, Granger; hc, Ward; c, Clarke. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Dickens. NAT. COL.: 1, Buckby; 2, Brooks; 3, Granger; vhc, Matthews; hc, c, Clarke. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Dickens; 3, Dyson; vhc, Clarke. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Matthews, Linnet-Bullfinch; 2, Brooks; 3, Dickens; vhc, S. Woodcock, all Goldfinch Can. Mules. BRIT.: 1, 3, Brooks, leader Linnet, followed by Bullfinch; 2, Lane, Yellow Bunting; vhc, c, Dickens; c, Bosworth. FOR.: 1, Dickens, Siberian Goldfinch; 2, Lane, Budgerigar; 3, Brooks, Cardinal. NOR. BUFF NAT. COL.: 1, Buckby; 2, Brooks; 3, Dyson; hc, c, Clarke.—C. BROOKS, Secretary.

CARLISLE (Border City).

The Border City (Carlisle) C.B.S. held their 1st show on October 27th and 28th. It came up to the expectations of the executive, the entries totalling 378. The Canaries were good throughout, the Borders being the best. The Foreign and British birds were a grand collection, all the noted cracks being present. The management was in the hands of genuine fanciers, and they worked hard to make the show the success it was. Mr. Bell had the secretarial reins in hand; he makes an ideal secretary. The show was held in the Mart Hall, an ideal place for an exhibition, being free from draughts, well lighted, and very suitable for an exhibition. Mr. J. Robson judged the Canaries and Mules, and Mr. Nicholson the British and Foreign.

The Canaries and Mules.

SCOTCH CK. (5): 1, Thomson, yell., good stamp, fine top end and drive, stylish; 2, 3, 4, Sloan, 2nd yell. piebald, also well up in top end and free, 3rd yell., lengthy side, nice worker, not quite so reachy as winner, 4th buff, nice length, good drive, inclined to raise head; vhc, J. Pringle. HEN (3): 1, Mrs. Thomson, yell. piebald, nice shape, good top end, drive and face, very neat; 2, Pringle, strong buff, plenty of substance, fine depth throughout, if worked upon should make up good; 3, Sloan, buff piebald, nice typical exhibit, fine feather. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Wilson, good all-round, nicely moulded, fine head and front, A1 wing carriage, grand bloom; 2, Dixon, good head and wing carriage, in A1 trim; 3, Robinson, head mkd., smart, nicely rounded, scarcely so stylish as winner perhaps, rare bloom; 4, Blaikie, sweet one, nice shape, inclined to cross wings; vhc, hc, Thompson; c, Bell. HEN (14): 1, Wilson, good hen, nicely rounded, grand head and front, rare position, lovely wing carriage; 2, Gardiner, similar in build, neat head and front, inclined to cross wings; 3, Clark, very jaunty in carriage, good head and front, in grand order; 4, Slean, good stamp, fine carriage, well drawn; vhc, Robinson; hc, Thomlinson; c, McCartney and Graham. BUFF CK. (14): 1, vhc, Blaikie, nice quality feather, good size and shape, well rounded, nice head and finish; 2, Simpson, in fine bloom, good one, nicely staged; 3, Clark, gem, lovely shape, round as possible, grand weight, A1 head and front, well staged; 4, Thomlinson, nice size and quality feather, good head and carriage, fine type; hc, Wilson; c, Tait. HEN (19): 1, hc, Dixon, good quality feather, fine wing carriage, not quite so well rounded as might be, in fine bloom; 2, Thomlinson, good in position, nice front and head; 3, Tait, A1 shape and style, grand rounded hen, correct weight, lovely head and wing carriage; 4, Bell, short in appearance, but nice shape and well drawn; vhc, Brown; c, McCartney and Graham. VARIEG. YELL. (9): 1, Pennington, grand feather and shape, lovely quality throughout, well drawn, fine style, staged to perfection, wins; 2, Robinson, good stamp, well rounded, fine position, looks like a hen; 3, Thomson, nicely rounded, put down in fine bloom; 4, Meekly, warm shade of col., good position, nice front; vhc, Dixon; hc, Calderwood; c, McVitie. BUFF (16): 1, Tait, well rounded, fine bloom, extra good carriage, fine shape, lovely wing carriage, well staged; 2, Simpson, close up, grand stamp, just a shade smaller, but grandly moulded; 3, Wilson, rather wild, but grand shape and nice quality feather; 4, Pennington, 3-point, stylish; vhc, Meekly; hc, c, McVitie. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Watson, fine, eye and wing mkd., well balanced, good type, nicely staged; 2, Pearson, fine type and quality of feather, good 2nd; 3, McVitie, beats the 2nd in eye marks, but fails somewhat in type, nice quality of feather; 4, Dunlop, well put down, fine quality feather. CINN. BORD. (12): 1, Thomlinson, good shape, grandly rounded, A1 wing carriage, solid col., good deep tone, wins; 2, Chisholm, grand tone of col., deep and rich, fine quality, nicely staged; 3, hc, Philips, well mkd., and sound throughout, fine shape; 4, Cubby, nice shapely bird, good in ground col; vhc, Dixon; c, Dunlop. GREEN BORD. (13): 1, 2, Moore, 1st wins, good sound green, splendid type, solid in col., in rare bloom, extra good; 2nd nice quality, lovely shape, shown to perfection; 3, Morgan, solid, fine weight, shade soft-looking when we were reporting; 4, hc, Thompson, 4th rare col., should make a hot one, quite a baby; vhc, McMillan; c, Millington. BORD. SELL. (14): 1, 4, vhc, Cubby; 2, Sewell; 3, Tait; hc, Brown; c, Gibbings. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Irons, good stamp and round, fine head, grand front, staged in lovely order; 2, Younghusband, good substance, shade rough in feather, nicely drawn and stylish; 3, Young, very neatly made, good head and front, well tapered; 4, Chaplow, good col.; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Davidson; c, Bunting. HEN (7): 1, Younghusband, nice size, grand front, lovely wing carriage, well drawn, feathered to perfection; 2, McMann Bros., fine front and feather, good 2nd; 3, Chaplow, sweet col. bird, grand position, very neatly made, will yet improve; 4, Nicholson, strongly made, well drawn; vhc, Bland; hc, Davidson; c, Bunting. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Gill, good all-round, sweet head, good front, fine taper, nice wing carriage, warm tone of col., grand bloom; 2, Younghusband, well rounded, fine bloom, nice substance, good front, well drawn; 3, Vere, good body, inclined to cross wings at times, fine quality feather; 4, hc, Chaplow, 4th head tkd., very neatly got up; hc, McWilliams. HEN (13): 1, Lockhart, head tkd., good substance, fine quality feather, neat front and wing carriage, in rare bloom; 2, Irons, well rounded, grand size, well drawn; 3, Young, close up, very taking bird, fine head and front, nicely tapered; 4, vhc, Jones, jun., in really fine bloom; hc, McWilliams; c, Bunting. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. AND BUFF classes, both cancelled. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, 2, Irons, good, fine size, teeming with quality, well rounded, in extra good form, yell., 2nd close up, a shade, good in frontage, again in lovely feather, buff; 3, Bland, fine head, neat wing carriage, well up in col., yell.; 4, Chaplow, all there for shape, buff; vhc, Hare; hc, Nicholson; c, Bunting. SELL. NOR. (20/-): 1, Jones; 2, Hare; 3, Hughes; 4, Bunting. YORKS. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Stewart, good one, nice quality, finely drawn, correct weight, grand head, A1 wings; 2, Brown, close up on winner, lovely feather, well placed; 3, Hoyle, head tkd., stylish bird, good feather, again well drawn; 4, Douglas, rare col., good quality throughout. BUFF (4): 1, Stewart, nice buff, well drawn, grand length of side, fine front, smart exhibit; 2, Brown, neat, good quality, well placed; 3, Douglas, nice and slim, inclined to lie on perch, good length; 4, Carrick, lengthy, should greatly improve. UNEV. MKD. (4): 1, Stewart, romping cinn. tkd., best feathered Yorkie in show, real gem, combining quality and style, wins easily; 2, Carrick, var. yell., slim got up, nice one; 3, 4, Wright, 3rd buff, good feather, well up in length, 4th good eyes and wings. HEN BUFF (6): 1, Douglas, grandly feathered, lovely shade of col., fine length and style, grandly drawn, put down in rare style; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd lengthy, inclined to be a wee shade hooky, slim, nicely tapered off, 3rd variegated, nice bird, well placed; 4, Hoyle, again in fine bloom; vhc, Brown; hc, Carrick. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Douglas, wing tkd., shapely, grand quality, buff feathered, nicely drawn, A1 size, well staged, wins easily; 2, Brown, gem for quality, nice wing carriage; 3, Stewart, nicely drawn, well placed; 4, Carrick, shade small, but good feather, very nicely staged. SELL.: 1, Bunting; 2, McWillen; 3, Chaplow; 4, Hill. HYB. OR CL. MULE: 1, Dixon, cl. Linnet, the Newcastle 3rd, hot fed buff, in grand bloom, rare size, shows cross well; 2, Dixon, buff Greenfinch, cl. one, very shapely, in nice order; 3, Collon and Dawn, Redpoll Buffie, in faultless order, some thought might have been 2nd, the Newcastle 1st, as fresh as paint; 4, McQuiston, Goldie Buffie, nice size, well up in col., out-classed here to-day; vhc, Raine; hc, Colton and Dawn. VARIEG. MULE: 1, 2, 4, Dixon, 1st Light tkd. Greenie, grand size, mkd. on cheeks only, in fine bloom, wins easily, 2nd variegated Goldie, a sister for size and quality, well placed, 4th heavy, variegated Greenie, grand size and col., fine cross; 3, Colton and Dawn, variegated Greenie, some thought should have given way to 4th; vhc, Davidson. A.O.V. MULE: 1, 2, Somerfield, 1st Jonque Greenie, nice size and well up in col., rare bloom, 2nd warm Siskin Mule, well fed, plenty of size, good 2nd; 3, Gill, dark Jonque Goldie, nice flush face, well fed, neat, good one; 4, Dixon, Greenie, plenty of size, showing cross.

The British and Foreign Birds.

GOLDFINCH (8): 1, C. Murray, large, nice face, fine outer cheeks, good breast and tannings, well staged; 2, Bell, very pure in whites, well up; 3, Almond, neatly made Finch, bit darker on cheeks than winner; 4, Thompson, well up in size, nicely mkd.; vhc, Graham; hc, Holmes. LINNET (15): 1, 2, McQuiston, 1st nice coloured Linnet, rare nutty brown, fine flights, good size and quality, 2nd topper for breast markings, fine shape, grand quality, feather, nice flights, good one; 3, Mrs. J. Bell, very stoutly made, fine shape, wonderfully steady; 4, Keswick, nice shape, good quality throughout; vhc, Murray, junr.; hc, Howatson; c, Wilson. GREENFINCH (9): 1, McQuiston, hot fed one, good colour and flights, well staged; 2, Holmes, good shape, nice col., well placed; 3, Todd and Son, large one, great front, in fine close feather, good head and wings, some thought should have been 2nd; 4, Chaplow, nicely staged; vhc, Wilson; hc, McCartney and Garham; c, Davidson. BULLFINCH (3): 1, McQuiston, good col. Finch, nice level breast col., fine cap, good back, well staged; 2, Bruce, larger than winner, but duller in col., grand cap, good back and flights; 3, Raine, nice tone of col., well up in size. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, vhc, hc, Holmes, Bramble, nice col., well laced, good head and bars, in rare order; 2, Raine, good coloured Chaffie, nice size and shape, marvellous bloom; 3, Forster, Bramble, steady, nicely staged; 4, Davidson, hen Bramble, good col., very steady; c, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, McMinn Bros., nice fed Siskin, buff, well up in size, very distinctly laced, good cap, grand shape, steady; 2, Pickles, Lesser 'Poll, in full bloom, grand tone of col., fine cap, neat bib, well up in size; 3, c, Almond, good coloured Twite, nice size and lacing, neat flights, steady, in fine bloom; 4, Todd and Son, good sized Siskin, well fed, nice bib and cap, well put down; vhc, Raine; hc, Bell. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (11): 1, McQuiston, good Cornhunting, grand size, well mkd., steady, in fine bloom, well put down, hot one, well placed; 2, Simpson, nice Hawfinch, well up in bib, in good order, well put down; 3, Raine, good Yellowhammer, nice head and eye marking; 4, Forster, Meadow Bunting, nice eye marks, well up in col., nicely staged; vhc, Wilson; hc, Holmes; c, Almond. LARGE BRIT. (5): 1, Pickles, good all-round Waxwing, fine size, well up in col., nicely staged; 2, McQuiston, clinking Chough, grand size, rare bloom and col., well staged; 3, vhc, McWilliams, good mkd. Fieldfare, grand size, steady, well put down; 4, Davidson, Magpie, shade small perhaps, but pure in col., in good order. SMALL SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Davidson, 1st Whinchat, in good form, steady, well staged, nice size, well up in col. 2nd Whitethroat, well up in size, very steady, good breast col., nicely put down; 3, Welch Bros., good Blackcap, plenty of size, well staged, sweet exhibit; 4, vhc, Holmes, large Wheatear, grand col., steady. LARK, ETC. (6): 1, P. C. Forster, good Grey Wagtail, rare size, well up in bloom, fine quality feather, steady, well staged; 2, 3, Laidlow, 2nd good conditioned Pipit, fine size, grand col., well mkd., very steady, well put down, 3rd Grey Wagtail, well up in size; 4, hc, Holmes, pied Wagtail, nice crescent, steady; vhc, Davidson. PARROTS, ETC. (13): 1, Bennett, King Parrakeet, in grand bloom, dense col., rare size; 2, Howe, black-cheeked Parrakeets, in grand order, well staged; 3, Wilson, Swainson's Lorrikeet, in fine trim, a real beauty; 4, Porteous, King Parrakeet, fine bloom; vhc, hc, McWilliams; c, Carrick. BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (6): 1, Howe, pair yc. Budgerigars, grand size, well mkd., in rare trim, nicely staged; 2, Miss Clark, red-faced Love Bird, sweet exhibit, very taking, in grand bloom; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Bell, 3rd green Budgerigars, fine size and quality, 4th yell. Budgerigars. A.O.S. SMALL FOR.: 1, 4, Howe, 1st green Avadavat, in perfect condition, rare col., well mkd., Newcastle winner, 4th Java Sparrow, plenty of eye, as usual, in tip top form; 2, vhc, c, Bell, Cutthroats, good pair, fine size, grand col. and markings; 3, Pickles, green Avadavats, a trifle small compared to winners, but nice col. and quality; hc, Davidson. FINCH-LIKE, SMALL (10): 1, Pickles, red-headed pair of Gouldians, hen real picture, cock a shade soft when we saw it, but very good in col., and nicely staged; 2, Porteous, Pin-tail Nonpareil, exquisite col., plenty of size, very steady; 3, Bruce, red-headed Gouldian, in rare form, tight as wax, very forward in col.; 4, Davidson, black-headed Gouldian, grand size, nice col.; vhc, Davidson; hc, c, Bell.

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The York C.B.S. held their 4th annual open show in the exhibition buildings on Oct. 29 and 30. The buildings are an ideal place for a cage bird show, being very spacious, with an excellent top light, and being free from draughts. The building is capable of holding double the number of entries. The birds were staged round the walls three-deep, so that the public could see every one without disturbing any. The entries were a record—a grand total of 450 in the 33 classes. The Cinnamon classes had to be cancelled for want of entries; it was thought on account of Manchester being the same day. The Norwich section were quite a show in themselves, being well supported by the members of the O.N.P.C. Some noted winners were on view. The Yorkshires were well represented—120 entries in 8 classes, and some grand birds were staged. The show was opened by the Lord Mayor, who said how pleased he was to open such a beautiful exhibition. When a boy, he said, he was interested in the birds, and when looking round it reminded him of his boyish days. It was also gratifying to know what progress they had made during the year, also to know that they had secured 50 more entries than last year. A hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor was proposed by Councillor Boddy, seconded by the president, Mr. A. Richardson, which was well appreciated by all. The local cup for best young bird bred by a member was won by Mr. Humphries with a clear yellow Norwich, 2nd in the open section. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged the open Norwich Mules and foreign bird classes, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill the remainder, their awards appearing to give every satisfaction. Mr. Waud, the hon. sec., had the arrangements well in hand, and is to be congratulated on his able management of affairs.

Mr. W. P. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (22): 1, Wilcock, tkd. on head, rare type and shape, grand head, neck and body, lovely colour and feather, neat carriage; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., plenty of size, grand shape body, lovely col., short tail and wings; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., good shape and type, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Waters; he, Shorey; c Shaw. BUFF (21): 1, Waters, cl., grand type and shape, good head, neck and body, nice short flight and tail, lovely col. and quality of feather; 2, Haigh and Son, cl., extra sound col., good shape, cl. cut away; 3, Mennard, Nor. all over, grand type and shape, sound col., rare quality of feather; vhc, Humphries; he, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Heap. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Wilcock, cl., one of the best, extra size, shape and type, grand head and body, splendid col. and feather, extra short flights and tail, shown to perfection; 2, Craven, rare type and shape, good col., well developed body; 3, Snowden, good shape and type, nice quality feather, plenty of substance; vhc, Haigh and Son; he, A. Grey; c, Benson. BUFF (17): 1, 2, A. Grey, 1, varieg., exceptional type and shape, good head and neck, nice broad chest and back, grand col. and quality; 2, cl., grand type and shape, good col. and quality of feather; 3, he, Pickering and Wright, cl. buff, rare type and shape, good sound col. and quality of feather; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Holmes. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): This was one of the best Nor. classes in the show, some grand birds cardless. 1, A. Grey, varieg., grand shape and type, beautiful head, neck and body, good type; 2, he, Humphries, cl., extra pipe and shape, col. perfection and quality of feather; 3, Wilcock, good type and shape, beautiful col. and quality of feather; vhc, Hesp; c, Haigh and Son. BUFF (19): 1, Haigh and Son, cl., extra type and shape, grand even sound col., lovely quality feather, in extra form; 2, vhc, A. Grey, variegated., very striking exhibit, true Nor., splendid shape and type; 3, Eyre, varieg., good type and shape, extra col. and quality of feather; he, Snowden; c, Bagnall. UNFLIG. HEN (21): 1, Snowden, varieg. buff, grand shape, type, extra quality feather, good head and crest, even carriage; 2, A. Grey, buff tkd. on head, good type and shape, fine head, prominent chest, clean cut away; 3, Waters, similar type and shape to winner, mkd. on saddle; vhc, Haigh and Son; he, Pickering and Wright; c, Humphries. NOR. NOVICE CK. (7): 1, Duckitt, cl. yell., grand col., very hot, nice shape and type, good quality of feather; 2, Tose, cl. buff, good sound col., medium shape, well shown; 3, Wilson, cl. yell.; vhc, Gill; he, Cass; c, Owen. HEN (5): 1, Duckitt, cl. yell., easy winner, good type and shape, nice col. and feather; 2, Gill, cl. buff, on small side, good quality feather, well shown; 3, Owen, cl. yell., best of shape; vhc, Bagnall; he, Cass. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Greenwood and Pickles, four-pointed buff Nor., mkd. eyes and wings, good bird, lovely col. and quality of feather; 2, Boyle, Jonque foul green Nor., good shape and type, beautiful col.; 3, Benson, buff foul green Nor., nice quality feather; No. 2 absent. DARK CAN. MULE. (8): 1, Naylor, dark yell. Greenfinch and Can., grand uniform distribution of col., shapely, in splendid condition; 2, Wilson, Linnet and Can., extra size and col., nice shape and quality of feather; 3, Shorney, Jonque Goldfinch and Can., very steady, rare col. and feather, Yorks. type; vhc, Naylor; he, Meadows; c, Nicholson. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (10): 1, Todd and Son, Linnet Bullfinch, lovely col. for time of year, good shape, extra quality feather, in excellent form; 2, Walsh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, shapely, but not quite up in bloom yet, will make a grand specimen; 3, Meadows, Goldfinch-Can., good exhibit, very steady, in faultless condition; vhc, Wilson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand exhibit; he, Meadows; c, Inman. FOR. SMALL (9): 1, Naylor, Rufous Grassfinches, perfect beauties, shown in faultless condition, true pair; 2, Chadwick, long-tailed Whydah, grand exhibit in lovely bloom, in faultless condition; 3, vhc, the Hon. Lilla de Yarburgh, pair of Cutthroats, in the usual form, feather like a bit of silk; he, Horsley; c, Chadwick. LARGE (6): 1, Beattie, African Grey, in grand bird, shown in faultless condition; 2, the Hon. Lilla de Yarburgh, Senegal Parrot, excellent col., very tame, in good condition, feather like silk; 3, Darley, Rosella, little soft in feather, very striking bird, lovely col.; vhc, Miss Norris; he, Taylor; c, Spottiswood.

Mr. Cowgill's Classes.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, four-pointed yell., nice balance eyes and wing, good type and shape, excellent stand and col., in good form; 2, Wilson, cl. yell., lovely shape and type, good col. and quality of feather, on a pair grand legs, pressed winner close; 3, Parkes, cl., nice type and shape, plenty of length, rare col.; vhc, Bishop; he, Pressey. BUFF (14): 1, Shaw Bros., cl., one of the best for shape and type, grand compact feather, rare stand, beautiful exhibit in good form; 2, Allan, good type, neat and compact feather, good carriage, nice position; 3, Wilcock, tkd. on nape, rare type and shape, good col. and quality of feather; vhc, Wilson; he, Merrin; c, Bishop. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Farrar, cl., grand model of a hen, lovely shape and type, stands to perfection, good colour and quality, very neat and compact carriage; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, varieg., good type and shape, rare length, good quality and col.; 3, Merrin, cl., in grand form, nice type and shape, best of col.; vhc, Bishop; he, Allan; c, Faulkner. BUFF (8): 1, Shaw Bros., cl., grand type and shape, nat. col., extra quality feather, rare position and carriage, feather like box wood; 2, Farrar, cl., good type and shape, nice col., even carriage, grand length; 3, Richmond, cl., good type and shape, but when not handled is soft in feather; vhc, Cartwright; he, Wilson; c, Mitchell. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, varieg. yell., rare type and shape, extra quality feather, good col., rare length, neat quality and carriage; 2, Wilson, tkd., nice size, good col. and feather, shows a little frill; 3, Watts, grand bird, good length and shape, lovely col.; vhc, Simeson; he, Farrar; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (16): 1, Campling, cl., grand bird for shape and size, lovely even colour throughout, feathered to perfection, grand even carriage, a model; 2, Faulkner, cl., nice type and shape, medium col. and quality; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, varieg., very erect, good in shape and size; vhc, he, Richmond; c, Baldwinson. CL., ETC., NOVICE CK. (20): 1, Wood, varieg. yell., grand bird for a novice, one that could hold his own in the open, grand shape and type; 2, Campling, cl. buff, equal in length, shape and type, good col.; 3, late entry, no name in catalogue, buff, grand bird, nice shape and type; vhc, Simeson; he, c, Buckley. HEN (15): 1, late entry, no name, cl. yell., plenty of length, nice col.; 2, Merrin, varieg. yell., some thought unlucky, good shape and size, plenty of length, rare quality feather; 3, Simeson, cl. buff of good size, shape and quality of feather; vhc, Pollard; he, Wilson; c, Wright. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, true British Finch, good col. for time of year, nice clean-cut blaze, grand back wings and breast; 2, Duncan, jun., good blaze, well mooned, in excellent feather; 3, Pink, bigger Finch, small in head, nice col.; vhc, Bell; he, Todd and Sons; c, Goodall. LINNET (19): 1, 2, c, Boyle, 1, grand bird for shape, size and col., well laced, in excellent condition; 2, the equal in shape, size and markings, fine bird; 3, he, Owen, beauty for col., size and shape, steady; vhc, Wilson. BULLFINCH (14): A, Archer, grand bird, excellent breast col., well defined cap, grand back, a walk-over; 2, Boyle, good bird, fine head, back and breast, in grand condition; 3, Crosier, plenty of size, good shape, very steady, house moulted; vhc, Woods; he, Stamp; c, Inman. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Stamp, Redpoll, what a size, of rich ground col., well laced, good bib, a treat; 2, Bishop, Twite, good shape and size, rich, soft tone of col., distinct markings; 3, Todd and Son, Siskin, nice col., clean-cut cap; vhc, Owen; he, Beattie; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. GREENFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, Owen, Bramblefinch, excellent col., grand spangled head and back, well marked breast, clean-cut underneath; 2, 3, Duncan, jun., 2, Greenfinch, nice col. and quality of feather, well shown; 3, Chaffinch, excellent col. for time of year, plenty of size, well marked head; vhc, Simpson; he, Isherwood; c, Beattie. BRIT. HEN (7): 1, Axe, Thrush, well mkd. breast, full of distinct spangling, grand back, very steady, easy win; 2, Pink, Bullfinch, plenty of size, good cap, in good order, deserves position; 3, Isherwood, Hawfinch, grand size, clean cut bib; vhc, Inman; he, Wilson; c, Chittenden. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Axe, Yell. Bunting, we believe noted winner, grand col., well-defined markings, excellent col.; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, good bird, plenty of size, rich col., well marked, clean-cut bib, in faultless condition; 3, Woods, Snow Bunting, very steady, good col. and shape; vhc, Inman; he, Isherwood; c, Todd and Son. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Medley, Redstart, in excellent form, grand col., well-defined mark, wins easy; 2, he, Bousfield, 2, Grey Wagtail, shown to perfection, very free action, good feather, nice col.; 3, Wilkinson and Danby, Wryneck, in good condition and feather, very steady; vhc, Boyle; c, Mackwell.

Hyson Green C.B.S.

The October show was held at the "Cricket Players," Lindsay-st., October 23rd, the show being a splendid success. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, and some 150 birds in all were staged, these being nicely arranged, thanks to the secretary, Mr. Cottingham. Mr. Alfred Birch made a very capable steward, and Mr. Tom Oliver judged.

NOR., CL. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Sharp, nice head and quality; 2, Hill, another nice one; 3, Birch, large, good head and neck. BUFF (5): 1, Sharp, good head, neck, and quality; 2, Hill, another good one; 3, Barnes, nice typical bird; vhc, Alton; he, Birch. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Hill, 1st grand head, thick neck, 2nd mkd. bead, eye and wings, another nice one; 3, Birch, good all over. BUFF (9): 1, Hill, tkd. root of tail, lovely quality, good one; 2, Martin, eye and wing mkd.; 3, Caunt, grand head, nice short flights; 3, vhc, Towle; he, Barnes; c, Martin. YELL. NOR. HEN (3): 1, Birch, large, fine, bouncing cl., wins well; 2, 3, Hill. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Hill, 1st cl., nice type and quality, 3rd another good one; 2, Birch, fine, large hen; vhc, Martin; he, Willis; c, Alton. HEAVILY MKD. (8): 1, Sharp, well-known winner, looking well; 2, Birch, grand head and neck; 3, Elsey, Jonque; vhc, Jossitt; he, Sharp; c, Cottingham. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Sharp, 1st grand head, neck, and quality, 2nd typical bird; 3, Hill, close up; vhc, c, Thompson; he, Birch. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Hill, fine, bonny bird, grand type and quality; 2, Birch, unfortunate to meet winner; 3, Clifford, nice cobby bird; he, Towle; c, Sharp. UNFED (3): 1, Burrell, cl. yell.; 2, Jossitt, buff; 3, Martin, another buff. NOR. STOCK PAIRS (4): 1, Hill, yell. ck., buff hen, well matched pair; 2, 3, Sharp, both yell. cks., matched to good, useful hens; 3, Birch. YELL. DK. CREST (3): 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Alton, nice droop and radiation; 2, White; 3, Wolfe. BUFF LIGHT (1): 1, Holmes, very nice, light Crest. CREST HEN (2): 1, Davis, cl. body, buff, dark; 2, Holmes. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, Renshaw, grand skull and entrance, very useful Jonque; 2, Wolfe, another useful bird. BUFF (5): 1, he, Davis, 1st grand shaped skull, good entrance, plenty of feather; 2, 3, Wolfe, 2nd good head and entrance, close up, 3rd another good one; vhc, Holmes. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Wolfe, dark-headed hen, with grand skull, plenty of feather, wins well; 2, Holmes; 3, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Davis, nice entrance; 2, Holmes, similar to first; 3, Jenkins. STOCK PAIRS (for Crest breeding) (3): 1, Renshaw; 2, Holmes; 3, Smith. CREST UNFLIG. (3): 1, Holmes; 2, White; 3, Brown. C.-B. (4): 1, 2, Davis; 3, Holmes; vhc, White. A.O.V. (3): 1, Holmes; 2, Jenkins; 3, Smith. MULE (3): 1, 2, Cottingham, 1st grand Jonque Can.-Greenfinch, 2nd Goldfinch-Can., mkd. eyes and wings; 3, Alton, dk Goldfinch-Can. HYB.: 1, Caunt, Goldfinch-Bullfie. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Saywill, Goldfinch; 2, Alton, Goldfinch; 3, Saywill, Bullfic; vhc, Cottingham, Bullfic; he, Banks, Goldfinch. LINNET: 1, Alton, lovely col. and pencilling, wins; 2, Caunt. A.O.V. SEEDEATERS: 1, Thompson, a fine, large Bramble; 2, Saywill, Bramble; 3, Caunt, Snowbunting; vhc, Cottingham; he, Caunt. SOFTBILL, BRIT. (3): 1, 3, Saywill, 1st yell. Wagtail; 2, Cottingham. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING (3): 1, 3, Caunt, 1st Goldfinch-Siskin; 2, Cottingham. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, Caunt, Orange Bishop; 2, 3, Cottingham, 2nd White Java Sparrow, 3rd Orange Bishop. LARGE (3): 1, Caunt; 2, Cottingham; 3, Smith. BUDGERIGARS, PAIR: 1, Alton, pair yell.; 2, Cottingham, Greenie; 3, Jones. CREST (20s.) (4): 1, Holmes; 2, Wolfe; 3, Renshaw. PAIRS (25s.) (8): 1, Davis; 2, Birch; 3, Barnes. SONG BIRD (6): 1, Sharp; 2, Holmes; 3, Birch; vhc, Barnes; he, Renshaw; c, Banks.

LARKHALL (Lanarkshire).

Annual show of the Larkhall C.B.A. was held in the Miners' Hall, Raploch Street, on 30th October, and it proved a gigantic success. Some rattling good Norwich Plainheads were staged, and Border Fancies made a grand display. Crests and Crestbreds made quite a nice show, and the winners were of exceptional merit. Common Canaries, or what one might call "Cottar's Canaries," helped to add a tone to the exhibition. Mr. W. Johnstone had it all his own way. British birds were a show in themselves, and were quite the outstanding feature. But isn't "Larkie" famed for Britishers? The foreign classes, too, contained some grand exhibits, Mr. C. Smith again winning with his well-known Grey Parrot, a bird with a most wonderful vocabulary. The Society is composed of fanciers of the true order. The principal office-bearers were:—President, Mr. J. Rundell; vice-president, Mr. R. McEwan; treasurer, Mr. D. Clarkson; and secretary, Mr. James Pollock. President Rundell was ably backed by a strong working committee, and the show passed off satisfactorily. The young bird cup was won by Mr. Joe Nimmo, with a very smart Norwich, the runner-up being Mr. Walter Johnstone, with a grand Linnet-Bullie. The novice medal was won by Mr. R. Mitchell with a very neat Green Border Fancy. Special for best British bird was won by Mr. W. Clark. The cup for most points and special for best old Canary were both won by Mr. Johnstone, the Canary being a grand Yell. Norwich, the runner-up being Mr. C. Smith. Mr. Pollock makes an ideal secretary, being kind, courteous, and obliging; he has, too, a thorough grasp of the duties entailed, and is the right man in the right place. The following fanciers placed the cards:—For Canaries, Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton); for Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. Peter Pettigrew (Glasgow); and their awards in general met with approval. A large number of visitors patronised the record exhibition, and we are glad to chronicle the show of 1909 as an unqualified success.

The Critique.

COM. CAN. CK.: 1, Mitchell, lovely green, in grand feather; 2, Nelson, cl. yell., presses hard; 3, Pollock, broken green, in lovely bloom; vhc, Johnstone; he, Robertson; c, Kennedy. HEN: 1, Perrie, varieg. buff, in grand order; 2, Kennedy, nice self cinn., stylish exhibit; 3, Smith, varieg. yell., in lovely feather; vhc, Cook; he, Bullock; c, Johnstone. CL., ETC., YELL. BORDER: 1, McGhie, lovely cl., good head, neck, wings and tail, in excellent bloom; 2, vhc, Johnstone, 2nd nicely drawn, neatly tapered; 3, he, Anderson, cl., neat and jaunty, fails a trifle in feather and condition; c, Robertson. BUFF: 1, Pollock, eye-mkd., grand mould, in lovely bloom; 2, Randell, cl., nicely rounded, well placed; 3, Houston, stylish and smart exhibit, put down in lovely order; vhc, Newman; he, Anderson; c, Bankier. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, he, Graham, bright grassy green, excelling in type, well pencilled, staged in faultless trim; 2, vhc, McGhie, 2nd yell. cinn., good solid col., neat wing and tail carriage, in lovely bloom; 3 and novice medal, Mitchell, another green, put down in the pink of condition. BORD., A.O.V.: 1, McClue, cap and wing mkd., fine mould, neat wing carriage, in lovely order; 2, vhc, McDiarmid, 2nd varieg. buff; 3, Graham, sweet head, grand wings and tail, in lovely order; c, Houston, Elder. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Johnstone, cl., grand type, rare substance, neat head, fine pair of wings, nice short tail; 2, Perrie, another grand exhibit, fails in wing carriage only to leader; 3, C. Smith, grand col., fine substance, well placed; vhc, Rundell. BUFF: 1, Smith, Scottish National winner, mkd. head, nice type, hardly ready yet, good col.; 2, c, Randell, another good one; 3, vhc, he, Thackeray, 3rd well staged and placed. NOR., A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Rundell, grizzle-headed, good col., fine substance, nice wings and tail, well put down, 3rd fed green, good type, fine quality, well laced, in rare bloom; 2, Arnott, varieg. buff, fails a wee trifle in wing carriage to leader, well staged; he, D. Smith; c, C. Smith. NON.-FED: A grand class; 1, McLean, wing mkd. yell., good substance, fine head, neck, wings and tail, rare bloom; 2, 3, Nisbet, 2nd varieg. buff, grand Bullie type, fine quality of feather, staged A1, 3rd cl. buff, presses hard, in the pink of condition; vhc, Arnott; he, Pollock; c, Mitchell. CREST: 1, Bankier, varieg. buff, neat crest, fine centre, leafy feather, clear win; 2, Arnott, green, well staged and placed; 3, Brown, varieg. buff, nice substance, good feather. C.-B.: 1, Arnott, varieg. buff, good size, fine substance, grand entrance, well lashed, clear win; 2, McEwan, similar all over; 3, Hannay, varieg. buff, good entrance; vhc, Houston. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Mitchell, 1, green Scotch Fancy, hard up, fine free reach, nice length of wing and side, well set on legs; 2, Bullock, yell. Yorks, hot one, well up on legs, well braced wings; 3, he, Barr, 3rd cinn., good size and type, fine col.; he, Kennedy. SELL. (7/6): 1, sp, Johnstone; 2, Barr; 3, and young bird cup, Nimmo; vhc, Nisbet; he, Bruce; c, Perrie. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Johnstone, 3-point yell. Goldie, good size and substance, fine flush, staged in glorious order, 2nd young Linnet-Bullie, grand size, fine col., should make a good one; 3, Nelson, Linnet-Bullie, we understand the City of Glasgow fifth. DARK: Grand class; 1, Johnstone, yell. Siskin-Can., a whopper, good col., well defined markings; 2, Nisbet, jaunty little Redpoll-Can., good col., well placed; 3, Thackeray, Greenfinch-Can., hot col., fine substance, staged in the pink; vhc, Brown; he, Whitelaw; c, Sinclair. GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT: 1, Sinclair, nice Finch, good square blaze of lovely col., well cut collar, fine wings and bars; 2, McLean, grand Goldfinch; 3, Thomson, Bullfinch, rare col., well placed; vhc, Clark; he, Smith; c, Brown. LINNET: 1, he, Johnstone, fine size, good col., well pencilled, fine head wins; 2, C. Smith, quite a good Linnet, in nice condition; 3, Nisbet, grand nut brown, trifle soft when we went round; vhc, McLean; c, Sinclair. GREENFINCH: 1, Clarkson, stormer for size, non-fed buff, good head and shoulders, fine substance, put down in lovely bloom; 2, Johnstone, fed yell., good size and col., well placed; 3, Swan, fed buff, will be a topper when ready; vhc, c, sp, Arnott; he, Whitelaw. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Clark, special best British bird, fed Siskin, good size, fine cap, grand bib, put down in clinking order; 2, Whitelaw, mealy 'poll, good size, fine col.; 3, Smith, fed Siskin; vhc, he, Whitelaw, Twite and Siskin; c, Nelson, Twite. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 3, 1st jaunty little 'poll, fine size, grand col., rare bib, in lovely order, 3rd hen 'poll, large; 2, Pollock, another good 'poll, excellent bib; vhc, Clark; he, Johnstone; c, Nimmo. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, 2, Clark, 1st good size, fine col., grand cap, rare bars, in fine sheen, 2nd another clinker, lovely col.; 3, McLean, another nice one, but loses somewhat through slight frill; vhc, Nelson; he, Fulton; c, McDiarmid. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Nisbet, Hawfinch, fine size, good col. and substance, nice bib, in grand order, wins; 2, Johnstone, Bramblefinch, fine size, good col., nice jet head, fine markings, well placed; 3, Brown, good Chaffinch, fine col., grand whites, well staged; vhc, D. Smith, Pied Wagtail, in grand condition; he, Smith, Skylark, in good feather; c, Lockhart, Crossbill, in lovely bloom. HEN BRIT.: 1, Clark, hen Wagtail, in fine feather, well put down, clever and popular win; 2, Sinclair, hen Greenfinch, fine size, rare col., beautiful bloom; 3, Johnstone, hen Bramblefinch, in the pink of condition; vhc, Elder, hen Siskin, beautifully laced; he, Arnott; c, Swan. FOR.: 1, Smith, grey Parrot, grand shade, in lovely feather; 2, Thomson, charming pair of Zebras Finches, in lovely order; 3, Courtney, Ringneck Parrakeet, wonderful chatterer and whistler; vhc, Smith, Foreign Goldie, neglects to show himself; he, Thomson, pair of Cutthroats; c, Johnstone, Russian Bullie hen. GIFT: 1, Sinclair, yell. Goldfinch Mule; 2, Elder, Border Fancy; 3, Pollock, Norwich; vhc, Thackeray, buff Goldie Mule; he, Randell, Border Fancy; c, Clark, Bramblefinch.

BROMLEY (Kent).

The Bromley F.A. held their Eighteenth Annual Show (£5 Limit), on October 28th, at the Drill Hall, one of the best halls in Kent for such a fixture, having good top light, and being comfortable in every way. It was fairly well patronised by the elete of this neighbourhood. Unfortunately, the weather was wet and boisterous, or their gate would have been better. Local fanciers turned up in good numbers, however, during the evening. The cage bird section was far in advance of previous years, containing 261 exhibits, a prominent feature being "Dell's" class, which contained some real champion Thrushes, fit for the keenest competition, a pied Blackbird in excellent fettle winning, a grand Missel Thrush splendidly marked standing second. Mr. E. Jordon wins cup for the third time for best bird bred by a member. Mr. Edwards won the special for best Yorkshire, with a slashing "Guardsman on Parade." The British classes contained some tip-top specimens. The hon. sec., Mr. H. E. Speller, had everything well in hand, and his courteous treatment of all was commented upon by many visitors. He was ably supported by Mr. Heasman, assistant sec., Messrs. Edwards, Faux, Bellinger and other committeemen, not forgetting Mr. Wraight, the sectional and jovial assistant sec. Their worthy chairman, Mr. Harrington, held a watching brief over all. Mr. J. Dobson judged the cage bird section owing to the unfortunate absence of Mr. C. A. House, who had been subpœned to appear as a witness at the High Court. The cards were up in good time, and the awards gave satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Whent, close, compact, taking exhibit, good col., wins chiefly on head properties; 2, Bury and Mitchell, heavy varieg., nice carriage, well cut away, big one; 3, Jordon, another big cl. one; vhc, Daniells; he, Jordon; c, Wraight. BUFF (10): 1, Bareham, small, cl. unflg., like wax in appearance, good one; 2, Males, grand quality, head mkd., big one, not quite fined down yet; 3, Gunnell, cl., small, good one, full of type, splendid carriage; vhc, Wraight; he, Jordon; c, Brown. YORKS. YELL (16), fine, big class: 1, spl, Edwards (the "Guardsman"), popular win, rare long-sided, put down in tip-top form; 2, Harris, racy, full of nerve, we liked well, these two stand right away; 3, Barber, very nice one, will improve; vhc, he, Faux; c, Dykes. BUFFS (12): 1, Autom, beauty for type, quality and meal, good head; 2, Foxen, nice wing carriage, good length; 3, Dyke, another big, long-sided; vhc, Mole; he, Williams; c, Edwards. YORKS. HEN (12): 1, Williams, good head, nice shoulders, rare quality, popular win; 2, Parish, big, long-sided, not quite the quality of 1st; 3, Dyke, eye-tkd. lady, right good Yorkie, teaming with quality; vhc, Foxen; he, Autom; c, Edwards. YORKS. A.O.V. (10): 1, Brown, cap and wing mkd. yell., nice position, good quality; 2, Faux, another really nice one; 3, Edwards, very heavy varieg., good stock bird; vhc, Barber; he, Foxen; c, Potton. BRIT., GOLDIE OR BULLIE (9): 1, spl, 3, Gunnell, 1st good col. throughout, fine square blaze, 3rd nice buttons and bars, rightly placed; 2, Jordon, another topper, shade lighter blaze than winner, tight race, all in A1 condition; vhc, Ackland, yet another good Goldie; he, Dell, fine Bullie, nice cap; c, Gunnell. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Ackland, Hawfinch, in full bloom, perfect bib, well staged; 2, Potten, Greenfinch, in perfect feather, deserves a better cage; 3, he, Gunnell, Yellow Bunting, rare size, good V, A1 quality; he, Mealy Redpoll, hard lines; vhc, Williams, jun., Chaffinch; c, Sheppard, Siskin. FOR. (10): Mrs. Simpson, grey Parrot, in beautiful feather; 2, Williams, jun., Weaver, nice, but wild; 3, c, Dell, 3rd Bare-eyed Australian Cockatoo (saved from the Bromley fire), not quite ready; c, pair Budgerigars; vhc, Williams, jun., pair of Zebra Finches; he, Saunders, Green Amazon, not finished moult yet. MULES OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Gunnell, good team, Caterham winner again to the fore, four-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can, 2nd another buff varieg. Goldie-Can, 3rd big, bouncing dark Greenfinch-Can., in A1 form; vhc, c, Whent, Can.-Bullie and Siskin-Can; he, Wingfield, Goldfinch-Can, very nice class. SOFTBILL (Dell's Class) (11): 1, Stevens, pied Blackbird, the admiration of crowds, in good trim, fine size; 2, he, c, Dell, Missel Thrush, another gem, distinct spots, grand exhibit, and two topping Thrushes; 3, Stevens, Thrush, marvel for quality and size; vhc, Barber, another real good Thrush. SELL. (30/-): 1, Steed; 2, Edwards; 3, c, Bellinger; vhc, Baker, pair Belgians; he, Wraight, pair Yorks. 20/-: 1, 3, Bellinger; 2, Edwards; vhc, Baker; he, Stevens; c, Steed. 10/-: 1, Steed; 2, Mole; 3, Stevens; vhc, Pilcher; he, Baker; c, Whent.

MEMBERS' CLASSES—NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Jordon, real good one, full of quality; 2, Steed, good one; 3, he, Dell, heavy varieg., fine, sound col.; vhc, spl, Bellinger; c, Marsh. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Jordon, real tip-topper, tight as wax, all there for type and quality, shows well; 2, Bellinger, good one; 3, vhc, Dell; he, Steed. UNFLIG. (12): 1, cup, 3, Jordon, we make best bird in show, all there for quality and type, shows to perfection (Dulwich winner), 3rd another typical buff; 2, vhc, Steed; he, Bellinger; c, C. and J. Bullen. NOR. HEN: 1, Bullen, nice buff lady, well moulded and mealed, 2, Bellinger, rich yell.; 3, Jordon; eye-mkd. and rump-tkd. yell., real good one; vhc, Steed; he, Marsh; c, Dell. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Faux, good length and quality, shows well; 2, Barber, nice long-sided, fine neck and head; 3, vhc, Dell. BUFFS (3): 1, 2, Dell; 3, Mockford. YORKS. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 3, two spls, res. for cup, Faux, superb, typical, yell. could win in better company, tkd. on side of beak, grand position, well staged; 2, vhc, c, Edwards, very taking, breedy yell. and two good stable companions; he, Barber. YORKS., HENS (6): 1, c, Mockford; 2, 3, Barber; vhc, Bullen; he, Dell, nice class. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, 3, Stevens, 1st Crest, big, massive, Crest, 2nd good Crest-bred; vhc, he, Ford; c, Dell. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Jordon, well away with nice Goldie; 2, Stevens, neat, small Goldie; 3, J. and C. Bullen, another Goldie, not up in col. yet; vhc, Dell, very nice Bullie. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, W. Dell, Greenfinch, nice bird; 2, Lark, good size, nice lacing; 3, Redpoll, in full field plumage; vhc, real good Thrush; he, Stevens, Redpoll. EX. STOCK (9): 1, vhc, Ford; 2, 3, Wraight; he, Stevens; c, Dell.

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CHELTENHAM.

Annual show of the Cheltenham C.B.S. was held on November 3rd. The venue was the promenade Auction Rooms instead of the Drill Hall, as advertised. The committee did their best with the rooms at their disposal, and staged the exhibits to the nicest possible advantage on the modern system. The quality and entries in most of the classes were good. Crests and Crest-breds made a really fine display, many of the cracks being staged. Norwich were also a grand lot, and made a good show. The light Mule class was also good, and the British birds were capital in quality, the winning Goldfinch of Mr. Herbert's being much admired. Mr. T. Taylor won the ten-guinea bowl for best C.B. 1909, Mr. Bale taking that for best Crest. Mr. T. J. King won points special for Crests, Mr. Godley Cinn., Mr. T. Irons Nor., Mr. Millincamp Yorkshires, Mr. Blaikie Borders, and Mr. Edwards for Mules. The hon sec., Mr. Treasure, was again at the helm, and worked like a Trojan, his hard work only being equalled by his courtesy, tact, and thoroughness, and, we might add, his criticism of the late entry nuisance. Mr. W. Pounsett makes a most admirable show manager, and seemed to revel in his work. The committee, of whom the popular chairman is that well-known Crest enthusiast, Mr. G. Grant, looked after the welfare of the exhibits, and all were most obliging to visitors. The members' classes contained some good exhibits. Mr. J. Robson judged Crests and Crest-breds, Borders, and selling classes, and Mr. W. Vardy the remainder.

The Crest and Cinnamon Classes.

CREST. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Colledge, leader pied tail green, good circular crest, nice width of frontal and droop, 3rd cl. body, thick crest, nice formation and droop, grand one when quite fit; 2, Evins Bros., unkd. wings and rump, grand frontal crest, beautiful droop; 4, vhc, King, nice back, crest; hc, Taylor. CL. BDY. D.C. (4): 1, Colledge, large well-formed spreading crest, rare width of frontal, neat centre, good back crest; 2, Taylor, beautiful droop, nice leafy feather, lovely back crest; 3, Evins Bros., nice dip, crest well filled in, capital centre; 4, King, nice frontal and dip. MKD., ETC., BUFF, D.C. (12): 1, 2, 3, King, clean sweep, leader even wing mkd., immense crest coming well to beak end, 2nd pied tail green, nice formed crest, capital frontal, 3rd nearly green, thick frontal crest of good droop and radiation; 4, Smith, mkd. wings and chest; vhc, Ley; hc, Colledge; c, Kilminster and Hooper. BUFF, CL., ETC., CREST (8): 1, Taylor, well-known exhibit, immense crest, wonderful length of feather, droop; 2, Ley, grizzle, rare width of frontal, well filled sides, nice smooth back; 3, Bale, cl., nice length of feather, good back crest; 4, Colledge, grizzle, nice dip, good back crest; vhc, Evins Bros., hc, Brotherton; c, King. CREST. HEN, MKD., ETC. (8): 1, Evins Bros., nearly green, beautiful droop, thick, well-formed drooping crest; 2, vhc, Cory, mkd. wings, neat, well-formed crest, nice droop; 3, King, mkd. right wing, grand frontal, crest coming well to beak end; 4, Taylor, saddle mkd., nice circular crest; hc, Ley; c, Smith. C.-B. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Brotherton, winner beautiful cushion-shaped skull, wide in entrance and good length of head feather, grand quality, 3rd nice wide entrance, good rise; 2, Ley, good wide entrance, nice length of head feather; 4, Evins Bros., good length of feather, nice back skull; vhc, hc, King. BUFF (13): 1, Taylor, pied tailed green, wonderful length and density of head feather, well lashed, nice rise over beak; 2, Smith, another pied tail, good entrance, grand length of feather; 3, 4, Cory, green and a pied tail, both good length and density of head feather; vhc, King; hc, Norwood Bros.; c, Bale. HEN (10): 1, 3, Taylor, pied tail, real smasher, grand shaped skull with long and wide head feather, good entrance, 3rd varieg., nice-shaped skull, good length of head feather; 2, Norwood Bros., nearly green, rare length of head feather; 4, c, King, lengthy feather; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Simmonds. C.-B., 1909 (15): 1, Taylor, imminense crest of grand formation, splendid droop and radiation, beautiful quality, good shaped body; 2, Bale, marked wings, expansive crest of grand droop and density; 3, Norwood Bros., pied tail green, good droop and length of feather; 4, Hands, nearly green, nice shaped crest, good droop, well radiated; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Brooks; c, Kilminster and Hooper. C.-B., BRED IN 1909 (15): 1, Bale, varieg., beautiful shaped skull, good entrance and lashing, nice wide back skull; 2, Cory, varieg., massive skull, good entrance, hense feather, well browed; 3, vhc, Taylor, pied tail, good length of head feather; 4, Norwood Bros., varieg., good entrance, dense head feather; hc, King; c, Simmonds. NOVICE CREST (2): 1, Arney, mkd. right wing, neat crest, nice hack; 2, Muscott, mkd. left wing, nice dip. C.-B. (3): 1, Morris, wing and tail pied, nice skull and length of head feather; 2, Mrs. Maconechy, varieg., good shaped skull and body; 3, Muscott, pied tail, well browed. CINN. CREST (2): 1, 2, King, leader mkd. wings, grand frontal for the variety, 2nd another nice exhibit. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, King, two nice exhibits and close together, good bodies, heads and feathers; 3, Arney, fine-shaped body, nice quality feather. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Godley, winner grand size and shape, good col., nice skull, 2nd fine col. and quality. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, good team, plenty of size and substance, nice heads, well up in col.; 4, vhc, King, nice skull, not so sound in col. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Sandiford's spl, vhc, King, Jonque, good col., nice skull, size and shape; 2, 3, 4, Godley, Jonque, grand quality feather, sound col., nice clean skull, 3rd buff, beautiful col, fine shape and feather, 4th Jonque, shapely as a slip claw.

The Other Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Gill and Pethick, magnificent shape, good head, full neck, flights well carried; 2, Baker, nice shape, well up in quality, good col., nice head; 3, Rennie, clinking shape, gets well over perch, good head, short full neck; 4, Houghton, grand col., nice size and shape; hc, Wasley; c, Kilby. BUFF (14): 1, Tristem and Taylor, unflig., clinker, magnificent col. and full of quality, grand back, nice head; 2, Houghton, good shape, nice head and neck, rich under col., Gloucester winner; 3, Gill and Pethick, magnificent quality, tight as hoxwood, good shape, clean skull, full neck; 4, Withers, nice shape, good wing carriage; vhc, Midgley; hc, Lowe; c, Baker. TKD., ETC. (16): 1, Midgley, thigh tkd., good shape, nice head and neck, grand back, neat tail, level col.; 2, c, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. eyes and wings, nice head and neck; 3, Irons, lovely quality of feather, nice level col., head, neck and back; 4, Houghton, thigh tkd., good shape; vhc, Young; hc, Withers. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Folwell, very deep and rich in col., grand quality feather, nice head wings and tail; 2, Midgley, rattling shape, clean cut, short wings and tail; 3, Mortara, tkd. on neck, rattling colour; 4, Irons, marked left wing, lovely shape, grand feather, nice flights and tail; vhc, Williams; hc, Ormond; c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (19): 1, vhc, Irons, bonny shape, rare size, grand quality and colour, good flights and tail, fine back; 2, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. head, eyes, and wings grand feather and colour, nice head and neck; 3, Gill and Pethick, ticked on head, rattling shape, beautiful colour and quality, neat head; 4, Dart, mkd. head, eyes and wings, sweet shape. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Rennie, nearly green, rare size and shape, short flights and tail, rare chest, good carriage; 2, Gill and Pethick, clear, grand colour and quality, nice head, back, and neck; 3, Young, clear, good shape and size, nice quality; 4, Houghton, grizzled on head, nice shape, tight as a drum; vhc, Collier; hc, Russell; c, Hall. BUFF (16): 1, Midgley, regular charmer, lovely shape, good size, beautiful quality, profusely mealed; 2, Stephenson, Gloucester winner, rare shape, flights and tail, short, cobby body; 3, Young, mkd. head and wing, nice shape, good flights and tail; 4, Follwell, ticked on eye, good size and shape, nice colour; vhc, Baker; hc, Harvey; c, Gill and Pethick. NAT. COL. YELL. (2): 1, Houghton, the Gloucester winner; 2, Pardington. BUFF (7): 1, Irons, grand shape, full of quality, nice colour, good head and neck; 2, Stephenson, good quality, nice size and shape; 3, Spoor, nice shape and feather; 4, Green, nice quality feather; vhc, hc, Pardington; c, Scrivens, YORKS. CL., ETC. (10): 1, Millincamp, yellow beautiful quality, nice feather, well up on leg, good length; 2, Williams, buff, good length, nice close feather, long flights and tail; 3, Dykes, wing ticked buff, grand position, lovely feather, neat head; 4, c, Jeffreys, buff, good coloured unflght., nice position; vhc, Edwards; hc, Athey. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Garland, wing ticked buff, stands well, grand feather, wings well braced, nice pipe tail; 2, Beer, grizzled back buff, fine feather, neat wings; 3, Williams, yellow, ticked on head, good length; 4, Millincamp, yell., marked head, neck and wings; vhc, Jeffreys. UNFLIG. (12): 1, hc, Dykes, neck and wing ticked yellow, slim built, grand stand, nice narrow shoulders; 2, Lovell, buff, grand stand, feather and position, neat head, well on leg; 3, Morgan, yellow, nice quality of feather, good length and position; 4, Millincamp, yell., nice feather, good position; vhc, Parsons; c, Mrs. Garland. HENS (10): 1, Millincamp, yellow, beautifully feathered, good position, neat head, wings and tail; 2, vhc, Dykes, buff, ticked on cheek, lovely feather, well drawn out; 3, Parsons, yell., grizzled on head, slim built; 4, Jeffreys, cinnamon marked, eyes and wings; hc, King; c, Warr. BORD. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Blackie, gem, lovely shape, grand feather, colour and quality, beautiful feather; 2, Prosser, nice shape, feather and carriage, sweet head; 3, 4, Lewis and Hawkes, both good in feather and shape. BUFF (10): 1, Blackie, gem, right through, the best of feather, sweet shape, grand style; 2, Nixon, lovely feather, nice shape, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, Gwilliam, both good feather, nice shape and action; vhc, Prosser; hc, Miss Burrows; c, Dart. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Harrison, yellow green, nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, good colour and pencilling; 2, 4, Blackie, huff, ticked on eye, nice feather, grand wings; 4, huff, green, nice feather, good wings and tail; 3, Gwilliam, ticked on head, grand feather, nice shape; vhc, Bexson. HEN (8): 1, Blackie, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, sweet shape, nice feather, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Lewis and Hawkes, yellow, nice feather, shape and carriage; 3, huff, nice feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Gwilliam, wing mkd. buff, grand shape and feather; vhc, Wright; hc, Dart; c, Bexson. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Jeffrey, yellow green Yorkshire, nice length and stand; 2, Holliday, huff Scots, nice shoulder and well turned; 3, Turner, yellow Lancashire Coppy.

The Remaining Classes.

GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Herbert, deep square cut blaze, grand tanning, lovely hars and huttons, nice cheeks; 2, Tams and Son, grand blaze, well tanned chest, good bars; 3, hc, Edwards, nice blaze, capital hars and moons; 4, Hussey, nice feather, good bars; vhc, Skinner; c, Arnold. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2, White, two good ones, splendid breast colour, good caps and wing bars; 3, Edwards, fine shape, nice colour on breast; 4, Oakes, good shape; vhc, Febery. LINNET (9): 1, Tams and Son, plenty of size, good shape, nice back; 2, Poole, grand feather, nice shape, well pencilled, nicely shown; 3, Lovell, grandly pencilled, lovely colour, nice shape and feather; 4, Hussey, grandly pencilled, nice size and shape; vhc, Miss Ryerley; hc Edwards; c, Evans. GREENFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Miss Thomas, huff Greenfinch, rare size, grand feather and wing bars; 2, Herbert, mealy Redpoll, a real beauty, beautifully pencilled; 3, Price, Greenfinch, splendid feather, nice shape; 4, White, Siskin, grand feather, nicely laced cap; vhc, Pound; hc, Pace; c, Lovell. A.O.S. SEEDEATING, SMALL (13): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, grand col. and feather, nicely cut bib; 2, Price, Bramblefinch, lovely col., well spangled, in grand form; 3, Tams and Son, Yellowbunting, good col., feather, and markings; 4, Taylor, Chaffinch, nice feather, size, and shape; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Bessell; c, Pace. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Parsons, Blackbird, nice col. and feather, good bill and eye cere; 2, Bond Bros., Chough, good legs and bill, nice feather and shape; 3, Pratley, Miss, grandly-spotted Song Thrush, not well staged or would take some beating. MULES, LIGHT, ETC. (11): 1, Arnold, even wing mkd. Goldfinch-Can., yell., lovely feather, very hot col.; 2, Callear, even wing huff, lovely feather and col.; 3, hc, Lees, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., splendid col., size, and feather; 4, Wasley, well-known six-pointed buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, Edwards; c, Lawrence. DARK LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Lawrence, slashing Goldie, Jonque, rare size, col., feather, and condition, good face; 2, Edwards, Linnet, plenty of size, good shape, beautiful col., well laced; 3, hc, Gough, huff Goldfinch, good feather; 4, Tams and Sons, Linnet, nice shape, size, and col.; vhc, Phillips; c, Mrs. Holliday. DARK, A.O.V. (7): 1, Lawrence, Can.-Bullie, beautiful col. and feather, nice shape, and put down in the pink; 2, Lashbrook and Son, larger, nice depth of col., good one; 3, 4, Somerfield, nice Greenfinch and Siskin, both capital feather and col.; vhc, hc, Edwards. HYB., BRIT. (2): 1, Edwards, Linnet-Bullie, nice feather and col. PARROT, ETC. (5): 1, Millsum, brown Parrakeet, in grand condition; 2, ex 2, Rogerson, Lorrikeet and good pair of Barnard's Parrots in good feather; 3, Miss Cook, nice feathered and good coloured Blue-fronted Amazon; 4, Mrs. Maconechy. SEEDEATING FINCHES (9): 1, 3, Gibbons (Miss), grand Paradise Whydah and lovely coloured and feathered Red-headed Gouldian Finch; 2, Pearce, nice green Cardinal; ex. 2, Pounsett, grand feathered Atlas Weaver; 4, Rogerson (Mrs.), good pair of White Javas; vhc, hc, Millsum; c, Thomas (Miss). A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, 4, Millsum, grand team, Levaillants Barbet, Indian Nuthatch, and Black-headed green Sugar Bird, all in grand condition, and well staged; 4, Taylor, green Tanager, splendid col. and feather. SELL. (40s.) (8), CREST OR LANC. COPPY: 1, Grant; 2, Allen; 3, c, Kilminster and Hooper; 4, Turner; vhc, Hands; hc, Edwards. (20s.) (9): 1, 2, Kilminster and Hooper; 3, Allen; 4, Hands; vhc, Hayling; hc, c, Bruce (Miss). C.-B., ETC (40s.) (7): 1, Allen; 2, Edwards; 3, Turner; 4, Taylor; vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; hc, Hayling; c, Hamlin. (20s.) (6): 1, Hayling; 2, Kilminster and Hooper; 3, Crooks; 4, Gibbons (Miss); vhc, Love; hc, Miles. NOR. (8): 1, Child; 2, Brown; 3, Wasley; 4, Edwards; vhc, Love (Mrs.); hc, Duggan; c, Hope. (10s.) (7): 1, Taylor; 2, Pounsett; 3, Allen; 4, Hayling; vhc, Duggan; hc, Gibbons (Miss); c, Brown (10s.) (7): 1, Duggan; 2, c, Harvey; 3, Follwell; 4, Brown; vhc, Gibbons (Miss); hc, Barnes.

YARMOUTH.

The Great Yarmouth F.S. held their 21st annual show on November 3rd and 4th in the famous Winter Gardens, which is a grand place for such a function, being all glass, large, and not in the least draughty. The show was opened by the Mayor C. A. Campling, Esq., by a few words to the effect that fanciers in Yarmouth are making great strides in the proper direction, viz., the breeding of the stock true to type. Mr. J. G. Shearman, the hon sec., knows the road well, and makes a capital organiser. The judge's (Mr. W. E. Greeves) awards appeared to give entire satisfaction.

CHAMP. CL. YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Calver and Sons, beautiful type, nice wing carriage, A1 col. shown in real good order; 2, c, Claxton, neat yell. lovely feather and col.; 3, Hart, real nice Nor., no quite ready, when in order will take some beating; vhc, Rippon; hc, Hatch. BUFF (8): 1, Rackham, lovely shape, beautiful quality, good carriage, easy win; 2, Hatch, nice stamp; 3, Calver and Son, very typical, nice wings and tail, ran 2nd very close; vhc, Claxton; hc, Rippon; c, Wilmot. YELLTICK (6): 1, Rippon, a beauty, lovely type and quality, good chest, neat wings and tail, no fault to find; 2, Calver and Son, head mkd., nice stem well shown; 3, Hart, eye tkd., real smart Nor wants more time; hc, c, Claxton. BUFF (6): 1 Rackham, lovely quality, good back and wings, will improve yet; 2, Rippon, grizzle mkd., nice shape short and well carried wings, ran winner close; 3 Hatch, real good youngster, A1 for type; vhc, hc Claxton. HEN (9): 1, Rippon, very typical yell nice short wings and tail, hard pressed by 2nd; 2 Rackham, beautiful cl. buff, full of quality, rare Nor. stamp; 3, c, Claxton, neat yell., almost equal to 1st; hc, Hatch. YELL. CINN. CK. (3): 1 Shearman, good sound cinn. col., nice size and stamp; 2, Crow, neat, very hard to choose between these, lovely quality, good wings and tail. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Shearman, real good trio, leader bouncer for size, nice cinn. col.; 2nd, grand youngster, sound cinn. col., good carriage; 3rd, bit longer, but possesses plenty of col.; vhc, Hart; c, Crow. CINN. HEN (9): 1, Bevan, good yell., sound col., nice wings and carriage; 2, vhc, Quinton, yell., also good, very close up; 3, c, Shearman, useful yell., carries wings somewhat badly, very useful. CREST (5): 1 Calver and Sons, varieg. huff Crest, lovely crest, good droop, nice front and radiation; 2, 3, vhc, Shearman, buff green Crest, plenty of feather of right sort, good-shaped crest; 3rd, nice yell; hc, Rippon. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Shearman; hc, Wilmot. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, Hart; 2, Hatch; 3, Hatch. MULE (6): 1, Fysh, beautiful Goldie Bullie, in grand order, wins hands down; 2, 3, vhc Claxton, Goldie-Cans.; hc, Shearman; c, Thompson. AMAT., CL. YELL. NOR. CK. (12): 1, Tiptod good Nor. stamp, lovely col., well carried wings neat all over; 2, Keymer Bros., beautiful youngster 3, vhc, Barton, not quite the size of winners, good col.; hc, Hoy; c, Whittleton. BUFF (11): 1, Smith good all-round Norwich, grand col., well-carried wings and tail; 2, Jarvis, very stout, good quality, shown to perfection; 3, hc, Tiptod, lovely neat Norwich, nice feather, well carried wings; c, Whittleton. NOR. TKD. (10): 1, 3, Tiptod, leader good size, shows little brow, good body nice quality; 3, Smart, buff, fine stamp, good col. and quality; 2, Whittleton, short cobby Norwich, A1 wings and tail, ran winner close; vhc, Bartron; hc, Jarvis; c, Whittleton. CINN. NOR. (8): 1, 2, Smith, lovely Norwich stamp, very hard to separate; 3, Bevan, good sound col., nice shape; vhc, Whittleton; hc, Thompson; c, Tiptop. A.O.V. (8): 1, Bartron, good Buff Nor. Crest; 2, vhc, hc, c, Thompson; 3, Bartron. HEN (18): 1, 2, hc, Bartron, couple of beautiful yellows, leader neater than 2nd, but hard to choose between; 3, Keymer Bros., a grand buff, very chubby, one we all liked; vhc, Smith; c, Whittleton. FINCH (3): 1, Wilmot, most beautiful Goldfinch, pity there wasn't more competition, lovely face, good buttons, nice wing, dense points, others not ticketed. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Keymer Bros., Linnet, with good markings; 2, 3, hc, Claxton; vhc, Fysh; c, Hipgrave. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, South, a lovely Thrush, easy winner; 2, vhc, Claxton, 2nd another good Thrush; 3, Hipgrave, Blackbird. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Tomkins; 3, Sladden.

DOVER.

This society held their annual show Nov. 3rd, in the Market Hall, a fine place indeed for cage bird shows, being well lighted. Entries numbered 188, and the quality was A1. Mr. Taylor won special for best young bird. Mr. Gibbs won the Bowl for Yorkies with a fine team. Crests were not numerous, but those shown were good. The secretaries, Messrs. Ahhott and Austen, were very capable, and the show was well managed throughout. Mr. T. Heath judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Meades, grand type, A1 col., quality all over it; 2, 3, Gibhs, former fine feather, nice front; 3, topper for size, grand body; 4, Brown, nice type. BUFF (4): 1, Meades, fine size and shape, bonny type; 2, Layton, gem for feather, fine head and chest, close up; 3, Gibb, grand colour and meal; 4, Brown, very neat. TICK, ETC. (9): 1, Aekland, three-pointed huff, sweet type, hot col., good one, well shown; 2, Gihbs, griz., hack yell., perfect feather, grand type, must have pressed; 3, Taylor, well up in size and col.; vhc, Kew; hc, Meades; c, Dring and Morton. HEN (7): 1, Meades, cl. yell., best of shape, fine head and hack; nice exhibit; 2, Meades, bonny cl. huff, sweet shape, finest col., grand one; 3, Gibhs, big cl. yell., hold head; 4, Elliott, another cl. yell., nice quality, patchy; vhc, Gihhs; hc, Taylor. BRED 1909 (10): 1, 2, Taylor, rump-tkd. huff, stormer, quality all over it, will do some winning; 2, Clear, another best of quality; 3, Jordan, lovely col. and meal, fine shape; 4, Meades, cl. yell., fine col.; vhc, Gibhs; hc, Meades; c, Gihbs. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, Broad, two real tip-toppers, former even-mkd., fine shaped crest, good droop and radiation; 2, Green, another good one; vhc, Campany, very neat. C.-B. (3): 3, hc, Broad, leader big houncing cl., good skull, plenty of feather; 4, Campany, plenty of feather. CREST OR C.-B. 1909 (4): 1, 2, Broad, even mkd. leading, fine, veiny feather, bird of great promise; 2, cl. body, grey, very neat, hut smaller; 3, 4, Campany, crest and crest-bred, two nice neat birds. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Gihhs, leader best length, well drawn, standing on fine legs, very choice; 3, another extra style and carriage; 2, Austen, excellent feather, fine length and style, a near thing; 4, Lockett, nice pipe tail, and stands well, wants tubbing; vhc, Leaver; hc, Taylor; c, Reeve. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Gibbs, former best of col., fine style and carriage, good one; 2, Taylor, wonderful feather, finely drawn; 3, Austen, rare length, nice back; vhc, Leaver; hc, Lockett. TICK, ETC. (7): 1, Rayner, tkd. wing buff, feather like wax, grand carriage and stand, taking bird; 2, Gibbs, eye tkd. yell., fine length, nice col., good position; 3rd, same owner, another tkd. yell., better feather, good back, nice pipe; 4, Lockett, tkd. yell., nice style; vhc, Campany; hc, Taylor; c, Raynor. HEN (13): 1, 2, Gibbs, leader cl. huff, perfect gem, feather like wax, grand back, style and carriage; 2nd, tick yell., fine quality and carriage, rather thicker in build; 3, Eade, fine racey hen, nice back; 4, Lockett, nice cl. huff, beautiful feather; vhc, hc, Eade; c, Reeve. YORKS., BRED 1909 (15): 1, Eade, lovely cl. buff, finest quality, grand back, style and carriage; 2, Austen, fine cl. yell., grand back again, nice pipe tail; 3, Leaver, splendid feather, best of carriage, neat head; 4, Lockett, fine yell., beautiful feather; vhc, Reeve; hc, Lockett; c, Leaver. BORD. CL. (5): 1, 2, Bowes, 1st bonny huff, fine jaunty carriage, very good bird; 2nd, yell., very sleek and nice; 3, Hooper, tkd. buff, fine carriage; 4, Bowes, sweet bird. BORD., BRED 1909 (7): 1, 2, 4, Bowes, fine team, best of style and carriage, well put down; 3, Weaver, fine quality of feather, nice carriage; vhc, Prior; hc, Weaver. LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, Wood, the winner a silver, fine bird, well-defined rowing; 2, Gold, broken cap, fine spangling; 3rd, Silver, very neat. MULE, LIGHT (4): 1, Taylor, grand mkd. yell., fine size, full of col., wins well; 2, Gunnell, fine col., smaller; 3, Eade, varieg. buff, fair col. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Wickham, topper for col., in rare form, well shown; 2, Austen, not quite the shape Finch, good one; 3, Heritage, nice col., smaller; 4, Abbott, wild. DARK (6): 1, Acland, fine yell. Greenie-Can., A1 col., shown in fine condition; 2, Gunnell, Greenie-Can., huff, tip-top size, nice col.; 3, Dring and Morton, Linnet-Can., nice size and col.; 4, Taylor, Goldie-Can., finest size in class, not yet finished; vhc, Pyhus. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Jordon, grand Goldie, splendid blaze, bars, and buttons, fine hird indeed; 2, Wickham, large, fine-shaped Finch, almost equal to winner; 3, Gunnell, another fine size hird, face not yet up in col.; 4, Jordon, smart hird; hc, Acland; c, Kew. LINNET (3): 1, Gunnell, grand hird, splendid size and marking; 2, Wickham, lovely col., shines like silk, must have rubbed; 3, Pankhurst, well defined markings; vhc, Austen; hc, Kew. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Gunnell, smart hird, fine cap, deep rich breast col.; 2, Heritage, another good one; 3, Meades. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Wickham, very fine Redpoll, good size and col.; 2, Pankhurst, Twite, fine hird, good col. and markings; 3, Gunnell, Redpoll, very steady; 4, Eade, Siskin; hc, Abbott. SELL. (20): 1, Kew; 2, Elliott; 3, Reeve. (15/-): 1, Eade; 2, Austen; 3, Abbott. (10/-): 1, Eade; 2, Sanderson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, 4, Brett, former tip-top Hawfinch; 3rd, good Chaffinch; 4th, fine-coloured Bramhle; 2, Acland, real gem of a Hawfinch, fine size, bib and col.; vhc, Austen. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Brett, Tit Lark, in fine condition, well mkd., very steady; 2, Brett, Bunting, splendid col. and well shown; 3, Blathwayt, gold-crested Wren, trifle out of condition; 4, Heritage, Nuthatch; hc, Brett; hc, Hopwood.

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MAESTEG & DIS. C.B.S.

NOVEMBER 17th, 1909.

If you want to win some good specials, you must show at Maesteg. Special for every class. Fifty Classes. Judges, J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. Entries close Nov. 10th. Schedules ready from **W. JENKINS, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.**

MORRISTON

AND DISTRICT

C.B.S. Show, Nov. 18, 1909.

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ST. HELENS

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(Under C.B.U. Rules). 4 Cash Prizes, 22/- per class, also special. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. 24 Classes. Schedules ready.—Apply **J. H. NAYLER, Secretary, 6, Mary Street, Lancaster.**

HULL C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 19 and 20.

Grand Classification for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds. **Prize Money Guaranteed,** and **Paid within 24 hours.** Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, and E. Brunskill. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. & M.Club. Entries close **November 16th.** Schedules ready.—**ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

BARNSLEY Cage Bird Society will hold an Open Show

on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 20.** Canaries and British Birds. Mr. Barnes, of Sheffield, Judge.—**EO. CARLISLE, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley.**

SUNDERLAND

NOV. 19th and 20th. Under O.B.U. Rules. 54 Open Classes. Cash special for best bird in show. Cash specials for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, most points. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, with 2/6 special each class; entrance fee, 1/6. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Stanger. Schedules now ready, from **W. REID, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.**

KILMARNOCK

O.C.B.S.

GREAT OPEN SHOW,

NOVEMBER

19th & 20th, 1909.

65 Open Classes. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. J. Dalgleish and T. Paterson; Crests and Norwich, Mr. James Winter; Borders, Mr. Wm. Shearer; Yorkshires, British and Foreign, Mr. A. Cochrane. Schedules now ready.—

Send to **J. B. Y. MURDOCK, Sec, 9, Burnside Stroet.**

BUCKHAVEN & DIST. C.B.S., 2nd Ann. Show of Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds., **NOV. 20.** Popular judges. Under patronage of B.F.C.C. Entries close **Nov. 13.** For schedules, apply **JOHN LAWRIE, Hon. Sec., Graham's Bldgs., Randolph Street, Buckhaven.**

WOODSIDE O. S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds in Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on **NOV. 20th.** Judges Chas. Campbell, Glasgow, and D. Ross, Forres. **Alexr. Thomson,** Sec., **100, Gt. Northern Rd., Aberdeen.**

BLACKWOOD, N.B.

Annual Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, and Cats. **Sat., NOV. 20th.** Cage Birds, 33 classes. Judges: Messrs. Allardyce, Paterson, McLay. Schedules ready.—**JAMES HAMILTON, Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

WHARTON Winsford & Dis. 5th Annual Open Show of Pty., Pigns., Rab. & C. B. held at the Town Hall, Sat., **NOV. 20th.** Judges, Rev. T. W. Sturgess, W. C. Moore, and J. W. Metcalfe.—**R. OLLIER, Hon. SEC., 363, High Street, Winsford, Cheshire.**

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH (12 miles radius.) **Nov. 20th.**

Judges, Messrs. J. Wilkinson, Poultry; J. Brooke, Pigeons; S. R. Compston, Cage Birds and remainder. C.B.U. Rules. Entries close **Nov. 13th.**—**W. A. MITCHELL, Sec.**

MONTROSE Annual Open Show of Norwich Plainheads, British and Foreign Birds, **NOV. 20th.** Numerous valuable specials. Prize money sure. Reliable judges. Entries close **Nov. 13th.** For schedules apply, **J. CLARK, 1, John St.**

AVONBRIDGE O.S. 6th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, on **Saturday, NOV. 20th.** Under Patronage of the B.F.C.C., B.B.&M.C., and the G.&W.C.C. Cup, medals, and numerous specials. Judges: J. Holmes and A. Cochrane. Entries close **Nov. 13th.** Schedules now ready.—Apply, **PETER GENTLEMAN, Secretary, Forrester's Buildings, Avonbridge.**

GALASHIELS

CAGE BIRD AND PIGEON SHOW. (The Palace Show of the Borders.) **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1909.** Innumerable specials, including cups and medals. Entries close, Cage Birds, **Nov. 16th.**; Pigeons, **Nov. 13th.**—Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Sec, 19, ST. ANDREW ST., GALASHIELS, N.B.**

CROOK

Original Cage Bird, Fur & Feather Society.

Fifth Annual Show, to be held **NOVEMBER 20th, 1909.** Cage Birds in Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Browne, Gateshead. Silver cup for most points for members. 28 Classes for Cage Birds. For schedules, apply to **BIRD AND SIDDLE, Hon. Secs., 15, Church Street, Crook.**

BIGGAR AND DISTRICT SHOW.

Cage Bird Section (Open), **NOVEMBER 20. Judges:** Border Fancies and British Birds, Mr. D. G. Gardiner, Bathgate; Scotch Fancies and Norwich, Mr. A. Thomson, Edinburgh. Good classification. Tempting list of specials. Note: The schedule and prize lists are worthy the attention and patronage of every cage bird fancier. Entries close **November 13.** Schedules from **G. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec., Westend, Biggar.**

COVENTRY

O.S.

29th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

November 20th.

C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 37 Open Classes. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. Entrance fee, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Held at the Sydenham Palace, the finest hall in the country for a bird show. Exhibits are properly fed, cared for, packed, and put on the railway on Sunday evening only. Entries close **November 15th.** Get a schedule from **G. PETERS,** 29, Coundon Road, Coventry.

WHITBY Fanciers' Show,

Wednesday, November 24th. Huge Classification. **Hon. Secretary, J. G. TOMLINSON, Central Chambers, Whitby.**

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

C.B.S. Seventh Open Show (under C.B.U. and London Federation Rules) Thursday and Friday, **Nov. 18 & 19** at Amersham Hall, New Cross. Judge: Mr. John Robson. 29 open classes. Entry fee 1/6. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed and paid within three days. Good specials. Entries close Monday, **8th November.** Schedules now ready from **F. W. HAMER, 106. Verney Road, London, S.E.**

MILLOM

& Dis. C.B.A. Sixth Annual Show of Cage Birds and Pigeons will be held in the Central Hall on **NOVEMBER 19 and 20.** Judges: Cage Birds, J. H. Roe; Pigeons: J. H. Wilcock. Prize money: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee 1/6 for Cage Birds and 1/- for Pigeons. Yorks 6; Norwich 5; Border 6; Natural Colour 1; Mule and Hybrid 1; British 4; Foreign 1; Pigeons 7. Specials for every class. Millom is on the main line and the Hall is only one minute's walk from the station. Exhibitors not receiving a schedule send along entries we will classify. Entries close **November 13.** Schedules from **Wm. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road, Millom.**

PENDLETON & SALFORD

Ornithological Society. 17th Annual Show **NOV. 19th and 20th, 1909.** At Caxton Hall, Blackfriars, Salford. Within a few minutes of all Manchester stations. Under patronage of Y.C.C., G.C.A., L. & L.F.A. (Lizards only) and N.P.C. who hold their Cup and Club Show at this fixture. 42 open Canary classes including 3 open Novice, 6 open British classes, Yorkshire classes. Judges: A. Wellings & J. C. Barnes. All last year's exhibitors will receive schedules. Entries close **November 13th, 1909** Mondays post in time. **Secretary, HARRY CLAYTON 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.**

PATHHEAD

(Kirkcaldy) Game, Game Bantam, Pigeon, & **Cage Bird** Soc. Ann. Show will be held on the **20th NOV.** 34 classes for Cage Birds. Good specials & Specialist Judges. Ent. close **Nov. 13th.** Schedules ready apply to **W. R. GIBSON, Sec., 58, St. Clair Street., Kirkcaldy.**

INVERNESS

Twenty-Ninth Annual Show, **Wed. Nov. 24,** under the Patronage of Scottish P.C. Grand Classification. Specials in every Class. Judge, Jas. F. Dewar, Esq. Prize Money. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Entries close **Nov. 17.** Schedules from —

Alex Urquhart, Hon. Sec, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.

STAMFORD

NOV. 25. Affiliated to C.B.U. 4 Nor., 4 York., 1 Crest and Crestbred, 2 a.o.v., 2 sell. class, 1 Mule or Hybrid, 7 Brit., 2 For., 1 gift class, 6 members classes. Judges: W.P. Barnes, S.H. Mays. Entrance Fees 1/6 non-members: 1/- members. Good specials in cash, value & medals. Prize money 10/-, 5/-2/6. No amalgamation. Entries close **NOV 15.** Send your entries early. 30/- special for highest number of points in the aggregate. £5 limit. **Hon. Sec. A.W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad St., Stamford.**

SALE

OPEN SOCIETY.

2nd Annual Open Show to be held at Technical School, Tatton Road, Sale, **NOV. 26, 27, 1909.** Silver cup for Members. Good classification and specials. This is the society that paid out in 3 DAYS. Judges: J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, A. Wellings, Prescot. Schedules ready November 10th from

J. IRLAM, 97, Cross Street, SALE,

CITY OF DUNDEE

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. ANNUAL SHOW **NOVEMBER 26th and 27th.**

In conjunction will be held The Scottish crest club show. Judges: Crests & Crestbred, Mr. C. Campbell; Plainheads, Mr. A. Malcomson; Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and Geo. Fulton; Borders and Yorkshires, Mr. D. Hamilton; British and Foreign Birds, Mr. Jas. Livingstone. Under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, Yorkshire Canary of Scotland & Scottish British Bird & Mule Club. Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Schedules from—**ALEX MILLER, 3, Park Avenue.**

The Show of the Midlands.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

54 Open Classes. C.B.U. Rules.

December 4 & 6.

Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby; and J. F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh. **J. A. Tyler, Sec., 229. Narborough Road.**

WOKING

NOVEMBER 23th and 24th 1909.

Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds. 10 Miles Radius. Judge, Cage Birds, Mr. C. A. House. Splendid list of specials. Entries close **Nov. 12th.** Schedules from **L. C. B. HOCKIN, High House, Sutton, via. Guildford.**

BRISTOL

C.B.S. ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, NOVEMBER 24th & 25th.

under C.B.U. Rules. Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe, **W. H. MANLEY, Hon. Sec., 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield, Bristol.**

LUDLOW

Open Show, in the Town Hall,

November 24th and 25th.

Canaries, Britishers, Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby. No amalgamation or limit Classes. Entries close **November 20th.** 40 Classes, Schedules now ready from **J. BESSELL, Hon. Sec., 5, High Street, Ludlow, Salop.**

BEDALE

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, and Cat Show,

will be held on **NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.**

W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec., Bedale, Yorks.

CIRENCESTER

OPEN SHOW NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Good classification. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Prompt prize money. Good room. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close **Nov. 15th.**—**W. G. INWARD, Hon. Sec., Cirencester.**

GOOLE (YORKS). £5 Limit. **Nov. 25, 1909.** Pty., Pigns., Rbts., Cats, and **Cage Birds.** Judge of Cage Birds, J. C. Barnes. Five prizes every class, and paid in three days, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Full classification next week, or send for schedule to **A. ROBERTS, 13, Manuel St., Goole.**

SIDMOUTH (DEVON)

14th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, **NOV. 25th, 1909** (under C.B.U. Rules). Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Splendid classification. Numerous specials. Prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Entries close, **November 15th.** Schedules from **ARTHUR TREMLETT, Hon. Sec., Sidmouth.**

BERWICK-ON-TWEED

Poultry, Pigeon, and **Cage Bird** Society.

Under C.B.U. Rules, Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange Berwick-on-Tweed, on Thursday **NOVEMBER 25th.** 25 Open classes for Cage Birds. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and numerous specials. Entrance fee, 1/6. Entries close **Nov. 19th.** Judges, Messrs. A. Hay, Tweedmouth, and J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from **SMART AND GRAY, 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth.**

NEWARK

OPEN SHOW

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds, held under Poultry and Cage Bird Union Rules, **NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.** 76 classes. Specials for every class. No amalgamation. Schednles ready. Entries close **Nov. 18th.**—**Sec., H. A. SHELBOURNE, Balderton Gate.**

WOOLWICH

Nov. 25 & 26.

Open to all, 36th Annual Show (£5 Limit). Judge A. E. Enfield, Esq, J.P. Entrance fee, 1/3; members, 1/-; prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Close, **Nov. 15th, to R. KIRK, Bexley Heath, Kent.**

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BLACKPOOL

SHOW

(Affiliated to the C.B.U.), **NOV. 26th & 27th.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Prize money £1 2s. per class. 2/- money special each class. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. One Guinea cash for most points in show. Schedules ready shortly.—**A. J. Winterbottom, Hon. Sec., 9, Clinton Avenue, Blackpool.**

CREWE and District

UTILITY & FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Third Annual Show of Cage Birds, under C.B.U. Rules, **NOV. 26th, and 27th.** Splendid classification. Popular judge. Entries close, **Nov. 26th.**—**G. W. DUTTON, Hon. Sec., The Grove, Shavington, Crewe.**

MUIRKIRK SHOW November 27

Pty., Pgn., C.B., Rab., and Cats. 10 Classes for Bor., two for Nor., Brit. Birds and Linnets, one each. Judge, W. Mossey. Ent. close, **Nov. 23.** Scheds. from **R. THOMSON, Sec., Morton-place, Muirkirk.**

BRIGHOUSE NOV. 27. Open Foreign Bird Show.

Six classes, F.B.C. Patronage and Judge, Society's cup and numerous specials. Full prize money guaranteed. Schedules ready, **Nov. 15th.**—**F. MITCHELL, Sec., 9, Marion Strset, Brighouse.**

HETTON-LE-HOLE

and District Cage Bird Society.

Under C.B.U. Rules, on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 27th, 1909,** in Miners' Hall. 23 Open Classes for Cage birds. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/-. Entries close **November 20th.** Judge, A. Brown.—Schedules apply **A. J. NOTLEY, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.**

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WEST STANLEY & Dis.

Fur and Feather Society, 3rd Annual open show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Cage Birds, also Children's Class, **NOV. 27th.** Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Judge Cage Birds, T. Dixon, Esq., Bedlington. Schedules ready.—**Sec., J. COUSINS, 20, Far West Street, East Stanley, Co. Durham.**

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show, under C.B.U. Rules, **NOVEMBER 27th and 29th, 1909.** 39 Classes. Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of Classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood, and Chas. Houlton. Entries close **Tuesday, November 23rd.** Send for schedules to **THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.**

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Prize-money guaranteed and paid in three days. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. Entries close **November 23rd.** For schedules apply **J. HICKLIN, Hon. Secretary: Melbourne, Derbyshire.**

PORTSMOUTH

23rd Annual Show, DEC. 1st and 2nd.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules. 16 Classes. Numerous cash specials. Judge, G. Gardner. Entries close **Nov. 29th.** Schedules ready Nov. 1st.—**Messrs. HAWES and FRAMPTON, 125, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.**

CARDIFF

(Affiliated to C.B.U.).

DECEMBER 1st & 2nd.

Judges: Messrs. Payne and Robson, 13th Annual Show. 50 Classes (Open and Novice). Prize money in full in all classes, with cash points' specials in addition. Entries close **November 24th.** Send post card for schedule to **W. SAMPSON, 93, Llanishen-st.**

WEST AUCKLAND

Cage Bird Society's Show (under C.B.U. Rules), DEC. 4th. Schedules ready from **J. GILL, St. Helens, Bishop Auckland.**

LOCHCRAIG Feather Association (near Lochgelly.)

Grand Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, will be held in Public Hall, Lochore, on **DECEMBER 4th.** Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. For schedules, apply—**ROBT. BALLOCH, 68, North Glencraig.**

STONEHOUSE N.B.

Second Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, to be held on **Saturday, DECEMBER 4th,** 1909, in the Public Hall, Stonehouse. 9 Classes for Scotch Fancy Canaries; 8 classes for Border Fancy Canaries; 11 classes for Norwich; 21 classes for British and Foreign Birds and Mules. Popular judges. 11 classes for Flying Homers.—**JOHN GOVAN, Secretary, 7, Union Street, Stonehouse, N.B.**

PONTYPRIDD PWLLGWAUN & DISTRICT.

C.B.U. rules. Pltv., Pgns., Cage Birds and Rab. Judges, Messrs. Proud, Bebb, House, and Godfrey. **Dec. 15th,** Entries Close **Dec. 8th. McLUCAS & JAMES,** Hon. Secs., **26, Pantygraigwen Road.**

MILNGAVIE

BEARSDEN and Dis. O.S. Open Show on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.**
Grand classification for Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats. Cage Bird Judges, Mr. John McLay, Mr. Thos. McCredie; Poultry, Mr. Fullerton; Pigeons, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. Kinney. Entries close, Nov. 27th. Schedules from **M. FRAME, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.**

STOP. STOP.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual Open Show, **Saturday, DEC. 4th.**, under the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Patronage. Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., Accrington. 5 Classes for Novices in the Yorkshire section. Now, Novices, don't forget this is a rare chance for you. 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry, 1/6. Good specials. Prompt payment. Schedules ready shortly. apply early. **G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec., 28, College Road, Harrogate.**

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C.B.S.
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SUTTON COLDFIELD

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW.
of Cage Birds, will be held at the Crystal Palace, on **DEC 8th and 9th.** Judge, Mr. A. Paddock. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Enter from following:—Class 176, Nor. cock, 177 do. hen; 178 Nor. unflig. cock or hen 1909, 179 Yorks. cock, 180 Yorks. Hen, 181 Yorks, unflig. cock or hen 1909, 181a Crest cock or hen, 181b C.B. cock or hen, 182 Can. A.O.V. or Mule or Hyb., 183 Brit., 184 For. bird, 185 Can. Sell. pairs 20/-, 186 Can. sell. single or pairs 10/-, 187 Gift class ,numerous cash specials. Schedules from **A. GEO JONES, 110, High Street, Erdington.** Entries close **Nov. 24th.** Separate room for cage birds.

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DON'T FORGET

CROOK and District Cage Bird Show

On Saturday, **DEC. 18th, 1909.** 23 Classes. Judge, Mr. J. Sandiford. In the Mechanics' Hall, Crook. Entries close, Saturday, Dec. 11th, 1909.—**Hon. Sec., Wm. Rutherford, West Roddymoor, near Crook, co. Durham.**

MORECAMBE SHOW

NOV. 30th, and DEC 1st.
W. H. PICKLES, Sec., Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.

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Twitterings.

Entries for Biggar Show accepted to November 15.—MITCHELL, sec.—(ADVT.)

Splendid classification and specials at Tideswell. Fanciers should see schedule at once.—(ADVT.)

Will fanciers please note that I am removing from Lisbon Street, to 234, Edenfield Road, Rochdale, writes Mr. S. Entwistle.

Please accept our thanks for your fine report of our show, writes Mr. C. Parnell, hon. secretary of the Torbay (Paignton) O.S.

Entries for Luton Show are very short; in fact, we have only two in ten classes, writes Mr. Albert C. Pilbeam, the hon. secretary.

The two buff Norwich that gained 3rd prizes at Leamington, and 2nd at Hanley, belonged to us.—DALLMAN AND SON (Melbourne, Derby).

Owing to insufficient entries, writes Mr. H. J. Fincher, hon. secretary, of the Tring F.A. Show, all cage-bird classes have had to be cancelled.

Gloucester Show report, Norwich yellow hens, credits Wasley with 1st, whereas we stood first in this class.—WALTON AND NOAKES (Leicester).

Bristol show report credits Bond with winning 1st prize in the buff Yorkshire cock class, writes Mr. W. Ellis (Hayle); this should have been credited to me.

Kindly thank all exhibitors for their support, which enabled us to have such a very grand display.—ELLIOTT AND WOOD, joint secretaries, Burton-on-Trent.

Cramlington and Dis. C.B.S. are holding a members' show on November 27th, we hear, with Mr. J. Grey (Bedlington) as the judge. There will be 26 classes.

Kindly note my change of address from Western Road, writes Mr. T. G. Jeffery, secretary of the Southall and Dis. C.B.S., to 2, Station Approach, Southall.

By an oversight the word "Norwich" was omitted from before classes 206 to 209 in our schedule, writes Mr. W. G. Inward, secretary of the Cirencester F. F. and C.A.

Entries are urgently wanted for the North Berks (Ahingdon) Show, writes Mr. T. Bowen, the hon. secretary, as a week before the show we only average one entry per class.

Schedules for Musselhurgh O.S. Show, on November 27th, have been sent out; any member having been missed, please apply to me.—WM. NISBET, 101, High Street, Musselburgh.

As an old fancier, I may say I have taken your valuable publication, CAGE BIRDS, from the first number, and I always find great pleasure and delight therein.—W. W. BELLAMY.

The half-yearly balance-sheet of the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. (London), sent us by Mr. J. C. Birch, the hon. secretary, is a very satisfactory one, showing a cash balance of £13 8s. 8d.

The sender of the novel Linnet cage illustrated in last week's issue was Mr. H. Fenn, of Sheffield, and it was made by Mr. H. Spotswood, of that city. To these fanciers we tender our thanks.

The young bird show of the British Roller C.C. is to be held in conjunction with the forthcoming Horticultural Hall Show, and not at Wigan, as by an error was stated last week in this column.

I should like to know the name and address of the gentleman who sent to me from Weyhridge, enclosing a postal order, as these were omitted, writes Mr. C. Barwell (Glendon, Northamptonshire).

Since having our schedules printed, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, secretary of the Launceston F.A., we have arranged to have the Drill Hall for the cage birds. The show is being held under C.B.U. rules.

Entries are very short indeed, and we are obliged to extend until November 8th, writes Mr. W. Minty, hon. secretary of the Frome C.B.S. We have a splendid classification, and hope fanciers will support us.

I must apologise, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, hon. secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., for omitting to notify members that there would be no meeting on Novemher 1st, owing to over-pressure of work at the show.

R.A. Newley, the well-known cage specialist, of 24, Stockwell Green, S.W., will he present at the Wimhledon Bird Show during the evening of November 16th, when he will be pleased to hook orders of old and new customers.—(ADVT.)

The Crested Canary Club Handbook for 1909-10, reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Clarke. The good work done hy the C.C.C., and the support they are giving the shows, will be found detailed in its pages. Lovers of the noble Crest desirous of becoming members should communicate with Mr. Clarke, at "Sunnyside," Prospect Road, Woodford Green, Essex.

We have received an advertisement on one of our special coupon forms, offering Turhits and Crested Canaries for sale or exchange. If sender will forward his name and address, we will insert the advertisement in our next issue.

Kindly note that Mr. Robinson, of Albany Road, Old Windsor, has resigned the secretaryship of the Windsor and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. E. A. Stickland, of 16, Alma Road, Windsor, and that I have been appointed to that office.

Will persons writing for schedules kindly note, write Messrs. McLucas and James, hon. secretaries of the Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and Dis. C.B.S., that all communications written and placed in open envelopes require a penny stamp.

Our entries close on November 9th, writes Mr. E. W. Radford, Hon. Sec. of the Glastonbury Show, and at the time of writing we have no entries for cage birds, notwithstanding a good classification, excellent prize-money, and a popular judge.

This being my first year as secretary of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A., fanciers will greatly oblige by sending entries early, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler. Schedules were sent out a week ago. I will send others on application to me at 6, Mary Street, Lancaster.

I have won: at Kelty, 1st and special for best Norwich, 4th Border hen; at Dysart, 1st and special for best Norwich; at Haddington, 2nd Yel. tick Border cock, and v.h.c. buff Border hen—not a bad start for the season with three hens?—WM. NISBET (Musselhurgh).

Entries for the Malton Show, November 11th, are absolutely "nil" at time of writing, and 14 classes are provided for cage birds, writes Mr. G. M. Horsley, the hon. secretary. Under the circumstances, therefore, I am compelled to extend entries to first post, November 8th.

The silver cups which are to he competed for at our show on November 10th and 11th, are to be won outright, writes Mr. Alf. Hetchings, secretary of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. Cup specials Nos. 12 and 17 in schedule should read over Mules and British classes respectively. Will exhibitors please note?

We are giving our second table show (five classes) on November 9th, writes Mr. F. Washbourne, secretary, South Manchester C.B.S. Special points are to count for medals. Mr. R. B. Fryer has kindly consented to judge, and it is hoped novices will give us a good entry. Birds are to he staged hy 7 p.m.

Border and Crest fanciers are being particularly well catered for at the Cambridge Show, on Novemher 11th and 12th, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, the hon. secretary. British, and in fact, all other classes are also to he well looked after, and fanciers sending here (entries close Nov. 8th), may rest assured their hirds will he well treated.

Six Bells and District Fanciers' Society prize drawing. Winning numhers:—840, 626, 393, 985, 128, 2,323, 1,238, 1,279, 2,452, 1,265, 777, 869, 339. Prizes not claimed within 14 days will he forfeited. Apply, secretary, W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street, Six Bells, Ahertillery.—(ADVT.)

We have decided to accept entries up till first post, November 13th, instead of Novemher 9th, as originally fixed, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary, Wimhledon and Dis. C.B.S. As secretary I shall esteem it a favour if exhihitors will please send entries as early as possihle, as it saves a deal of trouble and possihle annoyance.

I received an entry for two Border Fancies too late to accept, writes Mr. W. Irwin, joint secretary of the Harrington Show, so returned them same day to the address on entry form; hut I received them back from the Post Office stating "not to he found." Would the sender of these entries (Mr. Jos. Graham) please write, so that I can return postal order?

Penzance and Dis. F.A. (who are giving four money prizes) have had to extend date of entries closing to November 6th, owing to entries not averaging one per class, writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, the hon. secretary. Exhihitors, do not forget this show, which is the only one affiliated to the C.B.U. in the county, with Mr. C. A. House as judge.

The third annual show of the Dundalk C.B. and P.A. will he held in the Town Hall, Dundalk, on November 17th and 18th, writes Mr. P. J. Gaskin, the hon. secretary. Forty-one classes are provided for cage hirds. Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill). Entries extended to November 10th. Schedules may be had of me at the Crescent, Dundalk.

The fanciers of Uddingston are evincing commendahle pluck, writes a Scottish correspondent, in starting an open show, which is to be held in that place in Decemher. All varieties are to he provided for, while the Scotch Fancy Canary has the sensihle numher of eight classes. Fanciers should keep a look-out for this enterprising show and support it.

We hear that Mr. Nicholas Shaw, an old and respected Furness fancier, has had to part with the whole of his stock of Norwich Plainheads, owing to his departure for South Africa. Mr. T. C. Hoskins (Dalton-in-Furness), has purchased the same, and not having accommodation in his own room, is advertising the greater portion of the hirds and hird-room accessories.

Blackwood (N.B.) Show is to be held on Novemher 20th, with Mr. Allardyce as judge for the Scotch Fancy section, to which Arthur Kirk, Esq., has granted a silver cup for hest young hird, writes Mr. J. Hamilton, hon. secretary. No extra is charged for entry. Mr. Patterson judges the Borders, for which a handsome silver cup is given as usual, and medals and specials. And Mr. McLay judges all other classes, for which there is a good number of specials. This should bring us success.

I have given a copy of CAGE BIRDS' last Douhle Numher to a fancier friend of mine, who is simply delighted with it, and he is handing it on to a family of hrothers, all fanciers in this district.—E. V. NAWTON (Pickering).

I take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the splendid plate of Hawfinches. It is a magnificent picture, and reflects great credit on CAGE BIRDS. I always do my utmost to introduce your paper to others.—A. GALE (Bromsgrove).

Our schedules are now in the hands of exhihitors, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary, Sunderland C.B.A. I do not think many fanciers will have received two, hut in case they have, will they oblige me hy giving one to an exhihiting friend, and thus help us to ohtain a good entry? Should any fancier have been overlooked, I shall be pleased to oblige, my address heing 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sundorland.

On Saturday last I was surprised and delighted, writes Mr. W. Phillips (Swansea), at espying in a shop window the goodly and valuahle array of silver and cut-glass ware, which the Swansea and Dis. C.B.S. intend presenting as prizes at their forthcoming annual show. I am not connected with the society, although an exhihitor who intends competing. in the hope of securing one of the heautiful challenge cups.

The special offered by the S.Y.C.C. for competition at Maesteg Show, on November 17th, will be for most points gained hy three hirds—two in the cock classes, and one in the hen class (champion section), provided there are four members competing. Also a Norwich Plainhead cup will be competed for by members of the Welsh C.B.C.—the most points gained hy the three highest hirds during the season.—W. JENKINS, hon. secretary, Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S.

The following are the judges appointed for our 22nd annual show, on December 4th, writes Mr. W. Ruddiman, secretary of the Cupar and Dis. O.S.: for Scotch Fancy, Mr. W. Rodger (Slateford); for Norwich Mr. J. Adams (Dundee); for Borders, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside); and for Mules, British, and foreign, Mr. A. C. Dandie (president of Scottish National, Edinhurgh). We have every hope of receiving a larger entry than usual, and I can guarantee that every care will be taken of the exhihits entrusted to us.

Mr. Whipp Appeals.

We hear from Mr. J. Rayner, the C.B.U. secretary, that Mr. W. Whipp has entered an appeal against the disqualification of his Lizards at Rochdale Show, and that, therefore, the decision already published (of the District Committee) will he reviewed by the Council.

Welsh C.B.C. & Swansea Show.

"Welsh cage hird club members. Swansea not complying with classification, patronage withdrawn. Members please note.—JONES, Secretary."—The above telegram reached CAGE BIRDS' office late on Wednesday evening.—EDITOR.

A Record at Blaydon.

As we are closing for press the following pleasing telegram reaches us from Mr. Havvor, the secretary of Blaydon-on-Tyne Show: "Record entry of six hundred and eighty hirds." Thus there promises to be another treat this week-end for Tyneside fanciers.

Starlings Eating Sparrows.

I have seen in my home in Northamptonshire, writes Mr. S. S. Smith to the "Scotsman," a pair of Starlings take the unfledged young out of a House Sparrow's nest. I have no douht in my own mind that the Starlings ate the young Sparrows, or gave them to their own young to eat.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed.

The 1st prize yellow Border cock at Galston Show on Saturday last was stolen, along with the model card and drinker, writes Mr. A. Frew, the secretary (26, Duke Street, Galston), and any information regarding same will be thankfully received hy your humhle servant.

Rough on the Birds.

In one of Sir S. Baker's interesting books on Africa, he tells how the artful crocodiles manage to catch hirds. These little creatures come in thousands to drink at the rivers, and perching upon the slender overhanging boughs bend them down hy their weight to the surface of the water, when they each drink in turn. If a crocodile is seen, they will not go near, but wait until he has floated down the stream, which he does in full view, returning at once under water, and with a sudden rush sweeps off a dozen or so into his jaws.

GRAND RESULTS.

More Testimony from Advertisers.

It was utterly impossible for me to answer all inquiries in reply to my advertisement in "Cage Birds," of October 23rd.—W. CARR (Mansfield).

I had grand results from my advertisement in "Cage Birds," and I wished to thank all who wrote to me; but it was impossible for me to answer them all, they were so numerous.—H. STERLING (Dorset).

As the result of advertising in "Cage Birds," I have just sent off the third consignment of Norwich to Mexico. My experience teaches me that "Cage Birds" is the best advertising medium.—T. W. QUARMAN (Bristol).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds." The replies were too numerous for me to answer all—it would cost me nearly five shillings in stamps. I wish "Cage Birds" all the success it deserves.—F. J. CHILD (Leeds).

After I cleared my stock through the splendid advertisement columns of "Cage Birds," I had a holiday, and on returning I purchased the whole stock of Yorkshires of a fellow fancier, which I am again selling. "Cage Birds" is the only paper I advertise in, and I find I don't require any other.—A. BROWN (Wood Green, London, N.).

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

A STUDY IN CANARIES.

With their copies of this week's colossal double number, readers should make certain that they receive the coloured plate and art supplement which accompany it.

We venture to think that the very accurate group of Canarics which our versatile artist, Mr. Norman, has painted for this issue, will appeal to a wide circle of readers. In addition to being effective from the artistic standpoint, it has also the great merit of being instructive. Readers not well versed in the exhibition points of the various Canarics depicted, will find this plate very valuable and educative.

The Lizard Canary shown is that technically known as a "clear cap gold." The term gold has the same meaning as yellow, or jonque, applied to other varieties—the "silver" Lizard corresponds to the buff. By clear cap is meant that the crown of the head shall be free from any dark marking, while the edge of the cap has to follow the lines seen in the plate—if it breaks in towards the crown, then the bird becomes a "broken cap," while if the clear space extends too far the other way, the bird is termed "over-capped," this being, of course, a defect.

The clear buff Norwich Plainhead shows the "meal" or "frosting" on the back, which is the chief distinguishing characteristic 'twixt those perplexing (to some) terms, yellow and buff. In the clear Yorkshire (which bird, by the way, will be seen to carry a marking ring on its leg) this meal is absent—the colour extends right to the tips of the feathers.

The Clear Crest seen here is a grand bird—it has a really wonderful crest, large, round, beautifully drooped, and thickly built up of broad feather; further, the bird is of the true Norwich type. The Cinnamon is a yellow, and what is known as a "self," that is, without any break of light-coloured (white) plumage. A Cinnamon with light feathers is termed "pied" or "foul." The Border Fancy is unevenly marked, and curiously marked, too. It would be known as a "three-pointed" bird, owing to the markings falling on one or other of the three technical places—eyes, wings, and tail. Were the three markings duplicated on the left-hand side of the bird, it would become an "even-mark" (i.e., six-pointed) and a real beauty, too.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Story of a Thrush.

Last year I had a Thrush, and one day it pecked at the wool that tied the cage door and flew away. At seven o'clock at night on the same day it came back, and flew into a damson tree in the garden. Mother came and held her hand out, and the bird immediately hopped on to it. Then the bird was put into the cage again. It has flown away several times since, and has come back in the same way.—From the School newspaper, and sent by Marjory Edith Waymouth (age 13), L'Islet Post Office, St. Sampson's, Guernsey.

**The Wren's Nest Making.

Wrens gather little bits of wool,
And warm and fluffy stuff,
And odds and ends of hay and straw,
And when they have enough
They weave it all with loving care
Into a little nest,
Where they at evening may repair,
And take their nightly rest.

Sent by Albert Armes (age 11), 1, back of 62, Ladywood Road, Birmingham.

A Tame Greenfinch.

My father had a tame Greenfinch, which he did not require, so he though he would let it have its freedom. He opened the door, and the bird flew out and perched upon an open window, and after having a look around it flew right back in its cage again.—Sent by E. Badcott (age 13), 13, Elmbank Road, Paignton, Devon.

*A Shouting Thrush.

Our Thrush that we had when quite young has now grown to a good sized bird, and tries to imitate all that we say. We used to let it fly about the room for a little while, but although it is very tame we do not think it safe to do so now, as it is so much stronger. It does not sing very loudly, but if we are making a noise, it shouts out as loud as it can.—Sent by Florence Tanner (age 13), 2, India Road, Diamond Road, Slough.

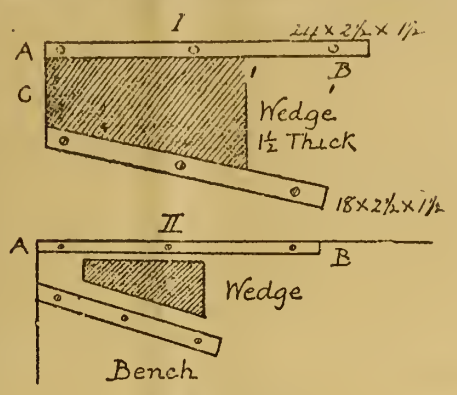
Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 358.
A Simple Vice for Cage Makers
Sent by J. A. Ainsley, Langdale House, Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool.

I am sending particulars of a vice, of use to bird fanciers, etc., when cage-making. The accompanying sketch is the plan of a wooden vice which costs practically nothing, and is very useful when making cages, etc. Screw the

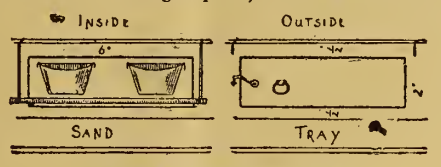


A Simple Vice.

piece 2ft. long, near the edge of your bench, narrow side down. Then place the wedge C against it, and screw the remaining piece of wood on the other side of it (broad side down), as in Fig. I. The wood to be planed, etc., is placed between the wedge and A, B, and the wedge knocked tightly in. Red wood is most suitable for it.—JOHN A. AINSLEY.

No. 359.
Inside Fittings for Breeding Cage.
Sent by Miss Latham, Park Hill House, Croyden.

Inside fittings for breeding cage, useful in conjunction with ⅜-in. mesh wires, where birdroom is infested with mice. Two doors (front and back view shown in sketch), 6ins. by 2ins., cut out of a 4½-in. board, and replaced with a piece of wire run through the centre from top to bottom, forming a pivot, on which the door



Inside Fittings for Cage.

turns. Each half of the door is fitted with two more staples on which to hang a tin drinker, to contain the seed or water. The door is fastened with a small brass or wire hook. Perches are made to hang on two wire hooks, allowing 3-inch space for door to turn in. They are easier to clean than fixed ones. For those not skilled in cage-making, it is easier to cut the 4½-in. board into strips, one 1½ins. wide for front of sand trays, two ½in. wide for top and bottom strips, one 2ins. wide for centre. The latter is cut in lengths to suit front, and spaces left for the doors, which are added after the other pieces are nailed together.—MISS M. LATHAM.

Under the White Rose.

LAISTERDYKE Show, held Saturday last, hardly came up to the expectations of the promoters. It was the fifth show of the season, and the previous four had all averaged over 18 entries per class, but at this fixture they suddenly dropped down to slightly over 15. The cause is hard to find. The biggest drop appeared to be amongst the yellow hens and the marked birds, none of the latter classes filling at all well.

THE novice cinnamon-marks, appeared to be the only classes in the show that kept up to the last two weeks' standard, these containing 45 birds, several fresh faces being noted amongst the winners.

BRADFORD City are going strong. They have had a romping show, with a good balance on the right side (some of the members don't forget to let you know they worked hard for it), and now I hear that Sir G. Scott Robertson, K.C.S.I., M.P., for Central Bradford, has accepted the position of president.

GT. HORTON "G.I." O.S. had the pleasure of listening to a lecture on Saturday evening from Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax. the subject being, "The Preparation and Treatment of Birds during the Exhibition Season" which imparted much valuable information. Those who attended were very pleased with the points so freely given.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

CLUB NOTICES and QUERIES this week will be found on page 331.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Hayver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.P., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.) J.B., W.V.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock). H.T. & W. My.
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse.) J.H.P. and R.J.H.
*Nov. 6—**Cicator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 6.—**Bradford West**—(J. W. Telford, 15, Westfield Road, Toller Lane). W.M, & J.Bk.
*Nov 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 10 an 11—**Ramsgate.**—(Allen and Tucker 84, Queen Street). J.N.
*Nov. 11—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street). T.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road) J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W. J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). F.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.) J. Btk.
*Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.) W.V.
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.B.
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St.) A.B.
*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.
*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.
*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danebury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
*Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed, Church St.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 1 and 2. **Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.
*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shawe Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street Ferryhill, Co Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.
Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J.Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 14—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigglnton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road, T.Me.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Botkow Row). J.C.B.
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.
*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Scotland.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M'Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S.L., W.Mn., J.Tn., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wtn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Dy. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.Dh., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.). A.P., D. Le., J.Se.
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.). J.F.D., J.Bl., W.C.
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Lse.
Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street, Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W, W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.
Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.) J.H.P., C.H.
*Nov. 17—**Maestcg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
*Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.
*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W.J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygralgwen Road, Pontypridd. C.A.H.
Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H.
*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). (H.W.B.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R.. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

Wild Bird Life.

Rough Weather and the Birds.

For wild creatures out in the open, constantly exposed to changes in the weather, the last few days, with heavy rains and boisterous cutting winds must have been exceptionally trying. In most cases their natural instinct causes them to seek every available shelter, although many birds appear to us to expose themselves unnecessarily. The Skylark flits about the fields, and makes attempts to soar in the roughest weather; the Robin perches upon the garden fence looking dull and mopy, his back and breast feathers blown the wrong way by the wind; but the brainy Sparrow is snugly sitting upon the ornamental brickwork on the sheltered side of the house, and there I have seen the Sparrows during the greater part of an exceptionally bad day, scarcely leaving their snug quarters to obtain a little food. Upon one day when the wind blew strong and cold across the downs and higher ground, not a bird was to be seen; but as we reached the sheltered valley by Chipstead there was no scarcity of feathered life. It appeared as though all the wild birds for miles around had gathered to this cosy spot, and almost every species usually seen at this time of the year were easily identified. The Rooks had left the neighbourhood of the trees on the higher ground, and were quietly foraging upon the sheltered slopes in company of a few hundred Starlings from everywhere. Flocks of brightly coloured Greenbirds frequented the hedgerows by the roadway; companies of twittering Linnets searched the stubble. The Yellow Buntings and gaily coloured Chaffinches were not easily missed, while a few dainty Wagtails had deserted the recently ploughed lands for the warmth of the valley.

Arrival of Redwings.

A few Redwings have been seen upon the uplands in the south, feeding out in the open among the sheep. No douht, larger flocks will be detected as winter approaches.

Bird Song in the Fields.

Occasional snatches of song may be heard proceeding from the flocks of Finches roaming the fields. The Linnet is an especially tuneful fellow, and is always ready to pipe a few notes when the wind blows or the sun shines.

Robin and Bat Fight.

Some one wrote to a daily paper saying that he found a bat and a Robin dead in his garden, and signs of a battle, both being severely torn and cut. If this encounter actually took place, it must have been a most interesting affair. Which commenced the attack?

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A Canary with One Wing.

SIR,—I, too, had a green cock Canary which had one wing. It was a very plucky bird, and no matter how many times it was overbalanced by the other birds, it would always make for the top perch. I kept it a year, and then sold it as a singing bird.

E. M. FLEMONS.

Late Nesting of the Blackbird.

SIR,—Is this a very common occurrence? A friend of mine this morning, November 1st, took a Blackbird's nest of three eggs, and he tells me that the bird was sitting, and that she sat very close. Considering the very bad weather we have had in this part of Sussex (Uckfield), I thought it was very uncommon. I wonder if your readers know of a later occurrence?

T. WALSH.

The Crested Canary Club.

SIR,—Will you please announce that the C.C.C. book of rules and list of members has been sent out. Any member not having received same will oblige by communicating with me. Also that the word "June" appearing on the front page is a freak of the printers. Further, that Robt. Rhodes, Esq., is again very generously offering a silver cup, value 42s. for the most points scored by a novice member at all shows providing at least two novice classes. In view that this is a somewhat belated notice, points gained at shows already held that have complied with the provisions made, will count. Lastly, will members who have not already paid their subscription, please do so?

J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec.

Railway Delays Exhibits.

A Claim Made.

SIR,—Owing to the delay by G.W. Rly. Co. my exhibits were too late for judging at Clapham Show. I may say my birds were sent away on Tuesday morning by the 11.40 train, due Paddington 4.30 p.m., and in the ordinary course should have been delivered at the show on Tuesday evening, but through neglect on the part of the railway company, they were not delivered in the show until 2.40 Wednesday afternoon, when they were too late for judging. I have sent a claim in to the railway company, and shall do my best to get some recompense from them. As my exhibits were not marked "absent" in catalogue, or in your report, I would esteem it a favour if you would make a note of same.

D. A. S. LONGDEN.

Readers will no doubt be very pleased to hear the result of Mr. Longden's claim.—EDITOR.

My Bramblefinch at the City of Glasgow Show.

SIR,—You can imagine my surprise and delight to find my Bramblefinch figured so life-like on the frontispiece of CAGE BIRDS last week; it does the artist, Mr. Aitken, great credit. I have pleasure in sending you a few notes on the bird's history. I caught it in the spring of 1908, and at first, when I put it in a cage, it stood up and looked me in the face with the utmost unconcern. I saw at once from its great size and fine proportions, together with its even spangling, that it had the making of a winner, but as it appeared to be a young bird of the previous year, it was not up in colour. I did not colour-feed it last season, and exhibited it first at the City of Glasgow Show, where it was placed 4th (the same position as this year), and I refused several tempting offers for it that day. I next showed it at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, a month later, where it was placed first. I exhibited it at several other shows in the Hardbill class, and it was not beaten again by a Bramblefinch till the Scottish National. A few days before this show we had a furious blizzard, and snow drifted into my outdoor birdroom underneath the door, and next morning the British birds' cages were lined with about an inch of snow. The Bramblefinch was so bedraggled that I hesitated over sending it to Edinburgh, and as it was a shy bather, it was some time before it again got into condition. This season I colour-fed it, and it was only just through the moult at Glasgow and not in really fit condition. For size and symmetry, it will probably never meet its equal; I have never seen so fine a chest on a Bramblefinch, and with good keeping it should have a great future before it. A non-fancier to whom I was once showing it remarked, "It is a fine fowl," and this, after all, is a fitting description. The plucky purchaser declined to leave his name with the City secretary, but apparently thought it would be too cruel to serve me in the same manner; but I think it may be contrary to his desire to disclose it. I was sorry to see him take the bird away, but wished him success from the very bottom of my heart.

GAVIN ALSTON.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Hanley Show.

SIR,—I sent four entries to Hanley Show, but when I received my tickets I found the secretary had only entered two in the correct classes—the other two he entered wrongly. I wrote to him when I sent my exhibits—one he corrected, but the other he allowed to remain in the wrong class, viz., one, which should have been in class 7. I have written to him since, asking him to return me my entry fee, as the bird was disqualified owing to his fault (thus getting no chance of being judged), but he has not had the courtesy to reply. By the time this is published a fortnight will have elapsed, so my complaint cannot be called hasty. Have any other exhibitors received similar treatment?

J. M. WILLIAMS.

Bristol F.A. Show & the C.B.U.

SIR,—When reading my "C.B." this week I was rather interested to find a letter from the secretary of the C.B.U., to the effect that Bournemouth Show was not entitled to any entries from the members of the C.B.U., on account of their subscription not being paid. I have no wish to enter into any controversy, but I would like to ask him why he allowed the C.B.U. members to be misled into entering at the non-licensed show held by the Bristol F.A., they having advertised and posed as a C.B.U. fixture, after being refused a license on account of shifting their date and clashing with the Gloucester and District Cage Bird Show? The former, I may say, is a mixed exhibition (poultry, etc.). The Gloucester Show has been held on the same date for four seasons. Readers will understand that some explanation should be forthcoming, when I say that it is only about 30 miles from Gloucester, and got an entry of 600 (including many C.B.U. members' entries). It will be seen at once how Gloucester suffered, when I say that they only received the miserable entry of 300 in about the same number of classes. It will be interesting to know if these rule breakers of the C.B.U. will have to suffer the penalty. In my humble opinion they are not to blame. I have always been a firm believer in the C.B.U., but must confess I have altered my mind considerably of late.

A. E. WASLEY.

Rare Mules and Hybrids.

SIR,—I was very much interested on reading the letter on the above in CAGE BIRDS. For the past five years I have been trying my hand at Mule breeding. I have had several hatch out, but could never get any reared. I have tried with Goldfinch and Canary, and Goldfinch and Linnet. This season I am pleased to say I have been successful in rearing four Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids, reared by the Linnet herself in a small box cage. I do not know if these are very rare or not, as I am a novice. I have also five Goldfinch-Canary Mules. These I know are not rare. I am pleased to say they are all doing well.

A. W. RALPH.

Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids are not particularly rare, but it is uncommon for the hen Linnet to successfully bring up her young in a small cage.—EDITOR.

SIR,—I have some Goldfinch Mules almost black, excepting a few light feathers between the legs. They have nearly moulted, and are four months old.

A WIMBLEDON READER.

SIR,—Having been a reader of "C.B." from the commencement, and a breeder of birds for over 25 years, I should like to ask through your valuable paper if ever a fancier has bred a Black Mule from a British Goldfinch, and a yellow hen Norwich Canary? I have got one nearly black, bred in my aviary. It is a very nice bird, and can be seen by anyone at any time. I have bred Mules and Hybrids, also I have brod Thrushes in my aviary, but as for this Black Mule (as I term it) I have never in all my experience seen one before. I have had nearly clears, but never before a black one. I must say that it has come darker since moulting. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success in the future.

H. J. MOORE.

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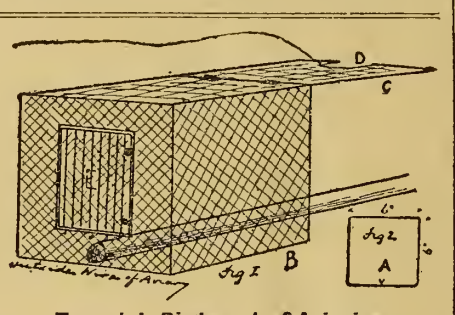
An Appeal from Glasgow and West of Scotland Show.

SIR,—As secretary of the above open show, kindly allow me to appeal to fanciers for their support. Our loss of £50 last season was a blow that many a club would find difficulty in overcoming. This loss was chiefly owing to the now famous circular that was issued against the club on the eve of our last show. Yet in spite of this loss, we paid over £100 in prize money within eight days of the show, and in less than two months from date of show the whole of the club's liabilities were paid in full. The guarantee fund raised by the members to cover any possible loss has placed the club in a strong financial position, so that fanciers need not listen to any idle rumours that may be circulated. To the fanciers who have patronised the show in the past, I need not appeal, as I am confident of their support, but to those fanciers who withhold their entries owing to this circular, I must appeal, if only to prove to them the falsity of the statements it contained. I especially invite them to visit the show and see for themselves the ideal way it is conducted. I would like to draw the attention of the Border Fancy men to a mistake in the schedule. The clear classes should read "clear or ticked," and ticked birds will be eligible to compete in these classes.

FRED. BOWMAN, Show Sec.

How to Catch Birds out of an Aviary.

SIR,—Your readers may be interested to know my method of catching birds in an aviary. Cut a hole in the aviary wire about 3½ins. by 3ins. (or to suit the door of any old cage) about a quarter of an inch above the end of the aviary perch. Then fix the cage door over the hole by means of two bent wire hinges on one side and have another piece of bent wire to use, as shown in the sketch, as a catch or latch. Then get a strip of ½in. wire netting, 24ins. long by 6ins. wide, and bend this into four to make the sides of a cage, joining the two ends at "A." You will then have the cage (marked "B" in sketch). The cage can be fixed by twisting the wire ends



To catch Birds out of Aviaries.

round the wires of the aviary. The trap-door "C" is a piece of ½in. mesh wire, 6ins. square, and is stiffened up round the edges by means of ordinary cage wire threaded in; or the wire edges may be bent round the cage-wire. And "D" indicates a piece cut out of this trap-door, so that the door will clear the aviary perch, above which the cage is immediately situated. The apparatus is then complete. To work it the operator must stand a short distance from the aviary, and must have hold of a string (E), which, fastened to the little trap-door by the one end, passes (to the operator) outside the aviary. A tit-bit should be placed on the door E. When this is done the required bird will soon be caught, as once it has entered the cage by the trap door you have only to let go the string by which the trap-door has been held up, and so let the door down, and you have secured your bird. A light spring or weight on "C" will prevent any bird from forcing the trap-door open, and thus getting free again. I have this apparatus fixed in my own aviary, and I find it very useful. I hope it will prove equally helpful and useful to other readers of CAGE BIRDS.

A. HICKS.

Garden Birds and their Ways.

SIR,—I thought that probably your readers would be interested in the following birdy items. A friend of mine has a large garden which is the home of many small birds. This year a pair of Linnets built their nest in an evergreen shrub, and a sweet little nest it was. The birds were very tame, the hen sitting quite still when stroked while on the nest by the mistress of the house. When the eggs hatched (five in number), the little hen resented being caressed, and pecked fiercely at any hand that ventured near her pretty home. But as the young grew she became more docile, and even condescended to take bits of egg from my friend's fingers and pop them into the hungry mouths of her little ones. This continued every day until the young Linnets were fledged. Then my friend had the pleasure of seeing papa Linnet teaching his babies to fly. How proud he was of them! He would sit on a twig puffing out his little red breast, his tiny throat swelling with joyous song. Or he would take quick little flights calling his children to follow him, chirruping excitedly the while. Then came a day when the whole family flew right round the garden, and a few days after the parents disappeared, probably to find a new nesting site. The young Linnets remained in the garden. "Susanna" was a very tame little hen Sparrow. In the summer tea was taken in the garden, and "Susanna" always came to tea. At about half-past four she would come flying down and hop round my friend's chair. If tea was later than usual, she would become impatient and fly upon my friend's shoulder or knee and sit with her beak wide open, making a funny squeaky noise, positively begging, in fact. She would eat anything—bread and butter, cake, jam; and nothing came amiss. This year "Susanna" took a mate and they built a nest in the ivy on the house, and very soon had a large family to feed. A pet Canary hung in the cage on the wall during the day, and he struck up a violent flirtation with Mrs. "Susanna." He talked to her prettily in Sparrow language, which he imitated perfectly. And she comes and sits on the end of his perch which projects from his cage, while he feeds and sings to her. I often wonder what Mr. Sparrow could have been about to have allowed such behaviour. It would be interesting to know if these two would breed and produce Hybrids. I must not forget "Bobbie," a dear wee Robin. Unlike "Susanna," he would stay in the garden with us all day, only hopping off now and then to catch an unwary worm or grub, which he killed and swallowed with great gusto. He was also very fond of bread and scraps of meat. He would sit quietly on my friend's chair-back for hours at a time, with all but his pretty head and large bright eyes motionless. I really think he was far more affectionate than "Susanna," and not half so greedy.

M.E.P.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—On looking through CAGE BIRDS of October 16th, I could not help but greatly admire the picture of the Greenfinches therein. But what struck me most were their beautiful compact wings and tail—perfection in themselves—and I thought what a pity it was that they could not be transferred on to some of the present-day winning Norwich Plainheads. What an improvement it would make in them. After looking that number through I laid it down on the bed (I am a sick man at the time of writing), and picked up last week's number of October 23rd (containing report of our Hyson Green Show—sorry I could not be there), and on looking through this amazing double number, it certainly did astonish me to see the Scottish Norwich Plainhead depicted; it tickled me, and I certainly had to smile, sick as I was. Surely if this is a picture of what the Scotchman calls a "true Norwich," then Heaven help the Scotch Norwich Plainheads.

J. BERTIE.

Bramblefinch-Hybrids Bred this Season.

SIR,—"Hybrid," in issue of October 30th, is anxious to know if any Bramblefinch-Hybrids have been bred this season. I would inform him that I had a cock Bramblefinch with two hen Chaffinches. These hens nested and had three good eggs each. One egg I broke, with a live chick in it nearly ready to hatch. The other two in the nests hatched out strong and healthy. The hen Chaffinch sat and hatched them, also fed the young for a little time. One lived to be four days old, the other eight days. The second nested and had four eggs, three good. I sat one egg under a Canary hen with her own eggs. The Hybrid hatched out in eleven days, Canaries two days later. The Canaries were fed and lived; the Hybrid died. The next two eggs I put under a paid of good feeding Canaries, having the Hybrid eggs only. These also hatched out in eleven days. The birds were fed well with specially prepared insectivorous food. I saw the old birds on the edge of nest feeding one each in earnest. But two days later they were almost in a pulp under the hen. The British birds were kept with other birds in the garden, the small aviary being about 8½ft. long, 6ft. high, and 5ft. wide. One hen Greenfinch laid 15 eggs; but I could not get them near the right time for the Bramble-Chaffinch eggs. She fed and reared 10 young birds without any assistance, three being Greenfinches and seven Goldie-Greenfinches. I am keeping them all in the same aviary in hopes of doing better next time, if all is well.

A LOVER OF HYBRIDS.

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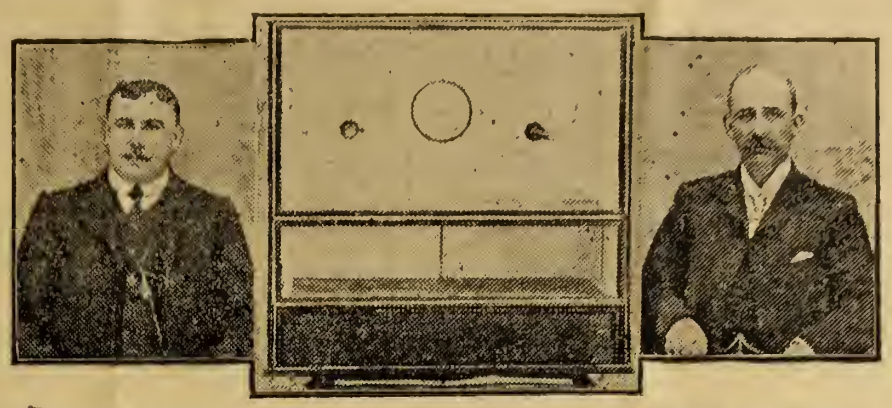
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The Birds of the Belgian Sand Dunes.

SIR,—A few years ago we used to live at a place called Middelkuke, halfway between Ostend and Nieuport, on the Belgian coast. When I came home for the holidays I had ample time to follow my favourite pursuit, viz., to watch the habits of the different species of birds. In the Spring and Summer, if the season is a warm one, insect life abounds, and naturally insectivorous birds are very common. Here the Nightingale breeds. One very hot summer I found a nest of this species containing four eggs about the middle of August. The Shorelark is very common, and its song can be heard from one individual or another during the whole course of a spring ramble. I once found three nests of this species in a morning's walk. My favourite walks were taken on the Dunes, the Nieuport side of the Middelkuke, as these are less frequented, and therefore bird life is more prevalent. The Yellowhammer is common, and I have found its nest on very many occasions, generally situated on the ground at the base of a small bush containing, as a rule, from four to five eggs. The Stonechat is as common as the Yellowhammer, its nest being situated often in like localities; but I have also found it in open ground behind a huge tuft of coarse grass. This latter is a round stalk grass, very useful here, as the roots are very long and strong, and serve to bind the sand, and thus keep it from blowing away. The Wheatear and Whinchat are to be met with, too. I have never found the nest of the former, but I once found one of the latter containing four young almost ready to fly. I visited it two days later, and they had gone. The Cuckoo is very common, but curiously enough I have never found its egg nor a young bird. Thrushes, Chaffinches, Robins, Hedge Sparrows and Blackbirds are almost unknown. The first two and the last-named are much prized as cage birds by the peasants on account of their scarcity. I have never seen a wild Chaffinch or Thrush in this district, and not more than half a dozen Blackbirds in as many years. I have never noticed the species, not being on the look-out for them, but I feel sure that the Dartford Warbler might be met with here. Blackcaps are to be seen. They are about as common as the Wheatear and Whinchat. I was once walking along a lonely lane having a high hedge on one side, when I was suddenly disturbed by the loud chirping of a small flock of Sparrows, who flew away at great speed. Looking up, I saw a Red-backed Shrike perched within a few yards of me, and it was a very handsome bird. When walking along the bank of one of the numerous dykes in this neighbourhood, I saw a Willow Wren caught in an eel net which had been hung up to dry; it had passed through each hole until it found itself in the last cavity. In the winter Wild Ducks, Geese, Carrion Crows and Hooded Crows are numerous on the beach feeding on the refuse and shellfish cast up by the sea. Hooded Crows are especially numerous, vieing almost with the Gulls for supremacy of numbers. Some of the former remain to breed in the plantations near the river at Nieuport. I once saw a very large Gull indeed; I saw the name of the species somewhere, but I have now forgotten it. Starlings are here in immense flocks at this season of the year. A birdcatcher told me he once caught 500, according to his judgment (as he did not count them) in one morning. He said, however, that they taste bitter unless their heads are cut off. One day I found a fine specimen of the Short-eared Owl frozen as hard as a stone. It had no marks of injuries, so I could not understand how it met its death. A few days later I saw several of this species flying about the Dunes. They did not seem to relish it, however, and would fly about 30 yards and then come to ground. They could see quite distinctly enough to evade capture. At this season of the year the cries of the various sea birds are very distinct and loud at night, and, to my ears, also very fascinating. One bright frosty morning I saw a small flock of Cornbuntings hunting for food at the water line on the beach, a favourite resort also of the Shorelarks. I once caught what I took to be a hen Black Redstart in the garden of a market gardener. The next spring a pair of these birds bred in the same garden; the young were hatched, and on the point of flying when they were destroyed by a cat. "Black Redstart" sounds something like "White Blackbird," but we must give them their names until others are invented. I have seen the Redstart here. A pair used to breed every year in an outhouse at the back of our house. Cats being, happily, more uncommon here than in England, the peasants eat them when hard up for food, and say that a young cat is as good as a rabbit. Greenfinches are caught here in late Autumn and Winter, and fetch about the same price as in this country. Jackdaws breed here in the chimneys, as most of the houses are uninhabited during the greater part of the year. I once purchased a young bird for 5d., and brought it up on bread and milk. I always whistled the same note on going to feed it, and it became accustomed to this call. Although remarkably tame when in my company, it was not so even in that of the other members of the family. I taught it to say a few short words. I heard a great chirping one morning, and there was my Jackdaw holding a Sparrow firmly by the leg. Another day I found a dead Sparrow almost completely plucked. This 'Daw I allowed at liberty except at night. It would fly about, but always returned when I whistled. There being other Jackdaws about I was not surprised to see one day that it had disappeared. I hunted about, however, and on a roof about half a mile from home, I espied what I took to be my bird. I whistled, and it flew down and perched on my shoulder. After this I cut the feathers of one wing. I happened to be away for six months, and on my return, to my great disappointment and surprise it had become wild and hardly knew me. I whistled, however, and it turned its head first to one side and then the other, as if trying to remember the sound; but it never recovered its former gentle and pleasing manner. A villager once had the good fortune to shoot a wild Swan; he invited all his intimate friends, and they had a grand feast, and it was pronounced excellent by all. I was informed by the natives that certain of the sea birds sometimes bred in the Dunes, but most of these birds seek nesting places elsewhere. The Magpie is to be met with more inland, but I have only found its nest on one occasion. The Stork is sometimes met with in murky land near the canals. I have seen it on very few occasions; it does not breed in this neighbourhood. The beach shooting in winter is very good; but now the whole stretch from Middelkuke to Nieuport has been let to a private society.

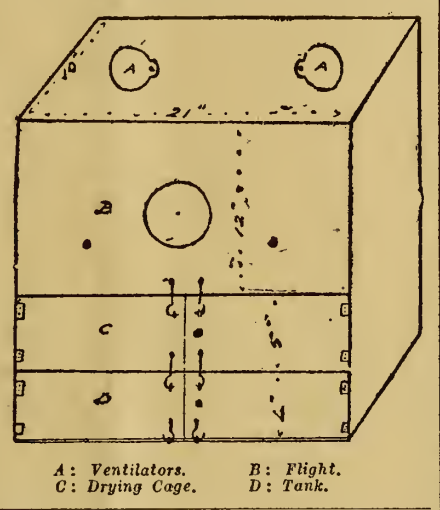
ISAMBARD HARRISON.



Mr. J. E. Reeves. The Drying Cage. Mr. A. Mallett.

A Drying Cage for which High Claims are Made.

SIR,—I enclose photos of Mr. A. Mallett (West Ham), and myself, Mr. J. E. Reeves (Canning Town), inventors and makers of a drying cage (photo enclosed) for birds after being washed for the show-bench. Many designs have been brought out at the Palace and other places, some large and clumsy, others smaller and attractive to the eye, but none seem to have been what is required. The usual method is to dry in a cage before a fire, where, however, no regular heat can be guaranteed. Good judgment often has to be used in front of a fierce fire, to keep the feathers from curling by drying too quickly. The birds are then put into an ordinary cage and left for the night, but when the fire is gone out (especially in cold weather) the change is too sudden, and gives a chill to the bird so that it is no good for show purposes, and is often fatal. As enthusiastic fanciers, who do not object to trouble, time, or expense (as far as our pockets will comfortably allow), we have tried many experiments to get an ideal drying cage, and until another that proves better is put before us, we think this one equal to any yet seen. It is convenient, and well answers the purpose it is intended for. We have thought and worked together in harmony (as fanciers ought to work) and after a final test, I have come to the conclusion that the idea is a success, and it has been thought out for the Fancy at large, as well as for ourselves. As this useful appliance is neither protected nor



A: Ventilators. B: Flight.
C: Drying Cage. D: Tank.

patented we as fanciers ask all who are interested in the hobby, and can use tools, to make one. If you cannot wash your own birds, have the necessary appliance by you, to save your friends carrying their own about, which some kind-hearted old fanciers have to do for many miles. After the birds have been washed, the case can be stood on the table; the tank in the bottom is filled with boiling water. The birds after being rolled in the flannel are laid on the perforated tray over the tank, and after they have been there the necessary time, they are taken out of the flannel, and put into the flight above, with a perforated tray over where they had been laying. This is repeated till all the birds are washed. The flight has a glass front, which protects the birds from draught. The heat from the tank and the vapour from the birds can be regulated by a thermometer inside, and two 2-inch discs on the top. The birds can remain in this state till the next day without any fear of their getting a chill, or of the feathers drying too quickly, as before a fire. My idea is that, after the birds have been washed, and allowed to remain in a space where there is a moist heat, by flying about and preening themselves, the feathers gradually dry and retain their natural sheen and tight position. Anyhow, it has proved so after the many successful trials we have made. Work worth doing is worth doing well. The following are the dimensions: Inside measurements, case 21 inches square, and 10 inches deep; flight, 12 inches high, with perforated zinc bottom tray; drying compartment, 5 inches high, with tray as above, which is direct over the tank; tank space, 4 inches high. The tank is made of copper, and covered with flannel to retain the heat. It slides in at the back, on 1 inch blocks screwed to the bottom of the case, and has 1 inch space all round, so as not to come into contact with the case; it also gives a good surface of heat. The back of flight is 11¼ inches, with a 4 inch round hole for the door in the centre, with two stump perches screwed on from the back, the ¾ inch perforated tray, which slides in from the back, making it up to 12 inches for flight, and acting as a block for the two doors of the drying compartment, where another tray slides in, acting the same as a block for the two doors for the tank space. There are two folding doors, hinged, and opening outwards for the drying compartments; also two more for the tank space, which can be opened singly if required. When cleaning, the doors are opened and the trays taken out, giving the whole a clear space. As this appliance is left entirely in Mr. Mallett's charge, we have agreed to show and explain the working to any fanciers (local especially), wherever it can be arranged. After the boxing contest between Summers and Welsh, on November 8th, I am leaving England on the 12th to take Summers out to Australia and India, and I hope to make a few fancier friends on the other side of the water before I return home, when I hope to bring back in Johnny Summers the light-weight champion of the world. I have handed my valuable stock over till my return, and their showing, to the care or Mr. Mallett, who has proved himself a thorough fancier not only of Canaries and British and foreign birds, but of such interesting soft-bills as the Hoopoe, Woodcock, Snipe, Nightingales, Redstart and Grey Wagtails. A visit by fanciers to his bird-room, which is styled by some, "Perfection," would be found very interesting. I wish all the fancy a successful show season, and on my return in 1910 I hope to hear of its having been a good breeding season.

J. E. REEVES.

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A Goldfinch with a White Cap.

SIR,—I have taken your valuable papor, CAGE BIRDS, for a very long period, and should very much like you to ask if any of my brother fanciers have over seen or heard of a White-capped cock Goldfinch. He is a beautiful bird, just got through the moult. He has always had a white cap on the head, about the size of a threepenny-bit.

A FANCIER.

A Cage Bird Union Matter.

SIR,—May I through tho medium of your valuable paper ask, why should it be possible for a C.B.U. delegate to be in the position to stop the secretary of the Alnwick Society from paying his prize money to an exhibitor who is alleged to be under suspension, although the said society accepted this party's entries? My contention is that the society are liable, and that they are bound to pay. I might add that the same delegate is this week showing at an unregistered or unaffiliated show, that is, the Derwent Valley Show. Numerous comments were heard all over the show room, such as: Why should such a party be allowed to act as a delegate when he so very deliberately breaks the rules himself, yet reports all who do likewise? Surely the C.B.U. Executive will not in the interests of fairness sanction such inconsistency. Many in the North of England will be glad to know how the delegate himself answers the above.

INTERESTED.

Delay in Returning Birds from Shows.

SIR,—At a recent show, birds have been shamefully delayed in being returned, being held up till Monday. The secretary blames the railway company, and the railway company, on being appealed to, the officials hold that the management knew, or ought to have known, that they do not accept parcel traffic after eight o'clock, and that they do not take live stock, which they are unable to deliver on the evening of the day on which it is despatched. In the case which came under notice lately, the exhibits were not passed into the possession of the railway company till 4 p.m. on the Monday. The disappointment of the Saturday was embittered by the greater disappointment of the Monday. Your readers can imagine the chagrin of the working man losing a day's work and tramping five or six times to learn that his birds had not arrived, and then having to go away without satisfaction. It is not good enough, and I hope the show managers will explain the delay through your columns, so that exhibitors may know what to do and what to expect. I have seen every bird packed up and ready for dispatch by 6 p.m. Why was that not done this year?

A WILD BIRD FANCIER.

Bournemouth Show and the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—In reply to the letter from the secretary of the C.B.U., I regret the paragraph to which Mr. J. Raynes refers was included in the schedule through an oversight. At the same time, I would like to point out to him that every fancier is eligible to exhibit at the Bournemouth Show, it being open to everybody. We are running our show this year free from any Union control, our experience being that the Union as at present constituted has not achieved its object in helping the Fancy.

MONTAGUE E. FELTHAM, hon. sec.

SIR,—May I trespass on your kindness to insert this reply to the letter you published in your last issue from the Secretary of the Cage Bird Union? I would like to give a few of the reasons why the Bournemouth and Dist. C.B.A. have withdrawn from the Union. I may say, in passing, that it is *not* the inability to pay their subscriptions (which the C.B.U. letter seems to imply), and the collecting of which appears to be the main object of the Union. Our action has been taken as a protest against the Union, and I would ask the Union officials to state what good they have ever yet done for the Fancy. The members of the B. and D.C.B.A., are as good fanciers as others, and they are ready to support the Union if it can show it is now doing, or has ever done, any good to the Cage Bird Fancy. Our experience is the reverse. At present its preference is given to the non-affiliated exhibitor. He is encouraged to show at Union Shows, whilst also exhibiting at non-licensed shows, without incuring the slightest penalty. But should the unfortunate affiliated member retaliate by doing the same, he is promptly suspended by the Union he supports, the effect being that it pays best to belong to no society whatever. Thus the Union is working directly against all Cage Bird Societies, by encouraging exhibitors to desert from their societies and become free agents. Another experience we have suffered is that the C.B.U. by its many and almost unintelligible rules, has given the death-blow to the small mixed show. A few years ago a number of these shows were held annually in this district, their cage bird support being derived almost entirely from the B. and D. C.B.A., but rather than be worried by restrictions they did not understand, they have dropped cage birds entirely, and to-day in a radius of nearly 50 miles the only open show of cage birds is Bournemouth, which the C.B.U. with its plea of helping forward the Fancy is trying to wreck.

G. W. JONES,
Chairman Bournemouth Show Committee.

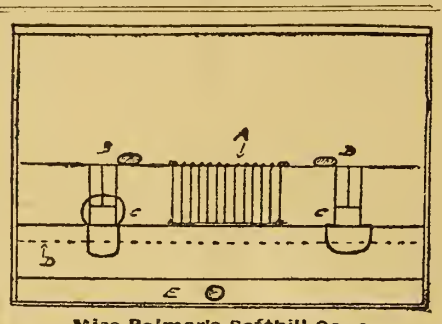
Birds Without Water at Shows.

SIR,—I notice your Mr. Weston, in one of his replies to a correspondent, says, "Birds are watered as soon as they reach the show." I wish this were true, but unfortunately I have often seen birds that have been without water until quite late in the afternoon; in fact, until after the judge had made the awards. This means that some of the birds had been without water for 24 hours, or even more, as many of them being sent long distances had to be despatched at least by midday on the day previous to the show. I do think that stewards should give all birds (Crests excepted) at least one-third, or not more than half, a tinful of water before judging, as I am satisfied that many valuable birds are lost through the neglect of this. I know some exhibitors are foolish enough to send their birds without water tins, and are probably surprised when their birds reach home half dead, but this, of course, is their own fault. With regard to Crests, I think these should always be judged first, and then they could be watered at the commencement of judging, and not late in the afternoon.

J. C. WILMOT.

How to Keep Large Softbills Successfully.

SIR,—I have always found Softbills a great deal more docile and far tamer than Hardbills, but when kept in a cage they are more difficult to cater for, though they are worth the little extra trouble bestowed upon them. When keeping Softbills don't forget that a large cage is required. I have found exercise to be almost as important as food to them. I have often seen Blackbirds and Thrushes imprisoned in tiny cages only suitable for a



Miss Palmer's Softbill Cage.

A: Large Door. B: Position of Perches. C: Head-holes for food and water vessels. D: Perch running the length of cage front. E: Sand tray.

Canary, and oh! how stunted in form, and what ragged plumage these poor little songsters have, not to mention their dirty feet. I know that a large Softbill cage is an expensive luxury. Well, don't buy one. Get a nice large box from your grocer, say about three feet long, two feet high, and one foot deep, and distemper it a nice pale blue or green (you can get Hall's distemper at any oilman's at about 3d. per lb.). When you have painted your box inside, get a piece of wood and nail it across the front. You will find a piece about four inches wide will do nicely. Of course, see it is long enough to fit inside your cage (see sketch). Take care to leave about an inch and a-half at the bottom for the sand tray, which you can easily have made for you at a small cost. Have the tray of zinc. Now get a punch-bar wire front, which you can get made for you very cheaply, and fix this in, and you have a splendid cage at very little cost. The cage is suitable for any Softbill up to the size of a Blackbird.

M. E. PALMER.

Advice to those Starting Canary Breeding.

SIR,—Some little advice to novices on the way to attain success in Canary breeding may prove helpful, so I pen the following. In the first place, the novice should remember not to start Canary breeding too early; the last week in March is quite soon enough, and if the birds with which he intends commencing are fed through the winter on plenty of good Spanish Canary seed as a staple diet, with a little maw and rape seeds (mixed) added twice a week, and a piece of boiled carrot or sweet apple, they will be in tight condition by this time. The breeding cage should be nicely enamelled inside to help keep away the red mites which are pretty sure to be about before the end of the summer. The first rule that must be consistently acted upon is that both birds must be in brooding condition before pairing up, that is, the cock must be in full song, and the hen jumping excitedly from perch to perch flapping her wings. At this time do not worry your birds. Fishermen are careful not to disturb the fish they are after, and the huntsman takes care not to frighten the game; the bird breeder must likewise be equally careful not to intrude at untimely moments. When the pair of birds are first put into the breeding cage, they should be separated for a day or two by a wire partition, and the food must be changed to Canary seed with a little hemp and a pinch of rape, the rape being previously boiled for about three minutes and then rubbed in a cloth until dry. Then when the cock bird is seen feeding the hen through the wires, draw the partition away and put a nest-pan or box in the cage, together, with material for the making of the nest. Should Hyde's medicated nest bags be used, give only a little material at first, as the hen usually plays about with it for a day or so; and should the whole bag be used, it will get dirty on the bottom of the cage, and be wasted. Be careful to place the nest about an inch above the perch, and not in an out of the way corner; it is impossible for the cock to fertilise eggs when the nest is near the top of the cage. Half a teaspoonful of egg food (equal quantity of finely chopped hard boiled egg and bread crumbs) should be given to the cock bird daily as a tit-bit; he will share this with his mate and she will soon want to lay. Take the first and second eggs away when laid and substitute "pot" ones. When the third egg is laid, take the substitute away and put all the eggs together in the nest. On the fourteenth day the hen may be expected to hatch them. Now, the novice should be warned against being too eager to see the young ones. When he listens in the morning he will have no difficulty in hearing them. When the young are hatched, give one teaspoonful of egg food fresh three times a day in the cage. Particular attention should be paid to this point. After the third day a little green food—watercress, lettuce, or shepherd's purse—may be given as well; the last mentioned is best, as there is no fear of one's giving too much of it. Leave the young ones entirely alone until they hop out of the nest of their own accord, which will be when they are three weeks old. It is most difficult to get them to remain in the nest after they have once been out, and the longer they remain in, the healthier they will be. As soon as the young are on the perches, partition them off and let the parents feed them through the wires for about a week, after which they will be old enough to be put into the flight cage. They should then be fed on crushed hemp and egg food, until they are gradually got on to plain Spanish Canary seed. The dropping on the bottom of the cage should be covered over daily with a good gritty sand, and the feeding and drinking vessels kept absolutely clean. A little cuttlefish bone placed between the wires will keep the youngsters strong and happy. When the youngsters are about eight or ten weeks old, they will commence to moult. Great care will have to be used to distinguish the moult from inflammation of the bowels. When any bird gets puffy and mopes about the bottom of the cage aimlessly, it must at once be seen to. Place the bird in your left hand with its head between the thumb and first finger and turn your hand round so that the bird is lying on its back; then blow the feathers up gently from the tail, and should the stomach appear red (a healthy bird's stomach is yellow), you may be sure it has eaten too much egg food. Put the bird on to a diet of milk sop (that is, a piece of stale bread soaked in boiling milk and pressed nearly dry), and give six drops of tincture of rhubarb in its drinking water. Take extra care to keep it away from all draughts. By way of a tonic, give a little sulphate of iron occasionally, just sufficient to colour the water. Lastly, do not forget to buy CAGE BIRDS with its fund of knowledge, every week.

F. H. H.

Alleged Mutilation of Exhibition Birds.

SIR,—While sympathising with Mr. Hall in the way his bird (third at Longton, but out of the cards at Peterboro') was received home, viz., minus of feathers, I think it hardly fair to blame the officials at Peterborough Show, without having some ground. I happened to be a visitor from Spalding, and was in the hall from 3 o'clock until 8.30 (a half-hour before the close of the show) with the exception of a few minutes I left for some tea. During this time—and one must speak as one finds things—the arrangements, care of the birds, and courtesy from officials and stewards, were all that could be desired. I saw nothing wrong with a single bird. I am sorry for Mr. Cocks, the secretary; also his fellow-workers, that some of them should be accused, or even suspected, of such a trick; but I was not an hon. sec. to the Spalding and District Society for two years without having my eyes opened to the fact that there are a great number of exhibitors who are always ready to throw stones and blame the officials at the show for anything that has gone wrong, even if this has happened in transit. My last word to Mr. Hall is—that should anything go wrong in the future, would it not be better to write to the secretary in the first instance (who, I am sure, if approached in a gentlemanly and true fancier's spirit, would make enquiries on the quiet to try and find the culprit) and not rush to the Press, and "expose" a society which—as Mr. Rowles puts it in his letter—holds a world-wide reputation, and is second to none for its management?

W. R. MURRELL.

George: The Pet Rook.

Sharp Stones as an Aid to Health.

SIR,—I forward you the enclosed letter, which I recently read in my weekly paper, for I believe it will greatly interest CAGE BIRDS' readers, especially the part about the giving of sharp stones. The writer, who signs himself "E. B. P.," says:—When George first made his appearance in the family circle he consisted of a most forbidding-looking, unctuous, small black spongy mass, incapable of any movement save that of opening his mouth for food. He was found almost unconscious beneath an elm where his parent Rooks had built a nest. At first he was only fed on sop, but after a time a light diet of worms was recommended. Then came the turning point of George's existence. A friend who had had some experience with birds, happened to be staying in the same house and, to the horror of George's guardians, he deliberately dropped down the ever-gaping beak eight small, sharp stones. From that remarkable day George ceased to be a fledgeling and became a Rook. Shortly his appetite increased by leaps and bounds, and I have known him devour in one morning forty-eight worms, some of which resembled small snakes. This, with a stone diet, brought him on at a great pace, and soon the coarse fluff which had covered his black body was replaced by short quills, each feather neatly wrapped up in its paper-like sheath. The glossy black plumage, with its iridescent colour, soon followed, and from an ugly, shapeless mass George became a fine, handsome bird. Curiously, his tail has never grown, and he remains a "Manx" Rook. Unfortunately, owing to his severe fall in early life, George's hip had become dislocated, but Nature made, as usual, the best of the job, and he soon was able to get about well; in fact, his adoring family circle thought the curious hop-and-go-one action rather added to his charm. Though now becoming very fierce with strangers, George was still devoted to his young mistress, and it was an amusing sight to see him sitting on the back of her chair, his head on one side and beak wide open, holding long and affectionate conversation with her, and, as a great treat, at intervals being allowed to swallow her finger. As he grew older his taste for worms seemed to wane, and he much preferred woodlice, earwigs and spiders as meat diet, while taking his regular meals of sop, plain milk pudding (to which he was devoted) and a slice or two of bread-and-butter at tea. The cat and dog, who before had ruled the roost, were now completely routed, and if they dared approach too near to the tea-table, George invariably lobbed out and, with raised crest and flashing eyes, drove them into the bushes, pursuing them for some distance. They developed a wholesome respect for that powerful beak, which was driven with a hammer-like stroke into his opponent.

TAFFY.

The Liverpool and District Amalgamation Show.

SIR,—Delegates representing the Liverpool, Wallasey, Birkenhead, Garston and Bootle Societies attended the first meeting in connection with the Liverpool and District Amalgamation Show, at 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool, by the kind permission of Mr. S. Hadwin. Mr. Frank Hawkes acted as chairman, and opened the proceedings with a few well-chosen remarks, inviting the hearty co-operation (on the Secretary's behalf) of the gentlemen present, who responded with offers of every assistance to make this show a big success. One of the Garston delegates gave a full and complete explanation, along with his society's regrets, for not holding the show in Garston last year (which was unanimously accepted). The meeting then proceeded with the business of the evening, with the following results:—Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) is to judge the Yorkshire and Border Classes, and Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Cheshire) the Norwich and British bird classes, with the same classification as at the last amalgamation show. The show will be held in St. Leonard's Hall, Peel Road, Bootle, on January 1st. Members belonging to any of the above-mentioned societies, who have not paid their subscriptions for 1909, will not be allowed to compete at this show. I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the gentlemen concerned, for the able and expeditious manner in which they handled the business.

JOHN HUNT, Secretary,
Bootle and Dis. C.B.S.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

THE SHOWS.

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WEYBRIDGE.

A capital collection of birds was got together at the show of the Weybridge Fanciers Society on November 2nd and 3rd. The show was under the patronage of the Southern Yorks C.C., and some magnificent birds were shown by its members. Mr. Rennie had quite a field day, winning four firsts and two specials, besides other honours in the six classes. Messrs. Howes Bros. won the two specials for cocks, with a magnificent variegated yell., one of the finest Yorkies we have handled this season. Mr. Rennie captured both the specials given for hens with a regular little charmer. The novice section was hardly so good as we expected it, yet some capital birds were shown, amongst the best being those of Messrs. Buckingham, Underwood, Silverthorne, Found and Whittome. The two classes for Borders brought together some very typical birds, several of them being equal to holding their own in far more extended competition. We would, however, remind exhibitors of these "wee gems" that these birds must be put down in absolutely the pink of condition. In the British section Mr. Jupe, of Petersfield, put down a Goldfinch and Bullfinch, which excel anything we have seen in the South this season. Mr. H. E. Parrott secured the cup for the best bird shown by a member, and also the special for the second best, the two birds being the second in yellow and fourth in buff Yorkshires, two very creditable specimens indeed. Mr. Parrott broke out in a fresh place and scored first and special with a Parrot (no pun)—one of the best Greys we have seen shown for some time. The whole of the arrangements were most excellently carried out by the committee, at the head of which was Mr. R. Ellwood, who had a good "vice" in Mr. W. Hodges, and their colleagues being Messrs. W. J. Randall, H. Jennings, C. Benstead, A. Marchant, W. Fogwell, E. Squire, G. Gillingham, W. Robbins, H. Parrott, F. Foster, T. Underwood, F. W. Wells and A. Potter. The birds were staged in a room by themselves, and were as snug and comfortable as if they were at home. Mr. H. E. Parrott, the secretary, had all the details of his office in apple-pie order, and, thanks to his enthusiasm, energy and courtesy, everything went smoothly and expeditiously. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Rennie, long, well drawn bird of magnificent feather and carriage, good head and wings; 2, and members' cup, Parrott, very sweet and neat, lovely shape and feather, not so long; 3, Crisp, grand shape, length and carriage, not so close in front; 4, Holliday; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Smith; c, Easterling. BUFF (9): 1, Rennie, tkd. head, rare shape, rich colour, lovely quality of feather, full of style; 2, Hawes Bros., very handsome, neck tkd., rare shape and feather, full of style; 3, Wheeler, grand head and neck, neat wings and tail, lovely feather and shape, shorter; 4, Parrott; vhc, Crisp; hc, Holliday; c, Warr. MKD. (8): 1, sp, and S.Y.C.C. sp, Hawes Bros., eye, neck and wing mkd. yell., most charming bird, lovely colour, shape, feather, and style; 2, c, Crisp, cap and wing mkd. buff, grand shape and carriage, tight as wax; 3, Rennie, very long cap and wing mkd., rare shape and style, not so close in front; 4, Parrott; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Daintry. UNFLIG. (12): 1, hc, Rennie,, very smart and stylish yell., clean cut, close silky feather, neat bird, capital wings and tail; 2, Easterling, grand shaped buff, very close and neat in feather, rare carriage; 3, Crisp, long, finely drawn yell., grand feather and full of nerve; 4, Warley; vhc, Daintry; c, Wheeler. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, 3, Rennie, very neat and smart in shape, beautiful feather, grand wings and tail, and rare carriage, 3rd longer, splendid shape, col. and feather, not down in tail; 2, Warr, longer than 1st, lovely col. and feather, good head, hardly so smart in wings; 4, hc, Howes Bros.; vhc, c, Wheeler. BUFF (10): 1, sp, S.Y.C.C. sp, 4, Rennie, mkd., head, neck and wing, superbly feathered, grand shape, most lovely carriage; 2, c, Wheeler, very neat, smart, stylish, close feathered; 3, Hawes Bros., all there in col., feather and style, a shade stouter; vhc, Parrott; hc, Crisp. S.Y.C.C. NOVICE COMPTN.—YELL. (7): 1, 4, Buckingham, capital length, neat head, smart wings and tail, rare style and feather; 2, Gill, rattling good body, very stylish and close feathered, opens tail a bit; 3, Montgomery, grand col. and feather, nice shape, hardly so much style; vhc, Thompson; hc, Whittome; c, Taylor. BUFF (9); 1, sp, Silverthorne, beautifully feathered, grand shape and style, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Harwood, somewhat paler in col., but grand shape, style and feather; 3, Thompson, most beautiful feather and style, not so much length of side; 4, Taylor; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Gill; c, Whittome. MKD. (4): 1, Underwood, long grizzle headed buff, capital shape, nice feather and style; 2, Silverthorne, cheek and wing mkd. yell., nice feather and style, sborter; 3, Found, useful varieg. buff. UNFLIG. (8): 1, sp, Found, rattling good yell., very shapely and stylish, capital nerve, nice feather; 2, Silverthorne, another nice shaped, stylish, well-feathered yell; 3, Atkins, close-feathered buff, stands well up, a shade stout; 4, Taylor; vhc, Dixon; hc, Underwood; c, Thompson. HENS, YELL. (7): 1, Whittome, a little gem, lovely shape and style, very neat and smart throughout; 2, Atkins, longer, very nervy and stylish, good shape and feather; 3, Dixon, grand feather, col. and style, shade stouter; 4, Buckingham; vhc, Harwood; hc, Silverthorne; c, Found. BUFF (4): 1, Buckingham, very shapely, nice feather and col., stands well; 2, Montgomery, very neat and pretty, but small; 3, Taylor, good shape and col., not so tight in feather; 4, Dixon. CREST, ETC. (3): 1, Mrs. Haysom, neatly centred, well drooped green, capital quality and shape; 2, Fellows, nearly green C.-B., very shapely and well feathered; 3, Read, sweet and pretty cl. crest, but not enough of it. NOR (8): 1, sp, Kilby, clinking yell., rare shape, grand silky feather and rich colour; 2, vhc, hc, Read, very nice quality, level col. yell.; 3, Mrs. Thynne, lovely little buff, looked as though some of the soap had been left in; 4, Sponsford; c, Fellows. BORDER (10): 1, Mrs. Thynne, eye tkd. buff, very sweet and neat, lovely shape and style, feather like boxwood; 2, Hopgood, beautiful feather and style, more substance; 3, hc, Ellwood, very smart varieg. buff, hardly in such good fettle; 4, c, Smith; vhc, Hooper. HEN (4): 1, 2, sp, Thynne, lovely little eye and wing mkd. buff, grand shape, quality and carriage, 2nd cap and wing mkd. buff, rare quality and style, hardly so compact in wings; 3, vhc, Ellwood, very neat, shapely, stylish, yell. cinn., a good Border; 4, Hopgood; hc, Gorringe; c, Smith. BRIT. BULLIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Jupe, magnificent Goldie and Bullie, two gems ,and shown in the perfection of condition; 3, Bacon, grand shaped, well mkd. Bullie, lovely back; 4, vhc, Fellows; hc, Gibbons; c, Sponsford. A.O.V. (3): 1, Bacon, beautifully mkd. Chaffinch, splendid col., feather and shape; 2, 3, Eyes, two nice shaped, well-mkd. Linnets. MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, sp, Lamb, very nice trio Linnet-Bullie leading, followed by the six-pointed buff, which was looking rather rough. SELL. (21/-) (5): 1, Arthurs; 2, Rennie; 3, Fellows; 4, vhc, Futcher. MEMBERS'.—These classes contained a lot of very nice birds, especially in the Yorkshires, some of which were very stylisb and typical. NOR. CLR. (6): 1, 2, 3, King and Rogers; 4, vbc, Smithers; hc, Miss Edgar. MKD. (4): 1, spl, Smithers; 2, 3, King and Rogers; 4, Miss Edgar. YORKS. CLR. (6): 1, spl, Underwood; 2, vhc, Parrott; 3, 4, hc, King and Rogers. TKD. (6): 1, 2, Parrott; 3, Underwood; 4, hc, King and Rogers; bc, Smithers. BRED 1909 (6): 1, 3, 4, spl, Parrott; 2, Underwood; vhc, hc, King and Rogers. MULE (5): 1, spl, Lamb; 2, Underwood; 3, Millsum; 4, vhc, Long. BRIT. (6): 1, 1 spl., Osborne; 2, 4, Millsum; 3, Miss Fordham; vhc, King and Rogers. FOR. (5): 1, spl, Parrott,; 2, King and Rogers; 3, Mrs. Myers; 4, vhc, Matthews.

BARNSTAPLE.

Barnstaple held their annual cage bird show on November 2nd and 3rd in the Market Hall. The room as usual was an ideal one, with plenty of top light, was free from draughts, and was heated with Carbotron stoves, which made it very comfortable for the exhibits. A feature here are the Belgians, and, as usual, a good number were staged. The quality throughout was good, and an improvement was noticeable, especially in the young bird class. Four new members have joined the Belgian ranks, and some real good birds they staged. Mr. W. Baker won the novice special, also the bowl for best young bird; Mr. Horrill, points special for the Reddiough cup, also Gream's memorial challenge trophy in Belgian classes. Crests and Crest-breds were especially good; what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. Some grand birds were staged by Messrs. Mills and Piper, and Bale. Norwich and Yorkshires were cancelled. The selling classes contained some good cheap birds. Local and novice birds came up well. Some nice Goldfinches were staged. Two sets of winners could easily have been found. Mr. Harris makes an ideal secretary, and was most courteous and obliging. The arrangements were all that could be desired, and there was a good working committee, consisting of Messrs. Horrill, Stevens, Piper, and Dix. The feeding and watering were soon got over, and cards were up in good time. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Norman, the appointed judge, who, having met with an accident, was prevented from travelling, Mr. Tope judged Crests and Crest-breds, Norwich, and British and Foreign, while Mr. R. Blackmore, jun., made his debut as a Belgian judge.

The Critique.

BELG. BUFF CK. (7): 1, spl, Baker, very nice bird of good substance, fine worker, free to call; 2, 3, Horrill, two fine exhibits of real good type, equal to 1st in almost every respect; 4, c, G. S. Baker, another nice bird; vhc, Bennett; hc, Dart. YELL. C.R. (8): 1, spl, vhc, G. S. Baker, splendid bird, well up on leg, good shoulder, long tapering neck, head well brought down; 2, 4, Horrill, two more good birds, similar to above in type, hard to part; 3, Butts, bird of nice style, draws well, gets to work quickly; vhc, Bennett; bc, Dart; c, G. Baker. HEN (6): 1, spl, 4, G. S. Baker, 1st buff, very quick to call, well up on leg, brings head nicely down; 2, vhc, Horrill, 2 very nice yellow, 2nd at Palace Show, nice size and substance, close up; 3, Bennett, yell., good size and substance, fine exhibit; hc, G. Baker. BRED 1909 (11): Here the judge had some fine birds, so many equal in points, it was with difficulty he picked out the winners, some thought the bowl winner lucky; 1, novice spl and bowl for best Belg. bred 1909, Wm. Baker, yell. of nice quality, takes fine pose, very steady, shapely; 2, Hunt, another novice, another yell. of nice shape; 3, G. Baker, Plymouth winner, nice exhibit; 4, hc, G. S. Baker; hc, Butts; c, Dart. CREST, VARIEG., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Pipes, varieg. hen, very large crest of extra good quality, nice leafy feather, fine frontal and droop; 2, Mills, another varieg., similar to 1st; 3, vhc, Pipe, two more good Crests, similar to above; 4, J. Bale. C.B. CK. (8): 1, spl, Mills, monster green, with tremendous head feather, giant, simply grand, wins well; 2, Hobbs, another nice bird, not quite up to winner; 3, Piper, another good and useful bird; vbc, Piper and Gay. HEN (6): 1, Hobbs, varieg. beauty, grand head of great size, splendid feather of good length, wins; 2, Bale, self green, another nice hen, grand oval skull, heaps of feather; 4, Lane. PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING: 1, Piper, grand pair of Crests, well matched; 2, Bale, another fine pair; 3, Lemoni, P.H. Nor., nice pair; vhc, Dart; hc, Piper. NOVICE CLASS: 1, spl., Turner, grand Nor., extra good quality; 2, Dart, young buff Belg., of extra magnificent quality, fine exhibit; 3, Turner, another good one; 4, West. SELL., CAN. OR MULE (42/-): 1, Loosemore; 2, Bennett; 3, G. S. Baker; vbc, Hobbs; hc, Mills. SELL (21/-): 1, Halls, a good dark Mule; 2, Hobbs; 3, West; 4, German. SELL. (10/6): 1, Jones; 2, Webber; 3, Bond and Davey; 4, West. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, Chappell, Goldfinch, beauty, grand face, well up in colour, nice body colour wins; 2, Bond and Davey, Bullfinch, fine bird, splendid shape, good colour, nice cap, worthy of his place; 3, Mrs. Baker, another nice Goldfinch, splendid face; 4, Hughes, another nice Finch; vhc, Rees, Dix and Collins; hc, Southcombe and Elliott; c, Halls. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, spl., Price, Thrush, real beauty, splendidly spotted; 2, 3, Mayfield; 4, Popham. FOR.: 1, Davis, King Parrott, beauty; 2, Mogle Macaw; 3, Young; 4, Young; vhc, Sloman, all beautifully staged, greatly admired. SMALL: 1, spl., 3, vhc, Young; 2, Cooper; 3, Sloman; 4, Sloman, grand birds, well staged. FOR. PAIRS OR GROUPS, LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Young, a really magnificent lot, beautifully shown. SMALL: 1, spl., 3, Young; 2, Sloman, again a fine lot. LOCAL: 1, spl, Turner, good N.P. Head of grand quality; 2, Butts, nice Belgian, lovely quality; 3, West, N.P.H., nice exhibit; vhc, Copp; hc, Bond and Davey, and Dart; 4, Gay; c, Pidler.



A NOTED GREEN CARDINAL.

This attractive Foreign Bird is well-known on the show-bench, having won many prizes for its owner, Mr. F. Howe (Wellingborough), including First at the Scottish National (Edinburgh) Show.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

First table show of the season was held at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Granger-street, Newcastle, on Oct. 27th, when Mr. J. Shepherd placed the cards. There was not such a large turn out of birds, doubtless because several of the birds had been washed for Shields Show, and the members did not care to risk soiling them before that event.

CKS.: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Johnson; 3, Grieve. HENS: 1, Atkinson; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Tindale; 4, Dix. 1909 BRED: 1, Tindale; 3, hc, c, Atkinson; 2, Tomlinson; 4, Dix.—T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Monthly Show, held October 23rd, Fountain Inn; 70 birds were staged. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley), who gave every satisfaction. Special for best bird in champion classes was gained by T. Elsegood, Mr. F. Gelder gaining a similar distinction in the novice classes.

CLASS 1: 1, 3, Elsegood; 2, Lee; 4, hc, c, Chippendale; vhc, Price. CLASS 2: 1, 3, Elsegood; 2, vhc, Chippendale; 4, Price; hc, Lee. CLASS 3: 1, c, Price; 2, 3, 4, Chippendale; vbc, hc, Lee. CLASS 4: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, 4, Lee. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Elsegood; 3, Price. CLASS 6: 1, Price. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Airton; 2, Clark; 4, Markwell. CLASS 8: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Airton; 4, Markwell. NOVICE—CLASS 9: 1, 4, Clark; 2, Sparks; 3, Gelder; vhc, Studd. CLASS 10: 1, Studd; 2, Clark; 3, Gelder; 4, Hargreaves. CLASS 11: 1, Gelder; 2, Sparks; 3, vbc, Clark; 4, Studd; hc, Hargreaves. CLASS 12: 1, Studd; 2, C. Hargreaves; 3, vhc, Sparks; 4, hc, W. Nettleton. CLASS 13: 1, Gelder. CLASS 14: 1, 2, 3, Gelder; 4, Studd.—T. ELSEGOON. Sec.

HADDINGTON

The 23rd annual show of the Haddington O.S. was held in the Corn Exchange, on October 30. The cage birds were well staged, and their comforts were attended to by the obliging secretary, Mr. D. Cockburn, and an energetic committee. Scotch Fancies were rather short of entries, but quality was all there. The "wee gems" were in force, including a grand team shown by Mr. Bennet, which took premier honours. Crests were well represented, and some lovely birds were shown. The Plainheads were rather weakly represented, but the British and foreign birds were lovely specimens. Mr. Kean, of Edinburgh, judged the Scotch Fancy sections, and Mr. Neil, of Kelso, the Borders, etc., and both gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. YELL., ETC., CK. (3): 1, Gordon, well up in size, good in back, nice top end and rive; 2, Blair, scarcely finished yet, but good in substance; 3, Wood, nice quality. HEN (4): 1, Gordon, best in size, good, prominent shoulder, neat drive, fine bloom; 2, Allan, smart, strong bird, handles well; 3, Patterson, stylish, in good bloom. BUFF, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Blair, nice top end and drive, good, prominent shoulder, well up in reach; 2, Scott, scarcely ready, but good shape; 3, Johnston, nice back and shoulder, will improve; 4, Gordon; vhc, Allan. HEN (4): 1, 2, Johnston; 1, good droop, grand reach, prominent top end, very stylish, make a good one; 2 lacks the quality of winner, good frame; 3, Allan, want time, nice size; 4, Hutchison. PIED, ETC., YELL. CK. (1): Johnston, good bird. HEN (2): 1, Gordon, nice, shapely bird, neat reach, good in droop, finely set on legs, shows a treat; 2, Blair, looks good, all-round bird. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Smart, scarcely finished yet, but nice top end, good style all round; 2, Johnston, plenty of size, prominent across; 3, Scott, very stylish. HEN (6): 1, Gordon, made nice one, very stylish, full of action, well put down, wins; 2, Paterson, good action; 3, Scott, nice finish; 4, Smart. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Bennet, box feathered, one teaming with quality, rare size and finish, grandly staged, wins, a beauty; 2, Crisket, close up, grand quality throughout, lovely shape, hot, and well placed; 3, Grant, still another of the same kind, all close up and hard to separate; 4, c, Watt and Storie; vhc, c, Nelson; hc, Wood. HEN (4): 1, Patterson, jun.; spl. for 2nd best Border, grand feathered one, lovely shape, A1 bloom and finish, hot one all over; 2, Barrie, similar to winner, grand quality feather, well put down; 3, Bennet, another good one for feather and style; 4, Glass. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Glass, wins in a canter, grand, box-feathered one, splendid finish, rare type, hot specimen, well put down; 2, Pearson, close up ,grand body and head; 3, Burns, grand carriage, very showy; vhc, Scott; hc, Paterson; c, Nesbet. HEN (10): 1, B. and C. medal, spl., best Border, Bennet, Broughty Ferry cup winner, in grand bloom, feathered like wax, showing to perfection, real gem, grandly put down; 2, Voy, close and tight in feather, grand shape, A1 head and wing carriage, beaten but not disgraced, well placed; 3, Barrie, another good one, rare shape; vhc, Nesbit; hc, Patterson, jun.; c, Young. EVEN. MKD. (6): 1, spl., 3, best Border, Nelson, grand quality throughout, well balanced markings, very stylish; 2, Scott, good shape and quality of feather, scarcely so good in markings, perhaps; 3, Patterson, jun., well balanced; 4, Mack. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, Nelson, again to the front with a hot one for shape and feather, lovely 3-painted bird, well put down; 2, Scott, very nice quality, good shape, grand front; 3, Voy, very stylish bird, correct weight. BUFF (6): 1, Bennet, grand type and quality, well moulded, very stylish, in extra good bloom, well put down; 2, Burns, again all there, grand model; 3, Patterson, jun., close up, nice, and trim; vhc, Watt and Storrie; hc, Pearson. Green OR CRI. (4): 1, c, Burgh, cup, good yell, green, well pencilled, grand shape and style, wins easily; 2, Bennet, good, grand colour, a trifle unsteady to-day; 3, Pearson, nicely pencilled, well placed; 4, Grant. SELL. (4): 1, Bennet; 2, Barrie; 3, Glass; 4, Pearson. CREST (10): 1, Black, nice bodied bird, good, all-round Crest, stylish, well laid on; 2, 3, Crerer, good shape of body, plenty of size; 3, good, should improve; 4, hc, Allan; vhc, Gilholly. C.B. (8): 1, Crerer, leads good, very nice top end, leafy, well carried down, good all round; 2, Black, nice green, lengthy feather; 3, Burns; 4, vhc, Allan; hc, J, Burne. CREST OR C.B., 1909 (5): 1, Crerer, good one, fine head, plenty of feather, well placed; 2, R. Burns, fair only in head, well put down. PLAINHEAD YELL. (5): 1, 2, Smeaton, 1st, good varieg., nice bead and wing carriage, grand size and finish; 2nd, close up on winner, grand finish, scarcely the substance of body; 3, 4, Fleming, 3rd beaten only on head and finish, good body and wing carriage. BUFF (5): 1, Gardiner, good type, nice close feather, very stylish, in fine trim, well put down; 2, 3, Smeaton, 2nd neat head and wing carriage, nicely staged, 3rd again good, well placed; 4, Fleming; vhc, Hoyle. SELL. (£1): 1, Johnson; 2, Nisbet; 3, Hoyle; vhc, J. Burns; hc, Turnbull; c Gardiner. BRIT. LARGE (3): 1, Stodart, Song Thrush, in nice order, good colour, and markings, well placed; 2, Patterson, jun., Hawfinch, in good trim, nice size and colour; 3, Gardiner. SMALL (6): 1, Hoyle, Yell. Wagtail, outstanding bird, real beauty, owner may be proud of this bird; 2, Gardiner; 3, J. Wood. FOR. (3): 1, Nesbit, crimson wing, in good order; 2, Hodgson; 3,Scott.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Twelfth annual show held in the St. George's Hall on Oct. 30th. Mr. W. Brotherton won the challenge cup for best young Yorkshire, and also special for second best in show. Mr. W. Turner won the cup for best Norwich. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) judged, and did his work in good time.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl, Brotherton; 3, Oakes; vhc, Bagnall. BUFF: 1, 2, cup, Brotherton; 3, hc, Oakes; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Stringer. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Brotherton; 2, Oakes; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Watson. BUFF: 1, 4, Brotherton; 2, Bagnall; 3, Oakes; vhc, Stringer; hc, Walker. NOVICE. YORKS.: 1, 4, Bailey; 2, 3, Pickup; vhc, Walker. CL. YELL., OLD BIRDS: 1, Brotherton; 2, Bagnall. BUFF: 1, Brotherton; 2, Bagnall; 3, Oakes. TKD.: 1, 3, Brotherton; 2, Watson; 4, vhc, Stringer; YORKS., HENS: 1, 3, Brotherton; 2, Bagnall; 4, hc, Oakes; vhc, Stringer. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, Ducker; 2, Turner; 3, Bagnall; vhc, Bailey. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, Brotherton; 3, Bailey; 4, Ducker; vhc, Bagnall. TKD. YELL.: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Ducker; 4, Bagnall. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Turner; 2, Bagnall. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Bagnall; 2, Turner; 3, Ducker; 4, Bailey. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Bailey. NOVICE, OLD BIRDS: 1, 3, Walker; 2, 4, Kirk. CL. YELL., OLD, NOR.: 1, Bagnall; 2, Walker. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, Watson. TKD. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, Brotberton; 3, Watson; 4, Bagnall. NOR. HEN: 1, 4, Turner; 2, Brotherton; 3, Bailey; vhc, Bagnall. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, 2, vbc, Kerry; 3, Kirk; 4, hc, Bailey. BRIT. HARD: 1, vbc, Walker; 2, 3, Watson; 4, Stringer. SOFT: 1, Brotherton; 2, Kirk; 3, Turner. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, vbc, Turner; 2. bc, Bailey; 3, Walker.—W. BROTHERTON.

Manchester Makes Two Good Moves.

The new show-room at Belle Vue Gardens proves a Great Success, and the total entry is over 300 above that achieved last season.

The 27th Annual Exhibition of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. took place on October 29th and 30th. The Hulme Town Hall, which has been the venue for a good number of years, was vacated on this occasion on account of being somewhat inadequate as regards space, and the fixture transferred to the well-known "Northern Zoo," the Belle Vue Gardens. A fine and spacious room (nearly 300 square feet larger than the old room), provided capital accommodation for the huge entry of 1,550 exhibits; this being an advance on last year's total by a matter of 300 birds. The specimens could be seen with every comfort, there being ample space between each aisle, with a magnificent light, while the room was nicely warmed with hot-water pipes. It was freely spoken of by the majority present as being far in advance of the Hulme Town Hall, both as regards the comfort of exhibits, exhibitors and visitors. This move we think a good one, and it strikes us very forcibly that when the balance-sheet is read out, the financial side will come out all serene and rosy. Belle Vue is a draw in itself, and the "gate" takings should exceed those of past occasions. We were extremely pleased to see a good number of visitors at this very popular fixture.

A Word for the Management.

The management throughout was of a highly satisfactory character. Our Lancashire friends know how to manipulate a show, so as to attain success in that great essential, the smooth running of every wheel, so to speak. That most genial of funciers, Mr. W. A. Bladon, is the President. He is heart and soul in the welfare of the society, and is not content to be a figure-head only, but a right down genuine, hard worker. The committee, too, consists of well-known and well-tried fanciers in Messrs. Aspinall, Atkinson, Boothman, Bruce, Cook, Creasy, Clayton, Davies, Fryer, Hill, Hughes, Jackson, McCann, Parker, Raynes, Riley, Smith, and J. Spencer. With such an array of "talent," can one wonder at Manchester being always progressive, and always to the front? Great praise is due to every one of them. The hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Coulson, is also a true fancier, and a proved official. The show managers were Messrs. Jones and Gray, who work well together, are ever on the go, keep right on top of their work, and are always courteous and obliging, while being most business-like in their methods. The Stewards were Messrs. J. Spencer, E. Fulcher, E. Fuller, F. W. Hill, H. Boothman, J. Raynes, W. Harding, S. Cook, R. Parker, G. Bleach, W. R. Robinson, J. Coulson, J. Hughes, W. Broughton, J. Smith, J. Lees, and H. Harding; a very capable body indeed. Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, the hon. secretary, is an expert in this oft-times onerous position. His methods are A1, and his equals in this post are few and far between, much of the success of the show being certainly due to his untiring efforts. Mr. J. Raynes, the worthy sec. of the C.B.U., also rendered capital assistance. No matter when we had occasion to visit the "Secretarial Sanctum," there he was, pen or pencil in hand, "up to the neck" in work.

The County Favourites.

Lancashires opened the catalogue, and were truly a very fine collection, one of the best as regards merit, we have met for a very lengthy period. The Clear Yellow Coppy owned by Mr. E. T. Turner, was voted a stormer, likewise the Clear Buff Coppy staged by Mr. J. Oldham. Mr. G. Fittou was also represented by a marvellous Clear Yellow Plainhead, a giant of giants. Other notable exhibits in this section were those staged by Messrs. A. Beattie, F. Fish, J. Vickers, Dr. McGonoghey and W. Lee.

Next came the Lizards, as pretty as paint, and fairly good classes were the order of the day. Mr. J. Dewsnap's Clear Cap Gold was a "stunner," closely pressed by Mr. Rukin's nomination. Messrs. H. Oliver and J. Hampshire also had some beauties. The Novice Section contained few of the right stamp, most of the spoil being captured by Messrs. Ollerenshaw, W. Dewsnap, Hargreaves, Martin and Thompson.

The Yorkshire Section came up in good numbers, many of the leading exhibitors being represented by very meritorious birds. The winning Clear Yell, the property of Mr. W. Binns, claimed many friends; as also did Messrs. Thornton and Bower's Clear Buff. Mr. J. Bailey won well with his noted Ticked Buff, and Mr. A. Ambler's 1st Yellow heu was voted a gem; likewise, the Buff hen owned by Mr. R. Schofield. Very taking specimens were staged by Messrs. Stebbings, Wilkinson, Ogden Bros., E. Radley, Broughton, Hartley and Allen, and amongst the amateurs Messrs. T. Brennan, Dewsnap, Jeffreys, Stirrup and Pipe. The Yorkshire Greens were a grand collection, 109 in the four classes provided! One very pronounced feature was the improvement as regards colour and quality, while these birds are better in position than what they were a few seasons ago. Magnificent specimens were shown by Messrs. Clayton (Self Yellow, a gem), J. W. Vernon, T. Wardale, T. Rowlands, Atherton, Gore, Radley, Hawkes and Butterworth.

The Chubby Ones.

The four classes provided for Norwich Greens brought together a grand lot. Messrs. Deacon, Harrison, and Baker and Abbott were represented by real classical specimens, which were everything that could be desired. The Buff hen exhibited by Messrs. Barker and Abbott, is a stormer, and will take some beating. The Norwich Plainheads, as usual at Manchester, were a show in themselves, every class (both champion and amateur) containing birds teeming with quality, short and thick-set, and ablaze with colour—in fact, in our opinion living models of the standard of the Norwich Plainhead Club, the long-sided, slack-feathered, Crest-bred type we hear about being conspicuous by their absence.

The Belgians were a nice lot. Mr. J. Fairley took premier honours in the yellow cocks, with a rattling Clear, full of action, and possessing the correct, straight legs, one of the greatest essentials in a true Belgian. The leading Buff (same owner) was, however, about the best in the section. The 1909 winner, owned by Mr. J. Greig, should develop into a good one with time.

Headpiece, Colour and Size.

Crests did not quite come up to our expectations as regards numbers, and we cannot understand where all the Crest breeders got to, as the classification certainly deserved better support. The quality however of the exhibits was of the highest. Mr. T. Taylor sent down a strong team from the North, and we fancy it will be a long time before we meet anything we like better than his young Crest, which is without doubt one of the best we have ever seen. It is truly magnificent.

It is some time since we saw a better collection of Cinnamons at any show, and think Mr. Godley must be highly pleased at the manner in which they turned up for adjudication under him. We were very pleased to see that veteran Cinnamon breeder, and President of Manchester Society, Mr. Bladon, again come out on top, with his Yellow Cinnamon, and his unflighted Yellow, two grand birds, well worthy of occupying the places they did. Mrs. Deacon had a field day in the novice Cinnamons, winning in three out of the four classes provided, and we believe she will now be entitled to show amongst all the cracks.

The Borders came up in very good numbers, and some beautiful birds were staged, especially in the buffs. The Yellow Greens were a splendid class, the winner being a bird of all-round superior excellence, and colour. Some good Buff Greens, too, were staged, but as a class they did not equal the Yellows.

A Fine Display.

The Hybrid Section was represented by some very choice specimens, although we missed the "Clear and Ticked Birds" this time. The dark Canary Hybrids were strong, and the A.O.V. Hybrid class was led by an excellent conditioned specimen of the Greenfinch-Bullfinch cross, followed by a smart Goldie-Bullie and a Redpoll-Goldie. The British Section was a treat, quality and condition running strongly in every class. Goldfinches were a good all-round lot, but several very fine birds had to stand down through not being quite ready. The winner was a gem all over, and very forward, reflecting much credit on its owner. Bullfinches were better than has been seen out so early for some years, and the winner is a superb specimen. Bramble-finches were grand, and there was not a poor one in all the lot, a bit of condition making all the difference between first and last. It is a pity some birds arrive so late—many are unpacked almost immediately before being judged, which does not give the birds time to condition themselves, and they have to take lower place in consequence. Chaffinches were remarkably strong; the winner is a real first-rater. A very smart Hawfinch led the A.O.S. Seed-eater class, much like Midland Chief, though not quite so rich in bloom yet as last year, but we think him that bird all the same. The small Soft-bills were grand, and two sets of winners were here easily. The Foreign birds were the best all-round specimens ever seen in the North of England. Some of the rarest and most perfect specimens were shown, and they proved most attractive to the crowds of visitors. Nearly 300 Hybrids, British and Foreign birds were staged, and this must be counted amongst the best displays seen in Manchester.

Amongst the many visitors, we noticed Messrs. E. Baker (all the way from the Isle of Wight), Booth (Hyde), Sandiford (Preston), Davies (Stockport), Bailey (Bradford), Metcalfe (Liverpool), Brotherton (Bolton), A. Watson (Kilmarnock), and H. W. Sheldon (Llandudno) and many others.

Some of the special winners were: Hyde's, S. Cook; best Yellow Yorks. Nov., W. C. Drew; best Buff, J. Stirrup; best Yellow hen, T. Atkinson; best vhc, Yorks. Green, J. Davis; best Nov. (medal) Lancs., A. Hardern; best Lizard, Nov., E. Ollerenshaw.

The judges were Messrs. J. Garner (Lancs. and Liz.), H. W. Battye (Yorks.), J. H. Roe (Nor.), E. Godley (Cinns. and Crests), W. B. Cobb (Scots and Belg.), S. Hadwin (Bord), and C. Houlton (Hyb. Brit. and For). They were all faced by stiff tasks, but we heard very few adverse comments after the cards had gone up, a point upon which these gentlemen are to be congratulated.

Mr. Garner's Classes.

LANCS. COPPY YELL. (9): 1, 3, Turner, a brace of true specimens, 1, cl., wonderful length, built on massive lines, magnificent feather of good breadth, lovely spread of coppy, neat centre; 3, Tkd. coppy, very shapely, and of capital quality, stands well, good substance, nicely-formed coppy; 2, Beattie, tkd. coppy, possessing plenty of feather, grand substance of body, not quite so large in head-gear, yet very neat and well put down; 4, Dr. McConoghey, mkd. left wing and coppy, A1 quality, of true character, in the pink; vhc, Ridgard; hc, Fitton; c, Adams. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Oldham, former wonderful substance, great length, magnificent feather, large and beautifully formed coppy, fine centre, gem; 2, stands well, good length, A1 quality, neat in coppy, good centre; 3, Lowe, smaller, but of a very taking description, fine quality, well shown. TKD. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Adams, mkd. coppy, massive in build, superior quality feather, good position, delightful shape and size of coppy, perfect centre, one of the very first water; 3, tkd. coppy, all there for type and quality; 2, c, Fish, tkd. coppy, not quite so large in head character, but of very nice shape, capital body and quality; 4, Oldham, tkd. coppy, A1 feather, nice substance, good shape of coppy with nice centre; vhc, Brooks; hc, Fitton. BRED 1909 (7): 1, 4, Turner, both cl. buffs, former, giant in statue, magnificent broad, lengthy feather, lovely spread of coppy, neat centre, an eye-opener; 4, not in it with winner as regards substance, yet full of character and of lovely quality; 2, 3, Lee, cl. yell. of good size and shape, superior feather, grand shaped head-gear, rare centre, one of the best; 3, marked wing and coppy, massively built; vhc, Ridgard; hc, Vickers. PH. YELL. (8): 1, Fitton, charming cl., abundance of rich, broad feather, marvellous substance, fine breadth of skull, lashed to perfection, topper and no mistake; 2, Oldham, capital quality cl., stands well, A1 length, not quite so heavily built in body properties, a grand specimen, nicely browed; 3, Lee, cl., good in feather and position, neat in skull character; 4, Lowe, nicely moulded cl., good quality and col., skull and brow of neatness, worth its place; vhc, Vickers; hc, Hardern; c, Adams. BUFF (7): 1, Vickers, giant of a cl., grand position, magnificent feather, great substance, a beauty; 2, Lee, cl., built on massive lines, A1 quality, capital width of skull, good lash, close up; 3, Adams, tkd. neck, wonderful length, rare feather, good stand and head points; 4, Fuller, cl., good length, neat skull and brow, shorter in feather; vhc, West; hc, Hardern; No. 51, Brooks, absent. BRED 1909 (11): 1, Lee, buff, tkd. neck, marvellous substance, superb quality, fine length, skull of great width, grandly lashed, will be heard of again; 2, Fish, bonny cl. yell., of good length and substance, A1 feather, capital head points, one of the very best; 3, Dr. McConoghey, very bold cl. buff, excelling in quality, lengthy and of capital stand, neat head and lash; 4, Vickers, grand-bodied cl. yell., superior quality, good in skull and brow; vhc, Turner; hc, Lowe; c, Brooks. HENS (7): 1, Lee, buff, cl. body, griz. coppy, superb quality, wonderful length, rattling position, grand coppy, shape, and of neat centre, gem of gems; 2, Fish, yell. P.H., mkd. breast, well up in position and substance, rattling length and breadth of feather, good legs, will beat more than beats her; 3, Adams, buff, griz. coppy, A1 quality, true character; 4, vhc, Dr. McConoghey, buff P.H. tkd. eye, good substance and quality, not quite so good in position as those above, yet taking exhibit; hc, Beattie; c Hardern. LIZ. CL. GOLD. (6): 1, vhc, Dewsnap, lovely ground colour, nice shape and size, cl. and distinct in spangling, beautifully rowed, real topper; 2, 3, Rukin, with a brace of beauties, former, splendid quality and colour, bold and distinct in spangling, neatly rowed, close on heels of winner; 3, col. and quality all there, nicely rowed, smaller, but a good all-round exhibit; 4, Holland, shapely and of good size, capital spangling; hc, Barnes. SILVER (10): 1, Oliver, fine substance and shape, nicely frosted, rattling rowing, bold and cl. in spangles, capital carriage, gem; 2, Barnes, shapely, good quality and col., full of neat work, very close up; 3, Fuller, fine size, shape and col., beautifully spangled, just a little down in condition; 4, Hampshire, rich quality, nice col., smaller, but very neat and in capital form; vhc, Bradbury; hc, Rukin; c, Dewsnap. BROKEN GOLD. (8): 1, Dewsnap, A1 col. and quality, finely spangled well over sides, cl. and bold, rare condition, gem; 2, Rukin, very shapely and of good quality, nice rowing, close up; 3, Cundiff, bright col., full of neat work on back, good carriage and quality, worth its place; 4, vhc, c, Rukin, capital col., nice size, not so profuse or so cl. in spangling, still very neat exhibit; hc, Lee. SILVER (10): 1, vhc, Hampshire, magnificent col., rare substance and shape, very bold and distinct in spangles which come well down sides, gem of gems; 2, hc, c, Dewsnap, even better in ground col., good shape and size, grandly mkd. back, nice sides, close run; 3, Barnes, lovely rowing, one we liked much; 4, Oliver, fine substance, good colour, rowing not very straight, which tells against it. HENS, GOLD (9): 1, 2, Dewsnap, with a brace of bonny damsels, winner, magnificent all through, teeming with quality and col., delightfully spangled, fine side markings, stormer; 2, not quite so rich in col. as her stable companion, otherwise equal, both cl. caps; 3, Holland, cl. cap, lovely col., fine cl. work, very shapely, smaller; 4, Oliver, broken cap, shade paler, neatly spangled, good shape and carriage; vhc, Fuller; hc, c, Rukin. SILVER (13): 1, Rukin, magnificent cl. cap, rich tone of colour, fine shape and size, large and clear spangles, beautiful rowing, one of the very best, in the pink; 2, 3, hc, Dewsnap, with a trio of very taking specimens; 2, capital sized cl. cap, good quality, very shapely, neat in rowing; 3, cl. cap, very similar to 2, little separates them, may be from the same mould; 4, Barnes, broken cap, nicely rowed, good quality, in fine form; vhc, Rukin; c, Salway. NOVICE GOLD (10): 1, Ollerenshaw, cl. cap, lovely col., good shape and size, fine rowing cl. and distinct, good enough for open; 2, Hargreaves, broken cap, good in col. and marks, nice shape and size; 3, Martin, broken cap, nice col., neat rowing, good carriage; 4, c, Thompson, broken cap, best mkd. back in class, good size and shape; vhc, Hill; hc and 190, absent, Dewsnap; No. 183, Smith, dead. SILVER (12): 1, 2, W. Dewsnap, broken and cl. cap respectively, both of lovely col., A1 rowing, grand carriage, good size and shape, about equal, very bonny; 3, Martin, cl. cap, good in shape, size and col.; 4, Ollerenshaw, cl. cap, very much like 3rd in point of merit; vhc, c, Thompson; hc, Salway; Nos. 196 and 197, Bosworth, absent.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Binns, straight as a gun barrel, smooth as a Java, fine position and length, A1 back and wing carriage, well on leg, gem; 2, Schofield, lengthy and upstanding, rare quality, long sided, perfect back and flights; 3, Stebbings, good length and position, capital feather, appearing to feel the cold, stands well on leg; 4, Bailey, lengthy and of capital feather, nice head, good wings and tail; vhc, Bradley; hc, Gray; c, Wilcock. BUFF (13): 1, Thornton and Bower, neat and narrow, feathered to perfection, very lengthy, perfect position, quite a charmer; 2, Bailey, teeming with quality, well up in col., delightful position, good length and well on leg; 3, Wilkinson, stands nicely, shapely and lengthy, nice tone of col., A1 quality, very close up; 4, Broughton, fine, long drawn bird, stands well up, good back, crosses wings a little, which holds it back; vhc, Ambler; hc, Hirst; c, Gray. TKD. YELL. (16): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. neck and wing, wonderful length, straight as a pencil, feathers like glass, shone like a mirror, gem; 2, Bailey, tkd. neck, unbeatable for position, capital col. and quality, little behind winner in length, yet a slashing exhibit; 3, Wilkinson, mkd. wing and neck, red hot, straight up, well up on leg, shade shorter, good third; 4, c, Binns, thigh tk., fine length, A1 position, good back and wings; vhc, Ambler; hc, Thornton and Bower. BUFF (11): 1, Bailey, noted cheek mkd., stands like a guardsman, smooth as a bottle, very lengthy, perfect back and wing carriage, closely folded tail; 2, Radley, mkd. neck, very lengthy, correct position, well filled back, A1 wings and tail, close up; 3, Schofield, tkd. head, well up in position, long sided, good back, flights and tail; 4, Ambler, marked wing, fine lengthy specimen, capital quality feather, good back and wings; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Hartley; c, Binns. YELL. HENS (16), a good lot: 1, Ambler, mkd. wing, tight as wax, lovely col. and quality, perfect position, rare length, stormer; 2, Broughton, thigh tk., A1 col. and quality, fine long-sided, grand back and flights, well on leg, close up; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. neck, straight up, neat and narrow, full of style, not quite so lengthy, but a good 3rd; 4, Allen, thigh tk., wonderful length, good col., erect in position; vhc, Spencer; hc, Hartley; c, Stebbings. BUFF (16): 1, Schofield, mkd. wing, feathers like glass, lengthy and slim, capital col., lovely back, clever legs; 2, Radley, upstanding cl. of good length and quality, richly clothed, fine back, flights and tail, close up; 3, hc, Broughton, tkd. neck, good col., feather and frosting, nice length and position, well on leg; 4, Binns, cl., stands well, A1 quality, lengthy, rare back and wing carriage, worth its place; vhc, Proctor; c, Gray. YELL., BRED 1909: 1, Hartley, magnificent cl., straight as a rush, feathered to perfection, rattling back, wings and tail, with luck will make a topper and take some stopping; 2, Bailey, slashing cl., full of col. and quality, delightful pose, fine length, very close up, gem; 3, Thornton and Bower, mkd. wing and eyes, ablaze with col., silky in feather, long-sided, well up on leg; 4, Radley, cheek mkd., tight as a drum, fine position, perfect back, flights and tail; vhc, Binns; hc, Dooley; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (13): 1, Thornton and Bower, lovely salmon-tinted cl., wonderful length and position, magnificent back and wing carriage, one of the very first waters; 2, Binns, thigh tk., straight as a gun barrel, smooth as wax, stands finely, not very far away; 3, Bailey, clashing cl. of lovely col. and quality, lengthy, clinking position; 4, Hartley, marked wing, wedge shaped, good length, clever legs, A1 wings and tail, worth its place; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Hirst; c, Dooley. AMAT. YORKS. CL. (17): 1, Brennan, cl. yell., great length, A1 position, capital quality; 2, Pipe, cl. yell, equally as long, clinking feather and stand; 3, 4, Durnford, both cl. yells., length and quality all there; vhc, hc, Addison; c, Gill and Smith. TKD. (16): 1, Brennan, very lengthy thigh tkd. yell., straight as a rush, well clothed; 2, Dewsnap, yell., mkd. neck, rich quality and colour, good length, little thin in neck; 3, Addison, cap mkd. buff, tight as a Java, rich feather, full of style; 4, Hill, yell. thigh-tkd., good back and flights, slim and upstanding, we liked; vhc, Williams; hc, Pipe; c, Hill. HENS (16): 1, Jeffreys, fine, long-drawn cl. yell., teeming with quality, lovely stand; 2, Stirrup, cl. buff, feathered to perfection, well up, good back and wings; 3, Dewsnap, cl. yell., full of style, not one of the longest but one of the smartest; 4, Gill and Smith, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, stands nicely, A1 quality and colour; vhc, Wright; hc, Durnford; c, Pipe. GREENS, SELF., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, hc, Clayton, self, slashing col., fine length, rare back and wing carriage, well up on leg, in the pink; 2, Atherton, self, fine length and position, nicely filled back, A1 wings and tail; 3, Rowlands, self, rattling col. and length, good feather, lacking just a little in position to those above it; 4, Gore, self, well up in colour, nice quality and length, good legs; vhc, Davis; c, Simpson. BUFF (25), a rare class: 1, Vernon, foul wing, magnificent col. and quality, long-sided, fine back, flights and tail, well up on leg, topper; 2, 3, Rowlands, with a brace of clinkers, both selfs, lovely feather and col., very lengthy capital position; 4, Radley, foul tail, straight up, feathers like glass, full of style, good one; vhc, Robinson; hc, c, Atherton. HENS (31), fine collection: 1, Wardale, self, unbeatable for colour, lovely position and length, neat and narrow, well on leg, real eye-opener; 2, 4, Rowland, both selfs, beaten by winner slightly in length and length only, gem of gems; 4, equal in colour, quality and position, smaller, but charming; 3, Gore, very lengthy self, good in col. and stand, nice wings and tail, good 3rd, vhc, c, Robinson; hc, Hawkes. BUFF (32), a delightful lot; 1, Rowlands, self, straight as a gun barrel, smooth as wax, lengthy, full of correct col., fine back and flights; 2, Wardale, self, close up in all respects except length, where is is just beaten, a good exhibit; 3, Butterworth, very length grand col., self, A1 position, not quite the quality, yet a bonny damsel; 4, Hawkes, foul tail, capital col., full of style, rich quality and position, one we liked; vhc, Dean; hc, McDermott; c, Davies. AMAT. MEMBERS' CL. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, McCann, straight up, light as wax, lovely feather and col.; 2, Snape, capital col., longer, not so tight; 3, Humphries, very lengthy, good stand; 4, Cassin, lengthy and of good feather, loses in style; vhc, Langley; hc, Stirrup. TKD. (6): 1, Langley, mkd. head, rich quality and col., very lengthy; 2, Snape, thigh tk. well up, nice col. and quality; 3, hc, Cassin, thigh tk., capital feather, true Yorks. character; 4, Stirrup, mkd. wing and neck, red hot, clim and lengthy; vhc, McCann. CL. BUFF (4): 1, Snape, smooth as glass, nice stand and length; 2, 3, McCann, both good in feather and position; 4, Stirrup, very strong, and carries too much feather. TKD. (4): 1, Snape, variegated, wonderful length, well up, tight as wax, very bonny; 2, Humphries, thigh tk., good quality and position; 3, Stirrup, thigh tk., very neat. HENS (10): 1, hc, Snape, finely-feathered cl. buff, A1 position, nice length, good one; 2, 4, c, Longley, yell., mkd. neck and buff, tkd. neck, respectively, both nice col. and feather, neat position, little separates them; 3, Cassin, very stylish cl. yell., good quality; vhc, Stirrup. NOVICE CL. YELL. (11): 1, Drew, lovely col. and quality, good stand and length, very closely followed by 2, Atkinson, 3, Midgley, good in col. and feather, behind in position; 4, Clayton, one of nice stand; vhc, Whittaker; hc, c, Mason. BUFF (10): 1, Stirrup, gem, tight as wax, full of col., correct position; 2, vhc, Reavy, lovely salmon-tinted col., smaller, but very neat, well put down; 3, c, Jones, grand feather, col. and stand; 4, Aspinall, magnificent quality, nice col., again shorter; hc, Atkinson. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Mason, mkd. wings and head, very lengthy, good type we liked; 2, Kinsey, mkd. wings and head, full of quality, stylish, and of good length; 3, 4, vhc, Jackson, marked wing and back, and wing marked, former good in quality, straight as a rush; hc, Lees; c, Stirrup. BUFF (9): 1, Kinsey, thigh tk., well up, good in col. and feather, nice length; 2, Whittaker, thick tk., rich col., full of character, close up; 3, Mason, mkd. wings and eyes, not so long, but as tight as a Java, good stand; 4, Atkinson, thigh tk., neat all over; vhc, Jackson; hc, Lees; c, Drew. HENS YELL. (10): 1, Atkinson, Cin., mkd. wings and eyes, warm col., good feather, nice length and position; 2, Whittaker, mkd. wing, slim and upstanding, A1 feather, very neat; 3, Stirrup, warm cold. cl., straight as a rush, A1 back flights and tail; 4, c, Kinsey, tkd. head, well up, good quality, shorter; vhc, Mason; hc, Jones. BUFF (13): 1, Aspinall, mkd. head and thigh, lovely quality and col., rich mealing, capital stand; 2, c, Atkinson, cl., good length and quality, bit soft, would not show; 3, Drew, mkd. head, rich col. and feather, nice position and length; 4, Mason, cl., straight as a rush, very nice specimen; vhc, Dingwall; hc, Jones; No. 9, Stirrup, wc.

Mr. Cobb's Classes.

BELG. YELL. (7): 1, 3, c, Fairley, with a choice trio, 1, gem of a cl., capital feather, wedge body, gets head well down, full of action, correct straight legs, a treat; 3, tkd. head, nice feather, very shapely, nice top end, smaller certainly, but awfully neat; 2, 4, hc, Greig, cl., good size, grand shoulders, typical head and neck, works well, should improve greatly, as it is all in pen about face and neck, well worth its place; 4, cl., full of true character, answers well; vhc, Walmsley; No. 1254, Fairley, c, was very soft at judging time, every effort was utilised on its behalf, but could not come, no doubt good one when right. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Fairley, winner, mkd. head, thick through, fine top end, well up in substance, shows for all he is worth, best in the whole section, gem; 3, cl., capital quality, nice size, neat shoulders, works nicely, very bonny; 2, 4, vhc, Greig, cl., A1 quality, full of true type, grand exhibit and well put down; 4, cl., good in feather, was somewhat down at judging time; hc, Walmsley. BRED 1909 (11): 1, 3, vhc, c, Greig, cl. yell, same bird as 2nd in yell. old birds; 3, same bird as in buff old birds, that stood 2nd; 2, 4, Fairley, former cl. yell., grand feather, good size, nice shoulders, should make up well another year; 4, cl. yell., pulls well, true character, little backwards in moult; hc, Walmsley. SCOT. FCY. CK. AND HEN.—Void.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

NOR. GREEN SELF, ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Deacon, leader self, grand size, rich col., good Nor. type, nice texture of feather, 3rd foul tail, rare type, good bold head, grand col. and quality; 2, Walker, another clinking rich col. self, wonderful shape, size and quality; 4, Dr. Martin, grand self, nice substance, fine type and quality; hc, Barker and Abbott; c, Lawson (good class). BUFF (14): 1, Deacon, foul tail, slashing size, rare shape, good head, neck and chest, correct stamp; 2, Hawkes, self, another rattling specimen, true Nor. type, not far behind; 3, Lawson, self, rare col. and quality, splendid shape and carriage; 4, Jenkins, foul, a bouncer, extra short and cobby, grand head, neck and chest, good; 4, vhc, etc., Harrison; hc, Walker. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Harrison, foul wings, bonny hen, best of shape, grand quality and col. wins; 2, Elleby, foul wing, grand type and full of quality, nice stylish hen; 3, Barker and Abbott, foul, grand hen, of medium size, splendid type and quality; 4, Lawson, foul tail, rich in col., fine texture of feather, good shape; vhc, Dormer; hc, Trengove; c, Deacon. BUFF (14): 1, Barker and Abbott, foul

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tail, n gem, all front, capital size, correct head and splendid quality; 2, 3, Harrison, 2nd foul tail, another grand hen, good size, beautiful col. and quality, 3rd foul tail, grand feather and style, hardly type of first and second; 4, hc, Deacon, 4th good head, nice type, shade long; vhc, c, Lawson. CL. YELL. (16): 1, Sandiford, stormer blaze of col., wonderful size, magnificent shape, the best of quality wins; 2, Tams and Son, rare head, grand size, fine quality, bit patchy in col.; 3, Trengove, big bouncing bird, good head and col., beaten wing carriage; 4, Turner, grand substance, good head, neck and chest; vhc, Davies; hc, Seed; c, Beswick and Gaskill. BUFF (18): 1, 4, Davies, leader grand size and colour, splendid quality and shape, real good Nor., 4th good size and shape, just a wee bit behind in quality; 2, Seed, well known, Little King II., much improved, coming rapidly into form; 3, Coulson, grand quality and type, good head and col.; vhc, Drakeley; hc, F. N. Watson; c, Sandiford. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, and Hyde's special, Cook, old champion grizzle wing, a wonderful bird; 2, Davies, tkd. head, red hot col., grand size, shape and quality; 3, Hayhurst, grizzle neck, correct shape, good size, fine head and splendid quality; 4, Seed, cap and wing mkd., rich col., nice size and quality; vhc, W. E. Seed; hc, Cleminson and Taylor; c, Beswick and Gaskill. BUFF (11): 1, A. Watson, mkd. breast, neck and wings, bouncer, rare type, grand quality, fine bold head, wins well; 2, Seed, tkd. over beak and grizzle tail, grand col., nice size and quality, hardly so chubby perhaps; 3, vhc, Davies, grizzle cheek, short and compact, good col. and splendid quality, well worth its place; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, tkd. head and mkd. wing, grand size, good shape, hardly quality; vhc, Tams and Son; c, Bancroft. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Trengove, two grand hens, leader cl.. red hot col., grand size, well known, 2nd grizzle neck, grand quality, size and shape, good, 2nd Newcastle winner; 3, Seed, cl., equally well known, grand shape and quality, not quite so good in wings perhaps; 4, Cook, Bolton winner, cl., grand hen, rare shape, etc.; vhc, Shore; c, Atkinson. BUFF (11): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, wing tkd., fine size, splendid quality, grand hen, well staged; 2, Sandiford, Bolton and Rochdale winner, wing mkd., grand shape, good size, splendid quality; 3, Deut, face mkd., another grand hen, splendid quality and type, good 3rd; 4, Davies, cl., nice size, short and compact, superior quality and carriage; vhc, Bancroft, another very nice cl.; hc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Unwin. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, head, wing and tail mkd., Burnley winner; 2, Davies, Bolton winner, varieg., rare shape, hot col., grand quality; 3, Beswick and Gaskill, cl., real good youngster, capital type, col. and quality; 4, Davies, head and wings mkd., red hot col., good size, nice bold head, and fine quality feather; vhc, Worthington; hc, Cook, c, Turner. BUFF (11) 1, Seed, Burnley winner, head and wing mkd., grand size and quality, rare type, beautifully shown; 2, Turner, tkd. back of head, splendid type and col., good size, well across the perch; 3, Hayhurst, cl, again grand shape and splendid quality, nice col.; 4, Sandiford, grizzle cap, hot col., grand size and type; vhc, hc, Davies; c, Bowyer. UNFLIG. HEN (29): 1, Marlor Bros., gem of a cl. yell., good size, correct shape, rare col. and quality; 2, Turner, cl. buff, grand shape and size, good head, neck and chest, nice col. and quality; 3, Atkinson, neck tkd. yell., another grand young hen, full of true Norwich properties; extra 3, Unwin, very nice cl. buff, good substance and quality; 4, Fox, cl. yell., grand young hen, full of style and quality; vhc, c, Davies, hc, J. and J. Hopkins. NAT. COL. YELL. (8): 1, A. Watson, cl. buff, big bouncing bird, wonderful substance and quality, grand bead, neck and chest; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, Rochdale winner, varicg. yell.; 3, Davies, rare col. cl. yell., of grand shape and quality; 4, Shore, another fine Nor with plenty of substance, grand shape; vhc, hc, Dr. Martin; c, Cook. HEN (8): 1, Davies, cl. yell., wonderful col. for a non-fed, the best of type, neat head, capital wing carriage, one of the best hens in the show; 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, couple of good hens, both possessing grand type and quality; 4, Davies, varieg. buff, good size and quality; vhc, Trengove; hc, Raynes; c, Shore. AMAT. YELL NOR. (14): 1, Marlor Bros., cl. nice substance and carriage, grand col., best of type and fine quality; 2, Beswick, red hot cl., grand quality and shape, not quite so neat in wings perhaps, but good, claimed at catalogue price; 3, Sutton, very good cl. yell., splendid quality and shape, close up; 4, S. Marlor, lovely quality and col., shade longer. BUFF (16): 1, Oliver, splendid type, beautiful col. and meal, superior feather and carriage; 2, Dr. McConoghey, cl., nice shape and size, fine head, beautiful quality, well staged; 3, Hall, cl., true Nor. shape, grand quality; 4, Hunt, nice short thick bird, good col.; vhc, c, Cundiff; hc, Hargreaves. AMAT. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, 2, Cundiff, brace of good ones, leader grand cl., fine front, grand quality and col.; 2, equally good shape, rare col. and quality, very close up; 3, Platt, cl., another real good Nor.; 4, Bixter, varieg., nice col., good size and shape; vhc, Jones; hc, Dunn; c, Longstone. BUFF (26): 1, Hargreaves, varieg., stout, chubby exhibit, good bold head, nice col., well shown; 2, Collis, red hot cl., good head, neck and chest, nice quality; 3, Sutton, wing mkd., grand type, capital col. and quality, good 3rd; extra 3, Wood, fine, bold youngster, full of quality and style; 4, Oliver, hig, fine cl., hardly so chubby; vhc, Fildes; hc, Almond. HENS (29): Grand class; 1, S. Marlor, cl. yell., hig slashing hen, grand col. and quality, rare shape (claimed at catalogue price); 2, hc, Cooper, varieg. yell., rather paler in col., grand size and quality, bonny hen; 3, Sutton, cl. yell., still another good one, well worth its place; extra 3, Almond, very nice cl. buff, splendid feather, nice shape; 4, Cundiff, another good cl. buff; extra 4, Fildes, smart cl. yell.; vhc, Beswick; c, Wilson.

Mr. S. Hadwin's Classes.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 2, Bayley, 1st cl., sweet shape, rare col. and style, 2nd large tkd., good shape, nice easy carriage; 3, Hawkins, cl., nicely moulded, good quality; 4, Thomas, fine shape and quality; vhc, J. S. Wilson; hc, Hudson; c, Pease. HEN (6): 1, Wilson, sweet and dainty, good shape and style, well shown; 2, Crossley, cap mkd., nice style, not quite so good in quality as winner; 3, Bayley, cl., good shape and quality, nice carriage; 4, Lloyd, cap mkd., not quite so sweetly moulded, good one; vhc, Simpson; hc, Davies. BUFF (19): Grand class, not a bad bird in it; 1, Large, cl., rare quality and shape, beautifully moulded, lovely exhibit; 2, Lloyd, another good bird, not quite finished; 3, 4, hc, Bayley, very nice trio, not far behind; vhc, Hawkins; c, Wilson. HEN (12): 1, and B.F.C.C. medal, Hopper Bros., grand cl., little gem for quality, shape and style; 2, Woodman, wing mkd., good quality and feather, neat and nice; 3, Nelson, another little beauty, very trim; 4, Roberts, sweet shape, good quality; vhc, Brockie; hc and c, Bayley; 1368, nice exhibit, soft at time of judging; 1361, absent. EVEN MARK.: Cancelled. UNEVENLY MKD. (12): 1, J. S. Wilson, eye, wing, and rump mkd. buff, good style and quality, well moulded, very smart; 2, Moscop, another good buff, not quite the finish of winner, but a real beauty; 3, Roberts, yell., nicely moulded; 4, Andrews, eye and wing mkd. buff, very shapely; vhc, Robertson; hc, Thomas; c, Crossley. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (18): a rare class, in which the ladies' exhibits shone; 1, Mrs. Fildes, yell. green, one of the very best, marvellous colour, shape and quality, every inch a Border; 2, Hayley, another grand coloured green, not quite the finish of leader; 3, yell. cinn., Woodman, good shape and carriage, rare feather, nice col.; 4, Mrs. Harrison, another gem for shape and style, good body col.; vhc, Middleton; hc, Nelson; c, Clinch; 1411, absent. BUFF (11): 1, Hayley, foul tail, good shape, quality and col.; 2, c, Mrs. Fildes, another foul, not quite so nicely moulded as winner perhaps, but still, a beauty; 3, Middleton, nice quality, good one; 4, Clinch, very similar; vhc, Woodman; hc, Hancocks. SELL (30/-) (20): 1, Winnard, good varieg. buff Nor.; 2, Riley, pair of good Yorks; 3, Lowe, buff Lancs. Coppy; 4, Allen; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Fryer; c, Cherry. (20/-) (25): 1, Irlam, good well matched pair of Nor. Greens; 2, Marlow Bros., nice yell. Nor.; 3, Coton and Dawn, buff Goldie-Can., good col.; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Yates; hc, Binns; c, Fitton. (12/6) (23): Salisbury, dark crest; 2, Spencer, big yell. Yorks; 3, Jenkins; 4, Barnes; vhc, Kinsey; hc, Legason; c, Fenwick. (10/-) (16): 1, Elsham, yell. Yorks; 2, Espley, buff Nor.; 3, Bixter, another buff Nor.; 4, Spencer; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Riley; c, Irlam. EX. STOCK (25): Two equal 1sts, Gray, pair varieg. Nor.; two equal 2nds, Gray, pair varieg. Nor.; two equal 3rds, Kinsey, good Yorks; three equal 4ths, Gray, Nor., Robinson, Nor.; two equal vhc's, Gray; one equal vhc, Steele; hc, Irlam; hc, c, Jackson; hc, Gray, two c's, Robinson, MEMBERS' NAT COL. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, Wood, brace of good Yorks.

Mr. Godley's Classes.

CREST CKS. (6): 1, Whittle, nearly green, crest of good size, grand radiation and droop, good centre, well formed, fine substance of body and plenty of feather; 2, King, foul green, very nice crest, good size and formation, close up; 3, Brotherton, griz. Crest, crest very neat, good substance of body and plenty of feather; 4, Phillipson, dark Crest, mkd. wings and tail, crest well centred; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Walton. HENS (5): 1, Taylor, lightly varieg. dark Crest, grand droop and centre, marvellous exhibit, wins well; 2, Evins Bros., wing mkd. dark Crest, nice round crest, good centre; 3, King, wing mkd. dark, grand crest, nice one, well placed; 4, Hesketh, very similar bird to 3rd; vhc, Ley. CREST 1909 (13): 1, hc, Taylor, foul tailed green, stormer, wonderful large drooping crest, good broad leafy feather, grand size, heaps of body feather, wins with something in hand; 2, King, foul green, crest nice, neat, and well centred; 3, Ley, wing mkd. dark Crest, very neat, nice quality feather, crest well centred, good radiation and droop; 4, Evins Bros., wing mkd. dark Crest, nice exhibit, good 4th; vhc, Laithwaite; c, Brotherton. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Taylor, foul green, splendid skull, carrying abundance of feather and well lashed, grand entrance, plenty of substance of body; 2, King, monster of a varieg. again, fine skull and entrance, heaps of feather, good 2nd; 3, Brotherton, varieg., good head, does not carry so much feather as leaders, but good one nevertheless; 4, Hesketh, very fine cl. yell.; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Whittle; c, Walton. HEN (8): 1, Whittle, foul green, plenty of size, massive skull, good cushion and lash; 2, King, varieg., plenty of feather, grand substance of body, just beaten in width of skull; 3, Evins Bros., varieg., good type and size, plenty of feather, good 3rd; 4, Ley, varieg. yell., grand substance, good head, not quite ready yet, or would have been higher; vhc, Bowyer; hc, c, Brotherton. C.B. 1909 (6): 1, 2, Taylor, green foul tail and varieg., both massive specimens, with good shapely heads, well cushioned and lashed; 3, Hesketh, foul green, another raking specimen, not far behind; 4, King, green, capital head and substance; vhc, hc, Brotherton. CINN. YELL. (13): 1, vhc, spl, Bladon, leader magnificent exhibit, fine size, true Nor. type, good head and col.; 2, c, Dormer, red-hot col., good size and shape, well known winner; 3, Nason, another real good one, splendid type and size, good 3rd; 4, Yates, grand size and col., nice feather; hc, Seed. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Riding, 1st capital size, clinking shape and col., fine specimen throughout; 2, 4, Dormer, 2nd hotter col., best of shape and quality; 4th, capital size and col.; 3, Yates, another really good one; hc, Hill; c, Bladon. CINN. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Bladon, fine head, rich deep col., lovely quality, good size, one of the right sort; 2, 3, Dormer, 2nd very similar bird, grand col. and type, close up; 3rd, again grand col. and quality, not quite so good in head perhaps; 4, Riding, good Norwich type, rare col., worth its place; vhc, c, Nason; hc, Shore; No. 1,102, Riding, arrived from Bristol too late for judging. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Dormer, trio of good ones, all possessing that fine quality, rich col. and good type so characteristic in Mr. D.'s birds; 4, Riding, good size and col., hardly quality of leader; vhc, hc, Hill; c, Bladon; No. 1,122, Riding, arrived from Bristol too late for judging. CINN. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Riding, 1st nice type and col., grand quality and shape, really smart hen; 3rd, grand col., shape and quality, not quite so bold in head as winner perhaps; 2, vhc, hc, Dormer, 2nd gem for quality and col., fine type, good 2nd; 4, Tams and Son, another very nice one; c, Hill. BUFF (7): 1, 2, hc, Dormer, 1st nice close solid feather, the best of type, splendid col., well staged; 2nd, grand quality, nice tone of col., lovely shape, well staged; 3, Riding, all there for shape and quality, good carriage; 4, c, Hill, very nice tight hen; vhc, Bladon. NOVICE YELL. CINN. (8): 1, Mrs. Deacon, nice size and shape, good head and rich level col.; 2, 3, Heys, two very good birds; 4, vhc, hc, Roberts, good hot col., nice quality, shade longer; c, Massey. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Mrs. Deacon, 1st capital size, good head, rich col. and quality, beautifully shown; 4th, nice type, col. and quality, again well shown; 2, Wagstaff, large, grand col., another really nice one; 3, Heys, good Nor. type, magnificent quality, worth its place; vhc, Pretty; hc, Roberts; c, Massey. NOVICE UNFLIG. (19): 1, Heys, slashing yell., brimful of col., good head and excellent quality; 2, hc, Fenwick, good stout buff, capital head and col., nice close feather; 3, 4, Mrs. Deacon, yell. and buff respectively, two grand exhibits; vhc, c, Roberts. HENS (14): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Deacon, leader fine thick-set buff; 2nd, very good yell.; 3rd, another grand yell., three splendid cinnamons in fine order; 4, Fenwick, another yell., full of col. and quality; vhc, Roberts; hc, c, Heys; a grand class this, all the exhibits well staged.

AMAT. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. A.V. (12): 1, Boothman, varieg., grand shape and size, good head, neck and chest, good as some in the open; 2, Spence, tkd. wing, nice size, shape and quality; 3, vhc, Smith, nice col. and quality; 4, Parker, nice cl., rather little wings. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Smith, 1st clear buff, good head, fine shape and col.; 4th, very nice cl.; 2, Smith, cl., good size, quality and col.; 3, vhc, Espley, capital size and quality; hc, Whalley; c, Hughes. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Snape, really good cl. yell., fine type and col.; 2, Smith, varieg. buff, good short thick bird; 3, Kenny, very smart cl. yell.; 4, hc, Boothman, big bouncing cl. buff; vhc, c, Espley. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 4, Espley, 1st cl., nice type and size, grand quality; 4th, mkd. eye, wing and tail, good hen; 2, 3, hc, Spencer, 2nd very typical cl.; 3rd, wings mkd., nice quality; vhc, Smith; c, Fildes. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Espley, 1st face and wings mkd., correct shape and quality; 2nd, head and wings mkd., nice shape and size; 3, Boothman, nice cl.; 4, vhc, c, Smith, smart varieg.; hc, Kenny. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Whalley, nice yell. cinn.; 2, Spencer, buff green Norwich.

NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Mason. BUFF (9): 1, Rev. J. W. Wragg, fine cl. buff; 2, Rev. C. E. Gaul, another good cl.; 3, 4, Long, 3rd varieg.; 4th, nice cl.; vhc, hc, Mason; c, Eyres. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Lees, very typical cl.; 2, Robinson, wing mkd. BUFF (9): 1, Bruce, grand cl. buff; 2, Rev. J. W. Wragg, very typical wing mkd.; 3, Harrison, good cl. buff, nice type and quality; 4, Astley, varieg.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Rev. C. E. Gaul; c, Long. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Harrison, wing mkd. yell.; 2, Long, cl. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Astley, two very nice hens; 3, Lees, cl. buff, nice type and quality; 4, Harrison, another typical Norwich. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Bruce; 3, Astley; three Norwich greens; 4, Mason, buff Lancs. Plainhead.

Mr. C. Houlton's Classes.

VARIEG. CAN. HYB. (8): 1, Beaty, large six-pointed buff, tkd. on nape of neck, Goldfinch-Can., well mkd., grand size, shape, col., quality, tight condition; 2, Longden, lightly varieg. Linnet-Can., medium size, fine shape, quality and condition, a buff; 3, Walsh, six-pointed varieg., smaller than 1st, but nice col., quality and feather, buff; 4, Williams, varieg. buff, nice feather; vhc, Lambert; hc, Dring and Morton; c, Patter. DARK GOLD. ETC. CAN. (16): 1, Gill, yell. Gold.-Can., flowing with col., nice size, good shape, silky feather and condition; 2, Jackson, very good shape, tight-feathered Linnet-Can., in glossy condition; 3, Longden, very fine buff Gold-Canary, rare col., blaze, quality and condition; 4, Coffy, grand size and shape, buff Linnet-Can., just a bit nervous, and tail feather growing; vhc, Alton and Thompson; hc, Handley; c, Baguley. DK. YELL. CAN.-HYB. (8): 1, Longden, yell. cinn. Greenfinch-Can., fine size and shape, just wants a trifle more finish about head and checks; 2, Walsh, very big pale-coloured Siskin-Can., grand shape, quality, and excellent condition; 3, hc, Ball, dark Greenfinch-Can. and Siskin-Can., grand col. and quality; 4, Shellam, stout Siskin-Can., grand col. and markings; vhc, Wagstaffe. BUFF (8): 1, Shellam, grand Greenfinch-Can., fine shape, size, col., quality and condition; 2, Marsden, big Siskin-Can., A1 markings, shape and feather; 3, Roberts, fine Redpoll-Can., in grand feather and condition; 4, Ball, nice shape Greenie-Can., beaten only in condition; vhc, Morgan; hc, Robinson. A.O.V. (8): 1, Colton and Dawn, perfectly feathered Greenfinch-Bullfinch, nice col., quality and condition; 2, Coffy, good-shaped Goldie-Bullie, full of bloom, col., and condition; 3, McMurdo, very smart feathered Redpoll-Goldie, nice blaze, markings and glossy condition; vhc, Winnard, rich-coloured Goldie-Bullie, just a trifle smaller than 2nd; 4, hc, Walsh, nice coloured Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and a Redpoll-Goldie; c, Marsden. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, 10/- spl, C. Prior, grand bird, very forward, deep coloured, well cut broad face, grand wealth of body tan, moons and wing bars, very prominent and even, glossy in condition, a credit to its owner; 2, F. Jones, jun., another grand typical Finch, fine expanse of blaze, well clothed body, good tan, nice moons and bars, fine one; 3, McMurdo, another fine big-faced bird, hardly yet up in depth of col. on face, and body feather; 4, Jackson, dark nutty-brown body, nice face, well cut, good moons and bars; vhc, Tams and Son, big blaze, nice bird, paler in blaze as yet; hc, Holt, solid brown col., nice blaze and condition; c, Yates. BULLFINCH (15): 1, F. Jones, jun., really lovely bird all over, moulted first-class, smooth as glass in feather and condition; 2, Hughes, grand cap, wings and tail, good col. on back and breast, nice feather and condition; 3, J. M. Walsh, very good cap, cobby shape, nice back and breast, grand condition; 4, c, Austin, a fine pair, former in best all-round show form; vhc, Hurst; hc, Rabbick. LINNET (17): 1, Longden, fine bold bird, grand shape, col., markings, and condition; 2, F. Jones, jun., smart bird, nice col. and markings, hardly so showy as 1st yet, still a fine Linnet; 3, Ball, bold bird, and good size, shape and markings; 4, Walsh, good chest, A1 size and markings and condition, paler col.; vhc, c, Prior; hc, T. and J. J. Kearton; all these are very good birds. TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, Beaty, fine, lengthy Twite, dark col. and markings, tight in condition; 2, Little, fine Lesser Redpoll, broad head and chest, full of condition; 3, Cherry, Siskin, not yet looking his best, wants conditioning; 4, Coffy, very cobby Twite, good size, col. and markings; vhc, Lister; hc, Lennie; c, Simpson. GREENFINCH (8): Not many, but all good ones; 1, Longden, yell., rare shape, feather and condition, deep level tone of col., well finished; 2, 3, Beaty, 2nd very large buff, A1 when quite finished about head and cheeks; 3rd, flowing with col., quality and condition; 4, vhc, Morgan, 4th very fine upstanding showy bird, very active on his perches, bold chest, fine quality feather; vhc, smaller, but very neat; hc, Kilner; c, Saunders. BRAMBLEFINCH (11): Very smart lot; 1, Beaty, large, long, stout, cone-shaped bird, lovely plumage all through, evenly balanced, with lovely feather and condition; 2, Jones, jun., grand colours, well spangled, sound in feather and condition; 3, Longden; 4, Prior, shade paler in body col., but all else up to the standard mark of perfection; vhc, Coffy, deep col., good size and spangle, hardly so solid just now in condition; hc, c, Hurst, good pair, former very striking for col. and spangle, looked much better later than at time of judging and taking notes. CHAFFINCH (14): Great class for quality; 1, Hurst, really fine standard bird, good all through, in finished condition; 2, hc, Hunter, fine pair, and 2nd runs close up in all points; 3, Longden, rattling big good one, bit soiled in plumage about head and neck, or might have gone higher; 4, Kearton, rare size, shape, col., and markings, shows well, in fine form; vhc, Hughes; c, Hill. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (7): 1, c, Beaty, Hawfinch and Corn Bunting, former looks like "Midland Chief," hardly the depth of col. and bloom yet as last year if it is that bird, still is now in grand feather and condition; 2, hc, Johnson Bros., grandly mkd. Yellow Bunting, and a fine Hawfinch, bit stouter than winner, but not quite finished in feather yet; 3, Hurst, large well-feathered Corn Bunting, steady, nice sound condition; 4, J. M. Walsh, grand Meadow Bunting, A1 condition; vhc, Blencoe, fine Crossbill, in all his wild col. of plumage. HEN SEED-EATERS (8): 1, Prior, perfect conditioned hen Hawfinch, grandly staged; 2, hc, Hurst, capital hen Bramble, and good hen Bullie; 3, Rabbick, very fine hen Bullie; 4, J. M. Walsh, large hen Linnet, in good feather and condition; vhc, Alton and Thompson, another very good hen Bramble, in fine condition; c, Saunders, hen Bullie. SMALL SOFTBILLS (15): Very smart lot, double set here fit to win, all of good merit; 1, Meadows, fine Wryneck in A1 trim; 2, 4, vhc, Beaty, Black Redstart, Pied Wagtail, and Meadow Pipit, all in the best possible condition; 3, Marsden, very neat and tight conditioned Blackcap Warbler; hc, Cocks, perfect Redstart; c, Hill, tip-top Skylark, very steady, singing grandly. LARGE (6): 1, Flemster, large capitally-spotted Thrush, shown in faultless feather and condition; 2, Stocker, large Waxwing, not quite up to Thrush in finish, wonderful exhibit; 3, Alton and Thompson, bold, big, well-spangled Starling, in grand feather; 4, vhc, J. M. Walsh, Cornish Chough, bit rough in tail feathers, which pegged him back, and a good Waxwing; hc, Haycroft, fair good Thrush. FOR., PARRAKEETS, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Cheetham, King Parrakeet first, pair Blue Mountain Lories second, Port Lincoln Parrakeet third; all in the very best of condition; 4, Beaty, neat pair of Pileated Parrakeets; etc, Stocker, pretty pair of Black-faced Lovebirds hc, Hadley, good Many-coloured Parrakeet; c, England, bonny Alexandrine. PARROTS, ETC. (3): 1, J. M. Walsh, fine Blue and Yellow Macaw, in grand feather, beautifully staged; 2, Beaty, rare Hawk-headed Parrot, in the best of feather and condition, again well put down; 3, Hadley, very deep col., Chattering Lory. WEAVERS, ETC. (11): 1, c, J. M. Walsh, lovely Parson Finch leading, in A1 condition, greatly admired; 2, 3, 4, F. Howe, grand trio of pairs of Waxbills, Diamond Sparrows, etc., all in grand condition, beautifully put down; vhc, Whitney and Son, lovely pair of Zebra Finches; hc, Beaty, Nutmeg Finches. FINCHLIKE (13): 1, F. Howe, grand Crimson Finch, in A1 condition, nicely staged and much admired; 2, Hadley, very tight Black-headed Gouldian Finch, beautifully shown; 3, J. M. Walsh, very good Red-headed Finch, in A1 feather, grand bird; 4, Meadow, fine Parrot Finch from New Caledonia, a real treat; vhc, Harrison, Grosbeak, not quite at his best yet; hc, Miss Clapham; c, Beaty. TANAGERS, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Harrison, 1st takes spl for best Foreign bird, magnificent Blue-winged Sugar Bird, in superb condition, and a pretty Blue-winged Tanager, in rare form; 2, 4, vhc, Stocker, Blue and Green Tanager, Necklaced Tanager, and Crimson-crowned Tanager, all in rare good form and condition; c, Handley, Green Bulbul. A.O.S. (8): 1, Harrison, rare White-throated Himalayan Thrush, in faultless trim, grand exhibit; 2, hc, J. M. Walsh, pair of Vigo Jays, 2nd in the best possible condition, beautifully shown; 3, Beaty, grand Toucan, in really nice order; 4, Cheetham, Rufous-throated Laughing Thrush, much admired, well placed; vhc, Stocker, Blue Mexican Jay.

MEMBERS.—HYB. (7): 1, Robinson, four-pointed varieg. Gold-Can., in nice feather and condition; 2, hc, Pollitt, nice-sized Goldie-Greenie, in really good condition; 3, 4, c, Whalley, Yell. Green-Can. leading; vhc, Eyres. BRIT. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (8): 1, Kinsey, good Goldie; 2, Harrison, very decent Bullfinch; 3, vhc, Parker, Goldie; 4, Whalley; hc, Smith; c, Robinson. LINNET, ETC. (15): 1, Whittaker, good Linnet, nice size, shape, and markings; 2, vhc, Whalley, fine Siskin and neat Redpoll; 3, Midgley, very neat Redpoll; hc, Bruce; c, Kinsey. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, Harrison, well-spangled Bramble, nice col. and condition; 2, Smith, Corn Bunting; 3, vhc, Whittaker, Bullfinch and a Bramble, former nice-feathered bird; 4, hc, Whalley, Yellow Bunting, good size and body feather. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, Smith, a good Whitethroat and a nice Wagtail; 3, Harrison, large Greater Tit.

HALIFAX O.S.

Very successful members' Show, held at Griffin Hotel, October 30th. The classification was for cocks only, and entries totalled 87. Messrs. Speak (Halifax) and Dearden (Brighouse), judged, with satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, Walsh; 2, c, Ross; 3, vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; hc, Tinkler. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Blackburn and Mitchell; 2, c, Ross; 3, Townsend; vhc, Lloyd. CINN. MKD.: 1, J. H. Tinkler. GREENS (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, T. Pilling. NOVICE—CL., ETC., YELL. (20): 1, Dewhirst; 2, Clegg; 3, hc, Womersley; vhc, Saville; c, Sykes. BUFF (20): 1, Morrison; 2, Burdikin Bros.; 3, Sutcliffe; vhc, Smith; hc, Greenwood; c, Sykes. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Sutcliffe; vhc, Burdikin Bros. GREENS (6): 1, 2, hc, Sykes; 3, Lord; vhc, Smith; c, Womersley. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Lloyd. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Stott; vhc, Mrs. Steele; hc, Clegg.—H. WHITAKER, Asst. Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY & DIS. O.S.

Second Members' Show, held October 27th, when great interest was taken in the event, 106 birds being entered, and competition being very keen. The points up-to-date for cup and specials, are as follows:—Pawson 44, Maltby 37, Bracewell 36, Richmond 34, J. Butler 33, Marsh 28, and Hargreaves 24. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, spl, Bracewell; 2, Pawson; 3, Raistrick; 4, March; vhc, c, J. Butler; hc, Maltby. BUFF (16): 1, J. Butler; 2, 3, Bracewell; 4, Maltby; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Pawson; c, Marsh. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Maltby; 2, J. Butler; 3, Marsh; 4, vhc, Richmond; hc, Hargreaves; c, Ackroyd. BUFFS (7): 1, J. Butler; 2, Maltby; 3, vhc, Hargreaves; 4, c, Richmond; hc, Jeffrey. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Bracewell; 3, C. Butler; 4 J. Butler; vhc, c, Maltby; c, Davey. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Allott; 4, hc, J. Butler; vhc, C. Butler; c, Maltby. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Marsh; 2, 3, Richmond; 4, c, Pawson; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Maltby. HEN (13): 1, Maltby; 2, 3, 4, Pawson; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Davey; c, Richmond. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2, Marsh; 3, Bracewell; 4, vhc, Pawson; hc, Davey; c, Hargreaves.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

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Norwich : A Good Show in this Famous City.

The Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A. secures an entry of over 800 birds, and the quality is the best seen for many years.

A very nice collection of birds the Norwich Alliance C.B.A. gathered together within the venerable walls of the Blackfriars Hall on October 30th and November 1st. The total was just over 800, and the quality, in the opinion of all the judges, was quite the best seen at Norwich since the days when the Eastern City was accounted the greatest force in Canarydom.

The Olden Times.

One cannot visit or write of a Norwich show without thinking of those giants of the days that are past, and living over again, in memory 'tis true, the doings of such old-time hands as Pitt, Otty, Ray, Cooper, Frost, . ecohee, Yallop, Havers, Mallett, Frost, Winter, Andrews, Mays, Wones, Howard, Self, Crisp, Spelman, Greeves, to say nothing of the famous Mackley Bros. Some of these are still with us, others have long since passed away, but their names, and the remembrance of their doings linger yet. In those days Norwich was the biggest show outside the Crystal Palace, and annually was the rendezvous of fanciers from North, South, East and West, who were seeking, and usually found, a number of winners to take away into distant parts of the country. The old-time glory of Norwich has departed, but it is not beyond the power of her younger sons to bring it back, and for the Norwich of the twentieth century to emulate the deeds of Norwich of the nineteenth.

Among the Champions.

As usual the Norwich Plainheads opened the schedule, and a nice lot they were. It would be idle to say they were the best on record, but, in the opinion of those qualified to judge, they were the best lot seen in Norwich of recent years. The majority showed that the Eastern breeders are getting back to the standard type and quality. Mr. Morris (from London) netted a fair share of the spoils, winning under Mr. Robson in the old birds, and Mr. House in the youngsters. Amongst the local birds we much admired the winning exhibit of Messrs. Payne and Son in the ticked Buffs, a remarkably fine bird, beautifully frosted upon rich deep undercolour, and as close and even as wax. Messrs. Howard and Son's yellow hen was also a most charming exhibit.

The Crests and Crest-breds were splendid, and Mr. Greeves had no easy task in deciding upon his winners in some of the classes, the quality being above the average, and the competitors very close together. The local studs were present in strong force, and they held their own well amongst the birds which came from a distance. We may mention here that Mr. T. J. King's team did not arrive until after judging was finished. Hard lines! It must have been a close thing in clear bodies between Nottingham and Norwich. Mr. Ley's exhibit had it in size and width, but in radiation and droop Mr. Gowing's was superior, whilst it had also a slight pull in quality. It was a near thing either way; quite a case of "You pays your money and takes your choice." The genial "Jimmy" had his revenge in the next class, where Mr. Ley split his two gems. These two birds are son and sire. It was in finish that Norwich gained the verdict here. The hens of Messrs. Smith and Gaze were two gems for quality and radiation. Mr. Drake followed up his win in yellow Crests with another in Crest-breds. It was a rare quality bird. Messrs. Gowing and Howard and Son staged two grand birds in the Buff class, as did Mrs. Crow in the hens.

Praise for the Amateurs.

The amateurs turned out well so far as the quality of their exhibits was concerned, but the numbers surely should have been greater. In the olden days it used to take two judges to deal with the amateur section, and one often saw classes of from thirty to fifty, whilst we remember on one occasion two classes contained over 160 exhibits. On this occasion the highest figure was fourteen, which was reached by the ticked yellows. Still, Mr. Robson, who judged, said that he was as surprised as he was delighted with the marked advance which the section had made in type and quality. In the Plainheads, Messrs. Piggin, Oulten, Brundel, Campling, Mitchell, Martin, Park, Harl, J. J. Smith, and Schulen each staged birds which were equal, if not superior, to many in the champion section. Mr. Schulen won each of the cups offered for birds fed on Spratt's Colour Food. Curiously enough, the birds each took second prize, were each No. 7 in their classes, and are two brothers out of the same nest! It does not fall to the lot of every breeder to produce a couple of cup winners in one nest. Mr. Schulen was heartily congratulated. In the Crest section the quality was splendid, and Messrs. Russell, Whitlock, Cowan, Parsons, Corke, Goodman, A. Thompson, Durrant, Mason, W. Thompson, Mayhew and Piggin each staged birds of lovely shape with well-arranged head-pieces.

A Grand Lot of Youngsters.

The young Crests and Crest-breds, like the Plainheads, were open to all, and in them the amateurs more than held their own. All the classes were well supported, and in point of merit they were superior to the adults; especially was this so in the Plainheads, in which over sixty birds competed in the three classes, and gave Mr. House a warm task in sorting them.

The Cinnamons were about the best seen at Norwich since the palmy days of Quinton and Wones, whilst the even marks were a very nice little lot, and it gave us much pleasure to see one of the veterans, Mr. W. J. Sadd, leading the way with those old Norwich favourites. Mules, British and Foreign were good without being exceptional, the best classes being those for the British Softbills, which were indeed of high merit.

Old Traditions Upheld.

In the way of management and arrangement of a show Norwich has high traditions, and in this respect the men of to-day are as jealous of the good name of their city as the fanciers of old. The birds and their needs are the first, as they are the last, thought of the Norwich Alliance committee, and the gentlemen who were responsible for this year's fixture did all that could be done to make things work smoothly and with dispatch. Mr. R. Roll once again acted as secretary, and right well did he marshal his forces, and to his tact and urbanity not a little of the success achieved was due. In the work of the secretariat he was most ably assisted by Mr. J. Freeman, and the show committee was composed of the following excellent fanciers:—Messrs. W. W. Freestone (chairman), J. Parsons (vice-chairman), F. Cullington (treasurer), W. Burrage, J. Carlton, A. Claphim, J. Cutmore, W. Daynes, C. Hobart, W. A. Johnston, J. Mawson, A. Payne, H. Piggin, E. Revell, S. Roberts A. W. Russell, F. Schulen, H. Smith, T. Smith, J. Stark, and J. Thompson.

The inter-club competition for the Deuchar challenge cup, presented by Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar (the president), resulted in a runaway victory of the Hand-in-Hand Society, which scored 203 points, the runners-up being the City of Norwich, with 161 points. The judges were Messrs. W. E. Greeves, all Crests and Crest-breds; J. Robson, Champ. and Amat. Plainheads, Mules and British; J. Stark, the County Novice classes; and C. A. House, the remainder, and the awards of each were most generously received.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

CHAMPION NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Morris, capital shape, rare col., and very nicely feathered; 2, vhc, c, Howard and Son, plenty of col., nice shape, wants tightening up; 3, 4, Calver, two nice shapely birds of level col., and good quality, latter the neatest, former the largest; hc, Wright. BUFF (9): 1, Clarke, grand, deep, round chest, good level back, level col., nicely frosted; 2, Morris, better head, grand type, feather and col., we liked much; 3, Wright and Son, a bonny bird, well staged, hardly so deep in chest, but lovely feather; 4, vhc, hc, Howard and Son, capital col., plenty of meal, good chest and back, needs tightening up round thighs; c, Wright. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Merris, griz. on head, very neat, and short in body, lovely col. and feather; 2, 4, Howard, three-pointed, and a neck and wing tkd., two nice shaped, level co'oured birds, hardly so neat about thighs; 3, vhc, Calver and Son, thigh tkd., capital feather, not so rich in col.; hc, Smith; c, Rippon. BUFF, 15: 1, Payne and Son, would have been a good candidate for the Evn.-mkd. class, we made it a four-pointed, and a real good Nor. all round, a grand bird, and well shown; 2, Morris, hardly so much of him, but lovely col., feather and shape, tkd. on head; 3, Wright and Son, tkd. neck, capital shape and feather, hardly so deep in col., but level and sound; 4, vhc, Howard and Son, varieg., carries more col., capital feather, hardly ready; hc, Smith; c, Wright. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, 4, c, Howard and Son, 1st cap and wing mkd., very rich, even col., capital feather and shape, a dainty little lady, 4th all there in col. and quality, not so neat in figure; 2, Morris, very sweet cl., grand shape, beautiful feather, and nice ground col.; 3, Wright and Son, shapely, nice coloured cl., hardly so silky in feather; vhc, Clarke; hc, Calver and Son. BUFF (15): 1, Freestone, grand bodied cl., very deep and wide in chest, neat wings and tail, well set legs; 2, Morris, grand type and feather, sound col., neater in head; 3, Revell, cheek and wing mkd., larger and longer, nice feather and col.; 4, Palmer, nice chubby, deep-chested, eye tkd., very silky and close in feather, even, but not over rich in col.; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Wright and Son; c, Rippon. PAIRS (10): 1, c, Howard and Son; 2, Morris; 3, Palmer; 4, Freestone; vhc, Payne and Son; hc, Calver. AMATEURS—NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Piggin, very typical in body, compact in wings and tail, lovely feather and col.; 2, Oulten, charming shape and feather, beautifully rich and level in col., grand wings, opens tail a bit; 3, Brewster, hardly so chubby, but excellent quality and col., nice shape; 4, Hall, silky in feather, and good level col., hardly fit; vhc, Russell; hc, Edmunds; c, Mitchell. BUFF (11): 1, Brundell, capital shape of body, beautifully feathered, plenty of rich, level col; 2, Campling, very even col., beautifully frosted, close and silky in feather, and stands well over the perch; 3, Schulen, capital col. and feather, very neat, shapely body, a well shown exhibit; 4, Mitchell, very smart and shapely, lovely col. and feather, we liked very much; vhc, Oulten; hc, Piggin; c, Russell. YELL. TKD. (14): 1, Martin, tkd. neck, grandly feathered, neat, shapely body, and shows well; 2, Schulen, tkd. in neck, hardly so chubby, but lovely rich quality and feather, and depth of col., wins Miles's cup for best ycll. fed on Spratt's Colour Food; 3, Park, tkd. head, capital shape and col., close feather, but needs burnishing; 4, Russell, nice shaped thigh tkd., nice level col., good quality of feather, not tightened up; vhc, Harl; hc, Page; c, Engleton. BUFF (11): 1, Oulten, very pretty griz. capped, neat and shapely in body, grand feather and col; 2, Schulen, mkd. eyes and tail, grand, silky feather, very nicely fed, in lovely fettle, wins Miles's cup for best buff fed on Spratt's Colour food; 3, Howes, sound, level coloured varieg., capital shape and feather, nicely shown; 4, Russell, thigh tkd., and a rattling good one, too, splendid shape, feather and carriage, just a wee bit browy; vhc, Rohinson; hc, Harl; c, Shorter. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, 2, Harl, 1st tkd. very slightly on shoulder, 2nd neck tkd, two grand shaped birds, of lovely quality and style, rich col.; 3, Horth, shapely cl., grand body and feather, sound col; 4, Mitchell, not so warm in col., otherwise about the best of the bunch; vhc, Freeman; hc, Scott; c, Hall. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Smith, two handsome elrs., most excellent in shape, winner the largest, but 2nd shows more quality, very nice col.; 3, Bales, capital shape, nice, close feather, sound col., and grandly mealed; 4, Harl, tkd. head and neck, very neat and shapely, close, silky feather, nice col.; vhc, Freeman; hc, Edmonds; c, Gilbert. PAIRS (10): 1, 2, Harl; 3, Dash; 4, Curl; vhc, Freeman; hc, Loche; c, Brewster. MULES, GOLD.-CAN. (12): 1, Smith, large, shapely, rich coloured, close feathered varieg. buff; 2, 3, vhc, Howard and Son, also varieg. huff of lovely feather and style, nice col., and well shown; 4, Crow, large, heavy mkd. yell., capital shape and feather; hc, Stozell; c, Shildrake. A.O.V. (2): 1, Riley, nice coloured Can.-Bullie, not in the best of trim; 2, Crow, really good varieg. Greenfinch-Can. A.O.V. 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THRUSH (11): 1, 4, Carter, two fine big birds of capital shape and feather, 1st best col., and clearest in moons; 2, Cocks, rare col., and feather, nice size and shape, more dense in marking; 3, Edwards, a grand hird for size, shape, and marking, not so rich in col.; vhc, hc, Cooper; vhc, c, Miles. A.O.V. SMALL S.B. (10): 1, 4, Cocks, the now well-known Grnsshopper Warbler and Tree Creeper, in grand form; 2, 3, vhc, c, Lowne, black Redstart and Bearded Tit, two lovely birds, and shown in most excellent fettle; hc, Cooper. LARGE (8): 1, Powell, very handsome Redwing, splendid feather and marking, rich col; 2, 3, hc, Cooper, very fine Fieldfare and Blackbird, two splendid birds, and both shown very fit; 4, Cocks, another good Redwing, hardly so clear in marking; vhc, c, Miles; absent, Lowne.

Mr. W. E. Greeves's Classes.

The Crest and Crest-bred classes contained birds of exceptional merit, and, in our opinion, were the best collection seen in the ancient city for many years. The Yellows, both in Crests and Crest-breds, were far in advance of anything previously seen, and reminded one of the old Nottingham Yellows. We were more than pleased to see such an improvement here.

CREST YELL. (11): 1, 3, Drake, noted yellow, heavily varieg., with large crest, perfect formation, grand quality feather; 3rd, wing and tail mkd., nice made crest; 2, Shearman, dark tail, in nice condition, thick heavy frontal, crest of nice formation; 4, Ley, heavy green, light tail, nice crest, will improve; vhc, Crow, Clapham; hc, Howard and Son; c, A. H. Smith. CL. BODY CL. GREY, ETC., CREST (9): 1, Ley, Grey, large perfectly-formed crest on a stout body, quite a gem; 2, Gowing, close up, more dipping crest, but not so expansive, had two feathers lifting in the centre, well shown, really fine bird; 3, 4, Gaze, both clear bodies and dark crests, former large crest of beautiful quality, other similar but not quite so large in crest, specimens any breeder might be proud of; vhc, Clapham; hc, Mitchell; c, Evins Bros., Howard and Sons. CREST CK., BUFF (except clear bodies) (7): 1, J. Gowing, big bird, stout neck and body, very large, beautiful drooping crest, mkd. one wing; 2, Ley, close up, very similar, two grand specimens; 3, vhc, J. Gowing, wing mkd., big crest; 4, Gaze, very heavy frontal, crest centre a bit too far back, nice wing mkd.; vhc, J. Calver. HEN (6): 1, Shearman, heavy green bird, shapely crest of nice quality; 2, Gaze, wing mkd., good quality feather, nice sized crest nicely formed; 3, Evins Bros., heavy green bird, plenty of feather; 4, Cullington, heavily varieg., neat crest. CRESTED-BRED YELL. (9): 1, Drake, for a yell. a bird of great merit, well made head, with an abundance of head feather; 2, A. H. Smith, varieg., nice cushion-shaped head, with good length of head feather; 3, Ley, heavily varieg. big bird; 4, Crow, not quite the size of the others, but nice quality of feather, should make a useful breeder; vhc, Drake, Clapham; c, Crow. BUFF: 1, Gowing, heavily varieg., immense head with heaps of feather, short beak, thick neck, breeder's ideal; 2, Howard and Son, varieg., big bird, with good head feather; 3, Shearman, grand one; 4, Gaze, another good one, both very heavily varieg. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Crow, varieg., nice quality feather, well browed head; 2, Revell, varieg., large bird, nice head feather; c, Evins Bros., Cullington. PAIRS, MATCHED FOR BREEDING (5): 1, J. Gowing, varieg. buff cock, plenty of head feather of superb quality, with green hen, with large veiny crest of perfect formation, win well; 2, 3, Revell, former Grey Crest, big body, Yellow C.B. hen, nice quality, well made, latter var. C.B. buff and varieg. Crest; 4, Calver and Son, varieg. C.B. buff hen, heavily varieg. Crest buff cock. AMAT. CLASSES.—YELL. CREST (12): 1, A. W. Russell, heavily varieg., nice quality of feather, crest of good size, very neat; 2, Whitlock, slightly open in centre, but very good; 3, Cowan, neat well-made crest; 4, Cowan, one dark feather in wing, dark crest; vhc, hc, Thompson; c, M. Alden. CREST CL. BODY, CL. ETC. DK. CREST (11): 1, Cowan, cl. crest, very neat and shapely, good quality; 2, Parsons, cl. body dark, nicely veined feather; 3, Piggin, cl. crest, plenty of feather and shapely; 4, Huson, Grey Crest, but on small side; vhc, (2) Carlton; hc, Cowan; c, Alden, Parsons. CREST CK. BUFF (except clear bodies) (10): 1, Corke, wing mkd., nice dome-feathered drooping crest, good quality, well shown; 2, Goodman, heavily varieg., another nice dropping crest of good quality; 3, Howard, close green, nice quality; 4, Bremner, varieg., plenty of feather, nice quality again; vhc, Tong; hc, J. Hall, M. Alden. HEN BUFF (3): 1, Thompson, heavily varieg., nice round crest, well veined, good droop, easy win; 2, Tong, 3, Alden, heavily varieg., both neat crests. CRESTED-BRED YELL. CK. (13): 1, Durrant, varieg., big bird, good head, plenty of feather; 2, Corke, varieg., not quite so large in head, good one; 3, Russell, cl., colour-fed, fine bird; 4, Alden, heavily varieg. hen, nice quality feather; vhc, c, Parsons; hc, Whitlock; c, Holman. BUFF (13): 1, Thompson, heavily varieg., good skull, well browed, plenty of feather; 2, Mason, nearly green, good broad skull, heaps of feather; 3, Gabriel, green, big bird, plenty of feather; 4, Corke, highly tkd., nice quality feather; vhc, Parsons, Carlton; hc, Gabriel; c, Piggin, Alden. BUFF HEN: 1, Mayhew, nearly carriage, just a wee bit browy; vhc, Rohinson; hc, Harl; c, Shorter. HEN, YELL. 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Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

CINN. YELL. (11): 1, Bevan, large, shapely bird, of good quality and substance, rich, deep col., grandly shown; 2, 3, Crow, two beautifully feathered birds, of lovely col., 3rd the largest, but 2nd best shape; 4, hc, Shearman, grand shape and feather, not so much col.; vhc, Howard and Son; c, Payne and Son; absent, King. BUFF (8): 1, Shearman, rare shape and size, beautiful col., and feather, good head and chest; 2, Bevan, slashing bird, of grand col., shape, and size, not so close in feather; 3, Wright, splendid body for size and shape, nice feather, smaller head; 4, Cullington, shapely and close in feather; vhc, Calver and Son; hc, Howard and Son; c, Hart; absent, King. NOR., UNFIL., YELL. (23): 1, Morris, short, compact, chubby bird, with griz. cap, beautiful col. and feather; 2, Wright and Son, most charming cl., lovely col., quality and style, not so stout; 3, Hart, magnificent body, rare col. and feather, smaller in head; 4, Stark, stouter bodied cl., rare col., and feather, inclined to brow; vhc, Thompson; hc, Horth; c, Barker. BUFF (17): 1, Howard and Son, very short, cobby cl., beautiful col., rich, deep under col., beautifully mealed, a grand bird; 2, Payne and Son, eye and wing mkd., beautiful col. and quality, a shade longer; 3, Hart, grand little bird, built on smaller lines, but grand shape, col. and quality; 4, Roberts, given a bit more substance of head, as good as any, rare shape and quality; vhc, Calver and Son; hc, Cullington; c, Francis. HEN (21): 1, F. F. Smith, grand shaped buff, short and cobby, neat wings and tail, rare feather; 2, Payne and Son, beautiful yell., hardly so compact in flights, but lovely body for shape, col., and quality; 3, J. J. Smith, very short and cobby, lovely head, back, wings and tail, deep chest, looked as though soap had been left in thigh feather; 4, Wright and Son, another, sweet huff, full of quality, grand shape, but rather wild; vhc, Horth; hc, Ladd; c, Howard and Son. NON.-FKD. YELL. (12): 1, Francis, neck and tail tkd., beautiful shape and feather, lovely wings and tail; 2, 4, Howard and Son, lovely cl., bold, shapely, neat feathered; 3, Hart, grand body, capital feather, opens tail a bit; vhc, Brewster; hc, Baker; c, Dingle. BUFF (13): 1, Howe, beautiful shape, and feather, nicely mealed; 2, Dingle, grand shape, good head, wings, and tail, not so tight underneath; 3, Baker, good feather and shape, neat, but small; 4, Shearing, splendid body, grand feather, rather small head; vhc, Wright and Son; hc, Cubitt; c, Gooderham. HEN (7): 1, hc, Brewster, grand shaped varieg. yell., lovely feather, the sort to breed from; 2, Allen, deep bodied, neat feathered huff; 3, Eagleton, very neat and shapely huff; 4, vhc, Wright, beautiful quality buff, but too fat; c, Freestone. GREENS, SELF (8): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Francis, winner a grand shaped buff, deep in chest, very compact wings and tail, beautiful feather and col., 4th grand coloured yell, not so stout; 2, Freestone, very neat, shapely yell., grandly feathered, nice, bright col.; 3, Brooks, stout, chubby buff, grandly feathered, nice col.; c, Smith. FOUL (16), 1, 4, hc, c, Francis, again a grand, deep fronted, good headed buff, full of col. and quality, 4th rich-coloured yell., of nice shape; 2, 3, Miles, yell. and buff, both of grand shape and col., former the best quality; vhc, Brooks. LIMIT, NOR. YELL. (25/-) (15): 1, hc, Smith; 2, vhc, Stark; 3, Revell; 4, Locke; c, Wright and Son; absent, Francis, Handscombe. BUFF (14): 1, Parke; 2, Baker; 3, Francis; 4, Stark; vhc, Hart; hc, Locke; c, Miles. HEN, YELL. (15/-) (20): 1, Palmer; 2, vhc, hc, Stark; 3, Shorten; 4, Cullington; c, Miller. BUFF (16): 1, Stark; 2, Freestone; 3, Roberts; 4, A. Thompson; vhc, W. Thompson; hc, Clarke; c, Rix. TKD. A.V. (15/-) (22): 1, c, Stark; 2, Palmer; 3, Payne and Son; 4, Roberts; vhc, Thompson; hc, Bales. EVEN MKD. NOR. (8): 1, vhc, Sadd, grand shaped yell., of rare col., and quality, nice eyes and wings; 2, W. Thompson, very nicely mkd. buff, hardly typical or so fine in feather as winner, but better marking; 3, Cullington, nicely mkd. eyes, light on wings, good quality yell.; 4, Francis, another light wing mkd. bird, a buff of grand feather; hc, Mitchell, a grand bird in cage, but wing does not stand handling; c, Hall. A.O.V. (8): 1, Brundell, very stylish, well feathered, good shaped Lancashire Plhd.; 2, Smith, tkd. buff coppy, of nice shape and style, well feathered; 3, Miles, even-mkd. Border, very stylish and slim; 4, Burrage; vhc, Riley; hc, Gilbert; absent, King, Mitchell. Mr. King's exhibit was the Cinnamon Crest we admired so much at Plymouth, had it arrived in time, it would have won easily. FOR. PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, Sladden, very handsome Many-coloured Parrakeet, in lovely col. and feather; 2, Miles, grandly mkd. Alexandrine Parrakeet, in rare feather; 3, Miss Bliss, large, pure coloured, well mkd. pair of yell. Budgerigars; 4, hc, Howard and Son, pair of nicely feathered Cockatiels; vhc, Varnon; c, Calver; absent 4, Howe, 8 Howard and Son. WAXBILLS, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Row, very handsome Parson Finch and pair of Orange-cheeked Waxbills, each grand in feather and col.; 3, Howard and Son, very smart, rich coloured Orange Bishop; 4, Sladden, nice pair of white Javas; absent, Howe. A.O.V. SEEDEATERS (10): 1, Cocks, Long-tailed Whydah, in full plumage, lovely col., and shown in rare form; 2, Row, very nicely mkd., rich-coloured pair of black-headed Gouldian Finches; 3, no name, very smart, nice coloured black-headed Gouldian; 4, Sladden, another good long-tailed Whydah; vhc, hc, Howard and Son; c, Parker. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, best For., Sladden, very handsome Superb Tanager, in grand form, rare col. and marking; 2, Miles, beautiful Green Glossy Starling; absent, 2, 3, Row.

Mr. J. Stark's Classes.

NOVICE, COUNTY OF NORFOLK—NOR. YELL. (38): 1, Gamble, very neat, close feathered cl., of good col.; 2, Dale, another well feathered, short bodied cl.; 3, Powley, high quality varieg., of good shape; 4, hc, Barker, tkd. neck, very neat wings and tail, capital quality and shape; 5, Smith, rare shape, neat wings and tail, lovely feather; ex 5, Laurence, nice shaped varieg., not tightened up; vhc, George, Gooderham; hc, Simmonds; c, Taylor, Moore. BUFF (51): 1, Alden, charming shape and quality, grand col.; 2, Barker, grand shaped body, neat wings and tail, lovely feather; 3, Smith, neat shape, grand wings and tail, very close in feather, and livid col.; 4, George, lovely body, shape and col., nice quality, hardly so neat in head; ex. 4, Moore, tkd. head, short and shapely, very nice col., hardly so tight; 5, Swann, we liked as well as any, grand shape and feather; ex 5, vhc, Hufton, nice shaped varieg., of grand feather, paler in col; vhc, Whitmore; hc, Beaumont; hc, c, Read; c, Hale. HEN, YELL (36): 1, Laurence, just a sweet little cl., of lovely col. and shape; 2, ex 5, vhc, George, a splendid trio of nice shaped, well feathered, lovely coloured birds; 3, Smith, a really smart hen, not ready; 4, Simmonds, the same remarks apply; 5, Hufton, very shapely and grand feather; vhc, Alden; hc, Gamble, Whitmore; c, Taylor, Stewnrdson. BUFF (33): 1, Simmonds, splendid shape, nice even col., well feathered and prettily frosted; 2, Shearing, rare shaped varieg., feathered like a Java; 3, Noble, grand shaped, nice quality, non-fed; 4, Barker, another rattling good non-fed; 5, Gamble, nice, short varieg., good col., not so tight; ex 5, Hufton, really nice cl., capital shape and feather; vhc, Durrant, Smith; hc, Cubitt, Clabburn; c, Beaumont, Taylor.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

We have seen some splendid shows held at Shields, both by the present society and the old South Shields Club, but we regret to say that the present South and North Shields C.B.S. has fallen on bad times; the members are not so full of enthusiasm and energy as they were, and the result was seen in the show which was held in the Congregational Schoolroom on October 29th and 30th. Last year's long-continued strike on Tyneside is, we are told, greatly to blame for this state of things, and the members are hoping for better times next year. The entry generally was poor, not only in one section, but all; the quality, however, excepting Crests, was splendid, and there is no reason why, if the members put a little more enthusiasm into next year's fixture, and offer a few good cash specials for most points in each section, the old-time glories of Shields will return. A few pounds given in points specials would make a big difference in the entry. With such a keen breeder as Mr. Dixon officiating upon the Norwich, it was very disappointing to find so few exhibitors supporting him. Mr. Dixon handled the section well, going in for good deep-chested birds with plenty of quality and style. We much admired the winners in clear and ticked yellows; they were, indeed, four beauties, and Mr. Cowling is to be congratulated upon owning such birds. Colour and quality was all there in cinnamons, and there was not much separating the various winners. Borders made a very nice display, quite the best average classes in the Canary section, and some beautifully feathered, neat shaped, well posed birds were to be seen amongst them. Mr. Dixon went in strongly for feather. Crests were not of Tyneside quality, neither were the Yorkshires, although a few really good ones were benched, one of the best being the four-pointed yellow, shown in the novice section by Mr. F. Johnson. The quality of the British was splendid, the winners in all the classes being of a very high standard of excellence. Exhibits which stood out were Mr. Telford's Thrush and Blackbird, Mr. Maddison's Goldfinch and Greenfinch, Mr. McVay's Chaffinch, and Mr. Forster's Wagtail. Mr. Maddison also held a very strong hand in Mules—this team was put down in magnificent form. The birds were nicely staged, and all the arrangements well carried out by the committee, amongst whom we noticed those good old fanciers, Messrs. Bennett, Duke, Winter, and Thompson, whilst Messrs. Barrass and Howdon, the hon. secs., were most eager and willing to do all they could to please exhibitors and further the welfare of the society. We hope that 1910 will bring better times to our friends on Tyneside. The judges were Messrs. T. Dixon and C. A. House, and their awards were most favourably received.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

CREST (1): 1, spl, Currah and Sons, very nicely radiated, well drooped even-marked. BRED 1909 (3): 1, 2, spl, Dobson and Sons, very neatly made Crest, well centred, nicely radiated; 2nd, good fronted, even marked, hardly so well filled at sides; 3, Ternent, neat, shapely, shorter feathered green. C.B. (6): 1, spl, Hutchinson, grand shaped variegated, nice width and rise of skull, very densely feathered, good body; 2, Gray, again a varieg., grand shape and width of skull, hardly so dense in feathering; 3, vhc, Taylor, big headed, long feathered cl., not so short and cobby in body; 4, Currah and Sons. BRED 1909 (3): 1, 2, spl, Almond, even marked and green, capital shape and substance, nice width and rise of skull, plenty of dense feather of good quality; 2, Taylor, very shapely, carries a wealth of feather, hardly so wide. SCOTS (6): 1, 4, spl, Little, slashing cl. buff, grand head, neck and shoulders, full of nerve, and uses tail well; 4th, good top-end, not so smart in tail carriage; 2, hc, Harvey, foul headed buff, wonderfully quick and smart, rare shape, not so stout; 3, vhc, Chapman, smart clever pied, rare shape, needs more shoulder. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Wrigglesworth, grand racy cl., splendid shape, feather, and style; 2, Crawhall, beautifully feathered, grand carriage, a shade chesty; 3, Cuthbertson, more length, better shape, but not so tight in front, and would not stand; 4, Stewart; vhc, Grieve. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Wrigglesworth, very shapely, rare style and nerve, splendid wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, a shade stouter in build, but lovely outline and style, close as wax; 3, Crawhall, a grand stamp of bird, beautiful feather, but was a bit out of sorts; 4, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, Stewart. TKD. (5): 1, spl, Chew and Stokoe, varieg. yell., rare shape, length, and style, wonderful nerve and carriage; 2, N.Y.C.C. spl, Crawhall, most charming eye and wing, tkd. buff, of wonderful feather and style; 3, Cuthbertson, very pretty thigh tkd., not quite so lengthy, nice quality; 4, Stewart; vhc, Cockburn. HEN (10): 1, hc, spl, Stewart, very neat wing mkd. buff, rare shape and carriage, beautiful feather; 2, Crawhall, lovely buff, rare feather and shape, but shorter; 3, Chew and Stokoe, long, racy yell., grand head, wings and tail, not so close in front; 4, Bright; vhc, Steele; c, Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, hc, spl, Thompson, very long, slim, racy yell., grand style, rare head, back, and tail; 2, Chew and Stokoe, again a very smart slim yell., not so much length; 3, Stewart, buff of grand shape and feather, but shorter in leg; 4, Kent; vhc, Cuthbertson; c, Bright. NOVICE (21): 1, spl, N.Y.C.C. spl, Johnson, about the best Yorkie in the show, four-pointed yell., a real gem, full of quality, rare length, shape and carriage; 2, Cockburn, four-pointed buff, a really topping bird, and beaten in condition only; 3, Dix, very smart yell., capital shape and feather, but wants handling; 4, Mather, another rattling good buff, rare shape and style, but soiled, and had to suffer; vhc, Davison; hc, Hutler; c, Kent. HEN (11): 1, spl, Tindall, grand shaped yell., rare carriage, feather and col.; 2, Wrigglesworth, very sweet cinn. mkd. yell., lovely feather and col., and as straight as a rush; 3, Cockburn, neck and wing mkd. buff, lovely feather and carriage, shows well; 4, Davidson, cl. yell., wonderful feather and style, grand col., just a shade stouter. LIZARDS (6): 1, spl, 4, Hyslop, Gold and silver, very nicely spangled, good col. and shape; 2, vhc, Jeffrey, very smart broken cap Silver, nice back, full of work; 3, Reid, big bodied Gold, good rowing, loses finish of cap; hc, Thompson. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Little, nice, shapely, good-actioned buff Belg.; 2, Fenwick, yell. cinn. with pied tail. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, spl, Gray; 3, Griffiths; 4, Bentley; vhc, Seely Bros., all Nor., the leader excelling in type and feather. MULES, LIGHT, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, spl, Maddison, eye tkd. buff, lightly varieg. Linnet, and a Greenie-Bullie, three grand birds, full of quality, and all grandly shown; 4, vhc, Graham, good Goldie-Bullie, nice col. and shape; hc, Staig. CAN. DK. (11): 1 spl, 1, 2, hc, spl, Maddison, about the best Redpoll-Canary we have seen, followed by a rare-coloured, high quality jonque Linnet; 3, Johnston, very nicely mkd., close feathered, shapely Siskin of good size; 4, Grieve, nicely mkd., well feathered buff Goldie; vhc, Graham; c, Stone. BRIT. GOLD (7): 1, 4, spl, Maddison, very rich-coloured and grandly feathered, rare bars and buttons; 2, Bertram and Storey, nice showy blaze, good back, bars, and buttons, not in such good fettle; 3, Naylor, very smart, well feathered, not up in col.; vhc, Chassley; hc, Thompson; c, Smith. BULL. (5): 1, spl, Davidson, grand shape and feather, lovely cap and breast; 2, Dixon, rare shape and feather, grand cap, nice back and barn; 3, McVay, very rich-coloured breast, capital back and barn; 4, Busby; vhc, Appleby. GREEN (5): 1, spl, Maddison, romps home, a real beauty, a jonque; 2, Johnson, fine large mealy, capital shape and feather, good col.; 3, McVay, another grand coloured, nice feathered mealy; 4, Telford; vhc, Staig. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Taylor, fine big rich, coloured, well mkd. Siskin; 2, Fenwick, large well mkd., nice steady Redpoll; 3, Armstrong, very large, shapely, well mkd. Siskin; 4, Shepherd and Son; vhc, Watson; hc, Dixon. FINCH, A.O.V. (15): 1, spl, McVay, fine bold Chaffinch, beautifully mkd., rich col. and grand feather; 2, Steele, grandly spangled Bramble of rare shape, size and col.; 3, Waters, large, well mkd., nice coloured Hawfinch; 4, Davidson, another rattling good Bramble; vhc, c, Bertram and Storey; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. LINNET (19): 1, spl, Shepherd and Son, fine big shapely bird of grand feather, beautifully pencilled, nice soft even col.; 2, 3, Dunn, richer in col., grandly mkd., hardly so large or chubby; 4, Maddison, beautiful col. and markings, very shapely, not so steady; vhc, Waters; hc, Watson; c, Thompson. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, 2, spl, Telford, very handsome, well mooned Thrush, beautiful feather and rich col., and a very shapely, deep coloured Blackbird with good bill and cere; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grandly spangled, sleek feathered, lustrous Starling; 4, Atkinson, another nice Blackbird; vhc, Blore; hc, Bell; c, Playford. SMALL S.B. (4): 1, spl, Forster, very handsome drawn Wagtail, lovely feather, very steady; 2, 3, Blackworth, two lovely 'Chats, very steady, and in grand feather; 4, Bertram and Storey. SKYLARK (9): 1, spl, King, grand shape and feather, beautiful col. and marking; 2, Playford, a larger bird, very nice col. and marking, hardly so smart in feather; 3, c, Alloway, rare shape, size and marking, very steady, hardly so rich in col.; 4, Johnson, not so much of him, but what there is is good; vhc, Custard; hc, Telford. FOR. LARGE (5): 1, 2, spl, Mackenzie, very handsome Pennant and King Parrakeets; 3, Miss Dodd, Alexandrine of grand col. and marking; 4, Buglass, fine, large, good coloured Blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, Marley. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Taylor, very handsome Green Tanager, lovely plumage and col.; 2, Woodhouse, violet Tanager, beautifully shown; 3, Mackenzie, good coloured, well mkd. Diamond Sparrow; 4, vhc, Peterson. MEMBERS: This section contained a lot of very choice exhibits, some of which, shown in the open, gave a good account of themselves there. CREST (3): 1, Winter; 2, 3, Duke. HEN (2): 1, Winter; 2, Duke. C.B. (2): 1, Winter; 2, Watson. HEN (2): 1, Winter; 2, Duke. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Thompson; 2, Steele. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Blackburn. TKD. YELL. (1): 1, Thompson. BUFF (1): 1, Blackburn. HEN (6): 1, Hutler; 2, 3, vhc, Thompson; 4, Blackburn; hc, Steele. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, 3, Blackburn. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Telford. A.O.V. S.B. (1): 1, Woodhouse. SKYLARK (3): 1, Telford; 2, 3, Smith. GOLD. (3): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Telford. BULL. (1): 1, Steele. GREEN (1): 1, Telford. LINNET (8): 1, Telford; 2, Mackey; 3, Howden; 4, Thompson; vhc, Winter; hc, Duke. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Steele. A.O.V. FINCH (4): 1, 2, Steele; 3, Woodhouse; 4, Mackey. MULE (2): 1, Steele; 2, Telford. FOR. (1): 1, Woodhouse.

Mr. Dixon's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, spl, Cowling, grand short bodies, neat wings and tail, lovely quality and col.; 3, Hall, good stamp of bird, not so well turned out. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Hermiston, big bold bouncing bird, rare col. and feather; 2, Grey, shorter and neater, good rich col., and lovely quality; 3, Hall, neat head and good neck, capital wings and tail; vhc, Mackey. TKD. (5): 1, 2, spl, Cowling, eye tkd. yell. and varieg. buff, two grand typical birds of lovely quality and style; 3, Hermiston, varieg. buff, capital shape, lovely col. and well mealed; 4, vhc, Hall, thigh tkd. buff, grand quality and feather, longer behind. HEN (4): 1, spl, Grey, eye and wing mkd. yell., a grand stamp of hen, full of quality and rare shape; 2, Seeley Bros., capital shape, lovely rich col., full of quality, and shows well; 3, Cowling, cap and wing buff, neat and shapely, grandly feathered and good col.; 4, Griffiths, grand bodied, well feathered buff. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 3, spl, Hermiston, very neat yell., and a cap and wing mkd. buff, rare shape, beautiful quality and col., shown in rare fettle; 2, Seeley Bros., varieg. yell., full of col. and quality, and good Norwich type; 4, vhc, Cowling, smart, shapely, nice feathered varieg. yell. NOVICE (19): 1, spl, Curry, varieg. yell., rare shape, beautiful even col., grandly feathered; 2, Norman, neat shapely yell., grand col., lovely quality; 3, c, Stephenson, grand shaped buff, capital col. and feather; 4, Marshall, non-fed yell., lovely type, rare quality and style; vhc, Mrs. Willis; hc, Howden. HEN (9): 1, spl, Richardson, grand shape and feather, beautiful col. and style, a real gem; 2, Curry, varieg. yell., short and chubby, rare stamp of a breeding hen; 3, Marshall, yell. of grand feather, col., and style, not so short; 4, Norman, varieg. buff, neat and shapely, grandly feathered; vhc, Coltman; hc, c, Murrell. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, spl, Dormer, grand shape, beautiful rich sound col., rare quality of feather; 3, Bentley, plenty of size, good col., not so tight. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Bentley, fine big good bird, rare shape, lovely col. and quality; 2, Fairbairn, very neat, rare col. and feather, and very showy; 3, Dormer, hardly so much col., but a rare good bird for shape and feather. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, Grilliths, clinking good yell., lovely quality, rare depth of col., and grand shape; 2, Fairbairn, another lovely yell., which must have pressed very hard; 3, Winter, bit yell., rare col., not so neat in shape; 4, vhc, Dormer, much neater, lovely depth and soundness of col., wonderful quality; hc, Bentley. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Gilchrist, neat, showy little cl., slim and stylish, feather like wax; 2, hc, Whittaker, varieg., rare type, lovely feather and carriage; 3, Armstrong, sweet little cl., a real rare gem that we liked immensely; 4, Hopper Bros., lovely feathered cl., just a shade stouter, but grand style; vhc, Bennett; c, Hawkins. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Gilchrist, cl., wonderful stylo and feather, grand shape; 2, Gardener, cl., sweet body and feather, rare carriage, hardly so neat in head; 3, Hopper Bros., shapely and stylish, a good Border, not quite so well put down; 4, Bennett, very smart cheek tkd., rare feather and carriage, capital type; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Chapman; c, Whittaker. HEN (10): 1, spl, Gilchrist, lovely cl. buff, full of quality and style, grandly cut away; 2, Currah and Sons, sweet five-pointed yell., grand shape, feather, and carriage; 3, Johnson, a green, and a real good one too, full of quality and style; 4, Hawkins, sweet little buff, neat feather and grand carriage; vhc, Chapman; hc, Bennett; c, Hopper Bros. BRED 1909 (10): 1, spl, Currah and Sons, charming yell., neat, natty and stylish in every way; 2, Gilchrist, eye and wing mkd. yell., smart and stylish, full of quality; 3, Waugh, lovely green, rich col., rare shape and feather; 4, Chapman, grand shaped, well feathered yell; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Johnston; c, Watson. NOVICE (9): 1, spl, Waugh, green, 3rd in last class; 2, Watson, rare grand buff, full of quality and style; 3, Reed, eye, wing, and tail mkd. yell., wonderful nerve and style, grand shape; 4, Montgomery, neat, shapely green; vhc, Walker; hc, Barrass; c, Coates. HEN (9): 1, spl, Smith, lovely little buff, stands well, and is beautifully feathered; 2, Walker, a yell, which was singing loudly when we saw it; 3, Watson, cheek mkd. yell., capital shape and carriage, and full of quality; 4, Montgomery, lovely little green, capital col., and rare style; vhc, Reed; hc, Thompson; c, Peel. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Thompson; 2, 4, Watson; 3, vhc, Murrell. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Winter; 2, hc, Murrell; 3, vhc, c, Richardson; 4, Thompson. YELL. TKD. (4): 1, 4, spl, Richardson; 2, Howden; 3, Winter. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Murrell; 4, Richardson; hc, Watson. HEN (10): 1, 4, vhc, hc, spl, Murrell; 2, Thompson; 3, Winter; c, Howden. NOVICE (7): 1, 3, hc, spl, Howden; 2, 4, c, Coltman; vhc, Bulloch. BORD: Mr. Duke won in each class. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Winter; 2, Duke.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN.

The Edinburgh Southern O.S. held their 18th annual show and competition in the Central Halls, Nicolson Street, on October 30th. Office bearers: President, Mr. J. Clark; vice-president, Mr. Baxter; secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Hewitt; committee, Messrs. R. Martin, R. Stirling, and W. Thomson. Judges, Messrs. J. Cook (Cowdenbeath) and C. Miller (Leith). There was a fine muster of Norwich and Borders. The Scotch Fancy classes were back in numbers from last year, a good many of the members having had bad luck during the season; and owing to the extremely cold weather not a few were afraid to send their birds. But what was lacking in numbers was fully made up for in quality. Mr. Hewitt and his committee had made ample arrangements for a successful show, and they are deserving of much praise for the grand effort. In the Scotch Fancy section Mr. R. Menzies won the cup and gold badge with a buff pied hen of exceptional merit. Mr. J. Robertson's yellow pied ben was the runner-up. In the Norwich section Mr. R. Martin won the gold medal for best, with a clear buff cock, a fine model. Hyde's special was also won by Mr. Martin. There was a fair turn out of visitors and fanciers. The awards seemed to give all-round satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (1): 1, Thomson, nice size shoulders and head, good droop and pose, tail nicely under. YELL. PIED (3): 1, spl, Trotter, nice pose, grand top end, fine depth through, good length of wing; 2, 3, spl, Mills, 2nd hard on 1st, fine reach and droop, 3rd splendid size and depth through. YELL. FOUL (2): 1, Trotter, nice length of wing, fine top end, grand drive, in rare condition; 2, spl, Mills, good size and top end, grand droop and pose, tail nicely to spar. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Farquhar, rare size and pose, fine top end, determined drive, fine feather; 2, Ross, grand size, shade slow to 1st, good top end, will improve; 3, spl, Mills, nice shapely bird, good type. BUFF PIED (1): 1, Ross, good top end and reach, nice depth through. BUFF FOUL: No entry. BUFF GREEN (2): 1, Menzies, fine head, good long neck and substance, excellent drive; 2, Ross, neat head and droop, fine depth through, nice long wings, neatly placed. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Robertson, nice shape and substance, good size and drive. YELL. PIED (9): 1, spl, Robertson, fine head and neck, good shoulders, nicely filled in, grand back, smart shape, wings and tail; 2, Hyde's special, Thomson, excellent pose, good wings and tail, fine worker; 3, spl, 4, Drysdale. 3rd very smart, neat shape and pose, 4th plenty of size and depth through; vhc, Trotter; hc, Ross; c, Mills. YELL. GREEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Trotter, 1st nice size, neat head, good length of tail, wings nicely laid on, 2nd fails only in weight to first, 4th plenty of size, and sweet. BUFF HEN (6): 1, 3, Trotter, 1st nice hen, fine head, good length of neck, well set on, good shoulders, nice depth, 3rd grand style, neat head and neck; 2, Ross, fine reach and style, nice length of wing and tail; 4, Hyde's spl, Menzies, nice pose, good head and droop; vhc, Farquhar. BUFF PIED (6): 1, two spls, Menzies, grand shoulders, well filled in, splendid depth through, model, cup winner, best in S.F. section, and gold badge; 2, Farquhar, very good 2nd, fine reach and pose, plenty of nerve, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, Ross, 3rd fine reach, neat head, well down, good pose, 4th should improve. BUFF FOUL (2): 1, Mills, good reach and top end, nice length of wing and tail, well to spar; 2, Ross, grand substance, good bird. BUFF GREEN (4): 1, Ross, grand reach and droop, nice size, fine pose, hard up, tail nicely to spar; 2, Burnett, good reach and droop, shade slow to 1st; 3, spl, 4, Menzies, 3rd nice size, 4th very neat. BELGIANS: No entry. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, spl, 4, 5, spl, Martin, 1st cl., grand col., nice texture of feather, neat short wings, good front and carriage, 2nd cl., model for col. and quality, grand Crest, neat head, 3rd nice level col., good quality, 4th fuller in head, grand col., BUFF: 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, R. Martin, cl., best in varieg. section, 1st lovely texture of feather, nice short wings, smart shape, good front and carriage, full of quality, 3rd close and silky in feather, neat shape, 4th nice wing and tail, good bird; 2, spl, hc, A. Thomson, cl., nice col. and style, grand feather. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, A. Thomson, 1st cl., grand size and substance, nice quality, smart shape, nice front; 3, nice quality of feather; 2, Connall, cl., stylish, good shape, neat wings and tail, clean waist; 4, Martin, shade open in feather, good shape. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Martin, 1st cl., nice col., fine style and feather, good chest, 2nd also very good one, 4th nice shape and feather, good back; 3, spl, vhc, W. Thomson; 5, A. Thomson. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, W. Thomson, eye and wing markings, grand col. and feather, good front, shape and substance; 2, 3, A. Thomson, 2nd green yell., gem for col. and quality, nice chest and head, neat wings, 3rd yell. varieg., good shape and quality of feather. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Martin, 1st var., grand style, fine quality of feather, good chest, neat head, nice wings, 2nd nice cobby back, col. and shape; 3, Connall, varieg., close and silky in feather, neat shape; 4, hc, W. Thomson, 4th nice chest, fuller head, grand col. and feather; vhc, Meikle. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 5, W. Thomson, 1st varieg., nice style and shape, neat wings and tail, good quality feather, nice carriage; 2, hc, Martin, varieg. hen, excellent quality, presses hard on 1st; 3, 4, Meikle, both Cinn., nice style. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, Martin, wing and head markings, grand shape and quality, 3rd wing tkd., gem for shape and quality, 4th good thick shape; 2, W. Thomson, varieg. Cinn., nice quality, shape and feather; vhc, A. Thomson; hc, Connall. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, spl, 4, hc, Farquhar, 1st cl., gem for shape, quality and style, very silky feather, jaunty carriage, 4th cl., nice col., good style, grand feather; 2, spl, 3, spl, Baxter, 2nd tkd., lovely feather, 3rd nice quality and feather; vhc, Menzies. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Baxter, cl., model, grand quality, neat shape, nice feather, full of style, 3rd good one, too; 2, spl, hc, Farquhar, splendid shape, wings and tail, fine feather and quality. YELL. HEN (8): 1, hc, Baxter, 1st wing tkd., grand shape and quality of feather, neat head, fine jaunty carriage; 2, 3, vhc, Farquhar, 2nd tkd. on head, a gem for quality and style, 3rd cl., grand shape and style, nice feather; 4, Mills, cl., nice carriage. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Baxter, tkd. on wings, rare shape, quality and style, nice silky feather, neat, jaunty carriage; 2, 4, Stirling, 2nd cl., smart finish and carriage, 4th nice col. and style, good carriage; 3, Mills, cl., nice quality all-round. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Baxter, varieg., nicely braced up wings, very neat and natty, nice smooth feather; 2, W. Thomson, varieg., neat head, fine front, good back and style (only two birds staged). BUFF (7): 1, 2, Baxter, 1st head and wing markings, nicely moulded, well tapered, beautifully staged, 2nd eye and wing mkd. buff, tight as wax; 3, spl, 4, W. Thomson, 3rd eye and wing markings, 4th nice varieg. green. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, spl., 2, spl., 4 spl., W. Thomson, all Green Linnet-Mules, 1st nice size and shape, grand feather, 2nd tight in feather, nice size and style, 4th lovely feather and shape; 3, vhc, A. Thomson, grey Linnet-Mule, good shape, col., and feather. BREEDING FINCH (8): 1, spl, 3, spl, 4, Baxter, 1st Goldfinch, nice rich blaze, good body shape, moons and bars, grand tanning, 3rd Greenfinch, fine size, rare head, shade dark, nice feather, 4th Goldfinch, good moons and bars, neat shape; 2, spl, Meikle, Greenfinch, typical Finch, lovely sheen and condition, excellent head; vhc, Menzies.

CHATHAM.

Annual show of the Chatham F.A. (open to all within a radius of six miles) was held recently, when Mr. A. E. Enfield judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

NOR., COL.-FED (2): 1 and cup, J. Smith; 2, Lancaster. NON-FED (3): 1, 2, J. Smith; 3, Wickham. NOR. (12): 1, spl., 2, vhc, Wade; 3, Gooding; 4, W. Smith; vhc, Brumhill (3), Lancaster. YORKS. (3): 1, Gooding; 2, 3, Hinkley. A.O.V. (5): 1, Bray; 2, Plewis; 3, Perkins; 4, Hall. MULE (2): 1, spl., Wickham; 2, J. Smith. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Wickham; 3, Clayton. FINCH (5): 1, spl., 3, Wickham; 2, spl, vhc, J. Smith; 4, spl., Sutton. FOR. (3): 1, spl., Ditch; 2, 3, Sutton. FINCH (4): 1, Brumhill; 2, Pankhurst; 3, 4, J. Smith. LINNET (3): 1, Hinkley; 2, Pankhurst; 3, Pynn. MULE (3): 1, W. Smith; 2, Hinkley; 3, Pankhurst. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Wade; 3, Kimber; 4, Drowley.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' Show, held in the Baptist School, October 30th. 106 Birds faced Mr. J. Wilman, who placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Briggs and Jagger; 2, Thomas; 3, Lumb; 4, S. Jagger; vbc, c, Kirk; hc, Alderson. BUFF: 1, Fowle; 2, Grundy; 3, Myers; 4, Briggs and Jagger; vhc, Hartley; hc, Myers; c, Kirk. TKD. YELL.: 1, Kirk; 2, Kirkbright Bros.; 3, Hartley; 4, S. Jagger; vhc, Myers; bc, Dawson; c, Pratt Bros. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, Jowett; 3, Lumb; 4, Fowle; vhc, Kirk; hc, Hartley. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Kirk; 2, Brook. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Smith; 3, vbc, hc, c, J. Thomas; 4, Lumb. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Kirk; 2, 3, Lumb; 4, J. McDonald; vhc, J. Thomas; c, Craven. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Kirk; 3, Smith; 4, Brook; vhc, Hartley; hc, Jowett. TKD. YELL.: 1, c, Thomas; 2, Smith; 3, Kirk; 4, Myers; vhc, Alderson; bc, Briggs and Jagger. BUFF: 1, Kirk; 2, Lumb; 3, vhc, hc, Smith; 4, Thomas; c, Kirkbright Bros. UNEVEN., ETC. YELL.: 1, Lumb; 2, vhc, Fowle; 3, c, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Stocks and Fowle; hc, Grundy. UNEVEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, A. Craven; 3, Lumb; 4, Fowle; vhc, Pratt Bros.; hc, Smith; c, Kirk.

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HUCKNALL TORKARD.

The 16th Annual Exhibition was held in the Public Hall, on October 29th and 30th, and proved one of the best shows held in Hucknall for years past. Crests were a feature of the show, many champions being out, and consequently the quality of the exhibits was grand. The Norwich Plainheads were also quite a show in themselves; many grand birds were only carded, so competition was keen. Mr. W. R. Nutt's ticked buff (Burton winner), again stood out in the unlighted buff class. The Yorkshire classes did not fill to expectations, but the winning yellow was worthy of special note. Mr. Thorpe was unfortunate in having a buff in the yell. class, as he might have won in the buff. The Mules and Brit. were a fair lot. In the Softbill class it was noteworthy that a splendid Yellowhammer, staged in very nice style by Messrs. Tams and Sons, won. The selling classes contained some very cheap birds, both in Crest and Norwich Plainheads. Messrs. E. Mellers and H. Marshall, the joint secretaries, are to be congratulated, not only on the success of the show, but on their capable management, and the staging of the exhibits. We found every official most willing and obliging, and a hard-working committee consisted of Messrs. Jacklin Bros., H. Marshall, E. Pass, Severn Bros., A. Brown, A. Mason, J. Fnux, Twine Bros., J. Pepper, J. Richardson, H. Bruckner, F. Earp, J. Oakden, J. Gilbert, J. Nickolls, W. Wagg, W. Whyatt, etc. We think this society would be well advised to advertise their show a little more locally, as no one seemed to know there was to be a show, and our reporter was over an hour finding same. Mr. E. Fox won Sandiford's cup with a fine exhibit, Mr. James Wyatt the special for best Crest shown by a member, and Mr. J. Jacklin that for best unlighted Crest. Mr. E. Pass had a very fine show of cages, and appliances suitable for the Fancy, and business seemed brisk. Mr. R. Rhodes judged Crest and C.B., and Mr. W. Vardy the other classes, and their awards met with every satisfaction.

The Norwich Plainhead Classes.

NOR. NAT. COL., YELL. (4): 1, Richardson, stylish variegated, fine size, good shape and head, neat wings and tail, nice condition; 2, Jacklin, cl., capital col. and shape, nice quality, good wings and head, A1 bloom; 3, Martin, lovely shaped cl., good, level col.; vhc, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, Draper, beautiful col. cl., rare shape and substance, neat head, good carriage; 2, vhc, Pepper, cl. capital col. and shape, grand wings and tail; 3, Butler, cl., very smart and stylish, neat head and wings; hc, Martin. UNFLIG. YELL. (FED) (16): 1, Olton, cl., fine size, capital shape, nicely rounded chest, level back, good col. and quality, in A1 form; 2, Adnitt and Driver, stylish eye and head mkd., gem for shape, quality of feather and finish, splendid col. and condition; 3, Shape, cl., hot one for col., well chested, grand quality, neat wings; vhc, Hunt, mkd. head and wings, nice size, capital col. and shape; he, Severn Bros., capital col. and form; c, Simpson. BUFF (24): 1, Nutt, Burton winner, grand shape and size, neat wings and tail, rare head, back and neck, again in the pink; 2, Olton, cl. very short and typical, nice head, good col., also A1 form; 3, Smedley, mkd. both wings, good shape and col., capital head, neck and wings, nicely frosted; vhc, Ball, stylish eye and wing mkd., rare shape and style; hc, Baker; c, Fox; wrong class, Hathaway. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Nutt, grand shape and substance, splendid rich col., rare head and neck; 2, Pepper, beautiful col. and quality, capital head, neat wings, splendid feather, shade long in tail; 3, Smedley, nice, short wings and tail, rich col., grand carriage, good head; vhc, Severn Bros., very neat and stylish, nice col.; hc, Hill; c, Twine. BUFF (6): 1, Wagg, cl., splendid shape and size, nice head, very short and chubby, rich col.; 2, 3, Severn Bros., cl., good head, compact wings and tail, splendid even col., in A1 form; 3, very typical and stylish, nice wings and tail; vhc, Hill; hc, Mrs. Peach; c, Winterbottom. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, hc, Fox, variegated, magnificent shape and substance, nicely rounded chest, short neck, wings and tail, good head, splendid col. and quality; 2, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. tail, nice shape, splendid quality, lovely col., neat, short tail and wings; 3, Mrs. Peach, thigh tkd., capital shape, grand quality and feather, splendid col.; vhc, Adnitt and Driver, also very good shape, and full of quality; hc, Fox, and Sandiford's cup, cobby shape, splendid col., well fed. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Fox, head, neck and wing mkd., magnificent feather, close and of good quality, splendid shape, nice tail and flights, 3rd another clinking cl., fine size and shape, nice col., full of quality; 2, vhc, Severn Bros., eye and wing mkd., nice shape, lovely quality of feather, good head and neck, splendid carriage, latter stylish eye and wing mkd.; hc, Marshall; c, Adnitt and Driver, YELL. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Adnitt and Driver, cl., nice shape, good col., and feather, quality of the best, but shade on small side, and very wild at times; 2, Fox, capital shape and size, nice col. and finish, short, well carried wings, one of the best; 3, Smith, cl., nice shape, well cut away behind, splendid feather and quality, shade longer in tail; hc, Mrs. Peach; c, Dallman and Sons. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Fox, cl., regular stormer, magnificent shape, rare size, beautiful quality of feather, nice col., and finish; 2, Twine, smart variegated, well shaped body, splendid col., good wings and tail; 3, Adnitt and Driver, head, wings and cheek mkd., lovely quality of feather, nice shape, good head and neck; vhc, Smedley, cheek mkd., nice shape, good head; hc, Severn; c, Hunt. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, Shape, heavy variegated, good size and shape, splendid head and neck, grand col.; 2, Adnitt and Driver, nice shaped variegated, short, deep body, neat, lovely feather; 3, Hathaway, heavy variegated, nice shape, well cut away behind, neat quality; vhc, Hunt; hc, c, Severn Bros.

Champion Crest Classes.

YELL. CREST (7): 1, Norwood Bros., nearly green, grand crest of good size, droop and radiation, grand centre, wins well; 2, Faux, heavy variegated, nice droop and back crest, with good spread and frontal; 3, Twine, variegated, nice crest, neat centre, good droop, capital body; vhc, Gilbert, neat centre, beaten in size; hc, Mellors; c, Bowers. BUFF (10): 1, Brown, even wing mkd., dark Crest, magnificent frontal, rare width, coming well to end of beak, well filled sides and beautiful droop; 2, Norwood Bros., cl. body, D.C., nice round crest, with good spread and width of frontal, splendid body; 3, Wiggington; splendid wing mkd. heavy dipping crest; sides well filled in, nice centre; vhc, Burrows, nice; hc, Whyatt; c, Richardson. LIGHT OR GRIZ. (8): 1, Bowers, cl., bodied griz., large and massive, good sized crest, splendid formation and droop, faultless condition; 2, Brown, also cl., grand size, splendid shape, neat centre, dense, good droop; 3, Shaw and Booth, massive build, centre of crest not quite so well filled, although neat; vhc, Jacklin, shapely body, good crest; hc, Austin; c, Sims and Clayton. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Goode, wing mkd. dark, crest of splendid size, good formation, very neat, excellent droop; 2, Jacklin, also wing mkd., good frontal, excellent formation and droop, hardly ready; 3, Cowpertwaite, beautiful shaped Crest, round and neat, nice quality, good droop; vhc, Gilbart, nice shape, good droop; hc, Shaw and Booth; c, Burrows. UNFLIG. C.B. (12): 1, Jacklin, variegated, yell., excellent head, splendid shape, good eyelash, nice feather; 2, Shaw and Booth, yell., nearly green, very massive, splendid body and head, good feather; 3, Burrows, head and wing mkd, buff, good, bold head, good rise in skull, excellent lash; vhc, Twine, charming green; hc, Baker, massive; c, Austin. YELL. C.B. (Any Age) (5): 1, Seagrave and Miller, neck mkd., very massive, good shape, good rise in skull, nice quality of feather; 2, Jacklin, variegated, splendid head, good length of feather, must have pressed hard; 3, Bowers, cl., excellent shape, good feather; nice skull; vhc, Norwood Bros., splendid body, shapely head; hc, Marshall. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Richards, neck and wing mkd., grand size and substance, nice, deep chest, good back, splendid skull; 2, Nuttall Bros., stylish green, massive head, well-rounded body, grand length of feather; 3, vhc, c, Norwood Bros., brace of splendid greens, grand size and substance, rare quality of feather, hardly ready; hc, Simpson. C.B. YELL. HEN: only one entry: 3, Marshall, very massive yell. variegated, capital size and shape, worthy of more competition. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Norwood Bros., variegated, rare size and substance, champion for shape, and rare wide skull, wins; 2, Bowers, variegated, capital size and shape, rare quality of feather, grand skull; 3, Doxey, saddle mkd., good one for size, rare head and lash; vhc, Wiggington, good size and shape, capital feather; hc, Mellors; c, Sims and Clayton. CREST, HENS (6): 1, Baker, variegated, rare size, grand formation, well centred, rich quality of feather, nice width; 2, Bowers, good yell. green, capital crest; 3, Wiggington, splendid wing mkd. D.C., capital size, nice shape; vhc, c, Davis, nice pair; hc, Seagrave and Miller. STOCK PAIRS (11): 1, Norwood Bros., grand pair, C.B. cock, Crest hen, plenty of feather, nice size; 2, 3, Cowpertwaite, green Crest cock, nice size and formation, and cl. C.B. hen, very neat, good feather, 3rd also very nice pair; vhc, Goode; hc, Riley; c, Jacklin.

The Remaining Classes.

NOR. PL. HD. STOCK PAIR (7): 1, hc, Severn Bros., neat cl., yell, ck., eye and wing mkd. hen; nice size and shape, good pair; 2, Adnitt and Driver, capital pair; cl., yell. cock and eye mkd. hen, good size, smart col., and carriage; 3, Sharp, neat pair, both splendid size and shape, in grand feather; vhc, Pepper; c, C. and H. Twiue. HYB. (4): 1, Caunt, Goldie-Bullie, splendid size and shape, capital col., in A1 form; 2, Tams and Sons, Goldie-Can, cl., neat shape and size, excellent col., and condition; 3, Wagg, dark Gold.-Can, good col., nice shape and size; vhc, Norwood. HARDBILL: 1, Tams and Sons, very fine Yellowhammer, splendid col. and condition, nice cheek markings; 2, Miller, fine sized Bullfinch, good shape, col. and cap; 3, Sparkes, Bramblefinch, good size, shape and col., very fine spangled; vhc, Caunt, Cornbunting, nice shape, capital feather; hc, Wagg; c, Gamble. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Milne, Nightingale, in perfect feather, good size, splendid col., 2, Wren, good col., grand markings; 3, vhc, hc, Wragg, also very fine Nightingale, in perfect feather; good size and shape. YORKS. YELL (13): 1, Simpson, cl., nice length, shape, col., and style, feather like wax; 2, 3, c, White, leader stylish Green, splendid length and position, capital col., stands well, latter neat el., grand head, stylish; vhc, Thorpe, el., nice style and position; hc, Linsday; wrong class, Thorpe, capital buff. BUFF (5): 1, White, head tkd., splendid style and position, nice length and condition, good legs; 2, Lindsey, eye and wing mkd., charming col., grand length and quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Wall, mkd. left check, nice shape, good length, and quality, hardly such good wing carriage; vhc, hc, Clark. SELL. (30/-) (11): 1, Cowpertwaite, green Crest, nice size and shape; 2, Smith, very smart pair Nor. Plainheads; 3, Mason, good pair, mated for Crest breeding; vhc, Jacklin; hc, c, Jacklin; c, Richardson. CREST £1 (7): 1, Seagrave and Miller, very cheap green, capital crest; 2, Gilbert, variegated, plenty of feather; 3, Wiggington, good crest and feather; vhc, Jacklin; hc, Davis; c, Shaw and Booth. C.B. 15/- (11): 1, Mellors, variegated, yell., nice size and formation; 2, Hases, variegated, buff, good shape, capital feather; 3, Jacklin, variegated, yell., good head; vhc, c, Marsball; hc, Richardson. NOR., 12/6 (15): 1, Dallman and Sons, really good wing and neck mkd. buff; 2, Mason, buff, nice size and shape; 3, Brown, also very cheap buff; vhc, Severn Bros.; hc, Draper; c, Faux.

HERNE BAY.

The Herne Bay F. and F.S. held their 18th annual show on October 28. The cage birds were well staged in a fine room, well lighted and free from draughts. The entries came up well. Norwich were very strong, several birds being fit for the best of competition. Mr. W. A. Holness held the secretarial reins in a most able manner, backed up by a hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. Blackwell, A. Carter, G. Mason, Hudson Bros., E. Horn, Blackwell, jun., F. Telfer, and H. E. Epps. Mr. F. J. Gibbs judged, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. COL. FED (10): 1, Kew, three-pointed buff, fine size, best of quality, extra shape, a gem; 2, vhc, Taylor, former cl. buff, fine shape and quality; 3, Castle, cl. yell. unflig., wonderful quality and col., grand one, full of promise; 4, Hand, fine cl. yell., best of quality, will improve; hc, Cook; c, Brown. HENS (8): 1, Mrs. Elliott, fine substance for a yell., good bead; 2, Hand, lovely col. and quality, honny hen, some thought should have won; 3, vhc, Holness, leader nice buff, grand front, nice col.; 4, Taylor, shapely buff, right stamp; hc, c, Brown. CK. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Holness, grand cl. yell., best of shape, grand head, fine quality, real good one; 2, Mrs. Elliott, another bird of wonderful shape, good head; 3, Thompson, grand quality; 4, Flint. HEN (8): 1, 2, Elliott, two good exhibits, well up in size, nice quality, two bouney ladies; 3, Holness, beautiful type, nice short wings and tail; vhc, Horne; hc, Telfer; c, Epps. LOCAL NOR. (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, Holness, grand team, all of the right type and quality; vhc, Hand; hc, Flint; c, Rollington. YELL. CK. NAT. COL. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Williams, former fine size, good natural col.; 2, Rollington, grand shape, nice quality, not as well shown as might be, or might have won; 3, Fox, very neat; c, Holness. BUFF (7): 1, 2, hc, c, Williams, real good lot of birds, two former having best of quality and size; 3, Holness, another big one, grand shape, fine head; vhc, Flint. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 3, Williams, splendid quality and size; 2, Holness, grand size, fine quality and shape; 4, vhc, Epps; hc, Rollington; c, Carter. HEN: 1, Williams, tkd. wing buff, good quality and correct shape; 2, Williams, another bird with grand Nor. properties; 3, Epps, nice quality, trifle long; vhc, Horne, hc, Holness. CRESTS (9): 1, Carter, variegated, good round daisy crest, fine radiation and droop; 2, Epps, very neat Crest, good back and centre; 3, Eagleton, nice Crest; vhc, Epps; hc, c, Flint. BORD.: Dr. Bowes was the only exhibitor, but a really fine lot were on view, and quite the feature of the show; many have won in the keenest competition. PAIRS: 1, Hand, magnificent pair of Nor., well matched; 2, Bowes, natty little pair of Bor.; 3, Holness, another pair of Nor., nice quality; 4, Eagleton, Crests, fine pair; vhc, Holness.

ARBROATH.

The Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.C. held their fifth annual show within the White Hart Hall, on 30th Oct., and, so far as number of entries is concerned, it must be written down as a disappointment. A total entry of a little under 200 is a very poor return for the labour ungrudgingly given by the executive, and as Arbroath is on the main line there is no reason why they should not get better support. Might we suggest that, next year, the show be advertised more fully and to better advantage in CAGE BIRDS, and the supply of prize lists (schedules) be greatly increased? Two classes had to be cancelled in the Scotch Fancy Section, and in the remaining eight classes 40 exhibits had to be handled by the judge, Mr. A. Stewart, who, naturally, got through his task in good time. The Norwich section turned out better, averaging nine per class over the twelve classes, some birds of real merit being forward in this section. The Open Top Cage is the one most favoured here, and we venture to think that if the fanciers would stage their exhibits in the Club Plainhead Cage they would find it do away with that great fault in a Plainhead—crossed wings. Six classes were introduced for Border Fancy Canaries, and entries averaged four per class, Mr. J. Greig (Brechin) having a fine team forward which accounted for most of the spoil. Two classes in the British section, and the Foreign class, were cancelled for lack of support. The remaining classes for British and Mules averaged six per class, and gave the judge, Mr. W. Sharp, very little trouble. The arrangements, which were in the capable hands of Mr. J. S. Napier, the secretary, and his willing band of assistants, left nothing to be desired, and we were pleased to notice that the show was well patronised during the day. The judges were: Scotch Fancy Canaries, Mr. A. Stewart (Dundee); Norwich and Border Fancies, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh); British and Mules, Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate).

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY—CL., ETC., FOUL YELL. CK. (5): 1, 5, Carmyllie, leader bird of grand substance, splendid drive, good shoulders; 2, 4, Keill, fine head and neck, again grand substance, fine reach and action; 3, Ross, clean built, nice action. HEN (6): 1, Keill, fine nervy bird, rare size and depth, decided drive; 2, Curtiss, well set up hen, fine top end, good drive; 3, Carmyllie, fine length of wing, well up on legs; 4, Merrilees; 5, 6, Ross. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 2, Curtiss, rare size and top end, splendid reach, useful pair; 3, Black, nice stamp, good position, works freely; 4, Carmyllie. HEN (6): 1, 3, Keill, leader a hen of fine substance and quality, nicely moulded head, grand depth of chest; 3, nice stamp, fine substance and nerve; 2, Thoms, fine reachy head, good drive, well up on legs; 4, Curtiss; 5, Merrilees; 6, Wilson and Campbell. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Saddler, nicely got up, and gets quick into position, nice drive; 2, Black, fine stamp and action, good top end; 3, Carmyllie, fine depth of shoulder, decided droop; 4th Thoms; 5, Merrilees. HEN: cancelled. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Merrilees, well up in size and depth of chest, full of action, rare drive; 2, 3, 4, Black, a trio of typical fancies, lacking a wee bit in size to winner, fine droop; 5, Thoms; 6, Saddler. HEN (4): 1, Merrilees, well set up hen, neat head, long, reachy neck, drives well; 2, Thoms, fine length of wing, nice action and reach; 3, Carmyllie, fine nerve and action, works well; 4, Black. SELL. CK. (4): 1, Thoms; 2, Keill; 3, Merrilees; 4, Wilson and Campbell. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Mitchell, leader City of Glasgow winner, in grand condition, lovely quality of feather, rich col., fine substance of body; 2, Lyall, true Norwich type, short wings, and tail; 3, Kerr, grand type, nice round head; 5, Kemlo; 6, Cable. HEN (5): 1, Grewer, nicely moulded front, round head, beautiful quality and col.; 2, Sandison, grand substance of body, good quality, carries tail a trifle loose; 3, Taylor, nice round head, fine quality, loses only in substance; 4, Gillies. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Cable, rare type and quality, nicely rounded front, well cut away, short wings and tail; 2, Hampton, splendid size and type, rich col.; 3, Christison, fine quality feather; 4, Kydd; 5, Fairweather; No. 2, w.c. HEN (9): 1, Cable, nicely moulded hen, rare quality, rich in mealing, fine col.; 2, Marr, splendid type, grand frontal, bold head; 3, Howie, rare quality hen, lovely mealing; 4, Milne; 5, Marr; 6, Grewer. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Howie, grand size and col., nice quality of feather; 2, Grewer, rare quality bird, wing feathers hardly down yet; 3, Harris, fine quality, good bird; 4, Watt; 5, Kerr. BUFF (11): 1, Kerr, short and cobby body, sweetly rounded head, rare quality and finish; 2, Howie, grand stamp, deep, nicely rounded chest, rare col.; 3, Kemlo, fine quality and very typical; 4, Sandison; 5, Grewer; 6, Pirie. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Mitchell, nicely moulded front and back, good wing carriage, fine quality; 2, Sandison, nice, bold type, neat head, a wee bit rough at throat; 3, Harris, grand quality hen, failing only in substance to leaders; 4, Marr. BUFF (7): 1, Grewer, rare stamp, short and cobby, bold front, and well carried wings, nicely rounded head, wins easily; 2, Howie, nice type, good quality of feather, finely mealed; 3, Mitchell, plenty of size and col., longer feather; 4th Myles; 5, Ritchie; 6, Steven. SELL. CK. (11): 1, Watt; 2, Marr; 3, Gillies; 4, no name; 5, Mollison; 6, Skinner. HEN (10): 1, Smith; 2, Grewer; 3, Kemlo; 4, Smith; 5, Marr; 6, Lyall; 7, Mitchell. NON-FED CK. (11): 1, Porter, cl. yell., rare substance of body, nice, short wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Howie, cl. buff, rare type, fine, bold chest, well packed wings, inclined to brow a little; 3, Harris, yell. green, nice type, good, sound col., and markings; 4, Grewer; 5, 6, Marr. HEN (12): 1, 3, Lyall, leader yell.-green, finely rounded chest, clean cut underneath, fine level col., sweetly rounded head; 3, yell. variegated, and a good one, beautiful quality, fine type, wings not down yet, will be heard of later; 2, Marr, well-known exhibit, rare substance of body, fine wing carriage, a wee bit weak on head; 4th Kerr; 5th Sandison; 6, Howie. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Campbell, very typical, neat head, beautiful quality and condition; 2, Duff, nice type, well packed wings; 3, Craig, good type, splendid condition, crosses wings a trifle; 4, Napier. HEN (3): 1, Craig, sweet little Border, all there for type and quality, well staged; 2, Hampton, very typical, neat head and wings; 3, Napier, fails only in finish, good one. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Craig, fine model, well packed wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Lyall, nice type and quality; 3, Hampton, good quality Border, built on fine lines, presses hard; 4, Ritchie. HEN (3): 1, Craig, again leading, with a very typical specimen, staged to perfection; 2, Lyall, nice type, failing in quality and condition; 3, Rae, nice type, bad condition. SELL. CKS.: 1, Craig; 2, Christian; 3, Rae; 4, Campbell; HEN (4): 1, Craig; 2, Watson; 3, Duff; 4, Christison. BRIT. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Strachan, fine size and col., very steady; 2, Dalling, nice coloured Greenie, fine round head, beautiful flights; 3, Smith, rather larger than 2nd, good one; 4, Smith; 5, Mair; 6, Low. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Irvine, nicely cut blaze, fine tanning; 2, Combe, nice size and good coloured blaze of good dimensions, well mooned; 3, McArdle and Stewart, likely bird, not yet ready; 4, Anderson. LINNET (8): 1, Smith, good, sound col., and pencillings, very steady; 2, Mair, follows well, nice type and col.; 3, McArdle and Stewart, grand size; 4, Farquhar; 5, Smith; 6, Crockett. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Dalling, rich body col., dense cap, clean cut, rare condition, wins; 2, Chalmers, larger than winner, good cap; 3, Mair, nice stamp, pale in col. yet. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Dalling, Siskin, nice size and lacing, good cap and bib, well staged; 2, McArdle and Stewart, Twite, good sound col. and markings, wee bit unsteady; 3, Irvine, Siskin; 4, Barry; 5, Crockett; 6, Smith. A.O.V. H. BILL: Cancelled. SOFTBILL AND FOR. also cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Milne, Linnet-Canary Mule, rare size and col., put down in good order; 2, 4, Hendry, leader Goldie-Bullie, nice col.; 3, Watson, Goldie-Can., fine size and sol., very steady. SELL., BRIT. OR MULE (6): 1, 3, Watson; 2, Strachan; 4, Dalling; 5, Smith; 6, Crockett.

BONNYRIGG.

The first annual show of the Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S., a newly-formed society, was held in the Public Hall on 30th October. The Society, which is composed mostly of young fanciers, with any amount of enthusiasm, put forth every effort to make their first show a grand success, and no doubt in another year their labours will be more amply rewarded. The Scotch Fancy section, although small, contained some really fine birds, and was judged by Mr. John Dalgleish (Leith), whose awards gave satisfaction. The Border Fancy section had a grand total of 108 in the eight classes provided, but the judge, Mr. John Tait (Galashiels) found the hall cold, and had great difficulty in getting the birds to show themselves. In the afternoon, when the hall became warmer, he could have reversed a lot of the cards, especially in the buff cock class, where the medal winner was found. Mr. W. R. Dunn (Portobello) had an easy task in the Norwich, etc., classes, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. The president, Mr. Alex. M'Vie, along with Mr. Geo. Harper, the capital hon. secretary, had everything in apple-pie order when judging commenced. The staging, too, was nicely lined with white cartridge paper, which kept the birds free from draughts and gave the show a nice, clean appearance. At the close, Mr. Jardine, of Loanhead, presented the medals to the respective winners, and in a neat speech complimented the Society on having had such a successful show.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL CK.: 1, Noble, grand all round, good top end, nice mover. HEN: Cancelled. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, sp, 2, 3, Noble, 1st good top end, nice drive and reach, 2nd and 3rd two taking exhibits, 2nd in rare trim, show well, grand depth of body, 3rd shade slimmer built, very stylish; 4, 5, Jardine. BUF HEN: 1, 2, spls, 2, Noble, 1st really grand all-round exhibit, plenty of substance, well packed shoulders, grand drive and top, 2nd nice style and action, good length, finely rounded top; 3, 4, J. Noble, full of life; 5, 6, Jardine. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, M'Vie, pied, good one, shows plenty of style, fine top and drive. HEN: 1, 2, Briggs, 1st nicely made up, good mover, quick in action, very stylish, 2nd good reach and top, fine length of side; 3, 5, Yule, well filled shoulders, grand top end; 4, Noble; 6, M'Vie, BUFF CK.: 1, sp, 4, Noble, 1st pied, good reach and top, nice length of side, rare substance; 2, sp, 5, 6, Allan, 2nd stylish, nice free action, good depth throughout; 3, sp, Noble, grand stamp, well up on end, fine reach. HEN: 1, 5, 6, Allan, 1st lightly made up, good top end, gets tail well under; 2, sp, 4, Noble, in grand trim, fine droop; 3, Noble, good all round, taking bird, stylish. BORD FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, 2, 4, 6, Harper, 1st foul on head, well rounded head, good front and back, 2nd cl., nice feather, well filled back, nice short wings; 3, Bickerstaff, grand type, finely rounded body, good front and tail; 5, Naugh. HEN: 1, Thomson, stylish, neat head, nicely rounded front, good back and wing carriage; 2, Harper, good type and quality, nicely put down; 3, 4, 5, Bickerstaff, well rounded head, takes nice position; 6, Harper. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, B.F.C. medal, 6, Yule, 1st nice type and quality; 2, sp, 3, Thomson, 2nd fine style and quality, good front and tail, 3rd some preferred for premier honours, nicely rounded body, sweet head, good front and back; 4, Noble; 5, Ewing. HEN: 1, Thomson, grand feather, neatly tapered body, nice back, fine wing carriage; 2, Bickerstaff, foul on cheek, nicely made up, good front; 3, Rowe, well rounded body, nice close feather, good tone of colour; 4, Harper; 5, Noble; 6, Yule. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Rowe, 1st eye and wing mkd., lovely feather, nicely rounded front, good back and wing carriage, 2nd grand style and quality; 3, sp, 4, 5, Ewing, 3rd nicely rounded head, good front and tail, in rare bloom; 6, Harper. BUFF: 1, Bickerstaff, grand one for style and feather, nicely rounded front, neat carriage; 2, 3, Harper; 2nd wing mkd., neatly rounded body, close tail, fine quality, 3rd nicely balanced wings, in fine bloom; 4, Thomson; 5, Ewing; 6, Fisher. EVEN MKD.: 1, sp, Harper, lightly mkd. on eyes, well balanced wings, close feather, nicely tapered; 2, Ketchen, well balanced markings, finely drawn body, good front and back; 3, Thomson, heavily wing mkd., grand feather, nice style. GREEN: 1, 2 spls, 2, 6, Thomson, 1st yell. green, grand type, sound body colour, nice pencilling, well staged, buff, heavier built, grand colour and pencilling, nice taper; 3, sp, Bickerstaff, sweet one, nice type, good tone of colour; 4, Ketchen; 5, Fisher. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Ewing, nice head, front and back, good wing carriage. HEN: 1, sp, Ewing, nice type, good back, short wing. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, Noble, variegated, nice col. and quality; 2, Ewing, cl., nice close feather, neat wings; 3, D. Noble, nice round head, good front and back. HEN: 1, no name, grand head, fine wing carriage, in nice order; 2, 3, Ewing, 2nd fine quality feather, good front and wing carriage; 3rd some thought best in class, nice shape, good head and front, neat wing carriage; 4, Noble. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Harper, 1st fine big Linnet-Mule, 2nd another Linnet, but smaller, nice col., both good ones. BRIT: 1, sp, Ketchen, Goldie, nicely tanned, good moons and buttons; 2, 5, Harper, fine, big, another Goldie, wants time; 3, Ewing, Bramblefinch, nice breast col., well defined markings; 4, Naugh.

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WOLVERHAMPTON.

The third annual function of the Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S. took place on October 28th and 29th. The Co-operative Hall, in which the exhibits were housed, commends itself most highly, and is a very adaptable rendezvous, being of good light, well ventilated, spacious, centrally situated, and of a striking appearance. The entry proved a record one, the total number being over 500. In the Canary section 394 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), providing him with a fairly heavy task. The quality was of great merit, almost in every class, and no doubt took some separating, so equal (or thereabouts) in character were many of the specimens. Mr. R. J. Howe adjudicated upon the British, Mules and Foreign, which consisted of many meritorious exhibits among the 110 that he went over. The staging was of a very neat description; every bird could be seen at a glance, credit being due to those responsible for such fine arrangements. Stewards: Messrs. Bishop, Bryan, Willoughby, Millincamp, Jones, and Rowley, each and everyone of whom worked judiciously and well. President, Mrs. Staveley Hill; the vice-presidents are Dr. J. O'Brien, M.D., S. H. Rhodes, Esq., A. Cupiss, Esq., and J. Baker, Esq., and help was rendered by all of these. The chairman, Mr. F. J. Weaver, controls excellently; the vice-chairmen are a couple of very enthusiastic fanciers, in Messrs. R. Willoughby and J. A. Tonks; the treasurer is Mr. F. Garfield, who is the right man in the right place. The committee consists of Messrs. J. Jones, Rowley, Barrett, Bryan, and Johnson, who all worked like Trojans, and have the welfare of the society at heart. Mr. J. Gibbons, the secretary, is a genuine tryer. This was his first venture at open show management, and we wish to compliment him on the exertions he put forth, and the manner in which he displayed his abilities, considering he was a "novice" at the work. Mr. R. Willoughby gave him capital help, officiating in capital style and proving himself a true fancier. The judges' awards appeared to be very well received. Hyde's special went to Mr. J. A. Tonks, a pretty Goldie-Greenie doing the trick; best Norwich, F. Weaver; second best, R. Willoughby; best Yorkie, J. Millincamp; second best, ditto; best Mule, best British, and second best Mule were all captured by Mr. J. A. Tonks; second best Britsh, Mr. J. Millincamp. Sandiford's fell to Mr. I. Jones, a very warm Yorkie answering to the call. Best members' Norwich, Mr. R. Willoughby; Yorkshire, Mr. I. Jones; and Members' Variety, Mr. F. J. Weaver.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Jeffs, bouncer, capital shape and col., grand feather and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Christian, fine quality and col., very shapely, nice size, in fine trim; 3, Hall, very bonny, A1 quality and col., shapely, good substance; 4, Elliott, full of quality, lovely col., nice shape; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Hathaway; c, Griffin. BUFF (13): 1, Jeffs, magnificent shape and quality, in fine bloom, rattling col. and meal, gem; 2, 3, Weaver, A1 col. and quality, beaten just a little in type; 3rd, good in shape, col. and quality, nice carriage, well shown; 4, Hathaway, A1 quality, nice size and shape, good wings; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Bowyer; c, Barrett. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Hathaway, mkd. wings and head, red-hot, grand type and quality, good substance, moves well; 2, Silver, saddle mkd., fine col. and feather, good substance and shape, close up; 3, Weaver, mkd. wing, very shapely, rich col. and feather, nice size; 4, Hall, mkd. wing and head, good in type and quality, nice size and carriage; vhc, Griffin; hc, Niblett; c, Crimes. BUFF (13): 1, Christian, mkd. wings and head, ablaze with col., nice size and shape, fine frosting; 2, Crimes, tkd. head, beautifully clothed, rich col., grand head, neck, chest and wing carriage; 3, Collier, variegated, cobby, lovely feather and col., A1 type; 4, Bowyer, mkd. wings, good featber and col., nice substance, crosses wings at times which told against it; vhc, Silver; hc, Hathaway; c, Broadhurst. HEN (15): 1, Bowyer, cl. yell., model for shape, delightful quality and col., lovely carriage, gem; 2, Whetstone, bonny cl. huff, tight as a Java, rattling shape, size and col., pressed hard; 3, Irons, cl. yell., superb quality and col., very shapely, nice size, close up; 4, Broadhurst, el. yell., fine substance, good shape and col.; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Lees; c, Garfield. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): Grand lot; 1, Williams, cl., unbeatable for shape, rich col. and of beautiful feather, nice size, carries itself well; 2, Irons, cl., not one of the largest but of the very smartest description, very close up; 3, Swift, cl., fine substance and shape, best of feather; 4, Garfield, cl., short and thick-set, good col. and feather, round eyes in pen, should look grand shortly; vhc, Willoughby; hc, c, Jeffs. BUFF (20): A fine lot; 1, Irons, lovely cl., feathered to perfection, superb col. and shape, jaunty carriage, gem; 2, Elliott, cl., silky texture of feather, A1 col., grand body shape; 3, c, Bowyer, cl., very warm, neat meal, good size; 4, Hall, cap mkd., shapely, and of good carriage, nice substance; vhc, Collier; hc, Rathbone; No. 15, Crimes, apparently a grand bird, but had been bathing at judging time, hard lines. HEN (19): Rare class; 1, Whetstone, magnificent cl. yell., unsurpassable for shape, grand col., clothed in a delightful manner, a gem; 2, 3, Collier, with a brace of beauties, former mkd. huff, tight as wax, superb col. and frosting, A1 shape, will make a stunner; latter cl. yell., A1 feather and col., very shapely; 4, Broadhurst, cl. yell., all there for quality, col. and substance; vhc, c, Roberts; hc, Weaver. VARIEG., ETC. (5): 1, BeMamy, yell., bouncer, good shape, col. and feather, nice carriage; 2, 4, Hall, buff and yell. respectively, both of nice shape and substance, capital quality and col., put down well; 3, Willoughby, huff green, cobby, good type and size, nice feather; vhc, Christian. NAT. COL. (1): 1, Irons, large cl. buff, fine head and neck, deep chest, capital feather and carriage. LIMIT 30/- (10): 1, Lawrence; 2, Lucas; 3, Weaver; 4, Roberts; vhc, Hall; hc, Williams; c, Dipple. NOR. NOVICE (8): 1, Dakin, yell., cap mkd., good shape and size, capital col. and feather, clean cut; 2, Critchley, buff mkd., nice type and quality, neat wings, close up; 3, Smith, massive cl. yell., good feather, bit loose under, still useful for stock; 4, Viles, hot cl. buff, very cobby, nicely frosted, good carriage; vhc, Evans; hc, Adkins and Elsom; c, Gibbons. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Critchley, cl. yell., ablaze with col., grand shape and feather, well across; 2, Adkins and Elsom, cl. yell., all type, A1 quality, nice col.; 3, Walker, buff mkd. wing, fine substance, good shape; 4, Gibbons, mkd. buff, short and thick-set, capital col. and meal; vhc, Barrett; hc, Brough; c, Cowley. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Brown Bros., both of rich tone of feather, good shape and size, put down in the pink; 3, Silver, fine shape and substance, good specimen. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Brown Bros., brace of good ones, both of grand col. and feather, very little between them. CREST (4): 1, Groves, buff variegated, D.C., good shape and substance, crest large, beautiful droop and centre; 2, Smith, huff variegated, larger body, grand frontal crest, neat centre, inclined to be split at left side, feathers heing in pen, will improve; 3, Cotton, cl. body D.C., nice quality. C.B. (2): 1, Groves, slashing huff green, pied tail, abundance of rich feather, massive skull and lash, in the pink; 2, Smith, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, capital feather, good in character. YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Harris, cl., straight as a rush, finely filled back, lengthy, capital wing carriage, neat tail; 2, Williams, smartly drawn cl., A1 quality and col., well up on leg, close up; 3, Bishop, tkd. head, stands well, good length and feather, not far away; 4, Millincamp, cl., rich feather and col., good length; vhc, Sutton; hc, Dutton and Williams; c, Mountain. BUFF (11): 1, Bishop, cl., feathered to perfection, superb quality, very lengthy, rare back lights and tail, gem; 2, Wells, neatly drawn cl., long sided, capital feather, clever legs, close up; 3, Dykes, cl., lovely type, grand feather, shade shorter, good 3rd; 4, Mountain, cl., straight as a pencil, nicely feathered, rich col., bit wide in tail; vhc, Sutton; hc, Harris; c, Burke. MKD. (14): Nice class; 1, Williams, yell., mkd. wings, very warm, capital position and length, well up on leg, in the pink; 2, Raybould, buff, mkd. wing and eyes, slim and upstanding, lovely quality and col., well staged, very bonny; 3, Wells, yell., mkd. wings and head, longest in class, hot in col., good position; 4, Hawley, buff variegated, smooth as glass, good length, requires more training, will not show properly; vhc, Millincamp, good one, a bit down; hc, Dutton and Williams; c, Mountain. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Millincamp, cl. yell., stands like a guardsman, beautiful quality, very lengthy, stands well up on leg, in the pink; 2, Bishop, bonny cl. buff, A1 col. and frosting, capital type and length; 3, Hawley, hot cl. yell., good position and length, nice back and wing carriage; 4, Paddock, cl. yell., full of col. and quality, nice type, well up on leg; vhc, Jones; hc, Dykes; c, Williams. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 2, Walsh, both cl. yell., magnificent quality and col., long-sided, well-filled back, very lengthy, little between them, put down well; 3, Jones, finely drawn yell., thigh tick, A1 quality, good length, close up; 4, Dykes, cl. yell., straight as a gun-barrel, nicely clothed; vhc, hc, Millincamp; c, Harris. BUFF (13): 1, Cundall, mkd. wing, lovely salmon tinged col., delightful position, tight as a Java, very lengthy; 2, 3, 4, Williams, with a trio of very stylish exhibits, cl., of good length and position, feathered to perfection; 3rd, mkd. wing and eye, very similar in merit; 4th, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, good length and type, A1 quality, all three benched in delightful bloom; vhc, Harris; hc, Bishop. YELL. NOVICE (6): 1, Andrews, cl. yell., capital position, nicely drawn, good feather and col.; 2, Lawton, almost green, good length, nice stand and feather; 3, Foster, very neat cl. yell., rich quality; 4, Bryan, tkd. head, stands nicely, good feather, nice length; vhc, Weekes; hc, Evans. BUFF (10): 1, Bonner, mkd. wing, lovely col. and feather, rattling back and wings, good length; 2, Caine, cl., pale in col., but of grand quality feather, lengthy and well up on leg; 3, Clempson, cl., tight as a drum, splendid position, worth its place; 4, Jennings, grizzled neck, red hot, good length; vhc, Audrews; hc, Evans; c, Bryan. UNFLIG. (17): A good lot; 1, Hughes, very lengthy cl. yell., full of quality, grand back and wings; 2, Evans, cl. buff, lovely salmon-tinged col., full of style, very neat; 3, Freer, cl. yell., lengthy and well on leg, A1 quality and col., good 3rd; 4, Jones, cl. huff, nice feather and type, well up on leg, worth its place; vhc, Bryan; hc, Cowley; c, Foster. HEN (10): 1, Freer, huff, mkd. wings and eyes, very lengthy, teeming with quality, capital position, clever legs; 2, 3, Bryan, very stylish cl. yell., lovely feather, tail feathers not fully grown or might perhaps have won; 3rd, yell., tkd. cheek, slim and upstanding, nice col., quality and length; 4, Weekes, yell., mkd. wing, good length and quality, one we liked; vhc, Caine; hc, Hall; c, Clempson. LIMIT 15/- (16): 1, Bonner; 2, Millincamp; 3, Foster; 4, vhc, Collier; hc, Sutton; c, Bishop. BORD.: Three classes were provided for the "wee gems," and only two birds were entered. What were Border men thinking about not to respond in a more hearted fashion? YELL. CK. (1): 1, Wilkinson, very neat cl. yell., lovely feather and shape, full of action. HEN (1): 1, Wilkinson, yell., tkd. neck, sweetly moulded, good carriage, nice feather. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Gilbert, Lancs. Coppy and P.H. respectively, former fine substance, good length, capital shaped coppy grizzled; 2nd, very lengthy, good feather, rattling skull and brow, both in fine fettle; 3, Simmonds and Son, yell. green Yorks., good sound col., nice length and stand. LIMIT 15/- (9): 1, Keens; 2, Gibbons; 3, 4, Dipple; vhc, Weaver; hc, Garfield; c, Dakin. 10/- (13): 1, Lucas, mkd. yell. Nor., quickly claimed, a bargain; 2, Brotherhood; 3, Christian; 4, Weaver; vhc, Keens; hc, Weekes; c, Dipple.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: Amongst the members' classes one could have selected a good few specimens, fully capable of holding their own in open competition. The winning birds of Messrs. Weaver and Willoughby were a credit to their owners. The Yorkshires shown by Messrs. Jones and Evans found many admirers. British were nice, and of a capital variation. NOR. (7): 1, hc, Weaver; 2, Gibbons; 3, 4, vhc, Willoughby; c, Evans. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, Willoughby; 3, c, Weaver; vhc, Evans; hc, Gibbons. HEN 1909 (7): 1, vhc, Weaver; 2, 3, 4, c, Willoughby; hc, Evans. YORKS. (7): 1, c, Jones; 2, 4, vhc, Millincamp; 3, Weekes; hc, Gibbons. HEN (7): 1, Evans; 2, vhc, c, Millincamp; 3, Weekes; 4, Gibbons; hc, Jones. UNFLIG. (7): 1, spl, vhc, Jones; 2, 4, c, Millincamp; 3, Evans; hc, no name. NON-FED (8): 1, spl, Weaver; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hyde; hc, Willoughby. MULE (6): 1, Price; 2, Barrett; 3, Weaver; 4, vhc, Barrett. BRIT. (13): Good class; 1, 3, 4, Tonks; 2, Evans; vhc, c, Rowley; hc, Gibbons.

Mr. R. J. Howe's Classes.

MULE (7): 1, 3, hc, Callcar, with a trio of charming specimens, 1st buff Gold-Can., mkd. wings, well up in size, fine shape, tight as a Java, gem; 3rd, same persuasion, close up to winner, in the pink; 2, Lawrence, buff, Linnet-Can., nice shape and feather, good size, shown in capital trim; 4, c, Lees, Linnet-Can., lovely quality, good shape, nice size, pale, looks like a hen; vhc, Chillingworth. DARK (8): 1, Lawrence, Gold-Can., rich col., capital shape and substance, grand face, gem; 2, vhc, Hall, huff Greenie-Can., shapely, good quality, nice size, shown in grand bloom; 3, Tams and Son, Linnet-Can., A1 quality, good shape and size, put down well; 4, Tonks, Goldie-Can., fine shape, very bonny; hc, Callcar; c, Capewell. HYB. (4): 1 Chillingworth, Can.-Bull., rich col. and quality, fine size and shape, in rare condition; 2, spl, Tonks, smart Gold-Greenie, well up in size, rattling shape and col., not a feather out of place; 3, Gilbert, Gold-Greenie, very similar to 2nd, if anything a shade behind in col.; 4, Lawrence, Can.-Bullie, superior quality and col., nice size, one of its optics is larger than the other. GOLDIE (14): A rare lot; 1, Tams and Son, good size and shape, A1 col., large square cut blaze of rich col., neat bars and buttons, in the pink; 2, Jones, shapely, good substance, nice buttons and bars, very bonny; 3, Potter, neat shape, nice face, shown in fine style, distinct in buttons, good 3rd; 4, c, Tonks, well up in size, good shape, not yet up in col., will look well shortly; vhc, Williams; hc, Castle. BULLIE (5): 1, Giles, fine substance, grand shape, lovely breast col., dense well-cut cap, in magnificent feather, gem; 2nd, withheld; 3, Martin, large and of good shape, neat cap; 4, similar to 3rd, very little separates them; vhc, Tonks. GREENIE (11): 1, vhc, Bancroft, very massive, dashing col., grand shape, gem of the first water; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, capital shape and col., not quite so large as winner, still a grand one, that will do some scoring; 3, spl, Millincamp, very shapely, nice col., in delightful feather, close up; 4, Tonks, good all-round specimen, A1 col., nicely shown; hc, Caunt; c, Crundell. LINNET (6): 1, Bancroft, lovely col., delightfully pencilled, fine shape and size, richly polished; 2, Singleton, shapely and of grand marks, well up in size; 3, Price, nice col. and shape, shade smaller, worth its place; 4, Tonks, neat shape, nice markings, well shown; vhc, Jones; hc, Castle. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, c, spl best British, Tonks, one of the finest Redpolls it has been our pleasure to see for some time, a stormer; 2, Bancroft, lovely mkd. Siskin, delightful col., good size and shape, in full bloom; 3, Martin, fine-coloured Twite, well up in substance, grandly pencilled, should do well on the bench; 4, Rowley, Redpoll, nice shape, quality and col., finely pencilled, worth its place; hc, Caunt. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Jones, rattling Hawfinch, magnificent col., fine shape and substance, neatly cut bib, beautiful bloom; 2, Bancroft, profusely tkd. Bramble, delightful col., fine substance, in rare trim; 3, Cotton, Hawfinch, capital shape and size, not quite the col. of 1st, yet very bonny and staged well; 4, Caunt, Bunting, good size and shape,, nice col. and condition; vhc, Capewell; hc, Livingstone and Sharp; c, Rowley. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Hinghley, beautiful conditioned 'Gale, good size, shape and col., steady as a top, shown for all it was worth; 2, 3, Cocks, Yellow Wagtail and Tree Creeper respectively, both in the pink of condition, a credit to owner; 4, Williams, smart Redstart, good in size and col., worth the mention; vhc, Suckling. A.O.S. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Williams, Waxwing and Chough, both in lovely bloom, and put down in style; 3, Hinghley, capitally mounted Thrush, good size and shape, nice order; 4, Capewell, Waxwing, rare form, nice col. and size. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, Williams; 2, Hadley; 3, Meadows. LARGE (2): 1, Williams, Toucan, in good order; 2, Hadley, Lories, in nice condition.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN.

Glasgow (Confined) Southern O.A. annual show was held in the Grand National Halls on 30th October, and maintained its reputation and popularity. The entries were 237, about the same as in 1908. The quality was above the average, and a decided advance on last year's. It was remarked by more than one that it is a wonder the members keep their stock from open competition. It is not over-rating their exhibits to mention that they excel many open show winners. Mr. McLellan, the genial president, was in attendance, and took an active part in the proceedings. Along with the late Mr. Cunningham he was founder of the association. The members are fortunate in having Mr. Fleming as secretary. He has no equal, and is an able and thorough business man. For a long period he has kept the show in the foremost rank. The weather was cold and foggy, and at noon rain came on. But the judges handled the birds well. They were: Messrs. Paterson (Edinburgh), Webster (Greenock), Ward (Shettleston), and Watson (Glasgow). Mr. Montgomery, of Corkerhill, had both the cup winner and the runner-up, a buff cock and a huff hen—a pair of exceptional merit. The former won the silver cup and the gold medal.

YELL. CK. (17): 1, 2, Fulton, 1st nice size, erect, decided drive, fine head, neck and chest, prominent shoulders; 2nd, erect, rare crouch, grand neck and droop, clean cut out front; 3, 5, J. Orr, 3rd fine size and substance, good style and heavy top; 4, Renwick, rare top end and length of side; 5, Lang; 7, McCulloch; 8, Hunt. HEN (19): 1, J. Orr, good size, sweet head, fine substance and nerve, neat head, long neck, determined drive; 2, Fulton, grand substance, erect, decided drive, good top end, full of style; 3, 5, McWilliam, 3rd fine size, determined drive, sweet head, rare reach; 5th, head well forward; 4, Renwick, erect, good reach, sweet head; 6, Montgomery; 7, Lang; 8, Buchanan. BUFF CK. (31): Exceptional quality, a splendid class; 1, cup winner, and medal, Montgomery, erect massive frame, neat head, long neck, grand prominent shoulder, fine droop, clean chest, full of nerve; 2, 8, Renwick, 2nd another of fine properties, erect, neat head, determined drive, good shoulder; 3, 5, John Orr, 3rd grand size and substance, good head and neck, nice drive, heavy top end; 5th, similar type; 4, 6, J. Orr, 4th grand size, good drive and top end; 7, Fleming. HEN (35): Full of quality; 1, 3, Montgomery, 1st rare substance, neat head, free neck, grand shoulders, long side, lovely front; 3rd, full of promise, 14 weeks old, very neat head; 2, 4, Fleming, 2nd erect, grand drive and shoulders, long body, extra well set on pins; 4th, rare size and substance, grand style, good body; 5, Fulton; 6, 8, Renwick; 7, Tait. YELL. PIED CK. (18): 1, Lang, erect, nice drive, fine size, good shoulders and body, close in feather; 2, Fulton, better size, erect, fine neck and shoulders; 3, Calder, very neat and stylish, close feathered exhibit; 4, Lees, well up, decided drive, good shoulders and body; 5, Galston; 6, Bennet; 8, Kego. HEN (16): 1, 2, Blue, nice size and drive, good shoulder and body, full of action; 2nd, erect, close in feather, compact, nicely built; 3, 4, Buchanan, fine pair, good size and style; 5, Bennet, erect, neat head; 6, McWilliam; 7, Sharp; 8, Galston. BUFF PIED CK. (25): 1, Lang, close feathered, nice size and style, fine body; 2, Kego, good size, similar to winner, not much to choose between them; 3, Galston, presses hard on those in front; 4, Bennet, nice size and style; 5, Lees; 6, Kego; 7, Fleming. HEN (19): 1, 7, Montgomery, 1st very stylish, neat, decided drive, nice shoulder and body, smart, fine action; 2, Fleming, decided reach, good shoulder and body; 3, Baillie, nice drive and shoulders, fine body; 4, 6, Fulton, 4th good all-round; 5, Kego; 8, Blue. FOUL CK. (17): 1, 8, Renwick, 1st erect, neat head, long neck, prominent shoulders, grand body, steady; 2, Lees, very stylish and erect, sweet head, decided drive, good shoulders and body; 3, 5, Fulton, 3rd very neat and typical, well built, full of action; 5th, good size; 4, Galston, erect, fine drive; 6, Fleming; 7, Orr; 8, Renwick. HEN (19): 1, 3, Montgomery, 1st rare size and style, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, grand body, full of style; 3rd good size and style, decided drive; 2, 4, Renwick, grand pair, rare size and style, prominent shoulder; 5, Orr, good substance; 6, Renwick; 7, Turnbull; 8, Fulton. GREEN CK. (12): 1, Bennett, erect head, neat and well forward, nice shoulder, good body, close in feather; 2, Blue, neat, smart, compact, and typical; 3, Lees, fine size and style; 4, Fulton, grand substance, good body; 5, Buchanan; 6, 8, Baillie; 7, Buchanan. HEN (9): 1, Bullions, very stylish, rare reach, neat head, round shoulders, long body; 2, Lees, good size and substance, nice reach; 3, Lang, very neat and stylish; 4, Baillie, smart and active; 5, Buchanan. AMAT. CLASSES.—CK.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, Galston, 1st hard up, nice drive, good shoulders and body; 2nd, 3rd and 5th very neat, smart, fine style; 4, Gilmour, good size, modern type; 6, Crichton; 8, Killoch. HENS: 1, 3, McQuillan, 1st erect, good drive and shoulder, fine body; 3rd, neat and quick; 2, Brooks, modern stamp, well positioned; 4, Lochhead, worthy of place; 5, Sharp; 6, Galston.

ST. AUSTELL & DIS. F.A.

The third annual members' show, held on Oct. 28th, in the Public Rooms, which were admirably adapted for an exhibition of cage birds, being well lighted, spacious, and free from draughts. The birds were splendidly staged facing the light. The president is Arthur Coode, Esq., J.P., and this flourishing society can boast of several well known gentlemen as vice-presidents, including two M.P.'s. The Committee are well-known fanciers, who throw their heart and soul into the work; they are Messrs. Northey, Behuina, Box, Couth, M. V. Phillips, H. Phillips, Hancock, F. Thomas, Rowsear, Scott, Rev. F. Thomas, Mann, G. Carne, J. Carne, Warne, Mitchell, Harris, Kenyon, Watts, Whetter, Biddick, Davies, Lawry, Mewton, Nile, J. Thomas, and Dr. Jeffrey. The Secretary, Mr. T. Trevenna, was most courteous and obliging, and being himself a great fancier, did everything possible to make the show a success. The entries in cage birds totalled nearly 140, the number being just the same as last year, but there was a marked improvement in quality, and, taken all through, the cage birds made an exceptionally good show. Norwich were a very fine lot, whilst Yorkshires were undoubtedly a feature, quality and quantity being in evidence. Messrs. Rabey Bros. obtained the special for the best bird with a Crest. Mr. Clemence won Mr Sandiford's special with a well-fed Yellow Norwich, and the points prize by Mr. S. Gaved, with Mr. J. Thomas as runner-up. The awards were made by Mr. J. Davies, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Clemence, rich col., fine quality type and carriage; 2, Gaved, another good bird, correct type and quality; 3, Trevenna, fine size, lovely head, rare body, grand col. and quality; vhc, Clemence. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl., 3, Gaved, former tkd. eye and wings, nice short flights, quality of the best; latter, tkd. head, neck and wings, good head and chest; 2, Trevenna, tkd. head, lovely bird, short flights and tail, pressed winner hard; vhc, Lawry. BUFF (4): 1, spl., 2, Gaved, former short, cobby bird, fair size, good type and col., latter another similar type, close up; 3, vhc, Trevenna, former good shape, col. and quality, good wing carriage, all over a Nor. TKD., ETC., BUFF (5): 1, Trevenna, griz. head buff, neat head, short full neck, well mealed; 2, vhc, Gaved, former tkd. eye buff, brimful of quality, nice short flights and tail; 3, Clemence, tkd. eye and wing, lovely shape, nice col. and quality; hc, Julian. HEN YELL. (4): 1, spl., 2, Trevenna, former clinker for shape, col. and quality, nice round chest, neat head, latter good head and neck, short wings and tail; 3, Gaved, another typical hen, well deserved place; vhc, Clemence. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Trevenna, former good shape, nice col. and quality, neat head and neck; 2, Clemence, nice shape and quality, clean-cut, good flights and tail; 3, Daniel, good shape, nice col. and quality; hc, Gaved. NON-FLIG. (7): 1, 3, Gaved, former rare type, mkd. head and neck, good size and rich col., latter cl. yell., grand head, neck and chest; 2, hc, Trevenna, former cl. yell., nice col. and quality, good head and neck; vhc, Clemence; hc, Daniel. CREST (4): 1, spl., 2, Rabey Bros., former grand bird, well radiated and veiny crest, good frontal, lovely feather, good exhibit, takes spl. for best bird in show; latter wing-marked dark Crest, nice centre; 3, vhc, Gaved, former el. body, dark Crest. C.-B. (3): 1, Rabey Bros., good shaped skull, well lashed, nice long feather, good entrance; 2, 3, Gaved, former dark green, heavily feathered body, nice length of feather, close up, latter eye and wing mkd. yell., nice body. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Thomas, grand team, all possessing good length and quality, well up on leg, typical; vhc, hc, Wills and Sons. BUFF (7): 1, 3, hc, Thomas, former good length, very stylish, neat head, wings and tail, latter good quality and type, nice length, good position; 2, Ball, good bird, rich col. neat wings and tail, well deserved place; vhc, Wills and Sons; c, Andrew. TKD. (5): 1, spl. for best Yorks., Wills and Son, rich col., boxey feather, neat head, cl. on breast, grand flights and tail, straight as an arrow, well placed; 2, vhc, hc, Thomas, another good trio, all typical Yorks., well shown; 3, Ball, tk. neck and wing, yell., close feathered, well drawn, close up. NON-FLIG. (7): 1, 2, c, Thomas, former fine type and position, pale in col., latter rich col. and type, good position, some preferred for 1st; 3, Ball, yell., nice quality and type; vhc, hc, Wills. NAT. COL. NOR. OR YORKS. (7): 1, Gaved, huff Nor., good type and quality, clean cut, wins well; 2, hc, Whetter, former good shape and quality, good head and neck; 3, vhc, Roberts, nice type and quality. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Roberts, heavily mkd. Scotch, nice size and substance, good drive and reach; 2, Thomas, Cin. Yorks., well drawn, straight as a pencil, grand type and position; 3, two vhc, Roberts, former, Yell. Scotch, very stylish, nice action. PAIRS (Can. matched for breeding) (6): 1, Rabey Bros., good Crest and C.-B., well placed; 2, c, Roberts, good pair Scotch, well up in shoulder, neat in drive; 3, hc, Thomas, well-balanced pair of Yorks.; vhc, Gaved. GROUP OF FOUR CAN. OR MULES (8): 1, spl., 3, Gaved, former four grand Nor., all typical birds, win well, latter four light Mules, good condition; 2, vhc, Thomas, both Yorks., well balanced, fine type; vhc, bc, Roberts, former Scotch, latter Borders. MULE (6): 1, spl., Roberts, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, fine size, good condition; 2, 3, vhc, Gaved, former six-point Mule, good size and condition, some preferred for 1st; latter dark Goldfinch-Can., rich col. and quality; hc, Daniel. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, W. F. Rowe, lovely Finch, nice blaze, beautifully tanned, fine buttons; 2, F. Rowe, another fine Finch, good size and col.; 3, Roberts, nice Finch; vhc, hc, Nile; bc, Gaved. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Nile, good shape, nice cap, fine rich breast col.; 2, 3, vhc, W. F. Rowe, good size and shape; hc, Davies. A.O.V. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Rabey Bros., nice Bramble, well up in size, good sound col.; 2, W. F. 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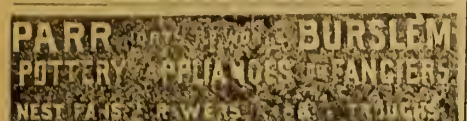
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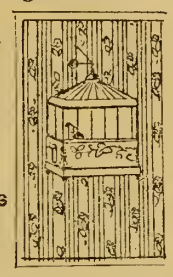
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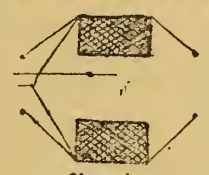
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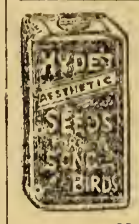
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CRESTS and Crestbreds. Best blood; winnings well known. Had a good season, retiring from breeding Crests with greatest regret. All the birds for sale, in one lot or in pairs and single cocks. Have paid special attention to increasing stamina in Crests; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

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CRESTED COCKS, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

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CRESTED-BRED COCKS, clear yellow, **10/6, 15/-, 20/-; 30/-, 40/-;** clear buff, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-;** ticked or variegated, **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.**

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MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

MAGNIFICENT Yorkshire Greens, 15/- pair; one pair 4th Middlesbrough last week, 20/-, card sent; approval.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, bred from winners; approval anywhere.—Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

THREE grand Yorkshire Greens, cocks, splendid blood, 1909, 8/6 each; two cock Goldfinch Mules, by Yorkshire hen, 7/6 each.—Fisher, 43, Francis-st., Chelsea.

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GRAND lot of young Lancashire coppies and Plainhead yellows and buffs, large and healthy; prices reasonable.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

I HAVE a few good birds for disposal, same strain as my winners Rochdale, Manchester, etc.; price reasonable.—J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.

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HIGH-CLASS Lizards, same strain as my Rochdale, Manchester and other winners, from 12/6 pair; also few pair of colour-fed Norwich from 12/6 pair; eight show cages, 1/3 each; approval.—Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

Norwich.

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F. J. MARTIN, 34, Ingelow-rd., Battersea, S.W.—A number for sale from Irons' and Spillman's noted strains, at half face value, prior to removal.

TWO Norwich cocks, 14/-; and hen, 4/6.—Symons, 10, Allen-st., Burnley.

FEW Norwich hens for sale, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.—A. Bonsall, 3, Barngate-st., Leek.

COCK Canary, with hanging cage, 6/6.—Jno. Greatrex, 44, Victoria Avenue, Rugby.

SOME good Norwich cocks, few hens; cheap.—Myles, 16, Chalmers-st., Arbroath.

NORWICH cocks, fcd., for small shows, 8/6.—Cutmore, 15, Stoneville-rd., Liverpool.

GOOD Norwich cocks from 6/6, pairs 8/6.—Grimble, 148, Palgrave-rd., Yarmouth.

A FEW good Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

LARGE Norwich cocks, 5/- to clear. Approval.—Wilkinson, 29, Raphael-st., Knightsbridge.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for show or stock. Approval stamp.—Dixon, Edgell-st., Kettering.

GRAND pair Norwich Canaries, matched for breeding, 7/6.—J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

FEW Norwich cocks to clear at 6/- each; good value.—Murdoch, 32, Roseburn-terrace, Edinburgh.

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FEW nice buff Norwich cocks, cold room, 7/6 each, approval; deposit.—Wm. Tissington, Barlboro', Chesterfield.

BARGAIN, Norwich cock Canary, sings by day and gas light, 8/6.—Albert, 40, York-rd., Lambeth, London, S.E.

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PURE bred, typical Norwich cocks (cold room), 8/6 to 15/- each; stamp reply.—T. H. Jones, 9, Boundary-terrace, Carlisle.

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HENS, clear yellow, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; clear buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; ticked or variegated, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

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FIRST-rate Norwich, from 8/6 to 40/-, true to type, fine quality and full of colour; stamp; approval.—Rev. B. Nume, Shirebrook-rd, Heeley, Sheffield.

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FOUR clear yellow cocks, one foul, two clear buffs, two clear yellow hens, three clear buff, one variegated, unflighted, colour-fed, good type, quality, winners, see show report, from 7/6; approval.—Marshall, Newtown-st., Duns.

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FINEST St. Andreasberg trained cocks, 10/- each; hens, same strain, 2/- each.—Smith and Sons, Normanton.

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SELL four genuine, pure Seifert Roller cocks, 30/-, or nearest offer; genuine bargain.—Johnson, 2, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

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HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers, British Roller Club rung; cocks, 20/- to 40/- each; hens, 5/-; approval. Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

GENUINE Leipzig Rollers, marvellous singers, numerous changes, sure to please, only 5/-; approval.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

SEIFERTS, original strain, soft rolls, 7/6, 10/-; week's approval; deposit; be heard, not Sunday.—Banks, Wellington Place, Willenhall.

SINGING Canaries, young Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, for sale; prices from 5/6 to 7/-.—Coleman, 10, Belmont-rd., Clapham, London, S.W.

I HAVE 20 Rollers, English and German bred, fit to win in keen competition, prices reasonable; hens, from 3/- each.—Rogers, 365, Caledonian-rd., N.

SEIFERT Rollers, 1908 Schoolmasters, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; Hartz, 1909, 5/-, two for 9/-; approval, deposit.—G. Mason, Park-rd., Worsboro' Bridge, Barnsley.

HARTZ cock Canaries, superb songsters; why pay more, when I supply guaranteed cocks, 2/9, two 5/-, seven 15/-.—Davis, 12, Cyprian-st., Tooting.

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HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, Schoolmasters, 10/6; all in full song; cash or deposit; approval.—Thomas White, 202, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

WANTED, high-class Seifert or Andreasberg Roller cock, in song, or offers for black-red O.E. game bantams, or show homers.—Reg. Thursby, Gypsey Lodge, Bridlington.

MAGNIFICENT pair genuine young Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries, beautiful birds, complete in cage, only 3/6 lot.—Royal Zoological Emporium, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

YOUNG Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, yellow or variegated, grand songsters, 3/- each; two 5/6; travelling cage included; money returned if not satisfactory.—Eagle, 91, Creek-rd., Deptford.

RARE Opportunity. Have bought the entire stock of birds, consisting of the breeding results of the original founder and trainer of the Seifert bird. I now offer the same for sale, and also my own never beaten original Seifert strain, cocks from £1 to £4; hens, 5/- each. Original birds are stamped with Heinrich Seiferts name.—Adolph Hennecking, Berlin O., Warschauer-Strasse 67 I. Germany.

SUPERFINE Hartz Canary cocks, Trute or Seifert flute songsters, from 8/3 to 12/-; first-class prize birds from 15/6 to 25/-, 50/-, 50/-, 75/-, and 100/- per dozen; good breeding hens at 12/- to 18/- per dozen; packing and carriage free; will guarantee arrival living, and value; transmission upon receipt of prepayment or deposit of the amount at a German bank.—Joh. Cunkel, Wholesale Breeder and Exporter, Fallersleberstr, 21, Braunschweig, Germany.

AT last, after being unemployed for the last four months, I have secured a situation in Australia, and sail December 4th, so am compelled to sell all my birds, regardless of cost, composed of nine pure Leipzig Roller cocks, now in full song, daylight or gaslight, pure rolling song, no chopping or harsh notes, cost £5 5s., three contest winners included, and acknowledged the best birds in the Midlands, 7/6 each; 22 hens, 1/6 each, or offers for the lot; cocks sent on seven days' approval, on receipt of postal order. If you want the best songsters in England, don't miss this chance; stamp reply.—Lawson, Langley Green, Worcestershire.

SELECT SEIFERTS.

J. Benson, breeder of high-class Seifert Rollers, guaranteed 1909 cocks, and in full song, from 8/6 upwards; deposit.—10, Lingard-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

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Largest and best stock of Hartz Rollers, Seifert and Trute, in full song. Price list free on application. Correspondence in English. Special exportation to England. Fairest and most advantageous prices for dealers, and competitors in bird shows. — E. Lehmich, Kanonengiesserstr, 34a, Brunswick, Germany.

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Send for very fine original strain Seiferts, birds, last year's breeding. Sole winner of 1st prizes at Leipzig exhibition, for pure-bred stock; gold medal. Planen, one silver medal; only one distinguished for 10 years; fine, healthy birds, certain to win high prizes; beautiful 2nd prize birds from £3 to £5 per dozen. Emil Kaferstein, Roller Specialist, Leipzig, Germany.

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FINEST SONGSTERS IN THE WORLD.

For 10/6 I will send you one of these grand birds; you will be delighted with all its changes; in full rolling song from daylight till gaslight, and even through the night; only one price, 10/6. I will pay return carriage if not satisfied; on seven days' approval; cash or deposit.—V. G. Huggins, Central Aviaries, 143, Freeman-st., Grimsby.

SOME PEOPLE

when reading my advertisement last week, in which I said I frequently received letters from customers saying that my Leipzig Rollers were better birds than those that cost twice and even three times more money from elsewhere, would probably think I was drawing the long-bow, but among the testimonials given below is one that almost repeats my words. For years past I have said that nowhere else can be had the same value at the price I offer, and to prove this I ask all intending purchasers of a Roller to have one from me on a week's trial, and one from elsewhere at any higher price on same terms. Test them side by side for a week and keep the one that suits best. I shall be quite satisfied with result. I have a grand stock of the genuine Leipzig Rollers, all in full song day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, water bubble runs, soft roulades, hollow bell rolls, piccolo trils, jug-jug of Nightingale, harp gong and flute notes, etc., etc., guaranteed quite free from any harsh or chopping notes whatever. Price 6/- and 7/- each. I also have a splendid lot of loud-singing Hartz cocks in full, free, vigerous song, all real coiling lifters, at 4/6 each, seven 28/-. All birds properly packed free of extra charge and sent on full week's trial at my risk on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system, and if fullest satisfaction not given, money is promptly and cheerfully refunded in full. Now, please notice dates of following: "51, York-st., London. October 24th. Sir,—Many thanks for Canaries safely received and am very pleased with them.—Yours, T. Hollins." "Milber House, Highweek, Newton Abbot, October 23rd. Sir,—Many thanks for Leipzig Roller received on Thursday. It is a beauty. I have had many at higher prices from other dealers, and can say yours beats them all for purity of song. The Linnet I had from you is singing splendidly. I hope to get you many more orders.—Yours, W. Harris." "64, Hafod-y-coed, Llanbilleth. October 23rd. Sir,—Received Leipzig Roller in pink of condition, and a gem he is. Thanks for your promptness. As soon as he was on table and unpacked he started his music.—Yours, A. Morgan." "Inveresk, Bournemouth. Oct. 22nd. Sir,—Birds arrived quite safe and I am very pleased with them. —Yours, F. Bartlett." "11, Wade-avenue, Larklands, Ilkestone. Oct. 22nd. Sir,—Roller to hand; thanks for your selection he gives very satisfaction. I shall send for another shortly.—Yours, E. Aldred." "13, Brandwood-street, Daubhill. Oct. 25th. Sir,—Received Roller on Friday, and is giving every satisfaction. Thanking you for selecting me so good a bird. I shall most certainly deal with you again.—Yours, Tom Speakman." "140, High-st., Newry, Ireland. Oct. 23rd. Sir,—Received Canaries on 22nd, and must say that such value for money I never saw. They were in pink of condition, so please keep two more like them for next week. I must congratulate you on your splendid way of packing birds.—Yours, P. O'Reilly." "London-road, Alderley Edge. Oct. 23rd. Sir,—Roller arrived safe on Thursday and sang before it was unpacked. It is a good bird, and I am most satisfied with same. I have had several Rollers from you before and always found them good ones, and can recommend anyone wanting a good Roller to send to you. Thanking you for sending such a good bird.—Yours, G. Birkin." The above testimonials, with hundreds of others, open to inspection at any time. Don't forget, full week's trial allowed and all your money back if not fully satisfied. See British Bird and also Appliance column for further adverts.

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—I have the best value in Hartz Mountain Rollers to-day in England. Prices are 4/6, 5/3, 6/6, 7/5, 8/6, 10/6 12/6, 15- cocks; hens, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Cage, 3d. extra.

N.B.—Persons not liking much noise, and wanting low and sweet singing birds, can be supplied by mentioning the fact with order.

Now read a few up-to-date facts, unsolicited, from many, and allow me to send on approval. No fancy and meaningless names indulged in.

"Market Harborough, November 4th, 1909. The bird you sent me gives every satisfaction. He is a splendid songster. Allow me to thank you for sending such a splendid bird, and also for the attention you have given me. A. Meadows to W. Rudd."

"Euton Cottages, Halkin Street, Flint, November 1st, 1909. Bird arrived safe. Thanks for sending such a good songster. He is singing like a Briton whilst I am writing this letter. He sings late at night. I am very well pleased with it. J. Williams to W. Rudd."

"Mardy, Glam., November 1st, 1909. Roller Canary to hand, it has given me every satisfaction. I am pleased with your promptness. J. Williams to W. Rudd."

Queaks' latest machines in stock; also imported nickel flutes, as used by German trainers, 6d., 1/-, and 2/- each, with full printed instructions; anyone can play them. Also Rettiche's book, "Profitable Canary breeding," as practiced in Germany, price, 9d. in paper; in cloth, 1/3, post free.

Bear in mind, when you purchase from me, you know who you are dealing with, as I have no leaving out names, nor do I stoop to pose as a female to entice your innocent sympathy. Hard facts and open daylight in all transactions is what I strongly believe in, without cant or anything approaching it.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

R. KREMNER, 104, TIB STREET, MANCHESTER. Has now in stock a large consignment of Hartz Mountain Rollers in full rolling song, prices, 5/6 and 7/6 each; genuine Seifert Rollers, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each. Please note.—The only wholesale direct importer in the North of England. Trade supplied.

WHOLESALE BUYERS.

Are you requiring Rollers for re-sale? I can offer you most favourable quotations.—Wholesale address, W. J. Stokes, 51a, Summerley-st., Earlsfield.

W. J. STOKES,

Breeder and Importer finest quality Rollers, bold and strong singers, 6/-; with many changes, 7/6; with good selected changes, 10/6. I am confident if you place your order with me you will not regret it.—Retail address, 388, Garrett-lane, S.W. Over 20 years' practical experience.

F. WAGNER,

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Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/9 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford.—"The Elms, 18, Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh.—Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and give satisfaction.—N. Turnbull." "Birds arrived—are singing well.—R. M. Lee, 79, Mill-street, Crewe." "Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am very well pleased with such value.—J. Broom." "32, Easson-road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—H. Hutchison." Send all orders to Varney, Stratford, London.

St. Andreasberg Rollers.

First arrival of these famous musical-boxes, specially trained under Nightingale, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills; fit for any mansion, price 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; real Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/-; hens, 2/-; proper Roller singing cages, 2/-, with shutters, 2/9; also

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS,

not common Belgian, guaranteed pure Hartz, price 5/- each, two 9/-, seven 28/-; hens, 1/6, two 2/6. These are imported direct from the Hartz Mountains, and properly trained. Note—We have thousands of testimonials, and are patronised by all the Crystal Palace Judges, including Judges Bexson, Payne, Battye, Roe, Barnes, Vardy, etc., etc. Send for new catalogue and testimonials for proof.

Just read these testimonials. All come over 200 and 300 miles away, and £20 given anyone if not real. Can be seen any time. "Mr. Patterson, Cork, Ireland.—Sir,—Glad to tell you Roller you sent me won the All-Ireland Roller singing contest here." "Mr. W. Burl, London, October 25th.—Sir, Hartz cock arrived safe, and started singing directly unpacked, and sang ever since." "Mr. Bagot, Glenny, Dublin. —Sir,—I am well pleased with Roller. He has sang continually ever since he came, day and night." "Mr. J. Campbell, Dublin,—Thanks for promptitude ing sending Roller and cage within a couple of days from sending you the order. The bird was in Dublin singing for all he was worth." "Mr. D. McCorquadall, Greenock, Scotland.—Received Roller and cage all safe. He was singing half an hour after he arrived, and best singer I ever had, cage is a suitable one, and cheap." "Mr. Knight, Kilmarnock, October,—Hartz cock arrived all right, and a beautiful bird, and a champion singer. I got a Goldfinch from you which lived 11 years." These are only a few I have picked from long-distances; have thousands others. I guarantee to give you every satisfaction; so order at once.

If you want some testimonials, send to me, and I will send you some just as received this week.

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Just arrived, a splendid selection of these magnificent songsters, fresh from the training rooms in Germany. Prices, 7/6, 8/6. Real Schoolmasters, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. You cannot buy better songsters; 7 days' approval; easy payments arranged. Send for free illustrated catalogue.—**JOE THOMAS, Breeder and Exhibitor, Ambler Thorn, Halifax.**

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Seifert Rollers of the highest excellence, bred from my silver cup winner, schoolmasters' and contest singers, 20/- to 60/- each; hens 10/- each; every bird guaranteed bred by myself and wearing closed club ring, not imported hot-house plants that die off when you have had them a week or two.—Fowlds, 213, Brunswick-st., near Owen's College, Manchester.

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Finest Rollers imported. To speak well of the Hummel is to gild refined gold. Testimonials from customers who say the Hummel is still singing as sweetly as when purchased four, five, six, and seven years ago. All Hummels have delightful, deep, delicate bow roll, hollow roll, hollow bow roll, du pipe, hollow bell roll, grand round bass roll vibrating hollow roll, and charming water bubble roll; one price only, 12/6; no fancy prices; Hummel hens, 3/- each; a beautiful pair of Hummels for 15/-. St. Andreasberg Rollers, 5/- and 7/6 each. Hummel Schoolmasters, 20/- each, better than can be obtained elsewhere at treble the price. Thousands of testimonials have been published by me in CAGE BIRDS from satisfied customers. I guarantee strictly honourable trading and satisfaction to all.—Varney, sole proprietor and importer of this remarkable Roller Canary. Twenty years' advertiser.—Varney, Stratford, London.

ENOCH POWERS.

Notice to the Public.—The old original has just started to receive a large consignment of the real St. Andresberg Rollers, which have been specially trained under the Nightingale and Flageolet, and Bell note, with the long rolls; these birds have been noted to sing fifteen minutes right off the reel without stopping; these birds were the talk of the United Kingdom last season; from 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Hartz Rollers, loud singing, direct from the Hartz Mountains, from 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/- each; these birds make the real day and gaslight songsters; Hartz hen Canaries, fit for breeding, 1/6 each, or 15/- dozen; giant Siberian Crossbills, blood-red, in grand plumage and healthy condition, 3/6 each; Siberian Siskins, 2/6 each, or 24/- dozen; Australian Talking Parrots, 8.6 each; these birds will make splendid talkers, all acclimatised; Siberian Linnets, 1/- each; Siberian Redpolls, 1/- each, blood-red crests. I have a grand selection of the Cambridge cock Linnets, the finest singers in England, from 3.6 dozen; hens, 1/- dozen. Notice to dealers and customers, I have no connection with anybody else trading in the same name and address.—Note the address,

91, SCLATER-ST., SHOREDITCH, LONDON, E

SEE AND HEAR.

You must see the quality and style of my birds and hear the pure, high quality of their song, if you would really know the class of birds it is possible to get at low prices. I have bred, trained, and imported Rollers continually this last sixteen years, and supplied thousands of high-class songsters, and contest winning songsters, yet in all my experience I have never possessed better quality. Their soft, sweet rolls, trills, and water-bubble runs, combined with their hollow rolls and bass hollow rolls, are really marvellous to hear. If you require a high-class songster allow me to send you one or more of these birds, carriage paid to your door, on seven days' approval, at my sole risk. You can then compare the quality of their song, although I offer none but genuine high-class birds. My prices are within the reach of all. My genuine trained St. Andreasberg Rollers defy competition for purity and clearness of song by day and artificial light, free from all harsh or choppy notes. Cocks in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens to match, 2/6, 3/- each. My Hartz cocks are a marvel of cheapness. The real working-man's friend, the best and cheapest, loud, free songsters in the world. Cocks in full song, by day and gaslight, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6. I could fill the whole of this paper with unsolicited testimonials received from delighted customers. The following is a sample taken from the 30 received this week:—"Whitehaven, 1/11/09.—Received bird in first-class condition. It gives every satisfaction. Yours are the best I have ever had. I shall therefore in future send all my orders to you. Again thanking you for such good value.—R. Huggins, to Miss Storey." "Southport, 2/11/09. —Pleased to say Roller you rent me is quite satisfactory.—E. Hackett, to Miss Storey." If you require Roller, Yorkshire, or Norwich Canaries, cocks or hens, allow me to send you them on approval, carriage paid, for I guarantee to give every customer satisfaction. Send stamp for illustrated price-list and testimonials, and don't forget I pay carriage to your door, and send all birds on seven clear days' approval at my sole risk. Best quality birds; lowest possible prices.—Miss E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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and don't buy Rollers on any other terms from anyone, then you can't be imposed on. Real St. Andresberg Schoolmasters are only 10/6 and 12/6 each; Hartz Mountain cock Canaries, in full song, 4/6 and 5/6 each, all on approval. Send for catalogue, post free. We have been patronised by Royalty.

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Perfectly Trained St. Andreasberg Rollers

Every bird guaranteed in full rolling song, with wonderful lengths and variety of song, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 12/6 each. St. Andreasberg hens, 2/6 each.

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Cocks, in full, Rolling song, by day or gaslight, 5/6 and 6/6 each; hens, 1/6 and 2/-; all birds on seven days' approval.

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All metal song cages, 2/6; polished hardwood cabinets for song cages, 2/6; Roller box cages; with metal trays and folding doors, complete, 5/- each.

Special quality sweet German summer rape, as used by all the principal Roller fanciers, 5d. lb., 14 lbs., 5/- Specially mixed Roller seed, 4d. lb., 7 lbs. 2/-. Trade supplied. Wholesale list on application.

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SPECIAL Roller shutter cabinets, 1/9; box cages, 14 ins., 1/6; enamelled loose fronts, drawers, Linnet contest cages, 1/-; Linnet Lark, or trap cages, 6d.; mixed dozen, 4/9; bargain parcel wire, drilled bars, perches, show drinkers.—Fred Silltoe, Cage Maker, Graiseley-row, Wolverhampton.

Scotch Fancies.

FEW winners for sale, cheap, see report Carlisle, last week.—Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

SCOTCH Fancies, good strain, 1908 and 1909, vhe, Duns Show; approval.—Kellie, Rosebank, Duns.

SCOTCH Fancies, two green cocks, winners, yellows, buffs; prices moderate.—Hair, Blackhall, Paisley.

FOURTEEN good strain Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, 10/- and upwards.—Galston, 13, Grafton-sq., Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancy and Belgian cross cocks, from 8/6; and hens from 6/6.—Miller, 35, Deptford Bridge, Greenwich.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, from 20/- to 60/- each; approval.—R. Thoms, 60, Watson-st., Dundee.

A FEW good birds for disposal, winners and bred from winners, cheap; must clear.—Dart, Sunny Bank, Barnstaple.

FOR Sale, Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, all colours, good birds; approval; seen any time.—Hendry, 33, Lorne-st., Leith.

FOURTEEN Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, good strain, very cheap; or offer for lot.—Buchanan, 525, Old Shettleston-rd., Shettleston.

TWENTY young birds, from my winners; also Belgian, first City of Glasgow.—Mellwain, School House, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancy, yellow cock, 15/-, buff cocks, 15/-, 25/-, 40/-, yellow hens, 15/-, 30/-, 50/-.—Tait, 22, Mackinfauld Mansions, Parkhead, Glasgow.

WORTH Notice.—Many grand Scotch Fancy winners in leading shows, and bred from winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

Yorkshires.

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Messrs. AMBLERS (late of Bradford), 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe, the champion Yorkshire breeders. Fountain head for winners or stud birds; 30 years' strain. See winnings at big shows.

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THREE nice Yorkshire hens, first 6/6 secure them. Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, yellow hen, offers, cash.—Giles, Torkington-st., Stamford.

TYPICAL Yorkshire cocks and hens, from 7/6 each. —Simmons, see Mainly British.

LEGGY pink-eyed yellow Yorkshires, very reasonable.—Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

PAIR Yorkshires, double breeding cage; appliances, 15/-.—Smith, 45, Station-rd., Tonyrefail.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 7/6, brother 3rd Guisboro.' —James Dunning, Bolckow-st., Guisboro.'

A FEW good Yorkshires to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

SPLENDID revolver, cost £2 10s., exchange Yorkshire hen, 10/-.—Jones, Ivy Cottage, Harlech.

SPLENDID Norwich and York-lires, cocks 5/6, hens 3/6, pairs 8/6.—Scott, Alcath, Newmains, N.B.

OVERSTOCKED.—Few choice Yorkshires, from 12/6 pair.—Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

FOR sale, 13 pairs Yorkshires, 6/6 pair, or best offer for lot.—Lymer, Tilbury-rd., Holbeck, Leeds.

BUFF cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, can win, 15/-.—Herberts, Cottage, Cumberland-rd., Bradford.

YORKSHIRES, few good typicals, prize strain.—Whittaker, 38, Belgrave-rd., New Moston, Manchester.

LOOK!—Yorkshire cocks from 6/6, hens 5/6; four Norwich hens 12/6.—Butcher, 64, Benwell-rd., Holloway.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited.—Nash, 57, Twinnell-rd., Easton, Bristol.

OUTDOOR Yorkshire Canaries, pairs 7/- upwards. Approval, deposit.—Preston, The Lodge, Sutton, Keighley.

SOME champion Yorkshires to spare; inspection invited; very reasonable.—J. Burton, 87, Gt. Titchfield-st., W.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; pairs properly matched.—C. Ellis, 61, Sterland-st., Chesterfield.

REMOVING; must sell 40 Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries, first-class birds.—S. L., 24, Coldfall-avenue, Muswell Hill, N.

CAN spare eight high-class, stylish buff Yorkshire cocks, grand stock birds, 7/6 each; approval.—Stout, Southwell, Notts.

NATURAL col. buff Yorkshire cock, 1st prize, 12/6 Selling Class Wigan, 15/-; approval.—Dyer, 132, Chapel-lane, Wigan.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, show or stock, from 15/- pair; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

A. E. SILK has some of the finest Yorkshires in the Fancy, show or stock; approval; prices on application.—Whitstable.

YORKSHIRE cocks, singing (Bailey's strain), buff 7/6, yellow 8/6; approval.—Thomas Manders, Bioscope, Bedling, Glam.

NOTICE.—Grand warranted Yorkshire cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval. McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle-Douglas.

A FEW Yorkshire cocks to spare, cheap, related to my winners; see Stockton report.—Rand, 470, Wicklow-st., Middlesbrough.

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of extra quality Yorkshires, from a most successful exhibitor, bringing my collection of these birds up to what has seldom, if ever, been seen in one place before. Many fit for keenest competition, and others that can hardly fail to give the best results with only ordinary good luck in the breeding room. A few prices are here appended. They include all colours, hence Cinnamons and Greens. All on approval; cash or deposit. Extended list free. Cocks 4/9, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 2/8, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/8, 15/-; pairs matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/8, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

YORKSHIRE cocks, from 5/6; hens, from 3/3; pairs, from 9/6; all bred from winners.—E. J. Webb, 28, Fairmantle st., Truro.

STYLISH Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 10/6 each; hens, 5/- each.—Perkins, 145, Brigstock-rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey.

CINNAMON-marked buff hen, he Ayr, trifle small, otherwise perfect; others, 3/- to 6/-.—Gibb, 96, Middleton-st., Ibrox, Glasgow.

QUALITY-BRED Belgians, all colours, cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; breed your own winners.—Dawson, Ettrick Villa, Otley, Yorks.

YORKSHIRES, cocks, buffs, 6/-; yellows, 6/6; prize-bred, splendid feather, but rather small; offers.—Burdett, Nelson-st., Retford.

UNFLIGHTED and year-old cocks and hens for sale at reasonable prices.—Paddock, 9, All Saints'-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

GRAND Yorkshires, standard length, feathered like wax, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/6.—Roberts, jun., 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

LONG, slim, typical Yorkshires, cold-room bred, cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-. Approval. —Walsh Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

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LONG slim typical Yorkshires, cocks 5/-, 5/6, hens 4/- 4/6, pairs 8/6, 9/6, grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, 7/6; hens, from 5/-; same stock as my Exeter, Plymouth, Camborne winners; approval.—James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

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WANTED two buff green Yorkshire hens, 1909, exchange new gent's 10/6 umbrella, no rubbish wanted or offered; approval.—Cherry, umbrella manufacturer, Peel-st., Luton

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WANTED any kind of live stock in exchange for a roll of new barbed netting, also a quantity of second-hand natural history hooks.—DeVon, Ltd., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

WANTED from catchers, any quantity of Goldfinches and Linnets; best price paid in Birmingham, and cash posted immediately; honourable dealings only; references, G. Raby, 10, Chequer's-grove, Bellbarn-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, good Yorkshire cock Canaries, in exchange for electric cycle lamp, with accumulator, cost 25/-; Seahrook safety razor, cost 13/6; spirit flask, cost 15/-, all as new.—T. Graves, 1, Star-rd., Old Town, Eastbourne.

WANTED 20,000 cyclists and cycle repairers to send for our wholesale bargain book of cycles and accessories, complete cycles ready for the road, £2 19s. 6d.; reliable second-hand cycles, 25/- each; outer covers, Dunlop or Clincher pattern, 2/11 each; inner tubes, 1/11; free-wheels, 1/6½; roller chains, 2/6; oil lamps, 1/-; plated gas lamps, 1/11.—Smarts, Ltd., Spiceal-st., Birmingham.

WHOLESALE.

Wanted, dealers to send for wholesale price list of colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich; large or small quantities at very low prices, and best quality.—J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

WANTED.

Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Linnets, Siskins, Larks, Budgerigars, Canaries and Mules, and all live stock, such as Rabbits, Chickens, Pigeons, Persian Kittens, and Dogs, for prompt cash or exchange.

E. ROBINSON, 122, Bridport Place, Hoxton, N.
Importer and Exporter of British and Foreign Birds.

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BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDS, animals, and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods, moderate charges; all work guaranteed; birds' eggs, etc. Lists, 1d. stamp each.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

THREE cock Bullfinches, bargain, 6/-, or exchange Allsopp, Jessopp-st., Codnor, Derbyshire.

COCK Linnet, hen Canary, 4/6, exchange British.—Spalding, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derbyshire.

HAND-REARED cock Bullfinch, exchange Roller cock or offer.—Beaumont, 13, Noble-st., Wem.

SIX steady hen Bullfinches, caged two months, 1/6 each.—Curzon, Thorpe-by-Water, Uppingham.

HAND-REARED Thrush and cage, 7/6, bargain, exchange Canaries; offers.—Phillips, Howden, Yorks.

TWO large cock Twites, silver guard, exchange anything.—Holker, Leigh Common, Westhoughtou.

CALL birds, 3 beautiful cock brown Linnets, exchange for Bullfinches.—Harper, 45, Denmark-rd., Beccles.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule (1908), Yorkshire cock, 1909, for three Norwich hens.—Aplin, baker, Treharris.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Twite, breeder; exchange for steady hen Hawfinch.—Johnson Bros., 10, Derby-st., Ormskirk.

TO exhibitors. Large house-moulted Corn Bunting, 5/-; Redwing, 2/6.—J. Crearie, Carlingwark-st., Castle Douglas.

PAIR of Linnets, out-door aviary bred; hen Bullfinch; all in splendid condition; exchange, offers.—G. Witts, Evesham.

TALKING Magpie, can say 50 words, 12/6, or exchange for birds, or anything useful.—Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

THRICE cage-moulted hen Bullfinch, Hybrid breeder, 2ft. cage, sell, exchange Goldfinches.—Giles, Torkington-st., Stamford.

EXTRAORDINARY large cock Greenfinches, exhibition or Muling, 1/- each.—Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterboro'.

DARK Goldie Mule, fed, full song, also dark hen; for good long buff Yorkshire hen; approval.—S. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

1909 COCK Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; exchange for big 1909 yellow Norwich hen.—Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

THREE house-moulted hen Bullfinches, threo cock Redpolls, 2/- pair; exchange offers.—Stubbs, 23h, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

CHAMPION 1909 hand-reared cock Skylark, also Thrush, sell 6/- each, or exchange.—Watson, ironmonger, Codnor, Derbyshire.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mule, singing, 6/-, or exchange pair good Budgerigars; offers.—Lewis, Rushby-st., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

TWO cocks, two hen Bullfinches, two hen Linnet Mules, two cock Yellowhammers, two hen Goldfinches, 10/-, or useful exchange.—Miles, 26, Bourne, Ware, Herts.

LARGE cock Grecnie Mule, 1909 (colour fed), sell 10/-; or exchange good clear yellow, 1909 Yorks. hen; approval.—Welsh, Police Station, Aucheucairn, Castle Douglas.

WILL give little money with grand cock Goldfinch, be exchange for show Yorkshire, or sell 10/-, approval. Nesbett, Nurberth, Pem.

JACKDAW, talks, very tame, amusing pet, 5/-, or exchange; offers, anything useful, stamp reply.—Skinner, Lombard-st., Bedminster.

LOVELY house-moulted Hawfinch, winner, 3 1sts, this season, 20/-; exchange small Foreigners.—Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

WANTED, good Linnet, Goldfinch, Mealy Redpoll, or Siskin, for two Goldfinch Mules, sell 15/-.—Davies, 28, Mansel ton-rd., Mansel ton, Swansea.

PAIR of handsome Bullfinches, for sale or exchange; steady; fit for show bench; offers; yours first.—Eastopt, 107, Old-st., London, E.C.

ONE good cock Goldfinch, 3/6; five large hen Bullfinches, 6/-; exchange Foreign; offers first.—Pilbeam, "Courie," Franklyn-rd., Hayward's Heath.

WANTED, exchange English cock Goldfinches for left off clothing, anything useful; stamp reply.—Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. Catcher.

HAND-REARED cocks, two Redstarts, one yellow Wagtail, 5/- each, splendid cock Bullfinches 1/3; offers; exchange.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, bred Mules, a positive winner when shown, sell 15s., or exchange ferrets.—Brown, 78, St. Michael's-rd., Northampton.

A GRAND Goldfinch Mule, in full song, good bird on edge; exchange for pair Norwich, or sell 12/6; approval anywhere.—H. Piper, Gunnislake, Cornwall.

WILL exchange hand-reared cock Lark, full song, for Yellow Yorkshire cock Canary; will exchange cock Goldfinches. Stamp for reply.—John Swar, Cootehill.

EXCHANGE two cocks, one hen Linnet Mules, 1909 out-door bred, for pair Yorkshire Canaries; seen after 5 o'clock.—W. Vowles, 63, South Esk-rd., Forest Gate.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, three years, house-moulted, for pair Old English game Bantams, or Norwich cock Canary.—R. Gallier, Fiery Field Gate, Broseley, Salop.

LINNETS, Chaffinches, Larks, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, selected, guaranteed cocks, 6d. each; 9d. pair; exchange anything.—Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

HANDSOME house-moulted cock Bramblefinch, very tame; ditto cock Greenfinch; two, 7/6, or useful exchange.—H. Lawrence, Mill-lane, Robins Bridge-rd., Coggeshall, Essex.

WHAT offers Canarics, anything, for six Canary-reared cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; also nine Linnets, 3/- each, all singing mad; approval, both ways.—Skinner, Lombard, Bedminster.

WARRANTED cock Larks, 2/- dozen, hens 1/- dozen, or exchange men's boots. Also three clean-moulted cock Linnets, cock Twite, well pencilled; exchange hen Canaries.—Smith, 6, Alexandra-rd., Denton, near Gravesend.

TWICE-Moulted hen Bramhle, cock Chaffinch, had one nest, three eggs; colour-fed cock Bramblefinch, house-moulted; Siskin; pair Bullfinches, aviary moulted; Linnet; for good 1909 Crest-bred cock.—Draper, Park-rd., Newhall.

EXCHANGE 1909 hand-reared cock Thrush and Blackbird, both started singing, and cottage top Thrush cage, for good singing Roller Canary; or sell the lot for 10/-. Canary first. Russell, Grove-hill, Dairy Park-lane, Middlesboro'.

EXCHANGE two exhibition cock Bullfinches, field-moulted, 6/- pair; Ricebirds, 2/6; five hen Canaries, two bred Mules, 7/6; two cock Greenfinches, 1/6; what offers in Goldfinches, Yorkshires, or Crests?—Durnford, High-st., Midsomer Norton.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Siskin, fit to show, 7/6; house-moulted cock Redpoll and hen Greenfinch, hen reared young last season, 5/-; exchange all for two typical clear buff Yorkshire hens, unflighted.—D. Watts, 11, Phillip's-lane, Colne, Lancashire.

YELLOWHAMMER, winner four 1st prizes, 15/-; Chaffinch, 2nd Liverpool night show, 2nd Southport (class 15), 12/6; Reedbunting, very steady, winner 1st and 3rd prizes, grand, twice moulted, Siberian Goldfinch, father of Mules, show condition, 12/6; Bramhlefinch, make big winner, 10/-; yellow cock Goldfinch Mule, 10/-; or exchange winning Yorkshires, or Norwich; stamp reply.—Bullough, 104, Cemetery-rd., Southport.

WILL give in exchange good Linnet Mules, cocks, from grey Linnet cock and yellow Norwich hen, all colour-fed and fit for show bench; they are no rubbish, for a good white-legged, house-moulted Cheverel cock Goldfinch, one that has bred Mules this season preferred, or will give to value, or sell 5/- each; on approval both ways.—T. Brown, 2, Lydia-st., Wellington, Durham.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, value 10/6; what offers? —37 King-st., Ramsgate.

WHAT offers, 2 cocks, 7 hen Canaries.—Myles, 16, Chalmers-st., Arbroath.

TWO Norwich hens, exchange five cock Linnets.—Hukin, 77, Eldon-st., Sheffield.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, sell 7/6, or exchange.—Hovell, 519, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

TEN Yorkshires, eight Norwich, young, healthy; offers, exchange.—P. Watson, Market Rascn.

FOUR Norwich hens 8/-; exchange cock Greypates, anything useful.—Cox, 56, Glenarm-rd., Hackney.

TWO large buff grizzle Crest hens, 12/- each, or exchange Foreigners.—Mr. Duns, 1, North-st., Duns.

LANCASHIRES, quality birds; exchange for boots, breeches, or gaiters.—Williamson, Taddington, Buxton.

EXCHANGE or sell Yorkshire Cinnamon Canaries, anything useful.—Dungworth, 53, Highfield-place, Sheffield.

GRAND buff Border cock, winner of two 2nds, for buff Norwich cock, or sell 10/-.—Ballantyne, baker, Langholm.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks for Norwich four-case and cages.—J. Mellor, 12, Britannia-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 6/-, or exchange Foreign seed-eaters; offers.—Winterburn, Chestnut Grove, Boston Spa.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cocks for Lizard cock, Norwich, Yorkshire hens.—Law, Stamford-st., Milnrow-rd., Rochdale.

PAIR of good Borders for a good cock Goldfinch, or green Border cock.—Hunter, 182, Tarbrax, Cobbinshaw, Carstairs.

THIRTY very choice Yorkshires, 10/- pair, or exchange anything useful.—Norman, King-st., Maryport, Cumberland.

GOOD yellow Norwich cock, 1908 bred, 12/6, or exchange good Goldies or Hawfinch.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

PAIR 1908 Rollers, green cock, buff hen, good, no chopping; exchange long Yorkshires.—Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth.

TEN Canaries, as bred, for £1, or offers in Goldfinches and Bullfinches.—G. Moy, bootmaker, Stapler-rd., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

TWO cock Canaries and large Bullfinch for four young Norwich hens, yellow and variegated.—T. Rogers, Painter, Wem.

TWO pairs Norwich, 1909, three cages, £1 the lot; exchange blankets, anything useful.—Royce, High-st., Esher, Surrey.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/6; exchange for pair of Norwich Greens; approval.—Barlow, grocer, Talmest., Portwood, Stockport.

BULLFINCH cock, Yorkshire hen, Mule hen, sell 5/-; exchange songster Canary, any variety.—Dawson, 11, Oxford st., Cardorth.

HIGH-CLASS Crests or York lines for whuing Hawfinch, Siskin, British Hardbills; approval.—Kay, 84, Hawkshead st., Southport.

TWO young rock Yorkshire Canaries, in full song, sell 12/-, or exchange anything.—Saunders, Nelson-place, Bath st., Gravesend

EXCHANGE Canaries and cages for gramophone or gun, or anything useful.—G. Collins, Arms Yard, Haggersgate, Whitby, Yorks.

EXCHANGE pair Borders, hen winner, for typical colour fed yellow cock; sell 12/6; approval. — H. Patience, Mawney, Romford.

PAIR of good Yorkshire Canaries for sale, and new double breeding cage, sell lot 15/6; or exchange. Birch, Greethy Hill, Ormskirk.

EXCHANGE one cock, two hen Norwich Canaries, for pair ball bearing roller skates to fit 8's boots.—Driver, 38, Roman-rd., Colchester.

PAIR 1909 Crest Canaries, 20/-; gent's cycle, wants tyres, 15/-; exchange anything useful, value 40/-.—Maunders, Bedlinog, Cardiff.

ONE pair Yorkshires for good house-moulted Hawfinch, or sell 15/-; approval both ways; yours first.—E. J. Webb, 28, Fairmantle-st., Truro.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for six white Leghorn or Black Monorca pullets and cock; approval.—Carpenter, 79, Landells-rd., Dulwich, S.E.

GOOD yellow Yorkshire cock, winner local shows, 15/-, exchange large Norwich cock; Norwich first; approval.—Rabbitt, Station-rd., Earls Barton.

GRAND show and stock Yorkshires, own breeding, from winners, 18/- pair; exchange youth's overcoat; offers.—Green, Beaconfield-ter., Street, Somerset.

LOVELY typical buff Norwich hen, can win, for typical yellow Yorks. hen, or large yellow Lancs. hen, or sell £1, appro.—63B, Westgate, Guisbro.

MUST clear, grand typical pair of Yorkshires, in splendid condition, 12/- pair; good Norwich, 7/-; offers, exchange.—F. Wray, jun., Skelgate, Ripon.

PAIR of Yorkshires, bred from winners, sell 20/-; exchange stock Crests, Norwich Plainheads, or bed clothing.—Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisbrough, Yorkshire.

FEW good Border hens left, 2/- each, to clear; 326 CAGE BIRDS, 32 coloured plates, exchange exhibition Goldie, anything.—Macleod Bros., Hartfield-st., Tain.

TWO pairs Canaries (1908), 2 Crest cocks (1909), 1 Crest bred ditto, 4-compartment cage; £1 15s.; hargain; exchange.—Egginton, 25, Brittain-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE yellow York cock (1907), and two hens (1908), for large yellow Norwich or Crest-bred cock (1909).—J. Lee, 127, Longhurst-rd., Lewisham, S.E.

GREEN marked yellow Yorks. cock and hen, 1909 and 1908 bred; exchange pink-eyed yellow cock, 1909, or sell 12/6.—Haworth, 16, Peel-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

NORWICH Plainheads, Mules, British, winners leading shows, exchange young cock Canarics on song.—Smith, 58, Carlton Park-av., Raynes Park, Surrey.

MATCHED pairs of Crests and crest-breds from winners, 15/- upwards, or exchange good Buff Coppy cock; approval.—Stiles, 45, Cromwell-rd., Caversham.

NORWICH.—Variegated buff hen, 4/-, father ticked buff, Meade's strain, 17/6; yellow cock, 8/-; 25/-, or nearest; exchange bull terrier pup.—107, Mellish-st., Millwall, E.

FRENA camera, holds 40 ¼-plate flat films, sell £3, or exchange for pair of Norwich Plainheads value £3 15s.; mutual approvel; deposit.—Guy, Marton Hall, Bridlington.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Plainheads, from 7/6 upwards, exchange lady's bicycle, bolts, nails, files, etc.—Handley, Coach Builder, Walsoken, Wisbech. Approval both ways.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshires, singing and stock birds, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; exchange phonograph, records; anything useful.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, mostly yellows and fouls, from 7/6 pair, or would exchange some for a good buff Scotch Fancy hen.—Russell, Prenderguest, Ayton, Berwickshire.

CRESTED Norwich cock, 1909; exchange two Plainhead Norwich hens, or yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, or cock Goldfinches.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for suit lengths, good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; approval.—McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, cash offer for 20 pairs Yorkshire, Shackleton strain, bred and kept in outdoor aviary; must deposit, or part exchange for pair Seifert Rollers; '09 birds (yellow and buff).—Horber, Westfield, Radstock.

EXCHANGE pure Seifert Roller schoolmaster, soft, mellow rolls, Gluck strain, for exhibition yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, or will sell 25/-; approval willingly.—Tonks, 19, Old Buildings, Rawnsley, Hednesford.

WANTED boots, men's, size 10's, ladies' 4's and 5's, gramophone records, Norwich or Yorkshire, in exchange for Crest or Cresthreds, sell 20/- pair; mutual approval.—Maddock, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

PAIR Yorkshire clears, 12/6, 2 variegated Border hens, 2/6 each; 2 Norwich Cinnamon cocks 6/- each; pair Rollers 5/6; lot 30/-; or exchange Norwich; exhibition preferred.—M., 113, London-rd., S. Lowestoft.

LARGE Sib.-bred hens, 25 years inbred, same strain bred this year one almost clear Mule, and two six-pointed; buffs 3/-, yellows 3/6; or exchange cock Siskins.—G. Rahy, 10, Chequers Grove, Bellbarn-rd., Birmingham.

LARGE house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, muler, 8/6, exchange fed Yorkshire cock; large clear buff crested bred hen 5/-, 2 large steady hen Bullfinches, 5/-; exchange songsters.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

LARGE yellow Cinnamon, Norwich cock, 1908, £1; large buff Cinnamon Norwich cock, 1909, and yellow Norwich Cinnamon hen, 1908, £2; or exchange yellow Norwich cock or yellow hens.—Mason, 5, Prince Albert Buildings, Edinburgh.

HANDSOME specimen bull terrier dog, grand guard, kill anything, no better living, 50/-; Crystal Palace aviary, nearly new, 10/-; hand-reared Barn Owl, 7/6; approval; exchange Yorkshires.—Pritchard, 165, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

TWO pair Norwich, 15/- pair; two pair Yorkshires, 15/- pair; one large green Crested hen, 5/-; two Yorkshire hens, 8/-; aviary, 5/-; or exchange good talking Parrot, or offers; no rubbish; would separate. —Ames, 149, Seven Sisters-rd., Holloway.

GOOD size, loud singing, variegated cock Norwich and 3 Norwich show cages, only once used, 10/6 cash, or will exchange for long slim 1909 early hatched yellow Yorkshire cock; must be strong and healthy, and of right type.—Brodie, Crown-st., Inverness.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, clear and variegated, prize bred, Roberts and Bailey strain; pairs from 10/- to 55/- per pair; useful exchanges considered.—Mitchell, 46, Turner-rd., Lee, London, S.E.

EXCHANGE new exhibition hamper and two Norwich show cages, and two Y.V. Norwich hens, for a good yellow Norwich cock, or sell 20/-; yours first.—West, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple, Devon.

WILL exchange two pair Canaries, pair Bullfinches, pair Goldfinches, pair Linnets, pair Lovebirds, also three large cages, loose fronts, for gramophone; no rubbish.—Mrs. Heslop, Postern-place, Nottingham.

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries, value £2, exchange for ten White or Black Leghorn pullets, March, 1909, hatched, or gent's gold guard to value; approval, yours first; no rubbish wanted or offered.—W. Hawkins, 158, Nedham-st., Leicester.

Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

THREE yellow Budgerigars, cock Zebra; exchange.—Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley.

PAIR thoroughly acclimatised Cockatiels, 12/-, exchange Canaries.—Lewis, Rushby-st., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

GRAND Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, and cage complete, 30/-; exchange to value.—Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

FOR sale, two pairs Yellow Budgerigars, 8/6 a pair, or exchange.—James Lumsden, 81, Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

BUDGERIGARS, green and yellow, healthy, aviary bred; exchange foreigners, or sell cheap. Bull, "Bude," Sutton, Surrey.

LARGE acclimatised Lemon-crested Cockatoo, says few words, 25/-; or exchange Canaries, or large square Parrot cage.—Minikin, 26, Grape-st., Keighley.

TWO pair Adult Green Budgerigars, one yellow cock, exchange Edison or Clarion records, or sell 14/-; no rubbish offered or wanted.—William Woods, 34, Morris-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, 7/-, pair Goldfinches 4/6, one cock Goldfinch Mule, and two hens, 8/-, for small Foreign, roller skates, or anything.—Tom Mills, Park-rd., Irthlingborough.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

WHAT offers, birds, for dog, four months?—Birch, 117, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

PAIR black Jacobins, what offer Goldfinch Mule cock.—Biddle, High-st., Tredegar.

DOZEN records, large horn; exchange Norwich hens.—Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

FORTY records, 15/-; exchange birds, anything; offers.—Swales, 48, Surtees-st., Darlington.

PAIR roller skates, Winslow's patent, £1; exchange, offers.—25, Harewood-st., Leicester.

FORTY grand cylinder records, good order, sell 6d. each, or offers.—Price, Idle, Bradford.

RETRIEVER dog, 4 months, 10/-; exchange Canaries or British.—Pask, E. Kirby, Notts.

TRAVELLING box, Irish terrier, joiner-made, exchange birds.—Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.

BLACK Cavy, winner 3rd, exchange birds.—Jno. Greatrex, Sec., 44, Victoria Avenue, Rugby.

EXCHANGE eight pigeons, four pairs dumbells, for Canaries.—Freeman, 100a, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

GERMAN wicker cages, clean, sound, 2/- dozen; or exchange.—S., 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

EXCHANGE 6 double disc records for Canaries, or sell, 8/-.—Allgood, 15, Larch-rd., Cricklewood.

SALE or exchange, for birds, new nets, 18 feet long, 7 deep.—Ware, 19, Essex-place, Brighton.

TWENTY-FOUR Typewriter 10in. disc records, 20/-; offers.—Saunders, 50, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

EXCHANGE spaniel pup for Canaries; or sell same for 10/-.—T. Daynar, Tedburn St. Mary, Exeter.

EXCHANGE nice indoor aviary, for good clear yellow Norwich cock.—88, Henley-rd., Ilford, E.

THIRTY laying fowls, exchange Canaries, etc.; stamp for reply.—Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

ROUND Parrot cage, good condition, 5/-, exchange Canaries.—Newmarsh, Bridgegate, Howden, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 39 Harmsworth Encyclopædia, for cock British; offers.—Pain, Credenhill-st., Streatham.

EXCHANGE two new Bovril pictures for Linnets, or sell, 6/-.—John Ballantyne, 334, London-rd., Glasgow.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, 34 CAGE BIRDS plates; toy dog, anything useful.—Pattersou, Oak-st., Southbank.

VIOLIN and bow, exchange pair of Norwich to value 30/-; or offers.—Garden, 28, South Guildry-st., Elgin.

QUARTER-PLATE camera, 10/6; exchange pair Yorkshire Canaries.—G. Broadberry, Collingham, Notts.

PHOTOGRAPHIC backgrounds and sundries, exchange show cages.—Salter, 277, Tonbridge-rd., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE new clap net, 24ft. by 4½, on approval —exchange anything.—E. Wilson, 10, Market Square, Bervie.

EXCHANGE Accordeon, cost 17/6, little used; what offer in birds or fowls.—Walker, 37, Thomas-st., Crewe.

THREE prize Turbits; Singing Thrush, hand reared, for Clap nets.—W. Gilbert, New-st., Woodbridge.

EXCHANGE gold-cased watch for Canaries; sell 25/-; warranted.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE volume "Chums," clean, 6/-, for Sib hen, for light Muling; no rubbish.—Lacy, 6, Kelsey-st., Lincoln.

SEWING machine, perfect working order, 30/-, cost £5; or exchange birds.—Selby, 416, Portobello-rd., Kensington.

EXCHANGE books, cost 12/6, for unflighted clear yellow, pink eyes, Sib cock.—Sharp, 302, Wakefield-rd., Bradford.

SIX ivorine-handled knives, and silver-plate cake knive, for three hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

LADY'S cycle, £2 15s.; girl's, 35s.; also several frames and parts, sell or exchange.—14, Credon-rd., Bermondsey, S.E.

WHAT offers in birds for 2 cwt. of English rape seed? Sell cheap.—Spencer, 98, Cross-st., Kettlebrook, Tamworth.

EXCHANGE four pairs high flying Tipplers and Tumblers for Goldfinches; or offers.—Lavercombe, Raleigh, Barnstaple.

EXCHANGE three short-distance pigeons, winners, for Canaries.—Thomas Howarth, 16, Hallfold, Whitworth, nr. Rochdale.

TWO hollow-ground razors, ringers, and pair steel scissors, for three hen Canaries.—Donohoe, 207, Arundel-st, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs of horse clippers, warranted, for pair Crests or Lizards.—King, 40, Westbourne-rd., Barnsbury.

EXCHANGE prize blue Angora buck, for Norwich cock; give a little cash; offers.—Smith, 33, St. Thomas's-rd., Spalding.

PAIR black self Tumblers, fit for show; exchange Crests, Scotch Fancies, or Yorkshires.—M. A. Sendell, Wrington, Bristol.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canary, and Goldfinch, exchange Martini rifle, greenhouse plants, or orchids.—Lister, Callander, N.B.

GENT'S bicycle, 30/-, exchange Canaries and cash, free wheel, all accessories, good condition.—Cullwich, 9, Burcham-st., Poplar.

SOLID mahogany gun box, 12/6; three fishing rods, £1; offers; or exchange clap nets.—Burgess, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 3 lbs. new, clean dandelion seed for good Canary seed; or 28 by 1½ outer covers.—Cooper, Aston, Stevenage, Herts.

EIGHT good cages, newly varnished, good order, 16 x 15 x 6½ wire, for Canaries. Offers.—Johnstone and Son, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE brass standing lamp, perfect, for Norwich Canaries, big birds.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

GENT'S elastic side boots, size 9, hand-sewn, broad fitting, exchange for Finches.—Apply, G. Moy, bootmaker, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

BLACK Rosecomb Bantam cockerel, highly commended, Braintree Show, 8/6; offers, Canaries.—Clark, South-st., Braintree.

EIGHT volumes Modern Cyclopædia, exchange good pair Yorkshires, or Norwich, sell 25/-.—R. Lyon, 91, Promenade, Bridlington.

EXCHANGE violin case, cost 30/-, for Hartz Mountain (cocks), full song.—Boxall, Grocer, 21, Handcroft-rd., W. Croydon.

ITALIAN mandoline, English concertina, sell or exchange birds, phonograph, anything.—Claridge, 14, Ordnance-rd., Canning Town.

EXCHANGE six table knives, ivorine handles, six nickel forks, for two cock Canaries or twelve pigeons.—Fletcher, Brom Close, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE or sell twelve 1908 hens, value 2/6 each, together or separate, for Canaries, puppies, or offers.—37, King-st., Ramsgate.

EXCHANGE white Scotch Terrier bitch, fond of children, good ratter, for good clear Norwich cock.—McKenzie, Hairdresser, Tain.

EDISON Gem, latest, new phonograph, and 62 selected records, £2 2s. cash; sell or exchange.—3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

BARGAIN, nearly new Double breeder, cost 10/-, for cock Canary; good singer; bird first.—Racklyeft, Newsagent, Sunbury, Middlesex.

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PAIR clapnets, 4 call birds, Linnets, and cages, sell, or exchange common hen Canaries. — Tilley, 95a, Deacon-rd., Willesden Green.

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EXCHANGE or sell very pretty Monkey, one of the tamest alive, value £3, for Canaries, Parrots, puppies, or offers.—37, King-st., Ramsgate.

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NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The annual excitement reached its climax on November 5th and 6th, when at Blaydon show the annual competition for the best young birds bred by a member was held. The trophy is the members' challenge cup, which is held for the year, to be won twice in succession or three times in all before it becomes the member's own. The first competition was at Wallsend two years ago, when Mr. Cuthbertson, of Heighington, won the coveted prize with a splendid wing tkd. yell.; last year it was won at Gateshead by our vice-president, Dr. O'Neal, of Sunderland; this year Mr. Hutler, of Jarrow, is the fortunate winner, with a grand young buff. He was closely pressed by Mr. Stewart, of Whitehaven, who had the honour of winning first in both young cock classes. Mr. Hutler was the recipient of many hearty congratulations, especially as he is a novice of only two or three years' standing. Mr. Battye was the judge this year, and last year he judged at Gateshead. The novice competition has now reached midway-house; it has been very keen this season, and the individual tastes of the various judges are prominent. Birds which won at one show and were declared fit to win amongst champions, have to take a back seat at the next show. Mr. Cockburn (Wallsend), has a good lead, with 27 points; Mr. Fred Johnson (Jesmond) runs second with 20 points; then comes a tie, Messrs. Dix Tindale and Hutler, 19 each. Mr. Davison, last year's novice winner, follows with 17, Mr. Mather next, 15. Everyone is speculating as to the final result. Mr. Cockburn has only one more first to win before leaving the novices for champion competition. Will he do it at Wallsend? In the champion competition not so many are running, and only two shows have been held. Mr. Cuthbertson leads with 35 points; Mr. Stewart follows a good second with 32, while I follow with 29. But business prevents my following up the competition, and most reluctantly I am compelled to dispose of my entire stock. Mr. Wigglesworth follows with 19; then there is a drop to 9, won by our good friend at Shields, Mr. W. Thompson. Mr. Cockburn, who is not content with his good things in the novice classes, has 8 points, and Mr. Bright 5. I should like to see some keener competition in the champion section, but I have no doubt ere long a few more novices will be taking the final plunge in their own section, and making things hot for the old stagers. Members please remember the table show on November 24th; four classes; secretary judges.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

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DEANS AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A largely attended meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. John Brown, was held in the Dean's Institute, on Nov. 2. The final arrangements were made for the first annual show, to be held Nov. 13; a very encouraging number of entries had been received.—J. KAY, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held October 30th, at Fawcett-st. Cafe. There was a fair attendance, presided over by Mr. W. F. Swan. The evening was principally taken up with the making of arrangements for annual show, November 19th and 20th, which we are hoping will be a huge success, and we trust that when exhibitors read our schedule and see the good things provided for them, they will do their best to give us a record entry.—W. REID, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The following points have been gained at Dover show in the above Association. "Bowls and cups" competition.—Norwich Plainheads: Jordon 5, Gibbs 4, Meades 6, Taylor 13; Crests and Crest-breds; Broad 13, Campany 9; Yorkshires: Lockett 6, Eade 7, Reeve 3, Gibbs 0. Border Fancy: Weaver 8, Dr. J. A. Bowes 15; Lizards: Wood 12; Mules: Eade 5, H. E. Taylor 7. British: Jordon 11, Austen 9, Wickham 13, Brett 9.—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in Avenue Hall, October 2nd. The president, Mr. James Adams, in the chair. The following classes were arranged:—Crests 2, C.-B. 2, Plainheads 12, two more classes being added for Yorkshires, making eight:—3 for matched old birds, 1 for Mules, and 2 for British, viz., Goldfinches and Linnets; all Canaries to be bred by members in 1909, except old pairs. Thirteen specials were promised by members present, and a full list will appear later on. The show is to be held on November 28th, and Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), will judge, this being his second time during the history of the club, which is eight years old.—A. SOUTH, Assist. Sec.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Annual meeting held in Riego Street Hall, on Nov. 4th. The President, Mr. Whitfield, presided. A number of new members were enrolled, and after several of the members had referred to the success of our show on Oct. 9th, the financial statement was read, showing a considerable balance to be divided. The election of office bearers was then proceeded with. Mr. Whitefield was re-elected President; Mr. George Stewart, Vice-President; Messrs. Gillanders and Todd, Committee; and Messrs. Bowman and Ardrew auditors; R. Lile, Sec. Mr. Ballantine tabled a motion that we add two more classes for Norwich. Intending members are invited to join early.—ROBERT LILE, Sec., 9, McLaren Terrace, Edinburgh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

The following is a list of points gained by members of this club in champion classes at Wolverhampton and Novice at both Wolverhampton and Hanley. Members who do not make this agree with their estimate, will oblige by communicating with me. Champion: P. V. Williams 19, A. E. Bishop 15, J. H. Millineamp 14, A. Harris 12, W. C. Wells 11, W. Raybould and E. Sutton 6 each, T. Hawley 9, A. Paddock 4, J. Burke 1. Novice: H. Bryan 20, E. J. Evans 19, W. P. Foster 16, J. C. Caine and J. W. Lawton, 14 each, E. Freer 12, A. Weekes 7, J. Clempson 6, T. Jennings 4. Messrs. Williams and Bryan win the specials at Wolverhampton for most points with all exhibits, and W. P. Foster the similar special at Hanley.—A. PADDOCK, Hon. Sec. pro. tem., 9, All Saints' Road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held October 27th, Mr. J. Curry in the chair. It was proposed hy Mr. Tomlinson, and seconded by Mr. Grieve, that a novice May show in both champion classes and novice classes, the points gained in champion classes to count for Sandiford's special, the points gained in novice classes for Dr. O'Neal's special. Carried.—It was proposed by Mr. Tindale, and seconded hy Mr. Grieve, that the points gained by Mr. Cuthberston at Newcastle Show be allowed to count for specials, as he had notified both the Newcastle secretaries and the N.Y.C.C. secretary of his omission to put the club's initial after his entries, previous to judging taking place.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd for judging was proposed and carried unanimously.—The date for the next table show was fixed for Nov. 24th; judge, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, four classes. Will fanciers please remember the date, and come in big numbers. The champion medals up to present have been won by: Newcastle, G. W. Cuthbertson; South Shields, T. C. Crawhall. Novice medals—Newcastle: W. Cockburn; Shields, Fred Johnson.—T. C. CRAWHALL, secretary.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held on October 23rd, at Shipley. Mr. James Hartley (vice-president) occupied the chair. The correspondence in connection with our patronage at the Crystal Palace show was read and fully discussed. As the Palace authorities were unable to supply a judge who had not previously judged a show under our patronage, as per rule No. 13, the secretaries' action was confirmed in transferring the patronage to Huddersfield, the reserve show. Mr. L. Hodgson's bill for the hand hooks, amounting to £3 13s., was passed for payment. A letter was read from Mr. A. Frankland, of Guiseley, an old and respected member, who is retiring from the Fancy owing to a serious illness. A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Frankland was unanimously passed, and the secretaries were instructed to forward same. Reports on the Sandy Lane, Accrington, and Bradford City shows, were received. A number of members having omitted to mark their entry forms "C.M.Y.," it was decided that they should be asked to do so at all future shows under our patronage. It was decided to withdraw our guarantee on novice classes at Laisterdyke show, the officials not having complied with our rules in regard to these classes, and the secretaries were instructed to write Laisterdyke asking them to insert a note in catalogue to the effect that these classes were open to anyone who has not won a first prize in open competition previous to the current year, and that they are unlimited in price. It was also decided that the secretaries of all future shows should be written to, explaining how the schedule should be worded, so as to prevent confusion with the Yorkshire Union novice classes as far as possible. A further contribution of 5/- has been made to the special fund by Mr. H. Simonett. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. H. Hadwin (Gomersal); S. Bateman (Wibsey); J. Chapman (Wibsey).—GARNETT AND TOWERS, Hon. Secs, 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, Crosshills, near Keighley.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Nov. 6th, at Lockhart's, Briggate, Mr. Harry Smith in the chair. Eight new members were elected. It was decided to take the full schoolroom at St. George's for our show on Nov. 13th, as we are expecting a much larger entry even than at last show, which obtained 210 birds. A discussion was then started on "Birdroom Requisites," which proved very interesting.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DISTRICT (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Marie Stuart Hall, Langside Road, on 29th October. Members please return special sheets at once, to allow of allocation of specials. Special prizes to be brought to show, Nov. 20th. Mr. Young carried through an instructive washing exhibition. It was a splendid meeting, bringing us four new members.—N. THOMSON, 328, Allison-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

On Saturday, October 30th, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, gave us a lecture, on "The Preparation and Treatment of Birds during the Exhibition Season." He gave his method of colour-feeding, training, selection of show specimens, and told us how and when to wash birds. He also gave some advice on getting birds into condition and keeping them up to show pitch. Mr. Armstrong then invited questions, and, having answered many, all in an able manner, a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Ketteringham and seconded by Mr. Bartle. Mr. Armstrong replied in a true fancier's spirit, and said he would be only too glad to come again, which was received with applause.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

On October 21st we held a very successful and interesting washing and judging exhibition. Three medals were competed for, one for the best washed yellow Norwich or Yorks, one for best washed buff Norwich or Yorkshire, and one for the member nearest points to the judge. Mr. Harris judged, and his awards generally were well received. The winners are as follows:—Mr. MacGregor, medal for being nearest the judge's awards; Mr. Burgess, for best washed yellow; Mr. Graham, for best washed buff. The last-named member handles his birds in quite a professional manner, and could hold his own in much greater competition. But washing and judging in one evening is too great a task unless members make a very early start, as the birds take a long time to dry to enable one to judge them properly. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the judge, also for officiating as chairman.—LILLEY, Secretary.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held October 26th. The washing competition had to be withdrawn on account of the weather, and it was proposed to hold this at the next meeting. It was proposed that the secretary write to Mr. Birchley asking for date of his London lecture. It was also decided that Mr. Newnham be appointed correspondent-secretary to the Fancy Press, on account of Mr. Pawley's time being fully occupied at present. A committee meeting is to be called prior to our next general meeting to draw up schedule and show rules for annual open show, Jan. 6th and 7th, to be presented to general meeting. It was further proposed to hold our next meeting November 23rd instead of November 18th, as the majority of members wish to visit Greenwich and Deptford show on that date (and will include washing competition). Proposed that Mr. Pawley write to secretary of R.S.P.C.A. on behalf of members, thanking him for taking up the case of the blinding of Chaffinches for singing contests.—H. T. NEWNHAM, Hon. Assist. Sec.

WIMBLEDON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

A well attended meeting was held at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, on Nov. 1st. The president (Mr. F. Piper) occupied the chair, and the Secretary announced that owing to the pressure of work in connection with election matters Mr. Stoakley was unable to be present. Eight new members were nominated at the last meeting and were duly elected, and the rule relating to nomination of members being suspended, five new members were elected, and thus rendered eligible to show at the forthcoming annual show. A silver medal for best bird shown by a novice at the young bird show was presented to Mr. T. Brown. The Secretary reported that the Southern Norwich P.C. had made application for the society to have the championship section as well as the novice, and the committee had decided to accept it. Owing to this, the issue of schedules had been delayed, but they were now issued to the members, and it was decided to extend the time of entry till the first post November 13th. A washing competition then took place, four members competing, Mr. Warley acting as final judge. A silver spoon was the first prize, and the successful competitor was Mr. A. W. Reader.—H. SMITH, hon. sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A well attended meeting was held in the Parish Church Schools, Rochdale, the room being kindly lent us by the Society. We had a good muster, but owing to the meeting being an hour before advertised time, it was not as large as was expected. However, under the able chairmanship of genial John Garner, we made good progress. Ramsden's Cruet: It was settled for each competitor to nominate two birds for the special, such to have R.P. at end of each entry. Will members kindly see to this when marking entries, as we want to put everyone on a fair footing. The special for best Lizard at Rochdale, presented hy Mrs. Rukin, and won by J. Rukin, was passed on to Mr. Jos. Humphries, Broken Silver, 1st in its class, Mr. House deciding this was second best in show. Mr. J. Lee, Castleton, won Ramsden's special, and therefore counts one point towards the same. A vote of thanks to chairman concluded the meeting. The language on Rochdale platform at night was more energetic than polite, owing to the railway officials having charged the majority with carriage for the cases they were carrying. There is nothing like brown paper to pull you through, at any rate it pulled one or two through on Saturday last, but 'nuff said. Will members kindly compare notes with the points for cup and medals, and any mistake I have made, I will rectify it as soon as possible.—Points: Lancs. Champions: W. Adams 73, W. Lee 67, J. Vickers 32, J. Oldham 23. Novice: A. Hordern 19, W. Ridgard 11. Liz. Champions: J. Dewsnap 78, J. Rukin 65, J. Hampshire 42, W. P. Barnes 35. Novice: A. Martin 28, W. Dewsnap 26, J. Lee 19, A. Bosworth 3, W. Bacon 2, B. Salway 2. The above tables are number of points gained by our members at Rochdale, Manchester, and Rochdale Good Intent, for our challenge cups and medals, and for Ramsden's Cruet, Messrs. Lee, Rukin, and Dewsnap each score one point.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A Presentation.

Meeting October 25th, with Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Mr. Murton Gill (Caterham) was nominated for membership. Result of Plainhead judging competition: Champ.: J. Buckman, 23 points; Am.: A. W. Hart, 24 points; Novice: W. Large, 25 points. Silver medals were presented to the above. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing cash balance £28 0s. 4d., was confirmed. A silver plated rose bowl was presented by Miss Louisa Jolliffe for competition at the annual show, which was highly appreciated. Also specials from Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Page, and Messrs. Withers Bros. A judging competition in Yorkshires took place, with two classes containing 29 birds, and Mr. R. L. Crisp as final judge. The secretary read from the "Evening News" an account of a conviction for bird blinding; it was placed on record that this Association strongly protests against this gross cruelty, and instructs the secretary to convey their appreciation to the judge for the example set in stamping out this barbarous practice. It was agreed that, for the comfort of the birds at the annual show, members be asked to abstain from smoking as far as possible. The judging being finished, Mr. Crisp proceeded to explain in detail his awards. Mr. Crisp then made a few observations upon the "mad" topic of pedigree breeding and selection, amounting to a very fine and instructive lecture. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Crisp. Mr. W. Knight was then presented with a peck of Canary seed for making the most entries. The chairman announced that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to congratulate Mr. P. Adamthwaite upon his marriage; he hoped that he would have a prosperous life. They (the Association) were going to recognise the services that he had rendered to them at a critical time, when they were full of anxieties. Handsome as this present before him was, it was a small token in comparison with his great services to us. On behalf of the Association, he asked him to accept this silver-plated cut-glass six-bottle cruet, with the following engraved inscription on a shield:—"Presented to Mr. P. Adamthwaite by the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B., upon the occasion of his marriage, September 4th, 1909." In supporting the chairman, Mr. Tringham said he could endorse all that had been said. The Federation hoped that they would have his services for many a long day. Mr. Crisp also added a tribute. Mr. Curtis could not leave without expressing his delight that Mr. Adamthwaite's services were recognised, and he said that, judging by the appearance of this present, whoever made the selection made a good choice, and he hoped that they who used it would have plenty. With emotion Mr. Adamthwaite thanked the members for their kindness. This very handsome cruet both he and his wife would always appreciate. Whatever he could do for the Association he should always look upon as a great pleasure, and when he looked at that present it would always remind him of his many bird friends.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Berkeley Vale, Dec. 8 and 9, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. O. Hodge. 6 open classes: Yorks., Nor., A.O.V., Sell., Brit., and A.O.V., Cage Bird, one each. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 30 to C. PEARCE, Cotswold, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.

Southend F.A., Nov. 23 and 24, The Kursall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 14 members' classes: Can. 9, Mule 1, Brit. 3, and Sell. 1. Entries close Nov 17 to B. P. T. JONES, "Cherhill," Lancaster Gdns.

Llanelly (radius, 5 miles).—Nov. 23, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. R. Wilson; 8 open classes: Yorks., Nor., Bord., Mule, and For., 1 each, and Brit. 3; and 1 members'. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 16, to D. GRIFFITHS, Rosemount House.

Stamford (£5 Limit, C.B.U.).—Nov. 25, Oddfellows' Hall. Judges, Messrs. W. P. Barnes and S. H. Mays; 23 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 2 (1, 1909 bred), Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 2, Gift 1, and 6 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to A. W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad Street.

Colchester.—Dec. 2, Stanwell Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison; 14 members' classes. Entries close Nov. 18, to STANLEY AND MOGER, 6, North Hill.

Neath.—Nov. 25, General Market. Judge, Mr. A. Lawson Taylor; 9 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Bord. 2, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Nov. 18, to W. E. BALLARD, 7, Wind Street.

Paignton.—Nov. 24, Public Halls. Judge, Mr. J. Davies; 16 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1, and Junior C.B. 1. Prizes, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6. Fee, 9d. Entries close Nov. 18, to A. B. BATTERSHALL, St. Bernards, Conway Road, Paignton, Devon.

City of Dundee (S.C.C., S.N.P.C., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scot., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 26 and 27. Judges, Messrs. C Campbell, A. Malcolmson, D. Black, G. Fulton, D. Hamilton, and J. Livingstone. 69 open classes: Crest 13 (4 Sell), Nor. 13 (1 Sell.), Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Bord. 9 (1 Sell), Yorks. (confined to Scot.) 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 12 (1 Sell.), For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and very many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to ALEX. MILLER, 3, Park Avenue.

Morriston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 18, Forward Movement Hall, Woodfield Street. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and H. Norman; 30 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Bord. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 4, Brit. 13, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to W. H. LEWIS, 24, Sway Road.

Ketton-le-Hole (C.B.U.).—Nov. 27, Miners' Hall, Judge, Mr. A. Brown; 23 open classes: Nor. 4, Cinn. 2, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, many specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 20, to A. J. NOTLEY, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.

Egremont (C.B.U., E. & W.B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 26 and 27, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Hirst. 25 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 Sell.), Yorks 7 (1 Sell.), Border 8 (1 Sell.), Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to W. LEWTHWAITE, Bridgend House, Egremont, Cumberland.

Berwick-on-Tweed (C.B.U.). — Nov. 25, Corn Exchange.—Judges: Messrs. A. Hay and J. W. Brunee. 26 open classes: Scot. 3, Nor. 4, Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Hydes' 1, and 12 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 19, to SMART AND GRAY, 36, Main Rd., Tweedmouth.

Launceston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 30, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 24 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, Belg. 3, Crest 2, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 4 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 20, to N. H. REED, Church St.

Newark (C.B.U.).—Nov. 25, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison, 0 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks 1, Non fed (radius, 2 miles) Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 18, to H. A. SHELBOURNE, Balderton Gate.

Cradley Heath.—Nov. 24 and 25, Whitley Memorial School. Judge, Mr. P. Proud. 7 12-mile radius classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 17, to GRAINGER AND ROACH, 36, Whitehall road.

Epsom.—December 1. Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Bennett. 0 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1; 7 members' and 1 (5-mile radius) children's classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, and (if 5 or more entries), 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Nov. 20, to A. H. HICKS, 17, High-street.

Southall F.S. (C.B.U.).—Nov. 25, Mission Hall, Hartington-road, Southall Green. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 12 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 16, to A. Smith, Featherstone-road Schools.

Buckfastleigh.—Nov. 26, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. H. H. Wills. 1 Local Can. class. Prizes, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 6d. Entries close Nov. 19, to G. A. TAYLOR, Station-road.

Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. (S.C.C., S.N.P.C., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scot., Glas., and W.C. Club).—Nov. 19 and 20, Art Gallery Halls, London Road. Judges, Messrs. J. Dalgleish, J. Winter, W. Shearer, A. Cochrane, and A. Paterson; 65 open classes: Scot. 12 (2 Sell.), Crest 5 (1 Sell.), Nor. 14 (2 Novice and 1 Sell.), Bord. 10 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 4, Mule 4, Brit. 11, For. 3, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and very many specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Nov. 13, to JAS. B. Y. MURDOCH, 9, Burnside Street.

Crewe (C.B.U.).—Nov. 26 and 27, Co-operative Hall. Judge, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood: 10 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Bord. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20, to E. W. DUTTON, The Grove, Shavington, Crewe.

Avonbridge (B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C., and Glas. and W.C.C.).—November 20th, Public School.—Judges, Messrs. J. Holmes and A. Cochrane. 42 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Bord. 7, Sell. 6, Brit. 14, Mule 4, For. 2, A.O.V. Can. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 13th, to P. GENTLEMAN, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

South London Col.—Novemher 24th, Public Baths, Old Kent-road.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 71 classes. Entries close November 15th, to G. A. JEFFERYS, 30, Grange-road, Bermondsey, S.E.

Hull (C.B.U., Y.C.B.B., and M.C.).—November 19th and 20th, New Corn Exchange, North Church Side, Market-place.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and E. Brunskill. 44 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 9 (2 novice, £3 limit), Yorks. 8 (2 noviec, £3 limit), Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 2 (1 noviec, £3 limit), Sell. 2, Mules 5, Brit. 11, For. 3, and 11 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 16th (first post) to E. R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton-street.

Sidmouth (C.B.U.).—November 25th, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 22 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 13 local (10-mile radius) classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/3. Entries close November 15th to A. R. TREMLETT, Market-place.

City and Suburban A.C.B. (London Fed.).—November 19th and 20th, S. Marylebone Church Inst., 59 and 60, Paddington-street, W.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, A. Silver, and W. T. Page. 89 members' classes: Can. 47, Mule 4, Brit. 18, For. 6, Sell. 5. A wonderful list of specials. Entries close November 15th to V. WYNN, 22, Park-lane, W.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A. (London Fed.).—November 20th, Constitutional Club, High-road.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 81 members' classes. Many cups and specials. Entries close November 13th, to B. F. FORSE, 31, Thornhill-road, Leyton.

Sittingbourne.—November 24th and 25th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. 20 classes open to district of Sittingbourne: Nor. 7, Yorks. 4, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes on shuing scale. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 15th, to COUPLAND AND ARNOLD, Kildare, London-road.

Wandsworth.—November 30th and December 1st, The Baths, High-street.—Judge, Mr. Easterling. 11 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 1, Mule 1, and 8 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 18th, to W. LIGHTFOOT, 86, Heythorpe-street, Southfields, S.W.

Coventry O.S. (C.B.U.).—November 28th, Sydenham Palace, Ford-street.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 37 open classes: Nor. 9, Crest 3, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Limit 7, Brit. 7, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, the Coventry O.S. and Leicester H. in H. C.B.S. Challenge Cup, and other specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close, November 16, to GEO. PETERS, 29, Coundon-road, Coventry.

Chapel-en-le-Frith (12 miles radius) (C.B.U.).—November 20th, Drill Hall and Large Mill.—Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston. 6 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close November 13th, to W. A. MITCHELL, "Aldersyde."

Portsmouth (C.B.U.).—Decemher 1st and 2nd, Hampshire Fortress Engineers' Drill Hall, Hampshire-terrace. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 24 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit 7, For. 4, Sell. 2; and 8 local Canary classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and very many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 20th, to HAWES AND FRAMPTON, 125, Commercial-road.

Bristol C.B.S. (C.B.U.).—November 24th and 25th, Engineers' Drill Hall, Park-row.—Judges: Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe. 49 open classes: Crest 4 (1 novice), Nor. 10 (1 novice), Yorks. 9 (1 novice), Scot. 1, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 4, Brit. 12, For. 2, Sell 3, and 29 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 15, to W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lockleaze-road, Horfield, Bristol.

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ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 13.—(1st post.)—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.
Nov. 13.—(1st post.)—**W. Bromwich.**—T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.
Nov. 13.—**Bournemouth.**—M. E. Feltham, 156, Holdenhurst Road.
Nov. 14.—**Glastonbury.**—E. W. Radford.
Nov. 14.—**Massteg.**—W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon.
Nov. 15.—**Oakham.**—T. J. Walker, Burley Road.
Nov. 15.—**Greenwich.**—F. W. Hamer, 106, Verney Road.
Nov. 16.—**Coventry.**—G. Peters, 29, Coundon Road.

The Shows.

PEMBROKE DOCK.

The 20th annual show was held in the Market Hall, on Nov. 10th. The classification was meagre, and entries turned up indifferently, which we attribute to the fact that the show was not sufficiently advertised, while a sliding scale rule dealing with the prize money has a tendency to frighten exhibitors away. The exhibits were nicely staged, at a good height and in a nice light, and the committee looked well after them. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction. The special for best bird in the show fell to a very good Crested Norwich, shown in faultless condition. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, spl, 3, Evans, winner grand crest and rare quality feather; 3rd, nicely feathered yell.; 2, Llewellyn, nice, but smaller in crest; res, Gwyther. NOR. (6): 1, Evans, grand quality cl. yell., nice type, style, and wing carriage; 2, 3, Hughes, good bird, fine condition, close up; 3rd, another very taking bird, in good feather. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, Hughes, 1st, finely drawn, stylish, grand length, cl. yell.; 2, good tail and wings, typical; 3, Bennett, another grand one, close up; res, 878 (no name); vhc, Williams; hc, Andrews. MULE (4): 1, Faithful, grand Goldie-Can., well placed; absent, Thomas (2). BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, spl, Jenkins, rare blaze, splendid col. and shape, wins; 2, Ray, good head, moons and type 3 (no name), nice col., shapely, and in good condition; res, Twigg; vhc, Lewis, Evans. A.O.V. BRIT. (9): 1, Jenkins, very pretty Thrush, fine condition; 2, Davies, sweet Bullfinch, good cap and body col.; 3, Johns, splendid Snow Bunting, rather wild; res, Twigg; vhc, Davies. SELL. (10/6) (9): 1, Llewellyn; 2, Ray; 3, Andrews; res, Twigg. FOR. (2): 1, Martin; 2, Jacobs.

BODMIN.

The seventeenth annual open show of the Bodmin and District C.B., etc., Association, was held in the Public Rooms and Market House, on Nov. 10th. The entry in the Cage Bird Section was just the same in number as the previous year. The society, on the whole is undoubtedly one of the most flourishing in the county, and can boast of a membership of nearly 400, and every one seems to take a special interest in it, so that it is always carried to a successful issue. The committee, which is a large one, comprises Messrs. T. H. Spear, Adams, Bartlett, Bray, Brewer, Brown, G. Buscombe, R. T. Buscombe, Dale, Edyvian, Hards, Harris, Jane, Hender, W. Hender, jun., Horc, Kendall, Kistler, Lean, Liddell, May, Northcott, Perkins, Scott, Shelly, F. H. Spear, G. Spear, W. Spear, Stevenson, Tickell, Treverton, Verran, and West. The Norwich classes filled well, and were undoubtedly a feature of the show, containing many typical specimens. The exhibition was opened by the president, W. H. L. Shadwell, Esq. The secretary, Mr. E. A. Jago, is an ideal one, and had made admirable arrangements, and well merited the success which crowned his efforts. The show was well patronised, being thronged all through the afternoon and evening, when over £100 was taken as gate money. Mr. C. E. Silk made the awards, which were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Collins, rich in col., fine quality and size, correct shape and carriage; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand size and quality, good head, shape, and col.; 3, F. A. Redwood, grand col. and quality, fine type, good substance; vhc, Spillman; hc, Garland. CL. BUFF (10): 1, Redwood, grand head, neck and chest, lovely type and meal, a real good Norwich; 2, Collins, rare type and quality, well mealed, good size, grand exhibit; 3, Gill and Pethick, another good one, rich col. and grand type, close up; vhc, Ferrill; hc, Kemp; c, Seaford. MKD., ETC. (11): 1, Collins, tick eye buff, nice cobby shape, grand feather and conditiou, well mealed; 2, Gaved, tick eye buff, excellent quality, neat shape, nice level col.; 3, Redwood, tick wing buff, good col. and feather, very typical, teeming with quality; vhc, J. and G. Symons; hc, Spillman; hc, Kemp; c, Pope. HEN ANY COL. (9): 1, Spillman, tick head and neck, wonderful size and type, good head and wing carriage, bonny hen; 2, 3, Collins, leader cl. buff, grand size and quality, nice head, chest, close up; latter cl. yell., good size and quality, a really smart hen, well shown; vhc, Smith; hc, Spillman; c, Gill and Pethick. NON-FLIG. (18): 1, Collins, cl. yell., nice substance and shape, rich col. and quality, good type and carriage; 2, Spillman, cl. buff, good col. and feather, very typical and lovely quality, close up; 3, Redwood, cl. yell., nice level col. and type, good substance, but slightly flat on head; vhc, Garland; vhc, Dunstan; hc, Gregor; c, Gill and Pethick; a grand class. CREST. (5): 1, spl, J. and J. Symons, cl. body, dark crest, well formed, nice drooping crest, good radiation; 2, Ryder, mrk. wing, dark crest, good frontal centre and droop; 3, hc, Rabey Bros., former nice shape, crest well radiated, rich, leafy and veiny feather, a grand exhibit; vhc, J. and J. Symons. YORK. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Boundy, lengthy, grand type, well drawn behind, stands well; 2, vhc, Thomas, former grand length and shape, close up, another good one; 3, Oatey and Son, good shape and position, rich col. and quality; he, Ellis; c, Oatey and Son. CL. BUFF (6): 1, Collins, exceptionally good in feather, nice shape and position; 2, Thomas, grand length, and typical good wing-carriage and tail; 3, Wills and Sons, again good one, grand shape and position; vhc, Ellis; hc, Oatey and Son. MKD. (7): 1, Wills and Sons, marvellous shape, correct position, wonderful boxy feather, been first every time shown; 2, Boundy, rare position, magnificent quality and col.; 3, Oatey and Son, good type and position, exquisite shape and quality; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Wills and Sons. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl, Burton, rich yell. Cinn., good substance and type, well shown; 2, J. and J. Symons, heavily feathered green Crest-bred, good skull, well lashed, with nice long feather; 3, Roberts, cl. buff Scotch, good shoulders and drive, comes well under perch; vhc, Rabey Bros., vhc, Docking. MULE (6): 1, 2, Collins, leader Linnet-Bullfinch, in grand feather and condition; latter four-pointed Goldfinch-Canary, good size and condition, well staged; 3, Gaved, another Goldie-Can., in grand condition, close up; vhc, Chappell; c, Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Ferrell, lovely Finch, rare blaze, clean cut, lovely tanning and buttons; 2, Polkinghorne, another fine Finch, good size and blaze, well polished; 3, Jordan, very shapely, good quality, nice buttons; vhc, Chappell; hc, Jupe; c, Wall. SMALL (10): 1, spl, Wills, yell. Wagtail, rare size, well up in bloom, fine quality feather, very steady, well staged; 2 and ex. 3, Thompson, former Treecreeper, in good plumage and condition, latter Nightingale, nice size and good condition, well shown; 3, Bond and Davey, Bullfinch, rich breast col. and splendid cap, in good condition; vhc, Collins; hc, Fradd; hc, Rabey Bros. LARGE (7): 1, spl, and two hc, Thompson, leader the noted Cornish Chough, grand size, rare bloom and col., staged to perfection; 2, Stone, Magpie, in the pink of condition; 3, Collins, Hawfinch, real beauty, very tame, in perfect condition, rich brown head, good wing bars, perfect bib; vhc, Bond and Davey; c, Williams. CAGE OF FOUR CAN. OR MULES (5): 1, J. and J. Symons, Crests, an exceptionally good lot, win well; 2, Thomas, four even balanced Yorks., well drawn, and good type and position; 3, Gaved, four well balanced and good type Plainhead; vhc, Climo; hc, Wills and Sons. FOR. LARGE (2): 2, E. Scott, fine green Amazon, in the pink of condition; 3, blue-fronted Amazon, rich feather and quality. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Cooper, Superb Tanager, grand plumage and col., lovely exhibit; 2, Burnard, Orange Bishop; 3, Stone, nice pair Badgerigars; vhc, Holloway; hc, Loudlecat. SELL. (15/-) (11): 1, Parish; 2, J. and J. Symons; 3, Pope; vhc, Wills and Sons and Thomas; hc, Rabey Bros. and Ryder. DITTO (7/6) (10): 1, Kemp; 2, Wills and Sons; 3, Roberts; vhc, hc, Pascoe; c, Lobb and Son. LOCAL CAN. (8): 1, Wills and Sons; 2, 3, vhc, Climo; vhc, Wills and Sons; hc, Lobb and Son; c, Docking. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, 2, hc, Wall; 3, Pearce; c, Kendall.

LOWESTOFT.

The Lowestoft F.S. held their 22nd annual show in the Public Hall, on Nov. 10th and 11th. The hall is well known, and is very suitable for the purpose; light is good, and draughts absent. Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the hon. sec., is a brick. The society has been in very low water, but (thanks to Mr. Crow's persistency), things are going on well again. Amongst others we noticed doing their bit, were Messrs. Rackham, Linder, Kirk, and Lang. The show was opened by the Mayoress, who wished the society success. That popular judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves, placed the cards, and left very little to find fault with, although he had some very hot stuff to sift to find the winners.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Hart, winner smart bird, full colour, neat all over; 2nd, very similar, just a wee bit longer, A1 colour; 3, Rackham, rare stock bird, not quite finished; 4, Rackham; hc, Crow. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Rackham, leader lovely quality and col., good back and wings; 3rd, very neat; 2, hc, Hart, nice type, level col., smart carriage; 4, Crow; vhc, Francis. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Crow, nice warm col., good body and wings; 2, Francis, good Nor. stamp, won't stand up, otherwise might have won easily; 3, Kirk, saddle-marked, level col., nicely made, will improve; 4, Hart, eye ticked, excellent bird for stock; hc, Rackham. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Rackham, winner wing marked, good quality, nice wings and tail; 4th, heavily var., good stamp; 2, Schofield, head mkd., nice col. and quality, nicely shown; 3, Lang, real good shape, very neat; vhc, Francis; hc, Hart. HEN (6): 1, 3, Rackham, winner real good yell., fine col., neat wing carriage; 3rd, buff, full of Nor. properties; 2, Francis, taking little yell., neat; 4, hc, Hart; c, Lang. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Francis, Norwich winner, good col. and shows well, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Kirk, both full of quality, beautiful stamp, A1 wing carriage; 4, Mumford, nearly evenly marked, real good Nor.; vhc, c, Rackham; hc, Brand. PAIRS OF PLAINHEADS (11): 1, Rackham, nicely matched, good buff cock, and yell. hen, both clears; 2, 3, Parke, two beautiful pairs, both yell. cocks, paired to buff hens, very little to choose between the three pairs; 4, hc, Lang; vhc, Francis; c, Hart. NOR. GREENS SELF, ETC. (11): 1, 2, 3, Francis, winner grand foul buff, lovely Nor. shape; 2, Young, yell., a real green, in good form; 3rd, foul bull, good shape and col.; 4, vhc, Hart; hc, Crow. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Bevan, two beauties, sound col., good type, big heads on both; 2, 4, Crow, 2nd, lovely quality, good col., not quite size of leader; vhc, Hart; hc, Lang. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Bevan, winner clinker, grand head and neck, good carriage and sound col.; 3rd, very neat, not quite the substance of winners, perhaps; 2, 4, c, Crow; 2nd, runs winner close, equal in col.; vhc, Hart. CREST AND C.-B.: These classes were a grand lot, some big winners putting in an appearance; Mrs. Crow takes cup for 3rd time, same now becoming her own property. Mrs. Crow has worked long and hard, and deserves the good luck. CREST YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Crow, trio of gems, winner cl. body, grizzle crest, good full crest, nice centre, and proper shape; 2, wing mkd. D.C., lovely feather, hardly so full in front; 3rd, yell. green, good body feather, neat crest, nicely formed; 4, vhc, Hart, varieg., lost several feathers, will improve. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Crow, leader, lovely bold bird, grand head, well feathered, rare sulky piece of goods; 2nd, hardly so massive, still good 'un, others of this school very close up, and every one useful; vhc, Corke; extra 3, Gabriel, good varieg. CREST BUFF (8): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Crow, winner takes cup for best crest, grand crest, made with pleuty of good wide feathers, nicely placed; 2, Corke, winner of cup last year, beaten to day, but not disgraced, neat crest, good frontal, not a feather out of place; 3, Hart, another good one, nice shapely crest, made of rich veiny feather; c, Gabriel. C.B. CK. BUFF (9): 1, Mason, rich col., for a buff, pleuty of spare feather, well browed; 2, Gabriel, runs winner very close, equal 3, c, Corke, good body feather; 4, Gabriel; extra 4, hc, Crow; c, Hart. HEN (5): 1, 2, hc, Crow, winner gem, lovely headpiece, piles of feather, showing plenty of brow; 2, Green, plenty of body feather, well browed; 3, 4, Hart, couple of useful hens, any quantity of feather. CREST, 1909 (9): 1, Corke, very dense crest, will make a startler, lovely droop aud radiation, extra good front; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Crow, second another grand youngster, plenty of substance, neat crest; 3rd, very useful, good sized crest; 4, Hart, neat bird (been having a bath); c, Gabriel. C.B. 1909 (11): 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Crow, leader, green, lovely cushioned head, well browed, long feathers; 2nd, little to choose between—shows any amount of brow, feather of good length; 3, Corke, green, grand length of feather; vhc, Mason; hc, Hart. PAIRS CRESTS (9): 1, Wigg, grand pair, quickly claimed at catalogue price, being half their value; 2, Corke, nice clear crest and green hen, well matched; 3, 4, hc Hart, 3, excellent pairs, well matched; vhc, Crow; c, Saunders. MULE: 1, 3, vhc, 3 nice yell., varieg., Goldie-Can., winner, in great form, easy win; 2, c, Savage, nice yellow Goldie-Can.; 4, Clarke. SELL. (20/-) (11): 1, Parke; 2, vhc, Crow; 3, 4, Hast; hc, Mumford; c, Linder. NOVICE CREST OR C.B. (12): 1, 2, c, Linder, winner, very neat crest, good feather, shapely; 3, Dawson, neat crest, good formation; 4, hc, Saunders; vhc, Finch. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Schofield, real good Nor., nice level col., good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Castleton, varieg., excellent type, well shown; 3, Dawson, mkd. on neck, smart Nor., hard to choose between first three; 4, Hatch; hc, Linder. BUFF (12): 1, Dawson, ticked and dark-tailed, very sweet, good win, typical, full of quality; 2, Keymer Bros., nice young cl., nice full head and neck, good back and wings; 3, hc, Linder, grand body and carriage; vhc, Clark; c, Money, good bird for a starter. HEN (10): 1, 4, Hatch, neat yell., good col. and quality; 2, Schofield, nice typical buff, round as an apple; 3, Linder; vhc, Dawson; hc, Clark; c, Keymer Bros. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Keymer Bros., a good Finch; 2, Howard; 3, Francis; 4, Mumford. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (5): 1, Boness; 2, Keymer Bros.; 3, Crow; 4, Daddy. INSECTIV.: 1, Crow. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 4, Sladden; 3, Cooper; vhc, Mummery. EXTRA STOCK (6): 1, 3, 4, Linder; 2, Mumford.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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and District C.B.S.

November 17th,

Affiliated C.B.U. HELP! HELP! only 9 entries up to time of writing. Are we to cancel our show. Be and to extend entries to Sunday morning. Send on—we will classify. Under patronage S.Y.C.C. & W.C.B.C. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq and H. Norman, Esq. We have a host of specials waiting to be won So hurry up Fanciers with your entries. W. JENKINS, Sec., 43, John Street, NANTYFFYLLON.

DUNDALK

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association,

The 3rd Annual Show will be held in the Town Hall,

ON NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH, 1909.

41 Classes for Cage Birds and 37 for Pigeons,

Judge of Cage Birds, Mr. J. Wilcock, Eccleshill, Yorkshire. Judge of Pigeons, Mr, W. H. Silvester, Hillsboro's Park, Sheffield. Eight Cups for Cage Birds, as well as the Irish Fanciers' Association Pigeon Cups (six in number). Apply for Schedules and Entry Forms to P. J. GASKIN, Hon. Sec.

MORRISTON

Under Cage Bird Union Rules

Nov. 18, 1909.

Grand Classification. Popular Judges in Messrs. Mundell and Norman Special for every class. This is the show that will pay prize money promptly. Entries definitely close **Monday, November 15th.** No extension. Exhibitors who have not received schedules, kindly forward entries, I will classify, so please support those who support you. W. H. LEWIS, 24, Sway Road, Morriston, Swansea.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

C.B.S. (under C.B.U. and London Federation Rules) **18th & 19th Nov.**, at Amersham Hall, New Cross. Judge: John Robson, Esq. 28 open classes. Entry fee 1/6. No amalgamation. **Prize money guaranteed and paid within three days.** Entries extended till 15th November. Average only one per class. Send along, I will classify.—F. W. HAMER, 196, Verney Road, London, S.E.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

The 14th Annual Show takes place on Friday and Saturday, **November 19th and 20th,** at the Church Inst., 60, Paddington St., Marylebone. Judges—Messrs. J. Robson, Allen Silver, Wesley, T. Page, F.Z.S.

PENDLETON & SALFORD

Ornithological Society. 17th Annual Show NOV. 19th and 20th, 1909.

At Caxton Hall, Blackfriars, Salford. Within a few minutes of all Manchester stations. Under patronage of Y.C.C., G.C.A., L. & L.F.A. (Lizards only) and N.P.C. who hold their Cup and Club Show at this fixture. 42 open Canary classes including 3 open Novice Yorks. and 4 Nor., 6 open Brit. classes, Yorks. classes. The Society gives 2/- Special, classes 1 to 39, also in classes 43 to 49. Judges: A. Wellings & J. C. Barnes. All last year's exhibitors will receive schedules. Entries close **November 13th, 1909.** Mondays post in time. Secretary. HARRY CLAYTON 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.

SUNDERLAND

NOV. 19 and 20.

Under C.B.U. Rules.

Under Patronage of O.N.P.C., C.C.C., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., E.W.B.F.C.C., B.F.C.C., C.C.C. & Y.C.C. 54 Open Classes. Cash special for best bird in show. Cash specials for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, most points. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, with 2/6 special each class; entrance fee 1/6 Judges: Messrs. T. Heath and J. Stanger. Schedules now ready, from W. REID, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.

LANCASTER 3rd. Annual Open Show. **NOVEMBER 19th & 20th** (Under C.B.U. Rules). 4 Cash Prizes, 22/- per class, also special. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. 24 Classes. Schedules ready.—Apply J. H. NAYLER, Secretary, 6, Mary Street, Lancaster. (Entries close Nov. 15.)

HULL

C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 19 and 20.

Grand Classification for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds. **Prize Money Guaranteed,** and Paid within 24 hours. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, and E. Brunskill. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. & M.Club. Entries close November 16th. Schedules ready.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.

Millom & District

C.B.A. Sixth Annual Show **Nov. 19 & 20.** of Cage Birds and Pigeons. Judges:—C.B., J. H. Roe; Pigeons, J. H. Wilcock. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials galore. Entrance, 1/6. Entries close. **Nov. 13th.** Schedules from W. JOHN THOMAS, 83, Lonsdale Road, Millom

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ST. HELENS

Ornith. Society

40 open classes, under C.B.U. rules. Judge: W.P. Barnes.

November 19th & 20th.

Entries close NOV. 13th. Secretary: R. GIBBIE, 10, Reservoir Street, Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

BUCKHAVEN & DIST. C.B.S., 2nd Ann. Show of Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds., NOV. 20. Popular judges. Under patronage of B.F.C.C. Entries close Nov. 13. For schedules, apply JOHN LAWRIE, Hon. Sec., Graham's Bldgs., Randolph Street, Buckhaven.

BLACKWOOD, N.B.

Annual Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, and Cats. Sat., NOV. 20th. Cage Birds, 33 classes. Judges: Messrs. Allardyce, Paterson, McLay. Schedules ready.—JAMES HAMILTON, Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.

KILMARNOCK

O.C.B.S.

GREAT OPEN SHOW,

NOVEMBER

19th & 20th, 1909.

65 Open Classes. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. J. Dalgleish and T. Paterson; Crests and Norwich, Mr. James Winter; Borders, Mr. Wm. Shearer; Yorkshires, British and Foreign, Mr. A. Cochrane. Schedules now ready.—

Send to J. B. Y. MURDOCK, Sec, 9, Burnside Street.

MONTROSE Annual Open Show of Norwich Plainheads, British and Foreign Birds, NOV. 20th. Numerous valuable specials. Prize money sure. Reliable judges. Entries close Nov. 13th. For schedules apply, J. CLARK, 1, John St.

EDINBURGH N. C. & Mule Breeders' Society. Members' Annual Show of Canaries British & Foreign Birds, in Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, Buccleuch Street, on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 20th.** The largest Club Show in Scotland. Admission 4d. Open from 1 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. W. HOLTON, Sec.

STIRLING AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Lesser Albert Hall, Saturday, NOVEMBER 20th. G. HISLOP, Sec.

GALASHIELS

CAGE BIRD AND PIGEON SHOW. (The Palace Show of the Borders.) **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1909.** Innumerable specials, including cups and medals. Entries close, Cage Birds, **Nov. 16th.**; Pigeons, **NOV. 13th.**—Schedules from C. LUGTON, Seo, 19, ST. ANDREW ST., GALASHIELS, N.B.

BARNSLEY

Cage Bird Society will hold an Open Show on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 20.** Canaries and British Birds, Mr. Barnes, of Sheffield, Judge.—ED. CARLISLE. Hon Sec., Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley.

CROOK

Original Cage Bird, Fur & Feather Society.

Fifth Annual Show, to be held **NOVEMBER 20th, 1909.** Cage Birds in Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Browne, Gateshead. Silver cup for most points for members. 28 Classes for Cage Birds. For schedules, apply to **BIRD AND SIDDLE, Hon. Secs., 15, Church Street, Crook.** Ents. cls. Nov. 15.

COVENTRY

O.S.

29th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

November 20th.

Entries Extended to November 16.

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!

(Exhibits are properly fed, cared for, packed, and put on the Railway on Sunday evening only.)

G. PETERS, 29, Coundon Road, Coventry.

WHITBY

Fanciers Show,

Wednesday, November 24th. Huge Classification. Hon. Secretary, J. G. TOMLINSON, Central Chambers, Whitby.

LUDLOW

Open Show, in the Town Hall,

November 24th and 25th.

Canaries, Britishers, Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby. No amalgamation or limit Classes. Entries close **November 20th.** 40 Classes, Schedules now ready from J. BESSELL, Hon. Sec., 5, High Street, Ludlow, Salop.

SITTINGBOURNE

Annual Show, Town Hall,

November 24th and 25th.

Good Classification. Canaries, British, Hybrid and Foreign, Good warm Room for Cage Birds only. Entries close **November 17th.** Judge, F. J. Gibbs, Canterbury. Schedules, E. Coupland, Sec., London Road, Sittingbourne.

BEDALE

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, and Cat Show,

will be held on **NOV. 25th, 1909.** Ents. cls. Nov. 18. W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec., Bedale, Yorks.

CIRENCESTER OPEN SHOW **NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.** Under C.B.U. Rules. Good classification. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Prompt prize money. Good room. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close Nov. 15th.—W. G. INWARD, Hon. Sec., Cirencester.

NEWARK

OPEN SHOW

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds, held under Poultry and Cage Bird Union Rules, **NOVEMBER 25th, 1909.** 76 classes. Specials for every class. No amalgamation. Schedules ready. Entries close Nov. 18th.—Sec., H. A. SHELBOURNE, Balderton Gate.

SIDMOUTH (DEVON)

14th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds, **NOV. 25th, 1909** (under C.B.U. Rules). Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Splendid classification. Numerous specials. Prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Entries close, **November 15th.** Schedules from ARTHUR TREMLETT, Hon. Sec., Sidmouth.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED

Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Society.

Under C.B.U. Rules, Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, will be held in the Corn Exchange Berwick-on-Tweed, on Thursday **NOVEMBER 25th.** 25 Open classes for Cage Birds. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and numerous specials. Entrance fee, 1/6. Entries close **Nov. 18th.** Judges, Messrs. A. Hay, Tweedmouth, and J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from SMART AND GRAY, 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth.

GOOLE (Yorks.)

£5 Limit.

Nov. 25.

Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-. **Entry fee 1/6.**

Prize money paid in 3 days; judge, J. C. Barnes.

65. Yorkshire Canary, Yellow, Clear or Marked.
66. Ditto, Buff.
67. Ditto, Bred 1909.
68. Norwich Canary, Yellow, Clear or Marked.
69. Ditto, Buff.
70. Ditto, Bred 1909.
71. Any Other Variety Canary.
72. Any Variety Canary, Selling, 15s.
73. Any Variety Mule or Hybrid.
74. Goldfinch or Bullfinch.
75. Linnet, Siskin or Twite.
76. Any Other Variety Hardbill.
77. Any Variety Softbill.
78. Any Variety Foreign Bird.

Special Prizes: 6/- Class 67, 6/- Class 70, 2/6 Class 74. Entries Close Nov. 22, to A. Roberts, 13, Manual Street, Goole.

WOOLWICH NOV. 25th & 26th,

Open to all, 36th Annual Show. £5 Limit, Cage Birds A. E. Enfield, Esq., J.P. Entrance fee, 1/3. Good Classification. Entries Close NOV. 15th, to R. KIRK, BEXLEY HEATH, KENT.

BLACKPOOL
NOVEMBER 26th & 27th.
Judge: H. W. Battys. Esq. 30 classes. 22/- Prize money, 2/- money specials each class. 21/- most points. Sched les ready shortly. **A. J. WINTERBOTTOM Sec., 9, Clinton Avenue.**

FANCIERS, SUPPORT

EGREMONT
November 26th and 27th.
C.B.U. Rules. E. & W.B.F.C. Patronage. 26 open classes. Specialist Judge—A. Hirst, Esq. Entries close **November 20th. WM. LEWTHWAITE, Hon Sec., Egremont, Cumberland.**

CREWE and District
UTILITY & FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.
Third Annual Show of Cage Birds, under C.B.U. Rules, **NOV. 26th, and 27th.** Splendid classification. Popular judge. Entries close, **Nov. 26th.—G. W. DUTTON, Hon. Sec., The Grove, Shavington, Crewe.**

BURKRK SHOW November 27.
Pty., Pgn., C.B., Rab., and Cats. 10 Classes for Bor., two for Nor., Brit. Birds and Linnets, one each. Judge, W. Mossey. Ent. close, **Nov. 23. Scheds. from R. THOMSON, Ssc., Morton-place, Muirkirk.**

BRIGHOUSE NOV. 27. Open
Foreign Bird Show.
Six classes, F.B.C. Patronage and Judge, Society's cup and numerous specials. Full prize money guaranteed. Schedules ready, **Nov. 15th.—F. MITCHELL, Sec., 9, Marion Street, Brighouse.**

HETTON-LE-HOLE
and District Cage Bird Society.
Under C.B.U. Rules, on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 27th, 1909,** in Mincrs' Hall. 23 Open Classes for Cage birds. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/-. Entries close **November 20th.** Judge, A. Brown.—Schedules apply **A. J. NOTLEY, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.**

LOOK OUT FOR THE BEST SHOWS.
ONE OF THE BEST One-Day Shows is the

DARLINGTON C.B. Society's Show,
To be held on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 27th, 1909,** in **the Corn Exchange. Good classification. Good** specials. Prompt payment of prize money. Popular Judges, W. P. Barnes ,Esq. Canaries; Jas. Maddison, Esq., Mules, British, etc. The biggest and best show of British Birds in the Northern Counties. Schedules shortly, from **E. BRUNSKILL, Hon. Sec., 23, Salisbury Terrace, Darlington.**

LOOK! LOOK!

LITTLEBOROUGH
C.B.S. Under Cage Bird Union Rules.
The Pride of the North for Specials. 3rd Annual Open Show **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.** Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Judges: Mr. W. Hardy, Oldham, Mr. J. H. Harrison, Hebden Bridge. For Schedules apply to **H. SMITH Sec., 1, Trafford Street, LITTLEBOROUGH, Nr. Rochdale.**

ILKESTON
Open Cage Bird Show, under C.B.U. Rules, **NOVEMBER 27th and 29th, 1909.** 39 Classes. Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of Classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood, and Chas. Houlton. Entries close **Tuesday, November 23rd.** Send for schedulea to **THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.**

Under C.B.U. Rules. Open to the World.

LAUNCESTON
November 30th, 1909. **Entries close 25th.** One Day Show. Birds returnsd first train Wednesday. Prizes, **10 -, 5/-, 2/6. 10/6** Special Best Bird. **7/6** Special 2nd Best and many other Specials. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester. 24 Open Classes. **N. H. Reed, Church St., Launceston.**

WANDSWORTH
Open show of Cage Birds, Pigeons, Rabbits, Poultry and Cats,
Nov. 30th. & Dec. 1st.
Judges: Messrs. Clem Watson, A. Fordham, C. A. House, G. Tapson, Eastesling; and Miss Simpson. Entries close **Nov. 18.** Schedules of **W. Lightfoot, Hon. Sec., 86, Heythorp Street, Southfields, London, S.W.**

PORTSMOUTH
23rd Annual Show, DEC. 1st and 2nd.
Under Cage Bird Union Rules. 16 Classes. Numerous cash specials. Judge, G. Gardner. Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Schedules ready Nov. 1st.—Messrs. **HAWES and FRAMPTON, 125, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.**

CARDIFF
(Affiliated to C.B.U.).
DECEMBER 1st & 2nd.
Judges: Messrs. Payne and Robson, 13th Annnal Show. 50 Classes (Open and Novice). Prize money in full in all classes, with cash points' specials in addition. Entries close **November 24th.** Send post card for schedule to **W. SAMPSON, 93, Llanishen-st.**

INVERNESS
Twenty Ninth Annual Show, **Wed. Nov. 24,** under the Patronage of Scottish F.C. Grand Classification. Specials in every Class. Judge, Jas. F. Dewar, Esq. Prize Money. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Entries close **Nov. 17.** Schedules from —
Alex Urquhart, Hon. Sec, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.

BRISTOL
[C.B.S. Annual Open Show, NOVEMBER 24th & 25th. Under C.B.U. Rules.
3 Silver cups for competition, and membership is open to the United Kingdom. 50 specials. 69 classes. Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe, **W. H. MANLEY, Hon. Sec.,2,Lockleaze Road, Herfield, Bristol.** Entries close Nov. 05.

STAMFORD
November 25th. £5 Limit.
Affiliated to C.B.U.
No amalgamation. 29 classes. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Esq., S. H. Mays, Esq. Entrance Fee 1/6. Prize Money 10 , 5/-, 2/6. R., V.H.C., H.C., C. **30/- Special for highest number of points in the aggregate.** 22 other Specials. Entries close **November 15th.** Enter early. **Hon Sec., A. W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad St., Stamford.**

Yorks. Canary Club of Ireland.

DUBLIN
Thur. & Fri., NOV. 25-26, 1909.
In Central Hall, 12, Westmoreland Street.
65 classes for Cage Birds. Entry Fee 1/6.
Judge—W. Mundell, Esq. 3 cups and 44 Specials
Entries close NOVEMBER 16th.
Hon. Sec., J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

CITY OF DUNDEE
CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. ANNUAL SHOW
NOVEMBER 26th and 27th.
In conjunction will be held The Scottish crest club show. Judges: Crests & Crestbred, Mr. C. Campbell; Plainheads, Mr. A. Malcomson; Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and Geo. Fulton; Borders and Yorkshires, Mr. D. Hamilton; British and Foreign Birds, Mr. Jas. Livingstone. Under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, Yorkshire Canary of Scotland & Scottish British Bird & Mule Club. Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Schedules from—**ALEX MILLER, 3, Park Avenue.**

SALE
OPEN. 2nd Annual All England Show. 8 open Novice classes. Silver Cup for Members. A splendid lot of Specials for Open Section. **November 26 and 27.** in the splendid room of the Technical School, lighted with electricity, heated throughout, 2 minutes' walk from station, trams stop at door. Judges—Messrs. J. C. Barnes and A. Wellings.
Don t forget we paid out in three days last year.,
Schedules ready now from
J IRLAM, 97, Cross Street, Sale.

MORECAMBE
NOV. 30th & DEC. 1st.
Good Specials. Prompt payment. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry 1/6.
W. H. PICKLES, Sec., Morecambe.

FROME
(original) **CAGE BIRD SHOW,** under the patronage of the Lancashire C.C. and S.Y.C.C. **THURS., 2nd DEC., 1909.** Good classification. Valuable specials. Judge: Mr. J. Robson. —Schedules ready Nov. 15th from **C. I. YOUNG, Frome.**

ALTRINCHAM
6th Annual All England Show, **Dec. 3rd and 4th,** under C.B.U. Rules.
Open Novice Classes
International Border Contest
Magnificent Specials. Schedules ready shortly from—
TOM HARRISON, Altrincham Aviaries, 4 Shaw's Lane, Altrincham.

LEICESTER
SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS. O.B.S. **DEC. 4 & 5.** 54 open classes. C.B.U. Rules. Prize money (1) 10/-, (2) 5/-, (3) 3/-, (4) 2/-. Guaranteed; entrance fee 1/6. No amal. of classes. Judges: Canaries J.H. Roe, Esq., Derby, British and Foreign, J.F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh. **J.A. TYLER, Sec., 229, Narborough Rd.**

LUTON
C.B.S. Affiliated to C.B.U.
BIG CASH SPECIALS. DECEMBER 8.
Judges: J. Robson, Esq. and Allen Silver, Esq. 31 open classes.
Send for schedule: **E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec., 4, Peel St., Luton, Beds.**

EPSOM
F.S. Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds (Open classes)
Dec. 1, 1909. Valuable specials, cups and cash H.P. special. Judges, Messrs. W. W. Broomhead, W. Crow, T. B. Mason, and G. Bennett. Send for schedule, **Mr. HICKS, Sec., High Street, Epsom.** Ents. cls. Nov. 20.

MELBOURNE Show December 1st & 2nd.
Prize-money guaranteed and paid in three days. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. Entries close **November 23rd.** For schedules apply **J. HICKLIN, Hon. Secretary: Melbourne, Derbyshire.**

City of Birmingham
C.B.S. GREAT OPEN SHOW,
December 1st and 2nd.
C.B.U. rules. Under patronage of N.P.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., "Roberts Cup" Competition (C.C.C.) Judges: Messrs. Barnes, House and Howe. Prize money promptly paid. **10/- ,6/-, 3/-** and **1/6** for **1/6** entry fee. Lots of specials. 56 classes (open and novice). Norwich, Yorks., Crests and C.B., Borders, Cinnamon, Mules, British and Foreign. All exhibits fed by Messrs. Trower and Co. Schedules ready Monday next.—**J. H. de Mailliet, Hon. Sec., 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.**

WEST AUCKLAND
Cage Bird Society's Show (under C.B.U. Rules), DEC. 4th. Schedules ready from **J. GILL, St. Helens, Bishop Auckland.**

LOCHCRAIG
Feather Association (near Lochgelly.)
Grand Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, will be held in Public Hall, Lochore, on **DECEMBER 4th.** Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. For schedules, apply—**ROBT. BALLOCH, 68, North Glencraig.**

STONEHOUSE N.B.
Second Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, to be held on **Saturday, DECEMBER 4th,** 1909, in the Public Hall, Stonehouse. 9 Classes for Scotch Fancy Canaries; 8 classes for Border Fancy Canaries; 11 classes for Norwich; 21 classes for British and Foreign Birds and Mules. Popular judges. 11 classes for Flying Homers.—**JOHN GOVAN, Secretary, 7, Union Street, Stonehouse, N.B.**

FORRES
and Northern Ornithological Association 23rd Annual Show
Of Cage Birds Pigeons, and Bantams, will be held on **Saturday, December 4th, 1909.** Judge Cage Birds, John Strachan, Aberdeen. Prizes, 8/-, 4/- 2/6. Schedules from **WM. CUMMING, 4, Nicholson Place, Forres.**

MILNGAVIE
BEARSDEN and Dis. O.S. Open Show on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.**
Grand classification for Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats. Cage Bird Judges, Mr. John McLay, Mr. Thos. McCredie; Poultry, Mr. Fullerton; Pigeons, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. Kinney. Entries close, **Nov. 27th.** Schedules from **M. FRAME, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.**

FERRYHILL & Dis.
C.B.S.
Second Annual Open Show, on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.** Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Literary and Social Hall. 26 Open classes. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee, 1/- per cage. Judges: J. Stanger, and J. Maddison. Entries close **November 29th, 1909.** Schedules, apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street, Ferryhill.**

CAMBRIDGE
DECEMBER 8th & 9th.
Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds. 24 classes and 24 specials. Judge: C.A. House Esq. 2 handsome challenge cups for canaries, and British birds respectively (can be won outright). Schedules ready. Please state section. **Entries close NOVEMBER 26th. W. DRIVER, Secretary.**

LOOK HERE.

CASTLE DOUGLAS
Open Show of Pty, Pgns, Rbts, Cats and Cage Birds, on **Dec 4.** Judges Poultry—W. Blonde, Kilsyth; Pgns—A. E. Macdougall, Kirn; Rbts, Cats R. McGhie, Dalbeattie; Cage Bds—J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Cups, Medals and good money specials, splendid Railway connections, entries close **Sat., Nov. 27.** Schedules ready. **J. C. BURNIE, Sec., 2, Carlingwark Cottages, Castle Douglas.**

FANCIERS' REMEMBER

HARROGATE C.B.S.
THE BEST ONE DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH
Saturday, December 4th, 1909.
Judge, A. Hirst, Esq. Schedules now ready.
N.B.—Prompt Payment. See review of Schedules.
GEO. HY. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec., 20, College Road.

HASLAND
Grassmoor & Dist. C.B.S. December 4th, 1909.
2nd ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.
Judge: W. Vardy, Esq. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries, 1/6 per cage; members 1/-. Good specials. 19 classes. Entries close **Nov. 29th.**

CUPAR, FIFE
N.B.
22nd Annual Show on **SAT. DEC 4th.** Judges, Scotch Fancies, Wm. Rodger (Slateford) Norwich, John Adams, (Dundee Borders, etc., Jas Patterson (Chirnside) Mules, British and Foreign, A. C. Dandie (Edinburgh). **3 Valuable** Classification. Grand list of Specials. Schedules now ready **WILLIAM RUDDIMAN, Secretary.**

SIX BELLS Abertillery (Mon.)
Under C.B.U. Rules. Patronage of W.C.B.C. Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign, on **Wednesday, DECEMBER 8th, 1909.** Good classification. cups, medals and numerous specials. 30 Classes. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close **November 30th.** Schedules, apply **WM. J. EDWARDS, 5, Upper Griffin Street, Six Bells, Abertillery (Mon.).**

SUTTON COLDFIELD 3rd Annual Show.
Cage Birds will be held at the Crystal Palace, **Dec. 8 & 9.** Judge, Mr. A. P. Adcock. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6.** Fee **1/6.** Enter from following:—Class 176, Nor. ck., 177 do. hen; 178 do. unflig. ck. or hen 1909, 179 Yorks. ck., 180 do. Hen, 181 do. unflig. ck. or hen 1909, 181a Crest ck. or hen, 181b C.B. ck. or hen, 182 Can. A.O.V. or Mule or Hyb., 183 Brit., 184 For. bird, 185 Can. Sell. pairs 20 -, 186 Can. sell. single or pairs 10/ , 187 Gilt class. Numerous cash specials. Schedules from **A. GEO. JONES, 110, High Street, Erdington.** Entries close **Nov. 24th.** Separate room for cage birds.

BROMSGROVE
ANNUAL SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS.
DECEMBER 14TH.
Under C. B. Union Rules. Mr. Payne, Judge. Good classification. **F. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec., Stourbridge Road.**

PONTYPRIDD PWLLGWAUN & DISTRICT.
C.B.U. rules. Pty., Pgns., Cage Birds and Rab. Judges, Messrs. Proud, Bebb, House, and Godfrey. **Dec. 15th.** Entries Close **Dec. 8th. McLUCAS & JAMES, Hon. Secs., 26, Pantygraigwen Road.**

CARMARTHEN
December 16th. C.B. Union licence. Good classification. **10/- 5/- 2/6.** Entry fee 1/6. Judge—C. A House. Esq. Schedules, J. O. **THOMAS & W B. JENKINS, Plough Hotel.**

DON'T FORGET

CROOK and District Cage Bird Show
On Saturday, **DEC. 18th, 1909.** 23 Classes. Judge, Mr. J. Sandiford. In the Mechanics' Hall, Crook. Entries close, Saturday, **Dec. 11th, 1909.—Hon. Sec., Wm. Rutherford, West Roddymoor, near Crook, co. Durham.**

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Twitterings.

Kindly note my change of address, from Bell Place, to 20, North Street, writes Mr. W. Grewar, secretary of the Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.

The Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. specials, won at the recent show, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, the hon. secretary, will be sent out in due course.

Our entries close, writes Mr. J. A. Botchley, hon. secretary of the Henfield and Dis. F.F.S., on November 17th.

Splendid classification at Dundalk Show, November 17th and 18th.—See show advertisement. P. J. Gaskin, secretary.—(Advt.)

I have removed to 6, Regent Street, Blackburn, from Whalley Old Road, writes Mr. James Lyons.

Splendid classification at Ilkeston Show. Fanciers will do well in sending for schedule.—(Advt.)

Haddington Show report credits Gardner with first in buffs, whereas that honour belongs to me.—James Smeaton (Prestonpans).

I have opened a bird shop here, writes Mr. T. G. Jeffery, "The Aviaries," 2, Station Approach, Southall, Middlesex.

I have purchased Mr. R. J. Howe's Bullfinch, 1st Peterborough, etc., writes Mr. P. H. Harris (London, W.C.).

Will fanciers please note that I have removed from Reform Street to 22, Portland Street, Newport, Barnstaple, writes Mr. W. Baker.

At the recent Eastfield Side Show a special prize was awarded to Mrs. Bradbury's Parrot, which, on being uncovered, proved to be a "Teddy Bear."

We have made an application to hold our show under Cage Bird Union License, writes Mr. W. Lightfoot, secretary of the Wandsworth F.S.

Our entries are extended to November 13th, first post, writes Mr. Thos. Duffield, hon. secretary of the West Bromwich C.B.S., as we have only three entries to time of writing.

Gloucester and Cheltenham Show reports in the Border Fancy classes give the name of Harrison, instead of Harinson.—A. Harinson (Carlisle).

The 1909 balance-sheet of the Bangor and Dis. F.S., sent us by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Aitken, is entirely satisfactory, there being a favourable balance of £4 17s. The annual show resulted in a profit of £5 16s. 6d.

The secretary of the London Federation of C.B.S., Mr. P. Adamthwaite, asks us to request his friends and correspondents to kindly note his new address, viz., 83, Hartland Road, Kilburn, N.W.

I have opened a branch for H. Playfair, Ltd., boot manufacturers, in Castle Street, Bristol, and shall be pleased to see Bristol fanciers, writes Mr. J. Brighty, of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.

We hear that Mr. J. Rukin (Rawtenstall) won Mr. Ramsden's special for best in Lizard section, and Mr. Ramsden's special for best fed bird in show, fed on Ramsden's Pepper, at Manchester Show.

Norwich Alliance Show report credits Dash with winning 3rd in class 22, whereas it was my pair that took that honour. My name is spelled wrong in class 18.—A. Parke (Lowestoft).

My thanks to Rochdale "Good Intent" Society, writes Mr. W. F. Swarbrick (Tideswell). My birds arrived home from the show safely, and I received my prize money the following Monday evening.

We were first and special with a Siskin, and second with a Yellow Norwich hen, at the Carlisle Show, in the catalogue of which our name reads McMann Bros.—McMinn Bros (Castle Douglas).

Permit me to thank you for putting the picture of my bird in Cage Birds, which I more than appreciate. I think great credit is due to your artist for his life-like drawing of the bird. J. Best (Battersea, S.W.)

The schedules for Ilkeston C.B. Show on November 27th and 29th, have been sent out, and any exhibitor having been missed may have one on application to me, writes Mr. T. Smith, hon. secretary, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.

Mr. Livingstone's special prize for most points with four birds, in Mule and British sections, at our late show, was won by Dr. A. R. Galloway, of Aberdeen, with his grand team of Mules, viz., two first and two second prizes.—John Young, secretary, City of Glasgow O.A.

The entries for the annual members' show of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S., at the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., held this Friday and Saturday, November 12th and 13th, have reached the grand total of 350, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. secretary. There will be a grand display, and it will repay all bird lovers to pay us a visit.

Class 52, in our schedule, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. sec., Sunderland C.B.A., should read: "British bird, any other variety not mentioned."

I omitted to include the name of the L.C.B.A. in last week's list of Cage Bird Union fixtures. They are affiliated to the Union, and their fixture is November 26th, 27th, and 29th. Also Morriston and District, November 8th.—J. Ravnes (hon. secretary, C.B.U.).

Will you please thank all exhibitors at our recent contest for the grand support they gave us, which resulted in 167 entries? And 165 birds arrived to be judged. Needless to say, we were highly gratified at such a fine entry.—J. H. Willows, hon. secretary, Midland Roller C.C.

The prize money at our show in the selling class British and foreign, should be 8s., 4s., 2s., not 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s., as printed in the schedule, writes Mr. J. B. Y. Murdoch, hon. secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. All other classes are 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s.

We have fixed our show, write Messrs. Boncey and Watt, hon. secretaries of the Isle of Thanet F.S., for January 26th and 27th, 1910, to be held at the Grand Hall by the Sea, Margate. Specials are coming in first-rate. Mr. J. Robson will judge cage birds.

We have to extend date of entries closing to November 14th, writes Mr. E. W. Radford, hon. secretary, Glastonbury Show, owing to entries not averaging one per class. Fanciers, do not forget our show which gives a fine classification.

The Reading and District C.B.S. hold their members' show at the Palmer Hall, West Street, on November 17th, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, the hon. secretary, and entries are very good indeed. All fanciers in this district are invited.

I shall be glad to send schedules of our show, November 25th and 26th, to any who wish for them, and who have not received them yet. There will be no extension of date for the receiving of entries.—J. R. Hyland, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

We rely upon fanciers to support us, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. Entries in open classes are very short, average about two per class. I will accept entries till first post Saturday morning, November 13th.

From Mr. J. Jones (17, Cranbourne Street, Brighton), we have received what is termed a "sevenpenny sample of 'Dreadnought' mealworms," and very fine value it appears to be, both as regards number and size of the mealworms.

The London and Counties O.A., on November 15th, at the Session House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., are to be favoured, by that well-known old fancier, Mr. W. Shakespeare, with a washing exhibition, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. sec. All fanciers welcomed.

The Marske-by-the-Sea and Dis. F.C. have appointed us as secretaries in place of Mr. T. Kirby. We intend holding our annual show on January 15th, 1910, schedules for which will be out shortly.—Crunstead and Clegg, hon secretaries.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. J. W. Papple, secretary, Hartlepools C.B.S., that we had a loss of £4 4s. on the classes at our show; but we paid all open prize money within four days. We thank you for the good report you gave of our show.

Extra specials, in connection with the Pendleton and Salford Show, are as follows, writes Mr. J. Rukin, hon. secretary, Lancashire and Lizard F.A.: Mr. John Dewsnap, 2s. 6d. for best gold Lizard; Mr. W. Dewsnap, 2s. 6d. for best silver Lizard, shown by a member of the L. and L.F.A.

In your "Guide to the Shows," writes Mr. Geo. Goulden (Langwathby, Carlisle), my name is omitted from the Carlisle Show, held January 11th next, as judge. I was elected to judge the Crests as early as February last, and all being well I hope to fulfil my appointment and have good classes to judge.

Derwent Valley Show report in the Border Fancy hen class states: 1st and special, no name; this should read Henderson. In the buff Border cock class, v.h.c. is credited to Lindsay, whereas I won that ticket. I had four entries here, and had a ticket with each.—G. R. Henderson (Ashington).

We are holding a good three-day show of cage birds on November 13th, 14th, and 15th, writes Mr. J. N. Elwell, hon. secretary of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. The admission will be free, but a collection will be taken at the door. We are giving £60 in prizes in 12 classes.

In the schedule of the Grand United Metropolitan Show, writes Mr. A. Watson, the hon. secretary, classes 120 to 123 should read Norwich clear or ticked, classes 127 to 130 Yorkshire clear or ticked. Five specials of 5s. each are offered to the member of each society scoring most points.

We hope fanciers will not forget the Hayle Show on November 17th and 18th, writes Mr. H. Ware, the hon. secretary. We have four money prizes for a low entry fee of 1s. 6d., with a cash special for nearly every class. Entries are very short, so we will accept up to November 13th last post. Prize money will be paid in three days.

I have just forwarded, writes Mr. B. Hollins, the well-known dealer, of Hull, 50 cases of stuffed birds to a customer (who has seen my name in Cage Birds), at Wellington, New Zealand. The weight of same was about 4 cwt. I have just purchased one of the finest collections of rare British birds and others (total value close upon £1,000), which it has taken 45 years to collect (many of the birds are extinct now). If any fanciers wish to complete their collection I am willing to separate birds, as in most cases there are two or three of each kind.

Will secretaries kindly note that I have moved from Wotton, my address being now 52, High Street, Aylesbury.—F. Inch.

We are offering the following specials at our show, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, hon. secretary of the Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S., viz., 5s. (cash) for most points in Norwich section, and again in the Yorkshire and British bird sections, 2s. 6d. cash in Cinnamon section, and again in the Crest and C.B., and the Border Fancy sections.

I am very sorry to inform you that I am compelled, through lack of time, to part with all my Yorkshires, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle). It is a great wrench parting with my birds, especially after working them up to their present state of efficiency, but it cannot be helped. I hope to take them up again in two or three years' time if business and health permit.

The Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. is still going as strong as ever, writes Mr. B. F. Forse, the hon. secretary. Our membership is now fast approaching the century, and we have no less than fifty specials, besides the six challenge cups, for our annual members' show. Any fanciers desirous of joining to be eligible to compete for all, except cups, can do so, providing application is made not later than November 13th.

We learn that Mr. F. Wardleworth (late of Altrincham), the Border Fancy enthusiast, has taken up the Fancy again with Mr. H. Wadsworth, in Borders and Yorkshires, and that they intend showing immediately. Schedules of any forthcoming shows (they write) we shall be pleased to receive, addressed, Messrs. Wardleworth and Wadsworth, 68, Leng Road, Newton Heath, Manchester.

An error has been made in the printing of our schedule, writes Mr. R. Gibbie, hon. secretary of the St. Helen's O.S. Class 22 should read A.O.V. Canary, not previously mentioned. Mr. J. Sandiford, of Preston, has promised a medal for Hottest-fed bird on his Royal Red. This notification was received too late to be inserted in schedule. The show is being held on Nov. 19 and 20, and not Nov. 19 only, as in our last week's advertisement.

OBITUARY.

Mr. DAVID YOUNG (Reston).

I deeply regret to have to notify the sad death of my dear friend, Mr. David Young (Reston, Berwickshire), who died on November 8th, writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). Deceased, although not a prominent fancier, was gradually climbing to the top, having this season bred some champion Border Fancies. When I saw his stock just previous to our club show, I remarked to him that he would clear all before him in the marked classes. But "man proposes, God disposes," and such was not to be. Two of his boys became ill, and he could not show; then, just when they recovered, typhoid fever claimed him as its victim. His birds were always uppermost in his thoughts. The Fancy has indeed lost a rising man, and I a true friend. He was a constable in the Berwickshire force, and one and all esteemed his kindly, obliging disposition. All in this district (I don't think he ever had an enemy), extend to his wife and family and to his aged parents their heartfelt sympathy.

My society's show does not seem to be getting the support it deserves, considering that prize money is guaranteed, and will be paid within three days. I make this appeal to fanciers to rally round and help us make our show a success. Up to date entries only average one per class, and I am therefore compelled to extend closing time until November 15th, when I must close down, to comply with the London Federation rules.—F. W. Hamer, hon. secretary, Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

I am sorry to say we are receiving poor support at Maesteg, writes Mr. C. Richards, chairman of the Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S. Up to the present we have had only 9 entries, and unless we receive better support by Sunday we shall be obliged to cancel our show. We have a grand lot of specials, mostly cash, waiting to be won, and we guarantee to pay all prize money as soon as possible after show. We did pay and send out specials in ten days after our last show, and hope to do the same this year.

Kindly allow me through your columns to thank exhibitors for their splendid response to our appeal, which made it possible for us to have a show at Cambridge. As a matter of fact, more than two-thirds of the entries received were the result of sending out no fewer than 575 appeal cards, as at the closing of entries the total barely averaged two per class. Our only disappointment were the Border classes, which were poorly patronised, notwithstanding that we gave the full club classification.—T. S. Moore, hon. secretary, Cambridge C.B.S.

The special prize offered by the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. for competition on November 19th and 20th, will be for most points for three nominated birds shown in any class, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler, the hon. secretary. This valuable prize was on view for the first time on November 5th at Mr. Marsden's, Stonewell, and will remain there until day of show. It consists of a tray elaborately engraved, with two birds in the centre. A teapot and coffee pot are elaborately embossed, and the cream jug and sugar basin are lined with 9 carat gold. The prize is to be won twice in succession, or three times in all before coming the absolute property of any exhibitor.

A Record at Preston.

"Great show: record entry." So reads a telegram from Mr. Taylor, the secretary of Preston Show, which we received late on Wednesday last. Such a result must be very gratifying to the officials concerned.

I think your double numbers are really excellent. I wish Cage Birds every success.—J. Best (Battersea, S. W.)

I wish your paper, Cage Birds, and its staff every luck. The plate with the November 6th issue was a treat.—Jno. H. Jones (Merthyr Tydfil).

A friend of mine gave me a copy of Cage Birds, and I have taken it ever since. I think the last coloured plate a treat.—R. Winterburn (Boston, Spa).

I was highly delighted with the coloured plate of Canaries. How I always look forward for Cage Birds! I can hardly keep my eyes off it. W. Clough (Sutton Mill).

The grand coloured plate issued on November 6th, is, I think, like your valuable paper, Cage Birds, a treat to all bird lovers.—J. W. Papple (West Hartlepool).

Your illustrated sermon in six varieties (I refer to your last coloured plate) is grand, and better still in a frame; thanks to Mr. Norman. W. Pavey (London, S.E.).

I think your paper Cage Birds is the most valuable and interesting paper to bird lovers in the kingdom. The last Double Number is a marvel.—S. R. Pechy (Liverpool).

I gave a copy of Cage Birds to a novice, and he is delighted with the plate, and is going to have it framed. I wish Cage Birds every success.—G. Buck (Gateshead-on-Tyne).

I must thank you for the splendid plate you gave us on November 6th. I think this must have reached the standard mark; it gives all fanciers a treat alike.—H. Simmons (Peterboro').

Your coloured plate with Cage Birds of November 6th I think a treat. It gives a novice a bit of an idea of what to breed to be near the ideal thing for the show bench.—J. H. Elwell (Shildon).

I must again congratulate you on your colossal number, which I think is splendid. The valuable information and beautiful plates are unsurpassed by any paper of to-day.—John Tipton (Wellington).

I was exceedingly well pleased with Cage Birds' (November 6th) Double Number, and the magnificent plate accompanying same. Cage Birds has my good wishes.—J. B. Y. Murdoch (Kilmarnock).

I thank you for the help derived from Cage Birds, which I recommend to all fanciers here; also for this week's grand number with its lovely plate. I have all the plates posted up where I work, and they are the talk of all.—J. Paul (Barry Dock).

NEXT WEEK

ANOTHER ASTONISHING SHOW SEASON . . DOUBLE NUMBER . .

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The number will also contain a special selection of topical and instructive articles and a host of illustrations. The reports of the many shows will be given with that thoroughness which it has always been the policy of Cage Birds to ensure, despite the huge amount of labour and heavy cost attaching to it—a thoroughness which, without such double numbers as the one under notice, it would be impossible to attain, and hopeless to attempt.

Some of the difficulties which confront us during the show season can be gauged from the present issue, in which, despite no fewer than 11 crowded pages of show reports, we have been unable to publish all the reports which have reached us, much though we regret their omission. The growth of the Fancy, with its attendant multiplication of cage-bird exhibitions, and the ever-increasing classification offered thereat, makes the problem of adequately reporting them a very difficult one, and comes perilously near to involving the "crowding out" of much other interesting matter — a position, however, which is fortunately saved by our show-season double numbers.

Readers should order their copies of next week's grand issue at once.

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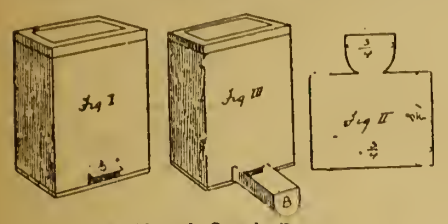
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Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 360.
A Novel Seed Box.
Sent by Mr. Jas. Stankley, 55, Elwick Road, West Hartlepool.

The enclosed sketch shows a novel and cheap seed hopper made from ¼-lb. cocoa or mustard tins; when it is painted or enamelled to match the cage, it looks well. The seed box can be fitted to the existing holes in cage fronts. Fig. 1 shows the outlet for seed cut at the bottom

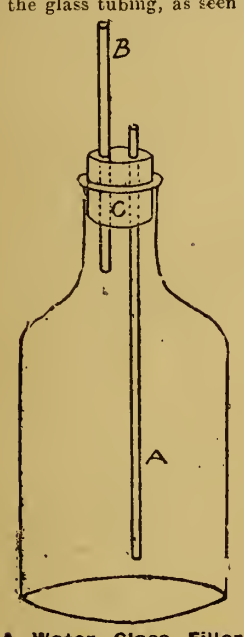


A Novel Seed Box.

of the tin ¾in. wide by 5-16in. deep, the cut piece being turned up. Fig. 2 shows a piece of tin for the receiver B before being bent into shape; and Fig. 3 shows the seed-hopper complete with B soldered on. The idea is very useful. The contrivance is dustproof, allowing no waste and preventing ruffled and soiled feathers round the neck of the bird, which are caused by the bird reaching through the wires for seed.—James Stankley.

No. 361.
An Easy Way to Fill Glasses.
Sent by Mr. H. H. Bulcock, Riverside, Clitheroe.

To make the article illustrated, get an ordinary whiskey bottle, two pieces of glass tubing, and a cork. Burn two holes in the cork the size of the glass tubing, as seen at C. The



A Water Glass Filler.

long tube A is for letting air in and to force the water out at B. I have between 30 and 40 glass drinkers to clean and fill daily, and find this the easiest and best method of doing so, as each vessel can be filled exactly to the top without any running over or shortness.—H. H. Bulcock.

In the Courts.

A Magisterial Warning at Woolwich.

James Todman, of Eastney Street, Greenwich, was summoned at Woolwich Police Court on November 2nd, for unlawfully using certain nets for the purpose of taking a protected wild bird, viz., a Thrush. He was further summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to the bird while in captivity.—Prisoner burst into a fit of weeping, and pleading that he was unwell, the case was adjourned for a week.

Alfred Attwood, of Old Woolwich Road, Greenwich, was similarly summoned in respect of a Blackbird.

Police Constable Williams stated that on the night of October 15th he saw prisoner at Shooter's Hill, in company with the other man who had just left the court. He noticed a bag attached to prisoner's belt, and on examining it found it contained a Blackbird. He told prisoner that such birds were protected, and prisoner said he thought it was an open time for catching them. The bird was in an exhausted condition when he took it out of the bag. Prisoner said that if he had done anything wrong he would liberate the bird.

The excuse offered by the prisoner to the magistrate was that he was asked to go bird catching, and he did not know he was doing wrong.

On the first summons Attwood was fined 2s., but in the second case Mr. Hutton told prisoner that anybody who had any feeling must have known he was causing considerable pain to the unfortunate bird. The practice of trapping wild birds had to be stopped, and if any other persons came before him for a similar offence they would be severely punished. If a man went to a foreign country he never heard the birds singing, because they were trapped, but in England it was different.—Prisoner was fined 10s., and 2s. costs, or seven days.

A Case from Ireland.

At the Kingstown Police Court, Denis Kenny was summoned on November 4th by Sergeant Cooney for a breach of the Wild Birds' Protection Act by using birdlime to catch Linnets at Castlepollard Road.

The sergeant stated that between 8 and 9 a.m. on October 4th he found defendant in a field with two decoy Linnets and 16 twigs set with birdlime on them. He had 8 Linnets in a cage, and admitted that he had caught them on the twigs.

Mr. Mahony: What have you to say?—Defendant: I thought it was no harm.—Mr. Mahony: Neither did I, until now. You can only be admonished for the first offence, and I accordingly admonish you, and you may go away.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 120, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne** — (Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.

*Nov. 12 and 13—**Whitehaven.**—(W. J. Douglas, 17 King Street). J.S.W., and T.K.

*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.

*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside), T.H., C.H. & W.V.

*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 16 & 17—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.) J. Btk.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.) W.V.

*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road,) J.H.R.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str

*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.R.

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B.

*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.

*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.

*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.** — (E. Brunskill, 2, Dane bury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

*Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed, Church St.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I.Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J.Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 1—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.H.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Gulsborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Botkow Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Boucey and Watt, Bulls Head Hotel), J.K.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2, Smith Street),

Scotland.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wtn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Byr. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.Dh., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C.Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.). A.P., D. Lc., J Sc.

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.) J.F.D., J.Bl., W.C.

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Lse.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**— (D. Authony, Main Street. Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W.W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.

*Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W.J.Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

*Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down). H.W.B.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—P. J. Gaskin, The Crescent.) J. Wk.

Nov. 25 & 26 —**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R.. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

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Notes from Erin.

SOME little time ago it was thought that the Irish Fancy was on the decline; as a matter of fact, it was surmised that Irish shows could not possibly be a success financially this year owing to so many of the old exhibitors having retired from the ranks. But it is pleasing to find that this season has opened with the dark threatening clouds completely vanished—or, at least, there is nothing visible to-day but its silver lining. In addition to many recruits, several of our old champion exhibitors have re-enlisted, and we now find them taking up arms again.

WE have also five new societies and show fixtures added to the list this year, under the rules of our specialist clubs. We have now 12 shows to be held between November (present month) and January next. Thus, on an average, we have a show every week, and it is to be hoped that they will all be huge successes. We must put our shoulders to the wheel and come forward as sportsmen with a bumping entry, and thus assist in furthering and promoting our hobby in Ireland.

THE first show of the season was opened on Nov. 4th. The Yorkshire C.B. Society of Ireland was only founded some few months ago, and the promoters deserve great credit for the progress it has made. Those who had the good fortune to visit the Central Hall, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, on Thursday and Friday last went away well satisfied. There was a good gate, and a splendid entry.

NEEDLESS to say, Yorkshires opened the schedule. They came up in goodly numbers, and very meritorious birds, some of which are not far behind the ideal depicted on the last week's beautiful plate, "A Study in Canaries." There were some nice Norwich Plainheads, but the Crests did not come up to expectations as regards numbers. The Hybrids and British birds were beauties and created much interest amongst the visitors. Mr. Mundell, the judge, had a busy and difficult time, but seemed to please one and all.

THERE was a raffle at the close of the show, Mr. Hawkins holding the winning number. Sales were brisk, and many birds changed owners, some at a good price. There was also an auction of birds at the close, and one of the new members to our ranks acted as auctioneer, and performed his duty well.

Closed Ring.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Altrincham C.B.S.—Tuesday, Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road. Fourth table show. Judges: Nor., Mr. T. Harrison; Yorks., Mr. H. Broome; Borders, Mr. W. Bayley; Brit., Mr. A. Royle. Fanciers and friends invited. Meeting to commence 7.45.—T. Harrison.

(Date is omitted, but probably Nov. 16 is meant.—Ed.)

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 16, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. W. Foxall, and back end show business.—H. Foden

Admiral Duncan O.S. (Nottingham).—Nov. 13, 8. General meeting, schedule, etc., for Christmas show.—W. Healey.

Ayr C.B.C.—Nov. 15, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Question and discussion night. Presentation of cups.—C. C. Irvine.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Providence Onward Hall, 8. Allotment of specials, etc.—J. Spencer.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.—Nov. 17, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Closing of entries for annual show.—A. Lupton.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 16, Park Chapel Schools. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; birds to be staged 7 prompt; entries can be made Monday night, at schools.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.B.F.A.—Nov. 16, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Discussion on Cinnamon Canary, and final arrangements for Nov. show. Fanciers invited. —J. Richardson.

Bingley O.S.—Nov. 16, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Judging competition, from sketches.—A. Livesey.

Crewe O.S.—Nov. 16, Burton Hotel, 8. Important, owing to Messrs. Lawton and Heaton making a tie for gold medal. Please bring all ticket money and unsold tickets.—T. L. Hancock.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Nov. 17, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Final meeting for open show, Nov. 20th, receive entries; entries close Nov. 15th.—Bird and Siddle.

City of Birmingham.—Nov. 17, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Show business.—J. H. de Maillet.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Victoria Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Appointment of show stewards, etc.—W. Sampson.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 17. Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Show business, entries, etc.—G. Peters.

City of Wakefield.—Nov. 13, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8.—Parker and Parkes.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Church Hall, 7. Members' prize money, etc.—J. Brown.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Nov. 17, George Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for open show.—R. S. Black.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Nov. 13, Saddle Inn. Show of Canaries. Birds to be staged 2 prompt. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Feeleshill).—G. C. Stafford.

Derby C.B.C.—Nov. 18, Derwent Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Stevens.

East Ham.—Nov. 15, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Annual show; report of committee re specials, A.O.B.—H. Rutter.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 12, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. To select medals for society, etc.—L. Booth.

Great Horton O.S.—Nov. 13, Butchers' Arms, 8. —J. Holroyd.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Nov. 15, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Entries for show to be completed on this date.—W. Parratt.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. — Nov. 16, Cricket Players. Special prize subscriptions due.—W. Cottingham.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Nov. 16, 4, Cranbrook Road, Ilford, 8. Payment of prize money with prize cards. Will members please settle up with tickets re young stock show? A. Webb.

Keighley C.B.S.—Nov. 16, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition.—Wm. Wright.

London and Counties O.A.—Nov. 15, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Shakesneare, and competition; after, Mr. Shakespeare acts as judge. Competitors please bring their own birds; 2/6 given by the sec. for the winner.—W. Gilbert.

Leith O.S.—Nov. 13, Liberal Club Hall, 7. Financial statement; payment of prize money; election of office bearers, etc.—G. Brown.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Co-op Guildroom, 7.30. Subscriptions must be paid.—A. Wigginton.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Railway Hotel, 7.45. To pay prize money, etc., and arrange lecture.—P. Hart.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 13, St. George's Schools, birds staged 2.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. H. E. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge).—J. Chambers.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 20, Miners' Hall, 7. Payment of prize money, and social. Tickets 1/- each, tea 7.30. No tickets sold after 13th Nov.—J. Pollock.

Liverpool O.S.—Nov. 16, headquarters, 8. General clearing up of open show.—J. W. Metcalfe.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 20, Railway Hotel, 7. Birds staged. Members' show. Mr. A. W. Varley, judge.—A. Bottomley.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Nov. 16, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15.—J. E. Wood.

Midland Roller C.—Nov. 18, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Will all members who sold admission tickets kindly let me know before, or at meeting, how many they have sold, so that balance sheet can be prepared.—J. H. Willows.

Musselburgh O.S.—Nov. 20, Brown's Rooms, 83, High Street, 7. Show, specials. Committee meets Nov. 23, same place, 7.30.—W. Nisbet.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—Nov. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Prize money, ticket money, and show discussion.—E. H. Jones.

Nelson C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Bull Hotel, 8. Members to bring in collecting books, and to allot specials for next show, Dec. 4th.—J. England.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 13, St. George's Hall, 8. All monies to be paid in; also arrange prize money, and other business.—Geo. Oakes.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Nov. 17, Temperance Club, 7.30. Table show: Yell. birds; each member allowed 2 birds only. Intending members cordially invited to these shows.—W. Adams.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 16, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8 Open show, balance sheet.—H. Martin.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Commercial Hotel, 8. Judging competition, 4 classes; staged 8.30.—J. Lewis.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Dec. 1, Institute, 31, Jeffervs Road, Clapham, 8. Nomination of officers for 1910. Meeting for Nov. 17, is abandoned owing to its being "Palace Week."—G. W. Milledge.

South-West London C.B.S.—Nov. 18, distribution of prize money, etc.—Lilley

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 15, Technical School, 8. Open show business, etc.—J. Irlam.

Shields C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Gregg's Cafe, 8. Show report, and specials.—J. Barrass.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Bull's Head Hotel, birds staged by 3. Monthly show, hens only. Judge, Mr. Thorp (Meadowcroft).—A. E. Murton.

United Metropolitan Show. Nov. 18, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 8.—A. Watson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Fleece Hotel, 8. Distribution of members' specials, etc.—W. Ridge.

Wakefield Roller C.C. — Nov. 16, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business.—J. Netherwood.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Nov. 18, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for winter show.—E. Broadley.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Deformed Feet.

Novice.—Unfortunately, by waiting to see if the feet improved with time you have, I fear, quite destroyed the last chance of doing anything to improve them. These cases cannot be attended to too early, as they quickly get beyond relief. If the toes are rigid any attempt to cure them will be quite fruitless, and only cause the bird great pain; therefore, all I would advise you to do is to provide it with fairly wide, flat, and slightly roughed perches on which it can stand with comfort without gripping them. Trim off all sharp edges, and round off the end of one perch for an inch or two to about the size of a lead pencil, to give the bird an opportunity of acquiring a grip if it can do so. But if the toes are fairly flexible, and the bird occasionally gets them over a perch in the proper way, give it only perches about the size and shape of an ordinary lead pencil, varying a little in thickness, similar to a tapered penholder. Make these perches of soft pine, and rub them lengthwise with a piece of very coarse sandpaper to give a roughed surface to assist the bird in getting a good grip. Leave these perches in until you see that the bird often keeps the toes out straight when hopping on a flat surface, when larger ones may be given. A wire contrivance for holding out the toes was shown in our "Illustrated Ideas" a few months ago, to which you may be able to refer. But, candidly, I think this case is beyond all help.

Another Window Case.

Puzzled.—There is no enigma at all about your bird's condition, unless it is that it has survived so long. Its position in the kitchen window is one great cause of its illness, and its diet, which is extremely bad, is another. See reply under heading "Misplaced Efforts," and act upon the advice given there as to the necessity of removing causes before attempting to cure effects, and also follow the instructions about removing bird at once to a more favourable position. Feed it on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a small piece of banana, varied occasionally with a spray of green food. Limit the diet solely to these items for a month. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, and in the second week give six drops of tincture of steel and three of tincture of quinine. Then miss a week, and if the feathers have not ceased dropping, repeat the two week's treatment in the same order, except that you omit the rhubarb and buckthorn this time. See that the bird is not troubled with red mites.

Roller's Song, etc.

Brownlow.—I really cannot tell you definitely whether the Roller's song would be affected by the presence of a Goldfinch or Linnet in the adjoining compartment, but there is certainly a great risk that it would. It is, however, just one of those things which depend upon the individual bird, and they vary so greatly that only the actual test could decide such a question with certainty. Some birds are very prone to drop their acquired song for anything they hear of a lower grade, whilst others are much less easily corrupted. As you attach first value to the Roller's song, I would advise you to run no risks, and not try the experiment. The song is also very liable to deteriorate when the birds are used for breeding, so you will still have this risk to contend with. If you wish to avoid this, and still desire to go in for breeding, your best plan is to get a well-trained good singing Roller, and keep him separate in a proper singing cage of the box type, for singing alone. You could then run one or two pairs of Rollers for breeding, and as soon as the young cocks were able to do for themselves, cage them off separately to be tutored by the special singing bird. In this way you would be able to both enjoy and utilise the song. There would be no objection to keeping another Roller cock, or a Roller hen, in the adjoining compartment of the cage as you suggest, provided you kept the solid wood slide in during the winter months.

Yorkshire with Cough.

R. Driver.—You ought to have said how and where you keep the bird. The most probable cause of its "kind of a cough," is being exposed to draughts, or to great and sudden variations of temperature. In either case remove this cause. Keep the bird in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, but where there is little variation, and no draughts at all. Feed as advised to "H. Boyce," for a month, except the bread and milk, which you should omit, and give instead about half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it every second day. Continue this for a fortnight, and give the same green food or fruit also. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week, if necessary.

Swelling Under Ear.

Anxious.—It is just probable the swelling may be due to a peck from another bird, or some similar injury, in which case it should have almost, or quite disappeared by the time this reply appears. If this is not the case, gently remove a few feathers from the top of swollen part so as to leave the skin bare, then if it appears to have formed a "head," bathe it a little in warm water by holding a small wad of cotton wool well charged with water against it, and dipping the wad in hot water as soon as it begins to cool. After bathing a minute or two, prick the swelling with a clean needle, press out all pus, wash clean, dry, and anoint with a little carbolised vaselino. A few drops of extract of wych hazel would be a good addition to the water for bathing. If there appears no head on the swelling, instead of the above treatment, paint it with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine, and repeat the painting once after an interval of a week. Continue your present diet until ths bird is well, but give the bread and milk every second day only, and sprinkle it with a little soft sugar, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of summer rape. A few grains of Epsom Salts and sarsaparilla in the water for a day or two would be helpful.

Sore on Beak.

A.B.—I suspect there is a constitutional cause for the condition you describe, and the loss of flesh lends colour to this supposition. Therefore, you should attend well to the general treatment of ths bird as a first necessity towards recovery. Keep it under the best possible hygienic conditions, in a pure atmosphere, but beware of draughts, and keep the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and th eperches quite clean. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one summer rape, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure. Every second day, for a month, give about half a teaspoonful of soft food, giving alternately a little bread and milk, sprinkled with maw seed, and crushed sponge cake, with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Continue giving fruit or green food as you are now doing. In the drinking water give ten drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this, give twenty drops of Parrish's Chemical Food four times a week for two or three weeks. Wash the sore clean with warm water, dry carefully, and then drop into it off the end of a knitting needle one drop of Tincture of Benzoin. Repeat this twice a week for a fortnight. If bird is not quite recovered by the end of a month's treatment, write again and report progress, referring to this reply.

Loss of Voice.

H. Boyce.—Before attempting a cure for this or any other ailment, try first to discover and remove the cause. At this season also, take into account the fact that numbers of birds have not recovered the temporary loss of singing powers due to the moult, and in this case all that is needful is to get the bird through the moult, tone up its system, and its voice will return naturally. If, however, the loss is due to colds, chill, or draughts, these causes must be removed at once, and strictly guarded against in future. Feed the bird on a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed, twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of inga and gold of pleasure seed; and every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with a little soft sugar. On the alternate days between giving bread and milk, give a spray of watercress, tender top of inner stalk of celery, or a bit of banana. Continue this treatment for a month, except the bread and milk, which reduce to twice a week after the first fortnight. In the drinking water give ten drops each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, two days in every three for a week, then omit the chlorate of potash, and substitute two drops of eucalyptus oil, shake well, and give this every second day for another week.

Misplaced Efforts.

A. Heron.—So long as you keep your birds hanging in the window of the living room you must not expect any treatment to be of any avail. It is about the worst possible position to keep them, and is undoubtedly the cause of their condition, and, as you must know, I am constantly pointing out the uselessness of treating birds for any ailment without first removing the cause. I am afraid your birds are now too badly affected for you to do much for them. However, try what a few weeks of the following treatment will do. First of all, move them out of the window, and keep them in box cages hanging on the wall further in the room. Choose a place not too near a fire, so that the temperature may be fairly equable; but let it be comfortable, quite free from draughts, and out of reach of the fumes of any lights that burn in the evenings. See the cages are quite free from red mites, and keep them strewn with clean, gritty sand. Feed for a month the same as advised to "W.B.," but omit the sulphur and potash from the bread and milk, except in the case of the one that is going bald. Give it to this bird, and anoint the bare skin once a week with carbolised vaseline. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue giving the latter for a fortnight, and on the alternate days during the second week give twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Shall be glad to hear how the birds are progressing at the end of the month, with a reference to this reply.

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Teaching the Young Idea, etc.

M. M.—You kept the Rollers rather too long without a tutor. The sooner they are placed under tuition, after they are able to look after themselves, ths better, and if they can have the advantage of hearing a good schoolmaster before they leave the nest, that is better still. What you require now is a fair stock of patience, and if the birds are cocks they will undoubtedly come on to "rolls" more or less in due course, but you must not despair if they are another two months before opening out in full song. After all, it is not really late yet for birds to begin their full song after moulting. Probably very few, except such as got through the moult, very early, are yet in full song again. Do you keep these young birds in open cages, and uncovered always? If you do, this would, to a certain extent, account for their backwardness. For the first few weeks, or until they begin to attempt to record their song, the cages should be covered over closely enough to keep the birds fairly still and quiet, but not closely enough to prevent them finding their way about comfortably, in order to concentrate their attention upon the singing of the tutor. When they begin recording, remove the covers for an hour or two each evening, and gradually increase the freedom as the birds get stronger in song. But should any of these put too much energy into the song, and show signs of becoming "screechers," replace the covers for a time, and keep them partly covered until the song is well established, if necessary.

Brevities.

Still Losing Feathers (Worried).—First satisfy yourself the bird is not exposed to draughts, or to extreme fluctuations of heat. Give half a teaspoonful of summer rape each day. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a few grains of hemp. Give a small piece of banana four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. Continue this treatment for a fortnight or so, when the bird should be all right.

Heat and Diet (Amateur).—If your birdroom is in a fairly well sheltered situation it is quite possible the birds may get along very nicely without artificial heat, especially as they have already been well acclimatised to the present conditions. However, see reply to "Ready to Start." You can judge best yourself from the appearance of the birds, whether they suffer from cold, but as long as the temperature keeps above 45 degrees, there should be no necessity whatever to increase it. As staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a little hemp, on two other days a little egg food, or crushed biscuit, and occasionally when weather is very cold a few split groats, coarse oatmeal, cracked sunflower seeds, inga, and gold of pleasure, with occasional pieces of sweet apple and banana.

Drooping Wing (Rugbeian).—It is possible the drooping wing is due to some injury caused by the bird fluttering about, or getting a claw fast in wires. As he occasionally gets tripped up, I think overgrown claws are really the indirect cause. Examine claws, and cut them back if much overgrown. The wing might be supported in its natural position by a bit of very narrow tape or wool passed round the first three flights crossed underneath the wing, carried over back with a second crossing, and then tied underneath the other wing. As these bindings require some deftness, I would not advise you to attempt them if you have had no previous practice. It is far better to leave the cure to Nature. Give the bird a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and in its drinking water twenty drops chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days six drops tincture of gentian and four tincture of steel. Give this for a week, then miss a week, and give again for another week. The wing will probably resume the normal position as the bird gets in better condition.

The Lowest Temperature ("Ready to Start").—It is not possible to say what is the lowest temperature which any particular strain can be kept in with safety. It depends solely upon the hardihood and previous history of the strain. It is quite possible for them to be kept in an open air aviary all the year round, with perfect safety; on the other hand, it would be foolish to attempt to keep others thus. I am no advocate of experiments to see how much cold they can bear. Therefore, taking the season into consideration, the apparent frailty of your shed, and the fact that the birds are coming from a warmer room than yours, I advise you to be prepared to warm it a little, if you find the birds appear to feel the cold. Do not go too much for the cheapest form of heating, but rather get the best and safest. A system of flow and return hot water pipes, with a small boiler and furnace under a separate cover outside the room, would not cost a great deal, and would be an excellent investment.

Too Hoarse to Sing (New Beginner).—Keep bird in a comfortable temperature and out of draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give separately a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga and gold of pleasure seed. On two other days give a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on each of the remaining days a bit of banana or scrap of green food. Continue for a month, if necessary, and at same time keep a small cube of fat boiled bacon in wires, or, as an excellent substitute, a mealworm each day. In place of plain water for drinking give the following concoction two days in every three for a week or fortnight as appears necessary. Place a small teaspoonful of linseed in a teacup, add a piece of spanish liquorice the size of a large pea, half a teaspoonful of honey, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence; fill cup a little over half full with boiling water, stir well until all is dissolved, cover, and allow to stand until cold. Then strain, and give in the drinker instead of pure water, as mentioned above.

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Laconic (E.C.).—Your queries are very fine examples of brevity, but so much so that it is impossible to form any opinion as to what is amiss. Try following, and if birds are not better in a fortnight, write again, and give a few particulars as to how they have been kept and treated hitherto. (1) Give this bird a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week, and in the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the second week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. (2) Give the hens a bit of bread and milk as above every second day for one week, and in the water give twenty drops of whisky, six of paregoric, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week.

Difficult Moulting (W.B.).—I suspect she has left her youth some distance behind her. Remove her into a room with a fire, and keep her in a fairly warm place, with a light cover over cage. But bs careful not to put it where it is very warm by day, and correspondingly cold at night. Let the warmth be equable, and if you can keep it so, let it be quite on the warm side. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a small piece of bred sopped in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice a week for a fortnight dust the bread and milk with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorato of potash. Give a pinch of a mixture of maw, inga, and gold of pleasure twice a week, and a little green food or fruit three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a few shreds of saffron every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid three times a week for a fortnight. Moisten the bare places a few times with strong vinegar by means of a feather.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

A Feather Puller.

Dunlop.—It is difficult to cure the Parrot tribe of this annoying habit once it is really taken up; your best course will be to give a dose of Dinneford's magnesia every third day, dose: one teaspoonful of D.'s magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water. To each quart of your present seed mixture add one quart of Canary and white millet seed in equal parts, well mix both mixtures together before supplying to the bird—ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit should also be given at intervals. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Note: The magnesia must be stopped for a short time if the bird becomes at all scoured. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. If the bird is sufficiently tame, let it out of the cage for exercise at such intervals as you can keep it under observation. Carry out above treatment carefully, and report progress a month hence.

Feeding Budgerigars.

Foreigner.—(1) Yes, put in four husks, equi-distant one from the other, and plenty of twiggy branches along back of cage. (2) Providing they can get light and air without draught, they will do well in the room, they do not need artificial heat. (3) They should do; I have known them breed in much smaller quarters, but the young must be removed as soon as they can feed themselves. I have known the parents maltreat the young in confined quarters. (4) Yellows command a little better price than the Greens, otherwise it is a matter of personal choice. (5) I should not encourage winter breeding, but the best way will be to leave them to themselves. (6) Yellows, 8/6 to 10/6, and Greens 5/6 to 7/6 per pair. (7) Canary, white and spray millet seed; green-food, few oats, cuttlefish, and a few pieces of plain biscuit may be given when they have young to feed. (8) Isolate the bird in a separate cage, make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day. Procure from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; for a few days let its drinking water consist of two parts water and one part of the mixture. Budgerigars are small drinkers, so only a small drinker will be needed, which must be a crockery-ware.

A Young Grey Parrot.

Mrs. B. S.—The Indian corn will answer well enough as part of its diet; boil about a tablespoonful till soft (the corns should be left whole), drain off the surplus water and dust with flowers of sulphur—the corn must be boiled fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Also keep a tin of the following seed mixture in its cage:—1 quart each Canary and white millet seed, and 1 pint each rice, hemp, dari, wheat, and sunflower seeds; well mix the whole together and you will find it a cheap and wholesome mixture. When the bird is eating the dry seed heartily, gradually wean it from the boiled maize. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. For a couple of months at least lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. At first do not leave water in the cage, but let it satisfy its thrist three times a day; after a few weeks the water may be left in the cage continually. I should only give a bath on warm, sunny days; omit it in severe weather. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

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Waxbills in Cage.

E.H.L.W.—The hay should be changed, say, monthly; if it gets fouled it should be changed at once. Waxbills are better kept in pairs, and I should buy pairs of these. I do not suppose they will attempt to breed in your cage, and I am of opinion that they are happier, or rather, shall I say more contented, when kept in pairs. Cover the present holes up, and have seed hoppers inside cage. I have kept these birds out of doors all the year round, but they have had a large flight for wing exercise; when confined in cages in a room I consider they are the better for a minimum temperature of from 45 to 50 degrees F., and I should aim at keeping the temperature as equable as possible—50 degrees is ample. They will take but little harm, if any, from dry cold; it is damp, draught and extremes of temperature you must guard against. A certain percentage of losses seems to be unavoidable with purchases of newly-imported foreign birds and the lowest in price are often the dearest in the end.

Brevities.

Breeding Parrakeets in Cage (Fancier).—Fancier must give me a little more information before I can help him. Budgerigars are about the only Parrakeets to breed in medium-sized cages. Parrakeets are mostly bred in outdoor aviaries, furnished with hollow logs. You would want a cage 4ft. long by 1ft. deep by 2 to 2½ft. high for such as Red rumps, Rosellas, Many-colours, and such like, and only one pair to each cage. A log or nest box with concave bottom must be securely fixed in the most private corner of cage, and the birds left to themselves.

What Parrot? (Skelby).—I am of opinion it is a Yellow fronted Amazon; it should yet talk and mimic various sounds and calls. There is not sufficient variety with your diet. Get, say, a quart each of Canary, white millet, hemp, small Indian corn, rice, dari, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply continually in cage. Also give ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and while it is in the moult well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Keep a watch on the bird, and note if it is pulling its feathers; if so, spray the parts it is plucking with quassia solution; also dust with pyrethrum powder, so as to exterminate parasites if there are any. I opine its contortions round top of cage and scream are merely play and excitement.

Building an Aviary (C.F.P.).—By far the best paint for the interior is Hall's washable distemper, and I should not advise you to use white lead, for that is what most white paints are composed of; failing Hall's distemper, I should advise you to use ordinary limewash; for the outside of open flight use any paint you please, but for the inside of woodwork there is nothing to equal Brunswick black; the wire netting should receive a coat of Brunswick black every other year. If you prefer it, you can paint the inside woodwork of flight, but it must be put on evenly, and when once hard, seed-eaters are not likely to take any harm from it, but I swear by Brunswick black. About 50 to 60, but if you wish to try and breed, do not put in more than 12 to 15 pairs. Hope you will have luck with the birds.

Grey Parrot Ill (W. L.).—You give me no particulars how you have been treating, and I fear you have let the case go too long before asking advice. Repeat your query, giving full particulars as to how you have been dieting the bird, and as to the preliminary symptoms, and I will try to help you. In the meantime, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water for one day, and after an interval of three days. On the day you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till you see further reply. If you can handle the bird foment the swelling round eye with a hot decoction of camomile flowers, drying the feathers afterwards with a towel or duster. The solution must not be hot enough to occasion the bird any discomfort. There was no address, or I should have sent you a post-card.

Breeding Budgerigars (F. J. C.).—The bird, if a male, is not in breeding condition; the colour of the cere is variable in adult birds. For a portion of every year all birds cease from breeding (they soon wear out if they do not), and during this period there is very little difference between the ceres of male and female, both being pale blue, but that of the hen always slightly tinged with brown. When in breeding condition the cere of the male is dark blue, that of the female dark brown. (1) Probably; cannot be definite, but a couple of months will show. I cannot give you any idea of its age, very probably, though, a young bird of the year, just through the moult. It is not in breeding condition. Very probably in the early spring it will be so, if all goes well. Leave them together for the winter; don't attempt to encourage breeding till the spring, though I advise leaving the husks up. The entrance to husks should face the light.

Alexandrine off its Food (Avis).—Prepare following, and feed regularly on same: Two parts each canary and white millet and one part each hemp, wheat, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds; well mix before supplying to the bird. Ripe fruit and plain biscuit can both be given for variety. The potato can be given, providing it is unseasoned and free from fat. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water—follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue same for about a month. While the looseness lasts give a few sips two or three times a day of very weak brandy and water. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. A few nuts (shelled walnuts preferably) may be given occasionally. Keep where it will get light and air, but strictly out of draught.

Budgerigars Changing Colour (Enquirer).—The Yellow has sprung from the Green, and it is a case of reverting back to the original stock. In a friend's aviary this summer several pure Yellow youngsters have been bred from Green parents, and I am waiting to hear how these moult out. I expect what has happened in your case is that the birds have been bred from cross-bred Greens; the Yellow strain has temporarily asserted itself, but at the moult they have reverted to the original colour. What usually happens with the Yellow variety is that unless you keep introducing new blood they gradually get greener and greener, and in the course of a comparatively few generations revert back to the original colour, viz., green. The probability is from such birds you will get occasional yellow specimens among the young, some of which may remain yellow, but the majority will, I expect, moult out green.

What Parrakeet? (J. R. M.).—I am of opinion your birds are Sun or Yellow Conures. If so, and you are the fortunate possessor of a true pair, you are to be congratulated indeed. I should certainly advise you to try and give them an outdoor aviary in the spring, furnished with one or two logs, and give them an opportunity to breed if they will. If they are Sun Conures, they are worth £8, and your description certainly points to their being such. To your present seed mixture add an equal bulk of canary and white millet in equal parts—thus, one part canary and white millet mixed, and one part present mixture. Give also a little of such ripe fruit as it will take, also a little plain biscuit and an occasional nut. Keep free from draught, yet where it can get light and air.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Taxing Tits Abroad.

Tom Tit.—You could not hope to send out with success 25 Great Tits to Tasmania all in the same cage. They can be very vicious, and kill one another in regular blood-thirsty fashion. If by "Tom-Tit" you mean the Blue Tit, however, you stand a better chance; they are not so murderous. They would be better caged in small parties, however, in cages with as great a floor space as you can conveniently provide for. Blue Tits are not at any time easy birds to keep alive for long periods, and the fact that the person accompanying them knows nothing about birds does not help matters. You must certainly get them well on food (artificial) before they start, or they will not stand the proverbial dog's chance of landing alive. A good quality insectivorous mixture must be their staple food, while a little hemp seed would be certain to be appreciated, and, of course, a supply of meal worms to see the voyage through must accompany them.

About a Book.

J. H.—I do not know of any book which gives all the information you mention and coloured plates at the same time. To get coloured plates of all the British birds you would have to buy a copy of a rather expensive work, such as that compiled by the Rev. Morris, which costs from three to four pounds. It contains, of course, nothing relating to the keeping of birds in captivity. The feeding you will find dealt with by Mr. Norman in the "British Bird Manual" (the species more generally kept by fanciers), who also describes the sexes. If you write to the publisher at CAGE BIRDS' Office (154, Fleet Street, London), he could supply you with back numbers of CAGE BIRDS containing articles by practical catchers, which deal with the catching of wild birds; they also have something to say about sexing and feeding. I think you would find a lesson or two from a catcher (if you know one who will take you out with him) of great service in putting you "up to the ropes." To become an expert in all the things you mention means the best part of a life-time's work.

A Brace.

Hulme.—1. It is rare for a Greypate to acquire a full-coloured blaze before the spring. It is always "very amber-coloured," as you put it, at first. And so is the blaze of old Goldfinches (the great majority of them) for a more or less lengthy period of time after the moult. The blaze takes time to get up in colour (i.e., become crimson). Some Finches (the rich-coloured Jonques) "come up in blaze" more quickly, as a rule, than the buffs.

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I expect you will soon begin to see a vast difference in the appearance of your birds. 2. I do not understand the failure of the Linnets to sing, assuming them to be well over the moult. My own Linnets are stout in song—even my hen, which I use to breed with, is singing well. Your feeding methods are excellent. Are you sure you have cock birds, and that they are in good health and thoroughly over their moult? It is rather a dangerous practice in the winter to hang birds outside "on suitable days" if they are afterwards removed indoors to a warm room.

Feathers Falling Out.

E. P. (Anxious).—It is the time of the year for birds to be moulting (though getting late now), and so the feathers falling need cause you no anxiety. You must keep the Goldfinch out of draughts and feed him well, allowing a little niger, maw, and thistle seeds daily, with a few cracked sunflower seeds now and again (separate from the stock mixture). Medicine is really not needed, unless the bird shows decided signs of being ill (the feathers falling is not a sign of illness exactly, for the moult is, of course, a quite natural and inevitable process). A little Parrish's Chemical Food twice a week would doubtless be helpful. Get it from a good-class chemist and mix a teaspoonful with two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

A Trio.

E.C.—Have you tried any remedies for the Goldfinch "stuck in the moult"? A very good one is to give a hand-wash in water considerably hotter than is used in the ordinary way, and not to afterwards use cold water for rinsing purposes (it can be given without soap, if you like). There is a danger of the bird catching cold afterwards unless great care be taken. The cage should be covered up until he is thoroughly dry, and be kept in a warmed room. This is an almost unfailing remedy for "stuck in the moult." Sometimes a change from a hot room to a cold one (or vice-versa) will have the desired effect very quickly. (2) A good stock mixture for a Siskin would be: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, charlock and summer rape one part each, and just a very light sprinkling of linseed. They like the "tit-bits" and wild seeds usually given to Linnets, also a bit of hemp now and again, with a little maw (they are very fond of this), and a few cracked sunflower seeds. They are apt to get too fat, so that the dainties should not be overdone. (3) Boxing Skylarks is a very hard job for the novice, as the plumage is alike in both sexes. But the great majority of cocks are very much bigger birds than the hens—thus, to pick an extra large Skylark is a sure way to get a male bird.

In an Outdoor Birdroom.

Wilton.—I don't quite understand your query. You ask how many birds the place will hold "in exhibition cages"; then later on, "will they breed?" Well, exhibition cages are useless to keep birds in as a regular thing. They are too small, and only fit for the purpose their name implies. Stock cages are necessary for everyday use. You can keep as many birds in the place as you can find room for cages. If housed separately, you cannot overcrowd, providing, of course, you leave a reasonable space to allow for your own movements in the building. Such a place as you sketch should answer admirably for Mule breeding—the fact that it is outdoors is certainly no detriment; many would hold that it is very much to the contrary. I cannot advise you to have a paraffin lamp in it, however, unless you have a wide flue pipe over it leading to the outside of the building. Oil lamps have an element of grave danger in their use. If you had been a reader of "C. B." long you would have read of the painfully frequent accidents due to oil lamps going wrong—the smoke and fumes killing the birds. Dry cold does little harm to British seed-eaters, unless of exceptional severity, when they are well fed.

Brevities.

A Hybrid (A. Jay).—Sorry I did not have the pleasure of seeing your Hybrid at the show.

A Linnet Matter (H. G. B.).—A Linnet could not possibly have the diarrhœa for six months and still keep well and sing well. It is just a little peculiarity of the bird, take my word for it, and you are unwise to try the effect of drugs upon him; the latter may leave you no Linnet at all. You can safely add two or three drops of tincture of gentian to the drinking water (only just enough to make it taste bitter), which should stop any excessive consumption of water. Let him have daily a small teaspoonful of plantain, lettuce, mustard and dandelion seeds, mixed together in equal parts, by measure.

Refractory Feathers (T. Richards).—Have you tried a hand-wash, and afterwards grooming the feathers into position? If this has no good result, then I am afraid that the feathers have grown wrong (twisted), and the only remedy is to extract them. Could you send a rough sketch showing exactly the extent of the trouble?

Light Muling Hens (J. S. Dumfries).—My own experience goes to show that the hens affording one the best chance of breeding exhibition (good sized) light Mules are Lancashire Plainheads from an old-established strain, or pink-eyed clear Yorkshire hens, coming from stock as clear-bred as possible. The best of all, of course, are genuine inbred light muling hens, if they can be obtained.

A Thrush; and Others (A. C. Y.).—There is some danger in putting a Thrush with small birds. My own, for instance, will not tolerate any other bird within reach. But individuals differ strangely in disposition, and it is quite possible your own Thrush might pay no attention to his companions, and especially so, seeing the spacious character of the aviary into which you purpose turning him. You could, anyway, keep an eye on him for a time.

A Blackbird (Bristol).—You do not tell me for what it is you require the "remedy," unless, that is, you refer to the "dull plumage." The remedy for the latter is a free use of the bath; I never saw a Blackbird with a dull coat if it were allowed regular opportunity of indulging in a tub. By-the-way, have you got hold of a bird? A "black beak" sounds henny, and hens, of course, are a dirty blackish-brown tone of colour.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Silver Pheasant.

"Puvero."—Feed Silver Pheasants like poultry, on grain of various kinds—avoiding maize, except in very cold weather—green food, and table scraps. See that they have a good supply of grit and a dust bath. They always will roost outside if they possibly can, in spite of having a shelter shed, and it seems to do them no harm. But you might try the effect of having no high perches outside, and thus getting them to go in if they want to roost high; it must be better for birds which have not unlimited exercise to be sheltered from wet and wind at night.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

An Article (A. Chilcott).—We are endeavouring to arrange this.

An Article (W.R.H.).—We are exceedingly obliged to you. You have our sincere sympathy in the trouble you have passed through.

Belgian Woodlarks (Italian, Dudley).—If by "Belgian Woodlark" you mean Lullula arborea (the only species of Woodlark), then we have no reason to suppose that the song differs at all in England and in Belgium.

Two Questions (Constant Reader).—1. The secretary of the Wood Green Society is Mr. T. Callegari, 17, Gladstone-avenue, Wood Green. 2. If you clearly arranged that there was to be "mutual approval," then you can recover the two pipes, provided you at once notified the other party of your dissatisfaction after the birds reached you.

A Variety (A.B.C.).—1. Have posted you a German paper. 2. Most of these Latin names will be found in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1909. The Many-Colour, Psephotus multicolor. 3. Longtail Grassfinch, Poephila acuticauda. 4. Peach-faced Lovebird, Agapornis roseicollis; 5. Red-faced, A. pullaria. 6 and 7. We don't know of either a French or American paper devoted solely to cage birds.

Illustrated Ideas (G. Mander).—We are afraid this is too difficult for the average fancier to make. (William Bolt). The same remark applies to your bottle holder. J. J. Coutts). We have dealt with this detachable perch before. (Master Sykes, W. Jamieson, H. J. Cleminson). These, or very similar ideas, have been previously given. (E. Butterfield). We recently dealt with frames for making wire-fronts.

The Novice Question (B.H.).—At a members' show the definition of a novice is governed by the rules of the society holding the said show; that is to say, the number of firsts he can win before becoming either amateur or champion, varies in the different societies. Be guided by the show rules. The Cage Bird Union definition applies only to open shows held under C.B.U. rules.

A List (J. Pane).—We will consider your suggestion, but we are afraid it is not a practicable one. A list of the protected birds can always be had on application at the local police station or town hall. Messrs. Trower and Company publish a "Bird-Catchers' Guide"; we can supply you with a copy, post free, 7d. No one can come into your house and "compel" you to let loose a purchased Goldfinch. It is, of course, "asking for trouble" to go out catching without knowing what birds are protected in the district.

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Penzance Show, concluded.

Mrs. Caddy; c, Curnow. YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, spl, Fox; 2, Batten; 3, Mitchell; 4, Prowse; hc, Wren; c, Gindall. UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, Batten; 2, Fox; 3, Major; 4, Gindall; vhc, hc, Chirgwin; c, Wren. NOR., NON-FED (8): 1, 4, spl, White; 2, Eddy; 3, Carne; vhc, Batten; hc, Parsons; c, Curnow. YORKS. (11): 1, 4, spl, best local members', Fox; 2, 3, Mitchell; vhc, Hocking; hc, Batten; c, Nealc. MULE (10): 1, 2, spl, Fox; 3, Williams; 4, c, Boddinar; vhc, Parsons; hc, Semmens. GOLD., ETC. (10): 1, spl, Fox; 2, Mitchell; 3, Prowse; 4, vhc, Boddinar; hc, White; c, Parsons. A.O.V. (7): 1, Secombe; 2, Mitchell; 3, Parsons; 4, Hill; vhc, Warren; hc, c, Misses Chirgwin.

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PENZANCE.

Held in the Corn Exchange, on November 10th and 11th, and, notwithstanding the clashing with Bodmin, it received a good measure of support, the entry being a record for Penzance. Taking the show generally, the merit of the exhibits was distinctly high-class. Norwich, which opens the ball, are a feature of the Far West shows, and Penzance was no exception to the rule. For type and plumage they were just splendid. Yorkshires are a breed which have made most rapid advance in the Duchy of Cornwall, and the local breeders have a true conception of what constitutes a good up to date typical Yorkshire. Our Cornish friends are no lovers of the big, stout-bodied birds. This is perhaps due to the fact that not so very long ago the King of the Fancy was held in high esteem down West, and thus a Yorkshire with a bit of style and swagger appeals to the Western mind. Mules made a nice display, but as the Camborne string is known to be top-dog, one can hardly expect large entries in the neighbourhood, which Mr. Collins exploits. The British came up fairly well, and the quality right through was splendid. The members' section contained a grand lot of birds. The Corn Exchange is a splendid building for a show, being very lofty, well ventilated, and splendidly lighted. An excellent committee had charge of the arrangements, and they worked most earnestly and zealously to make the venture a success. The officials, Messrs. E. Mitchell (chairman), J. C. Rogers (vice-chairman), G. H. Hall (treasurer), and J. Pearce Sampson, are indeed a grand quartette, and whilst the Penzance fanciers are led by such earnest, tactful and courteous officials the society is bound to prosper. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, c, Ferrill, very deep chest, grand head, neck and back, lovely col. and quality; 2, Rickard, grand shape and col., lovely quality, not so tight; 3, Kemp, bonny shape and col., nice style; 4, Clemence, grand col. and quality, more slim; vhc, Sherman; hc, White. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Ferrill, as tight as a Java, lovely col. and quality, beautifully mealed and good style; 2, hc, Strout, grand shape and col., capital quality of feather; 3, Pascoe, grand little bird, rare shape, col. and feather, not well washed; 4, White, grand body; vhc, Clemence; c, Sherman. TKD. (7): 1, Spillman, eye tkd., yell., rare shape and feather, staged in grand form; 2, Garland, eye tkd. buff, lovely body, rare shape, feather and col.; 3, Kemp, smart, neat, thigh tkd. buff; 4, c, Ferrill, shapely, wing tkd. yell., a trifle soft; vhc, Clemence; hc, Sherman. UNFLIG. (15): 1, spl, Kemp, short, cobby buff, as tight as wax, nice col., well mealed, lovely feather; 2, Dart, cap, eye and wing mkd. yell., looks like the Plymouth cup winner, a very close race; 3, Spillman, another very neat bird, rare shape and feather, nice col.; 4, vhc, Garland, good col. and quality; hc, Pope; c, Daniel. HEN (8): 1, spl, Spillman, magnificent yell., rare shape and feather, grand style; 2, Clemence, very nice little buff, capital shape and feather, nice head and neck; 3, Daniel, another sweet little bird, rare shape and feather, a buff; 4, Parish, nice feathered yell., not so chubby; vhc, Pascoe; hc, White; c, French. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Ellis, grand head, neck, back, wings and tail, rare style and nerve, nice feather; 2, Woodley, splendid shape, quality and style, not quite so much length; 3, Brooks and Mitchell, grand shape and style, capital feather, pale in col.; 4, Thomas, capital body and style, nice feather; vhc, Rodda; hc, Roach; c, Misses Chirgwin. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Fox, rare shape and style, neat head, good wings and tail, capital feather, pale in col.; 2, Thomas, rare shape and feather, nice col., not so much length; 3, Ellis, rare shape and style, nice feathers and col., a shade stouter; 4, Augwin, long and stylish, nice shape; vhc, Woodley; hc, Rodda; c, Batten. TKD. (13): 1, 3, spl, Veal, lovely tkd. neck buff, and a tkd. eye buff, splendid shape and style, neat wings and tail, latter hardly so neat at thighs; 2, Fox, sweet tkd. neck yell., lovely col., shape, style and quality, just a wee bit "down," or would have won; 4, Jeffrey, cap and wing mkd., long shapely bird, wants training; vhc, Thomas; hc, c, Woodley. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Veal, long, shapely, wing tkd. yell., grand style and feather, nice col.; 2, 4, Ellis, lovely buff and yell., grand style and feather; 3, c, Thomas, grand yell., but wants training; vhc, Oatey and Son; hc, Augwin. HEN (10): -, Wills and Son, very slim, sleek, straight yell., handles well, useful hen; 2, hc, Fox, another grand shaped yell., not quite so nervy; 3, 4, Augwin, wing tkd. buff, and a yell., nice feather and style; vhc, Rodda; c, Brooks and Mitchell. CREST, ETC.: Cancelled. CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Medlin, grand shaped buff and two yells., rare shape, feathers and col., nice team; 4, Pope; vhc, hc, Ellis. PAIRS (7): 1, Spillman, smart Norwich, grand quality; 2, Rowe and Richards, useful pair; 3, Pascoe, another pair, rare shaped Nor.; 4, Parish; vhc, Ryder; hc, Roberts; c, Brooks and Mitchell. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, vhc, Richards, showy, stylish, shapely team of Scots., plenty of nerve and handle well; 3, Dart, smart little buff, Border, nice style and feather; hc, c, Roberts. MULES, LIGHT, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, spl, and spl. best in show, Collins, well-known team, in grand form, 1st four-pointed yell., 2nd lightly varieg. Linnet, 3rd six-pointed buff, 4th Goldie-Bullie. DARK (8): 1, 3, hc, Collins, 2 grand exhibits, Redpoll-Can. and Siskin-Can.; 2, 4, Richards, Jonque Goldie, nice col. and feather, and a gold Greenie; vhc, Fox; c, White. BRIT., GOLD. (9): 1, 3, Rowe and Richards, two grand Finches, rare col., markings, and feather, 3rd a trifle funny; 2, Roscorla, capital head and back, rare bars and buttons; 4, hc, Ellis; vhc, Mrs. Caddy; c, Rowe. BULL. (10): 1, spl, Jordan, house-moulted, lovely shape, grand feather, large clean cut cap, nice breast and bars; 2, Rowe and Richards, very rich col., grand feather and shape; 3, Rowe, rare col., not so steady; 4, Parson; vhc, Boddinnar; hc, c, Fox. A.O.V. LARGE (8): 1, Mrs. Caddy, very rich col., grandly mkd. Thrush, in splendid feather; 2, 4, Collins, another charming Thrush, and a Cross hill; 3, Rowe and Richards, fine, large, shapely Thrush; vhc, Strout; hc, Broad; c, Dale. SMALL (13): 1, Wills, quite the best Yell. Bunting we have seen this season, rare col., shape and marking; 2, Jordan, nicely mkd., showy Linnet, good col. and feather; 3, Allen, very pretty Blue Tit, in grand form; 4, vhc, Collins, lovely Greenfinch, and a nicely spangled Bramble hc, Fox; c, Warren. POR. (9): 1, Cushny, very rich col., nice feathered Red Rump Parrakeet; 2, Downing, large, grand feathered Alexandrina; 3, 4, Mitchell, charming White Javas and Spice Birds, two bonny pairs; vhc, Fox; hc, Reynolds; c, Collins. SELL. (20/-) (10): 1, Ferrill; 2, Brooks and Mitchell; 3, Pascoe; 4, Fox; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Ryder; c, Andrew. (15/-) (11): 1, Thomas; 2, Parish; 3, Ferrill; 4, Pascoe; vhc, White; hc, Fox; c, Dart. (10/-) (14): 1, Pascoe; 2, Kemp; 3, Robey Bros.; 4, Wills and Son; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Glanville; c, Oatey and Son. LOCAL, NOR. (13): 1, 2, hc, spl, White; 3, 4, Phillips; vhc, Williams; c, Major. UNFLIG. (18): 1, 2, 4, spl, Phillips; 3, Williams; vhc, White; hc,

Correspondence.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

SIR,—Kindly announce that there will be a general meeting of members of the above club at Pendleton Show, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I should be glad if as many members as possible will attend, as there are several important items coming up for discussion which will materially affect the club's workings.

J. W. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

To Clear Mice Out of Birdrooms.

SIR,—I have seen several warnings about mice in your very interesting paper. Get 2d. worth of essence of peppermint bought at a good chemist (not the cheaper ones, as theirs is not so good). Put a few drops on a piece of cottonwool, and put into the mouse holes with a piece of stick—so that it goes well in, I mean. This will clear away all mice for two or three months. Renewed again as occasion arises, it will quite clear them out.

MISS LIMAN.

The Welsh Cage Bird Club Show.

SIR,—Kindly publish that we sent all birds belonging to members living outside Merthyr away with trains leaving not later than 7 p.m. night of show, and that all prize money was paid three days after show. I am pleased to inform the members that we have cleared a nice little sum on this show (about £9), which will go to the club fund. One thing we are sorry for is that one of our local members, in taking his birds home, had the misfortune to upset his trap; but I understand that his birds are all the better for it!

A CLUB MEMBER.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead

SIR,—On looking through my CAGE BIRDS I noticed a letter from a Mr. Bertie on the above. I take him to be the same fancier who showed some birds at Accrington a few weeks ago, and if they are a sample of what he calls a Norwich, then I think he is talking over something that he knows nothing about, for I never saw such a sample of Norwich on the show table in all my twenty years' keeping of that breed. You talk about quality, and size, and type; it fairly tickles me. Are they the sort he terms a Modern Norwich Plainhead? I agreed with him on some of the points he talked about a few weeks ago. But, lo and behold! what did I see at Accrington? I was fairly tickled. I hope to hear from someone else who saw them.

R. C. WORTHINGTON.

A "Wrong Classed" Exhibit at Hucknall Torkard.

SIR,—I notice your reporter at the above show states that I was unfortunate in having a buff Yorkshire in the yellow class, which might have won in its proper class. I beg to contradict this. The bird being a yellow hen, was therefore in its right class; but Judge Vardy thought different and wrong-classed her. On receiving my catalogue, I at once journeyed to the show and lodged a protest on the ground that the bird was in its proper class, but not judged. The protest has been upheld, and entrance fee returned. I fail to understand why Mr. Vardy should have wrong-classed her, as there is nothing about the bird to cause any doubt, she being very good in colour. This same hen stood 3rd at Bolton in the yellow hen class. There are also four youngsters from her this season.

J. THORP.

The C.B.U. and the Bristol Fanciers' Association Show.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. A. E. Wasley's letter in your last issue, the Bristol F.A. have not, as he says, been refused a license on account of shifting their date and clashing with the Gloucester Show. Our subscription having been paid and accepted by the C.B.U., we are an affiliated society, and as such are bound to hold our show under C.B.U. rules. The only objection against us under the new rule, giving first choice of dates to purely cage bird societies, was withdrawn some time ago. Mr. Wasley's reference to our show as "a mixed exhibition (poultry, etc.)," is merely an appeal to prejudice. Our cage bird section is a purely cage bird show, staged in a separate room, equal to any in the kingdom, and as little affected by the "poultry, etc.," as if the latter had been at Gloucester. Further, such an appeal to prejudice is not in good taste, for in 1906 and 1907 Mr. Wasley was himself an exhibitor at our show, and although our losses on those shows (largely due to the C.B. section) were nearly £60, he, with others, was paid his prize money in full, such being made possible by a subscription amongst our members, to which poultry, pigeon, and rabbit fanciers generously contributed. In our case, at any rate, cage bird fanciers have lost nothing by the combination of all sections.

G. T. H. MAGGS.

Goldfinch with a Pure White Head.

SIR,—In answer to "A Brother Fancier," I have in my possession a white-headed pure cock Goldfinch, the white running half-way down the chest. This bird was caught near Pontdolgoch last season, and shown at Oswestry Show last year. Can anyone beat this?

E. ELLIS.

The Breeding of Pin-tailed Whydahs.

SIR,—I should be glad if any of your readers know of any authentic record of Pin-tailed Whydahs having bred in this country, if they would record same. The late Herr Wiener says in his book, "said to have been bred," but this is altogether too vague, and if any reader knows of any instance of young having been successfully reared, I shall be extremely obliged if they will record same in your pages.

W. T. PAGE.

The Destruction of Red Mite.

SIR,—Having seen in your querist column of last week's issue, an inquiry as to the best means of destroying red mite in cages, etc., I may say that for years I tried painting and washing the crevices with paraffin and carbolic soap, but after a few days I still found them there. I procured a barber's sprayer (price 1s. 9d.) and sprayed all the crevices and walls, etc., with paraffin, and very soon dislodged master red mite; then I sprayed them, and in a few seconds there were no more. I may add that since doing this I have seen no trace of them. I trust this will help others.

J. MILLER.

Suggested Open Cage Bird Show at Brighton.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a few remarks through CAGE BIRDS with regard to the Brighton F. and F.S. show on Nov. 2 and 3. They had a splendid lot of cage birds, but the classes did not fill. I understand the small prize money has a lot to do with this (and that on a sliding scale). I suggest, therefore, that if some of the cage bird members of the society were to call a meeting to float an Open Cage Bird Show, it would give better results than a mixed show. I consider that the other sections of the exhibition take an unfair share of the working expenses, etc., for cage birds require no penning or feeding arrangements, and yet they rarely get the larger prizes open to the whole show. I hope to know some other fanciers' opinion.

A VISITOR.

The Grimsby and District O.S. Annual Open Show.

SIR,—At the monthly meeting held at Foresters' Hall, on Nov 8th, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding, the Secretary read the financial report of the annual open show, which again shows a loss of a few pounds, but it is satisfactory to know that notwithstanding this adverse balance, there will be a nice sum standing to the credit of the society at the end of the year. All prize-money won and accounts owing have already been paid, and numerous congratulatory letters have been received from exhibitors for prompt settlements, careful packing and dispatch of birds. Special votes of thanks to the secretary, committee, stewards, and all workers at the show, concluded the proceedings. It is proposed to hold the annual half-day members' show on the 1st January next. Mr. W. Clews (Grimsby) will be asked to judge, and a capital classification has been arranged.

H. HARDING, Chairman.

The Habits of the Blackbird.

SIR,—The Blackbird is too well-known to require a description, but a word or two on its habits may not be misplaced. There are not wanting those who praise the Song-Thrush at the expense of the Blackbird, alleging that, though the former commits depredation in our fruit gardens in summer, it makes amends by its destruction of the shell-snails, whereas the Blackbird is a most notorious fruit-eater, and without any such redeeming quality. That the Thrush does this service is certainly most true, but it is not less true that the Blackbird is particularly fond of the shell-snail, which it devours in the same way as the Thrush. In truth, small slugs and shell-snails, to use the expression of the gardener, form "the chief of its living." The Thrush is equally fond of fruit in the season; but the plumage of the Thrush is in its favour, and it is often pecking away at the fruit without being seen. When disturbed it glides away without noise; but the Blackbird's sharp cry of alarm as it escapes, generally strikes the ear, if its black coat and yellow bill have not arrested the eye. Thus much in justice to the Blackbirds, for I have known of instances where a war of extermination has been waged against them, while the Thrushes have been held sacred. Early in the spring the Blackbird begins to build its nest; a thick-set hedgerow, an isolated, close bush, a low, ivied tree, are all favourite places. Moss, small sticks, root-fibres, are the materials, with an internal coat of mud-plaster, over which is a lining of fine, dry grass. Four or five eggs of a bluish-green, variegated with darker markings, are here deposited. The early season at which it begins to lay is often so cold as to destroy the first brood; moreover, the leafless state of the hedge or bush at that period makes the nest an easy prey to the school-boy. The Blackbird is in general shy, but there are exceptions to the remark, as will be seen by the following:—In the spring of 1894, a pair of Blackbirds built their nest close to our kitchen garden in a pile of wood, where we were passing backwards and forwards at all times of the day. The nest was built among some dead thorns and wood piled up there, and so low, that when passing by we could look into it; it was very much exposed. But the parents, notwithstanding our curiosity, brought up their nestlings. This was a late brood, and as many early nests had been taken in the neighbouring hedgerows, it is not impossible that the birds, disappointed of their first brood, might have been driven to choose a spot nearer the house for security. Albinos occur frequently among these birds, many instances being recorded from time to time. The voice of the Blackbird is so strong that it can be heard a considerable distance away. Its memory is so good that it can retain, without mixing them, several airs at once. It is a great favourite with lovers of a plaintive, clear, and musical song; and it is well-known what a good specimen can do on the show bench.

WILLIAM R. HARDIE.

Wimbledon Show and the Southern N.P.C. Patronage.

SIR,—The champion members showing for points in cup competition, 1—6, having overlooked Wimbledon Show notice in Press, should note that they are eligible for entries at Wimbledon Show, up to Saturday, November 13th, 1st post.

F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec.,
S.N.P.C.

The Breeding and Exhibiting of Crests and Crestbreds.

SIR,—Kindly spare me a small space in your valuable paper to thank Mr. W. Hardie for the very instructive article appearing in your issue of November 6th? Each week, as the postman brings my CAGE BIRDS, I have a quick run through it, to see if there is anything about the King of Canaries, the Crest, or at least that is the King of the Fancy in my opinion, and we are each allowed our own. I have spent several pounds lately in trying to obtain some good stock birds, and I must say that Mr. Hardie's article is the best I have seen for a very long time, for the novice, and I am one. It appears the old hands who know, like to keep the knowledge they have to themselves. I hope I am not asking too much, but I wonder if Mr. Hardie would give us a little more in the shape of what sort of seeds he uses, and when he uses them, if he uses the Lancashire cross and in what way, and his general line of treatment?

E. SOUTHWOOD.

The Late Dispatch of Exhibits from Shows.

SIR,—I see a letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS re the late return of birds from Perth Show, in which the writer, after wandering about as to what the railway companies would or would not accept in the way of traffic, says that the birds were not handed to the railway company till 4 o'clock on the Monday after the show. Now this is not a mistake on his part, but a deliberately untruthful statement, as if he could find out so much on his enquiries, he would also have known that the birds went straight from my house to the station at 7.30, and I was at work by 8 o'clock. I may also say that I have met a number of those exhibitors at Arbroath and Brechin Shows who did not get their birds till Monday, and every one was pleased (apart from the anxiety of not getting their birds as expected) with the state their birds were in when they received them (I believe in every case before 4 o'clock). I have already explained how the birds came to be detained, and I do not believe "Wild Bird Lover" was an exhibitor at Perth at all, but just one of those people who are not fanciers, but pests to the Fancy, continually gloating over any society unlucky enough to make a slip and give them a chance. I have no wish to pose as a letter writer, but I could not allow such a statement to pass; and hope "A Bird Lover" will sign his name (if not ashamed of it) in future, or he will get no reply from

J. KERR.

Our correspondent, Mr. Kerr, is under a misapprehension. We have looked up the original of a "Wild Bird Lover's" letter, and find that it was not Perth Show at which his remarks were aimed; so that Mr. Kerr's assumption that "Wild Bird Lover" was not an exhibitor at Perth at all, is quite correct.—EDITOR.

"Hands Across the Sea."

The Victorian C.S. (Australia) and the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—It is with great pleasure that I announce I have received £3 3s. from the Victorian Canary Society (Australia), per Mr. F. White, to be offered at the next Crystal Palace Show, as follows:—10s. 6d. for best Norwich in the show, 10s. 6d. ditto Crest, 10s. 6d. ditto Crestbred, 10s. 6d. ditto Cinnamon Norwich, 10s. 6d. ditto Yorkshire, 10s. 6d. ditto Lizard. The Victorian Canary Society would like the acknowledgement of the above to appear in your columns.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

A Question of Parentage.

SIR,—Last week, at the Bristol Fanciers' Show, I exhibited a Linnet-Canary Mule. My bird was by the judge placed cardless aside, and no reason for doing so was given. I have had to write to the judge to find out the reason for myself. He replies that, in his opinion, the bird is a Canary and not a Mule. During the two days of the show great interest was manifested towards my bird by large numbers of fanciers; most of the time quite a crowd was gathered around it. Opinion was divided as to what it was; some thought it a Canary, others thought it to be as I represent it to be, a Linnet Mule. Among those who examined it were several well-known judges, who considered it to be a Linnet Mule. One of them, a specialist in this variety of Mule, said that, in his opinion, it was a Mule bred from a Brown Linnet and Norwich Plainhead Canary. Now, I think I have a grievance. When a fancier exhibits a bird and it is disqualified, I think the judge ought to give a reason, so that the question may at once be dealt with. It ought not to be necessary to have to write to the judge. I may state that the bird was very carefully bred by myself from a Brown Linnet and a Norwich Plainhead Canary, and I am quite prepared to submit it for examination to any known specialist judge of the Linnet Mule.

S. C. HAHN.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Hanley Show.

The Amalgamation of Classes.

SIR,—At the recent Hanley Show, I made one entry in Class 33. A.O.V., Hardbill. According to the schedule and classification, they had provided classes for the following: Class 28, Goldfinch; 29, Linnet; 30, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 31, Greenfinch; 32, Hawfinch; 33, A.O.V., Hardbill. I went to the show (a journey of 50 miles), and I found on arrival that the 1st prize was given to a Hawfinch. I went to the secretary and protested against the amalgamation of classes 32 and 33, seeing that they had not reserved the right to amalgamate in their rules. In rule No. 2 it says: "And if less than five entries, the class will be cancelled, and entrance fee returned before date of show." Now, my contention is this, they ought to have returned this one entry, and not pushed it in another class. The society had no published rules relating to protests, so the secretary asked me to forward a protest in writing, and he would put the matter before his committee. I received no information about it until this morning (November 8th), and then not until I had written for a definite answer to my protest. The following is the reply:—

DEAR SIR,—The matter you refer to was investigated by the C.B.U. officer chosen for our show, and found there was nothing to stop Mr. Jones showing in that class. I had it before the committee, and they came to the conclusion there was no wrong done. Hoping this will end the protest.

B. PEAKE.

I consider the above treatment is unfair to exhibitors, and no society should amalgamate classes, unless stated clearly in the regulations governing the show.

C. MACHIN.

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A White Linnet.

SIR,—I read the many little "tit bits" of great interest to fanciers in the correspondence columns of your valuable paper. I should like to ask if any of my brother-fanciers possess or have ever seen, a white Linnet? I caught one on November 1st. He is pure white, with white beak and legs, and dark eyes. He was very wild at first, but has tamed down since, and looks a picture.

G. SMITH.

Railways and the Treatment of Exhibits.

SIR,—Having seen Mr. D. A. S. Longden's complaint against the Great Western Railway, I may say that I had to complain against the same company regarding birds I sent to Bristol. They were booked with care, and my son remained on the station as instructed to see them safely off by the one o'clock train. An ignorant porter deliberately threw them on to a two-wheel truck, which was standing quite slanting at the time. You can imagine the state of the birds going over and over. Everything was shaken out of the cages into the carrying case. They arrived home on Friday looking very bad. The superintendent of the parcels office called upon me, and I was pleased to invite him into the birdroom to show him that I had good cause for complaint. The carrying case was knocked about, which I showed him, and I also showed him two other cases with their sides knocked in, just to show him what the fanciers have to put up with when they send their birds any distance. It gave me quite a shock when they arrived home in such a condition. Cannot this state of affairs be brought to the notice of some proper railway authorities, or notices be hung up in parcels offices? My case is black, and "live birds" in large type is printed on the top in white. I am writing to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and hope to receive a favourable reply. The superintendent referred to assured me that it would not occur again, and that the offender would be punished.

J. BURTON.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken: Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Feeding a Young Sparrow.

A little while ago I found a nest of five young Sparrows on the ground. Four of the birds were dead. I took the live one home, but could not get it to feed. So having an old stuffed Starling, I put the food on the bill of this and made a hissing noise. The Sparrow then opened its mouth and took the food. It is now a big bird.—Sent by B. Mitchell, 139, Regency Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

**Artful Bullies.

I have some Bullies, and one day one of them was so artful as to watch how I undid the cage door, and when I had gone he must have opened the door with his beak, for he flew into the room. I watched him another time and saw him do it. I now keep the cage door tied. When he hears my voice in the morning, he pipes till I give him his bath, which he very much enjoys. He will fly on to my finger, and take seeds from my lips, when I stand in the middle of the room.—Sent by Gladys Harris (age 11), Milber House, Highweek, Newton Abbot, S. Devon.

*A Cunning Jay.

Not only in fables are Jays spoken of as being very cunning birds, but in reality they are second to none, or at least in my eye. I have one, and when I get the tin to give him a mealworm, he quits his more lofty perch in his cage, and comes at once to the one nearest me. The other day I was determined not to give him a worm unless he took it from my hand in the cage. This he was loth to do, for he thought this new method spelt danger. But now he is just as much at home with this new way of taking mealworms as in the old way.—Sent by Fred Steels (age 14), 168. Westwood Street, Peterborough. [Master Steels also sends me a clever pen and ink sketch of his Jay. —UNCLE PETER.]

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Through a Birdroom Window.

By The Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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MY BIB FINCHES, continued.

I began once more to seriously examine these birds, to see if I could discover a lady. I found it most puzzling. I was reminded of how Brahms had said: "It is as hard to find a wife as to write an opera. —I shall attempt neither." I was quite with him so far as opera writing was concerned, but I determined to do my best to spot the hen Bibfinch. After hours of anxious watching, during which I think I selected every single bird in turn as the hen, I at last thought I had succeeded. I caught the "suspect," and placed her in another cage with a supposed gentleman, and possessed my soul in patience for the advent of Spring. I often thought of the words of Josh Billings: "We sometimes hit the thing right the first blow, but most always a success is the result of many failures."

I hoped I was right in my choice. I was as a matter of fact, and subsequent events proved it; but Hope is a hen that lays more eggs sometimes than she can hatch out. About this time I had several birdy friends come to see me, and I asked them to give me their candid opinion. It only made confusion worse confounded. One said I had two males, another that they were two hens, another wasn't sure whether they were either! I listened in silence, for opinions are like vegetables. worth just what they will fetch, and the market value of their opinions was distinctly low.

Fond Lovers.

My next difficulty was to find out where Bibfinches bred. Did they build open nests, or prefer the shelter of a hole? Time alone would show.

I determined to put them into a fair-sized garden aviary, full of growing bushes, and with husks and boxes placed about in tempting and eligible sites. I eagerly watched the Bibs for signs of love-making. It was very pretty to see how fond they were of each other. They would sit side by side on a branch and the little cock would just raise his head and gently warble some pretty compliment, and the little hen would snuggle up to him and tell him not to be so stupid, but all the time you could tell she liked it.

At last I saw that my Bibs had fixed upon a cocoanut husk for their future home that was hung up at the top of an elder bush. The little hen carried as much hay and litter into it as would have satisfied a London Sparrow, and then warmly lined it with feathers. She then disappeared into the husk, and for a fortnight I saw her no more. In the meanwhile her mate wandered about from group to group after the manner of a dissatisfied beetle, or like some restless beast at the Zoo. Some people, akin to Paul Pry, would have felt inside the husk, with an "I hope I don't intrude," or like the celebrated little Jack Horner, have popped in a thumb into the Bib pie. I believe in following Prudence. I run no risks with my birds. I have skirted too close to the rocks of death to enjoy the sensation. Whenever I saw these Bibfinches away from the nest during the next ten days, my heart played postman at my ribs.

At the end of about 16 days I had occasion to pass near the husk for something. Mind you, I was not trying to look into the nest, but accidentally I just touched the husk with my arm, and out bounced two young Bibs, completely fledged, and quite able to fend for themselves. They were exactly like the old birds, save that they were a trifle lighter in colour, and had no bibs.

I was so surprised that for the moment the world was fixed in its orbit. Time itself stood still. Then I realised my own greatness. I had done what nobody else had ever done, I had found the North Pole, and there was no one to dispute my claims. I also had my proofs, which some explorers seem to lack, for there were the young Bibs flying about in all their perfect beauty. All this happened before the days of medals; so that though I was actually the first in the field, no laurels adorn my brow, but still those two little birds were my recompense.

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AIDS TO SUCCESSFUL BREEDING.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. Wm. Cruise before the Bradford East O.S. on Nov. 2.

Mr. W. Cruise gave a lecture before the members that was brimful of interesting items. The ground had been traversed, he said, many times previously by lectures of this description, but I think the members and friends who assembled will agree with me, that the information he gave us, as the result of his own experience, cannot be too frequently drilled into us, if we are desirous of attaining anything like the success that Mr. Cruise has so far enjoyed. The lecturer said that the hobby itself was not necessarily an expensive one, in fact, if the fancier would only study more the welfare of his stock, he felt sure one could turn it to good account.

Some Useful Hints.

If anyone wishes to take up this hobby, I should advise them to buy a few decent birds to start with, he continued, and then try to improve the stock each year, as you go on. If you can do this, you are doing well, and you will certainly get to the front; but you must be prepared for a few set-backs. Getting the birds to start with is not everything; attention to their wants, and getting to know their likes and dislikes, plays a more important part than a lot of fanciers are ready to admit. You can try one method, that is altogether unsuccessful, while another far more simple than the first is just what you were aiming at. This is just where the interest of the hobby comes in, for there is no hard and fast rule to attain success, and the man who comes nearest to it, is he who pays attention to the little things. If there is one time more than another when I pay strict attention to my stock, it is just before breeding time. You have all a good idea how essential it is we should try to counteract the faults in our stock. This is just the opportunity for doing it; study your stock carefully, weigh up the good points and the bad ones, and if you can rectify some of these the year following, you are making headway. I always let my birds fly out in the attic for about a month before breeding time, and I think they are the more vigorous for the exercise they get, and they don't flag when it gets to the third round; in fact, they seem to be stronger altogether. Some people do not believe in giving greens to feeding hens, until the young are a few days old. I give them a spray of watercress or lettuce as soon as I see they are hatched, and I think it has a beneficial effect on the young ones. I also feed my stock when breeding, four times each day, and it is surprising how this induces the hen to feed. The birds are not long as a rule, when they see you have put something into the egg-glass, before they are down to it, and I think this will get a hen to feed when other things fail. If I have a hen that is not feeding to my liking, I try all kinds of tricks, until I find something that she shows a partiality for, and I then have but little difficulty in getting her to bring the young ones up. I don't believe in disturbing them too much, especially young hens, as I find they don't like it as a rule, and to persist in it is only to court failure. You want to try and get the confidence of your birds; it goes a long way towards success, and although there are birds whose confidence it seems an impossibility to obtain, still show kindness to them, and you will go a long way towards winning them over.

Another thing I pay attention to, is to run my birds out frequently into the show cage, and if this has not the desired effect, I cage them in it for a few days; it is bound to steady them a little bit, at any rate. Then with regard to getting my birds into condition; I am a firm believer in letting them come into condition naturally, not forcing them, and a bit of egg and biscuit, and a bit of mixed seed occasionally, and niga seed, in my opinion, are all that is necessary. The whole theme of my lecture is to get you to pay more attention to the little details in our hobby, that seem to a host of fanciers of little moment, but which to me have made all the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful breeder of Yorkshires.

The chairman, Mr. G. White, then called for questions, and the members availed themselves in no half-hearted fashion. Many important questions were asked, and these were answered in a highly instructive manner. Mr. W. Greenwood proposed, and Mr. J. Lightowler seconded, a vote of thanks, which was heartily carried. Mr. Cruise responding, thanked the members for their kind attention.—H. HILL, secretary.

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Wild Bird Life.

Return of the Wagtails.

Up to the present we have had very little frost, although the wind has been strong and cold; consequently leaves still hang yet upon the trees and hedgerows. But the leaves are quickly changing colour, and are so slightly attached that the smallest bird alighting on or leaving a branch causes quite a shower of them to fall. Under these conditions, birds are difficult to identify, for the continual dropping of leaves disturbs the sight, and when one is watching a bird there are generally two or three other birds flitting about.

Among the winter visitors staying in this district during the short days, the most graceful are the Grey Wagtails. There are several sheets of water in the village and just outside that appear to afford them sustenance. This autumn there is evidence of an increase in their number. At present they are rather shy and flighty—one can hardly say wild—flitting from place to place; they watch the intruder with evident mistrust. These are possibly the young of the year, who, reared upon the hillside, on the banks of some rocky stream, have seen little of humanity, excepting a stray angler or a solitary shepherd. As the winter advances and these birds find they are not maliciously disturbed, they will soon settle down. They are in lovely feather now, so soon after the moult; but just before they leave us in the early spring, when they have commenced to acquire the breeding plumage, some of the more forward birds are particularly rich in colouring. In habits and movements, there appears to be very little difference in all the Wagtails. The grey bird possibly perches a trifle more than the others, but he has the same curving flight, spreading his long tail as he alights. He has the true Wagtail walk, the nod of the head and jerk of the tail. He is, too, as large as any of them, and is easily identified in the winter by his yellowish underparts, the only other bird having yellow in the plumage (the Yellow Wagtail), being now away in some favourite spot in Western Africa, for he is only a summer migrant.

Birds of Queensland.

Queensland is quite a Paradise of birds of plumage. It has Yellow-breasted Flycatchers, Fire-backed Wrens, Tree Creepers, and Honey Eaters, Pied and Yellow Chats, and Red-tailed Finches, besides gorgeous-coloured Cockatoos, Parrots, and Parrakeets, and the more soberly clad but equally beautiful Pigeons and Doves.

Range of the Nuthatch.

That interesting bird, the common Nuthatch, is spread over Central and Southern Europe, and as far eastwards as Asia Minor and Palestine. Further eastward there appears to be a species with white under-parts; and other variations in plumage occur throughout Siberia and Japan. Some well-known naturalists affirm that intermediate forms occur between all of them.

Flight of Wild Ducks.

As is well known, Wild Duck fly in triangular form. This formation is so different to that of a flock of common birds, say Sparrows or Pigeons, that one wonders why it is done. No doubt instinct teaches the birds that this form is the best for cleaving the air in quick flight, and less exhausting upon long journeys, and possibly is some kind of protection from birds of prey.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., October 30th, when 15 birds sang, judged by Messrs. W. H. Topping (Blackburn), and W. Naylor. 1, Stead; 2, Wigfield; 3, Hardcastle. Also on October 31st, when 20 birds sang. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Wigfield; judges, Merrs. Topping, Naylor, and Jennings.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 6th, when 12 birds sang: 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead; judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor. Also on Nov. 7th, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor: 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, shared by Stead and Richardson.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual quality Linnet singing contest, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, North Street, Nov. 6th. Result: 1st and 2nd prize, Duffy; 3rd, Butler. Twenty-three birds faced the judges, R. Madden and Whitaker. We had a large entry on Nov. 7th, and among them birds from some of the outlying villages. The judges had to be on their merits, but did their duty to the satisfaction of all. 1st prize, Butler; 2nd, Mrs. Kendall; 3rd, Soloman; 4th, Sissons. Judges, J. Clark, C. Lorriman, and A. Lorriman. A white Linnet was caught by Mr. Butler on Nov. 8th, and can be seen at the above house.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

A LEEDS CHALLENGE.

I saw in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, a challenge from Mr. N. Solomon to sing any bird in England, for one hour's quality Linnet singing. I went to meet Mr. N. Solomon to sing him on his own conditions, and he would not hear of it. He wants to sing in the house and at the hour he names, and to pick his own judges. These are my terms, straightforward. Let strange Linnet judges take both the birds in a private house, and judge them for one hour, for the best quality Linnet. One bird shall hang half an hour at the top, and then reverse to the other bird; draw for the bird who has the top hang first. I am willing to meet Mr. Solomon any time on these terms.—(Signed) A. HARDCASTLE.

SHOWS.

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LIVERPOOL.

The second annual show of the Liverpool O.S. was held on Nov. 5th and 6th, in the St. Martin's Hall. The society secured a splendid entry on the whole, though one or two of the sections were somewhat disappointing, so far as numbers went. So far as concerns the quality of the birds, however, one can only speak in very high terms. It was, in fact, a magnificent show for quality; there were many birds of the highest merit in every class, and each of the three judges remarked upon the keenness of the competition, and the excellence of the exhibits. The latter found themselves housed in a truly grand room. In a competition for the best hall in the kingdom (if such were feasible), we venture the opinion that the one the Liverpool fanciers are fortunate enough to be able to command would just about head the poll. A prettier room cannot well be imagined, while it adds every solid comfort that the fancier or his birds could desire. The light is grand, both day and night, while nothing in the shape of draught can possibly enter. The staging was admirably arranged, and the effect obtained was very beautiful and striking. We can well understand the eulogistic remarks passed upon the exhibition and the management by that genial gentleman, Sykes H. Gibson, Esq., who officiated at the opening ceremony. Mr. Gibson has a leaning towards the hobby himself, and made an admirable speech, during the course of which he expressed the hope that the society would provide a class for children, just to encourage them in the proper keeping of their pets.

The exhibits received all possible attention from the committee and stewards, who are fanciers themselves above all things, and so take a pride in the work. It has always been their ambition to rank Liverpool amongst the best shows in the kingdom, and taking this effort (only the second) as a sample, we have no hesitation in saying that they have got right there, even at this early stage in their career. In the chairman, Mr. G. B. Daniels, and vice-chairman, Mr. W. Hales, the society is fortunate, for they are fanciers to the backbone, and work very hard for the good of its cause. Messrs. J. W. Cutmore, and T. H. Davies (the auditors), and Mr. R. Irwin (the hon. treas), also lent willing aid, and got through a heap of routine business Of the excellence of the committee we have already hinted, and truth to tell, we have never met their superiors as "stickers" and quick workers. The cards were up almost before the birds were removed from the judging tables, and the show was spick and span, and exhibits in admirable order, before the time the public were admitted. We raise our hats to Messrs. G. Benson, V. H. Deacon, J. Gore, J. H. Isaacs, E. Lawson, Murray Jones, H. A. Nimmo, T. Rowlands, and W. Walker. They were led in splendid fashion by the hon. sec., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. This gentleman has a breezy, high-spirited style about him that would put heart into the most depressed. The way he flies around and "does things" is a sight for the gods. No wonder difficulties melt away and all runs smoothly under his strenuous guidance. The late hours and piles of work inseparable from the running of a big show, affect him as little as water does a duck! He is a valuable asset to the Liverpool O.S., and his comrades well know his worth. With so good a lot of fanciers taking an interest in its welfare, we have no doubt that the society will achieve still greater things in the future at its shows. All the prize money was ready for paying out on the Friday night, and the special winners known; very smart work. The judges on the present occasion were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Nor., Cinns., and Borders), W. Mundell (Yorks), and G. E. Weston (the remainder).

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. GREENS.—SELF YELL. (27): 1, 3, hc, c, Rowlands, 1st grand type, good head, wings and tail, lovely col. throughout, 3rd beautiful col., neat head, well up on leg, a little down when we saw it; 2, Simpson, good round head, nice wings and tail, fine position, sound col.; 4, Atherton, good head and wings, nice position, piped tail, rich col.; vhc, Clayton. BUFF (24): 1, 3, c, Rowlands, 1st grand feather, wings and tail, carriage perfect, good head, sound col. throughout, 3rd very typical, clean on breast, well braced wings and tail, sound col.; 2, Robinson, typical, rich col. feather, good head, well braced wings, piped tail; 4, Nimmo, sound col., smooth feather, good position, long flights and tail; vhc, Dean; hc, Clayton. FOUL YELL. (16): 1, c, Atherton, foul tail, lovely quality, grand position, beautiful wings and tail, rich green col. we like mucb; 2, 4, Rowlands, 2nd foul wing, grand type, good col., well up on leg, neat round head, fine bird, 4th wing and tail foul, rich col., position, good head, well braced wings and tail; 3, vhc, Clayton, 3rd foul tail, grand green col., lovely quality and position. BUFF (19): 1, 3, Rowlands, foul tail, position A1, sound col., good head, clean chest, grand wings and tail, 3rd foul tail, lovely feather, well up on legs, good head, clean on chest, nice grass green; 4, Gore, fine wings and tail, good position, nice flights and tail; vhc, Atherton; hc, Wardale; c, Clayton. SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN (20): 1, Rowlands, lovely col. and quality, well up on leg, neat head, clean breast, grand wing carriage, piped tail; 2, Atherton, beautiful type, neat round head, compact wings and tail, sound col., very showy; 3, Walker, tkd. on head, long flights and tail, fine grass green, position A1; 4, Nimno, foul tail, true to type, good wings and tail, rich col., neat head, clean on breast; vhc, Wardale; hc, Gore; c, Benson. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Rowlands, 1st neat head, long flights and tail, good col., position A1, 2nd good head, well braced wings and tail, full of quality, sound col.; 3, Atherton, well up in leg, neat head, well braced wings and tail, very typical, good col.; 4, Wardale, typical, good head, neat wings and tail; vhc, Benson; hc, Gore; c, Nimmo. SELF, ETC., YELL., 1909 (22): 1, Abbott, foul, grand type, rich col., long flights and tail, lovely quality, neat head, clean on breast; 2, Robinson, self, good head, well braced wings, piped tail, sound green, full of quality; 3, Gore, self, typical, good head, clean on chest, rich col., well braced wings and tail; 4, Handley, self, good col., stylish, piped tail, fine quality feather; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Wardale; c, Rowlands. BUFF (24): 1, Pilling, typical, long flights and tail, full of quality, good head, clean on chest; 2, Atherton, sound col., round head, well up on leg, long flights and tail, very stylish; 3, Gore, close up, beautiful position, very steady, full of quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Rowlands, lovely col., neat head, grand wings, sound col. throughout, will make a good bird; vhc, Benson; hc, Wardale; c, Martin. CL., ETC., YELL. (21): 1, Lane, blaze of col., full of quality, neat head, very steady, long flights and tail; 2, McNulty, wing tkd., pale col., lovely quality feather, grand position, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 3, White, blaze of col., boxey feather, well up on leg, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Parry, long flights and tail, good head and feather; vhc, hc, Knowles; hc, Jeffreys. BUFF (11): 1, Jones and Chester, mkd. on breast, full of quality, stands well on leg, nice type, neat head, compact wings and tail; 2, White, boxey feather, typical, good head, piped tail, cl.; 3, Lane, wing tkd., blaze of col., full of quality, neat head, clean on breast; 4, hc, Knowles, 4th wing tkd., lovely position, good head and wing; vhc, Jones; c, Hampson. YELL. HENS (25): 1, 2, Walsh, 1st blaze of col., long flights and tail, lovely quality feather, stands well up, 2nd close up, rich col., position A1, good wings and tail; 3, Lane, very stylish, nice col., full of quality; 4, Parry, wing mkd., shows a little open on breast, grand position, long flights and tail; vhc, Knowles; hc, Jones and Chester; c, Wear. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Knowles, 1st tkd. on cheek, lovely quality, neat head, very round on breast, compact wings and tail, very typical, 3rd well up on leg, long compact wings and tail, position A1, neat head, nicely staged; 2, Cundall, wing tkd., full of quality, neat head and position, piped tail; 4, Parry, boxey feather, very stylish, good head; vhc, Sheppard; hc, McNulty; c, Douglas. NOV. YELL. (27): 1, Radcliffe, yell. tkd., grand position, full of quality, stands well; 2, hc, Fox, cap on head, lovely quality, nice position, well braced wings and tail; 3, Douglas, typical, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Brennan, stylish, full of quality; vhc, Baxter; c, Bretherton; a good class. BUFF (22): 1, 3, Sheppard, slim and stylish, teeming with quality, good head, well filled in back, stands on a pair of good legs, 3rd nice boxey feather, rich col., good head and position, piped tail; 2, Douglas, very typical, clean on breast, well traced wing, long piped tail; 4, Duncan, stylish, boxey feather, long flights and tail, nice col.; vhc, c, Fox; hc, Baxter. STOCK CLASS (13): 1, 3, 4, Nimmo; 2, Hillmer; 3, Grice; 4, vhc, vhc, Grey; hc, c, Cutmore.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. GREEN SELF. YELL. (14): 1, 2, 4, Deacon, trio of rattling exhibits, 1st, massive, lovely quality and col., rare shape and carriage; 2nd, all there for colour and quality, nice substance, hardly so deep-chested; 4th, monster, rich col. and quality, little loose under; 3, Barker and Abbott, teeming with col. and quality, fine size, very bonny; vhc, 3rd, Walker; hc, Brotherton; c, Harrison. BUFF (10): 1, Hawkes, grand shape, col., and quality, well up in size, moves well; 2, Deacon, very shapely, good substance and quality, not quite the depth of col., yet fine specimen; 3, Walker, very cobby, A1 quality and col.; 4, Brotherton, shapely, rich col., well feathered, smaller; vhc, Harrison; hc, c, Lawson. FOUL YELL. (14): 1, hc, Walker, lovely col. and feather, fine substance, shape and carriage, gem; 2, 4, Deacon, good type and quality, nice col., very close up; 4th, shapely, good feather, not so bright in col.; 3, Harrison, A1 type and col., good size, beaten only a little in tightness of feather; vhc, Lawson; c, Murray. BUFF (17): 1, 4, vhc, Harrison, trio of fine exhibits, winner gem all over, hard to find fault with, put down well; 4th, short and thick-set, magnificent colour; 2, hc, c, Deacon, larger, but not quite so rich in colour, capital feather; 3, Hawkes, capital col. and substance. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Winter, magnificent shape, wonderful col., rare substance, real gem; 2, Trengove, well up in size, rich in col. and quality, not so thick-set; 3, Barker and Abbott, rattling shape and quality, grand colour and carriage, smaller; 4, Davies, very similar to 3rd, little between them; vhc, Lawson. BUFF (10): 1, Barker and Abbott, foul tail, bouncer, slashing col. and quality, in the pink; 2, vhc, Lawson, Self, lovely quality, fine col. and size; 3, Murray, foul tail, nice shape, quality and col.; 4, Walker, foul wing and tail, tight as a drum, good shape, smaller; hc, Hillmeu; c, Hawkes. NORWICH YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Davies, slashing cl., wonderful substance, magnificent head, neck and chest, topper; 2, Ellison, tkd. neck, feathered to perfection, rich tone of col., very shapely; 3, 4, Trengove, both cl., former thick-set, good size and col., not quite the quality; 4th, rare colour and quality, nice size, crosses wings at times; hc, Winter; c, Dent. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Davies, cl., true type, clinking texture of feather, rich frosting, carries itself finely; 2, Trengove, mkd. wings and eye, red hot, well up in size, good quality, clean cut, shape; 3, Braybrook, mkd. wings, eyes and root of tail, capital col., quality and mealing, little longer in barrel; 4, Hales, cobby var., good col., silky feather; hc, Cook; c, Wellings. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 4, Trengove, tkd. neck, often described, one of the best out; 4, cl., monster, red hot, good carriage, useful for stock purposes; 2, Cook, stylish cl., shapely, rattling colour and quality; 3, Davies, mkd. wing and bead, ablaze in colour, smooth as wax, capital shape, not quite the substance; vhc, Barker and Abbott; hc, Dent; c, Allen. BUFF (15): Nice lot. 1, Cook, grizzled tail, marvellous size, and round as an orange, lovely colour and feather, finely frosted, eye opener; 2, Dent, handsome cheek mkd., beautifully clothed, superior col. and meal, nice type; 3, Trengove, mkd. neck, very promising, 1909 bred specimen, with luck should make up into a gem; 4, Allen, cl., fine depth of col., neatly frosted, little longer; vhc, Davies; hc, Daniels; c, Guest. YELL. (Bred 1909) (6): 1, Davies, warm fed var., good in shape and substance, nice feather, clean cut, very bonny; 2, Ellison, red hot cl., short and thick-set, rich feather, a bit wild: 3, Bixter (R.P.), yell. var., capital quality, nice shaped body, good one; 4, Williams, cobby cl., ablaze with colour, lovely texture, not one of the biggest, but smart; vhc, Guy; hc, Bixter. BUFF (11): 1, Davies, slashing var., magnificent shape, full of col. and quality, smooth as a Java; 2, Ellison, cap mkd., A1 col., and feather, thicker through, not quite so good in rise of head; 3, Braybrook, capitally fed cl., rattling quality, good substance and carriage; 4, Trengove, red hot cl., richly feathered, very typical, built on smaller lines; vhc, Williams; hc, Grey; c, Hydes, Hales. NOVICE YELL. NOR. (10): 1, Gardner, mkd. wing and eyes, teeming with quality, and col., true type, not over large, but a gem, wins spl, for best novice; 2, Walton, mkd. head, larger, but shade longer in build, very nice specimen; 3, Guest, hot cl., well up in substance; 4, Dakin, mkd. head, good shape and size, patchy in col.; vhc, Jump; hc, Bixter; c, Bennett. No. 4, Kay, "W.C.," Yell. Yorkie. BUFF (12): 1, Bracegird'e, lovely cl., full of colour teeming with quality, rare shape and size; 2, Jones, lightly var., very cobby, grand col., quality; 3, Gardner, mkd. eyes, rich col., finely frosted, A1 shape; 4, Gibbie, bouncing cl., good type and quality, very pale col., worth its place; vhc, Walton; hc, Grice; c, Guest. No. 4, Kay, "W.C.," mkd., buff Yorkie. NAT. COL. void. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Bladon, tho Manchester heroes, we presume, both caiptal shape, lovely quality, well put down, gems; 3, 4, c, Dormer, capital col. and quality, not so thick-set, good carriage; 4th, magnificent quality and col., finely polished; vhc, Mrs. Deacon; hc, Bexson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, brace of charming specimens, both good substance, richly feathered, nice sound col., winner leads a little in shape, credit to owner for the manner in which they were staged; 3, 4, vhc, Dormer, trio of good ones, rich colour and quality, nice size and carriage, little longer in build; hc, Bladon; c, Riding. HEN (11): 1, hc, Riding, slashing yell., lovely shape and carriage, clothed in the height of fashion, stormer; 2, 4, c, Dormer, both fine sized buffs, good colour and feather, nice finish; 3, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, capital yell., equal in colour and quality, nice size. HRED 1900 (14): Good class.—1, 3, c, Riding, yell. and buff respectively, both rich tone of col., silky texture of feather, shapely and nice carriage; 2, 4, hc, Dormer, buff and yell., former good shape and quality, well up in substance; 4th, good tone of col., nice shape; vhc, Mrs. Deacon. FOUL WING OR TAIL (8): A class of this description, although not drawing a very large entry on this occasion, has a future. A move in the right direction, we think. 1, 2, Hales, both foul tails, magnificent col. of correct shade, nice substance and shape, beautiful feather; 3, 4, vhc, Dormer, again foul tails, well up in substance, shapely, good carriage, little flatter in col.; hc, Hadwin; c, Millburn. BORDER YELL. (15): Nice class; 1, hc, Large, mkd. wing, feathered to perfection, lovely shape, free jaunty action; 2, Wilson, bonny shaped cl., tight as wax, moves well, close up; 3, Hopper Bros., beautifully clothed cl., splendid shape, beaten in action only; 4, Thomas,, cl., very shapely, rich quality, hit down in condition; vhc, Hayley; c, Gore. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Hayley, mkd. wing, unbeatable for shape, grand feather, beautifully finished; 2, 4, Poole, mkd. wing, and cl., both good feather, former best shape, latter bit thick waisted; 3, Thomas, eye tkd., all type, capital carriage, slightly behind in quality; vhc, Swarbrick; c, Hudson. Nos. 10, 11, Large, "W.C.," both yellows. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hopper Bros., topping cl., superb quality, sweetly moulded, A1 carriage; 2, Wilson, another gem of a cl., very close up, either could have won, and no one grumbled; 3, vhc, Bayley, cl., nice quality and shape, seemed a bit down; 4, Poole, lovely quality cl., full of action, shade long in tail; hc, Hudson; c, Gore. BUFF (12): 1, Hopper Bros., cl., smootb as a Java, sweetly moulded, fine free action, in the pink; 2, Naylor, mkd. wing, magnificent feather, lovely shape, moves well, a wash would improve it; 3, hc, Bayley, tkd. head, A1 quality, nice head and neck; 4, Mrs. P. Drinkwater, cl., similar to 3rd, little separates them; vhc, Wilson; c, Hudson. EVEN MARKS: Cancelled. UNEVEN (11): 1, 3, Thomas, both yells, 1st mkd. wings and bead, slashing feather, rattling shape and action, gem; 3rd, mkd. wings, eyes and neck, staged in fine fettle; 2, Mrs. P. Drinkwater, buff, mkd. wing and head, free action, lovely shape, still another topper, all three worthy of a first prize and hard to separate; 4, Wilson, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, all there for quality and carriage, stronger in build; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Bayley; c, Mossop. GREEN OR CINN. CK. (20): Rare lot.—1, Mrs. W. Fildes, charming cinn., lovely col., shone like satin, magnificent shape, fine action; 2, McQuillan, green, grand shape and carriage, rare feather, close up; 3, Mrs. P. Drinkwater, fine quality, green, shapely, capital carriage, well staged; 4, Clinch, cinn., well up in quality, nice shape, takes perches well; vhc, Nelson; hc, Bunner; c, Woodman. HEN (14): 1, Bailey, green, foul tail, teeming with quality, fine bright col., very shapely, capital mover; 2, c, Woodman, Self cinn., A1 col., beautifully clothed, full of go; 3, Mrs. W. Fildes, self green, good shape and quality, rich col., nice action; 4, Nelson, self green, similar to 3rd, well put down; vhc, Clinch; hc, Lea.

Mr. Weston's Classes.

A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 2, Cory, leader wing mkd. dark crest cock, with a very fine headpiece, expansive shapely, neat and well drooped, grand body and quality of feather; 2, wing mkd. crested hen, another nice bird, excellent big, round crest, grand texture and droop, not yet quite finished at centre, very massive frame; 3, Hudson, ycll., Scots. Fancy, nice size, good shoulders, carries head well and circles quickly, fine stamp of bird; 4, Guy, romping big almost green crestbred, great size, fine wide rising skull, heaps of feather, close up; vhc, c, Kelsey, two good buff Scots, nice action; hc, Walker. SELL. (20/-) (21): 1, Braybrook; 2, Millburn; 3, vhc, hc, Lea; 4, Knowles; vhc, Clinch, McNulty, Allen, Kay; hc, Grey, Algie, Barker and Abbott; c, Willison, Eccleston, Linaker, Hales. SELL. (15/-) (14): 1, Knowles; 2, Atherton; 3, Lander; 4, Barker and Abbott; vhc, Metcalfe, Kay, Taylor, Cutmore; hc, Bixter, Algie; c, Cutmore. SELL. HEN (12/6) (14): 1, Grey, lovely yell. Nor., claimed several times over; 2, vhc, Boote; 3, Hales; 4, Radcliffe; vhc, Andrews; hc, Lander, Morton; c, Lea, Andrews. HYBRID, LIGHT (8): 1, 2, Bond, leader the noted cl. Goldie, looking very fit, wins easily; 2nd, the equally well known head and neck mkd. Siskin, likewise in rare good trim, a couple of grand Mules; 3, J. M. Walsh, very nice variey. Goldie, good size, lovely colour and quality; 4, Meadows, another excellent variey. Goldie, good colour, in nice bloom; vhc, Horne; hc, Wilkins; No. 2, Beaty, absent; No. 5, the parentage of this bird, so far as the British side of it went, we failed to trace. DARK GOLDIE (8): 1, vhe, Gabe, good Jonque, fair size, very shapely, lovely col. and quality, wins on condition; 2, R. W. Jones, another grand Jonque, not quite finished at neck, will turn the tables later on, rather better built and marked than winner; 3, Longden, fine, well built Mule, full of colour, nice quality, very unsteady and needs time to finish; 4, Jump, good buff, nice face and quality, shapely build; hc, Murray; c, Kelly. No. 1 has light feathers. DK. LINNET (8): 1, Coffey, big and shapely Jonque, good head and carriage, very rich, sound col., in beautiful condition; 2, R. W. Jones, also a splendid Jonque, close up, equal in size and shape, but we have seen him both richer in col. and tighter in feather; 3, Jackson, beauty for bloom and tightness of feather, good size, nice Mule, not hot enough in col.; 4, Coffay, romping buff, grand substance and shape, bit untidy in plumage, not yet fit; vhc, Daniels, another good buff; hc, Fitton; c, Christall. A.O.V. DARK (13): 1, Bond, a champion Canary-Bullie, tremendous size, very shapely and stylish, red-hot col., grandly mkd., shines like satin, in great form; 2, Coffey, remarkably good Jonque Greenie, lovely depth and tone of col., very massive, rare bold head, plumage like silk, hard luck to meet winner; 3, Blackburn, Jonque Siskin, very good size and shape, nice sound col., well mkd., carries a grand sheen; 4, Longden, beautiful cinnamon Greenie, grand size and shape, one of the best we have seen; vhc, Walsh, huge, buff Siskin; hc, Jones; c, Kelly. HYBRID (4): 1, 2, Coffey, real fine Redpoll-Goldie leading, grand flush of col.; 2nd, Bramble-Chaffinch, in beautiful condition; 3, Walsh; 4, hc, McMurdo, two very smart Redpoll-Goldies. BRIT. GOLDIE (16): 1, Jackson, stylish, shapely bird, nicely marked, very tight and polished in plumage, expansive, lovely coloured blaze, not quite so square-cut as we like, however; 2, Jones, Junr., bigger bird, excellent blaze, well cut, nice col., good buttons, beautiful condition, yet not quite so tight as leader; 3, Yates, fine-coloured, sleek plumaged Finch, with good, rich blaze, correctly cut, trifle narrow, back claw missing; 4, McMurdo, grand cobby bird, excellent markings and tanning, good wide blaze, nice col., but will improve yet, bit short of under-blaze; vhc, A. K Jones, really good; hc, Beaty; c, Hurst. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Jones, Junr., we liked Immensely, best we have seen this year, grand size and shape, A1 cap and bars, finished off with lovely breast and back col., a gem; 2, Howe, clinking good bird, grand shape, rich bright col., well polished, wants heating, but got it here to-day; 3, Walsh, A1 shape and style, very tight, good col. and markings, but lacks polish; 4, Hurst, bouncing bird, grand head and shape, but also somewhat dull; vhc, Coffey; hc, Spinks; c, Crane. LINNET (16): 1, Spinks, just wins on condition, nice cobby, stylish bird, sound, rich col., very well pencilled, good flights and head, carries a grand polish; 2, J. M. Walsh, we preferred for shape and markings, but not yet up in col. and sheen, paler and duller than leader, grand Linnet, though, which will win some prizes; 3, Dawson, bouncing big, cone shaped bird, nicely pencilled, good condition; 4, Young, best in class for size and shape, nice warm col., but very short of work; vhc, Fox and Thompson, nice stamp of bird; hc, Coffey; c, Jones, Junr. No. 4, good, but frightfully unsteady; No. 12, all flights gone; No. 2 has white feathers at throat; No. 16 absent. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Coffey, a Jonque, beauty, grand size and shape, very steady and stylish, rich col., like wax in feather, very bold head, will want some stopping; 2, 3, Howe, 2nd, another topper in every respect, but loses in quality to leader; 3rd, also a rattling fine Finch, great size, not quite fined down on head, two beauties; 4, A. K. Jones, very stylish bird, excellent shape, fed a nice col., grand quality; vhc, Royden, spanking big buff, very shapely and tight in feather, real cheap at catalogue price, 10/-; hc, Johnson Bros.; c, Beaty, bonny big Greenie, seemed dull and listless. No. 3, absent. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, 3, Coffey, leader very large, stylish Twite, good head and wings, splendidly mkd., sound, warm col.; 3rd, bonny Lesser Redpoll, fine size and shape, full of markings, good head and bib, lovely condition, two grand exhibits; 2, Blackburn, Siskin, good body, nicely laced cap, excellent col. and quality, in fine form; 4, Hurst, another charming Siskin, very close on the heels of second, little too fat at back of neck; vhc, Lover, Redpoll—splendid specimen, too; hc, Hurst; c, Bond and Son. No. 4, flights gone; No. 14, fine bird, very unsteady, climbs the wires too much. BRAMBLE (14): 1, Coffey, we heard was the Clapham, etc., winner, good bird, very well built and shapely, beautifully spangled, lovely rich col. throughout, in great form; 2, hc, Hurst, equal to any for col. and condition, latter trifle too small, also fine in head; 2nd, good size, A1 build and style, superb col. and bloom, grandly mkd.; 3, Beaty, real gem for size, shape, and style, lovely quality, not so forward in col., being still rather brown on head and back, will make winners gallop later on; 4, Kay, good stamp of bird, fine chest and head, rich col., hardly so silky in feather as leaders; vhc, Longden, another splendid Bramble, will improve; c, Jones. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, 2, Hurst, leader a champion, magnificent size, shape and col., looks like last year's Palace winner, 2nd also a real bonny bird; 3, Crane, grand shape and style, loses somewhat in col.; 4, Wellings, fine stylish, bold bird; vhc, Kay. BUNTING (6): 1, Beaty, exceptionally good Corn, very massive and well mkd., grand bloom; 2, 3, Hurst, another extra good Corn, richer tone of col., not quite so polished or so sharply mkd.; 3rd, very nice Reed: 4, Walsh, pretty Meadow, fine condition; vhc, Horne; hc, Bond and Son. A.O.V. (6): All fine Hawfinches: 1, A. K. Jones, gem for col., very rich and sound all over, beautifully mkd., extra good head and bib, will take beating; 2, 4, Mrs. Cotton, leader exceptionally broad chest, a bouncing, good coloured bird, fine bib and other markings: 4th, smaller, good col., lucky to be alive, for waterbole too small to allow bird to drink; 3, Beaty, magnificent hird for size, shape and style, large, well-cut hib, little pale yet, in col., may peg back the leaders in a few weeks' time; vhc, Castle; hc, Johnson Bros.

MAIDSTONE.

A record cage bird entry, some nice quality exhibits and a capital attendance combined to make the 20th show of the Maidstone F.S., held on November 5th and 6th, a noteworthy event. The committee responsible for this successful venture were Messrs. J. Barney (chairman), P. F. Lancaster (vice-chairman), R. Woodhams, E. F. Frond, A. Stanley, H. Lott, H. Harden, F. J. Whibley, A. Morris, and S. C. Court, and a most energetic, enthusiastic lot of workers they proved themselves, whilst Messrs. Day and Hayman, the hon. secs., proved themselves to be quite the right men in the right place. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (9): 1, spl, 3, hc, Hills, rattling good buff, stout and chubby, rare col. and feather, and a capital yell., which was hardly ready; 2, Hyde's spl, Mrs. Andrews, grand shaped, nicely feathered yell., hardly level in col.; r, vhc, Wells; c, Lambert. YELL. NON-FED (4): All passed as wrong class; one was thought too high in col. for non-fed, and the other three were buffs. BUFF (3): 2, Ellis; 3, Slater, just a nice pair; one exhibit was passed as fed, but Mr. Gooding, the exhibitor, assured us that neither this nor his yell. in previous class had ever been fed; such are the fortunes of war. TKD. (8): 1, spl, c, Harvey, rattling, good-shaped, close-feathered buff, neat and compact; 2, Whibley, an other good buff, rare feather and quality, not so stout; 3, Carter, pretty three-pointed buff; r, Lambert; vhc, Boorer; hc, Andrews. CREST, ETC. (13): 1, spl, Curd, neat green, nice shaped drooping crest, well centred; 2, vhc, Jenner, well feathered pied C.B., nice shape; 3, Andrews, nicely feathered grey Crest, good quality and droop; r, Harvey; hc, c, Whiffen. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, 2, c, spl, Andrews, very long, slim variegated, grand wings and tail; 2nd, neat, close-feathered cl., loses in length; 3, Harvey, another stylish, nicely-feathered cl.; r, Lambert; vhc, Gooding; hc, Boorer. BUFF (8): 1, Harvey, grand little cl. hen, rare shape, style, and feather; 2, 3, Andrews, wing tkd. and cl., nice length and carriage; r, Lambert; vhc, hc, Hughes; c, Whiffen. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Jenner, very nice trio of cinns., the leader a grand-shaped, even-coloured, close feathered yell., followed by a large, good-coloured buff; r, Wells. PAIRS (14): 1, spl, Gooding, very nice, shapely, close feathered Nor.; 2, Jenner, cl. yell. Crest and green C.B., a useful pair; 3, Hills, again a nice pair of Nor.; r, Hills; vhc, Carter; hc, Whiffen; c, Lambert. MULE (9): 1, spl, Hill, very pretty, four-pointed buff, lovely feather and shape, neat markings; 2, 3, Curd, dark jonque of rare shape, col. and feather, and a nice five-pointed buff; r, Harvey; vhc, hc, c, Lambert. BRIT GOLD., ETC. (8): 1, spl, Curd, rattling good Bullie, rare shape, feather, and marking, nice col., cage-moulted; 2, Whibley, rich coloured, nicely-mkd. Bullie, wild; 3, r, Bennett, nicely mkd. Goldie, but not ready; vhc, Andrews; hc, Jenner; c, Boublen. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Jenner, capital Mealy Redpoll and a Siskin, nice shape, feather and marking; 2, Bennett, Lesser Redpoll, lovely col. and markings; r, vhc, Curd; hc, Andrews. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, spl, Jenner, well mkd., nice feathered, good coloured Jay; 2, r, Neale, neatly mkd., rich-coloured Chaffinch; 3, Andrews, fine, large, grand-coloured Greenfinch; hc, Whibley. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Barson, very handsome Alexandrine, beautifully mkd., in rare feather; 2, Oliphant, very handsome pair of Cordon Bleus; 3, Curd, splendid Goldfinch gorgeous col., beautifully mkd.; r, Tong; vhc, Usmar; hc, Drake. SELL. (10/-) (9): 1, Whibley; 2, Hills; 3, r, c, Jenner; vhc, Lambert; hc, Carter.

SWANSEA.

Ninth annual show of the Swansea C.B.A. was held on November 10th and 11th, in the Working Men's Institute, once more, this being excellently adapted for a cage bird show. It is with the greatest pleasure that we have to chronicle a record show for this Society, 700 entries turning up. The Norwich section was an eye-opener, eight classes averaging 17 per class, and quality was there in abundance as well. Yorkshires totalled over 14 per class in eight classes. The Border section was very stiff, and Mr. Payne, the judge, had his work cut out to spot the winners. The average of over 14 per class in ten classes for Borders speaks volumes. There was a good display in the Hybrid section—some 40 exhibits. Britishers were a treat and worth going miles to see; close upon 200 turned up in 14 classes. Competition all through the show was of the keenest, and both Mr. Payne and Mr. Houlton, the judges, had stiff tasks, but generally they appeared to get through very well. Quite a nice lot of specials were offered, and our Welsh friends were as keen as mustard, so to speak, to try and secure these. The officials are past masters at managing, and no wonder they receive such liberal entries and support. The officials are as follows: Mr. W. T. Kirby (Chairman), Mr. H. Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Committee: Messrs. Phil Jenkins (who is a host in himself), J. W. Ford, J. Richards, J. Gay, W. R. Taylor, Wm. Hyett, W. J. Jenkins, J. Watkins, Wm. Love, A. E. Taylor; Show Managers, Messrs. J. Hocking and F. Heal; Assistant Sec., Mr. J. H. Ford; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. Alf Hitchings. All worked together with a will, and so matters are kept going promptly. Mr. Hitchings is the right man in the right place. Mr. Hammacott and Mr. D. A. S. Longden also gave valuable assistance. The light was very good for judging, and the work was got through in good time.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Palmer, magnificent col. and full of quality, good size and shape, nice flights and tail, good head and neck; 2, Richardson, splendid shape, nice feather, good quality, capital head and neck; 3, Mabbett, grand quality, nice head and back, close feather; 4, Slocombe, nice quality of feather; vhc, hc, Kirby; c, Vanstone. BUFF (15): 1, spl, 2, Sheldon, grand shape, plenty of substance, lovely col. and quality, gets well across perch, good flights and tail, and rattling shape, splendid feather, nice col. and quality, good wings and tail; 3, Slocombe, good shape, grand col. and quality; 4, Kirby, good shape and feather, nice col; vhc, Palmer; hc, Cooper; c, Vanstone. TKD., ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Thomas, neck and saddle mkd., short, thick cobby body, grandly feathered, wings and tail well packed; 2, Edwards, wing tkd., nice shape, well up in col., good quality feather; 3, Hitchings, mkd. cap and wings, climbing shape, deep, full and nicely rounded chest; 4, Stock, mkd. head, eyes and root of tail, good shape; vhc, Mabbett; hc, Tottie; c, Vanstone. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Kirby, mkd. head, neck and left wing, splendid shape, nice, round chest, short neck, capital flights and short tail, good quality feather, 3rd mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful feather and rich col., nice back; 2, Sheldon, mkd. eyes and on back, splendid shape, nice, full neck and level back, capital flights; 4, Hitchings, cap and wing mkd., nice shaped body; vhc, Williams; hc, George; c, Forest. HEN (24): 1, 3, Sheldon, yell. of rare size and substance, grand shape and feather, good quality, level col., wings and tail well packed, 3rd buff, rare size and shape, good head and neck, nice flights and tail; 2, Palmer, yell., magnificent col. and quality, nice shape, neat wings and tail; ex 3, Tottie, mkd. neck, eye and rump, magnificent quality, good wings and tail; 4, George, unflg. buff, grandly feathered, good shape; vhc, Kirby; hc, Thomas; c, Mabbett. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Thomas, plenty of substance, nice shape and feather, hot col., wings and tail well packed, nice head, neck and back; 2, Pole, tkd. on neck, lovely col. and quality, good shape, nice, short flights, neat tail; 3, Hitchings, mkd. left wing, splendid shape, nicely rounded chest; 4, Dunnett, mkd. cheek, wings and rump, nice feather and quality; vhc, Richardson; hc, Kirby; c, Forest. BUFF (29): 1, 2, Sheldon, splendid shape, and well up in size, magnificent col. and full of quality, nice head, neck, and back, 2nd splendid feather, nice shape, well cut away, good wings and tail; 3, vhc, Richardson, lovely col., full of quality, short, full neck, nice head, a shade slack at waist; ex 3, Tottle, nice shape and quality of feather, good wings and tail; 4, Slocombe, magnificent col. and feather, of nice texture, good wings and tail; hc, Spoor; c, Mabbett. NON-FED (14): 1, 2, 3, Jenkins, buff, mkd. neck and wings, a beauty for shape, grand feather and quality, short flights and tail, nice col., claimed, 2nd thigh tkd. yell., level col., good size and shape, 3rd buff, mkd. eyes and wings, grand shape, nice, round chest; 4, Tottle, cl. buff, beautiful feather, neat head; vhc, Mabbett; hc, Heal; c, Vyse. YORKS., CL. YELL. (18): 1, spl, Shearn and Owens, straight as a gun-barrel, lovely col., and feather, well up on leg, good flights and tail, well drawn out; 2, Crisp, nice length, full of style, again well drawn, flights and tail well packed; 3, Williams, slim built, nice style and position, good col. and quality; 4, Negus, lovely col. and feather, straight as a rush; vhc, Smith; hc, Walsh; c, Banks. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Shearn and Owens, grand col., feather and quality, nice length and style, straight as a dart, good flights, neat tail; 2, Banks, well drawn out, nice style and position, well up on leg, good flights and tail; 3, c, Morris, slim built, stylish, splendid wings, neat tail; 4, Mrs. Garland, lovely col., straight as a rush, nice style; vhc, no name; hc, Lovell. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Keegan, mkd. wings and cheeks, straight as a dart, beautiful position, grand quality feather, nice wings and pipe tail, neat head; 2, Date, neck tkd., stands well, nice length, well packed flights and tail; 3, Morris, left wing tkd., straight as a rush, grand col.; 4, Williams, right wing tkd., well drawn out, nice position; vhc, Smith; hc, Rennie; c, Morgans and Wilcox. BUFF (8): 1, Walsh, wing tkd., nice position and style, slim built, good feather, wings and tail; 2, Negus, variegated, grand quality of feather, nice position, good flights and tail, lovely back; 3, Morgans and Wilcox; 4, c, Hawes Bros., grand col., slim built, nice position; vhc, Morris; hc, Crisp. HEN (25): 1, 3, vhc, Rennie, cl. yell., rare length, stands to perfection, well braced wings, and neat tail, nice col. and quality, 3rd buff, mkd. head, eye and wings, splendid feather, nicely drawn out, good col., nicely mealed; 2, ex 3, c, Hawes Bros., cl. yell., slim built, grand feather, nice wings and tail, ex 3rd yell., slim built, well up on leg, nice feather and quality; 4, Shearn and Owens, buff, grandly feathered, nice stand and style; hc, Crisp. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Crisp, well up on leg, grand position, lovely col. and feather, well braced wings, neat tail; 2, Clark, mkd. head, back and eye, good length, nice stand and feather; 3, Hawes Bros., cl., grand position, nice feather, lovely quality; 4, Smith, splendid col., slim built, nice wings and tail; vhc, Rennie; hc, Taylor; c, Mock and Son. BUFF (15): 1, Walsh, straight as a dart, slim built, lovely feather and quality, stands to perfection, flights and tail well packed; 2, Crisp, slim built, good position, well on leg, nice whip tail; 3, Lovell, splendid col., good position, grand wings and tail; 4, Hawes Bros., neck and wing tkd., nice position; vhc, Clark; hc, Morgans and Wilcox; c, Smith. NON-FED (6): 1, Taylor, yell. clun. mkd., slim built, good position, tight as boxwood, flights and tail closely folded; 2, no name, cl. buff, nice feather, good position; 3, Morgans and Wilcox, cl. yell., good length, nice position; 4, Jenkins, good positioned cl. yell.; vhc, Lovell; hc, Bougden. HORD. CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (16): 1, Smith, grand col., nice shape, beautiful feather, neat wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 2, Howes, another gem, close on heels of winner; 3, spl, Hammacott and Card, grand feather, neat head, wings and tail, nice carriage; 4, Evans, splendid feather, nice shape and action; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Hocking. HEN (13): 1, spl, Hocking, little gem, grand shape and feather, neat wings, and one of the best tails we ever saw, beautiful action; 2, Mugford, lovely feather, jaunty carriage, nice wings and tail, good shape, another gem; 3, Richards, grand feather, nice shape; 4, Evans, close up; vhc, Hammacott and Card; hc, Williams; c, Jenkins. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Bowes, lovely col. and feather, grand shape, neat wings and tail, nice action, neat head; 2, Mugford, another gem, lovely feather, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Jamieson, beautiful shape, clean cut, splendid feather, neat head; 4, spl, Hopgood, lovely feather, nice shape, neat wings; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Hocking; c, Richards. HEN (18): 1, spl, Taylor, a little gem, lovely shape, feathered to perfection, grand wings and tail; 2, Mugford, splendid shape and feather, neat head, wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 3, Bowes, grand shape, nice feather, good wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Roberts, feathered to perfection, nice shape, neat head; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Evans; c, Bayley. YELL. UNEVEN, ETC. (16): 1, spl, Hammacott and Card, mkd. cheeks, eyes and wings, lovely shape and feather, full of quality, good wings and tail; 2, Williams, varieg., lovely feather, nice shape and carriage; 3, Steens, mkd. wing, eye and rump, grand col., good shape and action; 4, Evans, mkd. neck, wings and shoulder, splendid shape; vhc, Mugford; hc, Richards; c, Bayley. BUFF (14): 1, Richards, mkd. right wing and eyes, beautiful shape, close as boxwood, nice tail and wings, jaunty carriage; 2, Hammacott and Card, mkd. left wing and eyes, lovely shape and feather, nice carriage; 3, Hopgood, mkd. left wing and head, grandly feathered, nice shape; 4, Jamieson, mkd. wings and left eye, nice shape; vhc, Evans; hc, Williams; c, Prosser. YELL. GREEN (18): 1, spl, Richards, a real gem, grand tone of col. and quite free from bronzing, lovely shape and feather, much admired; 2, Fildes, nice col. and grandly feathered, neat head, wings and tail; 3, c, Hocking, level col. and free from bronzing, nice shape; 4, Hammacott, very bright col., of good depth, nice shape; vhc, Williams; hc, Hammacott and Card. BUFF (16): 1, Jamieson, beautiful col., grand quality feather, nice shape, neat tail, well packed flights; 2, Hammacott, nice bright col. of good depth, grand shape and feather, nice head and good carriage; 3, Bayley, pure col., neat wings and tail; 4, Hocking, close up; vhc, c, Richards; hc, Harry. CINN. (9): 1, Jamieson, yell., lovely tone of col., grandly feathered, nice shape and carriage, well braced wings and neat tail; 2, Hammacott, grandly feathered and beautiful shaped buff, capital col.; 3, Roberts, close feathered and good col. yell., nice quality; 4, vhc, hc, Hocking, grand feathered buff, pure in col. EVENLY MKD. (5): 1, 3, Hocking, yell., grand shape and feather, eyes and wings well balanced, 3rd yell., nice pair of wings, good shape; 2, Jamieson, buff, grand shape and feather, nicely mkd.; 3, 4, Fildes, buff, nice shape and feather; vhc, Hammacott and Card. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Hitchings, Crest and C.-B. SELL. (22/6) (4): 1, Richardson; 2, Kirby; 3, Rees; 4, Hocking. (12/6) (10): 1, H. Jenkins; 2, Kirby; 3, Balch; 4, Dummett; vhc, Heal.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

HYB., CL., ETC. (7): 1, Pole, grand Linnet-Bullie, A1 col., shape, and feather, medium size, well shown; 2, 3, Edwards, 4-pointed buff Goldie-Can., A1 condition, etc., and a larger Linnet-Bullie, hardly so deep in colour, perhaps; 4, c, Jones, tkd. yell. Goldie-Can., nice size, colour, and condition; vhc, Jeremy; hc, Evans. DK. YELL. GOLDIE (6): 1, Jones, grand size, colour, markings, blade, and condition; 2, Gabe, fine bird, bit duller than 1st, but all else equal; 3, Jenkins, smaller but grand col. and condition; 4, Edwards, nice bird all over; vhc, Longden; No. 1, absent. BUFF (6): 1, Gomer, grand size, fine clean-cut blaze, nice style, colour, and condition; 2, 3, vhc, Longden, fine trio, former bright and best of col. and condition; 4, Forest, nice bird by comparison; hc, Lewis. DK. LINNET (9), nice lot: 1, Jones, grand yell., good type, markings, and condition; 2, George, fine bold buff, A1 feather, shape, and condition; 3, Serine, good yell., just beaten in breast a little; 4, Lang, good size and nice feather, vhc, Edwards; hc, Arnstein; c, Reynolds. A.O.V. (12), fine class: 1, hc, Longden, well-known Cinn.-Greenie, looking very sound in feather to-day; 2, Lees, very lightly variegated. Linnet-Can., buff, grand size, shape, colour, and feather, bit wild yet; 3, Jones, dk. yell. Greenie-Can.; 4, Longden, variegated yell. Goldie-Can., A1 condition; vhc, Mabbett, yell. Siskin-Can.; c, Edwards. BRIT.—GOLDFINCH (22), fine class: 1, Rees, rare flush face, deep col., nice size body, neat moons and bars, nice and steady, clear in beak; 2, White, A1 body colour, nice blaze, moons, and bars, good size and shape, also clear beak; 3, Reynolds, grand blaze, moons, bars, tan, and condition good; ex 3, Heal, fine expanse of blaze, nice tan, moons, and bars, fine size and shape, in tight condition; 4, Jenkins, very neat stylish Finch, good blaze, bars, and buttons; vhc, Richards; hc, Sullivan; c, Arnstein. BULLFINCH (13): 1, Pole, lovely level bird all over it, sheen and polish of the best, fine cap, back, wings and tail; 2, Dallimore, large broad cap, fine back, wings and tail, nice colour, breast, and condition; 3, Russell, broad dense cap and full chest, fine colour, feather, and condition; 4, Longden, very level deep coloured bird, tight in feather and sound condition; vhc, White; hc, Jones; c, Mabbett. LINNET (16): 1, Longden, fine size, shape, colour, markings, and condition; 2, Miss Bowen, nice body, grand markings, just behind 1st in head; 3, Williams, good markings, nice size and chest, fine gloss and finish; ex 3, 4, Bancroft, good pair and little to choose between them, well up to 3rd in most points; vhc, Brown; hc, Gay; c, Arnstein. WILD LINNET (20): 1, Prosser, regular stormer to put in stock for moulting; 2, Gomer, almost equal in size, shape, markings, and condition, very promising; 3, ex 3, Bancroft, fine pair and very close up, right stamp to work off; 4, Jeffreys, also fine size and shape, rare gloss and condition; vhc, Davies; hc, Miss Bowen; c, Morgan. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Bancroft, very pretty Twite, in fine all-round condition, and a neat Siskin, nice markings, col. and condition; 2, Miss Bowen, fine mealy Redpoll, in all-round good tight feather, markings, and condition; 4, Longden, also good Twite, in fine glossy feather and condition; vhc, Prosser; hc, Arstein; c, Russell. LESSER REDPOLL (14), very strong class indeed: 1, Longden, fine size, rare bib, deep col., marks, and condition; 2, 3, Prosser, really good pair, well up to 1st, fine col., feather, and condition, steady; 4, Holbrow, very pretty, nice markings, good bib, well up in size; vhc, Goode; hc, Pole; c, Gay. YELL. BUNTING (10): 1, Goode, Palace winner, Swansea, 1908, etc., A1 all over him, wins in a hot lot; 2, 4, c, Ford and Son, very strong trio of really well mkd., good col., and fine conditioned birds, all in the pink; 3, Prosser, shade paler marks on head, fine feather and condition; vhc, Bowen; hc, Kirby. BRAMBLE (13): 1, 2, vhc, Longden, leader very fine size, shape, spangle, col., and tight condition, cone-shaped, good length, well tapered, 2nd the old champion, has to play second fiddle to-day to same owner's 1st; 3, Howard, big upstanding, long bird, good body col., light spangling, nice feather and condition; 4, Gay, very dark spangled bird, fine feather and condition, rather dense, black points; hc, Goode; c, Jenkins. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, 4, hc, Longden, fine trio, 1st best in all-round markings, 4th fine shape and rare feather and condition; 3, Howard, dk. yell. Greenie-Can., fine shape, colour, quality, and condition; 2, Bancroft, thick set, fine deep fed col., rare condition, not quite so well up in head col as 1st perhaps; vhc, Ford and Son; c, Gomer. GREENFINCH (17), strong level lot: 1, 2, Bancroft, pair of really fine birds, 1st deepest col., both in the best of feather and finish; 3, vhc, Longden, very good level pair, 3rd best of shape and condition; ex 3, White, smaller, but beautiful feather and shape, etc.; 4, Miss Bowen, large, good col., not quite as tight as ex 3, but a good one; hc, Lee; c, Edwards. A.O.S. (4): 1, Price, Snow Hunting; 2, Prosser, fine conditioned Reed Bunting; 3, Jenkins; 4, Longden. A.O.S. BIRD, ETC. (5): 1, Lee, very large Blackbird; 2, Hughes, good Redwing; 3, fine shaped Blackbird; 4, Slee Bros., Redwing, nice condition; vhc, Edwards. HENS, A.S. (18): 1, vhc, Prosser, capital Bramble and good Greenfinch, leader gem for finish, etc.; 2, Jones, splendid conditioned Bullie; 3, Pole; extra 3, Howard, another splendid Bullie; 4, Jenkins, Yellow Bunting, fine glossy condition; hc, Davey; c, Sampson, Albino; Bell, varieg. hen Sparrow. GIFT (8): 1, W. J. Jenkins; 2, Longden; 3, W. J. Kirby; 4, G. Balsh; vhc, T. Jenkins; hc, P. Jenkins; c, H. Jenkins. FOR. (5): 1, H. Davies, fine King Parrakeet; 2, Davis and Wilkins, a fine Jay Thrush, rare, in fine condition; 3, vhc, Watkins, Cutthroat, 3rd fine condition; 4, H. Jenkins, very tight Java. Fine lot of specials over every class, and section specials and best bird specials were awarded, but a full list was not to hand when we sent these notes off. Marked catalogues were on sale one hour after judging was over, and gave visitors every chance to get full information.

LEEK (Staffs).

Fifth annual exhibiton held in the Co-operative Hall on Nov. 10th, and proved a success. Norwich were a feature of the show, many good birds being out. The Yorkshire classes did not fill up to expectations, and three were cancelled, quite unusual for Leek, as Yorkshires are generally very strong here. The Crests and Crest-breds were nice classes. Mules and Hybrids were a capital show, although not numerous. British were also nice, but three classes were cancelled. Mr. W. William's Waxwing was quite the sensation of the show, and took special for best British. The amateurs turned out well. The management and arrangements were capital; every bird was nicely staged, and all were well looked after. Mr. R. Hall once again acted as secretary, and right well did he carry out the duties. Everything was in A1 order, and cards were on as the slips were handed in. The show committee was composed of the following excellent fanciers: Messrs. Whetstone, Bowyer, Yates, Clowes and Sons, Lomas, Morris, Oliver, Rowley Bros., Sherrett, Stockton, Stayner, Tatlow, and Wilkinson, etc., etc. The hall is a splendid place for a show of its kind, being well lighted and free from draughts, and everything was in A1 order. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards met with every satisfaction.

Norwich and Yorkshire Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Whetstone, good head and neck, capital shape and size, grand wings and tail; 2, Hall, neat head and neck, capital shape, hot col., good; 3, Hall, good shape, nice size, shade long in flights and tail; 4, Smith, good col. and shape; vhc, Clews. BUFF (6): 1, Weaver, magnificent shape and col., well-carried wings and tail, splendid size, A1 bloom; 2, 4, Bowyer, leader capital shape and size, good head and wings, good colour; 3, Cowley, neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, good col.; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Hall. YELL. TICK, ETC. (7): 1, Whetstone, wing griz., nice size and shape, wonderful col. and condition, good head; 2, 3, Hall, leader stylish, wing tkd., good shape and size, nice head, well-rounded chest; 3, varieg., typical shape, neat head and wings, good col.; 4, Weaver, good size and col.; vhc, Hall; hc, Whetstone; w.c., Clews, wing tkd. buff. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hall, capital team, leader very fine varieg., grand shape and size, neat head and neck; 2, varieg., good-bodied bird, well rounded chest, good head; 3, tkd. eye, fair col., good shape, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, Bowyer, slight tkd., nice size and shape. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Clews, griz. head, Grimshy winner, nice shape, good size, wonderful col., well-carried wings and tail, nice chest; 2, Whetstone, unflg. cl., very bonny, nice chubby shape, good size, magnificent col., in the pink; 3, c, Bowyer, cl., nice size and condition, nice col.; 4, Godley, splendid shape and size; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Williams. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Bowyer, wonderful shape and size, grand head, very nice short wings and tail; 2, Whetstone, hot col., splendid head and neck, neat wings and tail, capital rounded chest; 3, Garfield, splendid hen, grand head and neck, splendid carriage; 4, Smith, good shape and size, nice colour; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Bowyer; c, Edwards. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Hall, leader head and saddle mkd., nicely rounded, chest, good head and wings, neat tail, fine neck, splendid colour and condition, latter cl., grand head and neck, wings well carried; 3, Bowyer, cl., neat shape, grand head and wings, lovely col.; 4, Whetstone, varieg., neat head, good neck, grand col. and condition, very wild; vhc, Hall; hc, Garfield; c, Barraclough. BUFF (7): 1, Hall, capital wing mkd., beautiful shape and size, grand head, neck and chest, splendid wings and tail, grand col.; 2, Whetstone, cl., grand shape and size, neat head and neck; 3, Williams, cl., grand size and shape, nicely rounded chest, well carried wings and tail; 4, Griffiths, wing tkd., hot colour, on small side; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Bellamy; c, Bowyer. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Foden, grand length and position for head, good wings and tail, splendid col., straight as a rush; 2, Hawley, full col., splendid length and position, neat and well carried wings and tail; 3, Walsh, wonderful length, splendid legs, A1 wings and tail; 4, Furniss, good length and position; vhc, Dykes; hc, Andrews; c, Robinson. BUFF and BUFF TKD., all cancelled. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Cundall, head tkd., very slim and upstanding, neat head, good col., A1 wings and tail carriage; 2, Potts, neat head, very slim, nice length and position, good legs, grand col.; 3, Mole, cheek mkd., straight as a rush, grand col., splendid wings and tail; 4, Peake, head tkd., splendid col., grand shape. BUFF: (7) 1, Cundall, wing tkd., nice slim and upstanding, capital wings and position, grand head, in the best possible condition; 2, Dykes, cheek mkd., grand head, wonderful col., grand wings and tail; 3, Foden, cl., good length and position, neat tail; 4, Robinson, cl., good length, nice col. and bloom; vhc, Piggott; hc, Lawrance. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Dykes, neck and wings mkd., wonderful length, splendid wings and tail, A1 style; 2, Walsh, splendid length, nice position, good col., neat legs, again in the pink; 3, Ellis, splendid quality and feather, grand length, very slim; 4, Mole, grand length, neat wings and tail; vhc, Halfway; hc, Foden. BUFF (7): 1, Hawley, very typical varieg., allin and upstanding, grand head, neat wings and tail, well shown; 2, Furrness, eye mkd., very neat, capital length and position, shines like satin; 3, Mole, cl., grand length and position, straight as a rush, capital col.; 4, Foden, very neat and stylish, good length and position; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ellis.

The Remaining Classes.

CREST (7): 1, Groves, varieg. D.-C., nice size and shape, crest of good size, splendid length of feather; 2, Stanger, nearly green, nice size and shape, very wet when taking notes; 3, vhc, Whetstone, very neat varieg., splendid length of feather, good crest; 4, hc, Mason, wing mkd., dark crest, good length of feather. C.-B. (5): 1, 4, Mason, varieg., splendid length of feather, splendid size and shape, 4th neat yell. varieg., good size, A1 bloom; 2, Edwards, cl., grand size, nice length of feather, good shape; 3, Groves, green, very massive build, capital feather, good head; vhc, Stanger. SELL. (2/-) (7): 1, Mason; 2, Godley; 3, Weaver; 4, Dallman and Sons; vhc, hc, Ford. (12/6) (14): 1, Mason; 2, Godley, 3, Yates; 4, Gibbison; vhc, Toplass; hc, Bryan. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, 3, Bond, leader champion cl., Can.-Goldie, wonderful size and condition, wins easily, latter sweet little Siskin-Can., head and wing mkd., neat head, good size; 2, 4, Callear, two very neat wing mkd. Goldie-Canaries, both of good size; vhc, Lawrance; very good class for quality. DARK (6): 1, 4, Bond, leader Bullie-Can., wonderful size, capital col. and markings, wins, 4th splendid Linnet-Can., good size and shape, lovely col.; 2, 3, Lawrance, sweet Bullie-Can., lovely col., 3rd Goldie-Can., lovely col., neat shape, in A1 condition; vhc, Tams and Sons; hc, Bessell. HYB. (7): 1, Lawrance, Linnet-Bullie, splendid col. and markings, grand size, in A1 condition; 2, 3, Clowes and Sons, two capital Greenie-Bullies, both grand size and shape, best possible form; 4, Tams and Sons, Greenie-Goldfinch, nice size, good shape; vhc, he, e, Priestnall. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Marsh, in splendid feather, well cut blaze, good shape and size, steady as a rock; 2, Evans, lovely stylish Goldie, excellent col., good blaze, of nice shape and size; 3, Fairhurst, very stylish, good large blaze, nice feather; 4, Dean, neat blaze, very wild; vhc, Bickerton. LINNET (7): 1, Poole, splendid shape and size, very steady and well pencilled; 2, 3, Marsh, two very fine birds, both very steady and stylish, lovely shape and carriage, good condition; 4, Evans, very stylish, good size and feather; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, Mason; c, Lomas. A.O.V. CAN., SISKIN, ETC., and A.O.S. HARDBILL, all cancelled. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Williams, leader wonderful Waxwing, splendid marking in the best possible condition, 2, Cornish Chough, in grand form, good legs and bill; 3, Griffiths, pied Blackbird, splendid shape, good size; 4, Stocker, Waxwing. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Williams, leader noted Toucan, capital col. and condition, latter Red-faced Gouldian Finch; 3, 4, Stocker, grand Golden Tanager, nice condition, 4th Necklace Tanager, in capital feather.

NOR., NOVICE (11): 1, Critchley, stylish, wing mkd., capital shape and size, very nice col.; 2, Bestwick, cl., neat head, capital shape, neat wings and tail, splendid col.; 3, Oliver, hot col., nice head and neck, good shape; 4, Smith, neat bead and wings; vhc, Evans; hc, no name; c, Mrs. Martain. BUFF (18): 1, Mrs. Martain, splendid-shaped cl., grand rounded chest, neat bead and wings, good col.; 2, Gibbons, neck mkd., very typical and shapely, good bead and neck, grand col.; 3, Tose, neck mkd., neat head, good shape and size; 4, Thorpe, splendid shape, good head; vhc, Smith; hc, Critchley; c, Sherratt. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Smith, very typical, cl., very nice head and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, Perkin, buff, very neat, good shape and size, neat bead and wings, capital col. and condition; 3, Dunn, good size, grand quality, good col.; 4, Beswick, cl. buff, splendid quality; vhc, Tose; hc, Rowley Bros.; c, Morris. HEN (21): 1, Critchley, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand head, splendid col. and quality, neat wings; 2, Sharratt, bead grizzle yell., neat head, nice shape and size; 3, Roberts, bead and wing mkd. yell., nice shape, good size; 4, Roberts, very neat cl., grand size, splendid col.; vhc, Smith; hc, Lawton; c, Smith. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Baxter, stylish, wing and cheek mkd., capital length and position, very nice head and quality; 2, Harley, cl., very slim and upstanding, splendid length, capital col.; 3, Lawton, very smart, cheek mkd., good head; 4, Pygott, nice length and position; vhc, Astler; hc, Robinson; c, Goldstrand. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, cl., very stylish, splendid length, nice position, neat head, capital col.; 2, Thompson, cl., capital col., very slim and upstanding; 3, vhc, Pygott, nice col., length and position; 4, Evans, nice col. and position; hc, Shepherd; c, Andrews. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Robinson, head mkd., nice length and position, very hot col., nice wings; 2, 3, Hughes, leader climbing cl. yell., splendid length, neat head, latter very smart cl. buff, grand length, neat head, capital wings; 4, Bryan, cl. yell., smart col. and carriage; vhc, Baxter; hc, Harley; c, Thompson. HEN (13): 1, Evans, cl. buff, very slim and upstanding, nice length and position, well up on leg; 2, Potts, cl. yell., capital position, very neat wings and tail, nice col.; 3, Lawton, cl. buff, nice length, grand col.; 4, Shepherd, neat head, nice carriage and col.; vhc, c, Thomas; hc, Hickson. MEMBERS', NOR. (6): 1, 2, Sherratt; 3, Rowley Bros.; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Morris.

Allow me to thank all supporters of our late show who helped us to have a record entry and "gate," writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, hon. secretary of the Liverpool O.S. All railway birds left the hall before 6 p.m. This caused us considerable expense, as the railways combined, and would not collect after 4 p.m. All specials and prize money will be in the hands of the winners by this time; anyone overlooked please apply at once to me.

I am pleased to inform you, writes Mr. W. Adams, hon. secretary of the Roehdale "Good Intent" C.B.S., that our late show was a great success. We had a record entry, close on 100 more than at last year's, and I desire to thank all who helped us to make the show a success, as when a few accounts are settled I believe we shall have a balance in hand. All prize money was paid to exhibitors attending show, and the remainder would have received theirs by Monday noon; should anyone have been overlooked will they write to me? All exhibits were cleared out of the room by 9.30. Next year we shall endeavour to beat this.

KILMARNOCK.

The Kilmarnock C.B.F.C. held their 35th annual show on November 6th in the Co-operative Hall. The hall is large and well lighted, with plenty of ventilation, and heated throughout with hot water pipes—an ideal place for an affair of the kind. This club is well patronised by local gentlemen, and is in a flourishing condition. The secretary is Mr. R. McCaw, and for a hard worker and courteous, and one with the whole interest of the Fancy at heart, it would be difficult to fill his place. The Kilmarnock fanciers appreciate his good qualities, and this remark applies to the president, Mr. Wm. Guthrie, who was there the whole day, keeping everything well in hand. Mr. P. Holden (Muirkirk) and Mr. Hood placed the awards in the Scotch Fancy section; Mr. Hood for the Crests and Norwich section, Mr. Holden for the Border section, and Mr. Gavin Alston (Darvel) Mules, British, and Foreign. Their awards in most cases met with approval, but, of course, there are always a few grumblers, who cannot see past their own birds. Munroe gold medal, most points over show, J. B. Y. Murdoch; runner up, J. Hutchins; silver cup, most points Scotch Fancy,, A. Paton; silver cup, most points Crests, G. F. Adamson; silver cup, most points Norwich, Jas. Hutchison; silver cup, most points Borders, J. B. Y. Murdoch; silver cup, most points Mules, R. McCaw; silver cup, most points British and Foreign, A. Mackie; silver cup, best bird in show, A. Watson (variegated buff Norwich hen); runner up, J. B. Y. Murdoch (clear buff Border hen)

The Critique.

SCOTCH, CL. OR FOUL CK. (10): 1, 3, 4, Paton, grand team, the first lovely head, neck, and shoulders, grand drive, splendid substance, 3rd nice head and shoulders; 2, Allan, good back and shoulders, fine drive, good worker; 5, spl, Bowie; 6, Templeton. PIEBALD, ETC. (1): 1, 2, Paton, another good pair, leader winning for size and substance, 2nd very sweet; 3, 4, Bunten, fine neck and shoulders, good drive, tail well under; 5, Allan; 6, McDougall. CL. OR FOUL HEN (8): 1, 2, Allan, 1st nice head, neck and shoulders, grand back and wing carriage, 2nd similar stamp; 3, Lyons, nice drive and position; 4, 5, McDougall; 6, Paton. PIED, ETC., HEN (10): 1, spl, Bowie, lovely Piebald, fine head, neck and shoulders, good drive and position, wins; 2, spl, Lyons, another good one, larger than first, but lacks its position; 3, 4, Allan, good back and wings, tail well under; 5, McDougall; 6, Paton. CREST CK. (5): 1, 4, 5, Adamson, leader lovely Crest, grand droop, splendid body; 2, spl, Noble, another good one, fine crest; 3, Thornton, smaller crest, good body. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Adamson, grand team, lovely crests, good bodies, all the same stamp, difficult to separate. C.-B. CK. (7): 1, 4, 5, Noble, leader grand big head, great length of feather, good size; 2, 3, spl, Adamson, good head and length of feather, fails body to winner; 6, Cram. C.-B. HEN (7): 1, Noble, splendid skull, well lashed, carrying plenty of feather; 2, Adamson, good length of feather, plenty of substance; 3, Cram, good body and feather; 4, 5, 6, Adamson. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Hutchison, nice body, good feather, fine stamp of bird; 2, Guthrie, some preferred, lovely head, grand body and quality, very typical, but barely through moult; 3, 4, Latta, good head and body, tail all broken; 5, Muir; 6, Jones. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Muir, lovely head and neck, good body substance, splendid col.; 2, Latta, another nice one; 3, Jas. Johnston; 4, Hutchison. BUFF (16): A strong class: 1, Hutchison, fine big bouncing bird, good head; 2, 5, spl, Watson, good head, nice chest and back, good wing carriage; 3, spl, Latta, good body, fine wing carriage; 4, Jones; 6, spl, Muir. VARIEG. BUFF (11): 1, John Johnston, lovely head, good chest and body, finely feathered; 2, spl, Garven, pressing, good head and wings, well filled back; 3, Hutchison, smaller bird, nice stamp; 4, Latta; 5, John Johnston; 6, Watson. VARIEG. BUFF HEN (10): 1, spl, 3, Watson, leader real beauty, grand head, good chest, plenty of body substance, beautiful feather, popular win, 3rd nice, lacks substance to winner; 2, 4, John Johnston, good head, nice round back, lovely condition; 5, spl, McFadzean; 6, Muir. NON-FED (8): 1, 2, Muir, pair of buffs, grand heads and fine big bodies; 3, 4, Hutchison, variegated yell., nice head and body; 5, Latta; 6, Hutchison. CINN. OR GREEN (9): 1, 2, Jas. Johnston, pair Cinn., good heads, grands bodies, lovely feather, nice col.; 3, 6, Hutchison, Greens, good size, nice markings; 4, 5, McCaw, Greens. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, 4, Hutchison, leader grand size, fine back and chest, good feather; 2, Latta, good head and neck, well rounded; 3, Guthrie, lovely head, nice chest and back, neatest of wings, pressing hard; 5, Muir; 6, Latta. VARIEG. (7): 1, Jones, good head, grand substance of body; 2, 4, Muir, lovely head, grand feather; 3, 5, Hutchison, nice stamp; 6, Latta. CL., ETC., BUFF (13): 1, Muir, good head, grand chest and back, very typical hen; 2, spl, 3, spl, Guthrie, pair beauties, grand heads, good body substance, pressing winner; 4, Jas. Johnston; 5, Brown; 6, Hutchison. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (19): 1, 6, Murdoch, nice head and neck, well filled in back, lovely wing carriage, good feather; 2, Lennox, nice bird, good type; 3, Guthrie, neat head, good back, typical; 4, Crosbie; 5, Greenshields. VARIEG. YELL. (11): 1, Lee, beauty, nice free poise of head, lovely wing carriage; good position; 5, Murdoch, former variegated. Cinn., finely tapered, good wings, fails tail; 3, Dick; 4, Guthrie; 5, Crosbie. CL., ETC., BUFF (17): Some real beauties here: 1, spl, 3, spl, Murdoch, former lovely head, grand free poise, fine body, nicely tapered, both in beautiful condition; 2, Crosbie, another real good one, neat head and neck, fine wing carriage; 4, Dick; 5, spl, Willison; 6, Crosbie. VARIEG. BUFF (9): 1, Smillie, even mkd., round head, good back and wings, very stylish; 2, 6, Murdoch, marked one eye, one wing, good ones all-round; 3, Willison, finely tapered, good condition; 4, Dick; 5, Blair. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Willison, faultless condition, lovely, nice head, good body, nice wings and tail; 2, spl, Lee, nice type, well filled back, lovely soft feather; 3, spl, 6, Murdoch, Galston winner, nice head and neck, fails size; 4, Smillie; 5, Crosbie. VARIEG. (5): 1, Smillie, shown at her best, beautiful head and neck, good feather, grand type; 2, Murdoch, neat head, nice round body; 3, Crosbie, variegated. Cinn., nice round head, well filled in back; 4, Lee; 5, Scoular. CL., ETC., BUFF (16): 1, spl, 3, Murdoch, leader real wee gem, lovely head and neck, splendid wing carriage, feathered like wax, good win, latter tkd. head, very typical; 2, Dick, another nice one, neat head and neck, well tapered; 4, Smillie; 5, Dick; 6, Thornton. VARIEG. (11): 1, 5, spl, Murdoch, again leading with a beauty, neat head, lovely back and wings, very free carriage; 2, Willison, nice body, well filled back, goods wings and tail; 3, Lennox, lovely tapered body, pressing; 4, Dick; 6, Jamieson. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Smillie, neat head and neck, good round body, nice wings; 2, Gardner, many preferred, neatest of heads, lovely tapered body; 3, Murdoch, nice round head, very free poise; 4, Scoular; 5, Jamieson. HEN (7): 1, Jones, lovely wee head, well tapered body, carries wings well, good markings; 2, 4, Murdoch, former buff Green, nice body, good markings; 3, Jamieson, neat; 5, Scoular; 6, Gardiner. LIGHT MULE (9): 1, spl, Cree, Goldie, nice head and blaze, grand size, good col.; 2, 3, Miller, Goldie-Mules, both in splendid trim; 4, Johnston; 5, Fisher; 6, McCallum. HYB. (3): 1, 2, M'Caw, both Goldie-Greenies, grand size and col., very steady, former ck., latter hen; 3, Brown, another nice Goldie-Greenie. DARK GOLDIE (7): 1, Fisher, grand size and col., nice blaze, very steady; 2, M'Caw, another good one for size and colour, still moulting; 3, 4, 5, spl, 6th, Johnston, nice team. A.O.V. MULE (7): 1, M'Caw, Linnet-Mule, fine size and col., nice wing carriage, steady; 2, spl, Brown, Can.-Bullie hen, good size; 3, Jamieson, Greenfinch-Can., grand size, good back and wings; 4, M'Caw; 5, Crosbie; 6, Johnston. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): Real good class: 1, Fisher, fine size, lovely head and blaze; 2, Smith, really nice Finch, nice blaze, col.; 3, 5, Brown; 4, Gardner; 5, Smith. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Dunsmuir, topper for size and col, good cap; 2, Mackie, another beauty, pressing hard; 3, Jones. LINNET (13): Very strong class: 1, spl, Breadon, grand size and col., lovely lacings, hard pressed by; 2, Fisher, nice head, lovely col. and breast markings, very steady; 3, spl, Mackie, another good one, nice mutty col.; 4, 6, Dunsmuir; 5, Crosbie. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Brown, good head and shoulders, fine size and col.; 2, spl, Mackie, another topper for size; 3, Smith; 4, Crosbie; 5, Howatt; 6, Fisher. SIS., Etc. (9): 1, M'Fadzean, Redpoll, neat head, nice bib, good markings; 2, McCaw, Siskin, good cap and bib, nice col.; 3, Fisher, Redpoll, nice wee thing; 4, Lee; 5, spl, Scoular; 6, M'Caw. HARDBILL (10): 1, Lee, Bramblefinch, nice level col. and markings, good condition; 2, spl, Mackie, another good Bramble; 3, Howatt, Reedbunting, in splendid order; 4, Mackie; 5, spl, Miller; 6, Smith. SOFTBILL (8): 1, spl, 4, Smith, Thrush, in lovely condition, great size, lovely markings, very steady; 2, Lee, Blackbird, nice silky feather, good size; 3, spl, Hardie, another Thrush, nice markings; 5, Dunsmuir; 6, Mackie. BULL. HEN (15): 1, Dunsmuir, grand size, fine cap and bib, in lovely order; 2, Hardie, another good one for size; 3, Brown, good, pressing; 4, Smith; 5, Smillie; 6, Mackie. A.O.V. HEN (12): 1, 2, Dunsmuir, leader Bramble, nice condition, 2nd Reedbunting, taking exhibit; 3, Mackie; 4, spl, M'Caw; 5, Scoular; 6, Smith. FOR. GOLDIE (5): 1, spl, Johnston, grand head and blaze, great size; 2, M'Caw, another topper, lovely head and blaze; 3, spl, Cree; 4, Mackie; 5, spl, M'Callum. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, 3, Mackie; 2, Lee; 4, Smith. NOVICE, MULES (1): 1, spl, Howatt, good Linnet-Mule. NOVICE BORD. (8): 1, Howatt, buff ck., nice head, good wing car.; 2, Lyall, yell. Green hen, nice head and neck, lovely side lacings; 3, spl, 4, 5, 6, Hutchison. GIFT (5): 1, Guthrie; 2, Hutchison; 3, Adamson; 4, Bowrie; 5, Murdoch.

EASTFIELD SIDE.

Eastfield Side C.B.S. (Sutton-in-Ashfield) third annual show was held on November 6th, at headquarters, the Mason's Arms. The host, Mr. J. J. Bradbury, was most attentive in looking after the comfort of visitors, and the best was made of the space at command. Mr. J. T. Tudsbury is president and Mr. J. Allsop vice-president, and the comfort of the birds and the management of the show were looked after by a good working committee in Messrs. G. Hall, J. G. Wright, S. Wooley, J. L. Wright, H. Hall, J. Smedley, S. Hawksley, and A. H. Wright. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. Carlin, had the work well in hand, and cards were up and the birds watered early. Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham) made the awards, and with few exceptions his verdicts gave satisfaction. Some classes were badly filled, owing, no doubt, to the number of shows on the same date.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Barwise, nice bouncing cl., good head, neck and chest, nicely cut behind real Nor. type; 2, Adnitt and Driver, close up, tkd. on tail, good substance all through; 3, J. R. Smith, uncvenly mkd., full of Nor. properties; vhc, Strange, light variegated bird; hc, Peach; c, C. Smedley. BUFF (6): 1, 3, and Hyde's spl, J. Smedley, cl. of undoubted quality, nice wing carriage, good head and front, nicely frosted, 3rd another nice cl.; 2, Vardy, junr., bird of the type and quality for which the Huthwaite name is famous; vhc, Smith, a light variegated bird, good quality; hc, Wooley; c, Adnitt and Driver. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver, 1st sweet lady, Nor. all over, we believe the Hucknall winner, 2nd much the same, cap mkd., could not be parted, but followed close by; 3, Smith, nice cl., loses only in neck and general head properties; vhc, Marshall, cl. hen of nice proportions; hc, Butler; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver, 1st light var. hen, good col. and type, followed close by 2nd, apparently cl., but would not show herself to advantage; 3 J. Smedley, another good one, grizzled, well placed; vhc, Hall Bros.; hc, Hunt; c, Betts. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Butler, promising youngster, nice build, good col. and carriage, deserved his place; 2, vhc, Hunt, close up, one of the right stamp; 3, Adnitt and Driver, tkd. bird of good quality; hc, Hall Bros.; c, Sadler. BUFF: 1, J. Smedley, good type and carriage; 2, Butler, cl. of good quality, loses only in general build; 3, Vardy, junr., another cl., uncomfortably close up; vhc, Strange; hc, Walden and Taylor; c, Wright Bros. DARK CREST: 1, Nuttall Bros., good heavy crest, nicely carried, with close centre; 2, Osborne, nice size of crest; 3, Clayton, close up, all well placed. LIGHT: Cancelled. C.-B.: 1, spl for best bird in show, Richards, magnificent light variegated bird of massive build; 2, Nuttall Bros., also good. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hymas, good position and feather; 2, Athey, close up, again good. BUFF: 1, 2, Hymas, 1st nice model, good quality, 2nd loses only in reach; 3, Athey, nice bird. STOCK PAIR, NOR.: 1, Vardy, junr., well selected pair; 2, Marshall, cl. buff cock, yell. variegated hen, both of good type; 3, Hawksley, both apparently cl., nice type and quality of feather; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Mrs. Peach; c, Butler, not a bad one in class, all well placed. PAIRS FOR CREST: 1, 3, Nuttall Bros., both massive pairs, deserved their place; 2, Clayton, really nice pair. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Connor, Bramble, good col., very steady; 2, W. Butler, Yellow-bunting, good feather; 3, Hunt, Goldfinch, good blaze, in forward condition; vhc, Baggaley, Linnet; hc, Nuttall Bros., Chaffinch. SOFTBILL: 1, W. Butler, Blackbird in grand form, fine lustrous condition, good bill and eye cere, would have been better in larger cage; 2, Barwise, Magpie, in first-class condition, well shown; 3, Wood, grand Thrush. A.O.V.: 1, Adnitt and Driver, nice even mkd. Cin.-Nor., in faultless condition; 2, J. Smedley, Buff Cinn., well placed; 3, Sadler, even mkd. Nor.; vhc, Baggaley, Waxbill. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Vardy, junr., old friend under a new name, four-pointed buff Goldie-Mule, looking as fresh as ever, in superb form; 2, Barwise, nice dark Siskin Can.-Mule; 3, J. Smedley, light Goldie-Can.-Mule; vhc, Hawksley, Goldie-Can.-Mule; vhc, Shore, Greenfinch Can.-Mule. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, Hawksley; 2, Smith; 3, Connor; vhc, Hawksley; hc, Shore; c, Hall Bros.; a strong class. GIFT: 1, 2, Hawksley, both Nor. buffs, and good stock birds; 3, Marshall, pair of Nor.; vhc, Nuttall Bros., pair for crests. This class should provide funds when sold. NAT. COL., YELL.: 1, 2, Wright Bros., both yell. Nor. or nice soft feather, in good form. BUFF: 1, Richards, buff Nor., typical build and carriage, and good quality, feather well mealed; 2, Shore, variegated buff Nor., in nice form, well shown. A special prize was awarded by acclamation to Mrs. Bradbury's Parrot, which on being uncovered proved to be a "Teddy Bear."

L. & P.O.S. & DULWICH & PECKHAM (Combined.)

Held in Prince's Hall, Lambeth Baths, on Nov. 4th and 5th. These two societies held their shows jointly and so far as entries, quality, and management were concerned, the effort may be pronounced a decided success, while Prince's Hall is undoubtedly a splendid room for this purpose. In such a hall and with such a past master at show management in their ranks as Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the joint committee could not fail to have every arrangement complete. To give the names of the committee will suffice to convey an adequate impression of the forces at work to command success. They were Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, J. Hodder, C. T. Maxwell, and H. E. Tringham (hon. sec.), for the L. and P. O.S.; Messrs. E. S. Lugg, J. W. Norris, L. J. Richardson, and W. Hodson (hon. sec.) for the Dulwich and Peckham Society. The staging was conveniently high and well arranged, while the display of palms and ferns gave a pleasing effect to the whole. The judges were Messrs. H. Broadley for Yorks. and Linnet classes; Mr. J. Robson for all other Canaries and For.; and Mr. A. Silver for Brit. and Mules. The competition in the champion section was very keen. The Norwich were a show in themselves, and for a purely members' effort, did the combined societies great credit. There were 90 birds in five classes, the unlighted class topping the list with 26. One of the pleasant features of the gathering was the presence of that veteran friend of the L. and P. O.S. (and of all that pertains to the Cage Bird Fancy), Mr. Geo. Crabb.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. Crabb, who introduced the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth, and thanked them for officiating. The Mayor said it gave himself and the Mayoress great pleasure to be present and to open the exhibition. He thought the Borough of Lambeth ought to feel honoured at having such an interesting event in its midst. What he had seen was a great surprise to him, and was totally different to what he had expected to see. The idea of the general public as to a bird fancier was very different to what the fancier was in reality, he said; and he hoped to spend an hour or so making himself better acquainted with the birds. The Mayoress was presented with a lovely colour-fed Norwich Canary in a handsome drawing-room cage by the little daughter of the esteemed Hon. Sec., Mr. Tringham. There seems some possibility of adding the names of the Mayor and Mayoress to the Fancy, as we heard it rumoured that they were investing largely in the various books of instruction on bird-keeping that were on sale in the hall.

The winners of most important specials were:—L.P. O.S. Norwich Challenge Cup, E. Baker (Cowes); Yorkshire, ditto, J. Wilcock (Bradford); Mules, ditto, Mrs. Askham; British, ditto, C. T. Maxwell; Foreign, ditto, C. T. Maxwell; Crest and Crest-Bred, ditto, J. Dobson. Ramsden's Cruets: Champion Section, S. Harris; Novice, J. Billington. Dulwich and Peckham Young Bird Bowl, J. Hodder; Points Cup, C. T. Maxwell. Mr. Mabey runs up for this cup, and wins gold medal for doing so.

The Critique.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. YELL. (15): 1, Baker, grand quality, rare size, rich col.; 2, Hodder, nice col., good feather and type; 3, Kilby, lovely col. and type, we liked much; 4, hc, Richardson; vhc, Ellis; c, Spillman; No. 15, Midgley, grand bird for quality, very level. CL. BUFF (12): 1, Richardson, lovely quality and under-col.; 2, Rennie, soft rich feather, good head; 3, Kilby, short and chubby, rare feather; 4, Midgley, beautiful col., quality and bloom, good one; vhc, Ellis; hc, Hazell; c, Ramsden. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, Hodder, typical variegated buff; 2, Baker, high quality tkd. yell.; 3, Rennie, grand quality; 4, Ellis; vhc, Kilby; hc, Spillman; c, Ramsden. HENS (23): 1, 4, Hodder, buff and yell. respectively, very typical, rare quality; 2, Spillman, lovely buff, rattling style; 3, Rennie, charming feather, nice shape; ex. 3, Martin, grand type and quality; vhc, c, Richardson; vhc, hc, Ramsden. UNFLIG. (26): 1, Baker, rattling type and col., real good one; 2, Hodder, grand tkd. yell, full of quality; 3, Ellis, buff, very shapely and nice; ex. 3, Midgley, yell., rich col., grand type and quality, wants its wings bracing up; 4, c, Richardson; vhc, Kilby, Ellis; hc, Hodder, Ramsden. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Baker, stands well, beautiful quality; 2, 3, Wilcock, rare style, grand pose and quality; 4, Rennie, good, needs a little tightening up yet; vhc, Waterman; hc, c, Warley. CL. BUFF (9): 1 and L. and P. O.S. cup, Wilcock, a topper; 2, 3, Mabey, very nice, full of style; 4, Baker; vhc, Rennie; hc, Warley; c, Tringham. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 3, Mabey, two yells., very stylish and nice; 2, c, Wilcock, very sweet buff; 4, Baker; vhc, Rennie; hc, Tringham. HENS (9): 1, 4, c, Mabey leader a very quick-actioned, stylish yell; 2, 3, Rennie, two of the correct build; vhc, Warley; hc, Tringham. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, Wilcock, all there in every way; 3, Rennie, close up; 4, Mabey, stylish, bonny bird; vhc, Baker; hc, Tringham; c, Warley. CRESTS (8): 1, cup, Dobson, wing mkd., rare nice crest, veiny feather, good body; 2, 3, Lazarus, both variegated, former nice frontal and droop; 4, c, Johnson; vhc, hc, Horton. C.-B. (6): 1, Lazarus, grand-headed green, fine cushion and turn back; 2, 3, Horton, both good heads, not quite so nice in cushion; 4, vhc, Johnson; hc, Dobson. BORD. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Saytch, a good team, pretty yell., leading; 4, c, Warley; hc, Ramsden. CINN. A.V. (15): 1, Pretty, bold big buff of nice col.; 2, 3, Tringham, both yells., nice rich col.; 4, vhc, hc, c, Dobson, a very nice team, we thought; 4, had hard lines. NOVICE SECTION: NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Welch, neat, nice quality; 2, hc, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, Bellinger; 4, Law; vhc, Ferris. CL. BUFF (6): 1, Bellinger, very shapely; 2, Welch; 3, Holland; 4, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, Medlycott; hc, Hamer. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Bellinger, both good shape, rare quality; 3, Lathlieff; 4, Ferris; vhc, and Ramsden's spl, Billington, yell. of high quality, seemed to deserve more; hc, Medlycott; c, Mrs. Litchfield. HENS (13): 1, Billington, lovely typical, soft-feathered buff; 2, 3, Bellinger; 4, Law; vhc, Mrs. Thyme; hc, Medlycott; c, Lathlieff. UNFLIG. (25): 1, two spls, Billington, tkd. yell., grand feather, nice cl.; 2, Law, good buff; 3, Hamer, yell., lovely quality; ex. 3, Bellinger, buff, nice feather; 4, Hollands; vhc, Welch, Mrs. Litchfield; hc, c, Martin, Lathlieff; c, Tomsett. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Putner, stylish, nice whip; 2, Gilbert; 3, 4, Goodwin; vhc, hc, Bennett. CL. BUFF (4): 1, Goodwin; 2, 3, Putner; 4, Bennett. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 3, Goodwin, neat and good pair; 2, 4, Putner, also very nice; vhc, Cooper; hc, c, Bennett. HENS (3): 1, Putner, very stylish; 2, 3, Gilbert. UNFLIG (17): 1, Recks, good quality, nice style; 2, Goodwin; 3, hc, Putner; ex. 3, 4, Perkins; vhc, c, Gilbert. BORD. (7): 1, spl, 2, 4, Mrs. Thyme, the leader a sprightly buff; 3, vhc, hc, c, Cunningham. A.O.V. (4): 1, Mabey, Belgian, from a Yorkie room; 2, Thurling, nice Lancs. Plainhead; 3, Ferris; 4, Recks. LIMIT (25/-) (13): 1, Hamer; 2, Goodwin; 3, Richardson; 4, vhc (2), hc (2), Ramsden; ex. 4, Harris; vhc, Thurling; hc, Perkins; c, Thurling. 15/- (13): 1, 4, Lathlieff; 2, hc, Colo; 3, Ramsden; ex. 4, Day; vhc, Tomsett, Richardson; hc, Bennet; c, Tomsett. PAIRS (35/-) (10): 1, Graves; 2, 3, Tringham; 4, Goodwin; ex. 4, Richardson; vhc, Welch, Thurling; hc, Martin, Ramsden; c, Ramsden.

HYB., LIGHT CAN. (5): 1, hc, Mrs. C. Cooper, former good-sized four-pointed buff Goldie-Can., in splendid condition, winner at Clapham we think; 2, Thurling, variegated, yell. Goldie-Can., good rich col., and lovely quality feather; 3, vhc, Mortlock, another good-sized bird of the same cross, marked both sides of head and wings, in nice order. DARK CAN. (12): 1, spl, Mrs. Askham, noted Can.-Bullie, fine rich-coloured bird, looking very fit; 2, vhc, Mrs. Cooper, 2nd topping Linnet-Can., capital col., good size and shape; 3, Crabb, pretty Siskin-Can., fine cap and wing bars, good quality and col. throughout; 4, Grahame, Linnet-Can., nicely mkd., good position, in fine feather; hc, Bennet; c, Graves. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, Mrs. Askham, another Can.-Bullie, similar bird to winner in light Can. class, light feathers in tail only, splendid cap, rich breast col. and clear back (this lady seems to have bred this cross quite easily); 2, 3, Mrs. Cooper, bonnie Goldie-Linnet, good size, showing both parents well; 3rd, Linnet-Greenie, also nice specimen, both will improve; vhc, c, Bennet. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, 3, Maxwell, grand pair large square laces, clean cut, good clear whites, nice even buttons, rich tanning and wings, well up in col.; 2, Mortlock, real good Finch, lovely silky plumage, rich tanning, good square face, rich golden wings; 4, Francis, big bird, well up in col., good square face (Clapham 2nd); vhc, Botting; hc, Mays; c, Mabey. LINNET (6): 1, Maxwell, capital shape and size, well pencilled, steady as a rock, and in nice bloom; 2, Botting, also good brown Linnet, nice size, fine throat markings; 3, vhc, Mays, 3rd nice, rich-coloured bird, stands well; hc, Grahame. BULLFINCH (8): Very good class; 1, 2, Francis, both very fine birds, nice caps, rich breast col., cl. backs, in capital order; 3, Quantrell, good size, perfect feather, nice cl. back and breast; vhc, hc, Mays; c, Maxwell. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Quantrell, rare big Twite, rich col., dense pencillings, good shape, wins to-day; 2, Maxwell, Siskin, good cap and bib, colour-fed to a nicety; 3, Grahame, Mealy Redpoll, good size, well mkd. bird; 4, Mays, Lesser Redpoll, a little beauty, good head, very steady; vhc, hc, Francis; c, Botting, well-known Twite, some wondered why it was so far down to-day. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Maxwell, rare big Greenie, hot coloured, good shape, in perfect condition; 2, Francis, nice col. and shape, good wings; 3, Quantrell, capital quality, good shape, in rare fettle; vhc, Mortlock; hc, Lugg. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (10): 1, Carter, Clapham, 3rd easy winner to-day, good rich col., fine size, will improve yet; 2, c, Stephens, nice Chaffinch, very steady, good col., cl. whites, soon claimed at catalogue price 10/6; 3, Mays, Chaffinch, in grand order, nice shape, good size, colours well defined; 4, Botting, another good Bramble, well up in col.; vhc, Francis; hc, Quantrell; c, Maxwell. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Maxwell, grand Hawfinch, very tame, rich col., capital size, big, clean-cut bib; 2, Francis, topping Lapland Bunting, good size, well up in col.; 3, Grahame, Yellow Bunting, very dense head and cheek marks, rich col., nice condition. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, spl, cup, 2, 3, Maxwell, well-known Great Grey Shrike, very attractive exhibit, perfect feather, was busy with a mouse when we saw him; 2nd, equally good Waxwing, in rare condition; 3rd, nice shaped Blackbird, jet-black plumage, fine crocus bill, and eye cere; vhc, Hawes, nicely spotted Thrush. SMALL: 1, Mays, little gem of a Golden-Crested Wren, very bright Crest, nicely shown; 2, 3, Maxwell, well-known Black Redstart and Yellow Wagtail, in the pink of condition, both old stagers; vhc, Quantrell, nice Pipit. FOR. (Amalgamated) (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Maxwell, a magnificent team and a perfect blaze of col, the King Bird of Paradise, in his usual place, followed by his stable companion, the Black-throated Tanager, and the elegant Grass Parrakeet; 3rd, very taking little bird, the Violet-eared Waxbills and Black-cheeked Waxbills bringing up the rear; 4, Mrs. C. Cooper, our old familiar friend, the Blue and Yellow Macaw, was not in the best of tempers to-day; c, Mabey.

DALZIEL O.A.

Annual show held in the Lesser Town Hall, Motherwell, on November 6th. The entry was good, and some nice birds were shown. Mr. J. Roddie won gold medal for best young Canary; Mr. W. M'Innes runner-up. The salad bowl for best old bird was won by Mr. J. Mathieson, and Mr. Thos. Allan was the winner of the Border fancy medal; while Mr. Wm. Allan carried off special for best British bird. Cup for most points was won by Mr. J. Roddie, the trophy now becoming his own property. The judges were Messrs. A. Nisbet, Martin, and J. Goodfellow, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY., YOUNG, CL., ETC., YELL: 1, Roddie; 2, Williamson; 3, Gray. BUFF: 1, 2, spls, Roddie; 3, Gray. OLD, CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Mathieson; 2, 3, Roddie. BUFF: 1, Williamson; 2, Roddie; 3, Mathieson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Roddie. BUFF: 1, spl, Mathieson; 2, spl, Gray; 3, Williamson. YOUNG CRESTED CK.: 1, 2, 3, spl, M'Innes. YOUNG CRESTED HEN: 1, 2, 3, M'Innes. C.-B.: 1, 2, spl, M'Innes; 3, Arnott. HEN: 1, 2, M'Innes; 3, Arnott. OLD CRESTED: 1, 2, M'Innes; 3, Arnott. C.-B.: 1, spl, M'Innes; 2, 3, Arnott. NOR., YOUNG, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Allan; 2, Roddie. HEN: 1, Scobbie; 2, Roddie; 3, spl, Williamson. BUFF, CK.: 1, 3, Williamson; 2, Hamilton. HEN: 1, spl, Roddie; 2, 3, Williamson. GREEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Scobbie; 2, Roddie; 3, Gamble. BUFF: 1, spl, Scobbie; 2, Allan; 3, Paterson. OLD CK.: 1, Scobbie; 2, 3, Williamson. HEN: 1, spl, Owen; 2, Williamson; 3, Scobbie. OLD PAIRS: 1, Owen; 2, M'Innes; 3, Roddie. NON-FED: 1, spl, Hamilton; 2, Roddie; 3, Mathieson. SELL.: 1, M'Inness; 2, Paterson; 3, Roddie. BORD. FCY., YOUNG CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Allan; 2, 3, Hamilton. HEN: 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, Scobbie. BUFF: 1, Scobbie; 2, 3, Hamilton. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Allan; 3, Hamilton. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, spl, Gray; 2, Hamilton; 3, Scobbie. BUFF: 1, Allan; 2, 3, Hamilton. YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, spl, C. Hamilton; 3, M'Vicar. BUFF: 1, C. Hamilton; 2, Scobbie; 3, Allan. OLD CK.: 1, Allan; 2, 3, C. Hamilton. HEN: 1, spl, C. Hamilton; 2, Scobbie; 3, Allan. YOUNG YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Williamson. OLD: 1, 2, Williamson. YOUNG MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, spl, R. Hamilton; 2, W. Allan. OLD MULE: 1, 2, Roddie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, spl, Roddie; 3, Owen. LINNET: 1, 2, spl, Roddie; 3, Paterson. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Roddie; 2, R. Hamilton. GREENFINCH: 1, Scobbie; 2, 3, spl, Roddie. SISKIN: ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Roddie. A.O.V., BRIT.: 1, Gamble; 2, Williamson; 3, Arnott. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Roddie; 2, Scobbie; 3, Owen. SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, W. Allan; 2, Roddie; 3, Arnott.

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PARTICK.

Eleventh annual show and prize drawing of the Partick and Dis. O.A was held in the Subway Halls on Saturday, 6th November. President, Mr. W. Anthony Maxwell; Vice-President, Mr. Robert Anderson; treasurer, Mr. John Kidd; secretary, Mr. J. Henderson; committee, Messrs. A. Miller, D. Aitkenhead, A. Cochrane, W. Priest, T. Sheridan, P. Henry. Judges: Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow), the Canaries; and Mr. J. Brown, the Mules, British and Foreign. The club were happy in their selection of the Subway Halls, these being well adapted for show purposes in every way. There was a large turn out of visitors. The largest entry in the association's experience was obtained—over 350, quite a creditable number. Sec. Henderson and his committee had worked hard to have all arrangements made to ensure success, and the ready response made by exhibitors on this occasion was much appreciated. The staging was perfect. We were glad to see the name of a lady in the prize list, Mrs. Rowan, who takes a deep interest in the society. Mr. A. Miller was again successful in winning the cup; this is the fourth time he has occupied this position. The runner-up was Mr. W. Griffiths, winning cup for best second bird; Mr. A. Maxwell, with a lovely clear Plainhead, winning Hyde's special. The judging was a heavy task; the awards, however, seemed to meet with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS, CREST (4): 1, spl, 2, Griffiths, 1st, second best bird in hall, and cup winner, var. D.C., good body, nice sized crest, fine droop and centre; 2nd, good body and feather, neat; 3, McGregor, closely feathered, neat centre; 4, Priest, nice body, neat crest. CREST-BRED (3): 1, 2, spl, Griffiths, 1st, varieg., good substance, skull, and entrance, nicely lashed; 2nd, spl, wing mkd., nice size, good body; 3, spl, McGregor, varieg., good size, nice substance. PLAINHEADS, CL., ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Graham, cl.,splendid shape, good size, nice, rich, even col.; 2, Henry, cl., similar size and shape, good quality; 3, spl, Maxwell, another cl., good shape and quality; 4, spl, McGregor, typical all-round; 5, Kidd; 6, Suttie; 7, Graham. CL., ETC., BUFF (18): 1, spl, Maxwell, cl. buff, grand shape, col., and quality, rather hard to beat; 2, 6, Miller, 2nd, another clear buff, grand shape; 3, Hardie, fine shape, excellent feather and style; 4, Suttie, good shape and colour; 5, Sheridan; 7, McRobbie. VARIEG YELL. (9): 1, 3, Graham, varieg. yell., rare size and shape, nice colour and close feather; 3rd, another variegated yell.; 2, spl, 5, Millar, 2nd very shapely, in excellent condition; 4, Henry, nice shape, col., and quality; 6, Kidd; 7, Muir. BUFF (14): 1, spl, 2, 5, Miller, 1st, cup winner, real gem, easy win; 2nd, similar size and shape, nice quality; 3, 6, Graham, 3rd, varieg., good shape and quality; 4, 7, Griffiths, varieg., good shape. LORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Whitelaw, cl. yell., beautiful shape and col., in excellent feather; 2, 5, Symington, 2nd, another cl. yell., nice shape, and colour; 3, Lappin, clear, good quality and colour; 4, Fairweather, nice colour, shape and quality; 6, Henderson; 7, Henderson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, spl, Whitelaw, a grand typical clear, for 1st; 2nd, another sweet clear, nice shape and quality; 3, spl, 4, Symington, 3rd, similar in style, shape and quality; 4th, good shape and quality; 5, Millar; 6, McGregor; 7, Aitkenhead. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Whitelaw, 1st, good shape, lovely feather, in rare condition; 4th, smart; 2, 6, Fairweather, 2nd varieg. yell., good shape, lovely colour; 3, McGregor, grand shape, and quality, nice jaunty bird; 5, Henderson; 7, Millar. BUFF (8): 1, spl, spl, 6, Miller, varieg., huff, excellent merit, winner of Border Fancy medal, hard one to beat; 2, McGregor, nice shape and quality, very jaunty, and trim in feather; 3, Lappin, grand shape and feather; 4, 5, Whitelaw, 4th, good shape; 7, Aitkenhead. YORKS. YOUNG CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Crighton, cl. yell., grand shape, rare length, close feather, of good quality, nice and rich in col.; 2, McRobbie, very stylish, well up on leg; 3, 4, Webster, 3rd very stylish and smart finish; 4th, very shapely and rich in colour. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 3, 4, McRobbie, 1st, cl., nice length, grand shape, good length of leg, fine tapering waist; 3rd, very smart, grand feather; 4th, nice shape, quality and style; 2, spl, spl, Anderson, best 2nd Yorks., a grand cl., excellent shape and feather; 5, Crighton; 6, 7, Webster. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 3, 4, 5, Hamilton, 1st and 3rd, cinnamon Nor., both of nice type and quality; 4th, fine col.; 2, 6, Lappin, 2nd Border type, in perfect condition. MULE OR HYB. YOUNG (5): 1, 3, McRobbie, Goldfinch Mule, nice size, feather and condition; 3rd, Linnet Mule, nice sheen, well marked; 2, spl, Miller, Goldfinch Mule; 4, spl, Fairweather, wrong classed. OLD BIRDS, CREST (3): 1, 2, Griffiths, 1st nice size, neat even-crest, fine size and radiation, good feather; 2nd, splendid condition; 3, spl, McKirlie, nice quality feather crest even, nice droop. C.B. (5): 1, spl, McGregor, fine-shaped skull nice dome and entrance, grand lash, in fine condition; 2, 3, Griffiths, 2nd, good size, splendid skull; 3rd, nice size and skull, good dome shape, grand lash; 4, Priest, similar in size, shape and feather; 5, McKirlie. PLAINHEADS, CL. ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Graham, cl. yell., sweet and typical, rich colour, good quality, in rare condition; 2, spl, Miller, similar shape and size, good quality, presses on first; 3, Kidd, cl. yell., lovely col., nicely built; 4, Sheridan, nice quality, good colour; 5, Kidd. BUFF: 1, Maxwell, a cl. buff, excellent merit, staged in lovely condition; 2, spl, Miller, fine colour, type and quality, in rare condition; 3, Mrs. Rowan, real good stamp, plenty of substance, col., and style; 4, Graham, nice bird, good quality and size; 5, spl, Kidd; 6, Fairweather; 7, Hardie. VARIEG. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Graham, rare quality, nice broad shoulders, tapers off neatly; 2, Priest, quality and col. very good; 3, Miller, varieg., yell. hen, in the pink of condition; 4, 5, Kidd, 4th, fine col., style and quality; 6, Henry; 7, Maxwell. BUFF (8): 1, Kidd, excellent quality, style and colour, very steady; 2, Graham, buff cock, grand style, clean cut, presses hard; 3, spl, 6, Maxwell, cock, lovely shaped body, nice wing carriage, neat and compact; 4, spl, Hardie, very nice quality, type, and colour; 5, Graham; 7, Henry. NON-FED (4): 1, 2, Graham, 1st cl. yell., grand size, head and neck, good flights and tail, nice quality; 2nd, cl. buff, good size, nice quality; 3, McKerlie, fine wing carriage; 4, Cockrane, nice and shapely. CL. ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Miller, yell. cock, grand typical bird, veteran winner, in rare condition; 2, 7, Whitelaw, 2nd, cl. yell., good size and quality; 3, McGregor, cl., nice bird; 4, Henderson, good head and neck, nice chest; 5, Fairweather; 6, Aitkenhead. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Aitkenhead, cl., nice shape, good head, and neck, lovely back, nice quality, typical; 2, spl, Webster, plenty of substance, grand chest, well cut away behind, nice wings and tail; 3, 4, Whitelaw, 3rd, sweet shape, lovely quality, grand type; 4th, very similar; 5, 6, Henderson. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Henderson, head markings, grand size and shape, lovely wing carriage, in rare condition; 2, 3, Whitelaw, 2nd, wing marked, nice shape, good quality wings and tail; 3rd, rare quality; 4, Fairweather, nicely marked, large and thick-set. BUFF (5): 1, Altkenhead, head and wing markings, shapely, nice wings and tail, fine model; 2, McGregor, splendid wings and tail; 3, 5, Whitelaw, 3rd, even marked, large and shapely, perhaps a shade long; 4, Fairweather, nice type and col. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, McRobbie, 1st and 2nd, cl., long and slim, tight feathered, good col.; 3, 4, wrong classed. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Webster, best 1st Yorks., long-sided, good pose, stands well up on legs, cleanly cut underneath; 2, Webster, good col., stands well up; 3, Anderson, nice pose, quality good; 4, Crighton, neat wings, tail, and head. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, 5, 6, Hamilton, 1st, cinn. Nor.; 2nd, ditto, both in fine condition; 1st, nice size, shape and quality; 3, spl, Anderson, Scotch Fancy, nice thickness through, good stock bird; 4, G. Anderson, Nor. type; 7, Kinard. SELL. (10/-) (11): 1, 2, McRobbie; 3, Henry; 4, Griffiths; 5, Muir; 6, Kidd; 7, McGregor. MULES OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, Arthur, Goldie Can., very neat, nicely balanced markings; 2, spl, 3, McRobbie, Greenie Canary, nicely staged, fine quality, and markings; 3, spl, Siskin Greenfinch Canary, good chest and shape, nicely marked; 4, Priest, Greenie Can., fine size; 5, Miller; 6, Webster. NOVICE CLASSES: CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, spl, 2, spl, McMillan, 1st grand body and size and feather; 2nd, shade longer in flights, well shown; 3, Anderson, good head, nice level back, neat wings and tail. PLAINHEADS (15): 1, spl, Mrs. Rowan, fine head, chest and col., nice model and substance; 2, spl, 3, spl, 4, spl, McMillan, 2nd, very good all through; 3rd, loses in type, nice col., and well staged; 5, Muir; 6, Crighton; 7, Fairweather. BORD. (3): 1, spl, Symington, gem for shape, quality and style, very sicky feather; 2, 3, Fairweather, 2nd, lovely feather, good tight wings, smart finish;3rd, grand quality, nice feather, good one. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Fairweather, no competition. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 2, spl, 4, Henderson, 1st, Goldfinch, grand size, fine shape, nice flush, face well back, well tanned; 2nd, Bullfinch hen, fine shape and col., nice back and cap; 4, Goldfinch, nice size, good col. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 7, G. Henderson, 1st, grand size, fine feather, lovely condition, nice clean-cut cheeks; 2nd, fine face, grand shape, nice chest; 3, spl, Fairweather, grand size and shape, nice rich tanning; 4, McKerlie, nice face, clean cut collar; 5, Cochrane; 6, Crighton. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Forbes, fine shape, lovely clear col., good cap, clear bars; 2, Crighton, excellent size and shape, nice shape and feather; 3, G. Henderson, nice expansive cap and back, in grand feather; 4, Brown, nice finish. LINNET (7): 1, G. Henderson, nice big bird, plenty of lacing, nice quality, will take some heating; 2, Brown, rare type and quality; 3, 7, Cochrane, 3rd, well worth its place; 4, McKerlie, similar to 3rd. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Miller, Siskin, splendid col., cap, bib, and bars of excellent quality; 2, Brown, Siskin, very rich colour, in the pink of condition; 3, G. Henderson, Siskin, nice light shade of col.; 4, Kidd, nice Siskin; 5, Cochrane. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, Fairweather, Twite, grand Twite, rich col. and pencilling, in lovely condition; 2, Arthur, Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, fine shade of col., steady; 3, 6, G. Henderson, 3rd, Twite; 4, Kidd, Redpoll, good type and quality; 5, Priest; 7, Henderson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 3, G. Henderson, 1st, smart rich coloured, and very typical Finch; 2, Miller, 2nd, in lovely condition and feather, nice shape and col.; 4, Priest, plenty of size, nice rich col.; 5, 6, Webster. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Wagtail, 2, spl, Redstart, 4, spl, Chaffinch, 5, G. Henderson, 1st, beauty for col., and graceful in appearance; 2nd, in lovely condition and feather; 4th, nice rich col. and markings; 3, spl, Cochrane, Bramblefinch, rare good one for size, col., and condition, grand breast and distinct wing marks, jet black head, in rare condition; 6, Forbes; 7, Priest. LARGE (2): 1, spl, 2, G. Henderson, 1st, Waxwing, very typical, grand col. and condition, beauty; 2nd, Hawfinch, smart, rich coloured, well marked Hawfinch. BUNTING (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, G. Henderson, 1st, Corn Bunting, grand shape and quality, lovely rich colour; 2nd, Snow Bunting, another fine exhibit, in the pink of condition; 3rd, Cirl Bunting, in lovely feather and condition; 4th, Yellow Bunting, well marked, richly coloured. FOR. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Sellars, 1st, Diamond Sparrow, rare exhibit, lovely markings, smart; 2nd, Parrot Finches, rich in col., and in rare condition; 3rd, Love birds, very rich col.; 4, 5, G. Henderson, 4th, Festive Tanager, very rich colour, lovely sheen, well staged. GIFT (12): 1, Griffiths; 2, Miller; 3, Whitelaw;

BRECHIN.

Brechin C.B.S. held their 46th annual show in the Temperance Hall, on November 6th. The entries numbered 350, slightly lower than last year's, due, no doubt, to the very changeable weather, which is keeping a great many birds back in the moult. Too much credit cannot be given to the management for the way they carried the event through, and with such well-known fanciers as Mr. Wm. Hampton as President, Mr. T. Brown as Vice-President, Mr. Geo. Mitchell secretary and treasurer, and Mr. George Davidson his assistant, and a hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. Pirrie, Harrison, Skinner, Douglas, Burnett, Taylor, Aikenhead, Crabb, Steven, Stirling, Christian, Smith, Lyall, and Sandiman, it is no wonder the show was a success. The entries in Norwich were not up to the usual, but the quality was very good. Borders were out in strong force, and the type and quality were to perfection. British birds, too, were not up to their usual number; fanciers will have to buck up and send their British bird exhibits North, or else societies will not cater for them. The judges got through in good time, and marked catalogues were on sale by 2.30—very smart indeed. The challenge cup for the best bird in show was won by Mr. Geo. Mitchell (Brechin). We overheard it was related to the Glasgow winner. The medal presented by the B.F.C.C. for the best bird belonging to a member, was won by Mr. Henry Bennet (Kelso). The novice medal was won by Mr. T. Spence (Methil). Sandiford's medal for best coloured bird was won by a dark yell. Linnet Mule. The judges were: for Norwich, Mr. D. Gowans (Glasgow), for Borders, Mr. Wm. Shearer (Hamilton), and for British and Foreign birds, Mr. J. Lyon (Aberdeen), and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, cup, Mitchell, magnificent shape, grand substance, full, deep chest, good head and neck, A1 col. and quality, nice one; 2, Lyall, best of quality, very typical, well carried wings and tail; tip-top quality and col.; 4, Howie, nice shape, and good col., erosses wings at times; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Garden. BUFF (10): 1, Cable, beauty, good head and neck, grand substance, lovely set wing, and short tail, take some stopping; 2, Howie, not in the same street, good col. and quality; 3, Christison, mkd. on one wing, grand quality of feather, inclined to open down front; 4, Soutar, teeming with quality; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Mitchell. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, Howie, grand shape and substance, rare head, neck, and back, level and deep col.; 2, Cable, mkd. both eyes and wings, beautiful col. and quality, nice shape and carriage; 3, Mitchell, heavy mkd., fine depth of body, best of col. and quality; 4, Bishop, nice shape, sweet quality of feather, in rare bloom; 5, Gardner, not yet ready; 6, Hampton. BUFF (9): 1, Steven, some thought very lucky, crosses wings, grand quality; 2, Hay, mkd. eyes and wings, very sweet exhibit, grand shape, nice feather, level and deep col., A1 carriage, in good form; 3, Jaffrey, some prefrrred for 1st, fine head and neck, a gem for shape and substance; 4, Kemlo, tkd. on head and one wing mark, rich in col. and quality; 5, Bishop, good quality feather; 6, Kerr. YELL. HENS (10): 1, Grewer, magnificent feather and col., good shape, nice head and neck; 2, Mitchell, gem all over, very pale in col., grand carriage, in good form, some thought it a buff, but we think it a pale yell.; 3, 4, Brown, both of good col. and quality; 5, Howie; 6, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, Howie, grand hen for shape, shortness of wings and tail, feather compact, good texture, fine head and neck; 2, Cable, fine size and shape, full of quality, nice, level col.; 3, Mitchell, short, cobby body, good col. and quality; 4, Aikenhead, well-shaped body; 5, Rae, well up in size; 6, Jaffrey. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (11): 1, Harris, mkd. eye and wing, rare quality feather, good shape and substance, wings and tail well packed; 2, Rae, another of the right type, lovely, silky feather, teeming with quality and col., good 2nd; 3, Smith, grand col., nice bird; 4, Brown; 5, Garden; 6, Howie. BUFF (6): 1, Howie, grlz. on head, nice, short, thick cobby hen, of good col. and quality, grand head and neck; 2, Mitchell, mkd. both eyes, and one wing, grand substance, A1 quality; 3, Garden, rich in col. and quality; 4, Aikenhead; 5, Steven; 6, Grewer. UNFLIG. CK. (17), grand class: 1, Mitchell, Glasgow winner, looking well, in lovely bloom; 2, Grewer, rare shape and substance, nicely carried wings and tail, hot col., fine silky feather; 3, Harris, varieg., well up in size, good quality and col.; 4, Hampton; 5, Piric; 6, Steven. HEN (16): 1, Mitchell, model, we liked very much, yell., mkd. eye and one wing, gem for shape, teeming with quality, rich, even col., wings and tail, carried to perfection; 2, Grewer, another grand cl. yell. hen, nice shape and carriage, deep col., short wings; 3, Smith, yell., good quality and col.; 4, Soutar, buff, nice shape, tkd. on eye and wing; 5, Steven, sweet quality; 6, Taylor. NAT. COL. CK. (13): 1, Howie, grand substance, A1 feather of the right textmre, rare head and neck, fine, deep, broad-chested bird, stands well aeross perch; 2, Harris, almost a green, good shape and col.; 3, Mitchell, yell. varieg., well up in size, grand col., make good stock bird; 4, Burnett; 5, Porter; 6, Pirie. HEN (10): 1, Lyall, best of type, nice substance, grand quality feather, wins; 2, 3, Steven, 2nd a yell., 3rd buff varieg., both of good type, nice speeimens; 4, Howie, gem; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Thomson. SELL. CK. (14): 1, Pirie; 2, Norrie; 3, Burnett; 4, Mitchell; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Brown. HENS (13): 1, Brown; 2, Ritchie; 3, Buchan; 4, Jaffrey; 5, Smith; 6, Burnett. BORD., YELL. (7): 1, 3, Craig, 1st very nicely drawn, neat head, neck and shoulders, grand mover, 3rd fine shape, style and feather, holds himself up splendidly on perch, keeps wings and tail well together; 2, Spence, winner of novice medal, mkd. both wings and one eye, splendid quality feather, lovely head and neck; 4, Easson, another beautiful bodied bird, grand carriage, nice, silky feather; 5, Falconer; 6, Christison. BUFF (19), rare class; 1, 2, 3, Craig, three lovely birds, winner a gem, full of quality, stands up well, sweet head, lovely shoulders, nice wings and tail, 2nd neat head and neck, very smart in wings and tail, 3rd benny little bird, rare outline, tapering away nicely; 4, Aikenhead, another picture, tight as wax, carries well; 5, Spence; 6, Ford. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, 3, Craig, 1st nicely mkd. on both eyes and one wing, for shape, quality of feather, and carriage, one of the best, put down in tip-top condition, 3rd another beauty, A1 type, lovely col., grand mover; 2, Spence, and novice medal, gem of the first water, mkd. both eyes and one wing; 4, Easson, another charming yell., splendid style, best of quality; 5, Falconer; 6, Christison. BUFF (7): 1, Ford, gem, full of quality, stands well up, moves nicely when handled, sweet head and neck; 2, Craig, handsome neck and head, lovely soft feather, good style; 3, Stirling, varieg., nice little bird, rare outline; 4, Irvine; 5, Allan; 6, Logie. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, Craig, 1st gem, hard to find fault with, best of col., lovely polish, nice shape, A1 carriage, 2nd very similar; 3, Kennedy, little beauty, fine, free action, lovely shape, neat head and neck, wings and tail carried to perfection; 4, Cargill; 5, Hampton; 6, Easson. BUFF (14): 1, c, Craig, 1st cl. of grand shape and carriage, neat head and neck, tight as wax, good flights and tail; 2, Hampton, cl., one of the right type, little charmer, stands up well, grand mover, lovely texture of feather, rare wings and tail; 3, Hamilton, not quite ready, but will be heard of again; 4, Watson; 5, Cargill. YELL. VARIEG. (10): 1, he, Craig, 1st true Border, grand type, rare wings and tail, only fault a little pale in col.; 2, Crabb, mkd. on back, full of quality, lovely head and neck, tight fitting, well modelled shoulders; 3, Easson, mkd. cheek and wing, lovely quality, handsome col., wings and tail; 4, Logie; 6, Hampton. BUFF (10): 1, Bennet, Border without doubt, and hard to find fault with, charming head and neck, well placed shoulders, level back, wing and tail; 2, Stevenson, neat head, well carried wings and tail, nice carriage; 3, Crabb, lovely quality, cap and wing mkd., grand type, very graceful, plenty of swagger, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, Logie, nice shape, best of feather; 5, Jamieson; 6, Craig. EVEN MKD. (11): 1, Ford, lovely mkd. yell., exquisite quality feather, grand head, neck and back; 2, Hamilton, buff hen, very smart, full of quality, slim and stylish, capital head and neck, good mover; 3, Harrison, nicely mkd. wings, very typical, much the same stamp as those in front; 4, Craig; 5, Crabb; 6, Bennet. GREEN OR CIN. (8): 1, Hamilton, one of the best we have seen for a long time, the right Cinn. col., grandly cut away, very graceful carriage; 2, 3, Jamieson, 2nd yell. green, typical Border, grandly cut away right through, nice, rich, even jonque shade, 3rd even tone of col., neat head; 4, e, Lambie; 5, Cunningham. SELL. 7/6 (19): 1, Craig; 2, Harrison; 3, Logie; 4, Falconer; 5, Logie; 6, Mollison. 5/- (14): 1, Crabb; 2, Hamilton; 3, Stirling; 4, Logie; 5, Sandeman; 6, Hendrie. MULES (3): 1, Stewart and Milne, Linnet-Can., good size and col.; 2, Fyfe, Greenfinch-Can., grand col. and quality; 3, Watson, Goldie-Can. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (5): 1, Irvine, bird of grand col. and type, grand blaze, nicely cut, tight as wax in feather, lovely mkd. wings and tail; 2, Palmer, another good one; 3, Brown, well turned out, in rare bloom; 4, Hendric; 5, Jackson. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Douglas, clean sweep; 5, Steven; No. 6, Watt, absent. SISKIN (9), very good class: 1, Bishop, gem, well up in size and shape, nice bib, grand col., well laced, inclined to droop wings a little; 2, 3, Thomson, 2nd grand tone of col., nice cap, not quite so large as winner, still a good one, 3rd much on same lines, in lovely condition, well staged; 4, Irvine; 5, Brown; 6, Watson. LINNET (10): 1, Bishop, nice shape, steady and stylish, well pencilled, good, sound col.; 2, Muir, much the same type and col., very little between them; 3, Palmer, good one, but of different shape, lovely col. and markings; 4, 5, 6, Mitchell. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, very rich and even in col., lovely quality, bold head, nice wings and tail; 2, Watson, bull, large, well fed, staged to perfection; 3, Fyfe, rare type, nice bird in time; 4, Smith Bros. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, Crocket, noted Waxwing; 2, Law and Brown, nice Jay, in perfect plumage; 3, Watson, good Bramblefinch, worth a 1st in a Bramblefinch class. FOR.: 1, Jackson, Siberian Goldie.

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BLACKBURN.

The thirteenth annual show of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. was held on Nov. 5th and 6th, in the Unity Club, Blackburn, a very good room for the purpose. Entries came up fairly well, considering that there were several other shows held on the same day in Lancashire, and we trust that the show will be a success financially. The exhibits were of the highest merit, and consequently competition was very keen. In the Norwich section Messrs. Sandiford, Curwen, Seed, Dormer and F. Turner put down grand teams, whilst Messrs. Binns and Lane accounted for the principal prizes in the Yorkshire Section. British, Mules and Foreign were quite a show in themselves, and here Messrs. Jeffrey Walsh, J. M. Walsh, Hunt, Hunter, Almond, Kilver, and Nichols captured the 1st prizes. The secretary, Mr. J. W. Marsden, and the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Dobson, are both very well up in the art of show management, and had everything in admirable order. They were ably supported by the Chairman, Mr. J. Lyons, the treasurer, Mr. S. Tweddle, and a hard-working committee. Mr. A. Wellings placed the cards and we did not hear any complaints.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 3, spl, Seed, leader head and wing marked, grand col., and size, good quality and type; 3rd, cl., fine size and type, nice quality all over; 2, Sandiford, well known cl., Burnley, Manchester, and Rochdale winner, real good Nor., rattling col., quality and type; 4, Wilson, grizzle head, good size and col.; vhc, Tweddle; hc, Coventry; c, Barnes. BUFF (16): 1, F. Turner, marked head and wings, good substance and col., grand head, neck and chest, nice quality; 2, Sandiford, face, breast and wing, marked, Manchester winner in fresh hands, magnificent shape, best of heads, rare quality and col.; 3, Proctor, very nice cl. buff, beautiful col. and quality; 4, vhc, Seed; 4th, well known Little King 11., looks well; hc, Coventry; c, Watson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Dormer, marked head and wings, nice size and col., good quality and shape; 2, F. Turner, cl., nice quality and col., good size, fine shape; 3, Lane, splendid shape and quality, nice substance and col., worth its place; 4, Seed, cl., mullig., big slashing hen, nice quality and col., good type; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins; hc, Tweddle; c, Sherrington. BUFF (17): 1, 4, spl, Curwen, 1st, cl., good head and type, nice size, grand quality and col.; 4th, cap and wing marked, good shape, and quality, nice col., and size, good 4th; 2, Hirst, variegated col., head and quality, rather slimmer; 3, Wilson, big bouncing hen, nice quality and size, good col.; vhc, Counsell; hc, Sandiford; c, Tweddle. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Dormer, eyes and wings marked, nice size, grand type, good quality and col.; 2, Leeming Bros., cl., rare short thick bird, good head and col., grand quality, close up; 3, Seed, big, bouncing cl., rare substance, grand head, neck and chest; 4, Lane, good head and col., nice quality and size; vhc, Workington; hc, Tweddle; c, Simms and Taylor. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Sandiford, grizzle cap, grand size, capital shape, good head, beautiful mealy and under-colour; 2, Marsh, cl., good size and shape, grand quality and colour; 3, F. Turner, very short and cobby, rare col. and meal, grand size, would make grand stock bird; 4, Tweddle, ticked head, again nice head, good quality and col.; vhc, Seed; hc, Curwen; c, Issott. No. 12, Seed, unnoticed, Manchester and Burnley winner, looked exceedingly well, although shade fat, many thought might easily have been in the money. CINN. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. CINN. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, vhc, c, spl, Dormer, leader slashing yellow, grand colour, size and quality; 2nd, another clinking yellow, rare quality and type; 3, 4, Senior and Hartley, two grand exhibits, good rich col., fine quality and type, hardly substance; 4th, very fine, yell., good col., and quality. YORKS. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, Binns, grizzle on head, good length, straight as a pencil, rare quality and type, stands well; 2, 4, Greenwood and Heyworth; 2nd, cinn., head and wings marked, fine length and position, grand quality and col.; 4th, cinn., head and wings marked, grand back, wings and tail; 3, Ramsden, long stylish cl., good quality and type; vhc, Marsden; hc, Lane, grand bird, but had had its leg hurt on the journey to show. HEN (8): 1, 3, spl, Binns, leader, buff, marked one wing, fine length and position, grand type, magnificent quality; 3rd, very nice clear buff, grand quality, good length, nice narrow back, good wings and tail; 2, Dormer, cl. buff, rare shape, A1 style and quality, staged to perfection; 4, hc, Lane, long, stylish, leggy cl. yell., rattling position and quality; vhc, Hirst; c, Haydock. UNFLIG. (8): 1, spl, Lane, yell., grizzle on head, fine length, well up on leg, rare col. and type, beautiful quality; 2, Binns, cl., yell., nice narrow shoulders, grand wings and tail, good quality and col., stands to perfection; 3, Hirst, very typical cl. buff, as tight as wax, good col., nice length; 4th, hc, Marsden, cinn., head and wing mkd., yell., fine length, beautiful quality and style, nice col.; vhc, Gregson; c, Hitchen. A.O.V.: Cancelled. SELL. (30/-): 1, Proctor; 2, Riding; 3, 4, Walsh; vhc, Senior and Hartley; hc, Issott; c, Watson. (20/-) (11): 1, Issott; 2, Grimshaw; 3, c, Proctor; 4, Simms and Taylor; vhc, Barnes; hc, Seed. (12/6) (18): 1, Barnes; 2, c, Proctor; 3, Wellock; 4, Metcalf; vhc, Crossley; hc, Worthington. NOVICE CLASSES: OPEN: NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Nickson, cl., good size and col., nice shape and quality; 2, Bulcock, good typical cl., grand col. and quality, nice size, good 2nd; 3, Smalley, cl., very short and cobby, good head, neck, and chest; 4, Moss, cl., grand col. and quality. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Moss, cl., good head, neck, and chest, fine col. and quality, short flights and tail; 2, Ashwell, good quality and type, fine col. and meal, good head; 3, Morrison, cl., good Nor. all over, fine carriage; 4, Espley, nice bird, good quality and col. UNFLIG. (15): 1, c, Almond, grizzle-tailed buff, grand size and shape, nice col. and quality; 2, 4, spl, Espley, two grand Nor.; 2nd, very good cl., grand quality, nice type; 4th, red hot col., good quality, shade slimmer; 3, Aspinall, head and wing mkd., fine shape and quality, very smart; vhc, Hindle; hc, Strother, YORKS. (12): 1, Holmes, yell., mkd. head and neck, slim, leggy, and upstanding, splendid length and quality; 2, 3, spl, Crossley, 2nd, cl. buff, beautiful type, full of quality, nice position and col.; 3rd, hot-coloured cl., buff, fine quality and size, nice shape; 4, Espley, grizzle necked buff, nice type and quality, good length and position; vhc, Nuttall; hc, Wellock; c, Vignall. HEN (8): 1, spl, Holmes, buff, tkd. on head, grand length and style, rare quality and position; 2, c, Marsden, cinn., head and wing mkd. yell., stood 4th in open unflig. class; 3, Bullough, variegated buff, again nice length, grand style and quality; 4, Bulcock, slashing cl., yell., rare length; vhc, Gregson; hc, Barnes. CINN.: Cancelled. CINN. UNFLIG.: Cancelled. NOVICE MEMBERS, NOR. (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Thompson, leader good big hot-coloured cl. buff., of fine quality, nice taking cl. buff of good quality; 4th, good grizzle winged yell.; 2, c, Cook, head and wing mkd. yell., fine type and quality. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Thompson, leader buff, mkd. neck, beautiful quality, nice length, rare position, and quality, good one; 2nd, very nice cl. yell., grand type and quality; 3, 4, c, Vignall, long, stylish cl., yell.; 4th, another good cl. yell. GIFT (12): 1, Walsh; 2, Tweddle; 3, Barnes; 4, Vignall; vhc, Proctor; hc, Marsden; c, Welch.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Kilner, charming Goldfinch, good blaze, bars and buttons; 2, 4, vhc, Hunter; 2nd, fine Bullfinch, good cap, grand breast col.; 4th, another Bullfinch, grand col., lovely condition; 3, Almond, good Goldfinch, good blaze and bars, nice tan; hc, Hulme; c, Fairclough. LINNET (12): 1, hc, Hunt, good size, rich col., well pencilled, good one; 2, 3, 4, J. Walsh, 3 grand Linnets, leader, grand col. and size, well pencilled, close on heels of winner; 3rd, shade light, under; 4th, hardly so well mkd.; vhc, Davies; c, Hunter. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 3, J. Walsh, leader grand Twite, lovely condition and col., a champion; 3rd, clinking Redpoll, good col. and size; 2, 4, Almond; 2nd, splendid Siskin, a gem for shape and quality; 4th, another good Twite, fine size and markings; vhc, Holmes; hc, c, Fairclough. BRIT. BUNTING, A.V. (8): 1, Almond, splendid Yellowhammer, rare col. and markings; 2, Hunter; 3, Hulme, another Yellowhammer, nice size and markings, good col. and quality; 4, J. M. Walsh, Yellowhammer, grand bird, grand markings; vhc, Vait; hc, J. Walsh; c, Fairclough. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, c, Hunter, clinking Chaffinch leading, rare col. and sheen, grand cap and wing markings; 2nd, good Bramblefinch, grand size, shape, and body col., grandly spangled; 3, vhc, J. Walsh, another Bramblefinch; 4, J. M. Walsh, good Greenfinch, grand head and shape, rich col.; vhc, Almond. SOFTBILL (17): 1, 3, c, J. Walsh, grand Chough, rich, lustrous sheen, grand legs and beak, good size; 3rd, bonny Nightingale, staged in A1 style; 2, hc, J. M. Walsh, Grey Shrike, good size and condition; 4, J. M. Walsh, Tree Creeper, very fine specimen; vhc, Walsh. CAN. MULE (8): 1, vhc, Walsh, face and wings marked, Goldfinch-Can., nice size and rare quality; 2, Marsh, slashing dark Greenfinch-Can., wonderful size and col.; 3, Issott, grand dark Linnet-Can.; 4, hc, Demain and Briggs, another dark Greenfinch; c, Vait. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, J. M. Walsh, leader good dark Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand size and col.; 3rd, Bullfinch-Can., grand exhibit; 4th, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 2, vhc, Smith, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand size, lovely col. A.O.V. BRIT. OR MULE (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Nichols, grand team, consisting of Wryneck, Nightingale, and Missel Thrush; 3, Fletcher, extra smart Songthrush; hc, Almond. FOR. LARGE (8): 1, 2, 3, J. M. Walsh. Macaw, Jay, and Viga Jay, in good order; 4, J. Walsh, Parrot; vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Snarey; c, Whalley. SMALL (11): 1, 2, 4, vhc, J. M. Walsh, Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, Parson Finch, true pair Black-cheeked Love Birds, in order named; 3, Nichols, Cardinal; hc, J. Walsh; c, Snarey.

WIGAN.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual show on Nov. 5th and 6th, in Victoria Hall, an ideal room for a bird show, being lofty, well lighted from the roof, and free from draught. Mr. W. Massey (Bolton) judged the Roller Singing Contest, and Mr. H. Tams (Longton) all other classes, and their awards seemed to be well received. The entry was a great disappointment, no less than 18 classes having unfortunately to be cancelled. The C.B.U., we heard, were blamed for allowing four shows to be held in Lancashire, on the same day, as some were sure to suffer, and that Wigan fanciers were the unfortunate ones. The show was opened by Councillor James Lowe. The society's amateur challenge cup was won by Mr. P. Vickers; special prize for best Norwich in Members' Classes, Mr. E. Ball; Hyde's special, Mr. P. Vickers. The officers of the society are to be congratulated on their successful management of affairs, and upon having at the helm such a capable hon. sec. as Mr. W. Ridge, who did all in his power to make the show a success. The Chairman is Mr. J. Roberts, the Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Richards, the treasurer Mr. J. Sharrock, the assistant secretary Mr. W. Dyer, and the committee Messrs. J. Webster, P. Vickers, E. Ball, J. Bennett, H. Young, J. Large, J. Livesey, T. Berry, W. Hodkinson, G. Rhoid, Jas. Ball, T. Summers, H. Baldwin, L. J. Thorley, R. Williams, J. Lomax, F. Reid, R. Holden, W. Winstanley; E. Fairhurst, and C. Crabtree. Teas and light refreshments were provided in the room for visitors, amongst whom we noticed several fanciers from other towns.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, J. Bennett, leader cl., well up on legs, very stylish; 4th, good col. and shape, a little bit open in feather; 2, 3, Foster; 2nd, hot col. cl., rare length, beaten only in position, good one; 3rd, thigh tkd., nice position, good feather, wild, or might have been higher. BUFF: 1, Brooks, cl., stylish, nice feather, stands well, good one; 2, Clark, rare position, good length and feather; 3, Bennett, cl., good back and wings drops tail a little, which spoils it; 4, Wright, grand col., nice back; vhc, Dickenson and Goodall. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Brooks, 1st, cl., hot col., grand feather, well up on legs, full of style; 2, cl., good position, nice head, beautifully filled in neck; 3, Clark, cinn. mkd., eyes, neck and wings, nice quality; 4, Hodgson, cl., stands well, nice hen, good feather, some thought might have been higher up; vhc, Hitchen; hc, Bennett. BUFF: 1, J. Brooks, tkd. eye, nice back, wings and tail, easy win; 2, Foster, nat. col. cl., good length, drops tail; 3, 4, Bennett, 3rd, lovely position, nice back, beaten only in length, good one; 4th, slim, nice shape, rather wild, well placed. Classes 5, 6, and 7 cancelled. NOR. GREEN: 1, 3, Davies, 1st, self. yell., grand col., nice feather and shape, good one all over; 3rd, buff, foul, mkd. throat and tail, good feather; 2nd, Jas. Smith, buff, broken col., extra good shape, pressed, winner, hard; 4th, vhc, Ball. Classes 9, 10, 11, and 12 cancelled. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Jas. Smith, cl., nice head, good col., grand shape, feathered to perfection, good one; 2, 4, Dyer, 2nd, eye ticked, grand feather, grand col, nice finish; 4th, cl., nice head and neck, tail broken; 3, vhc, Jackson, variegated, hot col., nice feather. BUFF: 1, Bloor, grand col., short and cobby, rare chest, easy winner, good all over; 2, hc, Jackson, nice col. and quality; 3, Smith, nice feather and shape, good one; 4, Dyer, variegated, hot col., grand quality, rather small; vhc, Gibbie; c, Haslam. Classes 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 cancelled. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Mrs. Houghton, buff Goldie Mule, mkd. wings, smart and stylish; 2, Johnson Bros., Goldfinch-Bullfinch, in grand condition, nice col., some preferred this to winner; 3, Lewis and Moss, variegated Goldfinch-Can., good blaze, nice col., and size, well staged; 4, Large, dark buff Linnet-Can., nice feather and condition; vhc, Dickenson and Goodall; hc, Johnson Bros.; c, Lewis and Moss. Class 24 cancelled. SELL. (20/-): 1, Ball; 2, Hodgson; 3, Lawson and Longworth; 4, Sparkes; vhc, hc, Ridge. (12/6): 1, Dyer; 2, Jackson; 3, Hodgson; 4, Dyer; vhc, Wright; hc, Johnson; c, Partridge. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Ball; 2, Vickers; 3, Lawson and Longworth; vhc, Johnson; hc, Gostling. NOVICE YORKS. 1, Wright, cl. yell., stylish, nice feather, stands well; 2, Lawson and Longworth, good col. and quality; 3, Gibson, good one all over; 4, vhc, Parkinson, again good, well placed. GIFT: 1, Ball; 2, P. Vickers; 3, Dyer; 4, Large. LINNET (12): 1, Lewis and Moss, nice size, well laced, good col. and quality, wins; 2, Johnson Bros., nice markings, good col.; 3, Hampson, nice nutty brown col., in excellent condition; 4, Davies, another good bird, close up; vhc, Young; hc, Gostling; c, Hampson. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Lowe, grand blaze, rich tannings nice buttons, in grand bloom; 2, Dickenson and Goodall, nice Finch, all over, good second; 3, Gostling, nice Finch, field moulted, well placed; 4, Hampson, again good. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Johnson Bros., well known Yellow Bunting, good col. and markings; 2, W. P. Bell, Hawfinch, "Salopian Prince," in grand condition; 3, Sharples, Crossbill, in nice feather, not up in col. yet; 4, Mrs. Houghton, grand Greenfinch, well staged; vhc, Johnson Bros., Hawfinch (Bobby); hc, Ridge; c, Gastall. SOFTBILL: 1, Johnson Bros., with a lovely Nightingale, well put down; 2, 4, Mort, two real good Thrushes, well shown, nice ones; 3, Sharples, nice Jay; vhc, Dyer; Mr. Sharple's Blackcap in this class escaped from its cage before judging and could not be caught, and unfortunately lost. PIED, ETC.: 1, Johnson Bros., White Sparrow, good one, well staged; 2, Slater, nice Pied Goldfinch; 3, W. P. Bell, "Snowflake," Pied House Sparrow. FOR.: 1, 2, Sharples, nice pair of Pekin Robins; 2nd, a Whydah; 3, Conqueror, Diamond Sparrow, in good feather; 4, Mawdesley, nice pair Zebra Finches; vhc, hc, Mawdesley. MEMBERS' CLASSES: AMAL. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, hc, E. Ball; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Large; 4, Vickers; vhc, Longworth and Lawson; c, Young. BUFF (5): 1, E. Ball; 2, Vickers; 3, Large; 4, hc, c, Roberts; vhc, Longworth and Lawson. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Young; 2, Vickers; 3, Large; 4, Berry. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Young; 2, Large; 4, vhc, Berry. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Longworth and Lawson; 2, 3, Vickers. BUFF (2): 1, Vickers; 2, Longworth and Lawson. YELL. Hen (1): Vickers. BUFF (2): 1, Longworth and Lawson; 2, Vickers. NOR. GREEN YELL. (4): 1, Fairhurst; 2, 3, Ball; 4, Livesey. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Ball; 3, Large. MEMBERS' BRIT. (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Ridge; 3, Dyer. ROLLER SINGING (19): 1, vhc, Foulkes; 2, hc, Kilshaw; 3, c, Foulds; 4, Webster.

CAMBORNE.

The Camborne F.A. held their annual show in the Market Hall, on Nov. 4th, in good weather; taken all over it was a great success, there being nearly 300 birds, several of which could hold their own in many of the All England shows. The quality of the exhibits was quite as high as has been seen for several years. All sections were well filled, and in every respect a magnificent display. Norwich all over were good, and here we must congratulate the judge, who went throughout for birds of the pure Norwich type. Crests and crest-breds made quite a nice show, and the Yorks. were well represented. The Mule and Hybrid classes had a good entry, including some choice exhibits, while the British and Foreign were much admired. The silver cup for most points was won by F. Collins, with 75 points; it being the second year in succession, this now becomes his own property. The same exhibitor won Sandiford's medal for hottest fed Canary or Mule, with a yellow Norwich. The attendance was very satisfactory, especially in the evening, where the Camborne Church military band made their first appearance. The general secretary, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Collins, the chairman, were at the helm, and looked well after the comfort of the birds, and they were ably assisted by a most enthusiastic committee. Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, S. Rickard, good head and neck, nice shape and col., fine flights and tail, Plymouth winner; 2, W. Collings, nice shape, well up in quality, good head and neck; 3, 4, Ferrell, clinking shape, gets well over perch, grand col.; vhc, F. Collins, winner of Sandiford's medal; hc, White; c, Sherman. BUFF (13): 1, spl, 4, Strout, magnificent shape and colour, full of quality, grand wing carriage; 2, Ferrell, good shape, clean skull, grand feather, nice flights and tail; 3, Treveua, lovely quality and type, nice level colour; vhc, W. Collings; hc, C. Kemp. BUFF TICK. (13): 1, W. Collings, tick eye, good shape, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail; 2, Sherman, variegated, good size and shape; 3, Phillips, tick. neck, grand feather and quality; 4, Dunstan, grand shape; vhc, Pope; hc, Spillman; c, Ferrell. HEN (13): 1, Spillman, cl. buff, good size and shape, grand colour and quality; 2, W. Collings, yellow, nice size and shape, good flights and tail; 3, White, yellow, non-fed, rare shape, beautiful quality; 4, Smith, yellow, good col. and quality, nice shape; vhc, Coad; hc, S. Menadue; c, F. Collins. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Dunstan, rattling shape, good quality feather, nice head, wings, and tail; 2, Spillman, lovely shape, grand feather, nice flights and tail; 3, S. Menadue, lovely quality and colour; 4, W. Collings, shapely, fine flights and tail; vhc, Parish; hc, Phillips; c, Symons. BUFF (13): 1, Pope, lovely shape, good size, beautiful quality; 2, W. Collings, good shape, full of quality; 3, hc, Kemp, nice shape, good head, flights and tail; 4, Spillman, neat head and neck; vhc, Lobb; c, Menadue. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Thomas, beautiful feather, nice quality, well up on leg, good length; 2, Boundy, fine flights and tail; 3, Bishop, neat head, lovely feather, good length; 4, Fox, stands well, wings well braced, nice pipe tail; vhc, hc, Glanville; c, Rowe and Richards. No. 3, Oatey, very soft when judged, or would have been in the money. BUFF (8): 1, Wells and Son, lovely shape, beautiful quality, good wing carriage; 2, vhc, Thomas, nice length, well drawn, grand wings and tail; 3, 4, Veal, two good birds, feather like wax; hc, Symons; c, Bishop. HEN (10): 1, 2, Glanville, tick. wing buff, good wing and tail, nice style and carriage; 2nd, cl. yell., grand carriage and stand; 3, Boundy, nice type and quality; 4, spl, Wells and Son, yellow, plenty of length; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Rodda; c, Webb. NON-FLIG. YORKS. (17): 1, 4, Thomas, two cl. yell., lovely shape and type, good colour and quality of feather, on pair of grand legs; 2, Fox, yell., good type, neat and compact feather, fine carriage, nice position; 3, Boundy, yell., rare length, good quality and colour; vhc, c, Oatey; hc, Symons. CINN. (8): 1, spl, 2, 4, Medlin, three grand birds, winner fine shape, sound colour, nice size, shape, and skull, full of quality; 3, Burton, fine Nor., shape, good head and neck; vhc, c, Lenderyou, nice heads; hc, Lee. CREST CL. (6): 1, spl, Symons, good round crest, nice width of frontal and droop; 2, Rabey Bros., nice formed crest, capital frontal, grand body; 3, hc, Bellman, rare width of frontal, well formed drooping crest, baby, will be heard of again; 4, Davey, nice dip; vhc, Rowe and Richards. GREEN CREST (8): 1, Davey, immense crest, coming well to beak end, good droop and radiation; 2, 4, Bellman, nice formed crest, beautiful droop, nice leafy feather; 3, Parsons, capital centre, nice formation; vhc, Rabey Bros., neat crest, fine centre; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Richards. C.B. CL. (9): 1, Rowe and Richards, beautiful cushion-shaped skull, wide in entrance, good length of head feather; 2, Davey, tick. neck, grand skull, good entrance, plenty of feather; 3, Symons, well lashed, nice head feather; 4, Richards, good entrance, nice length of hea feather; vhc, c, Menadue; hc, Temby. GREE (9): 1, spl, c, Menadue, beautiful shaped skull, goo entrance and lashing, well browed; 2, 3, Lee a Lawry, two excellent birds, lovely skulls, and hea feather; 4, Bellman, nice head feather, well lashe vhc, Symons; hc, Davey. PAIRS (8): 1, spl, Symon Crest and C.B., well matched, good crest of lea feather; 2, Sherman, Nor., grand type and colou nice wings and tail; 3, Lee and Lawry, Crest a C.B., thick crest; 4, Thomas, Yorks., well up leg; vhc, Coad; hc, Roberts; c, Menadue. MULE LIGHT (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Collins, grand tea leader six-point buff grand markings; 2nd, light marked Linnet-Can., good size and feather; 3r four-point Yell., lovely feather; hc, Sherman, e marked buff, quite a baby. DARK MULE (9): vhc, Collins, Redpoll-Can. Jonque, nice size a shape, good markings; vhc, Siskin, Canary, goo colour, nice cap and markings; 2, 4, Rowe and Ric ards, Goldie-Can., good face, nice size and mar lngs; 4th, Greenie-Can., fine size, grand feather; Fox, Linnet-Can., good breast markings, nice size hc, Kemp; c, Chinn. HYBS. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vh Collins, Greenie-Bully, leading, grand size, love breast colour; 2, Goldie-Bullie, grand blaze, ni shape, beautiful colour and quality; 3, Linnet-Bulli nice cap, good breast col.; 4, Roberts, Goldfinc Greenfinch, grand colour. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, sp Rowe and Richards, Paignton winner, nice squar cut blaze, grand tannings, lovely bars and buttons 2, Rescorla, fine blaze, well tanned chest, good bar 3, Jordon, nice blaze and moons; 4, Ferrill, nice cu collar; vhc, c, Polkinghorne; hc, Polkinghorne. BRI SMALL HARDBILL (16): 1, Wills, Yellowbuntin good col. and head markings, very steady, gran bird; 2, hc, Jordon, Bullie, good breast col., an wing bars; 3, spl, Collins, Bramblefinch, we spangled; 4, c, Rowe and Richards, sweet Siskin grand feather, nicely laced; vhc, Lee. FOR. SMAL (7): 1, Nelson, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakee lovely colours and condition; 2, spl, 4, Collins, Ye low Budgerigars, grand markings and col., in goo condition; 4, White-headed Lovebirds, good colou and markings; 3, Liddicoat, White Javas, bee fighting, two cocks; vhc, Woolcock, Orange Bisho good colour and markings; hc, Skewes. LARG (9): 1, Davis, King Parrot, grand colours, beaut fully staged, greatly admired; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Smith grand lot, in excellent form. SELL. (£1) (10): Ferrill; 2, Menadue; 3, Climo; 4, Jewell. (15/ (14): 1, Pope; 2, Lee and Lawry; 3, Parish; Lee and Lawry. (10/-) (17): 1, Pope; 2, Kemp; Boundy; 4, Lee and Lawry.

GRAVESEND.

This show was held in the Market Hall on Novem ber 3rd and 4th. The hall is very commodious, an well lighted from the roof. The executive are t be congratulated on their freedom from place an price limits, the classes being larger and the qualit much better than formerly, when the selling pric was limited to £5. Mr. E. R. Fox is the indefat gable secretary, and had everything well in hand supported by a committee of enthusiastic fancier Mr. North again judged, and his awards were no complained of.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. OR TKD., COLOUR-FED (11): 1, Gibbs, winner cl. yell., splendid col., type an quality, latter a grand old bird, not yet at it best; 2, vhc, Brumhill, former buff, nicely meale and showing rich under-colour; 3, Botell, yell. excellent col. and type; res, hc, Wheat; c, Camp bell. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, Botell, dark-capped an flighed bird, well up for type and col.; 2, res, Gibb former nicely marked, plenty of col.; 3, Males, tk mealy; 4, Martin, tkd. in back, nice bloom; vh Wheat; hc, Smithers. NON-FED (9): 1, Smither yell., deep chest, short flights and tail, might b larger; 2, Elliot, stout buff; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Stewart, nice class of bird; res, Tampkins. UN FLIGH. (9): 1, 2, Gibbs, splendidly frosted an showing grand under-colour, nice size and shape 3, 4, Gooding, very stylish birds, not quite the siz of winners; res, Bareham; vhc, Kew; hc, Smither c, Males. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, Hawes Bros., leader long, big bird, latter smarte in carriage of body and tail; 2, Parish, very breed bird, good position; 3, res, Gibbs, stylish bird lovely quality; vhc, Potten. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Gibb winner is a fine, long, straight bird of the boxwoo type, latter splendid quality; 2, Hawes Bros., rathe strong in build, but grand feather and condition; Potten; res, Mole; vhc, Parish. MKD., ETC. (6) 1, 2, Gibbs, typical Yorks., both stylish yellows; Parish; 4, Whent; res, Hawes Bros.; vhc, Nunn A.O.V. (6): 1, spl for best Can. in show, 2, Bond evenly mkd. wings, dark crest cock and hen, forme has very large circular drooping, dark crest to en of beak, latter shorter crest feather, pretty vein feather; 3, Elliot, self-green bird, nice size body silky Jonque feather; 4, Cox, pretty dark crest; re Pntten; vhc, Frisby. SELL. (20s.) (6): 1, Cox; Kew; 3, Mole; 4, Wheat; res, Elliot; vhc, Nunn (15s.) (7): 1, Tampkins; 2, Potten; 3(Mole; 4, Nunn res, Elliot; vhc, Stewart; hc, Smith. (10s.) (6) 1, 4, Elliot; 2, Kew; 3, Nunn; res, Russell; vh Whent. MULE OR HYB. LIGHT (7): 1, Ward six-pointed Jonque-Goldfinch-Can., splendid col. an condition; 2, Lees, well-known tkd. Linnet-Can.; Mascall, lightly varieg. Goldfinch-Can.; 4, Whent mealy, nice feather; res, Whent; vhc, Gunnell DARK (11): 1, spl for best hyb., Mascall, Can Bullie of the mealy persuasion, nice size, col., an feather; 2, 4, Whent, Linnet-Bullfinch, splendid con dition and col., leading; 4, large hen Goldfinch-Bull finch, in grand condition; 3, Campbell, Goldfinch Greenfinch, very steady, nicely feathered; res, Lee Linnet-Bullfinch, excellent size, col., and feather vhc, Wickham, Redpoll-Greenfinch; hc, Ward, Linnet Canary, well up in size, col., and condition; h Terry, Goldfinch-Can., large blaze, nice plumage; Webb, South; a strong and good class. GOLD FINCH (5): 1, spl, Brumhill, cherry-ripe, expansiv blaze, and excellent col. and marking; 2, res, Gu nell, former handsome bird, good col.; 3, Jupe, pr mising bird, rather restless; 4, Wickham, fine an large. LINNET (5): 1, Harris, very distinct, rich dark marking; 3, Webb, another steady white-legge bird; 3, Campbell, a field-moulted, nice exhibit; Wickham; res, Harris. A.O.S., SMALL (5): Webb, Redstart, very steady and perfect in plum age; 2, Hogwood, Blackcap, nice size, col., an condition; 3, Lean and Son, Wheatear, very stead and good exhibit; 4, Wickham, Chaffinch of exce lent col. and plumage; res, Stewart, Bramble-finch SELL., BRIT. OR MULE (20s.): (8): 1, Lees; 2, Terry 3, res, Whent; 4, Terry; vhc, Smith; hc, Miller; Webb. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, 2, Raynor, 1st Blue honnet, 2nd name not given, both rare birds, of ex cellent plumage; 3, Rankine, King Parrot, slightl fringed in flights; 4, Church, very nice Rose Cocka too. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, res, Botting, winner splendid pair Golden-breasted Waxbills, 2nd Bisho not yet in full col. 3rd good Indigo Finch; 4, Ra kine White Java. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—CAN. (7) 1, two spls, Terry, nice large bird, dark head an flights; 2, 3, Barcham, Yorks. and Nor.; 4, Nunn buff Yorks.; vhc, Martin; hc, Frisby. BRIT. O MULE (6): 1, vhc, Terry, Goldfinch-Can. and Red poll-Can.; 2, 3, 4, Smith, nice Redpoll-Goldfinch.

BO'NESS.

Bo'ness, N.B., held their 5th annual show on 6th November, and it proved a success. The Canary sees on the whole were good, but the exceptive I not get the response they expected in the Nor- h section, after engaging the services of a well- own English judge and breeder, but what were aged were exceedingly carefully handled, and Mr. ndiford left very little to be commented upon. judged the Norwich, Crests and C.B.'s, and rkshires. Borders were a nice all-round collection, d contained some high-class specimens, competi- on in many of the classes being very keen. They me under the eye of Mr. J. Thomson, and he refully selected the winners to the satisfaction of majority. British and Mules, however, were the ature of the show—a grand classification and a od response. There were 30 classes, and all were presented. The hen British class was a hot one, me gems being on view, and here was found the st British in show, the well-known Thrush, "Bor- r Queen." The committee were fortunate in hav- g secured the services of two veteran British bird dges, Messrs. Geo. Marlin and Wm. Cullen, who refully summed up the various points, and were appy in their selections. Great competition reigned nong local exhibitors for the custody of three sil- r cups, but here the well-known British bird ex- bitors, Messrs. McGillivray Bros., captured the t, being closely followed by Messrs. Bell and ewar. The management was A1, the committee eing composed of real genuine fanciers, and every ossible care was taken of the exhibits from a stance. The hall is suitable for a show, but a ade on the dark side. The secretarial duties were the hands of Mr. F. McGillivray, and right well id he manage them; he got through an immense mount of work speedily, and without much ado. he show was well patronised.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK (2): 1, Grant, nice lengthy ycll. ck, stylish, neat top end and drive; 2, Bell and ewar, green piebald buff, fine top end, showy, orthy of more competition. HEN (2): 1, Fisher, ice buff piebald, showy, well up on leg, good top nd, neat all round, well placed; 2, Grant, yell. reen, stylish, could do with more depth across. REST CK. (5): 1, Howie, clear win, nicely cen- red, well laid on, good drop at sides and front, ne quality feather; 2, Clark, shade rough, but ength feather, good back; 3, Arnot, nicely laid on, eat at sides; 4, Holton; vhc, Masson. HEN (3): , Veitch, good green, nice centre, plenty of feather, ell groomed, good at back, well placed; 2, Bell and ewar, nice one, plenty of feather; 3, Johnston, rizzle, good one. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, Page, nice one, ine size, bold in head, good lash and entrance, lenty of feather, nicely groomed, in lovely order, ell put down; 2, Arnot, good broad skull, nice ashing; 3, Bell and Dewar, feathery, well placed; , Johnston, very showy; vhc, Veitch. HEN (3): 1, obertson, wins, good one, well lashed full headed, ood skull and eye-brows, rare bloom; 2, Kirkwood, eat lash, very lengthy, groomed to perfection; 3, Masson, green, nice size and quality. CREST CK., BRED 1909 (5): 1, Robertson, wins, very neat, fine ength of feather, very stylish, grandly centred, well lown at front and sides; 2, Clark, good frontal, fine ength of feather; 3, Whyttoch, good stamp, well roomed; 4, Masson, all there, but fails a bit in entre, nice shape; vhc, Mickle. C.-B. (5): 1, Stirling, slashing green, bouncing size, A1 entrance and lash, looks like making a good one; 2, vhc, Johnston, 2nd close up, real nice one, fine lash and entrance, good one, well placed; 3, Veitch, stylish, plenty of substance; 4, Holton, plenty of size, good lash. CREST OR C.-B., SELL. (£1) (11): 1, hc, Robertsou; 2, c, Martin Bros.; 3, Arnot; 4, Whyttock; vhc, Bell and Dewar. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Parker, bouncer for size, lovely quality feather, grand round head, good front, level tone of col.; 2, McGillivray Bros., grand type, good all round; 3, Sloan, shade slimmer got up than winners, but good bead and finish; 4, Stewart, nice all round exhibit. BUFF (6): 1, Simpson, again large, deep chested, staged in marvellous bloom, close and tight feather; 2, Proctor, good type and quality throughout, neat head and front, and A1 style; 3, vhc, McGillivray Bros., good order, grand feather, nice type; 4, McGregor and Boyd, taking size and neat; vhc, Miekle. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Baird, good shape, grand make, nice head and front, A1 wing carriage; 2, 3, 4, McGillivray Bros., good trio, 2nd grandly col., nice shape and finish. BUFF (8): Our reporter omitted to mark winners names; 1, good one, fine size, grandly rounded, A1 head, splendid front and wing carriage, nice finish, good col.; 2, tightly feathered, lovely bloom, again good head and front; 3, shade slimmer, but good quality, nice carriage and finish; 4, A1 quality feather; good class. A.O.V. CK. (4): 1, Page, hot fed, wing tkd. yell., rare size, good all round, neat head and finish, well put down; 2, McGillivray Bros, a varieg. huff, grand body and size, tight in feather; 3, Shields, heavy varieg., nice size and finish; 4, Sloan, nice yell. varieg., grand col. and feather, good all round Nor. HEN. (4): 1, Gardiner, a yell. varieg., good one, nice size, lovely finish, good shape, well put down, A1 style; 2, Sloan, varieg. buff, in lovely bloom, grand quality feather, beautifully finished, must have pressed hard; 3, Crawford, nice size and finish, well burnished, good head and front; 4, McGillivray Bros., huff cinn., grandly pencilled, fine bloom. NON-FED CK (9): 1, Sloan, nice yell., fine substance and finish, good quality throughout; 2, Lambie, good buff, grand size, A1 shape, rare front and head, well finished; 3, Harkins, yell., nice size and quality of feather; 4, Bell and Dewar, again a yellow, fine size; vhc, Sneddon; hc, Scotland; c, Moreland. HEN (5): 1, Proctor, cl. buff, in full bloom, good size, well moulded, staged in rare order; 2, Sloan, varieg. buff, well up in size, nicely finished; 3 (no name), cl. buff, good size and shape; 4, Moreland, varieg. buff, sweet size, nice bloom and finish; vhc, McGillivray Bros. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Crawford, good yell., nice head and front, well up in size, neatly staged; 2, c, Simpson, buff, fine full front, good head and wing carriage; 3, Bell and Dewar, sweet yell., lovely shape and quality; 4, Malcolmson, yell., on small side, but nicely finished; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, Sloan. HEN (5): 1, Bell and Dewar, good buff, grand shape, round as possible, noble head, extra good wing carriage; 2, Thomson, ycll., a shade pinched in head, good body and finish; 3, 4, McGillivray Bros. 3rd yell. varieg., nice one, 4th buff, head tkd., good shape and quality; vhc, Malcolmson. PLAINHEAD, SELL. (15) (4): 1, 3, McGillivray Bros.; 2, Finnie; 4, Johnston. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK (11): 1, Patterson, good one all over, nice weight, grand head, A1 wing carriage, nicely drawn, in lovely order, well staged; 2, Lambie, neck tkd., fine quality, shade stouter on neck, good front and taper, fine pose; 3, Hook, finely drawn, good quality feather, rare polish and finish; 4, Dunsmore, good all round; vhc, Brockie; hc, Cosnor; c, Harper. BUFF (9): 1, Bennet, good feathered one, nice head and carriage, finely drawn; 2, Patterson, sweet one, grandly moulded, A1 wing carriage, good head and finish; 3, Dunsmore, good shape, fine size and weight, neatly drawn; 4, Gentlemen, shade plainer looking, but good position and finish; vhc, Tait; hc, Brockie; c, McCulloch. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Bennet, in full bloom, fine head and finish, well drawn; 2, Patterson, sweetly moulded, good head, drawn in neck at times, well placed; 3, Bell and Dewar, eye tkd., grand position and weight; 4, Hamilton, sweet-looking hen, shade soft when we were taking notes, good quality feather; vhc, Bickerstaff; hc, Dunsmore; c, Harper. BUFF (9): 1, Bickerstaff, good quality feather, grand finish, good style; 2, Hook, well made, lovely round bodied bird, good head and wings; 3, 4, Gentlemen, 2 good ones, leader well rounded, correct size and shape, sweet exhibits; vhc, Cosnor; c, Dunsmore. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, Patterson, 2, McWatt, two good buff, eye and wing mkd. birds, leader best in eye markings, both foul on rump, leader wins on quality and finish; 3, Peel, yell., cl. on rump, nice style and finish; 4, Stevens, neat shape and quality of feather; vhc, Dunsmore. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, Patterson, cl. win, lovely quality feather, rare shape, grandly rounded, tight as boxwood; 2, Lambie, nice shape, good front, well drawn; 3, Bennet, good feather, nice size, rare bloom; 4, McWatt, again all there for shape; vhc, Shields; hc, Tait; c, Murray. GREEN OR CINN. (12): 1, Lambie, old warrior, deep solid col. throughout, neatly pencilled, in very good order; 2, Bennet, good depth of col., well put down, teeming with quality, a yell.; 3, Bickerstaff, again all there for col., good one, well placed, yell.; 4, Fisher, nice one, good lacing, fine type; vhc, Murray; hc, Patterson; c, Cleland. SELL. (7/6) (11): 1, McWatt; 2, Bennet; 3, Hamilton; 4, Hook; vhc, Harper; hc, Lambie; c, Brockie. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, Stevens, good yell., fine length, free in position, well drawn, tight in feather, staged in fine order; 2, Moir, buff varieg., nice length, neat exhibit; 3, McGillivray Bros., ycll., lengthy and slim; 4, Heggie, good ycll., fine length and finish, wants training a little; vhc, Heggie; hc, McKenzie; c, Hogle. HEN (8): 1, 3, Heggie, leader good well-drawn Buff, in full bloom, nice taking bird, well staged, 3rd also a buff; 2, Stirling, yell., slim, got up very neat; 4, Stevens, good one, rare pose and finish, shade strong across, nice wing carriage; vhc, Hoyle; hc, McKenzie; c, Ferrier. COMMON CAN. : 1, Arnot; 2, Mickle; 3, McGillivray Bros.; 4, Newbiggin; vhc, Bell and Dewar; hc, Johnston; c, McGregor and Boyd. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (5): 1, Howie, clear win, grand one all over, dense blaze, pure in colours, rare size, lovely sheen, Glasgow winner; 2, Ward, shade smaller, but coming well into bloom, fine quality, very clearly cut; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, plenty of size, good cut blaze, nice buttons; 4, Peel, taking bird, shade unsteady; vhc, Drake. BULLFINCH, FOR. (1): 1, Johnston, romping hen, in fine bloom, good cap and breast colours, A1 finish. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, Brown, in full bloom, dense face, very large expansive blaze, nicely tanned, well up in size, steady, well shown; 2, Hoyle, stylish bird, grand shape, well buttoned, nice tannings; 3, Goodfellow, good dense col. Finch, nicely defined on markings; 4, Morris, shade duller in col., but grand size; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, Harkins; c, McDougall. BULLFINCH (7): 1, McGillivray Bros., wins, grand breast col., rare cap, fine size, very pure in colours, fresh caught bird, steady as a rock, well staged; 2, Brown, good Finch, deep breast col.; 3, Raine, again all there for breast col.; 4, Chalmers, good order, tight in feather, well put down; vhc, Smeaton; hc, McGregor and Boyd LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (16): 1, Malcolmson, wins, grand made Finch, fine round front, nicely spangled, very steady, shows to perfection, fascinating shade of brown; 2, McGillivray Bros., net work of spangle on breast, real good one, fine flights and size; 3, Ward, good ground col., nicely laced, a shade light in flights; 4, Ross, nice size and shape, good col.; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Johnston; c, Brown. FIELD MOULTED (16): 1, c, Jamieson, wins, romper for size, dense colours, A1 shape, very steady for a wild one, closely followed by 2, Cameron, another good Linnet, grand size, fine flights; 3, Parker, again good, fine col., deep chested, plenty of work; 4, Strachan, good flights, well pencilled; vhc, McCallum; hc, Morris; c, Jamieson; a few light-legged ones were put on the shelf as doubtful field moulted. SISKIN, FED (7): 1, McGregor and Boyd, well fed, solid col. throughout, dense neat cap, neat-shaped bib, grandly laced, staged in fine bloom; 2, Brown, grand markings, fine cap, well laced on flanks; 3, Hoyle, neat, very stylish and hot fed, good size and cap; 4, Duncan, neat one, good solid col.; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, McGregor and Boyd; No. 7, Cameron, clinking Siskin, grand big, but rather soiled looking in feather. NON-FED (9): 1, McGavin, in rare bloom, lovely quality feather, grand size, neat bib, nicely laced; 2, McGillivray Bros., very tight in feather, exceedingly well staged, hot; 2, 3, Parker, grand col., lovely rounded bird, dense front, neat cap and lacing, nice order; 4, Ferrier, good bib, well marked; vhc, Raine; hc, Patterson; c, Ross. LES SER REDPOLL (housemoulted) (14): 1, Hoyle, leading with his champion, real topper, shown in fine bloom, dense cap, A1 bib and splendidly laced; 2, McGillivray Bros. lighter tone, but very neat bib, fine size; 3, McGavin, good in shape, neat cap and bib; 4, Malcolmson, in grand bloom, sweet exhibit; vhc, Haldane; hc, Bell and Dewar; c, Ferrier. FIELD MOULTED (14): The names here were accidentally missed; 1, easy win, dense cap, bright red, immense bib, grand size, lovely lacing on side, real gem; 2, good shape, well up in col; 3, grand ground col., very showy; 4, very shapely, well up in col. LARGER REDPOLL (6): 1, hc, Johnston, very pure in col, grand shape, face, and stylish, neat cap, good bib, very nicely laced; 2, Malcolmson, good shape, neat bib, again all there for col; 3, Bell and Dewar, shade lighter in size, chest well mkd., good head and bib; 4, Hoyle, in fine feather; vhc, Calder. TWITE (7): 1, Craig, wins, largest in class, good in lacing and ground col., nice flights, in good order; 2, Ross, good shape and size; 3, McGregor and Boyd, again nicely mkd.; 4, Smeaton, shade smaller, but well up in colours; vhc, Calder; hc, Parker; c, Haldane. GREENFINCH, FED (13): 1, Johnston, romper for size, grandly burnished, fine col. throughout, grand flights, noble head, lovely shape, staged to perfection, hot one; 2, McWatt, solid, grandly finished, rare flights and shape; 3, Calder, bouncer, grand flights; 4, Malcolmson, lovely bloom; vhc, Strachan; hc, Haldane; c, Cairns. NON-FED (19): Livingstone and Sharp, a large one, finished to perfection, nice head, good markings; 2, McGavin, good col., very neatly made, well staged, nice flights and taper; 3, c, Bald, good one, nice shape and size; 4, Taylor, again all there for shape and col.; vhc, Smeaton; hc, McLaren; c, Bald. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Sharp, romping Bramble, dense col., lovely lacing and breast col., clear cut bird, steady, shown in lovely bloom; 2, 3, Miller and Eadie, nice steady Chaffinch, well up in col., good flights, neat cap, 3rd good Bramble, fit to win anywhere; 4, Raine, Chaffinch, sweet size, lovely markings; vhc, Bald; hc, Aitken; c, McGregor and Boyd. BUNTING (11): 1, vhc, Baird, Corn Bunting, nice size, well mkd., good col., very steady, shown in nice order; 2, Craig, steady, Lapland, in full bloom, well placed; 3, McGregor and Boyd, steady Reed Bunting, slightly broken in col., well up in size, very steady; 4, McGillivray Bros., sweet Yellow-hammer, good markings, rare front; vhc, Raine; c, Gentlemen. A.O.S. SMALL SOFTBILL (3): 1, Miller and Eadie, sweet Treecreeper, well mkd., nicely stagrd; 2, Russell, nice Bearded Tit, well up in size, well staged, very steady; 3 (no name), Robin, rather soft-looking when we were taking notes. LARGE (6): 1, Pollock, large well-conditioned, nicely shown Magpie, in full bloom; 2, Gardner, good Hawfinch, steady, very good in bib and colours; 3, Miller and Eadie, good Blackbird, nice eye, cere and bill, good depth of col.; 4, Bowman, Hawfinch, good one; vhc, Shields; hc, McGillivray Bros. BULLFINCH HEN, BRIT. (16): 1, Storie, regular stormer, great size, dense col. throughout, lovely cap, staged in grand bloom; 2, Malcolmson, regular gem for col., lovely bars and A1 cap, well staged; 3, Bald, neat one, well up in size; 4, Livingstone and Sharp, very neat, put down in fine trim, well staged; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Laing; c, Bruce. HEN GREENFINCH (15): 1, Hoyle, good quality, nice shape and finish, forward in col., neat flights, well tapered; 2, McCallum, sweet shape, nice col.; 3 (no name), rare size, splendid col. and finish; 4, Craig, very sweet, lovely tone of col. A1 feather, well placed; vhc, Cowie; hc, Johnston; c, Arnot. HEN BRIT., A.O.S. (16): 1, spl, best British in show, Bruce, well-known Song Thrush, "Border Queen," staged to perfection, in marvellous bloom, real stormer and no mistake; 2, Malcolmson, clinking mealy Redpoll, immense size, splendid markings beauty and no mistake; 3, Calder, Yellowhammer fine size and a beauty for lacing; 4, Duncan, her Greenfinch, plenty of size, in grand bloom; vhc, Haldane; hc, McGillivray Bros.; c, Taylor; 2 sets of winners could easily have been found. CL., ETC., MULE (4): 1, Douglas, romping cl. Linnet, slightly broken in col., good one; 2, McGillivray Bros., light tkd. hen Goldfinch; nice size. A.O.V. LIGHT (13): 1, Malcolmson, noted "Prince Charlie," one of the best ycll. varieg. Goldies living, immense size, rare col., fine form; 2, Jamieson, large light varieg. huff greenie-looking, good one; 3, Bruce, good varieg. Linnet, slim got up, well put down; 4, Douglas, Jonque Goldie, good col., well mkd.; vhc, Johnston; hc, Bell and Redhead; c, Borthwick. DARK (11): 1, McLean, hot fed, Jonque Goldie, dense face, well up in size, real good one, fine bloom; 2, Johnston, hot fed buff greenie; 3, McWatt, Jonque Goldie, good, dense face, well harred, good one; 4, Bell and Dewar, Linnet, nice size, well mkd., neat exhibit; vhc, Calder; hc, Sloan; c, Borthwick. HYB. (6): 1, Johnston, real good Linnet-Bullie, fine size, grand deep colours, wins easily; 2, Jamieson, romping Goldie-Greenie, plenty of size, grand col., good one, well placed; 3, Sneddon, Goldie-Bullie, fine size, grand feather; 4, vhc, McGillivray Bros., hen Goldie-Bullie, can easily win her own class. BRIT., SELL. (5/-) (11): 1, Livingstone and Sharp; 2, Miller and Eadie; 3, Hoyle; 4, McGregor and Boyd; vhc, McGaven; hc, Raine; c, Bell and Dewar. GREENFINCH (5/-) (9): 1, Bruce; 2, Calder; 3, McLaren; 4, Miller and Eadie; vhc, Arnot; hc, Johnston; c, McGregor and Boyd. MULE SELL. (7/6) (13): 1, Johnston; 2, vhc, Bell and Dewar; 3, Aitkin; 4, Wright; vhc, Strachan; c, Bell and Redhead. FOR. BIRD (5): 1, 3, Hamilton and Wallace, leader nice glossy Starling, in good order, 3rd pair of white Javas, in nice bloom; 2, Bruce, Redheaded Gouldian, in fine bloom, well staged; 4, Watt; vhc, McGillivray Bros. BOYS' CLASS (15): 1, 2 (no name), leader a nice Linnet, and 2nd grand Yellowhammer, two nice birds, well staged; 3, Whyttoch, a large Magpie, staged in an open wire cage, could be made a good exhibit; 4, Leitch, a nice Bullfinch, fine colour and bloom; an interesting class; vhc, McGillivray jun.; hc, Johnston. Cup winners: Vervey Cup, most points Canaries, McGillivray Bros., 78 points; Ure Cup, British and Mules, McGillivray Bros., 62; "F.R." Cup, most points in show, McGillivray Bros., 140.

CLEATOR MOOR.

The sixth annual exhibition of the Cleator Moor F.S. was held on Nov. 6th. The Market Hall, in which the show was held, is well adapted for the purposes of a show, being very roomy, well lighted from the roof, free from draught and clean. The Canary section, though not as well represented numerically as it might have been, contained many birds that could well hold their own in stronger competition. The features of the show were the Linnets, invariably strong here. This class contained 21 entries, and was headed by a grand bird in lovely fettle, belonging to Mr. G. Wilson, which also won at Harrington. The committee, who worked hard for the success of the show, consisted of Messrs. Jas. Rigg (chairman), B. Gray (vice-chairman), J. G. Sumpton, J. Sumpton, jun., Jos. Whalley, John Fisher, Thos. Kearton, Wm. Whalley, Rob. Fowler, Peter Branney, Enoch Jones, with Mr. J. G. Sumpton (treasurer), and Mr. Jas. E. Bryne, the capable and courteous secretary. Prize money was paid out to successful exhibitors present, a plan we heartily recommend in these pressing times. The judge for our section was Mr. A. Bentley (Great Harwood), who appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. AND BUFF: Both cancelled. TKD., ETC. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Douglas, head tkd., good col., nice quality, and well shown, latter varieg., hot col.; 2, vhc, Stewart, faint griz. mark on wing, well up; 3, Brown, thigh tkd., well up on leg; hc, Bradley. BUFF (7): 1, Stewart, thigh tkd., fine upstanding bird, good type and feather, wins; 2, Brown, clean chested bird, well shown; 3, Miers, griz. on back of head; 4, hc, Douglas; 4, Cinn. mkd., fine quality; vhc, Ferguson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Douglas, tkd. wing, fine upstanding bird, nice wings, clean fronted; 3, Cinn. mkd., well shown; 2, Stewart, grand thigh tkd. bird; 4, Fergusou; vhc, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Douglas; 1, cl. buff, nice type and quality, good one, well placed; 2, c, Stewart, similar to first, very little betwixt these two; 3, Ferguson, not quite as well shown as it might be; 4, Brown; hc, Coulson. BORD. CL. YELL. AND TKD. YELL.: Both cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, Moore and Son, fine stamp, good in col. and feather, will improve in carriage of wings; 2, vhc, Davies, similar type, same fault; 3, Levason, good type; 4, Wilson, grand bird, well shown. TKD., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, Levason, griz. mark on shoulder and wing, good back and wings, fine quality; 2, Moore and Son, tkd. wing, similar bird to winner in class, with same fault; 3, Wilson, uneven mkd., bonny carriage, fine quality; 4, Reid, Bros., uneven mrk., bonny bird, might be better shown, perhaps, rather dull-looking; vhc, hc, Plaskett Bros. HEN (7): 1, Wilson, cl. yell., fine quality, lovely wings, grand exhibit; 2, hc, Davies, cl. buff, very good model, well shown; 3, Moore and Son, cl. buff, fine feather, not quite ready yet; 4, Levason, cl. buff, good quality, type, and condition; vhc, c, Plaskett Bros. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Wilson, bonny clean cut, grand level col., beautifully shown, easy win; 2, Dixon, higher col., not quite the class or condition of 1st; 3, Sumpton Bros., long good bird, a bit rough in feather; 4, Moffat, nice condition; vhc, Whalley. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Davies, good, bold-chested bird, well built throughout; 3, higher col., but on finer lines than winner; 2, Moffat, good stamp, nice condition, a wee bit loose in feather; 4, Reid Bros., very similar to 3rd; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; hc, Whalley. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Sumpton Bros., 1, buff mkd. side of neck, inclined to cross wings, otherwise a fine type of Nor.; 2, yell. griz., mrk. on neck, again good one; 3, Moffat, rare col., griz. head, buff, nice bird; 4, Davies, uneven yell., long and shapely; vhc, Whalley. PLAINHEAD UNFLIG. (12): 1, Davies, griz. bead buff, rare col., good bold-fronted one, well shown; 2, vhc, Sumpton Bros., yell., nice made one; 3, 4, Dixon, griz. on neck, yell.; 4, buff mkd. wing, both good ones; hc, Wilson. HEN (7): 1, 2, Davies, buff, lightly mkd. one wing, fine chested, best rounded head on a Nor. in section; 3, Moffat, buff, nice bird, good one; 4, vhc, c, Sumpton Bros., again nice exhibit; hc, Whalley. MULES AND HYB. CL. ETC.: Cancelled. DARK CAN. (other than Bullie) (9): 1, Wilson, G., Linnet, fine quality, wins well on condition; 2, vhc, Davies, Linnet, again in fine form, very little betwixt this and winner, latter good Greenfinch; 3, Johnston, Linnet again, mealy, chubby, well fed, very rare bird; 4, Bond, another Linnet, fine big bird; hc, Bertram and Bell; c, Armstrong Bros. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, hc, Carlyle, fine Finch, big square, fine and rich blaze, well defined mrkgs., exceedingly steady, wins somewhat easily; 2, 3, Glaister; 2, Peathroat, good col. and mrkgs., very unsteady while we were taking notes; 3, nice but smaller bird, good blaze, some thought 4, Wilson, J., better, grand faced, bright in col; vhc, Bertram and Bell; c, Bundle. LINNET (21): 1, Wilson, G., large, well mkd., good nutty col., beautifully pencilled, shows the whites in flights clearly, exceptionally steady; 2, Glaister, another good one, not far behind; 3, Wilson, G., fine upstanding bird, not quite ready yet; 4, Sumpton Bros., another honny bird; vhc, hc, Reid; c, Kearton. A fine class of Linnets, and gave the judge some trouble. FIELD MOULTED (7): 1, Chambers; 2, 3, Kearton, all three good; 2, preferred by some; 4, Reay; vhc, Southward and Wilson; hc, Harker. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 4, Wilson, G., yell. nat. col., cleanly built, good size, bright col., very steady, well shown; 4, mealy, fine condition and size, crosses wings; 2, Wilson, J., very cobby, well built one, well placed, nat. col.; 3, Kearton, highly fed yell.; vhc, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson; hc, Marshall. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Kearton; 1, Lesser Redpoll, nice bib, well-defined mrkgs., steady, and in beautiful order; 2, Siskin, well-laced thighs, good shaped body and col., no bib; c, Wilson, J.; 4, Madden, both Lesser Redpolls; vhc, Martin and Teasdale; hc, Kelly; c, Nicholson Bros. SEED EATER SMALL (13): 1, 4, Bell and Fisher, both Bramblefinches, former excels in markings, polish and finish; 2, Wilson, G., Yellowhammer, good tone of col. and condition, nicely defined in head mrkgs.; 3, Keough, hen Reed Bunting, good condition, steady; vhc, c, Wilson, G., former fine Bramble, Harrington winner; hc, Wilson, J., better mkd. Yellowhammer than 2nd, but behind in col. and condition. SELL. (10/6) (8): 1, Davies; 2, Wilson; 3, Coulson; 4, Simon; vhc, Moffat; hc, Walker.



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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

Another Tyneside Record.

The sixth annual show of the Blaydon-on-Tyne Society was held on Nov. 5th and 6th. The venue was the Co-operative Hall, a grand place in every respect, being lofty and well lighted, and entirely free from draught. Entries came up splendidly, totalling 691, which constitutes a record for the society, and is 140 more than last year. Yorkshires made a grand display, averaging 15 per class in nine classes, while the quality of the exhibits was exceptionally good, and reflects great credit on the work done by the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club. The members of this club secured most of the principal awards. The N.A.C.C. Cup and medal for best Yorkshire, went to Mr. Ralph Butler (Jarrow) with a grand buff of exceptional merit. Norwich averaged 12 per class, and contained many grand birds, notably the mulighted yellow hen "Queen of Queens," exhibited by Mr. Geo. Harland, looking even better than when we saw her at Newcastle. Borders contained 39 in three classes, and here again quality and type predominated. Crests did not come up so well, 61 birds in eight classes—just over six per class, yet in this section was found the winner of the Challenge Prize (a pair of bronzes) for the best bird in the show, the honour going to Mr. R. Armstrong's well-known "King of Kings," now at his best. This bird secured the bronzes last year, and Mr. Armstrong now becomes the final possessor of this splendid prize. We were sorry to see Mr. T. Taylor's young Crest, "Emperor," in such a bad state, and we hope he will not be so unfortunate as to lose him. Mules and British were also very good, and the lightly ticked Celtic Mule shown by Mr. J. Maddison, of Newcastle, is indeed a beauty. Truly this exhibitor knows how to stage a bird to perfection. The management was all that could be desired, every member doing his very best in looking after the comfort of the exhibits. In Mr. Geo. Havver the society possesses a splendid secretary, hard-working, courteous, and most obliging to all, besides having a thorough knowledge of everything that is required in the running of such a large show. It must have been very gratifying to him to find his efforts so well rewarded by such a good entry. We cannot omit a word of praise for the chairman of the society, Mr. John Hands, who was continually on the move, giving advice and lending a hand wherever required. These two gentlemen were well supported by a band of hard-working fanciers, consisting of Messrs. J. Davidson, G. T. Ellwood, J. Bean, T. Brown, G. Johnson, J. Carr, W. Bousfield, J. Clark, J. Lee, C. Vallans, W. Blaylock, J. Tyson, Jos. Carr, J. Crass, T. Fletcher, J. W. Dixon, and J. McGuinness. Grand weather favoured the event, and we were very pleased to see such a large attendance of the public, the showroom being quite crowded on the Saturday afternoon. The silver cup and medal presented by Messrs. W. Willson, Ltd., for most points gained by a member with three nominated birds, was won by Mr. F. Leck; Hyde's special went to Mr. W. Scott, while Sandiford's medal was secured by Mr. J. McGuinness. The judges were: Messrs. J. Robson (London), and H. W. Battye (Huddersfield).

Mr Battye's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CL. (13): 1, Harland, hot col., grand head and neck, nice wing carriage, long enough; 2, sp, 3, Cowling, grand col., nice shape and size, well-carried wings and tail, good head and neck, not so tight in feather; 3, grand shape, rare head and neck, nice col.; 4, Hall, Newcastle winner, hot col., good shape and size, not put down in such good condition; vhc, French; hc, Lowery; c, J. Reed. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Holden and Todd, rare type, grand col. and quality, thick head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Hall, good size, nice col. and quality, rare front, fine wings and tail, trifle slack behind; 3, J. Reed, rare substance, good col. and quality, good head and neck, bit open in feather; 4, Crawhall, rare size and col., grand head and neck, trifle longer in flights and tail; vhc, McGuinness; hc, Crass; c, Brown. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, sp, Harland, Buff, tkd. back of head, rare substance, grand shape and col., good head and neck, well-carried wings and tail; 2, Gibson, head and wing, mkd. yell., red hot in col., good size, but has a bad twist in neck feather; 3, Gilhespy, variegated, buff, grand size and shape, rare head and neck, nice wings and tail, good col. and quality; 4, Hall, thigh tick, nice size, good head and neck, deep chest, nice col., well-carried wings and tail; vhc, McKay; hc, J. McGuinness; c, Cowling, we thought about the most typical Nor. in class, lacks a little in size. HEN YELL. (5): 1, sp, 2, Grey, tkd. on rump and tail, good size, grand col. and quality, rather weak in head; 2, apparently cl., good col. and quality, nice size, better head and neck than winner; 3, Cowling, nice shape, clean front, good flights and tail, rather weak in neck; 4, McGuinness, very neat hen, good shape, col. and quality, nice head and neck, well-carried wings and tail; vhc, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, sp, 2, A. Grey, eye and wing mkd., grand type, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, looking rather thick when we saw her; 2nd, grand shape, good size, nice col. and quality, rare wings and tail; 3, Harland, good shape, nice col. and quality, thick head and neck, heaten only in wing carriage; 4, Lowery, tkd. head and right wing, nice shape, well cut away behind, good head and neck; vhc, Cowling; hc, Reed; c, Gibson. YELL. UNFLIG. (16): 1, spl, Harland, grand type, red hot col., rare head and neck, short flights and tail, good front, very typical, wins; 2, Holden and Todd, very shapely, neat head and neck, clean cut away, nice col. and quality, not quite the substance of winner; 3, McFarlane, thigh tkd., nice size, good col. and quality, grand chest, well-carried wings; 4, McGuinness, we could not find; vhc, Smith; hc, Cowling; c, Chaplow. BUFF (20): 1, sp, Crawhall, good size and col., nice quality, rare head and neck, catalogued at two guineas, quickly claimed; 2, Smith, good type, rare body substance, nice col. and quality, good head and neck; 3, Telfer, nice size and col., fine quality; 4, Cowling, typical good col. and quality, nice head and neck, loses in wing carriage; vhc, Blaylock; hc, Grey; c, Robson. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, sp, Harland, "Queen of Queens," Newcastle winner, short thick-set bird, beautiful head and neck, grand deep, broad chest, good quality of feather, shortest of flights and tail, one of the best hens we have seen, a beauty; 2, McKay, another grand hen, good head and neck, nice col. and quality, short wings and tail, not quite the substance of winner; 3, A. Grey, grand shape, nice head and neck, good front, nice col. and quality, loses in wing carriage; 4, Clark, good shape, nice head and neck, good col. and quality, trifle longer in flights and tail; vhc, Cowling; hc, Vallans; c, Johnson. BUFF (11): 1, sp, 2, A. Grey, grand shape and substance, rare head and neck, good col. and quality, short flights and tail, wins; 2nd, rare shape, grand head, short wings and tail, beautiful quality of feather, not so full in neck; 3, McKay, variegated, shade smaller, nice head and neck, well-carried wings and tail, too open in feather to-day; 4, Holden and Todd, short body, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail, some preferred to 3rd; vhc, Johnson; hc, Harland; c, Smith. NAT. COL. (11): 1, sp, Smith, cl. yell., nice type and size, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, wings and tail; 2, Tingate, variegated, yell., grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, but too long; 3, Richardson, variegated, buff, nice type, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, could have been 2nd; 4, Brown, grand col., nice quality, good head and neck; vhc, Dowson; hc, Farrell; c, Blaylock. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Walsh, rare length, beautifully tapered, hot col., nice quality, well up on legs, grand wings and tail; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, fine slim bird, stands well on good legs, rare wings and tail, hot col., nice quality, neat head, not quite the length of winner; 3, Woodhead, good length, neat, round head, nice flights and tail, not so slim as those above it; 4, Kent, nice style, good position, good length; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, c, Crawhall. BUFF (20):: 1, Crawhall, grand length, correct position, nice col., neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, finely drawn; 2, sp, vhc, Carr, beautiful type, rare length, very neat head, good legs, not quite so slim; 3, Cuthbertson, head tk., grand length, good position, finely drawn, nice wings and tail, good col., hardly so neat in head; 4, Halliday and Chittenden, grand style, good col. and quality, stands well, not so long as those above it; hc, Wilson; c, Dixon. HEN YELL. (7): 1, sp, Cuthbertson, griz. head, beautiful shape, well tapered away, rare wings and tail, good col. and quality, very erect; 2, Davison, grand length, fine col. and quality, nice head, very neat, crosses wings slightly; 3, Carr, longer than 2nd, grand col., good wings and tail, rather stonter in body; 4, Wilson, good length, neat head and neck, nice flights and tail, not quite so erect on perch; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Johnson; c, Dr. Morrison. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Cuthbertson, magnificent shape, sweetly drawn away, gets well up on a pair of grand legs, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, beautiful shape, finely tapered, grand wings and tail, neat head, good col. and quality, not quite so high on legs; 3, Stewart, tkd. left wing, neat head, good length, well drawn, nice flights and tail; 4, Brown, rare length, good flights and tail, nice position, paler in col.; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Carr; c, Thompson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Stewart, cl., beautiful shape, grand length, rare flights and tail, neat head and neck, very slim body, well drawn, nice col. and quality; 2, sp, hc, Cuthbertson, stouter, good col. and quanty, fine length, nice wings and tail, neat head and neck, 3, Crawhall, we could not find; 4, Wilson, tkd. on left wing, good length, rare quality, nice position; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Johnson. BUFF (18): 1, sp, Stewart, fine length, very slim, finely tapered, rare shape, good head and neck, gets well up; 2, Atkinson, not so warm in col., nice shape, long and slim, neat, round head, well-carried wings and tails; 3, Davison, good col. and quality, not quite so long, very neat shape, good head and neck; 4, Walsh, rare length, good wings and tail, long and slim, correct head; vhc, Cuthbertsen; hc, Ellwood; c, Carr. HEN (17): 1, sp, Walsh, yell., tkd. on neck, beautiful shape, rare col. and quality, grandly tapered away, rare flights and tail, stands very erect on splendid legs; 2, Tweedie, buff, good length, nice col., good flights and tail, grand position; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, yell., not so hot in col., rare length, grandly drawn away, well braced wings, very neat head and neck; 4, Davison, yell, nice length, not quite so slim, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Mather; c, Crawhall.—NOVICE, YELL. (24): 1, Mather, rare col. and quality, good length, finely drawn, nice flights and tail, neat head and neck; 2, sp, 3, Johnson, nice length, grand shape, neat head and neck, well braced wings, nice tail, not so hot in col.; 3, eye and wing mkd., grand length, well drawn away, hot col.; 4, Davison, nice length, rather stouter in body, neat head and neck, good flights and tail; vhc, Pryde; hc, Parker; c, Leck. BUFF (20): 1, sp, N.Y.C.C. cup and medal, best Yorkshire, Butler, rare length, beautiful shape, best of flights, nice pipe tail, gets well up on legs, splendid position, very neat head and neck; 2, Tindale, nice length, well-carried wings and tail, neat head, good neck, nice position; 3, Cockburn, eye and wing mkd., rather paler in col., fine length, good wings and tail, very neat head, gets well up; 4, hc, Mather, head and wing mkd., rather stouter in body than those above it, good col. and quality, nice wings, good head, nice position; vhc, Atkinson; c, Cowman.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

DARK CREST BUFF (4): 1, Armstrong, well-known "King of Kings," magnificent crest, looking better than ever, needs no comment; 2, sp, 3, Currah and Son, another beauty, not the size of winner, but of grand formation and droop, very neat centre; 3, another good one, variegated, grand crest of good size and radiation, nice quality, not so neat in centre; 4, Scott, smaller crest, nice shape, good droop, neat centre. CREST HEN (7): 1, sp, 2, Dobson and Son, variegated, dark Crest, great size, grand shape, beautiful radiation and droop, neat centre; 2, wing mkd., D.C., good shape, nicely drooped, good quality of feather, rather shorter in frontal crest than winner; 3, Scott, D., nearly green, nice shaped crest, radiating from a very neat centre; 4, Armstrong, wing mkd. D.C., of good size and shape, grand droop; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hands; c, Younger Bros. CREST, 1909 (5): 1, T. Taylor, foul tail green, "Emperor," Crest of great size, Newcastle Bowl winner, was looking very ill when we saw it; 2, sp, 4, Dobson and Son, wing mkd. D.C., grand shape, good radiation neat centre, in grand condition; 4, variegated D.C., good size and shape, nice quality; 3, Currah and Son, wing mkd., grand crest, beautiful droop and radiation, nice size; vhc, Gray. CREST A.O.V. (4): 1, Armstrong, cl. body, grey crest, grand size and shape, nice leafy feather, beautiful radiation and droop, would answer as a model; 2, sp, 3, Hands, very neat crest, nice shape and feather, good droop, neat centre; 3, griz. crest, good size and shape, nice radiation and droop, slightly broken on one side; 4, Clark, another grey crest, nice size and droop same fault as 3rd. CREST-BRED CK. (9): 1, sp, hc, J. Taylor, wing mkd., grand skull, well lashed, plenty of good leafy feather, nice rise and entrauce; 2, D. Scott, great size, well lashed, good width of skull, not so good in rise; 3, T. Taylor, had been taken home through illness, we heard; 4, vhc, J. G. Hutchinson, variegated, good skull, nice rise, not quite so wide in entrance; c, W. Scott. HEN (6): 1, Bewick, well-known "Duchess," great size, grand skull and feather; 2, sp, 4, T. Taylor, foul tail green, good size and width of skull, heavily clothed; 4, grand skull, nice size, rare rise and entrance; 3, J. Taylor, variegated, grand width of skull, well lashed; vhc, J. Gray; hc, Younger Bros. CREST-BRED (1909) (10): 1, A. Widdowfield, light tail green, good skull, grand turnover, nice quality of feather, fine rise and entrance; 2, Dobson and Son, variegated, good width of skull, well lashed, nice quality; 3, sp, 4, Currah and Son, variegated, grand size, fine wide skull, plenty of good feather, we liked; 4, another variegated, nice wide entrance, good lash, scarcely so high in front of skull; vhc, c, Almond; hc, T. Taylor. PAIRS (6): 1, R. Armstrong, foul tail green Crest, good size and shape, grand quality, and variegated. Crest-bred, grand skull, good width, heavily clothed with fine leafy feather; 2, Bewick, foul tail green Crest, rare size, good droop and radiation, and nice C.-B., good rise; 3, T. Taylor, variegated, very neat Crest of fine shape, and foul green C.-B., wide entrance, good lash; 4, Dobson and Son, grand green Crest of fine size and formation, and variegated C.-B., nice rising skull; vhc, Almond; hc, Younger Bros. BORD. YELL. (13): 1, sp, Thos. Walker, sweetly moulded, grand colour and quality, well carried wings and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Hawkins, rare col. and quality, grand shape, good wings and tail; 3, French, another grand shaped Bord., beautiful feather and condition, a trifle flat on head; 4, Dixon, shorter stamp of bird, very neat, good col. and quality, neat head and neck, nice feather; vhc, Younger Bros.; hc, J. Armstrong; c, Thornley. BUFF (13): 1, sp, Pennington, model for shape, grand col. and quality, good wings and tail, feather like wax; 2, Lindsay, uneven mkd., grand shape, nice quality, good head and neck, not quite so rich in colour; 3, Ellwood, very shapely, nice col. and quality; 4, Johnson, variegated, shapely, good wings and tail, nice head, fails a little in quality; vhc, Currah and Son; hc, Hawkins; c, Thos. Walker. HEN (13): 1, Hawkins, buff, real model, grand shape, beautiful quality, grand head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Johnson, yell. green, grand shape, splendid quality and col., very neat in wings and tail, nice head and neck; 3, sp, vhc, Graham, Cinn. mkd. yell, beautiful shape, grand feather, wings and tail, neat head and neck; hc, Currah and Son; c, Thos. Walker. A.O.V. (5): 1, French, Cinn., nice size and col., 2, 3, sp, Harvey, both Scots Fancy; 2, good drive and reach, plenty of nerve, 3rd, nice position and style; 4, Bennet, foul tail green Yorks., good length, nice wings and tail, we thought should have been wrong classed; vhc, Craig. PAIRS A.O.V. (12): 1, sp, 3, A. Grey; 2, Jobling; 4, R. Brown; vhc, Seely Bros.; hc, French; c, J. Reed. SELL. PAIRS (30/-) (7):1, sp, J. Hands; 2, Dobson and Son; 3, J. G. Hutchinson; 4, J. Tyson; vhc, W. Curry; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Thos. Hall. SINGLE (20s.) (11): 1, sp, Oliver Gray; 2, Thos. Taylor; 3, J. G. Hutchinson; 4, N. Telfer; vhc, W. Davidson; hc, McFarlane; c, R. Armstrong. DITTO (15/-) (12): 1, sp, Thos. Fletcher; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Currah and Son; 4, Mrs. Woodhouse; vhc, Holden and Todd; hc, Oliver Gray; c, Dobson and Son. DITTO (10/-) (19): 1, W. Bousfield; 2, sp, 3, Jos. Bean; 4, G. Taylor; vhc, Bertram and Storey; hc, C. Vallans; e, J. Jobling. DITTO (7/6) (20): 1, sp, C. Vallans; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Bertram and Storey; 4, Jas. Carr; vhc, G. Taylor; hc, Dobson and Son; c, Ray and Cranston. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Maddison, Goldfinch-Can., tkd. right wing, nice size, grand shape, rare col. and quality, grand condition; 2, Greenie-Bullie, nice size, shows parentage of both birds distinctly, grand shape, good col. and quality, lovely condition; 3, lightly tkd. Linnet-Can., grand shape, nice size, rather pale in col.; 4, Graham, nice shape, good col. and quality, grand condition, well staged. DARK (12): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Maddison, yell. Linnet-Can., grand shape, rare col., beautiful polish, put down in grand condition; 2, Graham, Linnet-Can., nice col., grand shape and condition, not so large as winner; 3, J. Grieve, Goldie-Can., nice size, nice blaze, good col., grand condition; 4, Jas. Johnson, Siskin-Can., good size and shape, nice col., put down in good style; c, Roy Stone. "Wrong Class": A. Gillfillan and J. W. Dixon. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Bertram and Storey, medium size, grand blaze of a deep, rich col., nice shape, good wings, very steady; 2, sp, 3, Jas. Maddison, larger blaze, not so rich in col., nice size, grand col., beautiful condition; 3, not so clean cut in blaze, good size, nice wings, extra condition; 4, Geo. Taylor, round blaze, good col., nice wings, lovely condition; vhc, Thompson; hc, Jones; c, Curry and Gardner. BULLFINCH (11): 1, sp, W. Woods, beauty, grand body col., nice size, dense black cap, clean cut, grand back and wings, good condition; 2, Bruce, another good Bullie, nice size, grand shape and condition, good cap, not quite so rich in body col.; 3, Bertram and Storey, nice size, good shape, rare col., not quite so clean cut in cap; 4, Stamp, rare size, good col.; vhc, Davidson; hc, Curry and Gardner; c, J. Foster. GREENFINCH (8): 1, sp, Maddison, grand shape and size, rare col. and polish, good wings, staged in the best of condition; 2, Armstrong and Tomlinson, rare size and shape, good thick head, not so rich in under-col.; 3, McVay, another good one, grand size and shape, fine condition, beaten in col.; 4, Winter, nice col. and shape; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Cairns and Archbold; c, Ellwood. A.O.V. FINCH (16): 1, sp, 3, Steel, Bramblefinch, nice size, grand spangle, good col., well staged, very steady; 2, Shepherd and Son, Corn Bunting, nice size, good mrkgs., grand condition and feather, very steady; 3, Steel, Chaffinch, good size, nice col. and wing bars, fine condition; 4, Yellowhammer, good size and col., fails in head mrkgs.; vhc, McVay; hc, Bertram and Storey; c, Stewart. LINNET (12): 1, sp, 3, H. Dunn, good size, grand shape, rich col., grandly pencilled throughout; 3, nice size, good mrkgs. and col., runs a little light on breast; 2, Shepherd and Son, nice size and shape, well pencilled, good wings, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Stamp, good col. and mrkgs., nice size; vhc, Maddison; hc, McGuinness; c, Dixon. SOFTBILL (9): 1, sp, vhc, J. Foster, Grey Wagtail, grand condition and feather, staged to perfection; 2, McVay, Tree Pipit, nice mrkgs. and col., beautiful condition, charming exhibit; 3, Shepherd and Son, Redwing, nice size, good col., nice mrkgs., best of coudition; 4, c, S. L. Cocks, we could not find; hc, Bates Bros. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, Porteous, King Parrot, beautiful feather and condition, lovely exhibit; 2, sp, 3, McKenzie, Pennant's Parrakeets, grand plumage, beautiful condition; 3, Cockatiel, lovely condition and feather, well put down; 4, Dowscy, Amazon, grand exhibit, shown in fine condition. SMALL (8): 1, Thos. Taylor, Tricolour Tanager, superb condition, lovely plumage, staged to perfection; 2, sp, 3, Porteous, Parrot Finch, nice plumage, very taking exhibit; 3, Pintail Nonpariel, rare condition, grand plumage, well staged; 4, c, Petterson, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, grand condition, perfect plumage, put down in fine stylc; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Clark. HYDES (6): 1, sp, W. Scott; 2, Clark; 3, c, John Tyson; vhc, Clark; hc, Hands. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (10): 1, sp, 3, McGuinness; 2, Johnson; 4, Blaylock; 2, McGuinness; 3, Brown; 4, Bean; vhc, hc, Johnson; c, Crass. HEN (16): 1, sp, 2, John Tyson; 3, Vallans; 4, Johnson; vhc, c, Fletcher; hc, Brown. NAT. COL. (7): 1, sp, Brown; 2, Jas. Crass; 3, Jos. Clark; 4, Blaylock; vhc, Havver; hc, Tyson; c, J. H. Crass. CREST CK. (5): 1, sp, 2, John Tyson; 3, Hands; 4, Crass; vhc, Blaylock. HEN (5): 1, John Hands; 2, John Tyson; 3, sp, 4, J. H. Crass; absent, George Graham. CREST-BRED CK. (8): 1, sp, 2, Blaylock; 3, vhc, Routledge; 4, hc, John Tyson; c, Jos. Clark. HEN (5): 1, sp, Thos. Brown; 2, John Tyson; 3, Routledge; 4, Crass; vhc, E. Clark. YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, sp, 2, vhc, John Davison; 3, 4, Jas. Carr; hc, Cowman; c, Jos. A. Carr. BUFF (9): 1, sp, 3, John Davison; 2, Ellwood; 4, Cowman; vhc, hc, c, Jos. A. Carr; wrong class, J. Johnson. HEN (8): 1, John Davison; 2, sp, vhc, Ellwood; 3, James Carr; 4, J. Robson; hc, c, Cowman. BORD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, sp, James Carr; 2, Ellwood; 3, Heathic; 4, Scott; vhc, Lindsay. BUFF (4): 1, Lindsay; 2, sp, 3, Ellwood; 4, Scott. HEN (3): 1, sp, Harrison Scott; 2, Heathic; 3, Lindsay; 4, Jos. Carr; vhc, hc, c, Ellwood. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, Clark; 2, Hands. MULE (4): 1, sp, Maddison; 2, Fletcher; 3, Crass; wrong class, E. Clark. GOLD. OR BULL. (3): 1, sp, 2, Maddison; 3, Clark. A.O.V. FINCH (7): 1, Maddison; 2, vhc, c, Clark; 3, Ellwood; 4, Robson; hc, Hands. LINNET (8): 1, sp, vhc, Maddison; 2, McGuinness; 3, Clark; 4, c, Hands; hc, Reed. CREST OR C.-B. (AMATEUR) (3): 1, W. Bousfield; 2 sp, 3, E. Clark. NOR. (AMAT.) (7): 1, Leck; 2, sp, 3, R. Brown; 4, Havver; vhc, Reed; hc, Jos. Carr; c, E. Clark. A.O.V. AMAT. (5): 1, sp, 2, Leck; 3, Jos. Carr; 4, vhc, J. Johnson. GIFT (15): 1, Vallans; 2, vhc, Dobson and Son; 3, Blaylock; 4, Carr; hc, Havver; c, Davison.

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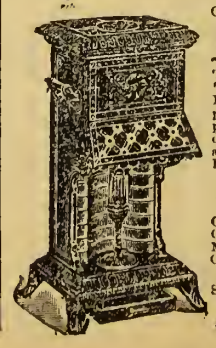
This popular Essex fixture was held in the Corn Exchange, a most suitable building, on Nov. 6th. A capital entry had been received, and the quality generally was splendid, especially so in Crests, the two 1909 classes, and the British and Foreign sections. The special for the best bird in the show was taken by Mr. Broad's very handsome even-marked Crest, whilst the members' challenge cup fell to the same gentleman's variegated Crest in the radius section. The birds were nicely staged, and all their needs attended to by a capital set of stewards. Mr. Hannable, the Hon. Sec., is a most indefatigable worker, and he had everything in good order, and the show worked without a hitch of any kind. The day was fine, and there was a capital attendance of the public, so we hope to hear that the fixture was a financial success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (4): 1, C. E. Rippon, very handsome yell., grand shape, col., and quality; 2, withheld; 3, E. J. Rippon, very typical, rare quality, yell., of good col., not yet ready; res, Oulten; 7s8, Oulten, very soft when judged. CREST (4): 1, spl., best in show, 3, Broad, magnificent even mkd., rare shape and droop, very densely feathered, and a nice front Green; res., Mrs Rippon; hc, Lewis. BRED 1909 (9): 1, spl., E. J. Rippon, grand shaped yell. Nor., very sound and rich in col., beautiful quality of feather; 2, Broad, very nice shaped Crest, well drooped, rough in body feather; 3, vhc, Baker, very stylish, nice shaped, nervy Belgian; res., Lewis; hc, C. E. Rippon. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, res., hc, Row; 1, Red-headed Gouldian; 2nd pair of Orange-cheeked Waxbills; 3rd Ribbon Finch, a nice little lot, all in the best of form. TWENTY MILES' SECTION: NOR. (8): 1, 3, srl., Oulton, grand shaped, rich col., high quality yells., the latter a trifle open in front; 2, E. J. Rippon, very neat buff, capital col and mcal, wants a trifle more head and would then be a gem; res., C. E. Rippon; vhc, Witton; hc, c, Claydon. YORKS (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Strutt, very close-feathered stylish buff, and a long racy yell., but hardly so nicely shaped; 3, res., c, Lucking, good long, shapely, stylish yell., not tightened up yet. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, challenge cup, Broad, very smart, shapely, good quality, variegated Crest, and a nice cl. C.-B.; res., vhc, hc, Cathcart. BRED 1909 (13): 1, sp, vhc, Culten, tkd. necked yell. Nor., a charming bird, full of quality and col., rare head and chest, claimed at catalogue price of £5, and cheap, too; 2, Claydon, another high quality, nice coloured yell., not so chubby; 3, E. J. Rippon, again a yell. Nor. of capital shape and feather, paler in col.; res., Matlock; hc, Collicott; c, Strutt. SELL. (20/-) (10): 1, Claydon; 2, Rippon; 3, Collicott; res., Monk; vhc, Sayward; hc, Wicker; c, Oulten. (10/-) (8): 1, Claydon; 2, Monk; 3, c, Collicott; res., Broad; vhc Strutt; hc, Wicker. NOVICE (4): 1, withheld; 2, spl., Rogers, nice shaped, stylish tkd. wing yell. Yorks; 3, Gillam, shapely dark buff Mule; res., Usher; vhc, Miss Cumming. MULES (12): 1, Brown, very nice four-pointed buff, neatly mkd., grand feather; 2, Lawrence, very high quality, dark jonque, capital shape and col.; 3, Row, Goldie-Greenfinch, capital shape and feather; res., Rudkin; vhc, Cutlaw; hc, Monk; c, Clayden. BRIT GOLD (10): 1, Sayward, very rich bright col., grandly mkd., and in good trim; 2, Claydon, fine big blaze, not so much col.; 3, Richell, grand bird, but awfully wild, not ready; res., Row; vhc, Cathcart; hc, Barebum; c, Lewis. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl., Bailey, very handsome Magpie, splendid col. and marking; 2, hc, c, Sayward, large, shapely, grandly mkd. mealy Redpoll; 3, res., Laurence, Bullie and Greenie, two very handsome birds of grand feather and col; vhc, Row. FOR. (12): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, spl., Row, 1st very handsome pair of Parrot Finches, lovely col., marking, and feather, 2nd Long-tailed Grassfinches, shown in perfect feather, grandly mkd., 3rd grand pair of Black-headed Gouldians, res. very pretty Parson Finch, a grand team and all in rare form, except the Superb Tanager, which was vhc.

SHIPLEY O.S.

First winter members' show held at Prince of Wales Hotel, on November 2nd, 110 birds being staged, amongst which were some A1 birds. Mr. J. B. Holroyd adjudicated and gave general satisfaction. Messrs. H. H. Towers and J. B. Martin tied for most points with 17 each, whilst Mr. A. Tillotson won special for best bird in novice classes, and also most points in novice classes. OPEN SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, c, Towers; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Long. BUFF: 1, c, Martin; 2, Towers; 3, Batty; vhc, Long; hc, Bradshaw. UNEV. MKD.: 1, Dobson; 2, Crossland; 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Towers. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Dobson; 2, vhc, H. Martin; 3, J. B. Martin; hc, Fieldhouse; c, Bradshaw. BUFF: 1, Bradshaw; 2, hc, Long; 3, Crossland; vhc, c, H. Martin. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, J. B. Martin; 2, H. Martin; 3, Crossland; hc, Batty; c, Towers. BUFF: 1, H. Martin; 2, Long; 3, Batty; vhc, Towers; hc, Crossland; c, Dobson. UNEV. MKD.: 1, Brown and Son; 2, Batty. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Brown and Son; 2, Padgett; 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, Dobson. HEN: 1, Towers; 2, c, Grange; 3, Padgett; vhc, Dobson; hc, Hudson. FOUL MKD. GREEN, ETC. (more dark than light): 1, Armstead; 2, Grange; 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, Cooper. BRIT. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Dobson; 2, Collins. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Tillotson; 3, Pearson; vhc, Parker; hc, Cooper; c, Briggs. HEN: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Leighton; vhc, Briggs; hc, Tillotson; c, Brown and Son. SELL. CK. (15/-): 1, Batty; 2, Crossland; 3, Grange; vhc, Fieldhouse. HEN (10/-): 1, Crossland; 2, Hudson; 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, Grange; hc, Robinson; c, Dobson.—J. ROBINSON, Assist. Sec.

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BRADFORD WEST.

Bradford West C.B.A. annual open show took place in the Whetley Lane Schools, Girlington, Bradford, on November 6th, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., N.O.M.Y.C.C. and the leading gentry of the district. Mr. W. Mundell was the official judge of the Y.U., and placed all the awards in open Yorkshires and the Yorkshire classes of the Y.U. novice section, Mr. Beswick, of Stockport, assisting by taking all the open Norwich classes, novice Norwich classes, the C.M.Y.C.C. novice classes, selling and stock bird classes. The awards of both gentlemen met with general approval. A liberal classification had been provided, also a good list of specials, and the 30 classes attracted an entry of 500 birds from 173 exhibitors, an average of nearly 17 per class throughout. The management is in good hands, Mr. J. W. Telford, the secretary, being in charge, with Mr. S. Lister as assistant, and Messrs. Mail, Cowgill, Greaves, Crabtree, and Hammond amongst the committee of management. All birds were packed up and away in time to reach home on the Saturday night; this feat at a one day show, with 600 entries, reflects great credit on the management. Messrs. Ogden Bros put down a strong team, and secured special for most points throughout show, also that for most points in Yorkshire section. Messrs. Hartley and Grey were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively, and Messrs. J. Bailey and A. Cooper tied for fourth place. Messrs. Grey and Snowden each put down strong teams in the Norwich section, and secured a fair share of the spoil, being closely followed by Messrs. Waters and Haigh and Son. In Cinnamon marked novice classes Mr. Richmond scored very heavy, securing just half of the prizes, truly a remarkable performance for a recruit to the fancy. Special for most points in Y.U. novice classes was secured by Mr. J. Naylor, who put down some good Norwich, the second and third place to be divided between Messrs. Craven, Greenwood and Dinsdale. As usual, there was a large crowd at the show during the afternoon, the room being taxed to its utmost capacity.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (15): 1, Ambler, fine blaze of col. boxy feather, neat head, full of breed, well up on leg, well braced wing and tail; 2, Broughton, typical, good head, long flights and tail, full of quality; 3, White, stylish, sound col., piped tail, long flights; 4, Hartley, very typical; vhc, Wilson; hc, Cruise; c, Bailey. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Thornton and Bower, 1st, lovely col., grand position, well braced wings and tail, good head, teeming with quality, 2nd, very breedy, long flights and tail, boxy feather; 3, Murgatroyd, boxy feather, typical, good head, well braced wings and tail; 4, Wilson, very typical, full of quality, good head; vhc, Lowers; hc, Bailey; c, Ambler. TKD. YELL. (13): 1, Bailey, blaze of col. throughout, boxy feather, grand position, lovely wings and tail; 2, Cruise, cheek tic, boxy feather, good head, wings and tail; 3, Ogden Bros., very stylish, pale col., well braced wings and tail; 4, Wood, eye mkd., rich col., boxy feather, nice type, good head; vhc, Bray; hc, Cowgill; c, Walsh. BUFF (10): 1, Ambler, breast mkd., lovely feather, well braced wings and tail, well up on leg, grand position; 2, Bailey, eye tic, lovely quality, straight as a gun barrel, neat head; 3, Wilson, typical, good head, compact wings and tail; 4, Ross, wing tic, boxy feather, good head, piped tail; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Wilcock; c, Radley. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, c, Charlesworth, 1st cheek tic, long upstanding bird, teeming with quality, good head, well braced wings and piped tail; 2, Chippendale, neat head, full of quality, well braced wings, piped tail, grand position, close race for 1st; 3, hc, Hartley, stylish, good head, wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Dewhirst, very typical, good head, boxy feather; vhc, Graham. BUFF (19): 1, Armstrong, typical, good head, nice quality of feather, well braced wings, long piped tail, should make up into a fine bird another year; 2, Cowgill, blaze of col. and quality, well on leg, neat head, good wings and tail; 3, Hartley, wing tic, typical, full of quality, long flights and tail; 4, Charlesworth, tkd. head, boxy feather, grand position, well packed wings and tail; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, White; c, Ogden Bros. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (23): 1, Hill, lovely quality, beautiful round head, cl. on breast, grand wing carriage, piped tail, position A1; 2, Bailey, rich col., boxy feather, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 3, Ambler, wing tkd., boxy feather, long flights and tail, good one; 4, Shackleton, rich col., boxy feather, good head; vhc, Hartley; hc, Broughton; c, Ross. BUFF (22): 1, 2, Shackleton, two lovely ladies, 1st good head, lovely boxy feather, grand position, well braced wings, long piped tail; 2, blaze of col., silky feather, good head, wings and tail, nice type; 3, Wilson, cap and wing tic, position A1, lovely quality, 4, Radley, very stylish, boxy feathers, well braced wings; vhc, Chippendale; hc, Wood; c, Cowgill. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, Ogden Bros., eye, wings, and tail, rich col., grand position, straight as a rush, clinking stud bird; 2, Thornton and Bower, eye and wing, lovely quality, rich col., very stylish, good head, wings and tail; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, brimful of quality, eye and wings mkd., position A1; 4, Self, tic on head and wing, typical, rich col.; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Ambler. BUFF (17): 1, Dyson, eye and wing, boxy feather, good head, long flights and tail, position A1; 2, Cooper, eye and wing, rich col., full of quality, grand wing carriage, well up on leg, close tail; 3, Clegg, cap and wing mk., pale col., long flights and tail, very stylish; 4, Price, cheek, eye and wings, full of quality, typical; vhc, hc, Smith; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Mitchell, eye and wing mk., teeming with quality, grand col., good head, clean on breast, nice position, very steady; 2, Shackleton, eye and wing, boxy feather, good head, typical; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, eye and wing, full of quality, neat head, well braced wings, grand position; 4, Lingley, cap, eye and wing mkd., typical, lovely col.; vhc, Drake, hc, Walsh; c, Briggs. BUFF (11): 1, Lane, slightly tkd., lovely quality, good head, grand wing carriage, position, neat tail; 2, Bailey, eye and wing, lovely quality and position, neat round head, wings and tail; 3, hc, Ogden Bros, 3rd, eye and wing, full of quality, very stylish, good wing carriage; 4, Widdop, slightly mkd., lovely quality; vhc, Mason; c, Wilcock. CINN. TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Mason, eye and wing, lovely quality, rich col., well up on leg, long flights and tail, position A1, very steady, well put down; 2, Ogden Bros, eye mkd., lovely quality and col., nice type, good head; 3, Smith, tkd., typical, good head, full of quality; 4, Wilcock, cap, rich col., well up on leg, nice type, good flights and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, c, Cooper. BUFF (9): 1, c, Ogden Bros., eye and wing, rich col., full of quality, grand position, shade stout, good wing and tail; 2, 4, Cooper, 2nd, eye and wing, full of quality, good head, long flights and tail; 4, eye and wing, boxy feather, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Bentley, eye and wing, good head, typical, rich col.; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Towers. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Mason, eye and wing, lovely position, teeming with quality, rich col, pair of grand wings, piped tail, good one; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, wing mkd., boxy feather, grand wings and tail, position A1; 3, Wright and Son, wing mk., full of quality and position, neat head, grand wing carriage; 4, Towers, eye, wing and head, rich col., plenty of leg, full of quality; vhc, Jowett; hc, Dewhirst; c, Halliday and Chittenden. BUFF (16): 1, Mason, eye and wing, position A1, lovely quality of feather, neat head, clean on breast, well braced wings and tail; 2, vhc, Cooper, eye and wing, rich col., quality, position, good head, nice piped tail; 3, Bentley, eye and wing, lovely feather, position, long flights and tail; 4, Grange, very wild, nice quality, long flights and tail; hc, Wood; c, Sutcliffe and Son. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (31): 1, Clark, typical, boxy feather, good round head, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Self, full of quality, well up on leg, grand head, very stylish; 3, Priestley, well up on leg, good wings and tail, full of quality; 4, (no name) good position and feather, long flights and tail, breedy; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Bates; c, Watson. BUFF (42): 1, c, Dinsdale, 1st full of quality, rich col., typical, well up on leg; 2, Moore, stylish, boxy feather, long flight and tail, good head; 3, Craven, very typical, nice wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Herd and Simpson, long flights and tail, rich col., boxy feather; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Stubbs, many good birds left out of cards that will be heard of later. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN OR CINN. (17): 1, Whitwham, full of quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail; 2, Craven, boxy feather, long flights and tail, rich col.; 3, Thomas, nice type and quality, well up on leg; 4, Haigh, boxy feather, long flights and tail; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Ellis Bros.; c, Holroyd Bros. YELL. HEN (26): 1, Firth, lovely quality, rich col., well up on leg, grand position; 2, hc, W. Firth, typical, boxy feather, good head, nice wings and tail; 3, Statley, full of quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Shepherd, typical, good head, full of quality; vhc, Dinsdale; c, Casey. BUFF (13): 1, Greenwood, boxy feather, rich col., well on leg, long flights and tail; 2, Whitley, neat head, position, full of quality, well up on leg; 3, Holroyd Bros., boxy feather, well up on leg, very stylish; 4, Thomas, full of quality, long flights; vhc, F. Firth; hc, Jebson; c, Witham. HEN (13): 1, Crabtree, tic buff, lovely quality, true to type, grand wings and tail; 2, Smith, well up on leg, good flights and tail; 3, Fergusson, well up on leg, good head, wings and tail; 4, Greenwood, boxy feather, neat head, piped tail, rich col.; vhc, Fowle; hc, Casey; c, Worsman.

Mr. Beswick's Classes.

YKS. STOCK BIRD (above 6¼in. limit, £6) (13): 1, spl, Drake, grand buff, well up in position, good shape and nice quality; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, yell., grand length, stim, very leggy, lovely back and wings; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, grand shape, full of quality; 4, Walsh, yell., grand colour and quality, good length; vhc, Cruise; hc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; c, Briggs. YELL. NOR. (13): 1, Waters, grand head, lovely quality and colour, takes Ramsden's special for best fed bird; 2, Wilcock, grand cobby body, rattling chest, rich col., quality; 3, hc, Snowden, good bodied bird, smart in quality and col.; 4, Moorhouse, good size, chesty, plenty of col. and rich in feather; vhc, Craven; c, Mennard. BUFF (23): Grand class, 1, Snowden, marvellous size and substance, grand head and neck, lovely col., very mealy, extra smart; 2, hc, spl., Waters, massive head, nice substance, very rich quality and col.; 3, Humphries, good size, chesty, well up in col. and quality; 4, Grey, cobby bird, good col. and quality; vhc, Pickering and Wright; c, Foxall. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Snowden, very cobby build, good substance and chest, neat wings and tail, all there for quality and col.; 2, c, Grey, grand size and shape, nice level col., fine feather; 3, Wilcock, very good head, plenty of size and substance in body, smart feather; 4, Moorhouse, good cobby bird, very neat quality; vhc, Craven; hc, Hammond. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, grand size and substance, very compact, with the carriage we like to see in Nor., marvellous quality, full of col., beautifully frosted; 2, Pickering and Wright, another good one, very cobby, correct type, rich col. and quality; 3, Waters, good head and neck, grand quality and col.; 4, Bagnall, grand shape and substance, nice quality and col.; vhc, Grey; hc, Lloyd; c, Snowden. UNFL. YELL. (10): 1, Waters, clinking shape, extra good quality and col., good bird; 2, c, Grey, variegated, very broad set, grand chest, lovely quality; 3, 4, spl, Humphries, 3rd very cobby shape, grand col., and quality, 4th, neat type, nice quality; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Wilcock. BUFF: 1, hc, spl, Haigh and Son, grand shape, lovely substance, extra grand quality and col., very compact, neat carriage and wings and tail; 2, Snowden, marvellous quality and col., very typical, nice size, smart; 3, c, Greenwood and Pickles, grand shape, rich col. and quality; 4, vhc, Grey, variegated, very short and cobby, grand substance, nice quality and col. SELL. YELL. (15/-) (15): 1, spl, Hartley; 2, Laycock; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Jebson; vcc, Hodgson; hc, Mail; c, Wallhank. BUFF: 1, spl, Greenwood and Pickles; 2, Mountain; 3, Foxall; 4, Bentley; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Pratt; c, Helliwell. HEN (12/6) (17): 1, spl, Mail; 2, Hartley; 3, Parkes; 4, Pickering and Wright; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Ellis; c, Tetley. CIN., TIC., ETC., NOVICE (13): 1, 2, 4, spl, Richmond, grand trio, leader yell., slim, lovely type and style, plenty of leg, very smart feather; 2, buff, extra type, very straight, grand position, full of quality and col., 4th buff, good shape, leggy, plenty of col. and quality; 3, vhc, Clegg, yell., slim, shapely bird, leggy, rich quality; hc, Watson; c, Simonett. HEN (16): 1, Tillotson, buff, grand shape and position, lovely quality and col., smart lady; 2, hc, spl, Gelder, yell., good shape, stands well, good quality and col.; 3, Richmond, buff, very typical, full of col., grand back; 4, Lumb, yell, good shape and position, nice shoulders, lovely quality; vhc, Grayshon; c, Clegg. NOR. CK., NOVICE (16): 1, spl, Ball, buff, grand size and substance, very rich col. and quality, looking well; 2, Plowright, yell., very cobby, plenty of col., rich quality; 3, Maltby, buff, fine size and substance, all there for quality and col.; 4, c, Naylor, yell., grand head, plenty of substance, full of col.; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Birkbeck. HEN (15): 1, Sykes, buff, grand size and substance, good head, nice quality and col.; 2, 3, spl, Naylor, 2nd yell., grand type, very compact, nice head, very smooth in feather and nice col., 3rd, bouncing buff, short, cobby, good quality and col.; 4, Horsfield, very chesty; vhc, Plowright; hc, Birbeck; c, Thomas.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' Show, held October 30th, at Victoria Hotel. Mr. E. B. Denton judged, and gave satisfaction. There was a good entry, and the birds were of the highest quality.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Hutton; 4, Whittaker. BUFF: 1, Hutton; 2, 4, Dykes; 3, Bryant. TICK YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Dykes; 2, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Shepherd; 2, 3, Dykes; 4, Bryant. UNEVEN MK. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, Skirrow; 3, Broomfield. BUFF: 1, Skirrow; 2, Whittaker. FOUL MK.: 1, 3, 4, Skirrow; 2, Shepherd. CL. ETC.: 1, Dykes; 2, Shepherd; 3, Hutton; 4, Firth. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Dykes; 4, Cooper. FOUL MK.: 1, Broomfield; 2, Skirrow; 3, Dykes; 4, Hutton. CIN. TICK: 1, Hutton; 2, Whittaker.—M. SKIRROW, Hon. Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

The Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S. held their 5th annual open show in the Temperance Hall, Dovecot Street, on November 6th. The entries totalled to close upon 500, a record for this society. Yorkshires, Norwich and Crests were the chief features of the Canary section, and here a magnificent lot of Yorkshires did duty for their respective owners. The Norwich were good, though not quite so numerous as the Yorkshires. Crests and C. B.'s were not over numerous, but were of good merit. The two classes for Hybrids contained very smart birds, the winning Goldfinch-Bullfinch being a very fine L.I.d, which secured special for best bird in show. The dark Canary Hybrid class was led by a magnificently conditioned yellow Greenfinch-Canary, which was quickly claimed at the catalogue price of two guineas. The British birds were very fine both in quantity and quality. The Softbills especially were magnificent, and the winning Thrush is one of the most stylish and perfect of specimens. The Foreigners also were in splendid trim. The members' open and members' novice classes contained some very good quality exhibits, and many appeared good enough for the open. No doubt, judging by the crowds which streamed in all the afternoon, the success of the show was assured. And success was quite deserved, for besides four money prizes (for a 1/- entry fee), specials in every class, and valuable extra specials over sections and through the show, were given. The management is in capable hands, with Mr. A. Barton, chairman, Mr. E. Freeman, vice chairman; committee:—Messrs. Nicholson (the old-time well-known hon. sec of Gateshead-on-Tyne), Yeates, Ducas, Marwood, Acheson, Angel, Johnson, Ingram, Bean, Elgey, Walker, Grigg, Calpin, Dawson, Saunders, Broadhead, Nelson, Winn, Shepherd, Tait, Summerhill, Peacock, Sowerby, Briscoe, and Coverdale, with Mr. J. W. Lowes as the indefatigable hon. sec and treasurer. We cannot omit to give especial praise to Mrs. Lowes, the wife of the hon. sec., who was by his side assisting him most assiduously. And he looked quite happy in the midst of his hard day's work. Mr. W. Nicholson also takes a great interest in this society. Messrs. H. W. Battye and Chas. Houlton judged, and their awards were on the whole very kindly received.

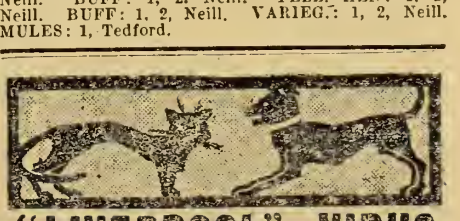
The Critique.

YORKS. CL. BUFF. (13): 1, Walker, wins Hyde's special, very smart typical upstanding bird, clean as a pencil, in the best of feather and condition; 2, Chew and Stokoe, grand shape and contour; 3, Richmond, magnificent quality, well up on leg; 4, Dykes, nat. col., good stand, in fine condition; vhc, Mealurn; hc, c, Cuthbertson. CL. YELL. (16): 1, Rand, very slim and stylish, well coned, clean through, good wings and tail; 2, Miss Rhodes, nice col., just gives way to first a little in type only; 3, Farnish, good head, nice quality and condition; 4, Dykes, fine unflig., A1 type and other Yorks. properties; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Richmond; c, Cuthbertson. TICK. (20): 1, Hodgson, yell. tkd. wings, lovely style, quality and carriage, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, wing tkd. buff, well up, long and slim, clean through, grand position and condition; 3, Watmough, wing tkd. yell., good col. and feather, fine stand; 4, Hurn, tkd. on shoulder, fine length, style and condition; vhc, Cook; hc, Dykes; c, Richmond. HENS (20): Grand lot; 1, 2, Richmond, grand pair, 1st buff, lengthy, fine shape and style, rare carriage, A1 condition, 2nd yell., well up on legs, neat head, grand condition; 3, Cuthbertson, buff, excellent type, quality and feather; 4, c, Miss Rhodes, wing-tkd. yell., fine wings and tail; vhc, Chesworth; hc, Chew and Stokoe. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Woodhead, grand buff, very finely drawn and neat all through; 2, tkd. yell., 3, wing-mkd. buff, Richmond, both grand birds, full size, good type, etc.; 4, Watford, cheek, etc., tkd., fine style and quality, yell.; vhc, Rand; hc, Dykes; c, Miss Rhodes. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Hesp, grand head and chest, fine carriage, shape, quality, and condition; 2, vhc, Hill and Stewart, grand chubby body, good head, fine all over; 3, Freeman, grand type, col. and feather; 4, Cleminson, beaten a wee bit in shape and quality; hc, Burdett; c, Sidgwick. BUFF (14): 1, 3, 4, Hill and Stewart, grand trio, all shown in fine form; 2, Wilson, very chubby, finely mealed, grand bloom and condition; vhc, hc, Wake and Carr; c, Burdett. TKD. (13): 1, 3, Hill and Stewart, pair of this firm's gems, 1st yell., wins Ramsden's, a gem all over it, 3rd yell. tkd. head, etc., A1 condition; 2, vhc, Axe, head tkd. buff, very cobby type, fine quality and carriage; 4, Butler, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand condition; hc, Hesp; c, Wake and Carr. HENS (18): 1, 4, Hill and Carr, a yell. and buff, both in fine bloom and condition; 2, Crosling, buff, grand shape, quality and feather; 3, c, Wake and Stewart, pale col. yell., fine quality and type, A1 condition; vhc, Cleminson; hc, Thompson. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Hesp, fine body, good head; 2, hc, Hill and Stewart, rare chest and head, grand feather, hardly the quality of winner perhaps; 3, Freeman, grand bird when showing itself; 4, Mrs. Hinchcliffe-Turner; vhc, Wake and Carr; c, Beadnall. BUFF (16): 1, Hill and Stewart, fine head, grand body shape, feather and condition; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Wake and Carr, fine quartett, A1 cobby variegated, 4th beaten in shape only, all other points good; 3, Wilson, grand shape and feather, neat through; c, Butler. CRESTS (5): 1, Cuthbertson, nearly green, fine dense crest, well centred, good size, well clothed; 2, 4, Yeates, lightly variegated, hen, dense crest, well centred, fine shape, good droop; 3, Taylor, also good; vhc, Gibson. C.-B. (5): 1, 2, Taylor, short beak, wealth of feather, nice width skull, grand dome, 2nd beaten a bit a little in lashing, nice bird; 3, vhc, Yeates, appears blind, at least at one side, fine head, dense feather; 4, Gibson. A.O.V. (8): 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Todd and Son, both cinnamons; 3, hc, Wake and Carr, pied tail green Nor.; 4, Elwell and Parnaby, yell. cinn.; vhc, c, Snowden. SELL. (30/-) (10): 1, Gibson; 2, 3, Hill and Stewart; 4, Watmough; vhc, c, Wake and Carr. (15/-) (13): 1, 3, Hill and Stewart; 2, Stevens; 4, Wilson; vhc, Thompson; hc, Elwell and Parnaby; c, Mrs. M. Hinchcliffe-Turner. (10/-) (15): 1, Rand; 2, hc, Hill and Stewart; 3, Wilson; 4, Johnson; vhc, Hood; c, Yeates. HYB., CL., ETC. (11): 1, Grainger Bros., about the best Goldie-Bullie out at present, takes special best in show; 2, Wake and Carr, grand-sized Linnet-Bull., A1 shape, lovely feather and condition; 3, Hanson and Lancaster, smart variegated yell. Greenfinch-Can., A1 shape, feather and finish; 4, Todd and Son, rich col. medium-sized Linnet-Bull., in fine feather and condition; vhc, Hanson; hc, Stokell and Binns; c, Thompson. DK. CAN. (19): Grand class; 1, Myers, gem of a yell. Green-Can., claimed quickly at catalogue price, £2 2s.; 2, vhc, c, Wells, good trio of yell. Gold.-Can., all in nice col. feather and condition, 2nd best blaze, size, etc; 4, Stokell and Binns, big yell., Green-Can., fine head, good deep col.; 3, hc, Todd and Son, nice yell. Siskin, good shape, markings and condition. LINNET (17): 1, Millburn and Hughes, fine-shaped body, active on perches, good markings, glossy feather and tight condition; 2, Hill and Stewart, well-coned off, good stylish action, nice col., markings and condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, fine col. and markings; 4, Yeates, grand body, rather short in tail feather, otherwise very fine bird; vhc, Lowe; hc, Mogie; c, Stamp, good as any, but in soft condition, which kept it back to-day. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, c, Nicholson, medium size, grand col., good, clean, bright, deep blaze, nice moons and bars, fine tan, good feather; 2, Thompson, larger, steady and neat; 3, Millburn and Hughes, excellent blaze; 4, Todd and Son, rare good body; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Hanson. BULLFINCH: 1, Dunn, very level dense col., grand width cap, back chest and body, A1 condition, claimed soon at £1; 2, Calam, very cobby, fine cap and wings and tail; 3, Lowe, nice col., fine chest and cap, grand feather and condition; 4, Garbutt and Clement, nice chested bird, smooth in feather, good wings and bars; vhc, Johnson; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Woods. GREENFINCH (17): 1, Nicholson and Son, gem for size, shape, quality, polish and clean finish; 2, Todd and Son, stout, grand feather and condition; 3, Wake and Carr, really stout, fine feathered bird, good all over it; 4, Gregory, fine size and col., nice shape and quality; vhc, Millburn and Hughes, hot-fed yell., grand condition; hc, Bescoby and Hart; c, Garbutt and Clement. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, Blackett, prettily spangled, good col. Bramble, nice glossy feather and condition; 2, Wallinger, pale, grand-contioned Chaffinch; 3, Millburn and Hughes, Bramble, beaten just a little in gloss; 4, Axe, good-sized Chaffinch, nice one; vhc, Garbutt and Clement; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Grainger Bros. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, 4, Todd and Son, good pair of well-conditioned Siskins, 1st brightest and best, 4th largest, and with another moult ought to take a lot of beating; 2, Salmon, very good Lesser Redpoll, A1 bib, head, feather and condition; 3, Blackett, good medium Twite; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. A.O.S., SEED, ETC. (8): 1, 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, fine pair of Hawfinches, 1st has it in bloom and tight condition; 2, Axe, grand yell. Bunting, lovely markings, size, col. and sheen; 3, Foster, large Meadow Bunting, grand condition; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Winterburn; c, Weedy. THRUSH, ETC. (10): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, very smart, stylish, grandly-spotted Thrush, fine, big, bold, lustrous Starling, both in the pink of condition; 2, c, Freeman, fine Redwing and neat Thrush; 4, Axe, well known, grandly-spotted Thrush, fine feather, etc.; vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son. Blackbird, big bird, hardly ready yet. A.O.S. SOFTBILLS (9): 1, 3, vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, Wryneck, Redstart, and Magpie, all in A1 condition; 2, 4, Nicholson and Son, grand Treecreeper, very fine Blackcap, in A1 finished condition; hc, Briscoe, big Nightingale. FOR. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, all Messrs. Nicholson and Son's, grand quartett, Shama, green Bulbul, green glossy Starling, and superb Tanager. SEED EATER: 1, Pace and Dunn, fine perfect-feathered Paradise Whydah; 2, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, pair Cutthroats, pair cinn. variegs. Waxbills, and a white Java, all in very fine condition. A.O.S. (5): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, 1st Many Col. Parrakeet, 3rd Budgerigar; 2, Cunnington, lemon-crested Cockatoo, in fine feather. MEMBERS.—NOR UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Freeman, strong band of very good type, etc.; vhc, Nelson; hc, Lowes and Son. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, 4, Walker. PAIRS: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Freeman; 3, Yeates; c, Walker; 2, Lowes and Son. A.O.V.: 1, Yeates; 2, 3, 4, Freeman. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Freeman; 4, Lowes and Son. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, Lowes and Son; 3, Johnson. NOVICE.—UNFLIG. NOR. (15): 1, 2, Grigg; 3, Nelson; 4, c, Acheson; vhc, hc, Bean, UNFLIG. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Acheson; 4, hc, Chisworth. PAIRS (16): 1, 4, Grigg; 2, vhc, Shepherd; 3, hc, Acheson; c, Ducas and Angell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Shepherd; 3, Sowerby; hc, Sanders; c, Ducas and Angell. BRIT. HARDBILL (13): 1, 2, Ducas and Angell; 3, 4, hc, Broadbent; vhc, Sanders; c, Walker. SOFTBILLS (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, all belonging to H. Tait, a fine team for a novice, most of them in grand condition, Blackbird, Thrush, Starling, Redstart, Meadow Pipit, and Blackcap.

CITY OF BELFAST O.S.

What is generally known as "The Old Club" held their 41st annual show of young birds in the Lecture Hall, York Street, on November 6th. The number of birds was well up to that of former years, though some members, owing to want of success during the breeding season, were not represented. Better luck next year, we hope. The quality was good, while there were birds of exceptional merit. Mr. Robert Trimble won the cup for best bird in hall, while Mr. J. Mills was runner-up. Mr. John Rock (Belfast), formerly of Govan, acted as judge, and his awards were well received. Mr. Wm. Gilbert (hon. secretary), Mr. James Ronaldson (hon. treasurer), Mr. Robert Trimble (president), assisted by Messrs. J. Neill, R. Tedford, and the committeemen, did all that was possible to make the show a success.

BELG. CK.: 1, M'Connell. HEN: 1, Ronaldson; 2, M'Connell. BUFF CK.: 1, M'Connell; 2, 4, R. Trimble; 3, Tedford; 5, W. Trimble. PIED YELL. CK.: 1, R. Trimble; 2, 3, Hamilton; 4, Neill. BUFF: 1, Ronaldson; 2, M'Connell; 3, Russell; 4, 5, R. Trimble. FOUL, CK.: 1, 4, Neill; 2, Moreland; 3, Hamilton; 5, W. Trimble. GREEN CK.: 1, 3, Neill; 2, R. Trimble; 4, Moreland; 5, Russell. YELL. HEN: 1, R. Trimble; 2, Hamilton; 3, M'Connell; 4, Tedford; 5, W. Trimble. BUFF: 1, Hamilton; 2, R. Trimble; 3, Neill; 4, M'Connell; 5, Ronaldson. YELL. PIED: 1, 4, Neill; 2, R. Trimble; 3, M'Connell. BUFF: 1, R. Trimble; 2, W. Trimble; 3, Hamilton; 4, M'Connell; 5, Neill. FOUL: 1, Moreland; 2, Neill; 3, 4, R. Trimble; 5, Ronaldson. GREEN: 1, R. Trimble; 2, Neill; 3, R. Trimble; 4, Ronaldson; 5, Tedford. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Neill. BUFF: 1, 2, Neill. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Neill. BUFF: 1, 2, Neill. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Neill. MULES: 1, Tedford.



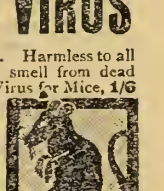
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ROCHDALE (Good Intent).

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. held their 13th annual exhibition in the Parish Church Schools, Rochdale, on November 6th. The room is close to the station, and is in every way very suitable for a cage bird show. The entries came up grandly, totalling practically 500 in 35 classes, thus averaging nearly 15 per class, and competition was very keen throughout the show. The Lancashire and Lizards both made grand sections, and contained no doubt the cream of these varieties, as they are "at home" in Rochdale. Yorkshires were a wonderful collection, too, and seldom have we seen such numbers or such quality all round at any one show. The Norwich only came up in moderate strength, although in two of the classes there was some very good competition. The selling classes were very strong, and some real bargains were to be found in them. Sandiford's special was won by Mr. J. Lees; Hyde's special by Messrs. Baker and Holdsworth; special for most points throughout show, by Mr. R. Schofield. The president, Mr. T. H. Collinge, the vice-presidents, Messrs. Lord, Adams, Gaskill, Battye, and Brown, the committee, Messrs. Lees, Holt, Faulkner, Leach, Dearden, Lord, Banks, Porter, and Mittall, the treasurer, Mr. E. Hartley, the financial secretary, Mr. S. Holden, and that excellent secretary, Mr. W. Adams, all carried out their respective duties in a very efficient, satisfactory, and obliging manner, and they are to be congratulated on the success they undoubtedly attained. Messrs. R. Barrass and J. H. Roe judged, and their awards were well received.

The Lancashires and Lizards.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY (13): 1, spl, Turner, cl., grand substance and quality, rare col., fine type; 2, Adams, slight grizzle coppy, good col. and quality, neat coppy, good substance; 3, Garner, cl., rattling col., plenty of size, nice quality; 4, Lowe, grizzle coppy, good size, quality and col.; vhc, Fitton; hc, Laycock; c, Turner. BUFF (12): 1, 3, spl, Adams, leader grizzle coppy, massive size and good type, coppy of excellent size and shape, 3rd grizzle coppy, grand quality and substance, good position; 2, Newell, cl., rare length and substance of body, good feather and position; 4, Hardy, grizzle, good size and type; vhc, hc, Garner; c, Lowe. YELL. PLAINHEAD (12): 1, spl, Hardy, cl., grand head, lovely col., fine substance of body and good quality wins; 2, Adams, cl., again grand size and quality, good skull, well browed; 3, Fitton, cl., splendid size, rare skull, fine position and quality; 4, Lee, cl., very stylish, good size and quality, seemed trifle soft; vhc, Nadin; hc, Lowe; c, Beswick and Gaskill. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 4, Hardy, 1st cl., capital size and quality, good type, fine head and col., 4th cl., nice quality, good head and size; 2, Nadin, cl., grand head and neck, nice quality and substance; 3, Vickers, another cl., plenty of size, nice col., good feather and position; vhc, Laycock; hc, Adams; c, Lee. LANCS. COPPY, NOVICE (13): 1, spl, Fish, yell. grizzle coppy, good col. and size, neat coppy, fine quality; 2, Postlethwaite, grizzle coppy, again grand type and quality, good substance; 3, Riding, grizzle, good type and quality; 4, Hall, nice cl., good substance and neat coppy; vhc, Newell. hc, Broadhead; c, Gostling. PLAINHEAD (20): 1, spl, hc, Bracegirdle, rattling cl. yell., good length and stand, nice col., fine head and neck, splendid substance; 2, Radcliffe, cl. buff, capital substance and type, good head, nice col. and quality; 3, Hordern, cl. yell., grand length and col., nice feather and substance; 4, Broadhead, buff, grand type, substance and quality; vhc, Whitehead; c, Woodhead COPPY, 1909 BRED (14): 1, Lee, fine cl. yell., grand length, lovely quality and col., nice neat coppy, fine youngster; 2, 3, 4, spl, Turner, 2nd clinking cl. buff, very good coppy, rattling substance and quality, 3rd another very similar cl. buff, 4th real good cl. yell., grand length and quality; vhc, Dr. McConaghey; hc, Hordern; c, King. PLAINHEAD (13): 1, spl, Garner, yell., tkd. on neck, grand col., slashing size, magnificent quality and type; 2, Lees, neck and tail mkd., buff, grand head, plenty of substance and length, good quality; 3, Fish, cl. yell., lovely quality, grand length, fine position; 4, vhc, Turner, cl. buff, nice substance and type, good head and position; vhc, West; c, Adams. LIZ., CL. CAP. GOLD. (5) 1, 2, spl, J. Dewsnap, leader grandly spangled, plenty of work on back, splendid col. and cap, 2nd grand cap and col., nice size and well spangled; 3, 4, Rukin, nice cap and lacing, good rich col., well rowed on back, 4th very smart bird, good cap and col.; vhc, Barnes. SILVER (12): 1, 2, spl, Hampshire, 1st little gem, superb spangling, grand cap, lovely col. and meal, 2nd again grand cap, nicely frosted, well laced, rare under-col. and quality; 3, 4, vhc, J. Dewsnap, 3rd very good rowing on back, grand col. and type, 4th nicely spangled, good col., loses little in cap; hc, Oliver; c, Rukin.. BROKEN CAP GOLD. (12): 1, hc, J. Dewsnap, grand col. and quality, well laced and rowed, good size, very stylish; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Rukin, again grand col., beautifully spangled, good feather, 3rd very smart exhibit, good col. and quality; 4, Lees, splendid quality and col., very similar to 3rd; c, Lord. SILVER (14): 1, Hampshire, well laced, finely rowed beautiful quality, well staged; 2, 4, spl, J. Dewsnap. exquisite quality and col., nicely pencilled, smart exhibit, 4th well spangled, nice col. and quality; 3, W. Dewsnap, very taking exhibit; vhc, hc, Barnes; c, Lee. GOLD., NOVICE (8): 1, 3, spl, Thompson, leader broken cap, nice size and col., good type, well laced, 3rd cl. cap, grand type and markings; 2, Hawer, cl. cap, good col. and finely spangled; 4, Ollerenshaw, good cl. cap, again rich col. and fine quality; vhc, he, Martin; c, Dewhurst. SILVER (12): 1, spl, Martin, cl. cap, well laced, rich level col., nicely mealed, grand quality; 2, Bosworth, broken cap, beautifully frosted, well rowed, very good in spangling; 3, c, Thompson, good col. and quality, hardly so well mkd; 4, Nuttall, good markings and col.; vhc, Bosworth; hc, Bacon.

The Other Canary Classes.

CREST. (10): 1, H. Radley, foul green, grand size, crest well centred and of good radiation and droop, nice quality of feather; 2, W. Radley, cl., body dark, grand frontal and centre, plenty of substance and nice quality; 3, vhc, Hesketh, green, capital size and plenty of feather, very neat crest; 4, Brotherton, grizzle crest, neat and well formed; hc, c, Hardy. C.-B. (11): 1, spl, hc, Brotherton, varieg. yell., good size and quality, fine broad head, well cushioned and lashed, fine exhibit; 2, H. Radley, cl. buff, massive substance, good bold head and plenty of feather; 3, c, Hesketh, fine head and feather; 4, vhc, Hardy, good cl. buff, rattling substance and feather. CREST OR C.-B., 1909 BRED (14): 1, spl, c, Hardy, varieg. crest, plenty of substance, nice round crest of good size and droop, plenty of feather; 2, Hesketh, green crest-bred, good width of skull, well cushioned, nice substance of body; 3, vhc, Brotherton, varieg. crest, nice round crest, grand frontal, well centred, good 3rd; 4, W. Radley, varieg., C.-B., good head and substance; hc, Harrison. YORKS. CL. YELL. (22) 1, spl, Schofield, grand length and position, brimful of quality, rattling type, good back, wings and tail, wins; 2, Lord, beautiful col. and stand, neat head, splendid wing carriage and quality; 3, Robertshaw, nice length, stands well up, very straight and stylish; 4, Smith and Sellars, nice narrow shoulders, grand type and quality; extra 4, Dooley, long raking bird, straight as a pencil good back wings and tail; vhc, Bradley; hc, Simpson and Son; c, Binns. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Robertshaw, a gem, straight as a pencil, nice salmon col., good head, lovely quality and position; 2, Schofield, smooth as glass, well up on leg, all there for type, nice length; 3, Snape, plenty of length, rattling position and quality, not a feather out of place; 4, Simpson and Son, grand size, col. and quality; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Leonard; c, Schofield. YELL. TKD., ETC. (17): 1, spl, Binns, mkd. head, face and wings, grand length, rare col., always at attention, one of the right sort; 2, J. Wilkinson, mkd. head and wing, magnificent quality and col., well drawn, nice length; 3, F. Wilkinson, long raking thigh tkd., nice narrow shoulders, well up on leg, grand quality; 4, Bishop, grizzle on wing, hot col., grand quality and type, nice Yorks.; vhc, Snape; hc, Leonard; c, Schofield. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Robertshaw, eyes and wings mkd., beautiful quality and shape, stands like a soldier, grand back, wings and tail, a gem; 2, Snape, head, breast and wing mkd., grand type and quality, magnificent carriage and positiou; 3, Hillary, thigh tkd., plenty of length, stands well up, nice back, wings and tail, good 3rd; 4, Wilson, grizzle head, again grand type and quality, inclined to cross wings; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Wilkinson; c, Shaw Bros. UNFLIG. (31): 1, spl, Foden, cl. buff, grand length, stands well up, smooth as box, best of type, well selected; 2, Ellis, cl. buff, very slim and stylish, rattliag length and back, full of quality; 3, Dewsnap, cheek mkd. yell., beautifully drawn, the best of shape, rare length and position; 4, Binns, cl. buff, well up on leg, good length and quality; extra 4, Schofield, thigh tkd. yell., grand length, fine type; vhc, Wilson; hc, Dooley; c, Mooney and Marsden; a grand class. HEN (37): 1, spl, hc, Faulkner, a stormer, eyes and wing mkd. yell., shines like silk, stands well up, grand type, nice narrow shoulders, wins; 2, Wilkinson, face and wings mkd., buff, splendid quality, beautifully moulded, nice length and stand; 3, Towasend, grand length and type, good quality and carriage; 4, Schofield, cl. buff, full of col. and quality, correct type, worth its place; extra 4, Mooncy and Marsden, good cinn. mkd., beautiful quality, grand type, good position; vhc, Norris; c, Evans; splendid class, both in numbers and quality. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Baker and Houldsworth, grand size and substance, good head, neck and chest, rich col. and quality; 2, Beswick and Gaskill, fine head and neck, capital size, very warm in col., nice texture of feather; 3, Garner, red hot col., grand type and quality, nice size; 4, Lees, again grand col., well packed wings and tail, good type; vhc, Banks; hc, Cheetham; c, Turner. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Shaw, grand size and col., good thick-set bird, with good head and neck; 2, Schofield, short chubby bird, good deep chest, nice head col. and quality, good 2nd; 3, Beswick and Gaskill, good quality, nice col., hardly type of leaders; 4, Lees, good col. and quality, nice type and size; vhc, Baker and Houldsworth; c, McKim. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Hayhurst, neck mkd., good head, neck and chest, rare col. and quality, plenty of size, good type wins; 2, Leach, eye mkd., nice col. and quality, good head and shape; 3, 4, vhc, Beswick and Gaskill; 3rd heavily varieg., good substanee, niee quality and type, hardly so good in head, 4th another heavily varieg., nice quality and type. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Cleminson and Taylor, head and wing mkd., grand quality and type, niee col., good head; 2, Leonard, thigh tkd., rich col., good size, nice type and quality; 3, Schofield, head and wings mkd., good size, one col. and type; 4, Kelsall, neck mkd., again grand quality and type, nice col.; vhe, Lees; hc, Winckley and Snape. UNFLIG (19): 1, spl, Beswick and Gaskill, cl., grand type, good head, neck and chest, nice size, good col. and quality; 2, Turner, yell. tkd., back of head, grand head and substance, rattling col. and quality, well cut away behind; 3, Woodall, cl. buff, grand type and quality, nice col., good head; 4, Schofield, heavy varieg. yell., good type and col., nice size; vhc, Lees; hc, Hayhurst; c, Dewhurst. HEN (20): 1, spl, Cleminson and Taylor, tkd. winged buff, grand shape and size, splendid quality and col.; 2, Schofield, varieg. yell., good size and col., good short thick bird, close up; 3, Marlor Bros., grizzle breasted unflig. yell., grand young hen, lovely type and quality, worth its place; 4, Greenwood and Heyworth, wing tkd. yell., another very nice one, grand quality and type; vhe, Lighthown; hc, Lees; c, Dewhurst. CAN. (except Lancs. and Liz.). NOVICE (19): 1, spl, Webster, grand cl. yell. Yorks., good type, nice quality and position; 2, Meadowcroft, another yell. Yorks., good type, nice length and quality; 3, Dewhurst, good yell. Nor., good col. and quality, nice substance and type; 4, Leach, another yell. Nor., good size, nice col.; vhc, Nuttall; hc, Leach; c, Hartley. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (8): 1, spl, Walsh, good Linnet-Bullfinch, fine col., nice quality and size; 2, Wagstaffe, nice cinn. Yorks., good quality; 3, Dewsnap, Greenfinch-Can., good size and col.; 4, McKim, another very similar Greenfinch-Can.; vhc, Adams; he, Lee; c, Ackroyd. SELL. (£1) (22): 1, spl, Marlor Bros.; 2, Dearden; 3, Law; 4, Lowe; extra 4, Faulkner; vhc, Butterworth; hc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Lees. (12/6) (35): 1, spl, Lees; 2, Beswick and Gaskill; 3, Wagstaffe; 4, Holt; extra 4, Smith; vhc, Lord; hc, W. Smith; c, J. R. Mitchell. BRIT. (11): 1, spl, Swarhrick, good Hawfinch, good bib and col.; 2, McMurdo, nice Goldfinch, good blaze and buttons, nice tan; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, capital Yellowhammer, good col. and quality; 4, Raffich, Bullfinch, good cap and breast col. GIFT (6): 1, Faulkner; 2, Collinge; 3, Beswick and Gaskill; 4, Lees; vhc, Radcliffe; hc, Leach.

CHELTENHAM.

(The Members' Classes.)

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MEMBERS' CLASSES.—CREST (60s.) (8): 1, 3, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, Hiles; 4, Hands; hc, c, Grant. C.-B. (20s.) (7): 1, 4, hc, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, c, Grant; 3, vhc, Hands. NOR. CL. YELL. (30s.) (4): 1, 2, Williams; 3, Pounsett. BUFF (30s.) (5): 1, Stephenson; 2, Barnes; 3, Child; 4, vhc, Williams. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Houghton; 2, vhc, Williams; 3, Gibbons (Miss); 4, Child; hc, Barnes. HEN (9): 1, Houghton; 2, Wasley; 3, Gibbons (Miss); 4, Williams; vhc, Pounsett; hc, Feberg; c, Child. YORKS (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Hiles; 3, Pounsett. BORD. (2): 1, 2, Hope. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Skinner; 3, Pounsett. MULES (5): 1, 2, 4, Skinner; 3, Child; vhc, Ferbery. CAN. (bred by member who has never won a prize) (4): 1, 3, Hiles (Mrs.); 2, 4, Maconechy (Mrs.).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SHEFFIELD.

The Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual show on November 5th and 6th. The Temperance Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, has a good light, is of nice size, free from draughts, and centrally situated. The schedule issued deserved far better support than was obtained, viz., 409 entries, in the 36 classes provided. The Yorkshire section was by far the best in the show, many very taking specimens being on view. The clear yellow owned by Mr. C. Stebbings, and the clear buff shown by Mr. J. Richardson, were both very meritorious. Mr. H. Lindsay, the worthy secretary, won well with a very smartly drawn variegated buff. Mr. W. Bingham (joint secretary) stood 1st and 2nd in the Novice Buffs, with a brace of typical specimens. Norwich were not big classes, but contained a few grand ones. The marked yellow staged by Mr. E. Fox was voted a topper, and rightly deserved the Sandiford's colour special. Amongst the Novices, Dr. McMillan and Mr. J. Thorpe took the "plums" with a brace of very bonny exhibits. Crests and C.B.'s contained one or two birds far above the ordinary, Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead) gaining three 1sts and other mentions, while Mr. G. C. Ley (Nottingham) also had on view some of the right sort, capturing the special for best C. or C.B. Mr. J. W. Crookes (local) staged a magnificent buff, clear body grizzle Crest, 1909 bred, which gained for him special for best young Crest; with luck this bird has a future. Mules and Hybrids made a nice collection, while the British everyone admired. Mr. J. Milne's blue-throated Warbler gained him highest honours in the Softbill class, and Mr. P. Walsh had on view a grand Greenfinch, also a very bonny Bullfinch. The President is Mr. A. Bradshaw; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley. The committee consists of a band of willing workers. The officials are to be congratulated upon the management, which was of a high-class character. The stewards were Messrs. J. Woolhouse and W. T. Furness. Secretaries, Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, both capital workers, courteous and obliging, and the right men in the right place. Judges, Messrs. J. Broadley and W. Vardy, whose awards appeared to be well received, on the whole. Ramsden's colour-food specials fell into the hands of Messrs. J. G. Cowley, and C. Stebbings. Other special winners were Messrs. Colton and Dawn, Lawrence, Somerfield, Naylor, Walsh, Milne, Robson, Hodgson, Wharncliffe Aviaries, Bennett, Chadwick, Spencer, and Dean.

The Canar Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, spl, 2, best fed, Stebbings, cl., full of col., straight as a rush, good length, AI back and flights, well up on leg; 2, Furniss, very lengthy cl., good in col. and feather, beaten a trifle in position; 3, Charlesworth, thigh tick, tight as a Java, stands well, not one of the longest, but very smart; 4, Cowley, stylish cl., well up, capital feather, worth its place; vhc, Spencer; hc, Lindsay; c, Emery. BUFF (13): 1, Richardson, lovely salmon-tinted cl., lengthy and racy, grand back and wings, neatly folded tail, gem; 2, Lindsay, cl. of lovely col., and feather, good length and position, will yet improve; 3, Radley, cl., capital quality, best of backs, A1 wing carriage; 4, vhc, Drabble, thigh tick, full of style, stands finely, rich quality; hc, Spencer; c, Lockwood. TKD. (7): 1, vhc, Lindsay, varieg, buff, feathered to perfection, magnificent col., richly frosted, nice stand, well up on leg; 2, hc, Farrar, varieg. yell., wonderful length, neat and narrow, AI quality, capital wing carriage, pipe tail; 3, Reed, mkd. buff, fine, lengthy-drawn bird, full of col. and quality, grand position; 4, Radley, yell., mkd. wings and head, straight as a rush, capital feather, full of character; c, Spencer. UNFLIG. (25), rare lot: 1, Woolhouse, cl. yell., wonderful length, rattling col. and quality, straight as a gun-barrel, perfect back and flights; 2, Furniss, buff mkd. eyes, tight as a drum, rare col., richly frosted, A1 position; 3, Lindsay, yell., thigh tick, neat and narrow, lengthy, and of superb feather, good back; 4, Spencer, buff varieg., smooth as a bottle, very lengthy, very promising; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Charlesworth; c, Radley. HEN (27), rare collection: 1, vhc, Furniss, yell., mkd. wings and head, straight as a rush, lovely col., not the longest, but of the smartest description; 2, 4, Lindsay, buff, cap mkd., and cl. buff respectively, both of grand col. and quality, well up, nice length, almost equal; 3, Bingham, cl., yell., capital feather, good length, nice back and flights; hc, Richardson. NOVICE YELL., LIMIT £5 (26): 1, Jephson, very lengthy cl., rich col and feather, stands well up on clever pair of legs, long sided, beauty; 2, Revill, cap mkd., A1 col. and quality, well filled back, grand carriage, wings and tail; 3, Bingham, cl., of good length, rare feather, nice back, sides and wings; 4, Cooper, tight feathered cl., full of quality and col., nice position; vhc, Webster; c, Oakley. BUFF (29), good lot: 1, 2, Bingham, both cl., former nice salmon-tinted col., tight as a Java, clinking position, good length, well up on leg, 2nd even longer, equal in most other respects, but crosses wings a little; 3, Ridal, neck mkd., fine length, capital quality, nice stand, good legs, well worth place; 4, Revill, cl., full of col., A1 quality, standing well up, nice length, bit thick in waist; vhc, Jones; hc, Welsh; c, Bunting. NOR., YELL.: Void. BUFF (8): 1, Havenhand, warm fed cl., short and thick-set, good substance and carriage, well put down; 2, Hemmings, neck mkd., red hot, bold front, nice back, wings and tail; 3, Towasend, mkd. wing, full of col., richly clothed, graad body properties; 4, Clews, mkd. wing, larger, capital quality and col., nice shape, crosses wings; vhc, spl, best fed, Cowley; hc, Taylor and Son; c, Tow. UNEVEN (8): 1, Sandiford's, hc, Fox, yell. mkd. wings and head, full of fire, lovely shape and substance, well over, clean cut; 2, Taylor and Son, yell. varieg., nice type, good col., smaller, neat carriage; 3, Turner, yell., saddle mkd., good size, col., and quality, clean under; 4, Tow, buff, mkd. wing and eye, A1 shape and quality, good col., richly frosted; vhc, Woolhouse; c, Bradshaw. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, Woolhouse, former buff, mkd. wing and eyes, very cobby, rattling col. and feather, nice size, all front, 3rd very bonny cl. buff, capital type, smooth as wax, good 3rd; 2, Hemmings, bouncing cl., yell., rare col., and feather, nice wings and tail, well across, close up; 4, Turner, buff mkd. neck, fine substance, rich quality and col.; vhc, Smith; hc, Naylor. HEN (11): 1, Fox, cl. buff, wonderful shape and size, lovely col. and frosting, rare carriage, real charmer; 2, Clews, yell., cap mkd., capital col., grand shape, A1 quality, clean-cut; 3, C. and H. Twinc, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, tight as a Java, rattling type, nicely mealed, well put down; 4, Taylor and Son, cl. buff, good size and shape, good for stock; vhc, Havenhand; hc, Richards; c, Turner. NOVICE YELL., £5 LIMIT (20): 1, Dr. McMillan, shapely cl., yell., rare substance and col., nice carriage; 2, Evans, cl. yell., good in col. and feather, well across perch, nice specimen; 3, Porter, thigh tick, all there for col. and quality, nice size; 4, Johnson, mkd. wings and eyes, well up in substance, A1 col. and feather, nice carriage; vhc, Hobson; hc, Scott; c, Hodgkiss. BUFF (16): 1, Thorpe, cobby cl., rattling shape, teeming with quality and col., fine size and carriage, richly mealed; 2, Vertigan, cl. of good size and quality, very warm col., beaten just a little in shape, very close up; 3, Lawson, mkd. head, all shape, smooth as a bottle, a little larger it would be a beauty; 4, Richards, cl., of nice substance, very shapely, looks like a hen, if so, good for stock; vhc, hc, Hodgkiss; c, Stafford. CREST CK. (11): 1, T. Taylor, buff varieg., griz. crest, giant, abundance of rich feather, crest large, and of capital radiation, delightful droop and centre; 2, vhc, Smith, buff, mkd. wing D.C., shapely, and of good quality, crest not so large as winner's, yet of neat pattern; 3, Ley, buff, mkd. wing, D.C., full of quality, nice shape, crest of good radiation, veiny; 4, hc, Crookes, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., rare quality, crest very neat in proportions, with capital centre; c, Evans. HEN (8): 1, 2, spl, best C. or C.B., Ley, cl. body, griz. crest, wonderful amount of slashing quality feather, rare substance, crest of magnificent frontal, delightful droop, 2nd green pied tail, superior quality, crest of rattling shape and droop, centre well placed; 3, Smith, mkd. wiag, D.C., plenty of feather, erest veiny and as round as a hoop, with capital centre; 4, Taylor, buff varieg., D.C., capital shaped body, rattling quality, crest of nice formation and drooping well; vhc, Radley; hc Wigginton; c, C. and H. Twine. C.-B. (7): 1, Taylor, green, pied tail, wonderful skull, lashed to perfection, slashing quality and substance, heaps of feather, eye opener, and no mistake; 2, Ley, varieg., good size and shape, lovely quality, capital head character, nice hrow; 3, Smith, green, pied tail, well up in size, fine width of skull, rare lashing, worth its place; 4, Simpson, cl. buff, abundance of feather, good shape, nice lash; vhc, Meanott; hc, Peace. UNFLIG. (10): 1, spl, best young C., Crookes, buff, cl., body griz. crest, slashing substance, lovely shape, possessing abundance of rich quality feather, crest large, and as round as a florin, delightfully drooped; 2, 4, Evans, both buffs, former varieg., D.C., capital quality, nice substance, crest not so large as 1st, but of capital shape and droop, neat centre, very promising, 4th mkd. D.C., erest round as a shilling, grand droop and centre; 3, vhc, hc, Ley, varieg., capital quality, nice size, crest of good froatal, nice centre, worth place; c, Taylor. C.B. (8): 1, 2, Taylor, brace of gems, both buff varieg., marvellous substance, A1 quality, slashing cushioned skull, of great width, lashed to perfection, 2nd magnificent feather, rare size, wonderful body properties, just beaten in skull and lash, still a "right 'un"; 3, Ley, buff, cheek mkd., very massive in body, with any amount of rich quality feather, nice rise, good browing, capital exhibit; 4, Evans, buff, heavily mkd., good feather, neat in head character; vhc, Peace; hc, C. and H. Twine; c, Barber.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE (9): 1, 2, vhc, Colton and Dawn, bonny trio, winner fine cl. buff, Goldie Can., sweet shape, lovely feather, nice col. and size, shown in fine fettle, 2nd mkd. Greenie-Can., good substance and shape, A1 col. and carriage, capital quality, well staged; 3, Naylor, yell., Gold.-Can., lightly varieg., nice shape and col., magnificent feather, a beauty; 4, c, Meadows, lightly varieg. Greenie-Can., grand quality, shown in rare form; hc, Lawrence. DARK (16), grand class: 1, 3, Lawrence, Can.-Bull., lovely col. and quality, nice shape and substance, in delightful bloom, gem, 3rd yell., Gold-Can., capital col., nice size, grand face, very taking; 2, vhc, Somerfield, yell. Greenie-Can., well-known winner, looking better than ever, must have pressed hard; 4, Naylor, yell., Greenie-Can., rich col. and quality, very shapely, should do well; hc, c, Colton and Dawn. HYB. (5): 1, 2, Colton and Dawn, with their noted Redpoll-Bullie leading, too well known to need further comment, gem; 2nd, Greenie-Bull., lovely col. and shape, beautifully feathered, nice size, in full bloom; 3, Wilson, very smart Lin.-Bull., capital quality and col., not one of the largest, but one of the best. GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, 3, Walsh, Bullie and Goldie respectively, former of fine shape and size, lovely breast col., dense, well-cut cap, tight as a Java, charmer, 3rd good in shape and size, well up in col., blaze square, and of good character, neat bars and buttons, in the pink; 2, Milne, even larger Bullie, nice shape, capital quality, good cap, extremely honny; 4, Scott, Bullie, nice shape and quality, not a feather misplaced; vhc, Walker; hc, Lee; c, Jackson. LINNET (10): 1, Williamson, lovely nutty col., beautifully polished, fine shape and size, delightfully pencilled, steady as a top, slasher; 2, Moore, shade larger, nice shape and quality, good col., beaten just slightly in markings; 3, 4, Hunt, with a couple of grand ones, capital col. and markings, nice size and shape, shows well, 4th magnificent shape, fine substance and col., grandly pencilled; vhc, hc, Walsh; c, Elkes. GREENIE (8): 1, Walsh, slashing col., rare shape, good size, smooth as glass, shown for all he was worth; 2, Lee, equal in all respects except col., where it stands a shade in arrears; 3, Pogmore, capital shape and quality, nice col., put down in fine fettle; 4, Rousc, rich col., shape and feather, very neat; vhc, Hobson; hc, Scott; c, Milne. Redpoll, ETC. (7): 1, Hunt, charming coloured Twite, markings of the very best, good size and shape, delightful bloom; 2, Hobson, Redpoll, good size and shape, A1 quality, neatly mkd., worth its place; 3, Walsh, fine coloured Siskin, nice shape, capital cap, very taking; 4, c, Henshaw, Twite, good in col. and feather, very shapely, very close up; vhc, Pogmore; hc, Moore. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Walsh, lovely Chaffinch, superior col. and markings, shone like silk, nice size and shape, heauty; 2, 4, Brumby, former, prettily-marked Bramble, rich col., fine shape and substance, good enough to win at majority of shows, 4th Hawfinch, nice shape, good bib, good col.; 3, Lawrence, Bramble, good in col. and shape, neat exhibit; vhc, hc, Owen; e, J. and S. Scott. SMALL SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, vhc, Milne, charming blue-throated Warbler, and lovely 'Gale, both in the height of condition, and staged in fine fashion, credit to owner; 2, 4, Walsh, Wryneck, in good order, and a good-coloured 'Gale, former very fine all through, latter nice specimen. LARGE (10): 1, Underwood, delightful Waxwing, not a feather misplaced, gem of gems; 2, 3, Walsh, Lark and Blackbird, 2nd capital shape and size, beautifully mooned, clear and distinct, well shown, 3rd large and of dense col., shining like satin, fine eye sere, capital bill, in the pink; 4, Darlow, grand Magpie, in fine fettle, greatly admired, good 4th; vhc, Isherwood; hc, Carter; c, Taylor. FOR. LARGE (9): 1, Bennett, King Parrot, in good order, nicely staged; 2, 4, Wharncliffe Aviaries, pair Rock Parrakeets and blue Mountain Lory, in fine feather; 3, Mrs. Harrow, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, in delightful dress; hc, Wharncliffe Aviaries, Hobson; c, Booth; Nos. 1 and 2, Hadley, absent. SMALL (7): 1, Chadwick, Paradise Whydah, in capital feather, grand tail; 2, Meadows, Parrot Finch, in nice order; 3, Naylor, Rufous Greenfinches, in the pink; 4, Jackson, Pekin Robin, looking grand; vhc, Wharncliffe Aviaries; Nos. 1 and 2, Hadley, absent. A.O.V (8): 1, Hodgson, cl. yell. Belg., good size, capital quality, nice shoulders, full of action, easy win; 2, 4, Spencer, both Cinn. Yorkies, pied tail and pied tail and wing, good in quality, nice length and stand; 3, Dean, buff green Yorkie, pied tail, well up in position, A1 back and flights, good on leg; vhc, Peace. SELL 40/- (7): 1, Simpson, cheap Crest; 2, Somerfield; 3, Porter; 4, Moore; vhc, Radley; hc, Mcmnott; c, Crookes. 20/- (19): 1, Johnson; 2, Fox; 3, Jones; 4, Porter; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Farrar; c, Hemmings. GIFT (10): 1, Hemmiags; 2, Woodhouse; 3, Bingham; 4, Bower; vhc, Spencer; hc, Champion; c, Jones.

MARKINCH.

The 30th annual show of the Markinch O.S. was held in the Masonic Hall on Nov. 6th, in bright weather. The hall is an ideal one for a show, being lofty and well lighted from the roof; and the birds seemed to enjoy their comfortable quarters. The entry all over was better than last year. The Scotch Fancy section was a heavy one. Norwich were also good, although some of the classes were poorly filled. Borders were a nice lot, each winner being of the first water. British came next, and the Mules, Foreign, etc., and all were good. The society is well managed by a host of true fanciers, who left nothing undone to bring the show to a successful finish. Mr. Mitchell, the secretary, had everything well in hand, and we did not in the least see anything at fault. The hall at night was packed by visitors. Judges, Mr. McLennan (Edinburgh), Scotch Fancies; Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) all other Canaries; and Mr. A. W. Watson (Leith), British, etc.; and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. VELL. CK. (6): 1, Thornton, leading with a noted winner, hard up, great size, prominent shoulder, free in drive, takes grand position; 2, Thomson, very similar, grand drive, heavy shoulder; 3, Cairns, nice action and position; vhc, Gordon; he, Henry; c, Winkie. HEN (11): 1, Gordon, leading with stylish lady, massive shoulder, well filled, long reach, good action; 2, Ramsay, nice head, long neck, heavy shoulder; 3, McMillan, nice size, hard up, good shoulder and depth; vhc, Curtis; he, Dalgleish; c, Thomson. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Thornton, model, heavy prominent shoulder, well filled, determined drive, keeps head in right place; 2, Thomson, another good one, hard up, free in neck; 3, Craig, very similar, great substance, has head always well down; vhc, Gilmour; he, Curtis; c, Honeyman. HEN (10): 1, Watson, griz. back, nice size, plenty top, free in drive, lovely modelled; 2, Thornton, splendid shoulder, drive, substance and action; 3, Hendry, similar in every point; vhc, Thomson; he, A. Thomson; c, T. Thomson. YELL. FID, ETC. (9): 1, Rodger, Pied, grand size, prominent shoulder, lengthy in drive, nice substance, takes grand position; 2, Dow, very similar in size, good shoulder and droop, free to move; 3, Dalgleish, green, very taking, nice head, good length of neck; vhc, Henry; c, Thaw. HEN (13) grand class: 1, Dalgleish, perfect duchess in manners, great prominent shoulder, long, free neck, beautiful head, nice depth through, takes true position; 2, Ramsay, green, nice size, good shoulder and drive; 3, Craig, grand heavy shoulder, nice drive; vhc, Rodger; he, Leslie; c, Reekie. BUFF CK. (7): 1, McMillan, Pied, monster, great depth and substance, well filled shoulder, nice drive; 2, 3, vhc, Beattie; 2, graud style, free in head, well-filled shoulder; 3, green, nice size, good reach and shoulder; he, Thornton; c, Allan HEN (13): 1, Dalgleish, nice size, great depth throughout, prominent shoulder, free in tail; 2, sp, Beattie, nice shouider, drive, substance and action; 3, Ramsay, green, good size, hard up, ready to respond; vhc, Rodgers; he, Allan; c, McMillan. SELL. CK. (9): 1, Ramsay; 2, Brown; 3, Thaw; vhc, Gibson; he, Dow; c, Thomson. HEN (5): 1, Thomson; 2, Danskin; 3, Craig; vhc, Moyes; he, J. Thomson. PLAINHEAD YELL. CK. (4): 1, Kerr, grand size, nice head, bold front, fine col. and quality; 2, Adams, close up, bold position; 3, Logan, nice size, fine col.; vhc, Adamson. HEN (3): 1, Spence, nice full head, good front and substance; 2, Barclay, good col. and quality; 3, Lawrie, nice stamp. BUFF CK. (7): 1, sp, best Plainhead, Adams, real model, magnificent col., quality and style; 2, Lawrie, nice col., good head, bold front; 3, Davidson, graud condition, quality and substance; vhc, Howie; he, Stephen; c, Rodger. HEN (5): 1, Stephen, nice size, good col., fine texture, good head, well rounded; 2, Spence, close up, nice col., quality and position; 3, Mallock, good size, fine col., bold type; vhc, Harris. GREEN, ETC., CK. (6): 1, Kerr, variegated, yell., grand col., splendid quality, well shown; 2, Logan, buff, nice head, bold front; 3, Howie, yell., shade soft, nice type; vhc, Lawrie; he, Mallock; c, Lawrie and Welch. HEN (8): 1, Mathisou, grand type, good head, bold in position, perfect; 2, Kerr, grand cobby shape, short in flights, nice substance; 3, Dickson, variegated., nice col. and quality; vhc, Lawrie; he, Adams; c, Thomson. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Adams, leading with good one, lovely col., quality and condition, fine bold head; 2, Logan, nice one, fine head, well-rounded front, nice col.; 3, Wyllie, yell., grand col. and quality; vhc, Davidson; he, Morgan; c, Howie. HEN (7): 1, Howie, tkd. buff, grand head, bold front, good col. and quality; 2, Dickson, yell., nice size, substance, quality and condition; 3, Thomson, variegated., good one, short in wings and body; vhc, sp. Wyllie; he, Barclay; c, Summers. CK. NON-FED. (4): 1, Lawrie, yell. good size, nice head, front, quality and substance; 2, Howie, buff, nice cobby shape, scarcely finished; 3, Lawrie and Welsh, yell. variegated., nice col. and quality; vhc, Danskin. HEN (5): 1, Davidson, three-pointed buff, nice size, bold front, good quality and condition; 2, Logan, cl., nice col. and quality; 3, Howie, mkd. head, good col.; vhc, Kerr; he, Grant. CREST CK. (7): 1, sp, Currah and Sons, wing-mkd. dark, monster for size, grand substance, great length of head feather, nice centre, well groomed; 2, Lindsay, nice size, good body, fine length of head feather; 3, Low, crest of good texture; vhc, Sneddon; he, Henderson; c, Allan. HEN (3): 1, Lindsay, nice size, fine substance, good long head feather Crest, well centred; 2, Brown, similar in size; 3, Campbell, smaller in crest. C.-B. HEN (4): 1, Brown, variegated., nice broad skull, fine browing, good turnover; 2, Lindsay, nearly green, good size, fine substance; 3, Summers, smaller, nice feather; vhc, Allan and McLean. SELL. (18): 1, c, Adams; 2, Adamson; 3, Reedie; vhc, he, Douglas and Fenwick. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Brown, grand uneven, splendid col., type, quality and condition; 2, Bell, tkd. shoulder, grand level col., nice type, jaunty style; 3, Glass, five-pointed yell., fine mrkgs.; vhc, Arnott; he, Lambie; c, Peters. HEN: 1, Arnott, leading with nice eye tk., grand medelled head and neck, fine filled back, jauuty carriage; 2, Brown, Cinn. tk., grand col. and style, lovely quality; 3, Robertson, cl., fine stamp, good carriage; vhc, Hutchison; he, Campbell; c, Lambie. BUFF CK: 1, 3, Peters, leader beautifully drawn, has nice poise of head, well-filled back; 3, similar in shape; 2, Hutchison, nice four-headed bird, splendid col., quality and condition; vhc, Henderson; he, Douglas and Fenwick; c, Currah and Son. HEN (8): 1, Glass, uneven Cinn., nice head, back and wing carriage, splendid col., quality and condition; 2, Peters, nice stylish hen, fine type and position; 3, Brown, splendid quality and condition; vhc, sp, Robertson; he, Campbell; c, Hutchison. SELL.: 1, Wright; 2, Hutchison; 3, Harrower; vhc, Douglas and Fenwick. DARK MULE (9): 1, McMillan, lovely siskin, great col., quality, and condition, well shown; 2, Simpson, Linnet, shows cross well, fine col. and quality; 3, Davidson, Siskin, nice condition; vhc, Reedie; he, John Reedie; c, Lister. LIGHT (8): 1, Jamieson, buff, nice size, in grand trim; 2, Lindsay, grand yell., shown in lovely feather, held back for a stave wing; 3, Murray, variegated., nice size, col. and quality; vhc, Rankine; he, Henderson; c, Peters. HYB. (2): 1, Jamieson, Gouldie-Siskin, good col. and quality; 2, Hovelsround Siskin-Redpoll, shows well, nice condition, fine quality. LINNET (2): 1, Finnie, large fine col, and pencilling, bold type; 2, Morgan, must have pressed, grand full mrkgs., shows whites well. [illegible]NCH (5): 1, Logan, grand yell., lovely col., nice bars; 2, Davidson, fine size and mrkgs.; 3, Philip, smaller, but nice condition and quality; vhc, Nunnell and Brown; he, Mitchell. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, No name, good one, fine tanning, and b ttons, nice head, square cut blaze; 2, Combe, larger, nicely cut blaze, fine wings; 3, Arnott, sweet wee chap, nice face, in grand condition; vhc, Lindsay; he, McGall and Henderson; c, Grieve. A.O.S. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Sunderland, large Missel Thrush, finely spangled, bold, taking style, good col. and quality; 2, vhc, Grey; 2, Hawlinch, fine size, good col.; 3, Mackie, Jay, good size, nice mrkgs., dull to move. SMALL (9): 1, Sutherland, Wryneck, beautiful feather, graceful in action, taking exhibit; 2, Cordey, Grey Wagtail, well shown, nice col. and condition, charming movement; 3, Malcolm, Yellowhammer, grandly [illegible] and front, hot col.; vhc, Douglas and Fenwick; he, Dewar; c, Jamieson. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 4, Thomson, wins with a lot to spare, real topper, great massive cap, deep-col. breast, grand back mrkgs.; 2, he, Chalmers, good size; 3, Hovelsround, nice one, in the pink of condition; c, Purvis. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Grey, Siskin, good col., fine mrkgs.; 2, Latch, Mealy Redpoll, large, good mrkgs., not up in condition yet; 3, Twite, nice col., fine quality and mrkgs.; vhc, he, Dick. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, McLennan, grand Goldie, great massive col. bird, fine cut blaze, good moons and wing bars; 2, Baxter, Bullfinch, nice size, high in col., and well up in condition; 3, Mackie, well shown; vhc, Rankine. A.O.S. FOR. (6): 1, he, c, Lawrie and Welch, nice Long-tailed Whydah, fine col. and feather, well shown; 2, Potter, large Indian Rook, in fine feather; 3, Peters, pair of Zebra Waxbills, well shown, we like much; vhc, Sutherland. SELL., MULE AND BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Mackie; 2, Murray; vhc, McGall; he, Finnie; c, Kerr. COMMON (12): some real mixtures here, which would fickle Old Harry to say what their descendants will he like: 1, Chalmers; 2, Murray; 3, Lawrie and Welch; vhc, Sim; he, Thomson; c, Thomson.

DARVEL.

Darvel O.S. held their second annual show on Nov. 6th, in the Town Hall. The cage birds were staged in the small hall upstairs, and this was much appreciated by the cage bird exhibitors; it is a nice hall and well lighted. The day was fine, and this brought out a large number of visitors. It is rather a pity the Darvel fanciers cannot see their way to alter their date, as being so near Kilmarnock Club show it tells on the entries (very few entries came from Kilmarnock). The exhibits were down in numbers from last year, all the Scotch Fancy classes having to be cancelled. Mr. Jas. Johnston (Kilmarnock) placed the cards in the Canary section, and his awards were well received. The British and Foreigners were judged by Mr. J. H. Adams (Glasgow), whose awards met with but little adverse criticism. The secretary is Mr. J. Robertson, junr., who had everything in apple pie order, and is to be congratulated upon his tact and ability.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, spl, Train, City of Dunfermline and Galston winner, looking as well as ever to-day, grand head, fine body substance; 2, McKay, variegated., yell., nice round body, good col., fails a little in head and size; 3, M'Nair, grand head, good body substance, fine chest; 4, Buchanan; 5, Alston; 6, Lawson. HEN (6): 1, Train, good head, well-filled chest, splendid back and wing carriage; 2, Cuthbertson, nice body and type, good col.; 3, Tannock, grand size and body substance, fine broad head, good chest; 4, Brown; 5, M'Nair; 6, Hopkins. SELL., NOR. (12s. 6d.) (5): 1, Brown; 2, Hopkins; 3, Train; 4, Morrison; 5, Alston. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor, nice bead and neck, with fine, free poise, nice filled back, lovely wing carriage; 2, Murdoch, neat head and neck, nicely tapered body, fails to winner in wing carriage; 3, Morton, nice head, good back and wings, close tail, lacks condition; 4, Withers and Goudie; 5, Paton. BUFF (8): 1, Gibson, tkd. cheek, neat head, nice wing carriage, good tail, fine stamp; 2, Taylor, fine head and neck, lovely tapered body, pressing hard; 3, Miller, good body, back well filled, best of wing carriage; 4, 5, Mossie; 6, Jones. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Duncan, again to the front, neat head and neck, lovely tapered body, grand wing carriage, wins; 2, Taylor, another nice one, in grand condition, nicely tapered; 3, Jones, nice head and wings; 4, Murdoch. BUFF (3): 1, Duncan, lovely round head, grand back and wing carriage, close pipe tail, in splendid condition; 2, Miller, nicely rounded shoulders, good wing carriage, fine position; 3, Taylor, neat head and neck, fails slightly in wing carriage. SELL. (10s.) (4): 1, Mossie; 2, Withers and Goudie; 3, Murdoch; 4, Gibson. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (5): 1, McQuiston, well known Goldie-Bullie, shown in faultless condition, good win; 2, Douglas, lovely head, grand body, splendid condition; 3, Dale, Can.-Bullie, shows cross well, hardly so large as winners; 4, Neilson; 5, Reid. DARK MULE (6): 1, Douglas, well-known winner, fine head, grand body substance, good col.; 2, Morrison, another good one, fine head and body, good markings, pressing; 3, 4, Henry, grand size, good body substance, grand col., good 3rd; 5, Roddie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Conkie, lovely head, fine big blaze, well tanned, wings well barred, good win; 2, Hanay, good size, nicest of blaze, fine col. throughout, very steady; 3, Neilson, lacks size, good colour; 4, McKnight. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (4): 1, Morton, fine big blaze, grand body, wings well barred, fine col. throughout; 2, Guthrie, nice blaze, good body markings, lacks substance of winner; 3, Hopkins, good head, broad skull, fine blaze, nice body, pressing hard; 4, Alston. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Guthrie, grand cap, well coloured breast, fine big body, very steady; 2, McQuiston, nice cap, very level in col., grand size; 3, Guthrie, another good bodied one, scarcely so good in col.; 4, no name. GREENFINCH (7): 1, McQuiston, topper for size and col., very steady, easy win; 2, Cuthbertson, good coloured one, lacks size of winner; 3, Henry, good bird, very steady; 4, Allan; 5, Griffin; 6, Tannock. LINNET (5): 1, 2, McQuiston, former grand size, lovely head, nutty col., lovely lacings, 2nd similar to 1st, scarcely so steady; 3, Wason, good col. and markings; 4, Fullerton; 5, Lawson. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Alston, Siskin, lovely cap and bib, nice level col, very steady, wins; 2, 4, Allan, fine Siskin, nice cap, good 2nd; 3, Robertson, also a nice Siskin, scarcely so good in col. as leaders; 5, Martin. REDPOLL (Field-moulted) (9): Best class in show: 1, Lawson, lovely, wee thing, fine big bib, well laced sides and breast, nice nutty col.; 2, Martin, another good one, good body and markings, bib not so good as winner; 3, Roddie, good body, nice bib, scarcely so steady; 4, Hopkins; 5, Clark; 6, Robertson. SMALL (4): 1, Morton; 2, Alston; 3, McQuiston; 4, Lindsay. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, Alston, leader Amazou Parrot in lovely feather and bloom, 2nd pair Many-Coloured Parrakeets, in beautiful condition, 3rd Zebra Finches; 4, Morrison, nice Whydah; 5, Wilson. SELL. (10s.) (4): 1, Alston; 2, McQuiston; 3, Lawson; 4, Tannock. GIFT (3): 1, Alston; 2, Tannock; 3, McGeachie.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand)

The tenth annual show of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand in Hand C.B.S. was held on Nov. 6th and 8th. The venue was again the large room of the White Swan Hotel, a capital place for a bird show, being entirely free from any draughts and well lighted. This year the modern staging was used for the first time, and this was a great improvement, as it gave much more room for the many visitors who thronged the show. The entries in Canaries came up splendidly, but there was a falling off in the British, a cause for surprise, as the committee had engaged the services of a well-known specimist. The quality all round was capital, and, as is usually the case at this fixture, the Norwich Plainheads were very warm in more ways than one, and they made a grand display. We need hardly say the exhibits received the very best of attention from a committee composed of hard-working and thorough fanciers. The genial president, Mr. W. A. Gibbins, was here, there and everywhere, and seemed quite in his element, as were the vice-presidents, Messrs. Hale, Hulse and Needham. Mr. John Allen acted as show manager, and performed his duties in a most admirable manner. The hon. sec., Mr. J. E. Wood, although new to the work, got through his task splendidly, and makes an ideal officer, as, in addition to having a thorough method with his work, he is the embodiment of tact and geniality. The excellent committee comprised Messrs. A. Boulter, A. Freestone, F. Gamble, D. Lea, S. Mothersole, and W. Pole. Mr. J. H. Payne judged Canaries and Mules, and Mr. R. J. Howe British and Foreign.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR., A.V., NAT. COL. (11): 1, Christian, Jonque green, bouncer, good deep chest, wide shoulders, nice flights and tail, sound col.; 2, Howe, cl. buff, lovely quality, well up in shape, nice head and neck, flights well packed and neat tail; 3, Brook, yell., mkd. head, wings and tail, beautiful quality, rich level col., nice shape, but not quite so thick-set; vhc, c, Colloby and Brown; he, Bateman. HEN, NAT. COL. (12): 1, Howe, yell. green, model for shape, rare substance of body, wide back, short flights and tail, nice quality of feather; 2, vhc, Herbert, mkd. wings and neck, grand col. and quality, nice shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Brooks, cl. buff, nice shaped feather and quality; he, Orme; c, Bellamy. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (13): 1, Davis, red hot col., solid and level right through, nice shape and feather, neat head, short flights; 2, Needham, beautiful col. and feather, neat shape, good wings and tail; 3, Jones, magnificent shaped body, rare head and neck, plenty of substance, beaten only in wing carriage; vhc, McCarter; he, Colver and Son; c, Neal. BUFF (23): 1, Jones, splendid shape and substance, rich col., good head, neck and back, nice wing carriage, well frosted; 2, Wheatley, wing tkd., short thick-set body, deep chest, short flights and tail, nice feather; 3, Needham, lovely quality, nice shape and feather; vhc, he, Walton and Noakes; c, McCarter; good class. MKD. YELL. (11): 1, Walton and Noakes, mkd. head, neck, back and left wing, deep full chest, short neck, nice carriage, grand quality and col., wins Sandiford's col. special; 2, Tyler, mkd. neck, eye and wings, lovely quality, nice shape, rich level col.; 3, Gibbons, mkd. head, neck and wings, lovely feather, nice short compact body, good quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Lees; he, Broadhurst; c, Cooper. BUFF (10): 1, Christian, mkd. eye, neck and wings, magnificent quality, rich col., close feather, short wings and tail, held same position last year; 2, Collier, mkd. neck, eyes and wings, close compact feather of good quality, nice shape, good wings and tail; 3, Lawrence, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape, good col., nice back and chest; vhc, Corrall; he, Orme; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Needham, well up in size, good shape, grand quality and solid and deep in col., nice wings and tail, takes special best Canary in show, and Hyde's special; 2, Jones, good col., nice short cobby body, full neck and neat head, short wings and tail, another good one; 3, Broadburst, lovely quality of feather, rich level col., nice wings and tail, not quite so cobby; vhc, Hulse; he, Judd, C, Elliott. BUFF (17): 1, Collier, gem for shape, quality of feather and richness of col., good wings and neatly folded tail, nice clean skull; 2, Elliott, grand shape, short flights and tail, nice back, hardly so rich in col.; 3, Gilbert, grand col., nice head and neck, short well packed flights; vhc, Walton and Noakes; he, Judd; c, Claypole. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Lea, grand shape and size, beautiful quality of feather, which is very compact, well carried flights and neat tail, good head and neck; 2, Walton and Noakes, grand shape, lovely texture of feather, short neck and neat head, nice col.; 3, Tyler, lovely col., nice shape and feather, nice back, shade open in tail; vhc, Shaddock; he, Corrall; c, Colver and Son. BUFF HEN (17): 1, Colver and Son, cl., grand shape, beautiful feather and quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Lawrence, beautiful shape and rich col., nice chest, good head and short full neck; 3, Judd, nice shape and quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Walton and Noakes; he, Hale; c, Baswell. MKD. HEN (19): 1, 2, Walton and Noakes, yell., mkd. eyes, wings and tail, model for shape, short feather of good quality, nice head and neck, short flights, grandly carried, very neat tail; 2, Cuff, mkd. eye, wing and thighs, grand shape, good flights and tail, deep chest and nice head; 3, Hale, varieg. yell., rare size and shape, nice col. and quality, good back and chest; vhc, Collier; he, Wood; c, Elliott. GREEN OR BROKEN GREEN (9) 1, Freestone, gem for shape, quality of feather, depth and richness of col., wings and tail well packed, nice clean skull and good neck; 2, Stevens, fine shape, good quality, nice head, short, well-packed flights aud tail; 3, Howe, nearly green, good shape, full of col., nice quality; vhc, Bateman; he, Hulse; c, Dickens. YORKS. CL., ETC. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Parkes, slim built, good col. and feather, stands well, nice flights, feather or two in tail net quite down, 3rd nice feather, good back and wings; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, good feather and quality, not quite so slim built as leader; vhc, Green; he, Greer; c, Jeffery. BUFF (9): 1, Green, cinn. mkd. neck and wings, slim built, well on leg, nice stand; 2, Jeffrey, cl., good stand, well on leg, good flights, neat tail; 3, King, slim built, nice wings and tail, close up; vhc, Parkes; he, Clempson; c, Freer. CREST OR C.-B. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Peters, nice team of crests and a crest-bred, leader pied tail green, fine droop and frontal crest. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, 2, Green, buff Lancs. coppy, nice length and position, neat coppy, 2nd cl. cap Silver Liz., nice work and ground col.; 3, Wheatley, pied tail yell. cinn., good size and shape, grand col.; vhc, Shaddock; he, c, Gilbert. NOV., A.V. CAN. YELL. (8): 1, Lea, variegated., grand col., rare shape and feather, good wings and tail; 2, Peberdy, cl., nice feather, shape and quality; 3, Wood, good-shaped body, nice col. and quality; vhc, Kilsby; he, Miles; c, Buck. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Peberdy, grand shape, good flights and tail, rich under col., well frosted, a good novice exhibit; 2, Boulter, another good one, close up; 3, Wood, good shape and col.; vhc, Lea; he, Buck; c, Chambers. UNFLIG. (19): 1, 2, Peberdy, good-shaped cl. yell., nice col. and feather, 2nd yell., grand col., but hardly the shape of the winner; 3, Boulter, eye mkd. buff, splendid shape, nice quality; vhc, Essex; he, Lea; c, Lander. SELL (30/-) (16): 1, Butler and Waring; 2, Cayless; 3, Stevens; vhc, Howe; he, Exton; c, Christian. SELL. (20/-) (17): 1, Needham; 2, Ford; 3, Colver and Son; vhc, Buswell; he, Wood; c, King. SELL. (12/6) (20): 1, Needham; 2, Hulse; 3, Neal; vhc, Dipple; he, Howe; c, Butler and Waring. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Lawrence, lightly mkd. on wings, good shape, grand col. flights, nice feather; 2, Lees, four-pointed, nicely balanced markings, capital feather and condition; 3, Howe, four-pointed, good size and shape; vhc, Tams and Son; he, Chillingsworth; c, Woolerton. DARK MULE (10): 1, Lawrence, yell. Can.-Bullie, splendid col., nice cap and bars, would no doubt have taken special but for being unsteady when brought out for this; 2, Chillingsworth, another Can.-Bullie, close on the heels of winner; 3, spl, c, Stevens, buff Siskin, nice feather and shape, well mkd; vhc, Lander; he, Cayless. HYBRID (8): 1, spl, Dickinson, Linnet-Bullie, feather like boxwood, nice shape and col., bit on the small side; 2, Belcher, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, good col. and shape; 3, Gilbert, nice feathered and good col. Goldfinch-Greenfinch, capital wing bars; vhc, Blockley; he, Lawrence; c, Freer.

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GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Tams and Son, beautiful Finch, splendidly tanned and well up in col., good face; 2, Belcher, hardly so forward and not quite the tanning of winner, and broadness of skull; 3, Wilmot, well up in col., nice tanning, not quite so good in undercut; vhc, Judd; he, Osborne Bros.; c, Freer. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Harrison, extra good skull, with a splendid cap and bib, lovely breast col.; 2, Judd, another good one, nice cap and bars; 3, Lawrence, not quite the tone of col., in fine trim and beautifully staged; vhc, Hexter; he, Anderson; c, Wilmott. LINNET (9): 1, Tams and Son, large and good col., which carries it through to-day, if better pencilled at sides would he a hard nut to crack; 2, Seal, nice shapely bird, fairly well pencilled; 3, C. Judd, good one, in lovely condition, very little to choose between this and the second; vhc, Brooks; he, Dalling. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Dalling, beautiful shape, lovely head, in grand condition, why colour-feed such bird?; 2, Robinson, non-fed, very good; 3, Smith, nice Finch, little smoky in col.; vhc, Seal; he, Kilsby; c, Orme. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Tonks, mealy Redpoll, Wolverhampton winner, needs little commeut; 2, Dalling, very good Siskin, nice col. and cap; 3, Hexter, handsome Lesser Redpoll, lovely tone of col., beautiful shape, well pencilled; vhc, Freer; he, Seal; c, Lander. A.O.V. FINCH (8): 1, Seal, Hawfinch, large and beautiful col., well cut bib, very steady; 2, Tams and Son, yell. Bunting, wonderful condition, grand feather and sheen, fair head markings; 3, Dickinson, Bramble, lovely col. and markings, grand condition; vhc, Christian; he, Ride; c, Cherry. SMALL INSECTIV. (2): 1, 2, Cocks, fine Tree-creeper, beautifully staged, 2nd good Redstart. LARGE (2): 1, Howe, Great Grey Sbrike, beautifully mkd. and in grand condition; 2, Heighton, good Song Thrush, nicely spotted. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, Oakey, magnificent Crimson Wing, beautiful col. and condition; 2, Howe, very nice Green-billed Toucan, beaten for condition; 3, Bennett, good Blue Bonnet. SMALL (3): 1, Cocks, grand Paradise Whydab, lovely col. and condition, well staged; 2, 3, Miss Galloway, Gouldian Finches and Crimson Finches, good col. and feather, fine exhibits.

LEWISHAM C.B.S.

Fourth annual show, held at headquarters, "The Roebuck," High Street, on November 2nd, the entries numbering 62, this being a long way short of previous efforts. The quality of Norwich was A1. Some good Yorkshires were staged. Again the principal feature was the British bird section, which held some tip-top specimens. Mr. Phillips, the courteous secretary, gave every attention, ably assisted by Mr. E. S. Lugg, F. White, Steed, and also C. Austin, who undertook to look after the exhibits during the day.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, spl (Sandiford medal), Steed, good clear unflig, will greatly Improve, good head, well cut away, very hot fed, 2nd Bromley winner; 3, Jordon, another cl. BUFFS (2): 1, Steed, nice cl., very compact, good quality, not quite ready; 2, Jordon, good mould. VARIEG. (1): 1, Steed, model of yell. head, wing and side mkd. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, 4 spls, Jordon, typical cl., good head and body, tight as a drum; 2, Steed, not quite the size and carriage. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Steed, big one, well mealed, tkd. on beak and vent, 3rd teaming with quality, well over perch; 2, Jordon, tight race here. HENS (3): 1, Jordon, good big cl. yell., nice type, good head; 2, Steed, typical yell.; 3, Lugg, unflig. buff, not ready. CHAMP. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Faux, good position, head and length; 2, Edwards, slim, well up. BUFF (2): 1, Edwards, rare long sided, well up, beautiful meal; 2, Faux, heavier variegated, good length. YELLS., UNFLIG. (2): 1, spl, Faux; 2, Edwards, very little to choose, wins in length. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, all from one room. Pretty, 1st and 2nd stand right away, good team, cinn. NOV. NOR. UNFLIG. BUFF (2): 1, 2, White, 1st variegated., splendid quality, 2nd wing mkd., bigger. HENS: 1, F. White, neat variegated. yell. NOV. YORKS. YELLS.: 1, F. Blow, no competition. BUFF: 1, F. Blow, right type. NOV. YORKS. VARIEG.: 1, spl, F. Blow, heavy variegated. yell., tip topper, good length and quality; 2, 3, Scott, fine stock birds. YELL. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, Scott. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Scott. HENS, 23 (3): 1, spl, 2, Scott, 1st eye tkd. yell., nice exhibit, 2nd good big longsided; 3, Blow, small good one. MULES OR HYB. (2): 1, spl, Botting, saddle and wing mkd. Goldfinch-Can., very taking buff; 2, Phillips, Greenfinch-Can., dark. GOLDFINCH: 1, C. Austin. BULLFINCH: 1, E. Jordon. LINNET (4): 1, spl, E. Jordon, not a big one, but all there for sheen and lacings; 2, Botting, beautiful quality; 3, Lugg; vhc, Botting. REDPOLL. ETC. (4): 1, spl, Botting, nicely laced Twite, in good form; 2, Austin, Redpoll, nice bib, good lacings, well shown; 3, Phillips, Siskin; vhc, Botting, Redpoll. GREENFINCH: 1, Lugg, not ready. BRAMBLE., ETC. (4): 1, Botting, wins in col. and spangling; 2, spl, White, tight as wax; 3, Austin, good one, all Bramblefinches; vhc, Lugg, big, fresh caught. A.O.S. SEED (2): 1, Botting, yell. Bunting, in topping form, good throat markings; 2, Austin. SOFT BILL, SMALL (1): 1, Lugg, Hedge-Sparrow. LARGE (1): Lugg, Jay. BRIT HEN (2): 1, spl, Botting, Bramble, like paint, steady, nice size; 2, Phillips, nice Bullie, will improve.

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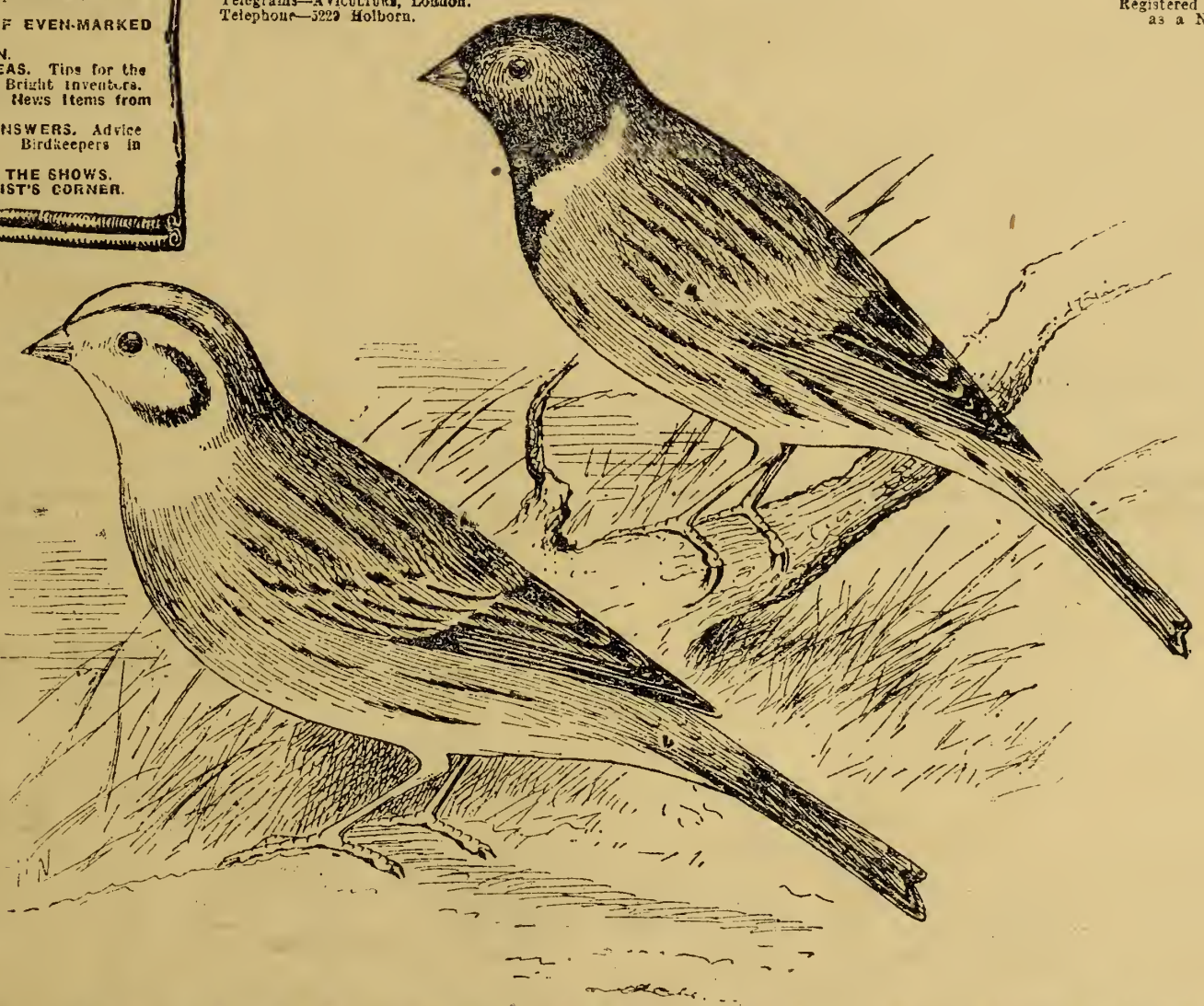
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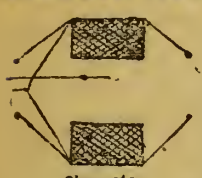
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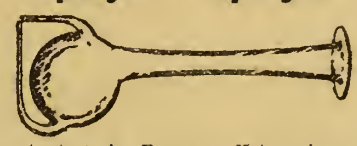
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Hardbills.

STAMFORD Show, November 25, 4 classes, British Hardbills.

COCK Bullfinches, 1/6, hens 9d., Redpolls 3d., 2/6 dozen.—Pemberton, Aston, Wem.

COCK Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 1/6 each; Redpolls, 4d. each.—Hyde, Builth, Wells

SPLENDID Bullfinches, 1/6 pair; hens 9d., cocks 1/-.—H. Green, Baxterrow, Dercham.

SELECTED Essex Bullfinches, cocks 1/3, hens 9d.—Rayner, 180, Coggeshall-rd., Braintree.

SIX smart hen Bullfinches for muling, 5/- lot; approval.—Miles' Aviaries, Chichester.

NINE classes for British, Birmingham Show, December 1st and 2nd. Popular judge.

BULLFINCHES, real good birds; cocks, 1/6; hens, 1/-.—Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate, Surrey.

LARGE Scotch red-breasted cock Linnets, 1/3 each, three 3/-.—Heron, Castle Douglas.

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, 1/9, 2/-; satisfaction guaranteed.—Harris, Tudor-pl., Chelmsford.

WANTED large Meadow Bunting cock, fit to show for cash.—McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

WELSH Goldfinch, warranted cock, nearly new cage, sacrifie 3/6.—Pilot, Draper, Welshpool.

HAWFINCH, cock, splendid bib, twice housemoulted, 8/6.—J. T., Asylum, Sleaford, Lincs.

BULLIES.—I have some grand cocks and several big steady hens this week.—Nawton, Pickering.

GOLDFINCHES, 1/8 pair, perfect health and feather.—Long, Photographer, Combe Down, Bath.

SINGING cock Linnets, 1/-, two 1/9; cock Bullfinch, 2/-; approval.—Miss Shaw, Sinell-st., Lincoln.

GOOD cock Finch, used calling, in large new double trap cage, only 1/6 lot.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

THREE selected cock Bullfinches, also three hens, 7/- the lot.—Mayhew, Langrish, nr. Petersfield, Hants.

WESTMORELAND Bullfinch cocks, 2/-, hens 1/-; exhibition birds 3/-.—Thomas Bell, New Inn Yard, Kendal.

VERY large young Bullfinches, in perfect condition, 1/9 pair.—Batchelor, 2, Queen's-rd., Crowborough.

COCK Linnets, with cage, singing grand, 1/6 and 2/-; Siskins, full song, 2/6.—Smith, 23, Copeman-st., Norwich.

LINNETS, grand cock Linnets and cage, 1/3 and 1/6 each; cock Larks, 3/- dozen.—Perkins, Aviary, Chatteris.

NOTICE. Extra special young cock Goldfinches, show birds, 4/- each; splendid cock Bullfinch, fit for exhibition, 4/-.—Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.

EXHIBITION Bullfinches, 2/- pair; cock Goldfinch, 1/9; good air gun, 3/6.—E. Archer, Bradford-st., Braintree.

SISKINS, Siskins; cocks, 2/6; hens, 1/3; selected cocks, for exhibition, 6/-.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

CROSSBILLS, Crossbills, 3/6 each, three for 7/6; selected cocks, 5/-.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

MOOR cock, brown Linnets, 5/- dozen; selected gems, three for 1/9.—P. Cawood, 25, Britannia-st., Scarborough.

LARGE Scotch cock Linnets, 1/- each, three for 2/6; Siskin cocks, 2/6; hens 1/3.—Chalmers, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.

CLEAN moulted cock Goldfinches, 3/6; Greypates, 2/6; large steady cock Linnets, 1/6.—A. E. Buck, 58, Helen-rd., Oxford.

MULING cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; large birds, Bullfinch cocks 1/6, hens 9d. each.—Alcock, 52, Pearce-rd., Ipswich.

QUARTER-PLATE camera, 10/6; exchange Gold finches, cocks, large; approval.—G. Smith, Havelock Villa, Berkhamsted.

HANDSOME cock Bullfinches, 1/6 each, two 2/6; hens, 9d.; Redpolls, 6d. pair.—J. Stacey, Gressenhall, East Dereham.

CHAFFINCHES, Yellow Buntings, 9d., three for 1/6; selected birds, 1/6 each.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

LOOK, two hen Siskins and six cock Redpolls, 5/-, caged months; room wanted; approval.—C. T. Cole, Taverham, Norwich.

BULLFINCHES, Bullfinches, 2/- pair; two pairs, 3/6; cash or deposit.—Mr. Jenner, Kent's-rd., Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

WESTMORLAND Bullfinches, cocks 2/-, hens 1/-, exhibition birds 3/-.—G. Wells, Yard 171, Highgate, Kendal, Westmorland.

BULLFINCHES; cocks, 1/2 each, 10/- dozen; hens, 8d. each, 6/- dozen; cash with order.—Thos. Kelly, 9, Nelson-st., Limerick.

FOUR handsome large cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each, cost that 3 months ago, honestly worth 4/-.—Ellis, 1, Mill-road, Kettering.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, lovely colour, grand condition, only 7/6; overstocked; approval.—Wilmot, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

GOLDFINCHES, 2/6; selected Linnets and Greenfinches, 1/-; well on seed; kept outdoors.—L. Trewhitt, Shotley Bridge.

EXHIBITION Greenfinch cocks, correct type, colour and size, 6d., 9d., and 1/- each.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

LINNET, grand cock, fine colour and size, on hard seed, 2/6; approval, cash or deposit.—Bowie, jun., Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

GRAND lot, healthy cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, 16/- dozen; hens, 1/- each, 10/- dozen.—Harrison Farm, Middleton, Pickering.

COCK Brown Linnets, 3/- dozen; cock Skylarks, 2/-; 20 well-mixed seed birds, 2/-.—Arthur Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

BRAMBLEFINCH cock, house-moulted, a big one, fine colour, 5/-; approval, cash or deposit.—Bowie, jun., Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

CANARY reared cock Linnet, singing, pale muler, grand bird, fit for exhibition, 3/6; approval.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

TWENTY cock Bullfinches, 1/9 each; 10 hens, 1/- each; two extra big grand coloured cocks, 3/- each. Thomas, Vronhache, Llangollen.

GOOD singing cock Goldfinch or Bullfinch, in large new singing cage, only 2/3; Rose Linnet, in cage, 1/6.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

HOUSE moulted cock brown Linnet, singing, and cage, 3/-, also Goldfinch and cage, 3/6.—Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

EPPING cock Chaffinch, immense size and colour, snow-whites, rich red breast, sure winner, 1/-.—Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

HOUSE-MOULTED exhibition cock Goldfinch, muler, 7/6; massive cock Bullfinch, pick of twenty, 3/6.—Monk, Owen-terrace, Halstead.

LINNETS, warranted cocks, three months caged, fit for show or muling, 1/3 each, three 2/6, six 4/6.—Matthews, 23, Holbeach-rd., Catford.

ENGLISH cock Bullfinches, 1/6, three for 4/-; selected birds, 2/6; hen Bullfinches, 1/- and 1/6.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

EXHIBITORS; giant Goldfinch, expansive deep square blaze, etc., can win, 6/-; week's approval.—Skinner, Birdcatcher, Mill-lane, Bristol.

BROWN Linnets, Linnets warranted cocks, all red-breasted, hard on seed; cocks, 3/- dozen, 2/- half.—Hoskin, 5, Archer-ter., Plymouth.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three for 4/-; selected birds, 2/6; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three for 2/6.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

COCK Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6 each, hens 9d.; 1 second Radstock show, 3/6; approval. — Heal Brothers, Rookery View, Holcombe, Bath.

LINNETS; red-breasted cock Linnets, 9d. each, three for 1/6, six for 2/6, twelve for 4/-, three dozen 11/-.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

LARGE Scotch cock Linnets, 1/3 each, three 3/-; cock Siskins, 3/-; hens, 1/3; cock Goldies, 3/- and 3/6.—Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet, in full song, good catcher, or suit muler or fierce singer, 3/6; week's approval.—Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

FINE young Bullfinches, specially selected for Hybrid breeding, 2/- pair; large hen Hawfinch, 3/-.—J. Batchelor, 55, Frant-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

FIFTY hen Bullfinches, strong healthy birds, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; five hand-reared, 3/6 each; approval, deposit.—Miles, St. Andrews Aviaries, Norwich.

—EXHIBITORS.—Bramblefinch, 15/-; Chaffinch, 15/-; can win, ready for immediate exhibition; on approval. Almond, Knowles-st., Rishton, Lancs.

MOVEABLE decoys on inverted springs; brown Linnets 1/-, dozen 10/-, Goldfinches 2/- each; exchange, offers.—Fryett, Puddingmoor, Beccles.

SISKIN cock, house-moulted, a show bird, 7/6; one field-moulted, 3/6; hens, 1/6; approval, cash or deposit.—Bowie, jun., Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

LINNETS, house-moulted, singing mad at anything, real contest birds; cheap, 5/- each; stamp reply.—Foster, 3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

CLEAN moulted pairs, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, every pair warranted; lot 7/6.—Roberts, 100 Walcot-st., Bath.

GREENFINCHES, 6d. pair; Linnets, 9d. pair; Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; Goldfinches, 3/- pair; Siskins, 3/- pair; Larks, 8d. pair.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

REDPOLL, grand coloured, bright red breast and head, fine size, 2/6; others 1/-; cash or deposit; approval.—Bowie, jun., Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 2/-; picked, 3/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 12 mixed birds, 1/-, 20 for 1/6.—G. Fenn, The Pit, Isleham, Cambs.

BULLFINCHES, Goldfinches, Siskins, 3/6 pair; Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 1/3 pair; price list free.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

LINNETS, large red-breasted cock, 4/- dozen; six 2/-; no rubbish, or half dead ones in boxes; hens, 1/- dozen.—Cubitt, 10, St. Peter's Plain, Great Yarmouth.

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EXHIBITORS.—The following sure winners to part with.—Bramble, Chaffinch, Siskin, Yellowhammer; all first-class order; approval; cheap.—Raine, Catheart.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 2/6, 3/-; Greenfinches, 1/-; Larks, 2/- dozen; 20 mixed seed-eaters, 1/6; exchange.—Fenn, Hives Drove, Isleham, Cambs.

LINNETS, Linnets; good healthy cock Brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/- dozen; selected, 2/6 dozen; hens, 9d. dozen.—Freeman, Catcher, 25, Stanhope-st., Nottingham.

LINNETS, Linnets.—Fine healthy cock brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; selected red-breasted 3/- dozen; no waiting.—Kendrick, Birdcatcher, 34, Goodhead-st., Nottingham.

BULLFINCHES and Goldfinches, 2/- pair; singing cock Linnets, 3 1/6, dozen 3/6; Redpolls, 2/6 dozen; all healthy, well on seed.—Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

BRITISH birds for exhibition. The whole of my show birds, including winners, for sale, also show cages; particulars sent.—Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford, Northants.

SISKINS, Siskins; grand Belgian birds; cocks, 2/6; hens, 1/-; pairs, 3/-; some grand German Bullfinches, cocks, 2/3; hens, 1/6; pairs, 3/3.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

MAGNIFICENT loud singing cock brown Linnet, complete in new singing cage, 1/6 lot; singing cock Redpoll and cage 1/-.—Midland Zoological Co., Sutton, Birmingham.

CONTEST secrets; unbeaten recipe for feeding Linnets mad into song, 6d.; selected cocks, with contest cage, recipe given, 2/6.—Shaw, 17, Graiseley-row, Wolverhampton.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 2/6; picked, 3/- dozen; Larks, 2/-; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed birds, 1/6; specials, 1/- each.—J. Fenn, Pleasant-terrace, Isleham, Cambs.

SHOW specimens, Ortolan Bunting, 5/6; Yellowhammer, 2/6; Chaffinch, 2/6; Greenfinch, 2/-; all house-moulted cocks.—Beck, 2a, Stannington-pl., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NOTICE, singing cock Linnet cage, 1/-; performing Redpoll cage, 1/-; cock Goldfinch cage, 2/6; singing twelve aviary birds, 3/- lot; approval deposit.—Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

SELECTED cock Linnets, new cage, 1/6; Linnet or Finch, with trap-cage, 1/6; Bullfinch, with trap-cage, 1/9; cock Bullfinch, with show cage, 3/9.—Shaw, 17, Graiseley-row, Wolverhampton.

GOLDFINCHES, warranted cocks, 1/6, 2/- each; hens, 9d.; few grand specials, fit to show at once, 3/- each.—Amos Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Dawlish-rd., Selby Oak, Worcestershire.

BULLFINCHES, just like paintings; cocks, 1/6 each, three 4/-; few for immediate exhibition, 2/6 each, hens, 8d., 1/- each.—Amos Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selby Oak, Worcestershire.

H. BELCHER has for disposal, dark Linnet Mule, 7/6; uneven marked Goldfinch Mule, £1; also several Bullfinches; the above can win at local shows.—Wood Farm Dairy, Wellingborough.

GEMS of the first water, exhibition Westmorland cock Bullfinch, 6/-; marvellous quality cock Linnet, 5/-; storming cock Yellowhammer, 3/-; approval.—Thomas Crossley, Mealbank, Kendal.

SELECTED cock Linnets, 9d. and 1/- each; Chaffinches, 6d. each; cock Bullfinches, 1/6 each; hens, 9d. each; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each.—Draper and Hubbard, 103, Belgrave Gate, Leicester.

LINNETS, Linnets, warranted cock brown Linnets, 2/6 dozen; selected 3/- dozen, all well on seed, fine healthy birds; 20 dozen in stock.—Garratt, 2, Bosworth-ter., Briar-st., near Wilford, Notts.

A GRAND 1909 Peathroat cock Goldfinch, clean moulted, a real topper, price 6/-; also several other cock Goldfinches, fit for show, 4/- each.—Raby, 10, Chequer's Grove, Bellbarn-rd., Birmingham.

HANDSOME true pairs Cirl Buntings, 5/-; Reed Buntings, 1/6; yellow Buntings, 1/6; Redpolls, 1/-; Linnets, 1/-; lot 9/-; bargain; all best of health and feather.—K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

TWO cock Reed Buntings, 2/6 each, 4/6 the two; cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, hens 1/-; singing cock Linnets, 1/- each, six hen Goldfinches, 4/-; hen Goldfinch Mule, 1/- each.—Philp, Marazion, Cornwall.

SPLENDID exhibition Bullfinches, cocks, 3/-, 5/-; hens, 2/- and 3/-; selected cock Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, etc., 7/6 half dozen.—Wade, Hillside, Wyndham-rd., Chatham.

EXHIBITORS; Goldfinches, hundreds to select from; several monsters; Greypates, nearly finished, can win, field-moulted class, cocks guaranteed, 2/6; week's approval.—Skinner, Birdcatcher, Mill-lane, Bristol.

BULLFINCHES, I have a splendid lot of these birds that have been caged weeks, will give satisfaction in every way; cocks, 1/9; hens, 1/-; pairs, 2/6.—F. Townshend, Sunnymeade, Hathorley, Cheltenham.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches, Siskins, genuine genuine British birds, in the pink of condition; cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1s.; cock Siskins, 3/-.—A. Miles, 63, Peel-st., Kidderminster.

BRITISH and Foreign winners, reasonable, see report Ramsgate, fed Siskin muler and hen Goldie, pair 12/6; Siskin and Linnet Mules, 6/- each; fed cock Canaries, 7/6; approval.—James, Jeweller, Westgate-on-Sea.

LARGE cock Bullfinches, 14/- dozen, 1/3 each; picked birds, 1/6, 2/- each; hens, 7/6 dozen, three for 2/-, 9d. each; picked birds, 1/-, 1/6 each. If not fully satisfied, money returned.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

THROUGH unemployment, must sell six large exhibition cock Goldfinches, in song, 2/6 each, 12/- lot; pair clapnets, new, complete, 10 yards long, 6ft. deep, 10/-, genuine lot.—Kiffin, 133, Wilton-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinch Linnet, warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 Bullfinches, good colour, 2/-, 2/6; hen, 1/-; red-breasted cock Linnet, 8d. each; six 2/6; Larks, 6d. each; six, 2/-.—G. Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

LIGHT Mule breeders; monster Cheverel cock Goldfinch, clean wide cut, once house-moulted, white legs, pure white flights in wing and tail, £1; bargain, healthy; approval, cash or deposit.—Fearby, Mill-lane, Bedminster.

BIRDS not sold yet; six large exhibition cock Goldfinches, in song, 2/6 each; six large cock Linnets, in song, 1/-; Linnet or Finch cages, 6d. each; bargains; honestly worth double.—Kiffin, B133, Wilton-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

COCK Goldfinch, clean moulted, steady, 4/-, another 3/-; pair Bullfinches, 3/-; selected cock brown Linnet, with cage, 2/6, all caged three months, and selected birds.—Cooper, 16, Hembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

LARGE exhibition Linnet Mule, full song, £1; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, good bird, 6/-; two Greypates, cocks, caged September, 3/- each; approval, deposit.—Wm. Fairhurst, 66, Nellie-st., Bennett-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinches, good colour, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-; cock Linnets in song, 6d., 8d., 1/-; good colour cock Chaffinches, 8d.; handsome cock Nuthatch 7/6; cock Goldfinch, 2/6, 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed.—W. Garner, 19, Chalton-st., Euston-rd., London.

EXHIBITORS.—A few good exhibition specimens for sale, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, Goldfinch, Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, Fieldfare; going very cheap; all house-moulted and in show condition.—D. Duncan, jun., 78, Franklin-rd., Harrogate.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 12/- dozen; six 6/6, three 3/6; picked birds, 1/6; Peartree Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/-; cock Linnets, 2/9 dozen, six 1/6, three 1/-; hens, 1/6 dozen; old-caught, 3/6 dozen.—Harrison, Catcher, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

PERFORMING Redpoll, draws food and water, very amusing, 4/6; singing cock Thrush, new cage, 10/-; cock Siskin, mule colour-fed, sure winner, 10/-; very light Goldfinch mule, 10/6, large Linnet Mule, 7/6.—Pritchard, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

LINNETS, Linnets; Southdown birds are the best songsters in England; large red-breasted cocks, with splendid mid-brown shoulders, well on seed, six 2/-, or 3/6 dozen; hens, 1/- dozen; satisfaction guaranteed, or will return money.—James Jones, 10, Meadow-sk., Landport, Portsmouth.

SNOWBUNTINGS, 1/6; pair extra selected cocks, showing, 2/6 each; Twites, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, 6d. each, 4/- dozen; Linnets, warranted large cocks, red breasts, on seed, 6d. each, three 1/3, six 2/-, dozen 3/6, three dozen 10/-.—Johnson, 127, Nelson-rd., Yarmouth.

NOTICE, twenty large hen Bullfinches, for hybrid breeding, 1/ each, three 3/6.—Barsou, 131, Cottesmore-rd., Leicester.

BULLFINCHES: cocks, 1/3, six 6/6, 12/-; dozen hens, two, 1/6; six, 3/9; all birds well on seed before sent out; numerous testimonials.—Barson, 131, Cottesmore-rd., Leicester.

I HAVE the following house-moulted British birds for sale, all fit for the best shows: Goldfinch, grand blaze, 15/-; Linnet, good big bird, 15/-; Redpoll, 7/6; hand-reared Yellowhammer, beauty, 15/6; dark Linnet-Canary Mule, 12/6; Chaffinch, 10/-. All on three days' approval for cash.—Enoch Tams, Church-st., Lougton.

EXHIBITORS. Really high-class specimens for sale, reasonable; lovely condition; can win cost in good competition. Selected and moulted by a specialist. Include two Hawfinches, two Bullfinches, Goldfinch, two Twites, two Siskins and others. Grand birds. Send stamp for full list.—G. E. Weston, 66, Woodstone-rd., London, N.W.

EXHIBITORS Note. Bird for muling and small local shows, Goldfinch, good blaze buttons, and tanning, 4/6; Redpoll, good bib and mackings, 1/3; Linnet, good colour and type, 1/9; Twite, grand head and ground colour, 2/6; large Chaffinch, fine head and type, 2/-; field moulted; cash or deposit. —Cockerill, Roche House, Atherton-st., Stockport.

NOTICE to Linnet Exhibitors.—One of the finest and largest cock Linnets caged during 1909, superb size and quality, splendid whites, rich nutty brown back, correct shape, beautifully pencilled, clear moulted, make splendid show bird, price 5/-, worth 10/6, approval, cash, and carriage paid both ways; stamp reply.—Bishop, 156, Longmoor-lane, Walton, Liverpool.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets. Twites, Twites, Twites. Red-breasted warranted cock Linnets, well on hard seed, best in Lincolnshire, 4 - dozen, six 2/3, three 1/3; warranted cock Twites (Redrumps), 3/6 dozen, six 2/-, three 1/3; cock Greenfinches, like paint, hen Linnets, hen Twites, all 1/6 dozen, six 10d.; hundreds testimonials.—Charles Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

WESTMORLAND cock Bullfinches and Goldfinches, in perfect show condition, and can win, 5/6 each; monster cock Bullfinch and cock Goldfinch, fit for Palace, 10/6 each, perfect in every way; very large cock Linnet, Siskin and Redpoll, lovely colours and markings, sure winners, 5/6 each; Siberian cock Goldfinch and Linnet, real toppers, 10/- each.—Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.

C. PRIOR offers climbing house-moulted Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, etc., for immediate exhibition, including many recent winners; also field-moulted specimens of equal merit, and a few Siberian Goldfinches; many winners supplied already; still many to sell; stale wants, enclosing stamp.—50, Kew Bridge-rd., Brentford.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; Larks, Larks, Larks. —The old firm can supply dealers with large or small quantities, warranted cock Linnets, 3/- dozen, or 5 dozen for 15/-; hen Linnets, 1/3 dozen; warranted cock Larks, 3/- dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; handsome lot; Norwich cock Canaries, 4/3, 4/6 each, all singing.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

EXHIBITORS; large Scotch cock Bullfinches, superb colour, 3/6; one special gem, 5/6; large highly-coloured cock Siskins, 3/6 and 4/6; monster cock Redpoll, grand colour and bib, 2/6; cock Bramblefinch, a slasher for size, colour, and spangling, 4/6; grand house-moulted Redwing, in faultless trim, 6/6; ditto Grey Wagtail, 6/6; Snow Bunting, perfect gem, won 3rd Fraserburgh, 10/6; approval.—Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

WINNERS.—Chaffinch, big winner, 2nd Manchester, £2; Greenfinch, 3rd Preston, own class, £1; large Bramblefinch, 2nd Blackburn, see report, 15/-; Twite-Greenfinch Hybrid, very rare, £1; hen Corn Bunting, 2nd Blackburn Bunting class, 25/-; certain winner hen class; large Twite, good colour and markings, 20/-; well pencilled Linnet, 10/-; all ready for immediate exhibition; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—J. Hunter, Nab Lane, Blackburn.

LINNETS. Linnets. Best songsters in England are the Southern birds. Large red-breasted cocks, with rich nut-brown backs, well pencilled, Norwich type, six for 2/-, 3/6 dozen, or two dozen for 6/-; sex and satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned; plenty in stock, no waiting. I have a grand collection of these fine birds, nearly 50 dozen; my bird-room is a charm. The old firm, same address 18 years.—G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

EXHIBITORS, private bird buyers, I am no dealer, but a catcher, 25 years; you get the cream of the fields by giving me your order; several selected monster Linnets, of the first nest, superb in size, splendid whites, nutty brown backs, shape, clean-moulted, beautifully pencilled, can win, 9d. each: others, 3/6 dozen; monster selected yellow Greenfinch, good bars, 6d.; others, 1/3 dozen; selected Chaffinch, 6d.; 4/6 dozen; monster Greypates, will moult winners, 3/6, cocks guaranteed; cash or deposit, week's approval.—Fearby, Mill-lane, Bedminster.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS.

Guaranteed cock Goldfinches 2/6, selected 3/-, hens 8d.; cock Linnets, three 2/6; cock Bullfinches, six 7/-; hens, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6, twelve 2/6.—Charles McCann, 15, North-st., Lurgan.

NO WAITING. NO BOASTING.

Selected cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/6, hens 1/-; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6; Greenfinches, Skylarks, Linnets, 6d.; 1/-; Redpolls, 4d., six 1/3, 2/- dozen, two dozen 3/6; Andreasberg Rollers, 5/6, 7/6, hens 1/6.—Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

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All nice large Siberian birds; Bullfinches, cocks, 4/- each; Bullfinches, hens, 3/- each; Goldfinches, cocks, 3/- each; rich-coloured show birds; packed separately, free; cash with order; dealers supplied. —F. Sels, Son, Antwerp.

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To feed and train Linnets for contest singing; how to feed fresh-caught birds, sex, moult, cure for soft moult and red mite, also particulars for mule breeding, 7d. receipt given with above for keeping birds in high order of health.—Williams, 14, Church Bank, Bradford.

BRITISH.

A few high-class birds for sale; two Linnets, 15/- each; several Goldfinches, 2nd at Gillingham this week, 4/, others 10/- each; rich coloured Chaffinch, 10/-; the above are all ready for show; a large hen Bullfinch, laid eggs last season, 6/-.—Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham.

DAN WELCH, BENGEO, HERTFORD.

I have one dozen cock Bullfinches, fit for exhibition, with new show cage, 4/6 each; Bullfinch, 2nd Members', with show cage, 5/-; cock Greenfinch, 3rd Members', with new show cage, 3/-; four house-moulted Greypates, full song, 4/-; cock Linnets, pick birds, three 1/9; cock Greenfinches, like paint, three 1/-.

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Thirty grand hen Bullfinches, caged one month, picked for Hybrid breeding, 1/- each; three grand hens, true type, 2/6 each; cocks for show, 2/6 each; five hand-reared, guaranteed, 3/- each; others 1/6; perfect specimen Goldfinches, 4/- each; others 2/-; grand large Welsh Linnets on song, 1/6 each; Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 4d. each; show specimens, 1/-.

JOHN MACE, NATURALIST,

Barnsley, and Blonk-st., Sheffield.—Cock Linnets, 8d. each; cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Larks, 6d.; all other British and Foreign birds in stock.

W. SMITH.

Guaranteed cock Goldfinches, 1/9, three for 5/-, 16/- a dozen;; hens, 9d., three 2/-; 6/- a dozen; selected cock Goldfinches, almost as big as Russians, 2/6; Bullfinches, 2/6; selected cock Bullfinches, 3/6, hens, 1/- and 1/6; travelling cages 3d. extra.—39, Tib-st., Manchester.

SIBERIANS.

Goldfinches, 25/- dozen; Bullfinches, cocks, 44/- dozen; hens, 25/- dozen; Siskins, cocks, 20/- dozen; hens, 10/- dozen; Waxwings, 60/- dozen; Gros-beaks, cocks, 40/- dozen; hens, 24/- dozen; Crosbills, cocks, 24/- dozen; hens, 15/- dozen; Belgian Siskins, cocks, 15/- dozen; Hartz Mountain Rollers, cocks, in full song, 48/- dozen.—Bird Stores, Bruynooghe, Antwerp, Belgium.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS

Siskins, etc. I have hundreds of British birds coming in weekly; real 1909 English cock Goldfinch, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/6; large specially selected for showing, muling, singing, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; three 5/-, six 8/6; hens 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/-, 2/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 13/- dozen; hen 1/-, 1/6, three 2/6; six 4/6; large selected Lancashire cock Linnet, 9d., 1/-, three 1/9, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; grand cock Siskin, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hens 1/-, three 2/6; selected cock Linnet for showing 1/6, 2/- each; selected cock Redpoll and cock Greenfinch, 9d., 1/- each; large cock Lark, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; birdlime, 1/8 lb., 1/- ½lb., 7d. ¼lb.; postage free.—Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. Established 1895.

HARRY ALLEN.

LONDON, LANCASHIRE AND SCOTLAND.

I sold five quality singing Linnets to two well-known gentlemen in Lancashire for £20 10s. There was also a very large sum of money deposited with the Editor of this paper for one quality singing Linnet, which a London gentleman bought; and also a large sum of money for two time singing Linnets. These two birds ran away with the scores, that were sent to me. My birds have travelled hundreds and thousands of miles, and in all parts of the world; and for over 16 months not one single bird has been returned to me. For proof, the Editor of this paper, which I claim as a sound record. Ladies and gentlemen, I have the following for sale: Three good quality singing Linnets, two good time singing Linnets, that can beat three score in two minutes in any window in England. Please note I am the only dealer in England that can supply this class of bird; write for particulars. Linnets, singing grand, with a beautiful polished contest cage, fit for any room, and my new book of secrets and a packet of my special mixture, 3/-, worth double. Look, fierce singing cock Linnets, with blood-red breasts and extra loud voices, with cage and my book of secrets, right for catching or contest singing, only 2/-; Linnets, taught by the world's champion, will sing anywhere, only 1/6; a few specials, 2/-. These are wonderful value, and in the pink of condition. Goldfinches, Goldfinches; real English Peartree cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, with grand broad heads and beautiful square-cut scarlet blaze, with splendid wing bars and richly tanned on breasts and beautifully buttoned, these prize winners 4/6; other grand Goldfinches, same size, beautiful colour, 3/6; very large Greypates, will make sure winners, 2/6 each; a few large Goldfinches, being used for catching, 2/6 each. I have over 200 of the nicest and largest cock Bullfinches in England, with a beautiful black cap and bib, with double rich colour on breasts, ready at once for the show bench, these prize winners 3/6 each; other grand Bullfinches, 2/6 and 3/-; beautiful hen Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/-; they are in good condition; beautiful Greenfinches, the nicest I have seen this season, like paint, and in show condition, 1/- each; red-breasted Redpolls, 1/-; cock Chaffinches, 1/-. My A1 special Linnets can beat the world for steadiness, size, colour, and markings; these birds are winning all over. Larks. I have the finest cock Larks in England, singing daylight and gaslight, and as straight as arrows and as steady as rocks, and in show condition, 1/- and 1/6; a few specials, 2/6. The Lark I sold got 2nd prize at Rotherham Show; splendid British show cages, 2/- each; my book of secrets, 9d.; one stone of my best special Linnet mixture, 4/-; quarter of a stone, 1/-. This is the same kind of mixture as the champion Linnet won all his contests on. Deposit your money with the Editor of this paper for honest stuff. All on seven days approval. For proof of the above, read what others say:—"G.W. Railway Station, Brixham.—Dear Sir,—Goldfinch arrived safe, and is a splendid bird. Thanks very much, and shall be sending shortly for Linnet.—Yours truly, J. Lardon to H. Allen." "16, Forest Houses, Blaenclydach, Rhondd, S. Wales.—Dear Sir,—I am very pleased with the Linnet and Finch; they are both doing well. They are as good as ever I got from you. Wishing you every success.—W. Morris to H. Allen." I have thousands of testimonials open for inspection. Please state wants, and write to the old original. Only honest dealing with me; so send at once to the largest British bird dealer in the world.—Harry Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE LINNET KING.

Real Lancashire Linnets, well on seed, fat and healthy, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; a few specially selected for singing, showing or muling, 1/6 and 2/- each; Goldfinches, cocks, three 4/-, six 7/6; a few special selected for showing or muling, 2/- and 2/6 each; hens, 9d. each, twelve 6/6; Bullfinches, cocks, 2/- and 2/6 each; these birds are fit to win anywhere; hens, 1/- and 1/6 each. Send to me, and you will find me honest and straightforward; P. Card before birds; no big prices with me. P. Brade, 89, Hammond-st., Preston, Lancs.

Siberian Goldfinches,

To arrive, Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, a large consignment of Siberian Goldfinches, prices 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each; dealers supplied; stamped envelope for reply.—Smith, German House, Tib-st., Manchester.

LET ME ASK

you this. Are you satisfied with the man you are at present dealing with, is price right, quality everything to be desired, and, above all, do you have birds on approval, with the alternative of getting the whole of your money back if not thoroughly satisfied? If you cannot answer all the above questions satisfactorily to yourself, then you have cause to change your dealer. I ask all dissatisfied persons to just give me one trial. I care not how hard a man is to please, or how small the order, I guarantee to give entire satisfaction, or refund money in full. My terms are these: Everything I sell is sent on approval on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system, on the distinct understanding that if anything fails to give every satisfaction, it only has to be returned, and back comes the whole of your money. No underhand dodging or quibbling about me, my only terms stated above. I make no idle boasts or false statements when I say that at present time I have more British birds on my premises than all other dealers in Midland Counties together, and have more Worcestershire birds through my hands in one season than all other dealers in United Kingdom. (Copyists please note.) I have grand lot of Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health and feather, all netted birds, properly on hard seed at 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/-, twelve 12/-; specially selected, large cocks, in full colour, guaranteed in song, 2/- and 2/6 each; few specially selected cocks, very large, fit for keenest competition, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-, twelve 7/-, twenty-four 12/-; twenty grand cage-moulted cock Goldfinches, all large, picked birds, and guaranteed full song, day and gaslight, 5/- each; these are finger-tame, and will make ideal mulers. Splendid lot cock Bullfinches, in perfect health and feather, 1/6 and 2/-; each. Specially selected cocks, fit for keenest competition, 2/6 and 3/- each. Splendid lot of hen Bullfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/6, twelve 8/-; few very large, rich-coloured hens for hybridising, 1/6 each; fifty aviary-moulted hen Bullfinches, in perfect trim, all picked, large birds, been flying in aviary with Goldfinches and Canaries since first week in September, 2/6 each; these hens will be worth treble in the spring for breeding. Grand lot cock brown Linnets, in pink of health and condition, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; specially selected larger cocks, for muling and contest singing, guaranteed now in song, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; few large, well-pencilled cocks, with the nutty-brown chests so hard to get, fit for keenest competition, 2/- each, three 5/-. Cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Cock Chaffinches, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each.—Cock Siskins, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-; exhibition yellow cocks, with clear-cut caps, full bibs, and correctly laced thighs, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; hen Siskins, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-. Yellowhammers, 1/- pair. Very handsome Cinnamon House Sparrow (male), probably best Cinnamon ever caught, caged one month, and every feather perfect, highest offer accepted. Cock Woodlarks, coming in song, 2/6 each; hens, 9d. each. Splendid talking Amazon Parrot, four years old, talks, whistles, sings, laughs, cries, etc., 50/-; another ditto, but freer talker, 70/-, cages included. Goldfinch, Linnet and Bullfinch cages, 6d. each, 4/6 dozen; Lark cages, 6d., 8d., 10d. and 1/- each; singing box cages, 1/-, 1/2, 1/4, 1/9 and 2/- each. Dealers please send stamp for wholesale cage list. Please note following letters:—"3, Damers Road, Dorchester, November 15th. Sir,—Thanks for so promptly sending another bird (free of cost) to replace the one which died. That is what I like with your dealings, there is no quibble about such accidents. Yours, H. Batchelor." "466, Knutsford road, Warrington, October 28th. Sir,—Thanks for Siskin, safely to hand. This is first time I have ever had a bird replaced. Yours, S. Nelson." "Golden Cross, Cirencester, November 11th. Sir,—I beg to thank you for the Siskin which you kindly sent to replace the one I lost. It arrived quite safe. Yours, A. Ireland." "Pool Carn Brae, November 1st. Sir,—Bird safely arrived on Saturday. I feel I cannot thank you enough for sending this one free of charge, in place of the one which died. I think it most generous of you. This bird seems in good health. I shall feel it a great pleasure to recommend you at all times. Yours, J. Cudlip." (I have published above letters to show that I really do carry out my advertisements, and I can safely say that the only similar letters ever seen in CAGE BIRDS are these I have myself published. To those who can put two and two together, this fact should speak volumes.—W. Gore.) "Victoria Avenue, Draycott, November 12th. Sir,—Received Goldfinches safe, and am quite satisfied with them, and the prompt manner of dispatch. Yours, E. Statham." "28, Newbridge Street, Old Whittington, November 12th. Sir,—Bird and cage arrived in splendid condition, and I am also pleased with prompt dispatch. I have been dealing with others, but from now all orders are yours, as some of them have not dealt fair with me. Yours, W. Riggott." "Meadowbank Lodge, Dumbarton, November 11th. Sir,—Birds arrived all safe, many thanks for prompt dispatch. Yours, J. Pearson." "21, Pearson Street, Workington, November 11th, Sir.—Received bird, and as very pleased with it. Thanks for prompt dispatch. It arrived in good condition. I like the way you pack them. Yours, S. Butcher." Thousands more letters similar to above, but lack of space prevents me publishing them. Have you ever noticed that nearly all letters mention "prompt dispatch" of orders. This means that I have the birds actually in stock, ready for dispatch, not having to wait until I get purchasers' cash before I myself can purchase them. As several advertisers are copying the wording of my advertisements, I beg to say that I have no connection whatever with any other persons in the trade, and that the only name and address of "money back" man is as under. See Appliances and also Roller Canary columns for undisputed facts which "touch the spot."

W. GORE, 131, GOOCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

IS IT A

Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, or Linnet you are wanting? I have some of the best seen this season, and respectfully ask you to allow me to submit you my illustrated price list; but, if you want fresh caught rubbish at absurd prices, do not waste your time and mine, by sending to me.

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West View, Lower Clatford, Hants, November 11th, 1909. Received the Siskins, and am very pleased with them, and thank you for your prompt attention.—H. Dawling to W. Rudd.

Never had so good at the price.

13, High-street, Abingdon-on-Thames. November 14th, 1909. Goldfinch arrived safely, in grand trim. I thank you very much for sending me such a beauty. I am quite sure I have never had one so good at the price before. Although having had a good many Goldfinches from different parts. C. Pearce to W. Rudd.

Nottingham Road, Giltbrook, Notts. November 8th, 1909. Received birds on Saturday. Thanking you for the same. A very nice Finch. J. Smedley to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, THE BIRD Specialist **NORWICH.**

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A great opportunity.—A few high-class birds for disposal, consisting of Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, Redpolls, Twites, Corn Bunting, Bullfinches; these are all cage-moulted and in show condition, and winners, going very cheap; no fancy prices; can be seen at any time; stamp replies.—Francis, 174, High-st., Tooting, S.W.

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, BULLFINCHES

Notice to Fanciers.—Perhaps you wonder why I send birds on week's approval; the reason is that I cage them off and get them in song before sent out, not brought straight from fields and sent out to fanciers; warranted English cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; extra selected for show bench and light muling, 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-; warranted cock brown Linnets, 4/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, three 1/-, 1/6 dozen; cock Skylarks, in grand song, 1/- each, three 2/-, 3/- dozen; cock Woodlarks, the King of Songsters, 2/6, 3/6 each, 15/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, 18/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, mulers, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnet mules, 4/-, 5/- each; cock bird Linnet, 2/6; call bird Goldfinch, 4/6; two-year-old birds, Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canaries, 4/6, 5/-, 70/- dozen; Goldfinch and Linnet cages, 5/- dozen, or 6d. each; talking Parrots, 20/-, 30/- each.—Baker, Philip-st., Beduinster.

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Perfect beauties, full mooned and grand full scarlet coloured blazes, supplied the following gentlemen with first prize winners, Mr. Murdock, Girvan; Mr. Williams, Droitwich; Mr. Corlett, Castletown; Mr. Trueman, Whitwell; Mr. McMinn, Castle Douglass; Mr. Colville, Cambletown; Mr. Parker, Denny; Mr. McDerment, Paisley. Dec. 5, 1908.—Sir,—Send 6 cock Goldfinches; a friend of mine got a Siberian Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch from you, and they bred four Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, and I bred six Goldfinch Mules and eight Linnet Mules from a Goldfinch and Linnet I got from you. Prices—Siberian Goldfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, and special picked ones, sure winners, 10/- each; cock Siberian Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; any on approval.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge.

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Gentlemen, why I keep sending prize winners out every day is because I have the largest stock in the world to select from. This is well known by all leading exhibitors. Contest singers and Mule breeders, also the finest aviaries. Mine are not old hencotes, same as most backyard dealers when you come to inspect them. Over 3,000 British bird on hand; also refreshments and teas supplied at any hour for all clients. So don't be gulled by so-called specialists. Send for a team of my A1 specials, if you want to win on the show bench or singing contests. They are the finest and largest British birds in the world, bar none; all guaranteed in perfect show condition and in full song, not fresh-caught rubbish, same as most dealers send out. All on seven days approval and at my own risk. Linnets, Linnets, Linnets; steady as rocks, ready for show bench, real giants, well pencilled, good nut colour, Norwich type, real gems, same sort of Linnets that are winning first prizes all over England, which I have sent out this last 10 years, 2/- each; a few extra special giants, 2/6 each. Linnets, ready for contest singing, in full song, finger-tamed, taught under the champion Linnets of Cheshire, 1/6 and 2/- each; a few extra special moulted Linnets, in full song, 2/6 each, ready to win a singing contest, with book instructions, new polished singing cage, packet of special singing seed, 3/-. I can also dispose of a few catching Linnets, all well worked, used to the hedge and nets, in full song, real stoppers, 2/-; these are bargains. Also 500 Linnets, singing beautiful, 1/- each. Goldfinches, Goldfinches. Real Peartree Goldfinches; guaranteed over 700 in stock, all netted from the Cheshire fruit gardens, not like Foreign birdlime rubbish, all steady and in full show condition; a few massive large giants, with good broad square scarlet blazes, well tanned on breast, extra well buttoned, long Yorkshire type, ready to win in keen competition at once, 2/6 and 3/- each; a few extra special prize winners, 3/6 each; guaranteed the finest in England. I can dispose of 30 Goldfinches in full song, used to hedge and nets since July, all in full song, sure stoppers, 2/6 each; six special Goldfinches, been worked to nets 12 months, 3/- each; real bargains. Yellow giant Greenfinches, as large as Thrushes, like Canaries, 1/- each; large Yellowhammers, 1/- each, sure winners. Bullfinches, Bullfinches. 500 on hand; real Norwich type, breast like blood, good black cap and bib, splendid wing bars, real beauties, 2/6; a few extra specials, 3/- each, sure winners. Over 100 nestling Larks, in full song, finger-tamed, 1/6 and 2/- each; also 100 house-moulted Larks, in full song, 1/6 each; 40 hand-reared young Larks, ready to win any singing contest, taught under the champion Larks of Cheshire, 3/- each, real bargains. Please write for any other British birds you require. Clubs, parks, aviaries supplied by return of post. Gentlemen, all I send is on seven days approval, all at my own risk. Cash, or deposit with Editor of CAGE BIRDS. So, gentlemen, send at once to Matthews, Linnet King and Judge, 24, Avenue-street Aviaries, Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

I HAVE

now in stock the following British birds, all well on seed, and I will send every bird out on approval: Goldfinches, a grand lot, cocks, 1/9, 2/-, for showing 3/-, 4/-; hens, 1/-. Bullfinches, no one can beat me, at 1/6, 1/9; cocks, fit for any show, 3/-, 4/-; hens for hybrid breeding, 7d., 9d., 1/-. I can pick winners out in Linnets. See Cheltenham and Leicester. Cocks, 8d., 1/-, 1/6; Redpolls, three for 1/-; Lesser Mealy, fit to show, 1/-; Siskin, picked bird, 2/6, 3/6; Greenfinches, 6d., 8d. pair; large Yellows, Norwich type, like ducks, 1/-, 1/6; Chaffinch, rare colour, 1/-; Yellowhammer, 1/-. Mixed dozen for aviary, including Goldfinch, 2/6. Pair hand-reared Yellowhammers, beauties, 5/6; Linnet cages, 1/6; show cages, 2/9, 3/-, new pattern. Bird lime, 6d., 1/- tins, post paid. Try my special fierce Linnet and show Linnet mixture, 1/-. lb., post paid 1/3, ½lb. 8d., sample ¼lb., 4½d. Used by all leading fierce singers in North Staffordshire. Mealworms, large, 6d. 9d., 1/- packages, post paid; dried flies, 1/6 lb; ants' eggs, 1/6 lb. Come and see my Rollers in special room. Cocks, 7/-, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 1/9, 1/6, 2/-. Week's approval.—Enoch Tams, Clarence Aviaries, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

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IS IT HONEST DEALING

you want? If so, place your orders into my hands, or with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, then I will send what you require, to any part of the world, on approval, entirely at my own risk, and if birds fail to give satisfaction you return birds, and I will at once return your money. I now claim to hold the largest stock of British birds in the Midland Counties. Warranted large Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health, 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen. I have hundred specially selected large cock Goldfinches, all caged off, in full song, can be seen and heard any time, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/-, six 9/-, 16/- dozen; few extra large cock Goldfinches, with clear cut square blaze, very steady, fit to show at once, impossible to get better, 4/-, 5/- each. I have two cock Goldfinches that have been used for call birds, 3/6 each, worth double; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; large stock cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; extra large, for showing, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/- each; extra large rich colour hens, 1/6, 2/- each; Linnets, warranted Worcestershire cock Linnets, with nut-brown wings and back; rose red-breast, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected large cocks, for showing or muling, warranted in full song, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few extra large cock Linnets, ready for show at once, 2/-, three 4/-. For the last seven weeks I have sold 40 dozen cock Linnets weekly. Two-year-old cock Linnets, in full song, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Greenfinches, like paint, 6d., three 1/-, six 1/6; exhibition specimens, 1/-, three 2/-; cock Chaffinches, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/3, 3/6 dozen; exhibition specimens, 1/-, three 2/6; hen Chaffinches, 4d. each; Redpolls, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/3; exhibition specimens, 1/- each; warranted large upstanding cock Larks, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; few in song, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; extra strong hirdlime, ¼lb. 6d., ½lb. 10d.; sample boxes, 3d.; all post free. Linnet, Goldfinch, or Bullfinch cages, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; arch-topped Linnet cages, 1/-, 1/6 each; Lark cages, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; bow-front Lark cages, 2/-, 2/6 each; single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each; double ditto, 10d., 1/-; treble ditto, 1/3; all with separate compartment for call bird; round or square-topped calling cages, 4d., six 1/6, 2/6 dozen; larger size, 6d., six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; singing box cages, 1/-, 1/4, 1/6, 1/9, 2/- each; fancy hanging cages 2/-, 2/6 each; large size tin drinkers, 6d. dozen, three dozen 1/3, 4/- gross. I have hundreds of testimonials open any time for inspection; but instead of publishing my testimonials I give my customers better value for their money. Notice that all birds are carefully packed by myself, and satisfaction guaranteed; postcard sent before birds.

Thos. Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham

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Some real English 1909 cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, and healthy, and on seed, price 1/6 three 4/-, six 6/6, twelve 12/-; extra picked for singling, showing, muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, three 6/-, six 8/-; hens 8d. and 10d., three 1/6, twelve 5/-; cock Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6, 2/- and 2/6, three 4/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6, twelve 2/6; beautiful cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, and 3/-. Read below.

Lancashire Cock Linnets and Larks.

Real beauties, perfect feather, every bird netted, and all fat, not straight from the net to the Railway Co., price 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/3, twelve 4/-, three dozen 11/-; grand, upstanding cock Larks, caged off, singing, 6d., 8d., 1/- each, three 1/4, six 2/-, twelve 3/-, all guaranteed. Note: every bird above I guarantee in every way. It does not pay me to supply rubbish. Patronised by all leading judges, exhibitors, etc., including 1900 Crystal Palace Judges Vardy, Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Irons, etc., all noted Crystal Palace judges. Send for new Illustrated Catalogue and testimonials, it will save you pounds. Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet cages, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 2/- each. Beautiful enamelled hox cages, sand drawers, loose fronts, etc., price 2/-. Established 1870.

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TWO young buff Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; two buff hens, 7/6 each; large birds.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

I HAVE for disposal a few grand Lancashires, cocks and hens, prices reasonable.—Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield.

I HAVE few Lancashires for sale, yellow and buff coppys, and Plainheads; stamp for price and particulars.—Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

GRAND lot of young Lancashire coppies and Plainhead yellows and buffs, large and healthy; prices reasonable.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LARGE young buff Plainhead cock, 16/6; yellow coppy cock, 12/6; few yellow and buff Plainhead hens, reasonable; approval.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

TWO grand pairs of Lancashires, from my winners, Palace, Frome, Bristol, 25/- pair; also splendid coppy cock, 1909 hatched, vhc, Bristol, 35/-; approval.—Tottle, Portway, Frome.

THREE buff Plainhead hens, 16/-; 2 buff Plainhead cocks, 15/-; 1 yellow coppy hen, 18/-; yellow coppy and buff coppy cock, 17/6 each; stamp reply; doposit.—Adams, 35, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

YELLOW coppy cock, winner, £3; ditto, 30/-; Plainhead cock, yellow coppy hen, 30/-; pairs from 25/-; 1909 birds; buff coppy hens, 15/- each; yellow coppy hens, 20/-; state wants; prices reasonable; 30 good Lancashires to sell.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

CLEAR yellow Plainhead, clear buff coppy, yellow ticked coppy, buff, ticked coppy, all cocks; yellow Plainhead hen; 20/- each to clear; also 16 (1909) birds, comprising 8 yellows, 3 buff, and 5 variegated, Lancashire and Norwich cross, 9 cocks, 50/- to clear; approval with pleasure; deposit; stamp reply.—Samuel Nelson, 8, Prestbury-rd., Macclesfield.

Lizards.

GOLD and Silver cocks, 8/-; hens, 4/0.—Wrigley, 115, Crompton-st., Oldham.

MATCHED pair high-class Lizards; approval, 12/-. Maden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

WANTED, few good Lizards; exchange Cinnamon, bred Yorkshire cocks, 8/- each; approval.—J. Abrams, 55, James-st., Camden Town.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

F. J. MARTIN, 34, Ingclow-rd., Battersea, S.W.—A number for sale from Irons' and Spillman's noted strains, at half face value, prior to removal.

J. HOODER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

STAMFORD Show, November 25, 4 classes Norwich.

FINE 1909 cocks, singing, 5/- and 6/-, hens 2/-.—Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

NORWICH, yellows, buffs, prize winners, cheap to clear.—Wood, 6, Mornington-rd., N.W.

NORWICH yellow fed cock, buff hen, breeding cage, accessories, 12/-.—Dibsdall, Bridport.

A FEW good Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

FOR sale, strong Norwich Canaries, cocks 6/6, hens 2/6.—H. Elston, 1, Hewlett-rd., Cheltenham.

ALL my winners and most of my stock birds for sale, reasonable; approval.—Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

LARGE 1909 Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; approval.—Ed. Hoyle, Grocer, Chipping, Lancashire.

FEW nice buff cocks, fed, cold room, 7/6 each; approval, deposit.—Tissington, Barlboro' Hall, Chesterfield.

HAVE some clinking birds for sale, from 15/- pair; also odd birds reasonable.—Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth.

FIFTY good birds for sale, cocks 5/6, hens 2/-, pairs 7/-.—Wm. Duncan, Lumphinnians-rd., Cowdenbeath, Fife.

BUFF Norwich cock, 6/6; yellow hen, 4/6; colour-fed; approval, deposit.—Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

REMOVING; must sell 40 Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, first class birds.—S. J., 24, Coldfall-avenue, Muswell Hill, N.

S. JONES, Lynton, Devon, has ticked yellow cock, 12/6; yellow hen, 7/6, from winners; both worth double; approval.

REDUCING stock of prize bred Norwich Plainheads; cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 9/6.—Mapp, 62, Fylde-rd., Preston.

FEW good young colour fed Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6 and 4/-.—Mrs. Richardson-Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

FEW good healthy Norwich hens, 3/- each, 5/6 couple, cold room, genuine bargains.—J. Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

E. HINDLE can spare a few grand Norwich stock birds, all own breeding, overstocked.—340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

CHAMPION Norwich, show or stock, from 15/- pair; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of healthy Norwich.—Write for prices, G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

NOTICE.—Grand warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle-Douglas.

MR. PAVEY has true typical Norwich, full green blood; price reasonable; approval, deposit.—Apply, 4, Gavin-st., Plumstead.

FIVE grand Norwich 1909 cocks, 30/-; five hens, 15/-; matched pairs, 8/6; approval.—John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

FOUR magnificent large, deep yellows, two buffs, 1909, clear Norwich cocks, 7/6 each, worth 12/6.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

GEO. HARLAND'S champion Norwich, yellow and buff, unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp.—63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

A FEW high-class unflighted Plainheads, clear and variegated, from 7/6 up.—Strank, 16, Huntly-terrace, Springboig, Shettleston.

FEW grand Norwich Plainheads for sale, related to my winners, 10/- to £1 a pair; approval.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, sure winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval.—M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

B. C. Belcher has few typical Norwich yellows and buffs for sale, cheap to clear, cocks and hens.—76, St. Barnabas-st., Wellingborough.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6, grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

ONE yellow, 2 variegated yellow Norwich cocks, 5/- each; 3 hens, 2/- each; lot 20/-.—Tompkins, Buckwell-st., Desborough, Northants.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, bred from the best of stock; several that can win; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

CHAMPION clear buff Norwich hen, 1909, stout, short flights, good head, neck, health, 6/6; approval. —John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone.

FOURTEEN classes for Norwich, Birmingham Show, December 1st and 2nd, including two natural colour and four amateur; good specials.

FIRST-rate Norwich, from 8/6 to 40/-, true to type, fine quality and full of colour; stamp; approval.—Rev. B. Nume, Shirebrook-rd, Heeley, Sheffield.

WING-MARKED yellow cock (non-fed), 1st prize Ramsgate, 15/-; another (monster), 10/-; approval, deposit.—Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

TWO yellow, four buff cocks, two hens, 55/- lot; two pairs, 15/-, 12/6, good type and colour, Baker blood; approval.—Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight.

HIGH-CLASS winning Norwich for sale, show or stock; state wants; see Wolverhampton report last week; approval.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

GIVING up, two cocks and six hens, 20/- the lot; one pair of extra large Norwich, 12/6; one pair of good Yorkshires, 10/6.—Benson, Whittington Moor.

EIGHT good buff cocks, 10/- each, grand stock birds; also 3 good buff hens, 5/- and 7/6, good strain, grand bargains.—Perkins, 10, Gaunt-st., Leek, Staffs.

UNFLIGHTED typical Norwich, cold-room bred, 8/6 pair, and breeding cage inclusive; approval, deposit; stamp.—Smith, Havelock Villa, Berkhamsted.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clear marked and green, from 15/- pair; kept in cold room, approval.—Sidgwick, Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

FOR Sale, pure Norwich Canaries, clear yellows and buffs, also buff marked, from 15/- to £1, in song.—John H. Johnson, 23, Hilderthorpe-rd., Bridlington.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6; yellow and buff hens, 5/-; medium size, good type and quality; approval.—Reay, 49, Flower-st., Carlisle.

GIVING up the Fancy. Grand lot of large birds that can win, also large stock birds, 6/- to 35/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

DON'T buy old stock. Large early Clear Buff hens, 3/6, 5/- each; monster Clear Buff cock, 6/6; cost £1. Approval.—Baxter, New Buckenham, Attleboro'.

3rd VARIEGATED buff cock, 15/-; hc cl. buff cock, 12/6; matched pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/6, all related to my winners.—Parrott, Peel-st., Bedford.

CAN spare nine large typical prize-bred Norwich cocks, any colour-fed or natural, 8/- to 10/- each; also a few hens from 3/6 to 5/-.—A. Connon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

CLEAR yellow cock, very smart, rich colour, tight as wax, 8/6; buff hen to match, 6/-; cheap, overstocked, worth more; approval.—Wilmot, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

CHAMPION Norwich, few high-class birds for sale, same strain as my winners; true to type; unflighted and year old birds; approval.—Woodhall, Park-rd., Rochdale.

GRAND 1908 buff Norwich hen, 10/-; ditto yellow, 12/6; also a few unflighted cocks and hens, all related to our winners; stamp reply.—Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/3, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-; hens, 1/9, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

TYPICAL clear buff Norwich cock, grand head and feather, winner 1st, 15/-; two good buff hens, same strain, 5/6 each; cold room.—Wilson, Stanley Place, Sudbury, Suffolk.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, winners at all leading shows; see show reports; a few unflighted and year breds for sale; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—James Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fifeshire, N.B

NORWICH Plainheads for sale; some show birds; also stock birds to clear cheap; can be seen any time; write for particulars.—Markwell, 200, Leeds-rd., Eccleshill, Bradford.

FOR Sale, ten strong Norwich cock Canaries, ticked and variegated, 1909 bred, clean moulted outdoor bred, 5/- each, or taking the lot at 40/-.—A. Solly, 49, Richmond st., Sheerness.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large birds, clear yellow, clear buff, and variegated cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6 each; not suited, money returned.—Samuel Pratt, 7, Oxford st., Leicester.

CLEAN moulted Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/-, 7/-, upwards; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, upwards; matched pairs, 7/-, 8/-, 9/- upwards; cages 3d. extra; trade supplied.—E. Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

BEING short yellow hens, can spare 3 buff cocks, 20/-, 30/-, 35/-; large massive big boned birds, can win and breed winners; approval, inspection invited.—Williamson, 63, Murchison-rd., Leyton.

LARGE typical Norwich, 2 unflighted clear yellow cocks, 15/- each; 1 variegated yellow, 12/6; 3 buffs, 10/- each; no hens left; approval anywhere. —James Bunting, 58, Black-lane, Macclesfield.

CHAMPION, large typical Norwich, colour-fed cocks, 7/6; sure winners, 10/6 each; hens, 3/6, 5/6, and 7/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CLEAR yellow, ticked yellow, variegated yellow, clear buff, foul green, all large cocks, grand stock birds, will breed winners, 10/- each; approval; cheap.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

FOUR Norwich, show at Bedford, 1st and special, 2nd, res., and vhc, see show reports, "Cage Birds"; can spare a few good ones, including winners, 10/6 and 15/-.—J. Liverinoore, 76, Dudley-st., Bedford.

EXHIBITORS.—Club winners for sale, clear yellow cock, good type, 1st, 17/6; ticked yellow hen, winner 2nd, 15/6; ticked buff cock, winner 3rd, 12/6; hot-fed, with show cages.—Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

NORWICH cocks, clear yellow, winner 1st and 3rd, £1, cheek marked yellow, winner 2nd, 12/6; clear yellow, winner 3rd, 10/-; clear buff, vhc, 8/6; approval deposit.—H. Wicker, 41, Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

THIRTY grand young Norwich, best blood only, colour-fed, mostly yellows, cocks and hens, singly or lot, cheap; overstocked; seen any time; stamp.—F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

GRAND stock healthy Norwich or Yorkshire cocks, splendid songsters, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; trial solicited; cold room bred; approval.—R. Hanford, Derby.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 12/6; honestly worth 30/-; genuine bargain; approval.—Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION high-class Norwich, Yellow, variegated and Buff; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; Buff and Variegated hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; matched pairs, 17/6 to 30/-; approval.—Francis G. Snell, 92, Salisbury-rd., Plymouth.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo Street, Macclesfield, is disposing (through ill-health) of all his valuable stud Norwich Plainheads; stocks pair from 10/- upwards; approval willingly; carriage paid; write requirements.

ARTHUR BROTHERHOOD, Newport, Salop, breeder of sixteen years' standing, winner 600 prizes; few chubby unflighted cocks, rare substance, type and quality, outstanding, stock or show birds, 10/- to £4; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, from 7/6; hens from 3/-; matched pairs from 10/-; grand pair Cinnamons, from winners, 12/6; pair Crests, matched for breeding, 17/6, see wins, Lowestoft.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

GRAND Norwich cocks, 10/-; Norwich hen, 2/-; strong, three-compartment breeder, 4½ft. long, 7/-; all wire cage, 18ins. by 21ins., 3/6; pair large green Budgerigars, 7/-; or offers.—B. Norman, Churchfield, Lydney, Glos.

NORWICH buff cock, Iron's strain, good head and carriage, 12/6; clear buff cock, Barnes' strain, 12/6; ditto buff hen, 8/6; clear yellow hen, 8/-; ditto wing marked, 7/6; all colour-fed.—John G. Bland, 23, Lowther-st., Kendal.

WINNING Norwich clear yellow, 2nd, 15/-; clear buff, two 1sts, £1 ticked buff hen, 15/-; also some prize bred Norwich and Yorkshires; state wants; cocks 7/6, hens 4/6.—J. P. Andrew, Whitemoor, near St. Austell, Cornwall.

MY motto, value for money. Grand yellow and buff cocks, 5/0, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; ditto, hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; approval willingly.—G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich.

NORWICH prize bred cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/6 upwards; cage 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

STILL supplying healthy, typical Plainheads for exhibition, breeding, or song, at the lowest possible prices; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/- to 40/-; enquiries invited; approval anywhere.—Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MISS GWYNN has some champion stock birds, Bullfinch type, good heads, lovely quality, must breed winners; pairs from 15/6, single cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/6; own breeding only.—"Somerville," North-av., Ramsgate.

LARGE chubby 1908 variegated yellow Norwich, 3rd Vaynol Park, 15/-; grand, typical, unflighted yellow hens, from 7/6; unflighted yellow cocks, colour, type, quality, AI, 7/6 to 30/-.—Owen, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeslon, S.O., Wales.

HOWARD AND SON, City Aviaries, Botolph-st., Norwich, is the only place for genuine Norwich Canaries of all kinds; see show reports from week to week; no further comment needed; write for prices and wants; all supplied.

C. E. BROWN, winner nearly 600 prizes, cups, etc.; see latest wins; can offer exhibition or stock birds cheap; my strain winning at all leading shows; cocks from 15/-; hens from 10/-; approval. —Kingsweston, Shirehampton, Bristol.

MR. ECKERSLEY will spare a very large, typical, unflighted yellow, price 60/-; also a fine shapely 1908 buff, of superb quality, 60/-; a very smart, typical, ticked yellow, 30/-; and a grand unflighted buff, 30/-. —51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Norwich, cocks 6/6 to 10/6; hens, 4/6 to 6/6; matched pairs, properly mated to produce winners, 10/- to 15/-; winnings well known; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION Norwich, show or stock, own breeding, winnings well known, from 15/- pair; few extra large unflighted Buff and Yellow cocks, the sort that breed show birds, 15/-, 20/- each; approval; inspection invited.—Charles Oliver, 44, Daybrook-st., Macclesfield, Cheshire.

FINE Green Buff hen, wonderful shape, good size, winner, 15/-; dark tail Yellow hen, champion head and neck, topper, 22/6; clear Buff cock, fine quality and colour, £1; bargain; unflighted Yellow cock, marked wings and head, winner, 21/-; approval.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable

W. R. NUTT, Auctioneer, Clay Cross, has for disposal choice Norwich Plainheads, related to his winning ticked buff, which is without a doubt the best millig. buff living to-day; see reports, Burton-on-Trent, Bucknall Torkard, etc.; prices, 10/- to 40/- per pair; no higher price.

MUST sell; two Norwich cocks, Green and Clear, 7/- each; ticked Norwich cock, 15/-, prize winner; six Norwich hens, 24/- lot; eight-compartment breeding cage, sliding partitions, size 5 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 9 in., 15/-; dozen nest pans, 1/6.—F. French, Willingdon, nr. Eastbourne, Sussex.

GIVING Up.—One yellow Norwich cock, two buff hens (1908), one 1909 yellow cock, from above, prize-bred, 25/- lot; approval willingly; also 4 Norwich cocks and 3 hens, cocks 5/-, hens 1/6 and 2/-; one variegated crested cock, 7/6; also quantity appliances for sale. — Dunn, Rose Villa, Avenue-rd., Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

J. BERTIE is, through sickness, compelled to abandon the idea of exhibiting this season. I have now ready some Cruckerjucks in Norwich and Cinnamons, for show and stock. Those short thick ones with head and neck in proportion, real typical birds; prices very reasonable; approval; stamp reply.—521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Nottingham.

GRAND typical lightly marked Unflighted Buff Norwich cock, show bird, 1st Abingdon last week, 21/-; Unflighted yellow cock, unshown, can win, 15/-; three buff hens, 10/6 each; three Variegated, 5/6 each, all bred from winners, see Abingdon-Evesham report to-day; six entries, three firsts, special, two seconds; approval, receipt cash.—Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

CHANCE. Must clear by December 6th, removing.—80 Norwich Canaries, all prize-bred; also winners among them; non-fed; see show report, Southend; special lot of buffs, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens from 3/- to 7/6; pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/6; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; cash or deposit with "Cage Birds."—Macklow, 70, Pleasant-rd., Southend, Essex.

J. HODDER can spare the following splendid matched pairs:—Variegated yellow cock and clear buff hen, charming pair, 40/-; clear buff cock and buff hen, typical and splendidly matched, 30/- the pair; clear yellow cock and cobby buff hen, superb quality, 30/- the pair; all these are bargains, and cannot be surpassed at the price; approval.—6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

CHOICE stock birds of proper type, quality and feather, guaranteed all my own breeding and bred same as my winners; pairs from 14/-; clear yellow or buff cocks from 12/-; ticked or variegated yellow or buff cocks from 10/-; yellow or buff hens from 8/-; these are real stock birds; a few winners also for disposal; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—J. Almond, Abattoir, Summer-st., Blackburn.

E. GODLEY, 29, RISHTON, BLACKBURN has now ready some grand Norwich and Cinnamons. **SHOW OR STOCK BIRDS. Stamp, Approval**

A. PAYNE & SON.

Champion Norwich, grand type and quality, cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; all strong healthy birds; on approval; dealers supplied.—24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

GREENWOOD & PICKLES,

Post Office, Wadsworth, ..ebden Bridge.—Four-pointed buff Norwich, 1st Newcastle, 1st York, only times shown; ticked buff, 3rd Newcastle, 1908, yellow and buff cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/- upwards; same strain as our winners, Bradford City, Newcastle, York, etc., see reports; few pairs unfed Norwich and Yorkshires, from 5/6 pair; approval, stamp reply.

GRAND LARGE NORWICH

Notice.—Write or call, and see my splendid stock of Norwich. These are grand, large, round, chubby Bullfinch type birds. I have a large stock of every colour. Every bird feather like silk, and in splendid condition. Every cock warranted singing; all on six days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or deposit note. Yellow cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; Buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; Yellow hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; Buff hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. Five doors from Cross-st.; electric cars pass the door.

L. J. RICHARDSON,

Breeder of champion Norwich, having reared 68 youngsters this season, have a number of good birds for disposal; single birds from 12/6 to 40/-; pairs from 22/6 to 70/-; state requirements; cash returned with pleasure, if not satisfied.—Post Office, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London, S.E. Inspection invited. Pleased to see fanciers. Penny 'bus from London Bridge.

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Clear yellow, 6/3, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards.

Clear Buff, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards.

Ticked or variegated, 4/9, 5/-, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards.

PLAIN-HEADED NORWICH HENS.

Clear Yellow, 3/6, 3/9, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.

Evenly Marked, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.

Ticked or Variegated, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.

Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

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Stock birds, from 7/6 upwards. This strain needs no bounce. See reports leading shows. Birds supplied this last two weeks by me won five 1sts, three 2nds, three 3rds, in open competition. Buy from one of the largest breeders in England. Approval.

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Having purchased the entire stock of Mr. J. Thompson, Preston, who has bred more winners this last six years than anyone round Preston, and from noted strain birds, which have cost him pounds, from our King and Queen strain, J. Trengove, T. Seed strains, and all the lot; I have for sale some lovely cocks and hens, especially some grand hens, yellows from 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; buff, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each, cocks or hens; any on approval, and guaranteed to please you. Just a few hundreds like these. Mr. Pudnor Bros., Kidwelly. Sir,—The Canary you sold me won Kidwelly Open Show, 1st and two specials; Bynea Open Show; 2nd, Slangenock Open Show, 1st and special for best in show. Mr. Melver, Port Glasgow,—Sir, The Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of 11 at Greenock. Mr. Herd, Macduff. Sir,—The variegated Norwich you sold me won 1st at all shows round here. Send for a catalogue, and you will see scores like above. Breeder 30 years.—

Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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PAIR genuine Roller Canaries, complete in cage, only 3/- lot.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited.—Nash, 57, Twinnell-rd., Easton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRES, few real good birds for sale, cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-, fed.—Rollfe, 46, Gopsall-st., Hoxton, London.

SIX grand Yorkshire cocks, 30/- lot; approval: see any time.—Luther Jebson, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

SOME champion Yorkshires to spare; inspection invited; very reasonable.—J. Burton, 87, Gt. Titchfield-st., W.

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ELEVEN open and four novice classes for Yorkshires, Birmingham Show, December 1st and 2nd; good specials.

EIGHT Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; 3 hens, 2/6 each; accept 50/-, or offers.—Pioneer, Faulkner-st., Hoole, Chester.

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REMOVING; must sell 40 Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries, first-class birds.—S. L., 24, Coldfall-avenue, Muswell Hill, N.

SHOW case and four cages (Yorkshire), 8/-; cost 18/-; two long flight cages, 4/- each.—Brooks, 31, Holland-rd., Brixton.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, show or stock, from 15/- pair; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

NOTICE.—Grand warranted Yorkshire cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle-Douglas.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, splendid songster, nearly new drawing-room cage, sacrifice £1 1s.—Hutchinson, Granby-st., Ilkeston.

GREEN Yorkshire cocks from 6/-; cinnamon Yorkshire hens, 5/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/-.—Butcher, 64, Benwell-rd., Holloway.

UNFLIGHTED and year-old cocks and hens for sale at reasonable prices.—Paddock, 9, All Saints'-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid type and quality; cocks 6/-, hens 3/- upwards; approval, deposit.—Taylor, Co-operative, Hemsworth, near Wakefield.

TAYLOR'S

Winning Yorkshires.

Read the following testimonials from D. East Bog, Bo'ness, Scotland. November 10th, 1909. The yellow Yorkshire hen you sent me for my friend, J. Sterling, won 2nd at Bo'ness show on Saturday. Thanking you for sending such a good one for the small amount. William Mason to J. Taylor. Another from 12, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. November 8th, 1909. York. The cock arrived safe, and won 1st at Hucknall last week, and 2nd at Liverpool this week. I am very pleased with it, and can recommend you to anyone in want of high-class birds. J. W. White to J. Taylor. Scores similar to these are filed to inspection at any time. Exhibition cocks and hens that can win at least or members' shows, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. All colours and coloured to perfection. Also several that can win in keen competition, at very reasonable prices, including a few real winners. State wants to the old reliable breeder, exhibitor and judge, and one of the oldest advertisers in CAGE BIRDS, and satisfaction is certain. Fine, long, lacy, yellow Yorkshire cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks, at 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; all on full song, and seven inches long. Clears, ticked, variegated, clearamon-marked, and clear pink-eyed, matched pairs to produce your own winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair; extra good young, typical yellow or buff hens, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. All cold-rooms kept, healthy, tight feathered, and for type and position cannot be equalled elsewhere. Inspection invited at any time. Illustrated price list post free, and seven days' approval allowed at my risk; cash or deposit system. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.



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Champion large Norwich, coloured, or natural colour at same prices as Yorkshires; also several exhibition specimens, very cheap; state wants; also high-class Seifert Roller cocks (no harsh or choppy notes) and guaranteed on full song day or gaslight, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Schoolmasters, at 15/- and 20/- each. Hens, same strain, 2/6 and 3/6 each; also champion large Norwich Crested cocks, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; pairs matched for breeding winners, at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. Crested or Crest-bred hens, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, "Barnett's" and "Joyce's" strains; all colours in stock. Easy payment system. Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment, in Yorkshires, Crests, Rollers, Norwich, etc., etc. Send for terms and full particulars, post free. Note—This is my "Original" system, so beware of copyists, who are trying to imitate my system, and advertisement. The old firm.

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PRIZE-bred Yorkshires, fit for show, from 15/-; others, 7/6; also Norwich; seen Wednesday afternoons.—56, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

1909 cocks, in full song, well through moult, clear buff 6/6, well marked yellow, 5/6.—T. Wood, Greenap, Hook Hill, Sandershead, Surrey.

TWENTY-TWO typical Yorkshire Canaries, 15 cocks, 7 hens, colour-fed, £3 10/- lot; cash.—Wear, Wood View, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield.

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LONG slim typical Yorkshires, cocks 5/-, 5/6, hens 4/-, 4/6, pairs 8/6, 9/6; grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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YORKSHIRES, good stock birds for sale, no reasonable offer refused; approval, satisfaction guaranteed.—O'Reilly, 11, Nunthorpe-av., York.

THREE pair grand Yorkshires, 15/-; few selected cocks, Buffs, 8/-; Yellows, 10/-; approval; cash or deposit.—Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

FIFTY grand Yorkshires, bred from winners, colour fed, also joiner made breeding cages, particulars from: Goodall, 20, Vine-st., Stoke-on-Trent.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, bred from winners, Swindon, Wimbledon; cocks, 10/6; hens, 5/-; pair from 12/6.—Reade, 169, Haydon's Park-rd., Wimbledon.

PRIZE-bred Yorkshires for sale, finest strain living, show or stock birds, from 15/- to £3 pair; also single birds.—Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

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OVERSTOCKED.—Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-; Norwich, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed.—Cyril Brown, "Ivydene Aviaries," Spalding.

FEW splendid clear buffs and yellow green marked Yorkshire cocks, 8/6 each, worth double; approval with pleasure.—Southon, 84, Whitmore rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

FOR disposal, 10 splendid pairs of Yorkshires, from 7/6 a pair, or 6/6 to take the lot, with a new double-breeder, 1909 birds.—Chamberlain, Tinkle-lane, Barton, Lincolnshire.

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GREAT SALE of Yorkshires, including many winners, all must be sold before December 1st; no fancy prices; send stamped envelope for particulars, to Allitt, West Haddon, Rugby.

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Winners! Winners!

Read these testimonials, from: "Denham Fishery, November 8th, 1909,—The Yorkshire show bird won 1st and special at Bristol, in a class of 36. Please send another for enclosed amount. G. Alford to L. Dykes."



Another from "Elliott St., Glasgow, November 5th, 1909, —Thanks very much for Yorkshire hen, which arrived in grand condition. I am also pleased to inform you that the two Yorkshire cocks I had from you got 1st and 2nd, both in one class, at Dysart, on Saturday last. Thanking you very much for your kind treatment, prompt attention, and straightforward dealings. Robt. Heggie to L. Dykes."

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If you want to procure a show bird, or stock birds to breed own winners, or a good songster, then all I ask for is a fair trial. Deposit your money with Editor, and have them sent on approval, and try some from elsewhere, and compare them together. You will then be able to test the various statements made by certain other advertisers, whose advertisements are full of empty bounce, and copied matter.

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WILCOX AND SONS, West End, Wadebridge, have for sale some of their winning Yorkshires, yellows, buffs, 1909 cocks, £1 each; yellows, buff hens, 10/-; see Bodmin, Camborne, Penzance report; approval.

ALL my Yorkshires, including ticked buff cock, second ticked yellow hen, 4th in cock class Longton; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; inspection invited.—Ramsden, 10, Brompton-grove, Dewsbury-rd., Leeds.

PRIZE strain Yorkshires, four yellow cocks, buff hens, 8/6 pair; buff cock, yellow hen, 7/6; two marked yellow hens, 3/6 each; lot 45/-; approval cash and deposit.—H. Jackson, Station-rd, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

LOOK, nearly the whole of my stock of Yorkshires for sale, many of them have taken cards, sound and healthy birds, cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6; approval, deposit.—Jelley, 37, Penmaesglass, Penygraig, Glam.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires in all classes, including winners at all the leading exhibitions, cocks, full song, 5,6,, 7/6; sure winners, 10/6 each; hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk. Wm. Powlek, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

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"WE HAVE JUST TO SEND TO RUDD."

Trinity, Luncarty, Near Perth, November 8th, 1909.—Hen arrived all safe. I am highly pleased with it. We have just to send to Rudd and everything is right. I must thank you for your promptness with my order.—J. McGregor to W. Rudd.

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Any more than other statements made publicly by me, hence I send to Editor for inspection:—

27, Claremont Road, Seaforth, Liverpool, November 12th, 1909.—My son, in Rosario, South America, wishes me to tell you his Canaries you sent are doing splendidly. They had young ones on arrival, and several since. He wants you to send to my address the enclosed list. . . . —Mrs. S. Gomez de Cadiz to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, leggy, upstanding birds, all colours, bred and kept out of doors, so you get vigorous, healthy birds; cocks from 7/6; hens, 6/6; pairs, properly matched, 15/- upwards; exhibition specimens, according to merit; four days' approval; 25 years' breeder, exhibitor.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

GRAND long, slim, leggy Yorkshires, 1908, buff ticked cock, 12/6, 1906; clear buff cock, 12/6, 1909; buff ticked cock, 12/6; 1908 clear buff cock, 12/6; few real good yellow and buff hens, feathered like wax, 6/- to 12/6 each; above is bred from my winners, and is well worth double the money; approval.—E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Yorkshire.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 1st spl Southport, 1st Burnley (class 18), 1st Bolton (class 15), 2nd Liverpool, 3rd Accrington, 4th Rochdale, £3; see reports; 1907 Buff Yorkshire cock, 1st Burnley, 1st Manchester, 2nd Chesterfield, 1st (class 16) Southport, 2nd Burnley, 2nd Bolton, this year, £2; ticked Yellow cock, 1909, 1st Ormskirk, 2nd Southport, 20/-; others, 15/- and £1.—Bullough, 104, Cemetery-rd., Southport.

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I have some grand Yorkshires for sale that will breed winners, prices from 15/- pair; every bird my own breeding, related to my cup winners; also Blaydon, Stockton, etc. See reports; approval, deposit.—Woodhead, 88, Paul's-rd., West Hartlepool.

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J. WILCOCK.

Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads.—I have some real toppers for sale.—14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

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Direct from "Mr. Bates, Stoke," strain, which won for him thousands of prizes. I have sold from this strain to Mr. Blackhurst some toppers, and he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1908, Crystal Palace; also 1sts, 2nds, 3rds at Bolton, Morecambe, etc., this season; also Mr. Banks, Cardiff, won 1sts, 2nds, etc., with this strain supplied by me. Some grand youngsters, same strain and models; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, from 6/-, 7s., 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, Yellows or Buffs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-; matched pairs, to breed winners, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/- pair. Any I send on approval and guaranteed to please you, as I don't exhibit these myself. Order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancashire.

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH



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WILL give four selected cock Bullfinches for large clear yellow 1909 Norwich cock; yours first.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

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EXCHANGE for house-moulted Bramblefinches for hen Hawfinch, or sell, 4/6.—A. F. Longshaw, Newst., Chipping Norton.

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EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Bullfinch, good one, for 1909 buff Norwich cock, typical bird; also pair of good Borders for good yellow unflighted Norwich cock; approval.—Dixon, Clothier, Norton, Malton.

EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch £1, or Chaffinch £1, Redpoll 15/-, Yellowhammer, 15/-, for exhibition yellow Norwich cock, unflighted, or hens, or Hybrid, see Cambridge report; yours first.—Rye, Canterbury-st., Cambridge.

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EXCHANGE Crest-bred cock for new mackintosh, width 45in., value £2.—Stansfield, Crown-st., Rochdale.

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EXCHANGE pair good Yorkshires for boy's silver watch, or anything useful; stamp.—Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster.

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EXCHANGE five pair good Yorkshires, single breeder, and one fancy Roller cage; offers.—A. Southall, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, prize strain, 15s., or exchange for pair 1909 Scotch Rollers, same value.—Morris, Quinsboro'-rd., Bray, Co. Wicklow.

TYPICAL Yorkshires or Borders, sale or exchange boots or 18-inch travellers' sample case, Rennicks, Ruddings, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

LAWN mower, 18in., cutter, best make, £1; field glasses 10/6, or exchange cock Canaries, foreign; offers.—Pickett, jun., Dagmar-rd., Dorchester.

FIRST-CLASS Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, sell 15/-; exchange Budgerigars, Crests, Norwich, anything.—Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

YORKSHIRE terrier (female), 18 months, 8 lbs., erect ears, silver head, blue body, 10/6; deposit, exchange; no dogs.—Gregg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

FOR SALE, prize bred Norwich cocks and hens, or exchange double-barrel breech-loader gun, 20-bore; approval.—H. Wicker, 44, Read-st., Halstead, Essex.

SMART cock Canary and brass hanging cage; sell 10/6; exchange exhibition British Finch; approval both ways.—Thompson, Oakthwaite-rd. Windermere.

EXCHANGE seven young Rollers (as bred) for Edison phonograph or gramophone, with records, cycle, anything; yours first.—Smith, 59, Reedwood-lane, Walsall.

LONG yellow cock, two hens, cage-reared Bullfinch, exchange boots, gent's 7's, phonograph, bedstead.—A. Metcalf, Haverhill-rd., Withersfield, Newmarket, Suffolk.

FEW pair Yorkshires and five odd hens for sale, from 8/- pair; or exchange phonograph or anything useful.—Limbert, Florence Villa, Belmoor-rd., Shirley, Southampton.

SIXTY high-class Yorkshires, feathered to perfection; hen from 4/6, cocks from 6/-; or exchange floor matting or anything useful. Mr. Miles, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley.

BARGAIN, three songsters, full song, exchange suit length; pair typical Yorkshires; pair good Norwich; exchange phonograph, or offers.—Haw, Wyther, Kirkstall, Leeds.

WILL exchange two Border hens and a cross-bred hen, all good breeders, for a deep yellow Norwich hen; offers, yours first.—A. Rennie, 8, East End, Prestonpans, N.B.

CANARIES, for sale or exchange for blankets, cycle, or phonograph; pair of good Norwich, 9/-, or exchange for a large Crest-bred cock.—Young, Sleightholme Cottage, Whitby.

TWO grand pair prize bred Yorkshires, 1909, 12/6 pair; splendid Yorkshire cock, in song, 7/6; approval; exchange anything useful, no rubbish.—Carter, Ida-ter., Wyke, Weymouth.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for suit lengths, good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; approval. McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

YORKSHIRE Norwich, young, healthy birds; sale, exchange, bicycle, Lurbenol, or English concertina, anything useful. Twelve, Spellenfield rd., Dover.

FOR SALE, pair of Rollers, good birds, with cage and singing box, 25/-, or exchange carpenter's tools to value; yours first. Hole, Roseth, 8, Harrow.

GREEN crested cock, wing trimmed, also Green Cr. t-bred hen; will exchange for Roller cock, or sell, £2/6.—John McNab, 18, Rosebank-rd., Dundee.

ONE green and one yellow Norwich cock, large birds; three buff variegated hens; seen any time; exchange steady British Buntings, Lark, Thrush.—Bennett, 278, Putney Bridge-rd., Putney.

COCK Goldfinch mule, 5/- each; exceptionally good coloured cock Bullfinches, 2/- and 2/6 each, or exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, or offers; yours first.—Wood, 56, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

WANTED, Hammerette, curtains, children's boots, linoleum, household necessaries; exchange Yorkshires, breeding cages; see Yorkshire column.—Mr. A. Brown, 7, Normanton, west, Wood Green.

YORKSHIRES, yellow cock, winner, 17/6; even Cinnamon marked yellow, £1; three buff hens, 15/-; will take 50/- the lot, or exchange pure Seifert Roller cocks.—Saunders, Feathers Cigar Stores, Ealing, W.

EXCHANGE young green Yorkshire cock, winner of 3rd prize when six weeks old, again t old birds, for green Yorkshire cock, same age, or sell 15/-; also six Goldfinch Mules, what offers; also two Goldie cocks, father of above, one twice cage-moulted other once; and Greypate, extra good, all large birds; what offers; or will exchange some for house-moulted Siberian Goldie cock, or well-trained Seifert Roller cocks, full song; letters only.—Hall, Red Lion Hotel, Epworth, Doncaster.

Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, and new cage for Canaries, or sell, 40/-.—Pimm, Icknield Pt., Birmingham.

HEN, yellow rump Parrakeet, thoroughly acclimatised, 30/-, or exchange other foreign.—21, Leamington-rd., Blackburn.

TALKING Parrakeet and cage, say 20 words; sell 20/-; approval; exchange, offers.—A. Bignell, 21, Knox-rd., Battersea.

GREEN talking Parrot, large new square cage; exchange for pair young Scots fancies; birds first; cage cost 17/-.—McCondach, Abbot-st., Perth.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE good foach rod for birds, or cage.—S.k, All Hallow's, Worcester.

EXCHANGE pair boots, size 10, for Canaries.—Crawley, 31, Albert-st., Cardih.

GENT'S solid gold signet ring; exchange Canaries.—3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

SPRING dumb-bells; exchange birds.—Lawrence, Pouplett-st., Darlington, Durham.

LARGE kitchen fender, exchange 2 Norwich hens.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE white pheasants for gun.—Lam, 40, Jane-st., Hetton Downs, Durham.

WHAT offers for 6½ tame mice?—Slawson, 4, George-st., Northam, Southampton.

TWO magnificent flutes, 12/6, 10/6; exchange; what offers.—P. Watson, Market Rasen.

LIGHT coat and vest, sell 12/-; exchange singing Rollers.—Thomas, Vronbache, Llangollen.

DOZEN phonograph records; exchange Canaries; offers.—Criddeford, Broomhill, Honiton.

ARCHANGEL cock for sale; or exchange anything useful.—Maltby, Victoria-st., Scarborough.

TWO second-hand Blackbird cages, 2/6 each; exchange Canaries.—9, Heworth Green, York.

TWO pairs high-class pouters for 3 singing Canaries, or sell 15/-.—Burgam, 59, Broomielaw, Glasgow.

TWO haircutting clippers and razors, for birds guaranteed.—Wm. Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

GENT'S bike, sell £1, or offer in birds; tyres out of repair.—Mack, 131, Atholdene-rd., Earlsfield.

SIX Magpies, four Homers, for two pair Norwich Canaries.—Thos. Wildridge, 21, Francis-st., Lochgelly.

EXCHANGE cage fronts for cock Canaries or Goldfinches.—Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

ROGER fretwork machine, 7/6; exchange punchball, anything for sport.—Rose, Westerfield, Suffolk.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Blankets for Canaries; sell 25/-.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

MUSICAL Box, plays eight tunes, 10/- cash, 12/- exchange anything.—Bailey, 13, Salisbury-rd., Ipswich.

ANY kind of cage, requisite or perch, bar front, in exchange for Canaries.—Allerton, Bordesley Green, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE mandoline, 2 cock Bullfinches and 2 Bullfinch hens.—W. Gillespie, 13, Nether-st, Kirkcaldy.

HAND camera, ¼-plate, no. sheaths; exchange Canaries; offers.—Layfield, 42, Freemantle-st., Walworth.

MEN'S black overcoat, value 18/6; exchange Canaries and Goldfinches.—Mills, 21, Kingsway, Cleethorpes.

PAIR of good clap nets, everything complete, exchange Yorkshires.—Leany, 62, Charles-st., Peterborough.

GENT'S cycle, suit working man, 17/6; exchange two pair Norwich, cold room.—Arnold, Victoria-st., Nuneaton.

PEN of duckwing Bantams, £3, or part Canaries and cash.—P. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

DOUBLE breeders, complete, loose fronts, 2/6; wood turner's tools wanted.—Ireland, Parliament-st., Morecambe.

WHAT offers, two Aviaries, cages, three hen Canaries, feeders, etc.—Parkyn, 18, Southampton-st., London, W.

WHAT offers, 60 CAGE BIRDS, 52 Amateur Photographer; anything useful?—Lord, 227, Manchester-rd., Rochdale.

PAIR pure black Baldpates, sell 4/-, or exchange good British birds.—Write, F., "Heathfield," Ashton-on-Mersey.

DOG white and lemon Pom., and Toy Spaniel, sell 20/-; exchange Canaries.—Shooter, 66, Harcourt-st., Kirkby, Notts.

EXCHANGE clap nets, six call birds and cages, for gent's Brampton roller skates.—Armitage, 53, Ivy-rd., Luton.

DULCIMER, nearly new, cost 5 guineas; what offers in Yorkshires or Rollers?—Oldis, 2, Tolson-road, Isleworth.

EXCHANGE good spy glass, new condition, for good Roller cock, singing; offers.—Musgrave, Milburn-st., Crook.

SELL or exchange, 140 CAGE BIRDS, previous to 1909; no plates; what offers?—Folger, Ixworth-Thorpe, Suffolk.

EXCHANGE pair clap nets, 10 yards by 5ft. 11in., for Canaries, Foreign birds; or sell, £1.—O. Bennett, Guardean, Glos.

DECEASED daughter's £2 9ct. gold watch, long 10/6 gold filled guard, 17/6; approval.—Mann, Willingden, Durham.

DOUBLE BARREL muzzle gun, in good order, 20/-, or common Canaries; offers.—Baldwin, 109, Melton-rd, Wellingboro'.

WHAT offers in Canary hens for pretty whippet pup bitch, four months; sell 7/6.—Elsbie, Market, Lavington, Wilts.

AUTO-HARP and oil paintings; exchange Amazon or African Grey talking Parrot. Burchell, Pargetter-st., Walsall.

TORTOISE, English back and doe, 25/-; exchange Norwich Canaries; mutual approval.—Veasey, 58, Oak-st., Leicester.

WELSH terrier, female, 2½ months, rough black-and-tan, pedigreed, 10/-; exchange.—152, Strathmairn-st., City-rd., Cardiff.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 18/6; exchange Canaries, Yorks., Norwich, Cinnamon preferred.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

PEDIGREE black Pom bitch, 25/-; exchange exhibition Hawfinch or Norwich cock.—Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds.

GENUINE pair white duck overalls, new, waist 33in.; cost 6/6, what offers in birds?—Townsend, 4, Sayer-st., Huntingdon.

WHAT offers in Norwich Plainheads for 30/- worth of good books.—Weald, 9, Cornwallis Grove, Bounces-rd., Edmonton.

GENT.'S bike, free-wheel, £1, exchange good Yorks. cock and two hens; approval.—Jobson, Commonend, Skelmanthorpe.

WANTED Norwich cock Plainhead; exchange pair Homers, fly any distance; offers.—H. Bingham, Waggon Works, Long Sutton.

SALE or exchange, old-fashioned reading lamp, also two pair skates; what offers?—William Pearce, Markamchurch, Cornwall.

LIVER and White Cocker bitch, six months; exchange Borders or British; sell 20/-; approval; yours first.—Rozbuck, Lanchdun.

SEND one shilling for eighteen double Christmas cards and eighteen comic postcards.—Scott, Sandyhill, Shirley, Warwickshire.

WANTED Canaries; will give exchange pair lovely silver-grey rabbits, both winners.—Mealing, 197, Desborough-rd., High Wycombe.

SCHIPPERKE puppy, black bitch, five months, very small, sharp, £1; exchange Norwich birds.—Pitt, 16, Lady's-lane, Norwich.

NINE 10 in. records, good condition; exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshires, or offers.—Wood, 16, Duke-st., Sutton, Macclesfield.

HAND sewing machine, S.O. All, lockstitch, working order, new condition, 25/-; exchange Canaries.—Styles, 11, Lillian-rd., Barnes.

PRIZE-Bred English rabbits, black and white; exchange Canaries, 26in. cycle wheels, anything useful. 15, Frome-terrace, Dorchester.

PLUMBER'S lamp and 18 cage fronts, 22in. by 15in.; exchange Canaries, Cinnamons preferred.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

NORWICH hen and 45 CAGE BIRDS papers for Norwich club show cages; offers.—Booth, 119, Kirkstall-st., Polygon, Manchester.

PAIR clap nets, complete, 18ft., 9/-; exchange pair Norwich or three large hens; yours first.—Parkinson, Bridge End, Ilalgate.

EXCHANGE three flying hoppers for house-moulted Goldfinch cock, or sell, 10/6.—R. Morgans, 48, Snowdon-st., Penygroes, North Wales.

TWO pair champion short flying pigeons, 5/- pair; exchange cock Goldfinches; offers.—Peter Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

THIRTY-NINE "With the Flag to Pretoria"; exchange for one good Yorkshire cock; no rubbish.—J. Sykes, 25, Wilson-st, Halifax.

EXCHANGE, gent.'s cycle, little used, 35/-, or exchange Canaries; also Amazon Parrot, 30/-.—Wright, 21, Fowler-rd., Forestgate, Essex.

MINIATURE engines and rails, perfect working order, £2, cost £4, exchange Yorkshires, value.—Lean, 101, Kirkland-st., Glasgow.

BEATRICE stove, complete, with top, good condition, sell, or exchange birds; offers.—Denton, 57, Grosvenor Park, Tunbridge Wells.

EXCEPTIONALLY good English doe rabbit, sell 10/6, or exchange anything useful.—Hall, 6, Sunny side, Westhorpe, Southwell, Notts.

GENT'S cycle, free-wheel, fashionable handle bars, little wear, 35/-; or accept part exchange.—Wright, 21, Fowler-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

EXCHANGE 222 "Hobbies," good condition, Canaries, anything use; offers. Moore, 34, Springhill Buildings, Shotts, Lanark, N.B.

EXCHANGE Overcoat, chest 36, value £1, for typical Yorkshire hens or buff stock Yorkshire cock.—Penton, 1, Commercial-st., E.

Pair patent new adjustable roller skates for sale, nearly new; 10/-, or exchange.—W. Fordham, 12, Trinity-st., Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

EXCHANGE hand camera, ¼-plate, for house-moulted Goldfinch cock, or sell, 15/-.—H. D. Roberts, "Bryn," Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

WHAT offers for 250 illustrated "Carpenter and Builder," Yorkshire Canaries preferred.—Hickson, Greenhill-lane, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

WHAT offers Norwich Roller cock for two six-shilling volumes Cassell's History England.—Sutcliffe's Boot Stores, North-st., Ripon.

IRISH Terrier, red rough coated, pure-bred, bitch, 7/6; dozen weeks old; exchange Yorkshire Canaries.—How, 35, White Horse-st., Stepney.

GREENHEART fishing rod, tackle, etc., value 30/-, exchange birds, gramophone, gun, anything useful.—Higgins, Riverside, Writtle, Essex.

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CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Members' show held at Crown and Anchor Hotel, for a cup subscribed for by members for most points with the three highest birds; 119 birds were staged. Mr. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Messrs. C. & C. T. Parkes won the cup, Mr. H. Walker the 2nd prize, Mr. H. Taylor the 3rd. Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes won special for most points in unflighted Yorkshire, and special for most points in Mule, and tied with Mr. H. Taylor for most points in Norwich; Mr. J. Atkinson special for most points in unflighted Norwich; Mr. H. Walker special for most points in Goldfinch.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK. (14): 1, vhc, Parkes; 2, Oldroyd; 3, c, Parker; 4, Taylor; he, Midgley. BUFF (7): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, c, Parkes; 4, he, Taylor; vhc, Oldroyd. YELL. HEN. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Parkes; vhc, c, Taylor; he, Parker. BUFF (9): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, Parkes; c, Midgley. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, c, Walker; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, vhc, Oldroyd; he, Parkes. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Parkes; he, Taylor. CL., ETC., NOR. CK. (6): 1, vhc, Parkes; 2, Midgley; 3, he, Atkinson; 4, Walker. HEN (9): 1, Parkes; 2, 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, he, c, Atkinson. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Atkinson; he, Oldroyd. HEN (8): 1, Parkes; 2, 4, vhc, he, c, Atkinson; 3, Oldroyd. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Tomlinson; 2, vhc, Parkes; 3, Talbot; 4, Isherwood; he, c, Walker. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Netherwood; 2, Taylor; 4, Isherwood. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, Walker; 3, he, Taylor; 4, Talbot; vhc, c, Netherwood. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 4, vhc, he, Isherwood; 3, Netherwood; c, Parker.—PARKER AND PARKES, Secs.

DUBLIN.

The Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland held their first annual show in the Central Hall, Westmoreland-street, Dublin, on Nov. 4 and 5. The Committee, Messrs. Fry, Gillen, Birse, Fairley, Dowling, Holley, MacDonnell, Stewart, Lynch, Sheridan, Callaghan, Wall, and Lee, along with the hon. sec., Mr. D. Carroll, had the birds well staged, and attended to their wants. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction. The visitors we noticed were Mr. Hamilton, from Banbridge, Mr. Hawkins (Cork), Dr. Lavery (Dundalk), and Mr. C. J. Mulligan (Sligo).

The Critique.

GIFT: 1, Hawkins; 2, Birse; 3, Buch; vhc, Gillen; he, Carroll; c, Killen. CINN., MKD. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, Hawkins, eye and wings rich col., full of quality, very stylish; 2, wing tk., again full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 3, Coyne, eye and wings, blaze of col., well up on leg, long flights; vhc, Still; he, Devins. HENS (6): 1, Fleming, wing tk. bull, lovely quality, grand position, rich col., long flights and tail; 2, 3, Devins; 2, tk. yell., stands well, full of nerve, grand, boxy feather; 3, tk. buff, position A1, long flights, piped tail; vhc, c, Hawkins; he, Dowlings. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 3, Devins; 1 wins three specials, best bird in show, without a doubt, one of the best unflig. birds we have seen this season, and we congratulate Mr. Devins on breeding such a high-class bird; 3, boxy feather, full of quality, well braced, neat tail, position; 2, Birse, very typical, long flights and tail, not quite finished moult; vhc, Mulligan; he, Farrell; c, Keating. HEN (15): 1, he, Fleming, lovely quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, wins; 2, McDonnell, stylish, full of quality, rich col., good head; 3, vhc, Tighe; 3, rich col., grand wings and tail; c, Hawkins. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Devins, pale col., lovely feather, position A1; 2, Coyne; boxy feather, pale col., nice type, good bird all over; 3, Keatings, typical, rich col., well up on leg, full of quality; vhc, Gillens; he, c, Hawkins. HEN (13): 1, Devins, full of quality, long flights and tail, grand position, a gem; 2, Dowling, pale col., typical, not quite ready, will make up into a fine hen; 3, Gillen, rich col., boxy feather, position A1; vhc, Mulligan; he, Tighe; c, Keatings. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, McCaghey, wing tk., long flights and tail, full of quality, nice position; 2, Farrell, cheek tkd., rich col., full of quality, good head; 3, he, McDonnell, cheek tkd., again full of quality, long flights, piped tail; vhc, Coyne; c, Birse. HEN (9): 1, McDonnell, wing tk., nice position, full of quality; 2, Gillen, thigh tk., blaze of col. and quality, good position; 3, c, McDonnell; 3, uneven mrk., rich col. and quality; he, Fleming; vhc, Hawkins. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Devins, check tk., pale col., lovely quality, grand position, good one; 2, Mulligan, check tk., lovely feather, nice position, very steady; 3, c, Birse, thigh tkd., grand quality and position; vhc, Tighe; he, Carolan. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Coyne, thigh tkd., pale in col., grand position, full of Yorkshire quality; 2, Tighe, variegd., lovely feather, rich col., stylish; 3, Hawkins, rich col., nice position; he, c, McDonnell. NON-FED. CK. (5): 1, Devins, full of quality, grand position, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Hawkins; vhc, Birse; he, McDonnell. HEN (6): 1, 3, Hawkins, buff, magnificent quality and position; 2, Birse, yell. variegd., lovely flights and tail, fine position, full of good qualities; vhc, c, McDonnell; he, Fitzgerald. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Mulligan; 2, O'Hara; 3, Keogh; vhc, Woods; he, Lavery; 3, Lea. All good ones, well put down. HEN (9): 1, O'Hara; 2, Lavery; 3, Mulligan; vhc, Stewart; he, Callaghan; c, Carroll. Again a good class, with some creditable birds in it. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Rooney; 2, Lavery; 3, Mulligan; vhc, he, Winkup; 3, Miss O. Perrin. Here were a fine lot, and the winners should do well yet. HEN (6): again a grand class; 1, Mulligan; 2, Lavery; 3, Lynch; vhc, Callaghan; he, Woods; c, Stewart. TICK CK. (13): 1, Rooney; 2, Holley; 3, Perrin; vhc, Keogh; he, Lavery; c, Lea. These, too, were good and well placed. HEN (11): 1, Mulligan; 2, Lavery; 3, Keogh; vhc, Winkup; he, Rooney; c, Carroll. Some topping ladies here, much admired. SELL. (21/-) YORKS. CK. (8): 1, Rooney; 2, Devins; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Dowling; he, Callaghan; c, Lavery. HEN (4): 1, Hawkins; 2, Devins; 3, Lavery; vhc, Miss O. Perrin. A.O.V. (5): 1, Sleater; 2, Carson; 3, Birse; vhc, Anderson; he, Birch. 15/- YORKS. CK. (8): 1, Devins; 2, Birse; 3, Lynch; vhc, Hawkins; he, Miss H. Bolton; c, Callaghan. HEN (2): 1, Devins; 2, Hawkins. A.O.V. (7): 1, Anderson; 2, Carson; 3, vhc, Connell; he, Birse; c, Birch. CREST (4): 1, vhc, Birse, good centre, nice droop, plenty of substance; 2, McCagherty, fine substance and droop, plenty of feather; 3, Holley, again a good one. HEN (4): 1, 2, Birse, good centre, substance and feather; 2, good all over; 3, McCagherty; vhc, Slater. C.-B. CK. (5): 1, Birse; 2, McCagherty; 3, Sleater; all good. HEN (1): 1, Birse, nice bird, but no competition. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Carson, unflig., lovely col., full of quality, good head and chest, correct type; 2, McCagherty, tk., grand quality, rich col., nice type; 3, Thompson; vhc, Stewart. BUFF (9): 1, Stewart, rich col., magnificent quality, short and chubby, good one; 2, Graham, fine head and body, rich col., nice quality; 3, Thompson; vhc, Carson; he, McCagherty; 3, Mulligan. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Stewart, wins spl. for second best in show, lovely variegd., true to type, boxy feather, rich col., a gem; 2, 3, Thompson, typical, full of quality; vhc, Carson; he, Mulligan; c, Graham. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, lovely quality feather, rich col., good head and chest; 2, typical, full of quality; 3, vhc, Connell; he, McCagherty; c, Mulligan. BUFF (6): 1, Stewart, typical, lovely quality rich col., good head and chest; 2, vhc, he, Connell; 2, grand blaze of col., boxy feather, good head, true to type; 3, Thompson, again good head and chest, lovely quality; c, Mulligan. VARIEG. HEN (5): 1, Tighe, buff, short and chubby, rich col., full of quality; 2, Connell, yell., grand bird; 3, Thompson; vhc, Graham; he, Anderson. SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, he, Birch; 2, Carolan; 3, vhc, Wall; nice birds. HEN (5): 1, he, Birch; 2, Carolan; 3, he, Wall; again good. A.O.V. (1): 1, Birse. LIGHT, ETC., GOLDIF AND CAN. MULE (10): 1, 2, Mulcahy, even mkd. yell., lovely quality, well shown; 2, variegd. buff, stout, full of quality; 3, Birse, eye and wing mkd., lovely quality; vhc, c, Ronaldson; he, Mulligan. DARK (11): 1, Ronaldson, yell., rich col., full of quality, trim and good; 2, Owens and Magee, buff, lovely feather, short and chubby; 3, Birse; vhc, Harvey; he, c, McCaghey. LINNET MULE LIGHT (3): 1, Ronaldson; 2, 3, Birse; all three good. DARK (2): 1 Mulcahy; 2, Birse. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (8): 1, O'Hara, Siskin, lovely col. and feather; 2, Owens and Magee, yell. Greenie, nice one; 3, Dawson, Siskin, col. and feather; vhc, c, Wall; he, Birse. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Lavery, lovely square blaze, bars and buttons, shown in the pink of condition, wins easily; 2, c, Mulcahy, grand blaze and buttons, in good condition, very steady; 3, Tighe, fine blaze and buttons, in good condition and steady; vhc, Trunk; he, McCaghey. LINNET (2): 1, Wall, in lovely condition, very steady, beautifully pencilled; 2, Harte, again well pencilled, nice col., steady; 3, Mulcahy; vhc, O'Neill; he, Coyne; c, Carolan. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Carolan, Redpoll, rich col., nut brown, nice bib; 2, O'Neill, Siskin, lovely col. and feather; 3, he, Birse, grand Twite; vhc, Tighe; c, Harte. SKYLARK (1): 1, Carolan, nicely pencilled, rich col., well shown; 2, Mulcahy, very large, lovely col. and pencilling; 3, Birse; grand type, lovely mkgs.; 3, Birse, grand type, lovely mkgs.; vhc, Miss R. F. Perrin, he, c, Harford. BLACKBIRD, LTC (11): 1, 2, 3, Birse, Missel Thrush, in the pink of condition, nicely pencilled, very steady; 2, Thrush, good one, nicely spangled; vhc, Mulcahy; he, Fitzpatrick; c, Bowling. BULLFINCH CK. (10): 1, Owens and Magee, good dark cap, rich chest, in the pink of condition; 2, Ross, good dark cap and col.; 3, Mulcahy; vhc, Mulligan; he, c, Birse. HEN (7): 1, 2, he, Mulcahy; 3, Birse; vhc, Dowling; c, Harte; some nice birds here. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, Wall, Hawfinch, lovely quality, good bib, rich nut brown col.; c, c, Mulcahy, Bramblefinch, in lovely condition, well staged; c, vhc, Birse; he, Dawson. BRIT. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Birse. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, 2, Miss M. J. Wall; 3, Miss O. Perrin. SEED EATER SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Miss R. F. Perrin.

WALTHAMSTOW.

Annual members' show, held in St. James's Parish Hall, on November 4th. This was one of the best shows of cage birds the society has ever held, and the quality was worthy of keen open competition. The arrangements were under the control of Mr. A. J. Marley, who had worked hard to get an entry together, and had succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations. It was a really fine display, well staged, and well cared for. The president is Mr. J. A. Simon, M.P. Mr. C. Bertal is chairman Mr. A. V. Lane is energetic and courteous in his fulfilment of the duties of hon. secretary. The committee had the advantage of the services of that old and astute secretary, Mr. C. Mead, who did yeoman work. The cage bird stewards are all good fanciers, and looked well after the exhibits. They are Messrs. A. J. Marley, Billingsley, Hellens, Rolph, and Williams. Cup for the best Canary fell to a novice exhibit, Mr. Billingsley winning it with a rattling buff Nor., full of quality and splendid type. Mr. Marley won the British bird cup with a magnificent hen Linnet, shown in the cleverest form; and the Mule cup fell to a very fine lightly ticked yellow Greenfinch-Canary Mule, shown by a novice, Mr. Leighton. British were a grand lot, and in foreign Mr. Puck won with a magnificent Indian Shama, in beautiful feather. The hall was warm and cosy, free from draught, and well lighted. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Jones, couple of very typical specimens, the former best length and style. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Jones, leader beautiful close feather, nice meal, good pose; 3, Williams, hardly so closely packed. TKD., ETC., YELL: 1, 3, Jones, leader variegd., fine position, good head and neck; 2, Williams, broken, hardly so nice in neck and back, but good. BUFF: 1, 3, Jones, a capped bird leading of nice style and fine tone of feather; 2, Williams, long, fine style. HENS: 1, spl, Williams, gem of a yell., straight, full of fire, nice feather; 2, r, spl, Mead, another yell., stands up well; 3, vhc, Jones, very pretty. NOVICE, YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, 3, Mead, both straight and former of good quality; 2, Burbridge, long and stylish, little too coarse. BUFF: 1, Burbridge, stands well, shows a trifle frill; 2, 3, r, Mead, very creditable team. TKD., ETC.: 1, Burbridge, variegd. yell., fine stand, col. and quality; 2, 3, r, vhc, Mead, leader cinn. variegd., fine length. CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL. 1, spl, 2, Marley, couple of bouncing birds of rare type, col. and feather; 3, Miles, rare col. BUFF: 1, Marley, compact and rare quality of feather and undercol.; 2, Miles, good type and quality, fine; 3, Williamson, very nice quality; r, vhc, Collier. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Miles, grand quality, tkd. yell., good body; 2, Marley, variegd., grand shape. BUFF: 1, Miles, hot col., good under, fine type; 2, Marley, very typical; 3, Williamson. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Miles, grand shaped buff and yell., both rare quality; 3, Marley, grand feather; r, Williamson; vhc, Collier. NOVICE, NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Billingsley, both typical and rare feather. BUFF: 1, cup, 2 spls, 3, spl, vhc, 2 spls, r, Billingsley, grand team for a novice, the cup winner, gem, waxy in feather, probably a hen, rare type, splendid wing carriage, head, neck and chest; 2, Roberts, rattling buff, well sandwiched in such a team as opposed it. TKD., ETC.: 1, Handscombe, yell. of good shape and feather; 2, vhc, he, Billingsley, leader chubby buff; 3, Roberts, yell., also very nice; r, spl, Handscombe. GOLDIE: 1, 3, Marley, winner large and fine, clean cut whites, nice bars and buttons, would not pass as a British, but the class was for any nationality; 2, Handscombe, rich and lustrous, very steady. BULLIE: 1, Marley, good breast and cap, nice back col., steady; 2, Handscombe, good. LINNET: 1, Marley, close as wax, very nice shape and nicely mkd.; 2, Hellens, good one, but had a bad cold; 3, Handscombe. GREENFINCH: 1, Marley, topper in size, shape, feather and col.; 2, 3, r, Hellens, really good team of Finches; vhc, Handscombe. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Marley, a very pretty Siskin, nice cap and bib, compact, bright and well mkd.; 2, Lever, nicely mkd. red-col. Twite; 3, Hellens, Redpoll, very good in col. and condition; r, Hellens. BUNTING: 1, 2, Marley, grand yell., 2nd a really good feathered Snow Bunting; 3, r, Hellens, both yellows, and nice. A.O.S. HARDBILL, CK.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Marley, Hawfinch, Bramble, and Chaffinch respectively, a fine team, well posted; r, spl, Lever, a bonny Chaffinch; vhc, spl, Hellens. HEN, HARDBILL: 1, cup, spl, Marley, beautiful hen Linnet; 2, Lever, Bullfinch; 3, r, Hellens. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Puck, leader a charming specimen of the Blackcap Warbler, in lovely feather. FOR.: 1, 2, Puck, an Indian Shama, in glistening feather, taking first place. MULES. LIGHT: 1, cup, 2, spl, Leighton, two very light Greenie-Can. Mules, in the pink of feather, large and lustrous; 3, r, Mead. DARK: 1, Leighton; 2, Mead.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Second table show of the season held November 6th at Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey-lane. Mr. R. B. Fryer judged, his awards giving great satisfaction.

CL. BUFF YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, he, Stirrup; 4, vhc, Washbourne. CL. YELL. NOR. (3): 1 spl, 2, Myers; 3, Lester. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, spl, Myers; 2, Lester. GREENFINCH (3): 1, spl, Fairhurst; 2, Lester; 3, Wilson. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, vhc, he, Lester; 2, Fairhurst; 3, 4, Wilson.—FRED. WASHBOURNE, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON AND DIS. ROLLER C.S.

Members' contest held Nov. 13th, at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate. There were 53 entries, and the quality was above the average. Mr. Oldroyd, of Wakefield, judged.

CHAMP. CLASS ANY AGE: 1, c, Gostling; 2, vhc, he, Kremner; 3, Massey and Riding. YOUNG BIRDS (bred by a member): 1, 2, he, Massey and Riding; 3, Hullock; vhc, Kelshaw. NOVICE ANY AGE: 1, vhc, Kelshaw; 2, E. Hullock; 3, Corrigan; he, T. Hullock; c, Corrigan. 30/- LIMIT: 1, 2, Kremner; 3, vhc, Gostling; he, c, Massey and Riding.—WM. MASSEY, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Crook and Dis. C.B.S.—December 18th, Mechanics' Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Sandiford. 20 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Novice Can. 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, and 3 members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 11th, to W. RUTHERFORD, West Roddymoor, nr. Crook, Co. Durham.

Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun (C.B.U., W.C.B.C.).—December 15th, New Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 19 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Pair 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 8th, to McLUCAS AND JAMES, 26, Pantygraigwen-road, Pontypridd.

Sutton Coldfield (C.B.U.).—December 9th, Crystal Palace.—Judge, Mr. A. Paddock. 14 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 24th, to A. GEO. JONES, 110, High-street, Erdington.

Ilkeston (C.B.U.).—November 27th and 29th, Victoria Hall, Bath-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood, and C. Honiton. 35 open classes: Nor. 8 (sell. 2), Crest 7 (sell. 1), Yorks. 5 (sell. 1), Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Gift 1, and 4 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd, to W. DRIVER, 17, Sussex-street.

Harrogate—December 4th.—Judge, Mr. A. Hirst. 24 classes: Yorks. 11 (5 novice), Nor. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mules and Brit. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 30th, to GEO. HY. BURNWELL, Hon. Sec., 20, College-road.

Muirkirk.—November 27th, Temperance Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Mossey. 16 open classes: Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Gift 1, Nor. 2, Brit. 2, and 1 local Bord. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd, to R. THOMSON, Morton-place.

East Perthshire, Dec. 18, Public Hall, Blairgowrie. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 14 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 2, Mule 1, A.O.V., Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 8 to J. B. Y. MURDOCH, Savings Bank, Blairgowrie.

Hemel Hempstead.—Dec. 1, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton. 8 20-mile radius classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 24, to J. ROBERTS, 17, High-street.

Highbridge.—Dec. 9, New Cheese Auction Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. J. Young. 2 Open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, 1909 Can. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 30 to F. G. BUTTLE, "Monerville," Highbridge, Somerset.

Tamworth (C.B.U., M.Y.C.C.).—Dec. 11, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. Roe. 22 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 7, Bord. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 6th, to G. SPENCER, 65, Cross Street, Kettlebrook, Tamworth.

Stonehouse.—Dec. 4th, Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. D. Holding, D. Hamilton, J. Winter, and G. Marlin. 61 open classes: Scot. 9 (1 Sell.), Bord. 8 (1 Sell.), Nor. 6, Crest 2, Non-fed Nor. 2, Sell. 1, Com. 1, Brit. 15, For. 3, Mule 3, and 3 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 27, to J. GOVAN, 7, Union Street.

Dartford.—Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st, Assembly Rooms.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield, J.P. 7 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, and 4 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 20th, to A. LAMBERT, 32, East Hill.

Birmingham (C.B.U., C.C.C., N.P.C., M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C.), Dec. 1st and 2nd. The Masonic Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes, C. A. House, and R. J. Howe. 56 open classes: Nor. 14 (4 Amat.), Cinn. 2, Bord. 2, Yorks. 15 (4 Novice), Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 8, Brit. 9, Mule 4, For. 2, and 2 Novice Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6, and very many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 24th, to J. H. DE MAILLET, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.

Ferryhill.—Dec. 4, Social and Literary Institute Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Stanger and J. Maddison. 26 open classes: Nor. 5 (1 Novice), Yorks. 6, (1 Novice), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 6, and 7 Members'. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 29th, to R. BINKS, 27, West Street.

Cockermouth (B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C.).—Dec. 3rd and 4th, Tweed Mill.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 33 open classes: Bord. 9 (Sell. 1), Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Doves 1. Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6 (If 10 entries or over). Fee, 1/6. Entries close, Nov. 27th, to E. LIMB, 8, Mayo Street.

Jedburgh.—Dec. 4th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. P. McKenzie. 22 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 10 (1 Sell. and 1 Local), Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 27th, to A. FRATER, 5, Market Place.

Lochcraig. — Dec. 4th, Public Hall, Lochore.—Judges, Messrs. T. Kean, Fotheringham, and A. Cochrane. 60 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Bord. 9 (1 Sell.), Crest 5, Nor. 11 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 3, Brit. 14, Mule 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Common 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 25, to R. BALLOCH, 68, North Glencraig.

Brighouse (F.B.C.).—Nov. 27th, Oddfellows' Hall, Bradford Road.—Judge, Mr. F. Howe. 6 open foreign bird classes and members' Can. and Brit. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- (15/-, 10/-, 5/-, in Tanager class). Entries close Nov. 23rd, to F. MITCHELL, 9, Marion Street.

Armiston and Gorebridge.—Nov. 27th, Newbyres Hall, Gorebridge.—Judge, Mr. R. Lambie. 10 open classes: Bord. 7 (1 Sell.), Scot. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20th, to J. LAWRIE, 24, Old Store Row, Armiston, Gorebridge.

Cupar.—Dec. 4th, Corn Exchange. — Judges, Messrs. W. Rodger, J. Adams, J. Patterson, and A. C. Dandie. 46 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 Sell.), Nor. 8 (2 Sell.), Crest 5 (1 Sell.), Bord. 8 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, Mule 2, and 2 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 29th, to W. RUDDIMAN, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife.

Castle Douglas.—December 4th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce. 24 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 5 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 27th, to J. C. BURNIE, 2, Carlingwark Cottages.

Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland, Dublin (N.P.C.C. of I.) (confined to members and to residents in Ireland).—November 25th and 26th, Central Hall, 12, Westmoreland-street, Dublin.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 65 open classes: Yor. 22 (6 non-fed, 6 novice), Sell. 6, Crest 4, Nor. 6, Scot. 3, Brit. 9, Mule 6, Gift 1, For. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (fee 1/6), for Yorks., Crests, Scot., Mules, Brit., For., etc.; 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- (fee 2/-), for Nor.; and 8/-, 4/-, 2/- (fee 1/-) for Sell. Entries close to-day (November 20th), to J. R. HYLAND, 53, Fitzroy avenue.

Cardiff (C.B.U., C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., W.C.B.C.).—December 1st and 2nd, Andrews' Lesser Hall, Queen Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and J. Robson. 50 open classes: Nor. 10 (3 novice), Yorks. 11 (3 novice), Crest 2, Scot. 2, Bord. 2, Sell. 3, Mule 4, Brit. 14, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 24th, to W. SAMPSON, 93, Llanishen Street.

Framlingham.—December 2nd, Castle Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. De Winton. 8 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, and 4 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close, November 23rd, to NICHOLSON AND TONGEMAN, College-road.

Falmouth (C.B.C.).—December 3rd, Polytechnic Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 17 classes (open to Cornwall): Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1, For. 1, and 18 Members. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 27th, to W. J. MEDLIN, 84, Marlborough Road.

Melbourne.—December 1st and 2nd, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 5 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 1, and Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 23rd, to J. HICKLIN, South Street, Melbourne, Derbyshire.

Darlington C.B.S. (N.Y.C.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C.).—November 27th, Corn Exchange, Feethams.—Judges, Messrs. W. P. Barnes and J. Maddison. 35 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Bord. 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 1, and 17 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/- and specials. Fee 1/-. Entries close November 23rd, to E. BRUNSKILL, 23, Salisbury Terrace.

Blackpool and Fylde (C.B.U.).—November 26th and 27th, Alexandra Cafe, Victoria Street.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 30 open classes: Nor. 11 (3 novice), Yorks. 10 (3 novice), A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 2/- cash spl for most points per class. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 23rd (first post), to A. J. WINTERBOTTOM, 9, Clinton Avenue, Blackpool.

Bridlington.—December 2nd, Priory Institute, St. John Street.—Judge, Mr. G. Harland. 7 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close November 23rd, to A. J. H. TOWNSEND, Prospect Street.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 20.—**Dublin** (Y.C.C. of I.).—J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue.
Nov. 20.—**Epsom.**—A. H. Hicks, 17, High Street.
Nov. 20.—**Dundee.**—A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.
Nov. 20.—**Hetton-le-Hole.**—A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs.
Nov. 20.—**W. Stanley.**—J. Cousins, 20, Far West Street, East Stanley.
Nov. 20.—**Crewe.** — G. W. Dutton, The Grove, Shavington.
Nov. 20.—**Armiston.**—J. Lawrie, 24, Old Store Row.
Nov. 20.—**Dartford.**—A. Lambert, 32, East Hill.
Nov. 22 (Tuesday's post).—**Stackpool.**—A. J. Winterbottom, 9, Clinton Avenue.
Nov. 22.—**Goole.**—A. Roberts, 13, Mannal Street.
Nov. 23.—**Muirkirk.**—R. Thomson, Morton Place.
Nov. 23.—**Ilkeston.**—Thos. Smith, 5, King Street.
Nov. 23.—**Melbourne.**—J. Hicklin.
Nov. 23.—**Bridlington.**—A. J. Townsend.
Nov. 23.—**Brighouse.**—F. Mitchell, 9, Marion Street.
Nov. 23.—**Framlingham.**—Nicholson and Tongeman, College Road.
Nov. 24.—**Birmingham.**—J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.
Nov. 24.—**Hemel Hempstead.**—J. Roberts, 17, High Street.
Nov. 24.—**Sutton Coldfield.**—A. G. Jones, 110, High Street, Erdington.
Nov. 24.—**Cardiff.**—W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.
Nov. 25.—**Lochcraig.**—R. Balloch, 68, North Glencraig.
Nov. 25.—**Morecambe.**—W. H. Pickles, Stonyhurst.
Nov. 26.—**Cambridge.**—W. Driver.
Nov. 27.—**Falmouth.**—W. J. Medlin, 90, Marlboro' Road.
Nov. 27.—**Cockermouth.**—E. Limb, Mayo Street.
Nov. 27.—**Jedburgh.**—T. Scott, 10, High Street.
Nov. 27.—**Leicester.**—J. A. Tyler, 222, Narborough Road.
Nov. 27.—**Milngavie.**—M. Frame, Woodburn Place.
Nov. 27.—**Castle Douglas.**—J. C. Burnie, 2, Carlingwark Cottages.
Nov. 27.—**Stonehouse.**—J. Govan, 7, Union Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 20.—**S. London Columbarian.**—G. A. Jefferys, 80, Grange Road, Bermondsey.
Nov. 21 (1st post).—**Sidmouth.** — A. Tremlett, Market Place.
Nov. 22 (1st post).—**Bristol.**—W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.
Nov. 22.—**Stamford.** — A. W. Ludlow, 69, Broad Street.
Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—J. Bessell, 5, High Street.
Nov. 23 (1st post).—**Egremont.**—W. Lewthwaite.
Nov. 23.—**Darlington.**—E. Brunskill, 23, Salisbury Terrace.
Nov. 24 (1st post).—**Portsmouth.**—Hawes and Frampton, 125, Commercial Road.
Nov. 25.—**Launceston.**—N. H. Reed.
Nov. 20 (in time if posted).—**Inverness.**—A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, November 13th. Judges, A. Jennings and W. Naylor. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead. Also on November 14th; 15 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Johnson. Judges, A. Jennings and W. Naylor. —WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

A LEEDS CHALLENGE.

Seeing Mr. S. Hardcastle's challenge in last week's CAGE BIRDS—writes Mr. Arthur Kendall (per pro. Mr. Soloman)—I contradict his statements, and have witnesses to prove that he wanted his own time and to pick his own judges, and sing in a private house. I have put £1 down, witnessed by Joe Hargreaves, sec. Newtown Linnet and C.C., and Wilson Naylor, sec. Leeds Linnet F.C., to sing Mr. S. Hardcastle match time, in any window that's recognised, any judges (cage bird judges preferred), loser to pay their expenses. I will even go as far as sending the birds away to sing in any other town, from £5 to £20. I hope these terms suit, and if no match, please close this correspondence.

WIGAN.

Usual contest held on Nov. 14th, when 17 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, E. Wood; 2, J. Sellers; 3, divided between J. Harold and J. Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and W. Hinceson; timekeeper, Mr. J. Robinson.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual quality Linnet singing contest, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Nov. 13th. Result: 1, 2, divided between N. Solomian and D. Madden; 3, A. Butler. Judges, S. T. Johnson and Joe Hargreaves. Contest, Nov. 14th, brought a good audience of well-known fanciers, N. Soloman gaining 1st, 2nd and sharing 3rd with T. Summers. Judges, P. Mc[illegible]en and A. Lorriman.—JOE HARGREAVES.

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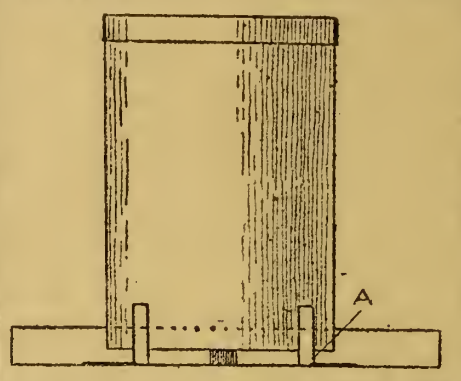
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No. 362.

A Self-supplying Seed Hopper.

Sent by Mr. W. H. Allkins, 20, Bethune Road, Stoke Newington, London, N.

I trust the enclosed idea will prove useful to fanciers who have outside or inside aviaries. The sketch shows a self-supplying seed-hopper, which is easily and quickly made, and at a very low cost. To make, get a tin about four inches high and three inches wide (I find the small round tins which contain 50 cigarettes answer the purpose well), and a lid of a larger tin, about five inches in diameter. First remove the bottom of the complete tin by holding same over a gas flame, when it will drop out. Then



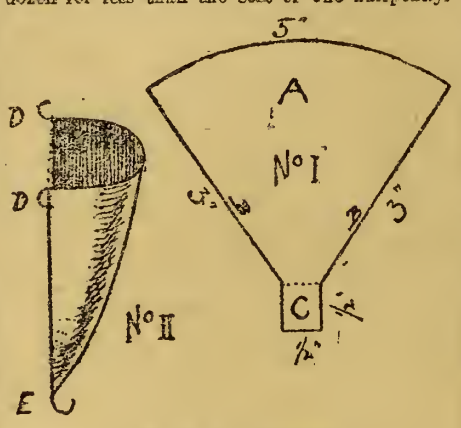
cut three strips off the piece about 1¼ins. long by ¾in. wide, and bend into L shape from the centre, to form "feet." Now solder these "feet" on to the bottom of the tin, allowing the tin, when stood in the inverted large lid, to be ¼in. from the base, as at A. The other ends of L shape pieces should, of course, be soldered to the inverted lid. To fill the hopper simply remove the lid. You will find this very strong, and with careful usage will never wear out; and, of course, the more birds you have to feed the larger you can make the hopper. I have a large cage in my bird room with eight birds in it, and when I want to go away for three or four days and leave them, I find this a great boon.—W. H. ALLKINS.

No. 363.

A Fruit or Green Food Holder.

Sent by Mr. W. Brooksbank, 18, Vermuyden Terrace, Goole, Yorks.

I enclose a sketch of an apple or watercress holder, which I hope will prove a great help to fanciers, who, I think, will find it the cheapest and one of the neatest holders. I have this for my own use. If done as I suggest, anyone who is handy in working a bit of tin can make a dozen for less than the cost of one halfpenny.



A Fruit, etc., Holder.

The largest expense is in purchasing 6½ft. of wire for the dozen. First get some clean empty tins and cut them open and lay them out flat. Then cut a pattern (as shown in sketch No. 1). To do this, cut A 5 inches; then cut B 3 inches, tapering to C (leave C ½ inch square). Now you will have my pattern. Take this and bend it ¼ inch over at the wide end (A); cut a piece of wire 6½ inches long, and fit it in the groove made by the bending; then knock tight down with a hammer to jam the wire in tight. Take care to leave both ends even, so as to make the small hooks like D in sketch 2. Then bend the pattern half way round, as shown in this sketch, and make the said small hooks D. Bend C up, half round to form hook E. This completes a tit-bit rack, which will be about two inches across the top and three inches high. Hook D goes on the cage wires, and hook E clasps the punch bar at the end of perch.—W. BROOKSBANK.

SHEFFIELD.

Opening Linnet contest for the season held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook, on Nov. 7th, when 16 birds entered. There was a large attendance, and some good singing was heard. Winners: 1, Wilson, 104; 2, Palfreman, 61; 3, Williamson, 43. Also at same hotel on Nov. 14th, when 11 birds faced the judges. Winners: 1, Cole, 82; 2, Brown, 41; 3, Cole, 37. There will be a contest on Nov. 21, open to all England, first pair up 1 o'clock. —BROWN, Sec.

Notes from Erin.

LIMAVADY held a very successful show on November 10th, there being some 800 entries. This is indeed very creditable, and the workers deserve every praise for their untiring efforts to make their event this season a success. In our section there were about 122 entries in 14 classes. Three of the Yorkshire classes had to be cancelled owing to insufficient support, but this was to be expected seeing that the following day another club in the north was holding its annual show under the rules of the specialists' clubs, with the various cups for competition. It is to be hoped that next year will see Limavady having the patronage of the specialists' clubs, and thereby bring the cream of the Irish Fancy to Derry.

I MET several of the Co. Derry men, and a right good lot of fanciers they are. The secretary, Mr. Wilson (from Limavady), is a fancier of the right brand, determined to push the hobby. The Hall is one of the best, free from draughts, well lighted, and comfortable. I would suggest that next season our Derry friends have their show in CAGE BIRDS' column for show dates fixed, as this is a great aid. It is a pity that the City of Derry men do not organise a society there. Hurry up, Derry, and come to the front!

BANBRIDGE held their annual show on November 11th and 12th. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and a busy time he had. The entries were well in advance of last year. The secretary, Mr. Hamilton, and his committee, are hard workers, and it is pleasing to see that their labours have been rewarded with a record entry.

THE Challenge Cup for best bird in show was won by a Scotch Fancy, the property of Mr. Neill, of Belfast. His bird is a gem. The British bird cup was won hands down by a Goldfinch, the property of Mr. Barclay; this bird is a picture to look at. The third cup for best Mule or Hybrid bred by a local exhibitor was won by the second prize winner in its class, the property of Mr. Fry, of Banbridge.

DUNDALK held their event this week, and I am pleased to see that this society so far holds the record for number of entries. I am informed that we have two of our esteemed champions back, who exhibited for the first time this season at this fixture, one from Wexford and the other from Carrick.

FRIENDS of Mr. T. F. O'Reilly will be pleased to find him recovered from recent illness, and once again amongst us.

CLOSED RING.

Correspondence.

A White Linnet.

SIR,—Re G. Smith's white Linnet. I had a cock Linnet that was bought for 8d., and was brown for four years. He then moulted out white, and remained white at any rate until I sold him. He was eight years old then.

G. WILCOCK.

Goldfinch with a Pure White Head.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. E. Ellis re Goldfinch with white head, I may say I have one now that was caught five weeks ago; it has a pure yellow blaze instead of crimson and pure white wing bars instead of yellow. All other markings are the same as Goldfinches should be. I should like to know if it is of any value.

G. WILCOCK.

A Drying Case for which High Claims are Made.

SIR,—I have to thank you on behalf of myself, also Mr. J. E. Reeves (who is leaving us for a time for the other side of the world), for the reproduction of photos, etc., on Nov. 6th of our method of drying birds after being washed for the show bench. I also wish to have it stated that the description was not a trade advertisement, but simply an idea detailed for the Fancy's benefit (which is our principle as true fanciers), after finding it a success with us. Why I mention this is because Mr. Reeves has had letters of enquiries, also orders to make (if price suited), one coming from as far north as Edinburgh, and we have not been able to answer all, as stamps were not enclosed. I wish to thank all fanciers who wrote, and to understand by this that it is not our intention to make for anyone, but for them to follow the dimensions given and make for themselves.

A. MALLETT.

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Is it a Record Sing?

SIR,—Could any of your readers who go in for time singing let me know if 104 marks is a record for a four minutes' sing at this time of the year? A. BROWN.

The Scottish National Derby O.A.

SIR,—Allow me to urge upon the members of the above society to turn out in full force at the first meeting, which takes place at the end of this month. The above society has done much through its energetic secretary, Mr. Thos. Smith, in the past to keep the Scotch Fancy Canary well to the front, and he deserves all the support that can be given him at our forthcoming meeting. He has laboured unremittingly to make the National Derby one of the best shows in Scotland, and every one must know the influence it exerts on the other shows, that are held afterwards, to sustain the interest in our birds of outstanding stylo and position—the Scotch Fancy Canary. Let us rally around him in numbers sufficient at our first meeting to show we appreciate his services to the Fancy, and that we wish him to remain at the helm to guide and direct our best interests.

MEMBER.

Rare Mules and Hybrids.

SIR,—I have been very much interested in the Hybrid breeding hobby for a number of years. Last year I had two of the Redpoll and Bullie cross hatched out, but failed to rear them. Also I had one from the Siberian Goldie Linnet, and also the Goldie fed and reared it. I showed it at the City of Glasgow open show, 1908, and got a ticket for it. It was a very nice cock bird, and only about three months old, and not properly through the moult before it died a fortnight later. So this year I have been successful in rearing three young ones—two cocks and one hen off a Siberian Goldfinch, and a Linnet hen; the Goldie and the Linnet both fed all the time. They are almost through the moult now, and the two cocks are singing well. I don't intend to show them this year. I might give them a run next season if all goes well. I might mention for the benefit of Hybrid breeders, I only boiled one egg this season for nine pairs of Hybrids, and three pairs of Canaries, and this has been the most successful year I have had since I started Hybrid breeding. I feed only on Canary, hemp, rape, lint, and a good supply of teazle, and also niger, but I give lots of wild seeds of all kinds. I can see, however, that it is a big mistake to put up too many pairs for Hybrids, as they need a lot more attention than Canaries. I intend to have about half the number next season, and intend to be even more successful.

D. RANKIN.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead

SIR,—I am really sorry to read the attack of Mr. Worthington on Mr. J. Bertie's Plainheads at Accrington Show. As I stated a few weeks ago, I have been fairly amazed at the different items week after week on these lovely birds. I have bred a good many this season, and at the close of the season I did not feel any desire to colour feed, nor to ever waste time and money at shows, for the simple reason I thought it rather too risky, and that perhaps I might avoid disappointments. On the other hand I do not feel discouraged in any way, but I feel anxious to know when we shall be on the right track with them. I expect to furnish our editor with a photograph (actual) of two of my 1909 birds that I have bred, and if illustrated in our CAGE BIRDS, then perhaps Mr. Worthington and Mr. Watson will kindly give their opinion, which I shall accept with the best feeling, whether it may be good or indifferent. JOHN H. JOWETT.

SIR,—On looking through my CAGE BIRDS of November 13th, I notice a Mr. Worthington, instead of answering my letter of the previous week in a gentlemanly and fancier-like way, starts to criticise my exhibits at Accrington. Now, Mr. W., I consider your conduct anything but fancier-like. I am the same Mr. Bertie, and am not ashamed of my birds. Now, Mr. W., the birds which I exhibited at Accrington were an almost yellow-green, two buff hens, and a yellow hen, four birds in all. The yellow-green took 4th prize, shown to disadvantage, of course, being shown among yellow-ticked, etc. In the same class were Mr. T. Seed's champion also Mr. S. Cook's well-known winner, which, of course, stood in front of mine. If my bird was such an "awful specimen," what about the others behind him? At the time of writing these lines the same bird stands 2nd in a class of eight at our great Nottingham Show. My buff hen hc, Accrington, also stands vhc at same show, in stock pairs, sixteen in class. My yellow hen, not mentioned at Accrington, I have sold to a well-known Lancashire exhibitor of Norwich. The other buff hen not mentioned at Accrington, I'll admit was a bit off in feather at time of exhibition. I might mention that I have a letter in my possession received this week from a well-known Blackburn fancier asking me the price of 4th prize bird at Accrington. Now, Mr. W., I don't think those birds of mine so "awful" as you say, and instead of my not knowing what a Norwich Plainhead is, it is yourself. Mr. W., you are talking through your hat. I have this week received a letter from Mr. W. Burdett, Wingate, Co. Durham, who says: The unflighted yellow I got from you last year has won for me this year 1st prize Middlesbrough, and 1st prize Hartlepool. Two other unflighted birds I sent the same gentleman last year also won 1st and 2nd and special, Stockton. And a great many other winners I have supplied. So, Mr. W., I must again tell you that you are talking through your hat, and that it is yourself who does not yet know a Norwich Plainhead when you see one. J. BERTIE.

Some Questions for Catchers and Net Makers.

SIR,—Your columns are always freely thrown open to the humblest of your readers, and I can say that the articles by Mr. Hawes and others relating to the fascinating hobby of keeping and trapping wild birds have been read and appreciated by a large number of people who never write to your paper, but who nevertheless take it weekly for its practical worth. I have just completed a pair of square-meshed bird nets, but I cannot arm them, that is, I do not know how to knit a border to them with thread or string of a stouter kind than that which has been used in making the net proper. My mesh is three-quarters of an inch. If I take up four of these, would the mesh I should use for the border be a three-inch one? I would be so glad to receive directions on this point from some reader who is a practical netter, as books contain no hint of any value. Full directions for arming would be much appreciated. I was much interested in Mr. Hawes' device (hiding all lines in furrows) to outwit "sharped" Brown Linnets, but what suggestion can he make for catching a flock of Goldfinches that flee at the song of a call bird, and take a "header" in an opposite direction when they see a brace-bird? They refuse to come within gun-shot of the catcher. The sight of a bird in a cage is enough, yet they seem to be feeding tamely enough in the same thistle field day after day. I may add they are bird-lime shy, as well as net shy. I thank you in anticipation, and wish your paper a still wider circulation.

AMATEUR.

The Edinburgh N. and M.B. Society's Handsome Cup.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in submitting for your approval as to reproduction in your valuable paper a photograph of a handsome cup presented by Councillor W. Bruce Lindsay, of Edinburgh, to be competed for at the

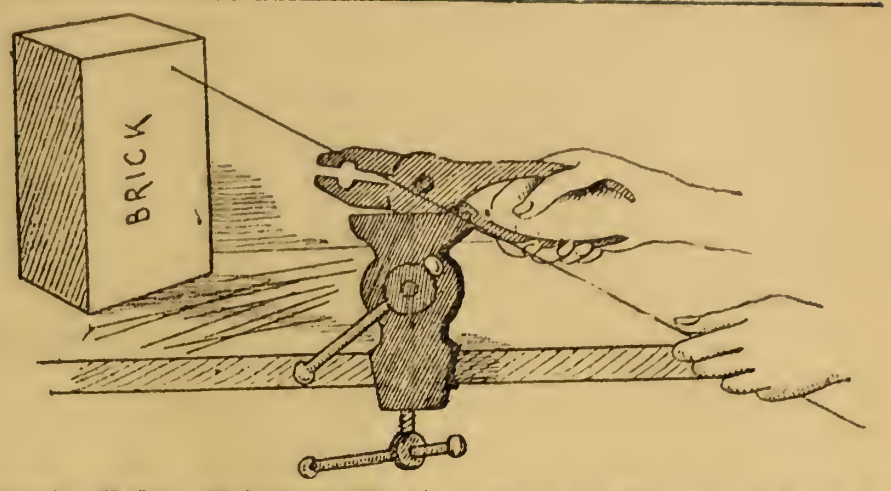


The Edinburgh N. and M.B.S. Cup.

annual show of the Edinburgh, Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society (which is held this year on November 20th), and to be awarded to the best young bird in the hall. The cup becomes the property of the exhibitor winning it three times. S. BUGLASS.

The "Wrong Classed" Yorkie at Hucknall Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Sharp, I beg to say the bird was not a good coloured one at all. Mr. Vardy and myself looked at it many times, and he came to the conclusion it was a buff. I called it a mealy yellow. There was no doubt it would have won in the buff class that day. YOUR REPORTER.



How to Make a Noiseless Wire Cutter.

SIR,—I enclose a sketch showing amateur cage-makers how a pair of pliars and a vice when combined and fastened to a table or bench, with an ordinary builder's brick, become an inexpensive wire cropper. Secure tightly in the vice one side of the handle portion of the pliars, leaving the other side to open and shut by hand. The length of wire may be determined by placing a brick at the distance required, as shown in sketch. I use a brick, but anything weighty will do so long as it does not move when once set. In this way wire may be cut quickly and not varying in length one hair's breadth; and to have no noise is alone worth something, at our house at any rate.

E. CHRISTOPHERSON.

What is the Legal Aspect?

SIR,—I would like to know the opinion of your readers on the following case. I started the season 1909 with 15 pairs of birds comprising Belgians, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, Crests; many of them valuable. Now comes in my tale of woe; the landlord set some men to work and they tore out the drains, sinks, water-pipes and partitions, etc., of six houses, this work going on from the middle of April until the 23rd of June, when it partly ceased—to be renewed in the adjoining six houses. Finally the men finished up on the second of September, with the consequence that my whole season has been ruined. The proprietor refuses compensation, saying that he was not aware that I kept birds. His manager (of the property) not only knew of but actually inspected my birdroom and was perfectly well aware that I kept birds for profit. My letters to him during the alterations were ignored. I am inclined to push the matter in court, and would like to know if any brother fancier has been in a like situation, and the result. I contend that I am entitled to be compensated. I estimate my loss at 60 young birds, which is very low for 15 hens compared with past years.

GEORGE BROWN.

[We think that Mr. Brown would be well advised to put the correspondence and facts of the case before a solicitor, and take his opinion. We shall welcome the views of any reader who may have had an experience similar to that of our correspondent.—EDITOR.]

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR,—May I through the medium of our valuable weekly CAGE BIRDS extend an apology to all exhibitors who competed at our recent show for point specials. Although I beg to tender them my sincerest regrets, nevertheless I appeal to their consideration and fair-mindedness when I claim exemption from any personal blame, at the same time desiring to impress the fact that they have to thank their officials solely for their high-handed action (originating from an act of negligence on their own part) in withdrawing their patronage practically at the last moment. This action in itself is in direct opposition to what should be the primary motto of all cage-bird exhibitors, "The extension and welfare of the Fancy," and when carefully scrutinised amounts simply to misplaced officiousness or self-aggrandisement. I firmly believe that the W.C.B.C. is labouring under the erroneous impression of supposing that the patronage of their society is indispensable towards the success of cage-bird shows in Wales, and that by withdrawing same as was previously mentioned the Swansea Show would be materially affected as regards entries. I consequently beg to enlighten them that our recent show was an undeniable success financially, notwithstanding the absence of what is very lightly esteemed here, i.e., the patronage of the W.C.B.C. The attainment or withdrawal of their support would be a matter of complete indifference to me, were it not for exhibitors who competed for point specials. For the enlightenment of those who are ignorant of the precise facts of the case, I beg to briefly outline the circumstances. I applied in the usual manner for the W.C.B.C.'s patronage for the Swansea Show, which was eventually granted. Copy of rules was forwarded to me, which I inserted in our schedules as requested. After despatching same I received a communication from their secretary enquiring the reason of my non-compliance with their classification in omitting to give classes for Scotch Fancy, Crest, Crest-bred, and Cinnamons. Upon pleading my ignorance that their society required this special classification, I was curtly informed that I "ought to have known." As a result they withdrew their support, although it was granted us three years previously when we had only two classes for Scotch Fancies. That a specialist club should stipulate for 7 or 8 classes, I was fully aware of, but the actual classification is usually left to the discretion and judgment of the favoured society's committee; therefore my great astonishment at their want of judgment in demanding special classes which could only be entered by about two exhibitors in Wales of each variety. Finally, I beg to warn all brother secretaries who obtain the W.C.B.C.'s patronage to regard their classification as a *sine qua non* to the success of their annual shows, and furthermore suggest that it would be advisable for them to swallow their rules and classification and a few stray encyclopædias, so as to give entire satisfaction. Will the members of the W.C.B.C. note whether their rules and classification are complied with by other societies in Wales? I, personally, do not think so.

A. HITCHINGS, Hon. Sec. Swansea C.B.A.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Shows.

SIR,—As an old and experienced fancier for many years, and well-known to the Fancy, I am very reluctant in writing to the Press in complaint, but my experience of to-day tells me that the Fancy is not what it was as regards the exhibiting of birds. My complaint is the treatment meted out by show officials cancelling classes and keeping just what suits them. For instance, at Manchester, I made four entries, three in Scotch and one in British; Scotch returned and British kept. Wigan, the week after, same as above, Scotch returned, two British kept. Whitehaven, three Scotch amalgamated in one class, where two classes were given. I dispatched my birds on Thursday, and asked the secretary to send them off early on the Saturday night, but no birds arrived, and I had to go six miles to Warrington on Sunday in search of them. I think the Fancy might be purified if show officials would get birds home instead of fanciers having to roam the country on Sundays, when they should be at a place of worship. I think the Fancy gets a bad name when fanciers have to lug their travelling case about on Sundays. If show officials would pay a little attention to this, I am sure shows would pay better. What is the use of advertising surplus stock when you cannot get classes for your birds? If the officials would try to uplift the Fancy, I am sure there would be more fanciers and better shows.

J. HAMPSON.

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An Exhibit Missing from Glasgow Show.

SIR,—I exhibited a buff variegated Norwich cock and won third prize in class 3 (No. 13) at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, and the secretary notifies me that the bird is missing. If any exhibitor has got the bird by mistake, will he please return it to me at once?

DAVID DEVOY.

23, George Street, Stranraer.

Proposed New Society for Falkirk and District.

SIR,—A number of bird fanciers in the Falkirk District are desirous of forming a new society, and a meeting will be held in the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday, November 27th, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of naming the society and making the rules for same. The following are the committee, who have undertaken to arrange matters: Messrs. M. Baird, J. Binnie, J. Marshall, J. Hunter, F. Jarvie, J. Muir, D. Smart, H. Taylor, J. Johnstone, and J. Penman.

W. CLUBB,

Secretary pro tem., 14, Cockburn Street, Falkirk.

A Creditable Outdoor Aviary Breeding Experience.

SIR,—When removing the nesting logs from my aviaries in September, I found a Yellow Budgerigar with eggs. As this pair had only had one nest previously, I decided to let them remain. The hen hatched five youngsters (three yellow and two green), which have turned out quite strong and perfectly feathered. These late-hatched birds usually turn out very weakly, and often have French moult. This makes about fifty Budgerigars, fifteen Canaries, twelve Cutthroats (which all died), ten Cockatiels, four Greenfinches, and three Zebra Finches—all bred in my outdoor aviaries this year. A good many of my young Budgerigars were taken in hand when quite young and trained to walk all over my hands. I have disposed of most of these pet birds through advertising in CAGE BIRDS.

H. LEWIS.

The Late Despatch of Exhibits from Shows.

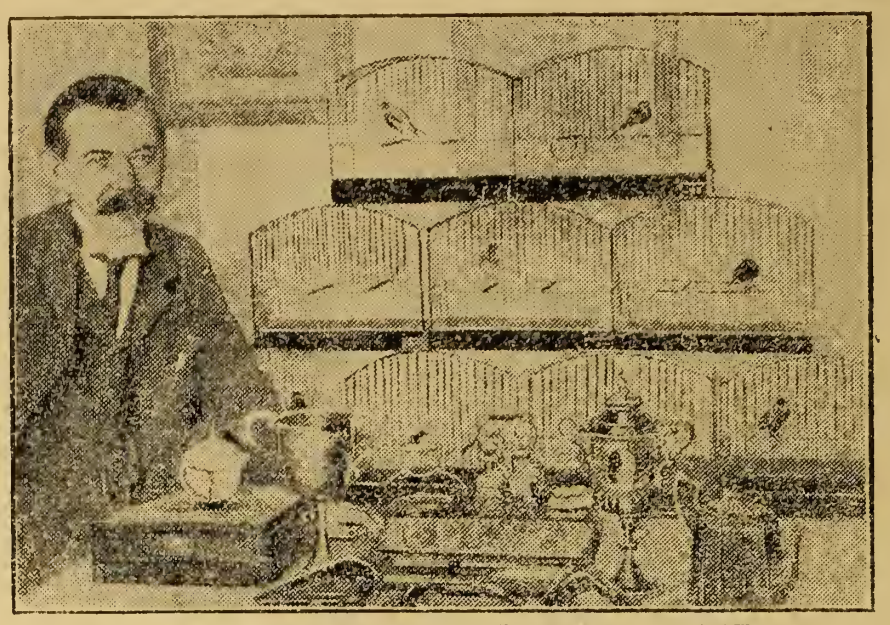
SIR,—My friend, Mr. Kerr, in his letter of November 13th, was rather sharp, and I am obliged to you, Mr. Editor, for your timely foot-note. I did not refer to the delay at Perth. Had the show I had in view sent off the exhibits by 7.30 a.m. on the Monday, there would not have been the cause there was for complaint. No; that hour was too early, and the committee waited till they wakened up, far on in the afternoon! This question of the late return of exhibits is very serious, and unless a remedy is applied, and that very soon, the shows will find entries going down. The executive in question have not explained how the birds were not put into the railway companies' possession earlier than 4 p.m. on the Monday after the show. Give exhibitors fair treatment, and they will support shows, but they will not submit to dispatch at 4 p.m. on Monday from a show which closes on the Saturday.

A WILD BIRD LOVER.

The C.B.U. and the Bristol F.A. Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. T. H. Maggs' letter in your last issue, I am sorry he still persists that the Bristol F.A. was licensed to be held under C.B.U. rules. I would like to point out to Mr. Maggs that, although their subscription was paid and accepted probably early in the year, that does not entitle the B.F.A. to fix their show on any date they like and to clash with other shows in the same district. I don't quite understand what Mr. Maggs means when he says that "the only objection against us under the new rule giving first choice of dates to purely cage-bird societies was withdrawn some time ago;" who does he mean has withdrawn it? I would point out to him that one of the chief objects of the formation of the C.B.U. was to stop the clashing of show dates in the same district, and, as I stated in my previous letter, Gloucester having held the same date for four seasons, should have preference over the B.F.A. However, if Mr. Maggs still persists that they were licensed to hold their show under C.B.U. rules (which I have it on good authority they were not), perhaps the C.B.U. secretary will enlighten us on the subject. In the meantime, perhaps Mr. Maggs will explain why the asterisk was not in front of the Bristol F.A. fixture in "C.B.'s" guide to the shows, also why it was taken away from the front of their fixture in the guaranteed column the week their entries finally closed, the asterisk being to distinguish those shows that were affiliated from those that were not. Also, in his last advertisement the Friday before the show, he omitted to advertise the words, "affiliated to the C.B.U." although previous to that he had advertised that they were affiliated. And last, but not least, why was the Bristol F.A. Show not included in the C.B.U. advertised list of shows, where it distinctly states members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show "not appearing in this list which is published monthly or at any show which has not the Union show rules appearing in schedule"? Perhaps Mr. Maggs will inform us if the rules were in their schedule? The latter part of Mr. Maggs' letter is really too ridiculous, being right away from the point at issue, although I must thank him for the complimentary manner he writes of my good taste. I may say the B.F.A. have not a superabundance of it, or they would not have taken Gloucester's date without even advising them of their intentions. One would have thought that out of common courtesy they would have done this. What, Mr. Maggs, do you call this? Good taste? I am sorry Mr. Maggs has seen fit to misconstrue my remarks (that their show was a mixed one, poultry, etc.), as an appeal to prejudice. I merely mentioned this so that readers could see that the C.B.U. rule, that purely cage birds societies should have first choice, was not strictly carried out. This, I take it, is an argument to suit his own ends? I may say that Mr. Maggs condemns himself when he says I was an exhibitor at the 1906 and 1907 shows. Should I, if I were prejudiced against his show, exhibit at the same? By the way, Mr. Maggs, why do you omit that I was an exhibitor in 1908? Was it because you had not the courtesy to send me a schedule for your 1909 show, or, in fact, any of the Gloucester cage bird fanciers? I always understood that the previous year exhibitors always had a schedule sent them. Surely you had some good reason for this? Now, what was it? Also when and where in my letter did I say I had not received my prize money? Neither have I expressed any doubt as to the Bristol fanciers being a generous lot of fellows? This, I take it, must be another of Mr. Maggs' cheap advertisements, but not as a fanciers' association, but it seems as a charitable institution who merely meet their liabilities. I may say the Gloucester C.B.S. will have to be just as charitable this year. Speaking for myself, I have never received or expected anything more than was due to me from the Bristol F.A. In conclusion, I would respectfully ask Mr. Maggs to confine his remarks to the point at issue.

A. E. WASLEY.



A WELL-KNOWN BORDER ENTHUSIAST.

Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso), with some of his winning Border Fancy Canaries and a few of the trophies they have secured.

My Singing Skylark.

An Inexpensive Food.

SIR,—Several letters have appeared of late concerning the Skylark, and I was surprised at the expensive food advised—all right for the millionaire, but I write for the benefit of my fellow humble labourers, if you will give my letter place in your valuable paper. My Lark is seven years old and sings every day and every night, and if I come down stairs in the middle of the night with a lighted candle, I can hear him singing away. The only food I use is pea meal, oat meal, dripping, and the maggots from old fat as live food. Oatmeal is the most insectivorous food obtainable; get a magnifying glass and see for yourselves. I give my Lark a bath every week, and occasionally a dew-bath for an hour or two on summer evenings. He is a fine, big, strong, robust, and healthy bird, and as fat as a landlord, thanks to the dripping. He has never yet tasted ants' eggs, mealworms, dried flies, etc. My lark-cage is an ingenious one designed and made by myself.

REDPOLL.

Lost, Stolen, or Strayed?

Two Birds Missing.

SIR,—On October 28th I sent two Norwich Plainheads to Hucknall Torkard Show, and have not heard or seen anything of them up to the time of writing. One was a clear buff (Class 6, No. 257), the other a heavy variegated buff (Class 11, No. 258). If any fanciers have got the two birds by mistake, will they kindly let me know.

H. HATHAWAY.

64, Long Street, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent.

The Breeding of Even-marked Mules.

Some Interesting Views.

SIR,—A few notes on the breeding of even-marked Mules, by one who has given it great study, may be of some interest to those whose objects lie in that direction. In the first place many a good Mule has been bred by chance, and will be again. Chance has a great deal to do with many successes. I once received a piece of advice, which was subject up of hybridising, not only in birds, but in the vegetable line and flowers, I shall never forget one piece of advice, which was, "never try to improve upon Nature; follow her and let her be your guide. Nature will sport in many ways which will appear to you unaccountable." These words I have found true in every detail, no matter what subjects I have taken up to try experiments with. My great ambition when I first took up with birds was to get clear Mules, and then to get the even-marked or four-pointed bird; one not heavily marked, but graceful and beautiful. Before I started I got the opinions of many old fanciers, who, I must confess, generally differed from others; and by that way I gained much knowledge, or rather theory I should call it. The majority of my counsellors said that all light and evenly-marked Mules were bred by chance, and that nothing in the way of breeding would alter that. I could not swallow that statement, but I have found out since that chance plays a very important part in all trials of hybridising, and will also exert itself in a state of Nature when least expected. After working out many suggestions and theories, I wrote to the late Mr. Blakston, stating my theories and views on Mule breeding, and asking his opinion. My own theory of producing light and even-marked Mules was that by continually in-breeding the Canaries, it could be done. His reply was, that there was much in my suggestion, and he advised me to carry them out; but I should get a pair of Canaries from some well known even-marked strain to start with. He said that some of his even-marked strain had produced some really grand four-pointed birds, but they were only unevenly marked; one had nearly even marks on the wings and one eye, another even eyes and one wing. I had these two, which were a pair, and were related to each other. They were what we should call at the present day poor Norwich, and not large at that. He stated that the blood was well set, and gave me instructions how to improve the size and colour, which advice was very beneficial to me in later years. I then set to work to establish a breed of Sib. hens from this pair. It took me some years to get a good four-pointed bird. When the opportunity occurred in either sex of improving my strain each year, I did so. I wanted to get some good four-pointed Norwich, but they were very small, more like the Borders of to-day. I had the blood, so I expected I could improve the size in time by judicially crossing. I was then strongly advised by some to use the largest Crestbred birds, to get the size more quickly. I did not approve of that suggestion, however, so did not carry it out. I was quite sure the crest or frill might come in where I did not want it. I did increase the size after some years, however, by using the largest and strongest Norwich I could get; and I was well rewarded in the end by having a good strain of even-marked birds, which it had taken me some years to get. Had my pocket been larger, they might have been got much quicker. I thought, however, I would work it out myself, and study the results to see if any good could result from in-breeding. I have since found from my trials that everything does depend on in-breeding, if judicially managed. These things I found out some 20 years ago, long before we had any papers to guide and help us, and when everything had to be found out, when secrets were most jealously guarded, dearly bought, and most eagerly sought after. My in-breeding experience was got from a poor shoemaker fancier, who could not improve his stock because he was not able to get about and procure better birds, and I believe his were the only birds in the village at that time, and no town was within miles. Here I got many a good hen, which I worked up into my strain, by generally exchanging with him and giving him my surplus birds. He told me his own view of "close breeding," as he called it—he used relations together of the strongest and largest birds. At first I felt afraid of so doing until he referred to the wild birds. In his garden a pair of Robins nested every year, and the birds generally ended in a battle—a fight, that is, to a finish, between the old cock and a young one, the latter winning. Many a time he asked me whether this young bird mated with its mother. At that time, I could not say, but I am now fully convinced such was the case. He also gave me his views, which I was most thankful for at that time concerning the pear tree Goldfinch, which, he said, was the one of all Goldfinches that was certain to breed a clear Mule. The Cheverel and Peathroat were not known at that time by either of us. I believed this theory for years, until I found that it was a mere fallacy, for any Goldfinch will do the same thing if he is in rank and breeding condition. Every Goldfinch will not breed I am well aware. Many a dozen birds have I used, only to be disappointed. The largest and finest birds have served me the worst, and from the smallest specimens I have had the best results. Another tip this old fancier gave me, which I have in later years thought out, was that to get the lightest Mule, one should use the weakest Goldfinch of the nest, and not the strongest. Now there was something in this, and well worth working up, especially so when one has good strain of Sib. hens by years of in-breeding. The weaker the Goldfinch the better chance one has of getting a light or even-marked Mule; but the chances are that it will be a small one. So the largest hens must be always used for this purpose, and that is where chance comes in—yellow ones for preference to get the colour in the Mules. I much prefer a yellow Mule to a buff, but I am quite thankful for a good one of either colour. Many a good four-pointed Mule have I got in this way. All might have been larger, to suit the present day judges, but I was thankful then for small mercies. I am quite aware all who are going in for Mule breeding cannot always get a nest of Goldfinches, either to cage themselves or to hand-rear, and so have not the chance of picking out the weakest; but those who do have the chance might give it a fair trial. I should certainly like to hear how all the best four-pointed Mules have been bred, for there have been some good ones about during the past ten years; although I think that the even-marked birds are not now bred so much as in days gone by. I know there are plenty of good even-marked Borders about, and have been for years. These are bred for, and still, I am pleased to see, much admired. And why should not classes be given yearly at the Crystal Palace for even-marked birds of all varieties, i.e., Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders? Then we should get a view of a good bird, for I am a great admirer of a fine four-pointed bird of either variety, particularly so a Mule. I once had a Canary which lived for 16 years, and many a hen Mule have I had which fed and brought up Canaries, also laid, sat and hatched, and would go on just as well as any Canary. Light Mule breeding is always best done in cages under close observation, as many a thing will often go wrong, and can be detected and put right without much trouble, if the birds are close at hand; besides giving the trier much to interest him.

FOUR POINTER.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

How I Bred and Showed My Winning Yorkshires.

By T. C. CRAWHALL.

Told to the writer by a one-time successful exhibitor, now a prominent judge of the Yorkshire Canary.

The county of the broadacres has many successful breeders of the Yorkshire Canary who have become prominent through their successes on the show-bench, but none whose name commands more respect or whose judgment is more relied upon than a gentleman whom I will name Mr. Long Straightun. It was my pleasure recently to meet this gentleman and have a few hours in his company, and a most interesting and instructive time it proved. For the benefit of my readers I will attempt to write down the principal items of our conversation.

"It is some years, now, Mr. Straightun," I said, "since you showed Yorkshires?" "Yes," he answered, "it will soon be a dozen years since I had my last flutter on the bench, and that was at the Crystal Palace, when I brought home three firsts and special for best Yorkie. It was enough for me, and as my judging appointments were increasing year by year, I felt it my duty to retire as an exhibitor, and now I confine myself to breeding a few birds. I cannot get away from my old love; if I hadn't my birds I think I should soon be in my grave. Perhaps you would like to look at them?"

So we went upstairs to one of the neatest and cleanest bird-rooms it has been my lot to see, and saw one of the finest stocks of Yorkshires it is possible to find in any part of the country.

"You seem to be a great believer in cleanliness and order, Mr. Straightun?" I remarked. "I am," he said; "to that and to attending to details I attribute the greater part of my success in rearing so many youngsters each season. Another thing is the size of my cages; they are quite roomy, so that the birds can exercise themselves. I allow plenty of head room, for I don't want to see my Yorkshires stooping over their perches like Norwich Canaries, or dropping their heads like Belgians or Scotch Fancies. I think Yorkshires do not like to feel they have the top of their cage too near their heads.

The Uses of Duplicates.

"I have duplicates of everything in the way of seed vessels and water pots," he continued, "so that I can take them away and give them a good washing in hot water and get them thoroughly cleaned. The old saying, 'Cleanliness is next to godliness,' holds good as much in the bird-room as anywhere. Let me point out to you a small labour-saving contrivance which I have found very useful, and which I found out by accident a few years ago. I had an old cage which had got a piece knocked off the bottom at the back about half-an-inch deep. I noticed when cleaning my cages that this one was always clean and required very little attention. So when I had these new cages made, I had a strip of ½in. left off the bottom of each; it acts as a self-cleaner. My cages rest upon a locker, and once or twice a week I only need to lift the front of the locker and brush away the dirt which the birds themselves have caused to fall, and about once a month I take a metal scraper and go over the cage bottoms so as to remove any dirt which has caked on.

"Your birds seem in excellent health Mr. Long Straightun," I said. "Yes," he replied, "I have very few ailing birds. You see the place is well ventilated. I have placed up there an outlet for foul air, which goes into the chimney: then whenever the weather is at all favourable I have the window open from the bottom; the wire netting prevents a bird from escaping if it should get out of its cage. And as the room is over the kitchen, it never gets too cold, and is always quite dry."

"I am always very careful in the matter of food," continued the speaker. "My birds are fed on a very plain diet. I give them the very best Canary seed I can procure, and twice a week a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of the following seeds:—Rape two parts, and inga, maw, linseed and hemp, one part of each. They enjoy this mixture, and it gives them a nice change from the Canary seed. Twice a week on the days I do not give the mixed seeds I supply a piece of sweet apple between the cage wires. As spring advances, in place of the apple I give watercress, lettuce or dandelion, and about the beginning of March I give them half a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week, so as to have them ready for the breeding season at the beginning of April."

"Perhaps, Mr. Straightun," I ventured, "you will tell me a few of the secrets which have brought you so much success; as, for instance, stock versus show birds for breeding purposes, and your methods of steadying, training and exhibiting your show specimens?"

He replied, "Well, as to secrets, I really have none. I have always conveyed my methods to anyone who asked for them, and they are briefly these:—In pairing I always try to have size on the side of the male bird; it is so much easier to breed little ones than big ones, and as size is always looked upon with a certain amount of favour, I like to have one or both of the birds up to or even over the standard length; when I can, I always have the cock an ⅛th or ¼ inch above standard. The hen I like to be as perfect as possible in shape and position, and especially in quality and closeness of feather. In these respects you will find the young to a large degree will follow their mother. If the cock is inclined to frill at breast, as most large birds do, see that your hen is entirely free from frill. If you bear these points in your mind, and know anything of the breeding of your stock, you ought to tell almost what your young will be like, at least, the greater part of them, although occasionally you will have some youngsters take after their remote ancestors. I only breed from show birds when both birds are up to standard length; otherwise I should loose size."

"If you are fortunate to breed one or two really good birds," he continued, "devote your whole attention to them; get them steady before the moult; and run them into the show cage a little every day to keep them steady whilst they are moulting. Birds soon regain the nervousness which is natural to them, and they require constant handling to keep them steady. I've seen many really good birds spoiled by nervousness when I have been judging, and have had to put inferior specimens above them because they had not that steadiness which is necessary if a good bird is to show his good points."

An Opinion on a Vexed Question.

"Have you ever tried double-bulling or double-yellowing?" I asked. "Yes, I have once or twice done both, but it was done for a purpose. I do not believe in doing things for the mere sake of doing them. I found once that I was getting my birds a bit short on leg, so I looked through my stock and found two yellows which I thought I might safely put together; they were well feathered and good in every respect except that they did not show quite enough thigh. I bred some excellent birds from them, one of which won me a number of firsts. I did not push the double-yellowing any further; I had gained what I wanted. I paired the best of their progeny up to buff in the usual way. This improved my stock as regards leg properties. Then when the bulk of my birds were running a bit thin in neck, I put two extra tight feathered buffs up, but I chose two birds which had not too much meal on their feathers; in fact, they were almost yellows. This filled up the neck, and it is only for these reasons that I would either double-yellow or double-buff."

"Then have you ever used Lancashire or Belgian blood to improve your strain?" I queried. "Yes," he replied, "I have used both. I procured a yellow Lancashire cock bred from two yellows, and paired him with two of my Yorkshire hens, and I got a buff Belgian hen—one which was a bit thick in neck and not too long in neck, and also had closely packed feather—and paired her with a yell. Yorkshire cock. The produce of these I paired together and their young I introduced into my strain of Yorkshires, and so got increased length from the Lancashire, and nerve and position from the Belgian. Of course, I was particular to reject the coarser, rough feathered young, and to use only the best feathered birds to crossing into my strain."

"Well, Mr. Straightun," I said, "you have given me a lot of valuable information, for which I am most grateful; but there is one thing more I should like to ask you, and that is, what is your method of feeding the young after they are hatched?"

Ideas on Feeding the Young.

"Well," he replied, "I attach a lot of importance to my method. When the young birds are hatched the yolk of the egg is embedded in the stomach of the young bird, and serves as nourishment to it for the first 24 hours of its life, so that if they are strong when hatched they will take no harm even if you do not give extra food. The saliva with which the hen feeds them is really all that is necessary. But usually, as soon as I know a hen has hatched, I give a very small quantity of the yolk of egg (without any of the white) mixed with a very small quantity of powdered biscuit, slightly moistened. I do not give more than a quarter of a teaspoonful at a time for the first day, and half a teaspoonful at a time the second and third days. I find that if I give more the hen eats it all and the young cannot take much of it back from her, so that her system gets clogged up and she becomes lazy and neglects her brood or sweats them to death. I also give in a separate pot a few grains of hemp seed and a little rape.

"After the third day," he continued, "I give the white of eggs, as well as the yolk, mixed with biscuit or bread crumbs in the proportion of two of egg to one of biscuit; also at this time I give a little watercress or dandelion in the bars of the cage. All the foods I give sparingly at first, and increase as I find the young require more. Thus each season I have been able to rear five, six and seven per pair.

"When the young leave the parents," he added, "they are supplied with egg-food and crushed hemp seed for the first week, the same strength as I have been giving to the parents. Then I gradually weaken the egg-food, and drop the hemp also gradually. Young birds cannot do well with a sharp change from soft to hard food; you must do it by degrees. When they are on hard seed I have very little difficulty, but if I see one sitting puffy I put him in a cage by himself with a little milk sop—no seed—and put a little fluid magnesia or Epsom salts, and a few drops tincture of gentian in his drinking water. Such usually come alright under this treatment; then I gradually get them on to hard seed again."

A Final Poser.

"As a final question, may I ask what your opinion is regarding the standard length adopted by the specialist clubs? Ought it to be left as at present, or do you think it advisable to leave it open for the judge's decision as to what the length of an exhibition bird should be?"

"There now!" he said, "you have put me a poser. Just now there is a movement amongst exhibitors to obtain more length in their stock, but if you consider that 6¾ins. (the present standard length) means a fairly large bird, it would perhaps hardly be advisable to alter it at the present time. Birds are so different in their characteristics that a hard and fast line cannot be drawn. Some, according to their build and position, are just right at 6¾ins.; others require perhaps ¼th of an inch more to make them perfect; whilst another can be almost a perfect specimen if ⅛th or even ¼ inch less than the standard length. Very few, if any, of the present-day winning Yorkshires exceed 6¾ins., and very few of the birds bred above that size are good enough in all their properties to make a really first-class exhibition specimen; most of them fail either in feather or position."

"I am more than obliged to you for all your kindness to me," I concluded. "There is a lot more I would like to have asked you, but I hope I may have the pleasure of a chat with you at another time, then we can discuss these things again." So saying, I left this renowned fancier and judge, and his parting advice was, "patience and attention to detail, whether in breeding or showing, are the royal road to success."



THE ELEGANT GRASS PARRAKEET.

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Rare Insectivorous Birds of Norfolk.

By W. LOWNE.

A Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S.

From comparatively early days Norfolk has been known pre-eminently for its richness in ornithology, and at the present time it fully keeps up its character. The East Coast of England and Norfolk in particular witnesses every autumn the arrival of many of the rare Warblers which are generally met with along the coast from Yarmouth to Cley and Blakeney, the grounds being suitable for them for shelter and the finding of food. About the middle of September each year these birds are reported as being on migration, and their stay with us is of but short duration.

In speaking of rare birds which have been met with in Norfolk, many of them for the first time, and also before they were obtained in any other county, it may occur to you that some I am about to name have no right to be included in the British list, but all I have enumerated here are well authenticated by experienced ornithologists. Where there is no proof of any birds having escaped from confinement, and reached our shores at their own free will, they are considered worthy of a place on our British list.

Where Migrants May Always be Seen.

If any ornithologist possessed of keen sight would go to sea in one of our Yarmouth fishing boats, or obtain the "Trinity Board's" permission for a week's sojourn on a floating lightship, such as the "Outer Dowsing,' or the "Leman and Ower" (these are the names of the lightships lying to the north of Yarmouth)—October would be a suitable time—he could not fail to identify a number of species in transit, especially if the wind was from the west—a wind in which the migrants are nearly always to be seen at Cromer arriving from the East.

A few weeks ago I was speaking to one of the men stationed on one of these lightships, and he assured me they picked up no less than 800 Skylarks on deck one morning, besides many others which did not alight in safety, and were therefore drowned.

A good specimen ought to be met with out of that number, and undoubtedly a rare bird too at times. Many of the birds are picked up dead and injured through coming in contact with the ship's lantern, but a good number of them find their way into the stew pan to make up a meal for the crew.

In the year 1903 Mr. W. Eagle Clarke made an experiment on a floating lightship which, although not on the Norfolk coast, is well worth calling attention to. Mr. Clarke remained on the Kentish Knock lightship off the Essex coast from September 19th till October 18th, and it is instructive to compare his observations with those made during the same period by observers on the coast of Norfolk. Mr. Clarke considered that the day migrants equalled those observed during the night, but in Norfolk they are far inferior, except in the case of the *Corvidæ*, which are day migrants. But Mr. Clarke's statement shows how much there is still to be learnt.

The Wind an Important Factor.

This observer is of opinion that immense numbers of birds are killed by coming into contact with light vessels which show a white light, and many of the migrants avoid the force of the wind by flying close to the surface of the sea. It really does seem that the direction of the wind is one important key to the right understanding of bird migration on the East Coast of England.

It is stated that many birds leave Norway and Denmark with a favourable wind, only to be overtaken en route by a wind more unfavourable as they approach our coast. To understand their movements one wants to know the wind on both sides of the North Sea.

The Keeping of Insectivorous Birds.

The keeping of delicate insectivorous birds has become quite a favourite hobby of fanciers in recent years, and much of this, no doubt, is due to the encouragement given to fanciers by the British Bird clubs that have been formed in recent years. I do not pretend to teach the members of this society anything as to the keeping and exhibiting of these delicate birds, as many of you are masters of the art but I may, perhaps, bring to your notice some interesting notes of the rarest of our birds which we do not meet with every day.

Keen interest is taken by some fanciers in procuring for exhibition on the show bench examples that are rare or unique in their way. Each season is looked forward to for something rare, but as most of the acknowledged British birds have appeared on the show bench from time to time, we must be content with a repetition of these, hoping to find them in the best possible condition. Although some exhibitors more fortunate than their fellows successfully exhibit the same birds for several seasons in succession, these birds look none the worse for their continued confinement.

Sources of Information.

I will now describe the various kinds I have enumerated, of which there are 44 species. In some cases but little can be said of them, they being so very rare to this country, and as they have appeared on but few occasions, not much is known of their habits. My own notes date back from the year 1879, since which time I have kept a record of rare birds taken in the county that have come to my knowledge. I have also records by many well-known Norfolk ornithologists, such as Mr. J. H. Gurney, Mr. T. Southwell, the late Mr. Stevenson, and many others whose records date back to a much earlier period.

Two Very Rare Visitors.

WHITE'S THRUSH: This is known also as the Ground Thrush, and is the rarest of our Thrush family. It is a handsome bird. The species is rather bigger than the Missel Thrush. It is an accidental straggler to our shores, and only one instance of its appearance in Norfolk has occurred, and this bird was taken at Hickling in October, 1871, and was in the possession of the Rev. Micklewaite, in whose collection, which was disposed of a few years ago, I saw it. The price realised was, I believe, fifteen pounds.

THE ROSE-COLOURED PASTOR: This beautiful species, as will be seen, has occurred in Norfolk on several occasions. It generally visits us in the autumn, the birds appearing singly, and in various stages of plumage conditon. But occasionally a straggler has been met with in the summer. An adult male was taken at Wymondham in August, 1853, and in the following year another was obtained at Sheringham. In September, 1856, one was taken at Yarmouth, and in October of the same year an adult male was shot at Hunstanton. Most of these specimens found their way into local collections of stuffed birds.

The American Starlings.

THE RED-WINGED STARLING: This has occurred once in Norfolk (on June 2nd, 1843, at Barton). Previous to that date there was no record of this American Starling having been met with in England. The bird in question is figured in Yarrell's British Birds, and was lent by the owner for that purpose. I have no note of any more of this species being seen since that date.

THE AMERICAN MEADOW STARLING: The first of this handsome species known to have been killed in the British Isles was one taken on the borders of Norfolk and Suffolk in 1854. Previous to the report of its capture some strange-looking birds were seen on a grass lawn at South Walsham by Major Jary, who afterwards heard of a pair being in the possession of the Rev. Frere, of Burston, near Diss.

The specimens were forwarded to Mr. Sclater for identification, who described the American Meadow Starling as a well-known bird in the United States of America and Canada, where it commonly goes by the name of the Meadow Lark. At the same time he stated that there were no specimens then or just previous in the aviaries of the Zoological Society of London. Being convinced, therefore, that the specimens were obtained in England, they might be regarded as a fresh addition to the already numerous list of "accidental visitors." Major Jary, who, though not a scientific ornithologist, had a very good knowledge of British birds, thought at first sight they were specimens of the Golden Oriole, which they resemble in colour. After a subsequent examination, however, of the Rev. Frere's specimens, the Major repeated his conviction concerning the birds observed by him.

I attended the sale of the Rev. Frere's collection of birds some 14 years ago, and on the invitation of the auctioneer for an offer for these rare specimens, the Major made the only bid of fifteen guineas, much to the astonishment of many present.

THE NUTCRACKER: This is another very rare visitor to this country, and is considered an accidental visitor. The first one obtained in Norfolk was at Rollesby, in October, 1844. The second is reported as being taken at Yarmouth, in October, 1853. Others were recorded about the same time as being taken in the adjoining county. The last example was shot in a garden at Gorleston, in October, 1864, and is now in the collection at Burgh House, near Great Yarmouth.

(To be continued.)

The Handsome but Persecuted Bullfinch.

By SOLOMON KENNEDY.

As there is no recreation more elevating than the study of Nature—especially that section of it which contains the most beautiful of God's creatures, the feathered songsters of the air—I feel that to that refined brotherhood of the human family, who are born with a love for the observation and companionship of these beautiful creatures, I need scarcely apologise for this humble attempt to plead the cause of that handsome, though much-persecuted bird, the Bullfinch.

Strong but Gentle.

The velvety black cap of this beautiful bird, his bright crimson cheeks and breast, his delicate blue grey back and snow-white rump spot, his glossy black wings and tail, all combine to make him a good specimen of British birds, not gaudy, but delicately handsome. Indeed, he is a handsome fellow in every sense of the word. Even if his colours were only of the plainest, the grand symmetry of his figure would still catch the eye; the strong, neat beak, head, neck and chest, show him to be built on fighting lines. Yet, compared with many of the strong-beaked finches, when taken in the hand he is a "perfect gentleman." I have caught and handled scores of Bullies, male and female, but I never remember one attempting to bite; which is more than I can say for any other Finch. The hen is generally as large as the cock, but plainer in colour, the crimson cheeks and breast being replaced by a dark purplish brown.

Bullfinches, unless where persecuted, are not naturally shy, and are easily caught; a call-bird and a trap-cage, or a few lime twigs, are sure to get them. I have even caught them with a long rod and a horse-hair snare on the top, or sometimes a little birdlime instead; so tame, in fact, have the birds been, that imitating their call note in a low tone, I have got very close, sliding the rod nearer inch by inch, and then gently turning the hair loop over the unwary bird's head, or suddenly shooting the limed point on to its wing with a twist against the grain, so as to take a firm grip of the feathers.

The Bullies' Home.

The birds are very prolific in their nesting and breeding—two or three times a year. The first nest may be found early in May. They generally select a nice, thick hedge or bush, a bunch of honeysuckle, or some such suitable place, about from four to seven feet off the ground. The nest is easily known, it being woven of little twigs lined with fine fibres and a few horse hairs. Often it looks so like part of a robbed nest that seen at a distance it is passed without further notice.

The eggs are mostly five or six in number, and are of a pale blue in colour, spotted with black; they hatch in thirteen or fourteen days, and the young are ready to fly in from sixteen to eighteen days. Up to the time of moulting they resemble their mother, with the exception that they have not the black cap.

Rearing from the Nest.

They are easily reared, easily tamed, and make the most affectionate of pets. But it is a great mistake to take them from the nest before they are well feathered. I have always reared the healthiest and strongest birds when they have been taken quite ready to fly, and have, besides, saved a great deal of time and trouble, as with a few days' carefnl feeding and attention they start to peck for themselves, and are not only tame but stronger and better than if they had been taken a week earlier. To rear such a nest, boil one large fresh country egg (for ten minutes), cut it in two (take only the yolk), beat it up fine with a fork in a tea cup, take four of Huntley and Palmer's Osborne biscuits (other varieties are too pasty), crush or grind them fine in a little coffee mill, and beat up this and the egg powder well together. Keep dry and then break pieces of loaf bread into a small saucepan, and add enough equal parts of milk and water, with a little sugar; boil for few minutes and squash the bread fine. A little of this mixed to the proper thickness with the egg and biscuit, makes a food on which any variety of bird will thrive. Taste it and you will think so too. Do not give it too sweet or too sloppy, and feed every two hours, never giving large mouthfuls, but rather small and often. This will keep the birds cleaner and healthy. Get a large goose or turkey quill and dress the point like a round, blunt-pointed pen; this is the best feeder; but a pen nib turned wrong side out, or even a flat pointed stick, will do.

Never over-feed or gorge your birds, for this is the Bullie's weak point. Crush or crack a few hemp, Canary and summer rape seeds, and put them in a little flat dish where the birds will see them, when they begin to peck. By this treatment you will have larger, hardier and much superior birds for showing, or for Mule or Hybrid breeding, to any that have been taken half fledged. A hen that I reared on these lines, built, laid and sat her full time on three nests of eggs. But all were, unfortunately, empty.

A Talented and Affectionate Pet.

The cock Bullie, though a most talented and affectionate pet, is rarely of any use in confinement as a breeder. Of two cocks taken from a nest near Redhill, one moulted out a magnificent bird in size, colour and shape; but my food was too good and too plenty—he gorged himself and died in a fit. The other then began to show his points, and my shoulder was his favourite resting spot when out for a fly. I taught him to whistle a tune—"tho sweet bye-and-bye"—and he learned it well; the tone, the time and the style were perfect.

I could scarcely keep this bird, so many offers came from friends and others who were delighted with his melody and his interesting and affectionate disposition. I got him a mate, a nice hand-reared hen, and gave them a room to themselves; but it was useless. As soon as I came into the room he would leave his mate to fly to my shoulder, and swinging himself in delight from side to side, would whistle the "sweet bye-and-bye" tune, and at the end of the last line would add an accompaniment, a variety of grunts and squeaks, resembling an ungreased wheelbarrow, with a couple of "chick-chicks" as a finish. He never bred, but two years after he fairly surprised me one day by pronouncing the word "What" with great emphasis, just as I had often said it to him. Needless to say, I encouraged this novel addition to his accomplishments, till it was as common as his other performances. But once more excessive kindness and good food upset him, and after one or two fits he never regained his usual health.

Now notice, the teaching of this bird did not begin till after the moult, and was neither long nor regular. I whistled the first three notes over several times, then the first line, as soon as he began to follow. I whistled the first line several times over; then the first and second, until he went through it all. This was only a few minutes' work two or three time a week, and I had no dark cage or other complications. Very often the bird was sitting on my finger close up to my face, though to teach several at once, I would have each in a small, separate cage, side by side, at least, during the lesson, so as to get their whole attention.

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Bird Medicines:

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A Contribution which will be welcomed by all Bird-keepers.

A Disinfectant and Preservative.

Permangynate of potash dissolved in water forms a most useful disinfectant, which has the great advantage of being free from disagreeable smell. When made of such a strength that the colour resembles that of port wine, it is suitable for rinsing cages, loose sand trays, etc., after scrubbing, and as a general disinfectant.

A little of this solution added to the drinking water in just sufficient quantity to very slightly tint the same, acts as a valuable preservative. It is free from danger and does not appear to be objectionable to birds. Water so treated keeps sweet longer than ordinary tap water. The wrinkle may be of use to those fanciers who have occasion to leave birds unattended for two or three days, especially during hot weather. What is known as solution of permanganate of potash is a very cheap disinfectant, similar in appearance and properties to Condy's Fluid.

Epsom salts is a safe and effective purgative. It is more particularly useful for reducing excessive fatness. At least two ounces should be dissolved in a pint of the water used for drinking purposes. A weaker solution is considered to be of little use by some eminent medical authorities.

Glaubers (otherwise sulphate of soda) is a valuable purgative, somewhat milder than the last-named article, over which it is claimed to have several advantages. It may be used in larger or smaller doses, as may be desired. Being free from bitter taste, it is more readily taken by birds. It also stimulates the liver, on which organ Epsom salts is considered to have little or no effect. About two ounces to a pint of drinking water may be used as a rule.

Solution of coal tar is an antiseptic and a stimulant which has been highly recommended of late for asthma. Three drops mixed with two ounces of water are stated to give satisfactory results. It is known to chemists as solution of coal tar B.P.

Spirit of camphor is a solution of camphor in rectified spirit. It has been recommended in cases of persistent diarrhœa—one or two drops on a piece of lump sugar, which is then placed between the wires of the cage for the bird to peck at.

Bone-forming Phosphates.

Syrup of phosphates, compound: contains the phosphates of iron, lime, potash, and soda. It is an excellent tonic and contains the necessary material for enriching the blood and forming bone. For young stock in particular whether children, birds, or puppies, it thoroughly merits the popularity which it enjoys. The preparation is the outcome of a formula which was originally published by Mr. Edward Parrish, of Philadelphia, hence the name Parrish's chemical food. It is now manufactured on a large scale, but the formula has been modified somewhat, and the syrup as now sold is considered to be an improvement on the original. When required for birds, one teaspoonful mixed with two ounces of water should be given two or three times a week for one day each time.

Syrup of squills is made from the squill root, which, like the raw material used in the manufacture of many other botanical medicines, is obtained from Southern Europe. It possesses expectorant and duiretic properties, and the syrup is often employed in the treatment of lung troubles. Combined with ipecacuanha wine, it forms an excellent mixture for bronchitis. A preparation closely resembling the above is oxymel of squills, in the manufacture of which honey is used in place of the syrup. One teaspoonful of oxymel or syrup is to be mixed with two ounces of water.

Tincture of Aconite.

Tincture of Aconite is prepared from the root of monkshood, a garden plant by no means uncommon. This drug is a sedative and diaphoretic. It has a pronounced action on the heart. On account of its being a powerful poison, the salo is governed by legal restriction. As might be expected, the dose for birds is very small. Four to ten drops of the B.P. strength is the quantity recommended to be mixed with two ounces of water, and in such doses tincture of aconite is a most useful medicine for colds. Its potency demands that extreme caution should be exercised in keeping it out of the way of children.

In purchasing tincture of aconite it is recommended that B.P. strength be asked for, in order to avoid confusion. There are many different strengths, and to produce the desired effect with the more dilute tinctures, doses would need to be employed which, if used for the stronger tinctures, would be likely to produce dangerous, if not fatal, consequences. Another advantage in getting drugs of B.P. strength is that the article must comply with the standard demanded by the British Pharmacopœia, and consequently the article will be practically of the same strength and character in whatever part of the country the purchase is made.

More Useful Tinctures.

Tincture of catechu, being an astringent, is useful in treating cases of diarrhœa. Half a teaspoonful added to two ounces of water, is the strength to employ. Another method of using catechu is to brew half an ounce of the crushed gum catechu and a little cinnamon with a pint of boiling water for half an hour or longer. The liquid thus obtained is to be used in place of drinking water.

Tincture of gentian properties are similar to those described under infusion of gentian. It may be used in the same way as the concentrated infusion.

Tincture of lobelia (85 B.P.), an expectorant and anti-spasmodic, and therefore suitable for such affections as asthma and bronchitis. Ten drops with half a teaspoonful of glycerine in two ounces of water will be found a suitable method of administering. The present official tincture (98 B.P.) is a stronger preparation, and is made with spirit of ether, the sickly odour of which is repulsive to birds. For feathered patients, therefore, the older preparation is preferable to the more modern.

A Capital Medicine for Diarrhœa.

Tincture of opium, otherwise laudanum (an anodyne and hypnotic), is made from opium which is the dried juice of the poppy, and is obtained largely from India. Another poisonous drug in the use of which caution needs to be exercised. It is mainly employed for subduing pain, and in the treatment of persistent diarrhœa, for which it is a capital medicine when combined with catechu. Ten drops of laudanum and thirty of tincture of catechu may be given in two ounces of water.

Antimonial wine (emetic and expectorant) is prepared from tartarated antimony and sherry wine. It is a powerful drug and is poisonous. In doses of ten to fifteen drops in two ounces of water it has been recommended for bronchitis and also for inflammation of the lungs.

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Beauty in Brief.

Indian birds are coming to the front again just now, and I have of late seen in the hands of the trade several old Calcutta acquaintances. One of the best that can be got, either from the point of view of the exhibitor or the aviculturist pure and simple, who keeps birds simply for pleasure alone, is the Indian Pitta (*Pitta brachyura*), though, unfortunately, this pretty creature comes into the market but seldom. About the size of our Redwing, it has much the appearance of a rather long-legged Thrush, but its good looks are rather marred by its elegant and upstanding figure terminating in a little stumpy tail, that would disgrace a duck. Its colours, however, make ample amends, consisting chiefly of green and buff, but varied in places with black, white, drab, rose-red and turquoise-blue; in fact, its native name is "Nowrung," which means "nine colours."

A Simple Subject.

The Pitta resembles a Thrush in habits as well as in form; it is an insect-feeder, and spends most of its time on the ground, where it hops very quickly as well as gracefully, its movements being much like those of our Wheatear, which it resembles in shape even more than it does a Thrush. In captivity it is more important that its cage should be long than high, and two perches, placed on the same level, are sufficient. It is in an aviary, however, that this quaintly pretty bird may be seen to the best advantage; it can hold its own well with other birds, and displays its handsome plumage by the most amusing gestures, now drawing itself up bolt upright, now crouching down, while it often expands its wings. As a rule these birds are hand-reared, and so are very tame; they should be fed as one would feed such a bird as a Wheatear or a Wagtail, like food being of course given whenever this is convenient. They are rather coarse feeders, as one I had ate a small lizard when given to it. The older writers had a notion that these birds were allied to our Dipper or water-ouzel, presumably on account of the shape, and hence one sometimes sees them pictured in waterside surroundings as if they were partly aquatic in their habits; but this is not the case, for they are woodland birds, and have no special liking for water. I should not care to put more than a pair together, as these birds are naturally solitary; unfortunately, I can give no guide to the identification of the sexes, which are similar in plumage, and even the young differ but little from adults.



The Pitta.

An Unfamiliar Sugar Bird.

I was asked the other day as to the name and probable value of a small West Indian sugar-bird, which an aviculturist out there had an opportunity of procuring. It was described as smaller than a Violet Tanager, but similarly coloured, only with a grey throat and conspicuous white eyebrows, and a thin beak like the Blue Sugar-bird (*Dacnis cayena*). This would be one of the genus *Orthiola*, or Quits, a little group of Sugar-birds confined to the West Indies and the countries adjacent. They are all much alike, and so far as I know, only a single specimen of one species has ever reached England alive, and this was exhibited at the Zoological Gardens some years ago.

The Hen Shama.

When importations of Indian birds come in, it is always worth while to secure a hen Shama whenever possible, as these birds are not common, and are worth over here twice as much as the cocks. In India but little value is set on them—or used to be in my time—and this is why they are scarce, not being sought after in their own country. As all I came across were very tame, it seemed obvious that they were simply hand-reared birds, which had turned out, when moulted, to be of the female sex, "brancher" Shamas of both sexes being alike, and having a buff spotted plumage like the young of our Robin. The adult hen Shama is very different from the cock, being drab where he is glossy blue-black, with the chestnut colour of the abdomen far less rich and the tail shorter. The sexes do not agree except in the breeding season. The pair they have at the Zoo fought at first, even in their large aviary, and are now separated.

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I am not a Parrot, strictly speaking, being a Rose-breasted Cockatoo; but I am, nevertheless, a member of the *scansori* tribe. Anyway, I have most, if not all, of the attributes of the Parrot, being quite as mischievous—I delight in upsetting my fresh filled water-tin, and scattering the seeds all about—and I love to destroy anything that is destroyable; I can talk and imitate beautifully, and, last but not least, I can scream quite as ear-splittingly as the best Parrot going, and *that's* the chief thing, isn't it?

I don't remember much about my very early youth, but I was about five months old when I was captured in my beautiful forest home and bundled with a lot of others like myself into a dark box, in which a few air-holes had been drilled. We could just manage to see the food and dirty water which were thrust in for us once or twice a day by a big grimy hand. The next thing I remember was feeling awfully queer and unsteady about the feet, and, strangely enough, all the other birds seemed to become affected in the same way, and we kept rolling from one side to the other of the box, though there was not much room to roll about, there being such a crowd of us. The water used to get upset almost as soon as it was put in, so that the floor of the box used to get soaked, and our feet were continually wet, while half of us—especially the least strong—hardly got a drop to drink.

It was all very uncomfortable and, whenever I could, I used to get on to the back of one of the weakliest and sit there and dry my feet amongst its feathers. If it resisted being sat upon, I pulled its crest and made its life such a misery to it that it finally gave in quietly. However, the stupid thing languished and drooped and finally died, and I had to pass the remainder of the time upon the floor, for all the others were too nasty to let me sit on their backs. The dead bird was not discovered by the grimy hand until it had been there four days, and by that time the smell had caused two or three more of us to sicken and die, and our number was reduced to twelve, and we were certainly less crowded. Then came a day when we were able to stand quite steadily on our feet, and after a while the box was picked up and carried from the ship. I found out that it was a ship by applying my intelligent eye to one of the breathing holes—and then the box was put down and the door opened. I, being foremost, was roughly seized by another grimy hand—I knew it was not the same hand that had fed us *en voyage* by the feel of it—and I was brought out into the dim light of a live-stock shop. I blinked and lay quietly in the man's hand, while he examined me, pulling out my wings, feeling my body and feet, and turning me over.

"Seems a likely 'un," he muttered at last. And with that he thrust me into a badly cleaned Canary cage, in which, after breaking all my beautiful tail feathers, I could just turn round. It was awfully cramped, but still it was light, and I could see about me.

I thought I had come to a very queer place, as I gazed round the dirty shop and contrasted it with the pure beauty and freedom of my far-away native land. There were several Cockatoos of my own species, with rosy breasts, only most of them looked as if they had been in the wars, so draggled were they and melancholy; and there were others, much larger, of the Lemon-crested variety, big, stupid creatures, not a patch on us, though people say they can imitate better than we can, which is all stuff and rubbish.

There were a few pairs of those foolish Love-birds, who were perpetually billing and cooing. They irritated me, for I have no patience with that sort of thing; and next door to me was a fairly large cage containing three or four monkeys, one of which I am sure I recognised as having once tried to stealthily murder me by shying a cocoanut at me in my native forest, but one never can tell, these plebeian creatures are so much alike. Still, the little wretch winked very knowingly.

There were several dogs of various breeds, all more or less half-starved and in poor condition, and penned up in boxes or kennels much too small for them. One was a fox-terrier with a puppy.

The dealer used to let this puppy out sometimes to crawl about the shop for exercise, but he never let the poor mother out, and she used to get nearly frantic at not being able to reach her puppy. Oh, the cruelty and the misery of some of these live-stock shops, which the world wots not of, nor cares to investigate! Personally, I had nothing much to complain of in the way of treatment, and I had not been there very long before I was sold, changing hands for a few shillings.

In a long narrow box my new master took me home, when I was introduced to a large, brand-new Parrot cage, and was immediately surrounded by a crowd of admiring faces.

"Isn't he a beauty?" said one, a lad with a bright, good-looking face. "But isn't his plumage dirty and draggled?" said his sister, a conceited, fastidious little ass. "Oh, that's because he's only just come over from abroad with a lot of others," answered the boy wisely; "and you can't expect him to be spick-and-span all at once. Hasn't he got an intelligent eye, Dad?" Dad admitted that I had. I should think so, indeed.

I was happy enough in my new quarters, and my plumage, to that fastidious little ass's satisfaction, grew smooth and spotless. I learnt a few words, and could soon bark like the dog, and mew like the family cat, a great, fat, overfed animal who never attempted to catch mice, but actually allowed them to get into his food dish in the kitchen and eat before his very eyes! I know this for a fact, having seen it myself.

Well, reverses came to the family, and I was sold—or rather "sacrificed," as my master put it—for 30s. to a couple of old maids—at least, they were not really old, only old enough to have been well married. The Misses Smith lived in the country on a hill, and it was all very pretty in the summer-time. They had a lot of animals and birds, for which I was very glad, as they were a great aid to my education, which improved very quickly in my new environment. I could sing, and crow, and howl, and yell like a dog does when it has been trodden on, and I could say several quite long sentences, and lastly, I could *scream*—my word, how I did used to scream! I used to live in the sitting-room—a most queer place, where the Misses Smith took their meals, and wrote literature, and quarrelled, and kept four or five dogs, and a mongoose, and a pair of tiny marmoset monkeys, and several birds.

There was a Starling, a good little fellow, who was a great help to my education; I learnt a great deal from him, including a gurgling in one's throat which sounded like running water, and which I loved to practise. In return I endeavoured to teach him to scream, but his pretty voice was too foolishly small to do it justice, and he turned it into a fantastic song instead.

There were also a large cage containing some little foreign birds; a Bullie, very fat and asthmatic; a couple of Canaries, whose song, bad notes and all, I faithfully reproduced; a pair of those sickly Love-birds, and a few others. I generally used to start screaming on a fine, warm day, while the two humans were having their dinner or tea. Very often it resulted in their putting me outside in the garden, which was just what I wanted; but nearly as often they considered it too cold for me, and varied the programme by throwing anything handy at my cage—books, crusts of bread and occasionally a spoon, which, however, partly owing to the gross indignity of such proceedings, never silenced me, but only made me scream the more, and they were glad to put me outside, cold or no.

One day, however, when I had been exercising my lungs pretty freely, they threw the green table cover over my cage. The sudden darkness overcame me, and I lost my voice for the time being. "At last we've found something that will keep that wretched bird quiet!" the younger Miss Smith congratulated herself. I chuckled. The next time I began to scream they threw the cloth over me, and I relapsed into silence as before. But I was not going to employ my time in idleness, so, with beak and claws, I worked holes in the cloth, and quite enjoyed myself.

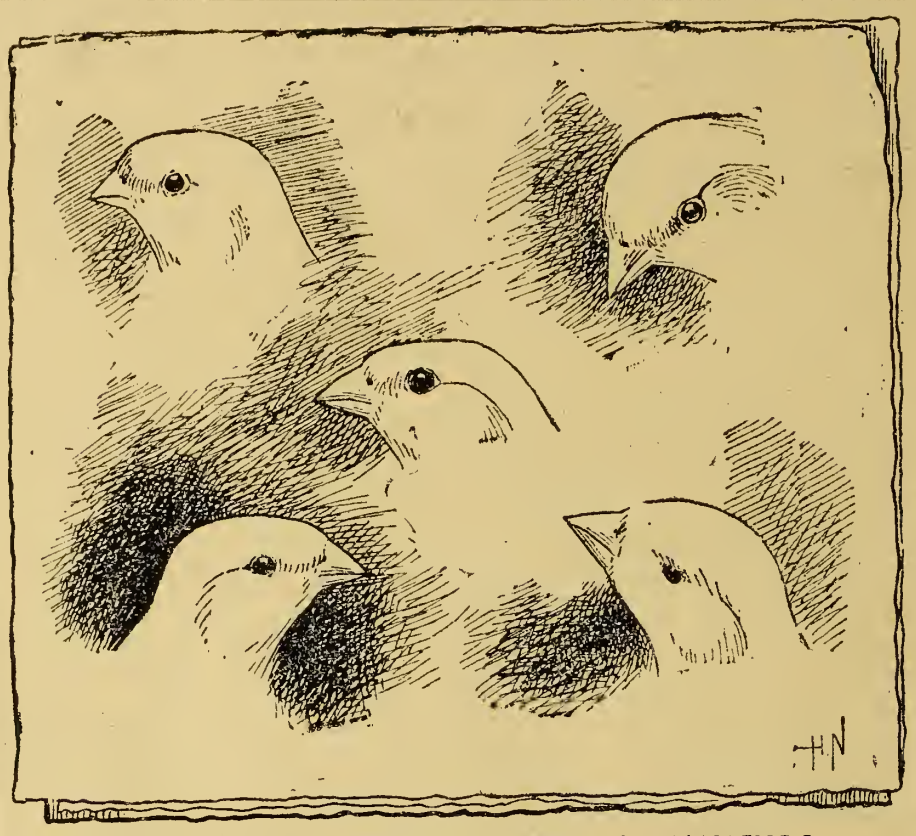
"My word!" exclaimed the elder Miss Smith, in great dismay, surveying my artistic work. "Just look what this wretched bird has done!"

The best of being a bird is that you can't be punished, no matter what you do, like a silly animal can. So, as the cloth was good for nothing else, they kept it merely to throw over me whenever I was noisy, until I had so torn it that its purpose failed, and my old-time dignity was restored.

I lived there very happily for some time, and then by degrees the food that was meted out to us all began to get less in quantity. Sometimes I was left nearly a whole day without fresh seed and water, and my cage was not cleaned out quite so regularly as it had been. Then one of the marmosets died; it used to sit and eat its tail, nasty little thing, so perhaps that was why it went; but the humans said it was the cold, and certainly it did get very nippy, and I never screamed to go outside, but screamed for food instead, especially when the humans food-time came round. They used to give me all sorts of messes to keep me quiet, so that really I fared better than the rest of the birds, for they couldn't scream for what they couldn't eat, anyhow.

The foreign birds died very quickly, one after the other; the mongoose and the other marmoset departed, and at least one of the dogs died. It was awfully tragic. I could not understand it at all. The Misses Smith looked paler and thinner every day, and hardly ever spoke, but stared at each other in moody, worried silence. I was the only one who kept up my spirits; I screamed cheerfully, and talked and chuckled enough for a whole family. Finally, the poor Starling died, and I did not make a sound for a whole day.

Then the Misses Smith began to put all their personal belongings together, and one day all the furniture was sold, and after that I was packed on to a float, with a lot of other things and two of the dogs, and sent down to the village to be taken care of by an elderly person, who also kept a lot of rabbits, fowls and pigeons, and lived quite alone. The Misses Smith said they would send for us when they got settled again, but I am still here, and it is some years now since they ceased even to write. I am happy, for I am well-cared for; but still, I would rather be with the Misses Smith on the hill.



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Washing Exhibition by Mr. J. Bailey.

A slight alteration was made in our winter syllabus, on October 20th, when Mr. J. Bailey was to have given us a lecture on "Preparing Birds for Show." As Mr. Bailey had already given this elsewhere, and the same had been excellently reported in your valuable paper, a fresh subject was deemed advisable, and so Mr. Bailey kindly promised to give a washing exhibition, which proved very interesting and instructive. Mr. Bailey does not believe in any of the fancy ways of washing and drying. The soap he uses is made by Oxteen and Tennant, of Aberdeen, but a soap known as Dr. Nicholl's Sanitary Soap, he strongly advised for novices, because it could be very easily removed from the feathers. Mr. Bailey uses three bowls, one for the soap, and the other two for removing the soap. A fine lather is made in the first bowl, the heat of which he tests with his elbow; the water in No. 2 bowl is slightly cooler, and that in the third is just about blood heat. Mr. Bailey remarked that the more quickly a bird was washed the better. Two birds were washed just to show those present how he handles the birds. The third bird was dealt with in what Mr. Bailey calls just ordinary time, which was well inside two minutes; this space of time includes the removal of the bird from its cage, and then rolling up in the drying cloth in front of the fire. The birds remained in the cloth for about half an hour. Mr. Bailey said that the slower the birds dried the better they were, so long as they did not shiver. A bird requires an hour or even longer to dry as it should do. On removing the birds from the cloth they were carefully dried on a soft cloth, and placed in front of the fire in a show cage, so that the upper part of the bird dried first; this method also keeps the show cages from being scorched. While the birds were drying, the opportunity was taken for asking questions, which Mr. Bailey answered to everyone's satisfaction. He then gave several valuable hints in cases of emergency, and I noticed the lead pencil was freely used by several of those present. After a good hour spent in this way Mr. Bailey announced the birds finished and ready for inspection. The result of this left nothing to be desired. I am afraid that if a novice had washed the same birds, he would have had to use the scissors very freely before he could have turned them out in the same way. Mr. Bailey always places the bath on to the cages the next morning, and the birds are not long then in putting the feathers into their proper place. He also impressed it on all present that the birds required to be put down at their best if we wished them to come out anything near the top of the prize list. The cages, too, required a lot of attention, because no judge liked to give a first prize to a badly-staged bird. If you cannot provide a real good bird, you can stage the bird in a good, clean, and bright show cage, which in many instances has gained an extra point or two for its owner.—F. GELDER, Sec.

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The Shows.

CAMBRIDGE.

Eighth Annual Show of the Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S. was held on November 11th and 12th, in the Corn Exchange. We have much pleasure in recording the fact that all previous records were broken, with over 700 entries. This, however, was only obtained after considerable labour on the part of the secretary, Mr. T. S. Moore, and his assistant, Mr. J. G. Gifford, who sent out no less than 675 special appeals, the result being that more than two thirds of the entries were received after the date of the closing of entries. Seeing that this is one of the best-managed shows in the provinces, with no less than 93 special prizes in the 70 classes, there surely ought to be no necessity for this extra labour. Mr. T. S. Moore is one of the most enthusiastic secretaries we have met, and great credit is due both to him, and Mr. J. J. Gifford for the result obtained. The committee also, consisting of Mr. A. E. Brooks (chairman), Mr. F. Doggett (vice-chairman), Messrs. Edwards, Rogers, Linsey, Gawthorp, Styles, Bye, King, Dean, Roff, Lambert and Linsey, jun., are to be congratulated upon the success of the show. The Norwich and Yorkshire classes were well filled, and were indeed a show in themselves, many choice specimens being present; the Crest and Crest-bred classes, which were under the patronage of the Crested Canary Club, were also well-filled classes. Mules and Brillishers were patronised by the National British Bird and Mule Club, and were present in good numbers, some of the very best being on view. The only disappointment were the Border classes, which were somewhat poorly patronised, although the committee gave the full club classification. The two classes for Foreigners were well supported, and several choice specimens put in an appearance. Messrs. Trower and Co. looked after the feeding of the exhibits, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Robson judged the Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick the remainder.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (16): 1, c, Morris, excels in quality, rich in col., nice type all through; 2, Moore and Son, similarly made to 1st, but hardly its equal in quality, good one, however; 3, vhc, Mitchell, grand head, will improve, we think, in col. and quality nice type; t. hc, Calver and Sons, very smart and typical. BUFF (8): 1, Brooks, grandly moulded, very typical in shape, full of bloom, an easy 1st; 2, hc, Morris, excellent cobby bird, nicely rounded chest, short wings, well folded, and neat tail; 3, Kilby, smart bird, good quality; 4, Keech, very nice, typical, good fettle; vhc, Popple; c, Muscutt. TKD., ETC., CK. (13): 1, Irons, very fine tkd. bird, lovely mould, teeming with quality; 2, Morris, excellent tkd. buff, of rare shape, full of bloom; 3, Irons, mkd. on neck and tail, lovely quality bird, of similar type to 1st; 4, Morris, cap mkd., very smart exhibit, tight as a Java; vhc, Howard; hc, Woods; c, Moore and Son. NOR. BEN (15): 1, Irons, yell., rare head and eye for a lady, very pretty, impossible to find fault with her; 2, Moore and Son, beautifully moulded buff, full of quality; 3, Outten, very nice yell., in rich plumage, a wee trifle longer than first two; 4, Brooks, excellent short, cobby buff, real Nor. of correct type; vhc, Morris; hc, Hanley; c, Gibbons. YELL. 1909 (11): 1, Irons, mkd. on wing, sweetly pretty bird, excels in head, type and quality; 2, Moore and Son, mkd. on neck, very short and cobby, nice col.; 3, Outten, good quality and col., just a trifle long; 4, Irons, excellent cl., very smart; vhc, c, Morris; hc, Calver and Sons. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Irons, 1st all there for type and quality, good one, 2nd just a bit stouter than winner, perhaps, grandly moulded; 3, Brooks, nicely mealed, full of bloom and typical; 4, Kilby, nice col., correct type; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Hanley and Son; c, Pamphlon. YORKS, YELL. CK. (13): 1, hc, Harris, excellent carriage, close feathered, and stylish, wins well; 2, vhc, Knight, nice length, very straight, in good condition; 3, Dykes, lovely head, rare quality and stylish; 4, Walsh, nice length, good condition, just a trifle heavy in tail; c, White. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, very smart, clean cut, excellent pipe tail, full of bloom; 2, Harris, in good condition, and very stylish; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, very long bird, nice quality, hardly so tight as winners, perhaps; 4, vhc, Knight, couple of very good, typical birds; hc, Murrell; c, Lindsay. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, Walsh, mkd. yell., nice length, very slim, good col., wins easily; 2, Knight, cinn. mkd. buff, excellent carriage and quality, again a good one; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, mkd. buff, excellent type and carriage; 4, Harrison, varieg. buff, rare length, good quality; vhc, c, Murrell; hc, French. YORKS. 1909 (16): 1, Dykes, tkd. yell., correct type and rich col., wins; 2, hc, Harris, cl. buff, nicely drawn out, lovely quality; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, excellent cl., yell., very stylish, full of nerve, and steady; 4, Knight, tkd. buff, of nice type; vhc, Murrell; c, Linscy. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, four-pointed, lovely condition, very stylish, wins; 2, Knight, good cl., correct length, very slim, rich plumage; 3, Williams, good cl., nice col. and condition, and steady; 4, Dykes, tkd., very slim and stylish; vhc, Bond; hc, French; c, Murrell. BUFF (9): 1, Walsh, very clean-cut, in excellent condition, good bird; 2, Dykes, well drawn out, stands well on perch, nice and steady; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, nicely drawn, good quality; 4, Harris, rather pale in col., but lovely quality of feather, nice type; vhc, Knight; hc, White; c, Murrell. CREST, BUFF CK. (11): 1, Taylor, monster varieg. Crest, of excellent formation, good bird, wins well; 2, Broad, mkd. body D.C., nice size, fine feather, well finished; 3, Franz, cl. body, griz. Crest, nice formation, smaller than former birds; 4, Calver and Sons, mkd. body, dark crest, fine centre, lovely quality; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Mills; c, Harrison. HEN (9): 1, Sneaman, green bird, large crest, splendid droop, rich quality; 2, Evins Bros., another green, similar to 1st, close run; 3, Brooks, mkd. bird, lovely D.C., very round, nice droop; 4, Taylor, varieg. bird, D.C., good size; vhc, Radford; hc, Howard; c, Mills. CREST, YELL.: Cancelled. C.B. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Brooks, heavily varieg., immense head, abundance of feather, rare droop; 2, Mills, green bird, rare width of skull, plenty of feather; 3, Taylor, a green, well lashed, hardly so wide in front, perhaps; 4, Sadd (no notes taken); vhc, Harrison; hc, Howard; c, Calver. HEN, BUFF (7): 1, Taylor, rare headed green, with abundance of feather, well lashed; 2, Mills, mkd. bird, with rare width of skull, dense feather; 3, Franz, nice width, good bird; 4, Evins Bros. (no notes taken); vhc, Shearman; hc, Brooks. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Brotherton, abundance of feather, good head, nice quality; 2, rare width of skull; 3, Shearman, dense body feather, nice head; 4, Brooks. CREST 1909 (10): 1, Bale, nearly cl. body, D.C., lovely droop, rare size and quality; 2, Taylor, cl. body, nice quality crest, good formation; 3, Franz, cl., D.C., rich quality, hardly ready; 4, Evins Bros., green with very large crest; vhc, Brooks; hc, c, Sadd. C.B. (8): 1, Bale, mkd. bird, good, broad head, well lashed; 2, Harrison, green, rare width, dense feather; 3, Taylor, mkd. bird, nice skull, not quite so dense as winners; 4, Shearman, varieg. body; vhc, Sadd; hc, Mills; c, Brooks. CREST and C.B., NOVICE: Both cancelled. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Blackshaw, very smart cl., lovely col., prime condition; 2, Linsey, smart tkd. bird, nice quality; 3, Drinkwater, tkd. on head, close feathered; vhc, hc, King; c, Simpson. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Simpson, lovely quality cl., flown in the pink of condition; 2, Linsey, very smart tkd., nice shape and condition; 3, Blackshaw, another smart bird, in prime condition; 4, Drinkwater, good one, close up; vhc, Hall; hc, Napom. HEN (7): 1, Blackshaw, cl., rare type, tight as wax; 2: No notar, excellent type and quality; 3, Wright, close feathered tkd., jaunty carriage; 4, Linsey, small, and very smart; vhc, Linsey; hc, Drinkwater; c, Hall. EVENLY AND UNEVENLY MKD.: Cancelled. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, Slovin, green, of rare col. throughout, lovely type and condition; 2, Blackshaw, very fine coloured yell. cinn., model for type; 3, 4, Harrison, two small birds, of jaunty carriage; vhc, hc, Middleton. WHOLE CINN. (12): 1, 3, hc, Riding, yell. Nor. type, rare quality and col., 3rd a similar bird; 2, Shearman, very fine, large buff, Nor. type, in splendid trim; 4, c, Nason, very smart yell.; vhc, Ingram. DITTO, 1909 (8): 1, 2, 3, Riding; 1st and 3rd couple of good coloured yells., 2nd equally good buff, an excellent team; 4, Nason, another very smart yell., in rare full c; vhc, hc, Tringham; c, Shearman. NOR. GREENS (13): 1, 4, vhc, c, Francis, rich coloured yell., of correct type, 4th very nice buff; 2, Riding, very fine, large buff, in full bloom; 3, hc, Brooks, another good buff, correct type, close up to winners. MATCHED PAIRS (4): 1, Harrison, good Crest and C.B.; 2, Mitchell, well-matched pair of Norwich; 3, Brooks, grand pair Nor., yelt. cock, buff hen, in double breeding cage; 4, Payne, fine buff cock, small yell. hen. DUTCH FRILLS: 1, 2, Minty; 3, 4, Young, good birds, put down well. SELL. 15/- (19): 1, Harper; 2, Harrison; 3, Rogers; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Goodman, Ingram, Hanley; hc, Stovin, Flemmons, Brooks; c, Langley. 25/- (14): Palmer; 2, Riding; 3, hc, Brooks; 4, Hanley; vhc, Harrison, Freestone; hc, Row; c, Mitchell, Mills. 30/- (10): 1, Mitchell; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Linsey; 4, Goodman; ex 4, Nason; vhc, Gostling; hc, Payne; c, Handscombe. 45/- (7): 1, Radford; 2, Goodman; 3, Ingram; 4, Gostling; vhc, Riding; hc, Row; c, Linsey. LOCAL CLASSES—NOR. (14): 1, 3, 4, Hanley and Son, yell. mkd. on cheek, good col. and nice type; 3, 4, cl. buff and yell., both smart birds; 2, Markillie, mkd. yell., good type, in excellent condition; ex 4, Handscombe, winner of spl No. 78; vhc, Linsey; hc, Allen; c, Brooks. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 3, 4, Brooks, very nice Crest, of good formation, 3rd ditto, but smaller; 2, Palmer, neat Crest, with nice droop. YORKS. (12): 1, c, Gifford, very good yell., nice length and good position; 2, vhc, Knight, excellent buff, nice quality, correct type; 3, 4, Hanley and Son, both typical Yorks., well shown; hc, Linsey. SELL. 12/6 (30): 1, Allen; 2, Rogers; 3, Ingram; 4, James; ex 4, Hipwell; vhc, Palmer; Hubbard; hc, Hard, Hanley.

Mr. Frostick's Classes.

LIGHT CAN. MULE (4): 1, Lees, well-known light Linnet Mule, in good condition, wins easily; 2, Howard and Son, rich coloured, four-pointed Goldfinch, good bird; 3, Lees, also fine four-pointed Goldfinch, well put down; 4, Mascall, smart varieg. Goldfinch. DARK (7): 1, Riley, Canary-Bullie, Yorks. type, nice colour, a wee bit rough on side, but a real winner; 2, Lawarance, Can.-Bullie, Nor. type, lovely col., drops one wing or might have been on top; 3, Muscutt, smart Goldie, with good blaze; 4, Mascall, grand Siskin Mule, nicely laced, rich col. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, Edmunds, very fine Greenfinch-Bullie, in rare plumage and condition, nice one; 2, Belcher, same cross, hardly so big or rich in col, perhaps, but a good 2nd; 3, Cocks, nice Linnet-Bullie, close up to 2nd. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Belcher, very smart Finch, grand blaze, lovely polish, well shown; 2, Mays, rare body col., nice, square, rich coloured blaze; 3, Prior, good blaze and wings, rich plumage; 4, Harrison, nice blaze, but out-classed here; vhc, Watson; hc, Atkins; c, Robinson. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Lawrance, grand shape, excellent col., dense cap and steady; 2, White, close run with 1st, in fact a very similar bird; 3, Walsh, nice col., not quite the substance of winners, good 3rd; 4, Robinson, smart Bullie all over; vhc, hc, Mays; c, Watson. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Howe, very fine, large buff, in grand plumage, good 1st; 2, Marley, not far behind winner, shade smaller, but equally good in other points; 3, Howe, another buff, close up, rare quality and richness of col.; 4, Walsh; vhc, Carter; hc, Prior. HAWFINCH: Cancelled. CHAFFINCH (12): 1, Walsh, rare coloured Finch, grand cap and condition, well staged; 2, Marley, very smart, nice bird, hardly so good in head, perhaps; 3, Prior, shade smaller, very fine col.; 4, Hurst, grand, large bird; vhc, Mays; hc, Roff and Strange; c, Sparrow. BRAMBLEFINCH (12): 1, Howe, brilliant col., grand head, excellent markings; 2, Carter, good Finch, well spangled, hardly so brilliant as first, perhaps, but will improve; 3, Prior, smaller bird, good col., well spangled; 4, Hurst, fine, large bird; vhc, Mays; hc, Askew; c, Cooper. LINNET (8): 1, Marley, rich col., well laced, very steady, good one; 2, Prior, grand col., in excellent condition, not quite so steady, perhaps; 3, Askew, longer type, nice col., well pencilled; 4, vhc, Mays, both good; hc, Deans; c, Butterley. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Howe, lively Twite, rich col., well pencilled, and well staged; 2, Marley, bonny Siskin, nice col., dense cap, well laced; 3, Mays, very smart Lesser Redpoll; 4, Lowne, very good Siskin; vhc, Walsh; hc, White; c, Ford. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, Marley, brilliantly col. Yellowhammer, in excellent condition, correct V-shape, head markings; 2, Hurst, steady Cornbunting, nice col., well laced; 3, Lowne, good Shorelark; 4, vhc, Ford and Son, very nice Yellowhammer; hc, Cooper; c, Bye. BRIT. FINCH. HEN (7): 1, Prior, capital Hawfinch, good size and col., for a hen; 2, Atkins, very fine Bullie, with grand dark cap; 3, Hurst, very smart Chaffinch; 4, Lowne, good Crossbill; vhc, Cooper; hc, Cocks; c, Marley. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, Underwood, jet Blackbird, with lovely crocus beak and eye cere, large bird; 2, Saywell, lovely Thrush, well spotted, in good condition; 3, Mays, another good jet Blackbird, not quite so steady and winner; 4, vhc, Cocks, nice Blackbird; hc, Bainbridge. SMALL SOFTBILL (5): 1, Cocks, rare Grasshopper Warbler, not looking its best today; 2, Lowne, very nice Black Redstart, in excellent trim; 3, Mays, bonny little Goldcrest, appeared as happy as a king; 4, Cocks, very nice Yellow Wagtail, in good form; vhc, Cocks, lovely Treecreeper. LARGE (6): 1, Underwood, very charming Waxwing, grand crest and polished like satin, very much admired; 2, Linsey, his well-known Magpie, grand bird, put up in prime form; 3, Linsey, very fine Missel Thrush, well spotted; 4, Cocks, rich coloured Redwing; vhc, Moore. FOR. SMALL (20): 1, 2, Miss E. Galloway, Parrot Finches, and black-faced Serin Finch, both in really excellent condition; 3, vhc, Row, excellent pair of black-faced Gouldians; 4, hc, Moore (no notes taken); c, Cocks. LARGE (10): 1, Stubbins, celebrated blue and yellow Macaw, the hero of many a stiff competition; 2, Bennet, lovely King Parrakeet, in excellent plumage; 3, 4, Moore, read and blue Macaw, and grey Parrot, both choice; vhc, Moore; hc, Garner. MEMB. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Lambert, Goldfinch Mule, very nice quality; 2, 3, Brooks, couple of smart and pretty birds, of same cross; 4, vhc, Hinson. A.O.V. HYB. (13): 1, Palmer, very rich, deep coloured Greenfinch-Canary; 2, 3, 4, c, Lambert, Goldfinch, Linnet and Goldfinch, all Canary cross, and very smart, good coloured birds; vhc, James; hc, Booker. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Williams, smart Finch, with good, deep blaze and rich body col.; 2, Gifford, smart Finch, good col., hardly so forward as first, perhaps, will improve; 3, 4, Roff and Strange, couple of nice Finches, former best in blaze; vhc, Gawthrop; hc, Watson. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Palmer, good type, nice col. and condition; 2, Taylor, rich col. and condition; 3, Edwards, small bird, dense cap, good col.; 4, Hearn; vhc, Handscombe; hc, Bye; c, Roff and Strange. GREENFINCH (16): 1, 2, Roff and Strange, couple of very nice Finches; 3, Cousins, good col.; 4, Pope, similar; vhc, hc, Palmer; c, Watson. LINNET (16): 1, Gifford, very nicely pencilled; 2, Hearn, smart bird; 3, Linsey, lovely coloured bird; 4, Watson; vhc, Roff and Strange; hc, Williams; c, Lambert. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Hipwell, smart Siskin, nice cap, good col., well laced; 2, Roff and Strange, good coloured Twite; 3, Weeson, smart Lesser Redpoll; 4, James, nice coloured Siskin; vhc, Garner; hc, Bye; c, Linsey. HEN, FINCH (7): 1, Edwards, capital Bullie; 2, Gawthrop, nice Bramble; 3, Linsey, smart Goldfinch; 4, Roff and Strange, good Twite; vhc, Papworth; hc, Hearn. SONGTHRUSH (5): 1, 4, vhc, Bainbridge, 1st lovely bird, well spotted, in good condition, winner of three spls; 2, Ridgewell, well mkd. bird; 3, Linsey, good one, close up. A.O.S. SMALL (16): 1, Roff and Strange, winner three spls, very fine Bramble, good col., well spangled, if moulted well and col. fed should make a stormer; 2, Hawes, grey Wagtail, much too wild; 3, Linsey, nice Shorelark; 4, Ridgewell, capital Meadow Pipit; vhc, Bye; hc, Hipwell. GIFT: 1, Linsey; 2, Hard; 3, Maltby; 4, Bye. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, Roff and Strange, good yell. Nor.; 2, Hard, similar bird; 3, Westrop, buff Nor.; 4, Bishop; yell. Nor., all four very good for Novices; vhc, Widdas; hc, Taylor; c, Dean. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 2, hc, c, Bishop, good yell. and buff Yorkshires; 3, Langley, nice yell.; 4, c, J. Brooks, good buff; vhc, Casey. YORKS., GREENS (5): 1, 2, 3, Gifford, all yells. and all nice stamp of bird; 4, White, another nice yell.

EDINBURGH NORTHERN

The thirty-second annual show of the Edinburgh Northern O.S. was held on 6th Nov., in the Broughton Halls, which are much better than the old one, being well lighted, and free from draughts; and the exhibits were staged to the best advantage. Entries, which totalled 100, were down on last year's, this being accounted for by the poor breeding season. The Scotch Fancies, although small in numbers, were a choice lot, the cup winner being a bird of great merit. Norwich and Borders were also a good all-round lot, Mr. A. C. Dandie succeeding in carrying off the cup for the first time presented by J. Avon Clyde, Esq., M.P., with a Clear Yellow Norwich, which ought to be heard of later on. The special prizes, tastefully laid out, made a fine display, and we understand the redoubtable special hunter, Mr. J. Stenhouse, vice-president, is on the track of another challenge cup, and we hope he will succeed. The Secretary, Mr. Thos. Purdie, is an old hand at the game, and being ably assisted by Mr. J. Robertson and the remainder of committee, everything worked off smoothly and well. Messrs. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), and Hope (Edinburgh) placed the cards in the Scotch Fancy Section, while Mr. J. Winter judged the remainder.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY.— YELL. CK.: 1, Johnston, rare size and quality, good top end, deep chest, grand reach; 2, Stenhouse, fine stamp, well up on legs; 3, Bell, fine reachy bird, good action. YELL. TKD. CK.: 1, Stenhouse, plenty of substance, nice position. YELL. GREEN: 1 and Hyde's spl., Robertson, fine size and depth of chest, well up on legs, grand drive; 2, Bell, good stamp. BUFF: 1, cup, Johnston, grand model, well set up, grand chest and shoulders, fine reachy neck, splendid action, easy win; 2, Stenhouse, nice stamp, well set up. PIED CK.: 1, Johnston, rare style and action, fine reach, well up in size. TKD. CK.: 1, Bell, rare size, fine thickness of body, nice length of wing; 2, Stenhouse, nice shoulders. BUFF GREEN CK.: 1, Robertson, grand stamp all over, spoilt by slipped claw; 2, Stenhouse, nice size, well up on legs; 3, Collie, fine deep chest, drives well. YELL. HEN: 1, Johnston, well set up, good top end, splendid drive, will improve; 2, Stenhouse, fine reachy bird, nice action. PIED: 1, Pender, good stamp, sweet action. GREEN: 1, Stenhouse, fine style and action, could do with more length. BUFF: 1, Johnston, rare length of side, well set up, splendid drive; 2, Bell, really nice bird. BUFF PIED: 1, Adams, nice style and action, works well; 2, Pender, free action, good top end. TKD. HEN: 1, runner-up for cup, Johnston again leading with hen of right proportions, grand position, long, reachy neck, fine length of side, and splendid top end and chest; 2, Purdie, very stylish hen, fine position, sweet head and neck. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, cup, Dandie, good stamp of cl. yell., nicely rounded head, short and cobby body, with finely moulded front, nice quality feather. BUFF: 1, Purdie, varieg. non fed., rare substance of body, short wings and tail, in grand bloom; 2, 3, 4, 5, Collie, fine type and quality. HEN: 1, Collie, varieg. yell., rich, even col., nice quality feather, neat head, short wings; 2, 3, Purdie, pair of good quality, leader buff, nicely moulded front, fine head; 3, yell. non. fed., good one. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Michie, leading with a jaunty little yell., grand col. and quality, neat head, nicely carried wings, well staged; 2, 3, buffs, beautiful feather, fine type; 4, 5, Collie; 6, Stenhouse. HEN: 1, 4, Purdie, leading with a gem of a yell., special for best Bord., and runner up for cup, rare quality of feather, not one out of position, grand wings and tail; 2, Michie, buff, staged in grand order, lovely quality; 3, Collie, yell., fine stamp of a Bord., nicely carried wings, fails in polish to winners; 5, Michie; 6, Collie. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 4, Stenhouse, pair of very good crest-breds; 2, Collie, griz. crest, open in centre; 3, Robertson, nice dark crest; 5, Collie. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Dandie, leading with very nice Reed Bunting; 2, a Starling, good spangling, but very restless; 4, Tree Sparrow; 3, no name, nicely marked Bramblefinch, good sound colour.

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AIRDRIE & COATBRIDGE

Airdrie and Coatbridge O.S. (Amalgamated) Annual Show was held in the Traders' Hall, Airdrie, on November 6th, and was a success. Scotch Fancies were slightly down in number, but the Norwich Section showed a marked increase. The weather was bright, and everything passed off without a hitch under the able management of Mr. Fairley, the President, and Mr. Murdoch, the secretary, who were ably assisted by a hard working committee. The two silver cups in the Scotch Fancy department were both won by Mr. Wynes, of Airdrie. The Norwich have evidently caught on in the district. Judges for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. Menzies (Edinburgh), and Smith (Crossmyloof, Glasgow), and for Norwich, Mr. Watson (Kilmarnock).

The Critique.

YELL. CK.: 1, Fairley, neat, first class, great solid top, fine depth of chest, close in feather; 2, Wynes, rare size, grand substance, excellent qualities if he would only settle. Hen: 1, Wynes, long, reachy hen, neat head, long neck, nice back, easy win; 2, Smith, erect, cross type, close in feather; 3, Murdoch, neat, stylish exhibit, tight in feather; 4, Fairley, good quality, close in feather; 5, Hamilton. BUFF CK.: 1, cup, Wynes, medium-sized, erect, direct drive, prominent shoulder, good body and action; 2, Murdoch, typical, hard up, fine reach, solid back; 3, Smith, erect, solid back, nice drive; 4, Fairley, good stamp; 5, Hamilton. HEN: 1, Murdoch, erect, fine drive, solid back, nice body, well set on perch; 2, Wynes, well up, good reach, nice top end, fine style; 3, Fairley, cross type, good quality, close in feather; 4, Main, nice stamp. YELL. FIED CK.: 1, 2, Main, 1st grand frame, decided drive, solid top end, good body and wing, 2nd neat and compact exhibit, fine quality; 3, Wynes, long, reachy exhibit, good style; 4, Murdoch, smart, and full of quality. HEN: 1, cup winner, Wynes, in neat feather, erect, neat head, extra long neck and body; 2, Hutchison, erect head, nicely forward, neat head, solid back, good body; 3, McIver, neat, close feathered exhibit, good stamp. BUFF CK.: 1, Wynes, very stylish, slim got up all through, and nicely proportioned; 2, 3, Main, pair of superior stock birds, plenty of substance; 4, Fairley, neat and compact; 5, McIver. HEN: 1, Main, erect, solid back and body, good style; 2, Hamilton, well up, solid back, nice body; 3, Wynes, neat and full of style; 4, McIver, good stamp. FOUL CK.: 1, Main, erect, neat head, fine drive, grand shoulders and body; 2, Fairley, cross type, close in feather; 3, Wynes, neat, smart, good style. HEN: 1, Wynes, fine style, but rather slim, well set on perch; 2, Fairley, cross type, well up, good stock bird. GREEN CK.: 1, Hutchison, erect, solid back, decided drive, grand body and wing; 2, Prentice, well up, head forward, round back, solid body; 3, McIver, nice type; 4, Main, good style; 5, Russell. HEN: 1, Main, erect, fine reach, good top end and body; 2, Hamilton, neat and full of style; 3, McIver, good stamp. OLD BIRDS, CK., a grand lot: 1, Hutchison, best stock in the show, rare size and drive, heavy back and fine body; 2, 6, Smith; 2nd erect, good drive, solid body; 3, 5, Hamilton, neat pair, fine all over; 4, McIver, erect, solid back, good body. HEN: 1, 6, Smith, 1st superior hen, medium size, erect, fine drive, round back, good body; 2, Main, superior stock hen, rare substance; 3, Hamilton, good stamp; 4, Murdoch; 5, Prentice. CREST CK.: 1, Clark, fine formation and droop, good frontal, dense leafy feather; 2, 4, 6, Kirkwood, 2nd nice size and shape, neat centre, dense droop, good all-round crest; 3, Frame, splendid size, rare crest, fine droop; 5, Renwicks. HEN: 1, Clark, good shape, nice crest, fine frontal and feather; 2, Wilkie, good crest, nice droop and formation; 3, Kirkland, fine size and type, good body; 4, Campbell, good size and formation; 5, Fairlie. C.-B. CK.: 1, 2, Clark, both nice size, fine head, good shape head, feather dense and leafy, grand eye-lash; 3, 4, Kirkwood, 3rd fine skull, long dense head feather, splendid body, 4th very good all round bird; 5, Shanks; 6, McLauchlan. HEN: 1, Kirkwood, nice shape, fine bold head, rare quality dense feather; 2, Frame, fine shapely head, grand body, dense feather and lash; 3, Frame, good lash, fine length of feather; 4, Clark; 5, Cairns; 6, Campbell. OLD CREST CK.: 1, Kirkwood, charming shape and head, head feather very dense and leafy, splendid eye-lash; 2, Stirling, pressed hard on winner, grand shape, fine head, feather dense, good eye-lash; 3, Clark, good shape and head, fine rise in skull, nice quality feather; 4, Campbell, good bold head; 5, Frame; 6, McLauchlan. HEN: 1, Stirling, grand size and skull, broad, well-lashed, wins easily; 2, Renwicks, good type, full of quality; 3, Cairns, good stamp; 4, Wilkie, smart; 5, Fairley. B.-B. CK.: 1, Kennedy, nice skull, broad, well-lashed, good style; 2, Clark, fine body, good skull, well feathered; 3, Fairley, good stamp, nice style; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Renwicks; 6, Cairns. HEN: 1, Kirkwood, a beauty, good size, grand skull, broad and nicely lashed; 2, 6, Clark, 2nd fine shape, nicely set up, grand body; 3, Frame, really good type, full of quality; 4, Stirling; 5, Snodden. YELL. PLAIN-HEAD CK.: 1, 3, 4, 5, Simpson, 1st very typical, lovely quality, warm col., 3rd and 4th two grand exhibits, fine shape and col.; 2, Blacklock, well set up, good body, lovely feather; 6, Kennedy. Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, Simpson, superior lot, full of style and quality; 5, Kennedy; 6, Boag. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 4, 5, Simpson, 1st grand substance and shape, nicely carried wings, full of quality, 3rd and 4th lovely pair, shapely, good feather; 2, Kennedy, fine shape, rare quality; 6, McLauchlan. HEN: 1, 4, Kennedy, 1st grand body, fine style and quality, 4th good stamp; 2, 3, 5, 6, Simpson, 2nd and 3rd charming pair, full of merit.

SCARBOROUGH.

The Scarborough F.S. show held November 3rd at the Old Town Hall, a most suitable building, with good light and freedom from draughts. Our section was judged by Dr. Frederic Dale, whose awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. W. Tomlinson, is a very capable official, and had the arrangements well carried out.

YORKS. (10): 1, hc, Wilson, lovely feathered yell., good length an dtype; 2, 3, Pressy, 2nd buff, fine feather and length, grand quality; 3rd, yell., slim, well drawn, grand style; 4, c, Mitchell, well drawn buff, good leg; vhc, Crathorne. NOR. (12): 1, 2, 4, c, Dalgetty, good team, 1st large yell., wing tkd., grand head and neck, not quite fine yet; 2nd, tkd. buff, large well-shaped bird of good quality, lovely feather, apt to cross wings at times; 4th, nice cl. yell. unflig., good type and feather; 3, Shaw, good cl. yell., best of col., grand type and feather; vhc, Shaw. CREST AND C.B. (12): 1, vhc, hc, c, Clark, 1st heavily varieg. Crest, nice circular crest, good feathery bird; 2, 3, Watson, 2nd large oval griz. Crest; 3rd, large cap and wing mkd., plenty of feather; 4, Garbutt, heavy varieg., good size, grand shaped head. BRIT. (12): 1, 3, Watson, 1st grand Bullfinch, good breast and wings, lovely feather; 3rd, Goldfinch, nice and steady, fine blaze; 2, Sawdon, grand Goldfinch, very steady, good blaze and bars; 4, Stubbs, nice Bullfinch; vhc, c, Boddy; hc, Smith.

PRESTON.

Annual show of the Preston O.S. was held on Nov. 12th and 13th, in the Public Hall, which is in every way an ideal room for a show. The entry was a record one, there being 300 birds more than last year, whilst the quality throughout was of an unusually high standard, and the judges had no easy task in selecting the winners; and in many classes another lot of winners could have been found. The Committee and stewards were indefatigable in their efforts for the welfare and comfort of the exhibits and exhibitors. The Chairman, Mr. Dent, and the secretaries, Messrs. Taylor and Cleminson, are all fanciers of very wide experience, and the management of the show is therefore all that can possibly be desired. Assisted by such a hard-working and assiduous show committee as Messrs. A. Burrows, J. P. Leeming, Swarbrick, Curwen, Anderton, Marsh, Issott, T. Leeming, T. H. Cooper, Lewis, and Parkinson, and the Rev. S. E. Collinson, everything went off well. Preston show was from the commencement bound to come out on top. Everyone, "up" to the catalogue boys connected with the show, was courteous and obliging. All birds, too, were despatched early on the Saturday night. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. W. Aitchison (Edinburgh), Mr. E. Baker (Cowes), Mr. W. Binns (Blackpool), Mr. James Smith (Bolton's popular president), Mr. J. M. Walsh (Blackburn), and other noted fanciers. The Lord Stanley Challenge Cup (for best Canary shown by a member) was won by Mr. Thomas Sandiford, with his champion variegated buff. The runner-up was the same owner's Crest. Sandiford's cup, for hottest fed yellow, was won by Mr. J. Smeaton's ticked yellow, and that for hottest fed buff by Mr. R. Seed's Clear Buff. Mr. T. H. Dent captured Ramsden's special with his Clear Buff, and Mr. Marsh Hyde's special. Mr. Marsh also captured both specials given by Mr. M. Hopkins, for hottest fed birds on his feeds. The contest between the N.P.C. and Scottish N.P.C. was held at this show, but although there were four grand teams from Scotland, the contest was, on the whole, somewhat flat. Mr. Aitchison's natural colour yellow again asserted his superiority, and rightly headed the class. He is a stormer. Mr. W. Binns had a field day with the Yorkshires, capturing 1st in every class, with some real classical specimens, a grand performance. Borders were a particularly strong section, and included many noted teams from the North. Messrs. Hopper Bros.' buff hen is, we think, about the best we have ever seen. Mules, British and Foreign, came up splendidly, and made a very interesting collection. The Amateur and Novice Classes, as usual, filled splendidly, and contained many birds well fitted for open competition. The judges were Dr. Herd, and Messrs. A. Wellings and Parker-Robinson, and, with a few exceptions, their awards gave general satisfaction.

The Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Davies, grand shape, head and chest, nice col., fine size and quality; 2, vhc, Sandiford; 2, red hot col., grand quality and type, well packed wings and tail, nice size; 3, Seed, again grand shape, nice col., rare quality and substance; 4, Dunn, good col., fine size, nice quality and type, grand head; vhc, Trengove. BUFF (12): 1, Seed, well-known Little King II., grand type, col. and quality; 2, Sandiford, good size and shape, rare substance and col., grand quality, good 2nd; 3 and Ramsden's spl, Dent, red hot col., good size and quality, not quite the type; 4, Huggins, grand size and shape, good col. and quality, must have pressed; rhc, Davies; hc, Marsh; c, Shaw.—TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Smeaton, mkd. head and wings, grand quality and shape, nice medium size, rare col. and carriage; 2, Seed, head and wing mkd., grand size, col. and quality, very close race; 3, Ellison, slight griz. neck, grand size and quality, good 3rd, well known; 4, Leeming Bros., cap and wings marked, splendid type, hot colour, fails only in head to leaders; vhc, Leeming Bros.; hc, Marsh; c, Dent; No. 6, Hayhurst, unnoticed, well-known winner, looks grand. BUFF (11): 1 and Lord Stanley Cup winner, Sandiford, head, breast and wings marked, a knock-out, grand size, magnificent shape, teems with quality, Manchester winner; 2, Smeaton, cap and wings mkd., grand col. and quality, good head, splendid shape and size; 3, 4, Evans, well-known Sign of the Cross, marvellous bird; 4, well known, tkd. back of head grand shape and size; vhc, Seed; hc, Turner; c, Cleminson and Taylor. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Cook, variegated, medium size, splendid shape, rare col. and quality; 2, Trengove, wing mkd., grand col. and quality, nice size, shade slimmer; 3, Davies, well known variegated, seems a wee bit out of condition, and could do with a rest; 4, Seed, eyes and wings mkd., good col. and quality, nice head, not the type; vhc, Ellison, cl., nice size, grand col. and quality; hc, Sandiford; c, Dixon. BUFF (20): 1, Marsh, cl., rare size and shape, good head and front, fine quality; 2, Mercer, head, wings and tail mkd., grand shape and quality, correct type and nice size; 3, Seed, head and wing mkd., Manchester, etc., winner, grand bird all through; 4, Davies, variegated, grand bird, well known; vhc, Sandiford, griz. cap, good size and shape; hc, Dixon; c, Huggins. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Davies, cap and wings mkd., grand shape and quality, nice size and col.; 2, Dunn, griz. head, nice col. and shape, splendid quality and carriage; 3, Cooper, grand col. and quality, nice size; 4, Trengove, tkd. neck, grand size and shape, splendid quality, paler col.; vhc, Seed, well-known cl., in splendid bloom to-day; hc, Sandiford; c, Seed. BUFF (19): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, wing tkd. Manchester and Rochdale winner, claimed at catalogue price, £5 10s.; 2, Evans, wing mkd., grand head and neck, good quality and shape, nice col.; 3, Winter, rather small, but grand type and quality; 4, Curwen, Blackburn winner, hardly looks so well to-day as last week; vhc, Mercer, eyes and wings mkd., grand unfligh. hen; hc, Seed; c, Dent, face mkd., grand hen. NAT. COL. CK (10): 1, Aitchison, noted cl. yell., splendid size, magnificent quality, the best of type, wins; 2, Coventry, cl. buff, grand size, capital shape and quality; 3, Dr. Martin, variegated, buff, plenty of substance, rare head and chest, good 3rd; 4, Cooper, variegated, buff, good substance and quality, nice type; vhc, Winter; hc, Howe; c, Cleminson and Taylor. HEN (12): 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor, cl. buff and yell. respectively, both grand type, magnificent shape and quality; 3, Aitchison, variegated, buff, splendid shape and quality, nice size and col.; 4, Fenney, variegated, yell., good col. and quality, nice substance; vhc, Davies; hc, Curwen; c, Coventry. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Binns, leader head neck and wings mkd., fine length and col., well up on leg, nice back and wings, grand Yorks.; 2, cl. again, grand length and quality, rare type and stand; 3, Wilkinson, wing tkd., rattling length and quality, nice col.; 4, Wilcock, red hot cl., grand length and quality; vhc, Ambler Bros.; hc, Mrs. Fisher; c, Mountain. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Binns, leader griz. head, grand length and type, splendid quality and carriage, one of the best; 3, cl., length, style and quality all there, good 3rd; 2, Farrar, cl., capital length, fine quality, good position; 4, Ambler Bros., smart, stylish cl., rattling length, shape and quality; vhc, Mountain; hc, Mrs. Fisher; c, Hirst. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Binns, griz. wing, fine quality, nice length, good type, stands well, wins; 2, Ambler Bros., cl., nice narrow shoulders, splendid quality, very leggy and stylish; 3, Mountain, another very smart cl., grand quality and type; 4, Farrar, straight as a pencil, extra quality, the best of type; vhc, Greenwood and Heyworth; hc, Mrs. Fisher; c, Hurst. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Binns, wing mkd., tight as wax, nice length, grand position and type, bonny hen; 2, cl., teems with quality, beautiful meal and col., grand back, wings and tail; 3, Wilkinson, mkd. head and wings, nice length, good position, splendid quality of feather; 4, Ambler Bros., neat, stylish cl., grand carriage and quality; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hirst; c, Wilcock. OPEN AMAT.: YELL. NOR. (15): 1, Smalley, cl., grand col., fine size and shape, nice quality; 2, Bulcock, another cl., grand quality, rare head, neck and chest, good col. and carriage; 3, Nickson, extra quality, magnificent shape, nice col., must have pressed; 4, Anderton, variegated, hot col., grand front and head, fine quality and size; vhc, Roberts, variegated, splendid col. and quality; hc, Coupe; c, Morrison. BUFF (23): 1, Mrs. Knight, cl., extra shape, fine head and chest, rare quality and col., one of the best; 2, Peak, cap and wings mkd., grand type, well across perch, fine quality, nice col. and size; 3, Brown, cl., big bouncing bird; 4, Mapp, grand size and quality, full of col., nice bold head, shade longer; vhc, Morrison, good head and neck, fine size and col.; hc, Anderton; c, Fields. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Anderton, mkd. head, neck and wings, regular swell, fine shape, all front, grand col., rare feather; 2, Platt, big bouncing cl., hot col., nice quality, good youngster; 3, Norman, cl., splendid shape, rich col., nice silky feather; 4, Mapp, another very similar cl.; vhc, Windus; hc, Brown; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Fields, cl., extra quality and shape, nice col. and carriage, good size, well selected; 2, Cunliffe, cl., beautiful quality, col. and shape, good head and front, good 2nd; 3, Anderton, short, thick and cobby, fine quality; 4, Mapp, grand col. and shape; vhc, Proctor; hc, Metcalf; c, Peak. BUFF (28): 1, Coupe, cl., round as a ball, fine quality, good head, well shown; 2, Walker, cl., good col. and meal, nice head and neck, grand size and quality; 3, Dunn, mkd. head and wings, good bold front, and nice quality; ex. 3, Metcalf, cl., clinking type, nice size, good quality; 4, Smith, variegated, big, bouncing hen, splendid shape and quality; vhc, J. M. Mapp, grand cl.; hc, Anderton; c, Knight. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (25): 1, 4, Parkinson, leader cl., rattling length and quality, well up on leg, good position and type; 4, cl., very slim and well drawn; 2, Crossley, head and neck mkd., long, stylish, leggy exhibit, nice col.; 3, Langley, griz. head, plenty of length, good position, nice close feather; ex. 3, Douglas, cl., real good classical Yorks.; vhc, Wright, very neat and stylish, smaller; hc, Holmes; c, Barlow. BUFF (15): 1, Wright, cl., very straight and stylish, feathered like a bottle, good position; 2, Langley, cl., another grand Yorks., well packed wings and tail; 4, Birkett, griz. wing, tight as wax, fine action; vhc, Large; hc, Thomas; c, Hopper Bros. YELL. HEN (10): 1, hc, Wilson, superior quality and type, very stylish, neat head, splendid carriage; 2, Large, teems with quality, all there for type, rattling carriage; 3, Hopper Bros., lovely little hen, marvellous quality and type; 4, vhc, Bayley, two very smart hens, very stylish and beautifully moulded; c, Swarbrick. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 2, Bayley, leader cl., a charmer, wonderful quality and type, neat round head, fine carriage, a topper; 2nd, wing tkd., true type, not a feather out of place, nice style; 3, Hudson, cl. again, grand type and quality; 4, Hopper Bros., smooth as glass, rare type, well worth its place; vhc, Large; hc, Thomas; c, Wilson. HEN (15): 1, Hopper Bros., perfect model, all type, magnificent quality, splendid type, will want some beating; 2, Hudson, cl., bonny little hen, tight as wax, beautiful meal, grand mover; 3, Hawkins, the best of type, full of quality, good 3rd; 4, Friarson, a little gem for type and quality, hard to find fault with; vhc, Hopper Bros., still another little champion; hc, c, Swarbrick. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. (15): 1, Hopper Bros., mkd. head and wing, buff, a gem all over, brimful of quality, fine mover, rare type and carriage; 2, 3, Bayley, wing tkd. yell. and wing tkd. buff respectively, both grand type and quality; 4, vhc, Thomas, mkd. head and wings, splendid carriage, very close and solid in feather, nice style; hc, Parkinson; c, Wilson. BORD. CINN. OR GREEN (10): 1, Drinkwater, charming yell. green, rich col. and pencilling, clinking type and quality; 2, 3, Bayley, 2nd foul-tailed buff green, correct shape, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3rd, splendid yell. green, all there for type, sound col., good 3rd; 4, Hadwin, bonny buff, the best of shape and quality; vhc, Clinch; hc, Hadwin; c, Thompson. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (self or foul) (20): Grand class; 1, vhc, Atherton, self yell., fine length and col., well pencilled, well up on leg, grand feather; 2, c, Clayton, another self yell., plenty of size, full of true Yorks. characteristics; 3, Simpson, self, straight as a rush, well drawn and breedy, rich col.; 4, Nimmo, slashing size, very leggy and stylish; hc, Robinson. BUFF (16): 1, Robinson, self, grand length, full of quality, straight as a pencil, fine position and carriage; 2, Williams, good rich col., neat head, grand back wings and tail, rattling carriage; 3, hc, Clayton, foul tail, nice leggy upstanding Yorks., grand quality and type; 4, Nimmo, self, long raking bird, grand back and wings, stands well up, good feather; vhc, Atherton, grand Yorks., hardly so straight; c, Rowlands. YELL. GREEN HEN (20): Another grand class; 1, Western, nice length, sound rich col., extra quality and type, one of the best; 2, c, Clayton, capital length, stands well up, all there for type and quality; 3, Gore, very similar bird to 2nd; 4, Wardle, well up on leg, plenty of length and extra quality; vhc, Cain, hardly quality; hc, Atherton. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Robinson, leader self, wonderful quality, nice length, always at attention, well selected; 2, Rowlands, self, grand shape, rare position, nice narrow shoulders, best quality, good 2nd; 3, Gore, again grand type and quality, neat head and carriage; 4, Wardale, very smart and stylish, trifle smaller; hc, Nimmo; c, Atherton. NOR. GREEN YELL. (10): 1, 2, 3, c, Deacon, all selfs, leader marvellous col., good bold head, deep broad chest, real Norwich shape, grand quality; 2nd, again grand shape, well-filled-in neck, good head and capital quality; 3rd, fine grass-green col., grand shape and substance, nice quality; 4, Barker and Abbott, short and stout, nice substance and rich col.; vhc, hc, Walker. BUFF (13): 1, c, Hawkes, foul, grand shape, good head, nice wings and tail, grand quality and col.; 2, Walker, foul, nice size and shape, capital substance and col.; 3, Walker, rare short thick bird, grand head, neck and chest, worth its place; 4, hc, Harrison, foul tail, plenty of substance, quality and col.; vhc, Deacon, real grand exhibit, must have pressed hard for higher position. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Turner, foul wings and tail, splendid shape and col., all type, good one; 2, hc, Harrison, foul wings, the best of shape, rare col., well across the perch; 3, Trengove, slashing size, good head and shape; 4, Barker and Abbott, foul, good quality; vhc, Lawson; c, Hawkes. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Barker and Abbott, leader foul, a bouncer, fine shape, all front, the right stamp; 2nd, foul tail, capital short thick bird, grand head, well-filled-in neck, fine quality; 3, Deacon, slightly foul, nice shape, fair size, good quality; 4, S. Hadwin, very similar bird; vhc, hc, Harrison; c, Deacon. A.O.V. CAN. (13): 1, Sandiford, wing mkd. dark Crest, runner-up for Stanley cup, grand crest, of good size, radiation, and droop, well centred, and good broad leafy feather, good substance of body; 2, Hales, fine buff cinnamon, good head and type, nice col. and quality; 3, Walsh, buff Scotch Fancy, good circle, nice size and quality; 4, Phillipson, wing and tail mkd. D.C., neat crest, well centred, nice quality; vhc, Walsh, yell. Scotch Fancy; hc, no name; c, Hales, both buff cinns.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE (10): 1, 2, Bond, Can.-Bullfinch leading, grand col. and size, close compact feather and splendid condition; 2nd, bonny Siskin-Can., magnificent feather, nice col. and condition; 3, Howe, eye and wing mkd. Goldfinch-Can., very taking exhibit, grand size, feather like box, lovely col.; 4, Walsh, variegated Goldfinch-Can. again, grand size and quality; vhc, Marsh, dark Goldfinch-Can.; hc, Linnet-Can.; c, Issott, Linnet-Can. HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, J. M. Walsh, Linnet-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, and Redpoll Bullfinch, four grand exhibits, staged in lovely form; vhc, Mapp, Goldfinch; hc, Johnson Bros., Goldfinch-Bullfinch. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Kilner, very fine Finch, grand blaze and bars, rich tan, good size and feather; 2, Almond, again grand col. and size, good blaze, well shown; 3, Gates, good size and blaze; 4, Jones, another good bird, excellent markings, tan and blaze; vhc, Riley; hc, Hurst; c, Beaty. LINNET (19): 1, Moss, grand Linnet, put down in the pink, good sound rich col., very well pencilled, in lovely bloom; 2, J. M. Walsh, beautifully mkd., good size and type, just a wee bit behind in col.; 3, Spinks, good col., excellent markings, in perfect feather; 4, J. M. Walsh, good size and col., nice close feather; vhc, Hunt; hc, Johnson Bros.; c, Tams and Son. FIELD-MOULTED (20): 1, Pyke, nice cobby bird, correct col., well mkd. throughout, real good one; 2, Hayward, exceedingly well pencilled, nice shape and col.; 3, Jones, capital size, superior col. and quality; 4, Hunt, good size, nice col., well pencilled; vhc, Marsh; hc, Cleminson and Taylor; c, Walsh. GREENFINCH (14): 1, vhc, Hurst, extra size, magnificent col. and bloom, very steady, a gem; 2, Beaty, big bouncing bird, splendid shape, good one; 3, Hunter, splendid col. and feather, shown in the pink of condition; 4, Ridge, nice type and col.; hc, Jones; c, Johnson Bros. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, Almond, exceedingly fine Twite, marvellous col., shines like satin, well mkd.; 2, Almond, very smart Siskin, rare col. and feather; 3, c, Walsh, Twite, large, grand quality and shape; 4, Hurst, Siskin, grand exhibit, good 4th; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Hales. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, Jones, grand Hawfinch, plenty of size, grand bib and col., put down in fine trim; 2, Johnson Bros., clinking Yellowhammer, good col. and markings; 3, J. M. Walsh, very fine Bullfinch, rich breast col., dense cap, lovely shape and quality; 4, Hunter, Chaffinch, very good specimen, grand shape, quality and col.; vhc, Beaty, Bramblefinch; hc, Simpson, Hawfinch; c, Johnson Bros., Meadow Bunting. INSECTIV. (13): 1, J. M. Walsh, noted Chough, grand beak and legs, lovely bloom and sheen; 2, Pickles, magnificent Waxwing, well staged; 3, Riley, very nice Wryneck, much admired; 4, Beaty, Black Redstart, good one all through; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Johnson Bros.; c, Robinson. FOR., SMALL (11): 1, 3, hc, J. M. Walsh, Golden Fruitsuckers, Gouldian Finch, and Parson Finch, all in grand order, and beautifully staged; 2, Pickles, Maroon Tanager, good one; 4, Beaty; vhc, c, Watson. LARGE (17): 1, 3, hc, J. M. Walsh, Macaw, Jay, and Viga Jay in order named, all good and much admired; 2, Collinson, fine Alexandrine, well put down; 4, Beaty, Hawk-head Parrot; vhc, Watson, Purple-capped Lory; c, Watson, Scaly-breasted Parrakeets. COMMON FINCH (18): 1, Beaty, Nutmeg Finches; 2, Holden, Cordon Bleus; 3, 4, c, Watson, Orange-breasted Waxbills, Avadavats, and St. Helena Waxbills; vhc, hc, Pyke. SELL. (12/6) (35): 1, Marsh; 2, Trengove; 3, Cleminson and Taylor; ex. 3, Sandiford; 4, vhc, Bevan; hc, Proctor; c, Burns. (£1) (29): 1, Sandiford; 2, Leeming Bros.; 3, Coventry; ex. 3, Curwen; 4, Steeple; vhc, Bevan; hc, Marsh; c, Burrows. GIFT (9): 1, Marsh; 2, Sandiford; 3, Williams; 4, Issott; vhc, Dent; hc, Parkinson; c, Metcalf.

SPRINGBURN (Glasgow).

The 36th annual show of Scotch Fancy Canaries was held in the Reid Hall on November 13th. Entries were down somewhat, but the quality of the birds was good, and the judges, Messrs. Clark (Rutherglen), and Nisbet (Galston), had no difficulty in placing them in order of merit. Mr. Knox, the well-known fancier, is president, and Mr. F. Waugh is an ideal secretary. Mr. Black, of Govan, won the cup and medal; the former is now his absolute property, having been won three times. This is the sixth cup won this year by his buff piebald, an unprecedented record.

YELL. CK. (5): 1, McNeil, neat, correct, good drive, shoulder and body; 2, Black, neat and typical, well set on pins; 3, Phillips, erect, fine drive and shoulders; 4, 6, Gray; 5, Duncan. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, McIlwain, 1st erect, fine reach, heavy tapered, nice side, 2nd similar type; 3, Gray, grand, solid bird, typical; 5, 6, Duncan. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 2, McIlwain, 1st grand body, erect, decided drive, solid back, 2nd erect, nice crouch and droop, plenty of top end. HEN (7): 1, 2, Black, superior pair, erect decided drive, prominent shoulders; 3, No name, good, all-round type; 4, 5, McIlwain; 6, Waugh. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, Black, fine length, neat head, long neck, grand droop; 2, Hyndman, neat, typical exhibit, close in feather; 3, McIlwain, good model; 4, Phillips; 5, Waugh; 6, Duncan. HEN: 1, Black, full of quality, neat and stylish; 2, McNeil, close in feather, compact and stylish; 3, McIlwain, good type; 4, Duncan. BUFF CK.: 1, McIlwain, erect, fine reach, good shoulder and body; 2, Black, grand back and body; 3, 4, Duncan; 5, Phillips; 6, Hyndham. HEN (5): 1, cup, and medal, Black, well-known winner, looking as well as ever, wonderful vitality; 2, Black, grand type and style; 3, Phillips, good stamp; 4, Waugh. FOUL CK. (6): 1, 2, Gray, erect, decided drive, good shoulder and body; 3, 4, McIlwain, good style; 5, McNeil. HEN (5): 1, Black, erect, very decided drive, good shoulder and body; 2, 3, McIlwain, neat and typical; 4, McNeil; 5, Duncan. SELL. (7): 1, 5, Phillips; 2, 6, Hyndman; 3, 4, Duncan.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB

Annual members' show, held at Angel Hall, Merthyr, on November 3rd. It was a record one, nearly 200 entries facing the judge, Mr. T. H. Melhuish. The Norwich and Yorks were excellent classes. British were very scarce; why this should be so is a puzzle. With five cups and bowls, and a splendid array of specials, competition was keen. The local committee consists of Messrs. G. L. Harber, J. B. Rees, L. Lewis, and Ben Davies. The last-mentioned we were sorry to hear was undergoing an operation for his eyes, and a letter of sympathy was sent, hoping the operation would be successful. Mr. Bert Brown made an excellent secretary, having everything in his office working perfectly. Mr. J. H. Jones was show manager and had everything in order, every exhibit being accounted for. The show was visited by fanciers from all parts of Wales. Nearly fifty classes were provided, with as goodly an array of cups, bowls, prizes and specials, as any society going, and yet the society has barely sixty members yet. The members are, Celtic like, full of fire and enthusiasm. Judging began promptly, and the cards were up by dinner-time.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Harber, old winner, grand body and quality; 2, Brown, nice body, clean waist, good wings and tail; 3, G. T. Jones, grand col., will improve; 4, Pritchard, smaller but nice type; vhc, Yeo. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, and spl. for best Nor. in show, Sheldon, a gem, head, neck and body true, and covered with such perfect buff feathering, served up perfect, last year's noted unflig. we understand; 2, G. T. Jones, nice type, cobby body; 3, Pritchard, another sweet bird, hard to part them; 4, Hill; vhc, Cleaves; hc, Eynon; c, Harber. TKD., ETC.: 1, Harber, variegated, nice level feather, good body; 2, Jones, another heavily-mkd., fine body and feather, quickly claimed; 3, Castree, buff mkd., nice type; 4, Pritchard; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Sheldon, cl. yell., model, nice size, lovely quality, clean as boxwood; 2, Hill, nice hen; 3, hc, Tedstone, former fine shaped hen; 4, Pritchard, lovely type and quality; vhc, Harber; c, Yeo, a grand class of hens. BUFF: 1, Harber, sweet hen all round, clean moulded; 2, 3, Pritchard, former grand hen, 3rd shade smaller, but very sweet; 4, vhc, G. T. Jones, runs close; hc, Tedstone; c, Brown; the best class of Norwich in show, and gave the judge some trouble to sort out. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Pritchard, good bold bird of grand feather, will improve yet; 2, G. T. Jones, nice style and finish; 4, Harber; vhc, Cleaves; c, Tedstone. BUFF: 1, Tedstone, good in head and neck, lovely quality; 2, vhc, Sheldon, runs close to leader; 3, Hill, another nice bird; 4, Cleaves; hc, Harber. PAIRS: 1, Pritchard; 2, Harber; 3, Jones; 4, Eynon. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, spl, 3, c, Owens, nice cobby buff; 2, 4, vhc, Brown, again good type and quality; hc, spl, Mrs. Harber. NON-FED NOR. OR YORKS: 1, spl, Pritchard, grand buff leading, good bird throughout; 2, Brown; 3, W. Davies; 4, Capt B. W. Collier, Brecon; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Mrs. Harber; c, Jones. YORKS, CL. YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, Cross, leader great length, nice feather and type, wants tubbing; 2, 3, hc, Gregory, 2nd good one, 3rd nice bird. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, hc, Gregory, leader sweetly moulded, stands perfectly, 2nd hardly so nicely drawn perhaps; 3, 4, vhc, Cross, leader nice buff. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, Gregory, another grand in length and style and true position; 2, 4, hc, Cross, runs leader close, but not quite so full of bloom. HEN, YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Gregory, grand cl. leading, moulded to perfection, lovely feather, nice length, 2nd not quite so clean cut, 3rd also good one; 4, vhc, c, Cross. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Gregory, nice style, very taking hens, benched to perfection; 3, vhc, c, Cross, not quite the style of leaders. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Gregory, 1st sweetly moulded, clean waisted, with a coat perfect in sheen, full of bloom, wins easy, 3rd stronger; 2, c, Cook, nice stylish Yorks; 4, Cross; hc, Pritchard. BUFF: 1, 2, spls, for best Yorks in show, Gregory, neck mkd., nice moulded head, neck and shoulders, long bodied, plenty of swagger; 2nd close up in all but length; 3, 4, hc, Cross, leader nice bird. YORKS, PAIRS: 1, spl, Gregory, nicely matched pair, buff neck mkd. cock, yell. non-fed hen, and we understand parents of Mr. Gregory's best birds. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, spl, 4, hc, Mortimer, nice long yell. leading; 2, 3, J. Pritchard, two nice Yorkies. SCOT. FCY. CL.: 1, spl, 2, Jones, two small ones, but good movers, plenty of nerve; 3, Lewis. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Jones, leader nice top, gets head down nicely; 3, Lewis, fine substance. GREEN, ETC., A.V.: 1, spl, Mrs. Harber. A.O.V.: 1, 2 spls, Lewis, good buff Belgian, gets into position when handled; 2, Pritchard, buff even mkd. Nor.; 3, Tedstone, yell. ditto, both good ones. UNFLIG., A.O.V.: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Lewis. SELL. (£3): 1, spl, Tedstone; 2, Eynon. (21/-): 1, Harber; 2, Tedstone; 3, Lewis. (10/-): 1, spl, Jones; 2, Yeo; 3, Tedstone. CL. MULE: 1, Harber; 2, Castree. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Lewis, nice Finch, with good expansive blaze of grand col. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Lewis. GREENFINCH: 1, Yeo; 2, Price. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Price; 2, no name. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Castree. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Price; 2, Jones. A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Castree, nice Wheatear, nice feather and steady. NOVICE BRIT: 1, Yeo. FOR.: 1, Castree, Toucan; 2, Jones, Waxbill; both well staged. The Toronto Canada medal for three best birds was won by Mr. Gregory, with Yorks; 2nd best, Mr. G. Harber, with Nor. Mr. Gregory won the Yorks. cup outright for the third time with a grand team, the other cups are still running.

BLACKWOOD (Mon.)

A few classes were provided for cage birds at the show of the Blackwood Fur and Feather Society, which was held in the Drill Hall on November 11th, and some good quality exhibits put in an appearance. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr. Christmas and his committee, and the result was a most successful little show. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (5): 1, spl, r, Beavan, grand-shaped yell., capital col., feather and style, very nervy; 2, 3, Davies, slim stylish wing tkd. yell., neat feather; 3rd, also yell. of nice style and feather, but stonier; hc, Hunt. HEN (1): 1, Beaven, very nicely feathered tkd. headed buff, capital shape and carriage. NOR. (7): 1, spl, spl best members', 3, hc, Davies, tkd. headed and wing mkd. yell. of grand colour and shape, nice feather, winner the smartest in wing carriage; 2, Muscutt, very neat, shapely, close-feathered cl.; r, Castree; vhc, Hill. HEN (5): 1, Hill, very nice quality, variegated yell., good in shape and col.; 2, r, Davies, very neat, short, chubby buff of nice feather; 3, Beavan, shapely, rich-coloured cl. yell.; hc, Hunt. A.O.V. (7): 1, Morris, heavily feathered, dome-headed green C.B.; 2, Muscutt, neat wing mkd. Crest, nice centre and droop; 3, vhc, hc, Hunt, large, variegated yell. Mule; r, Richards; wrong class, 5, Davies, green Yorks. A.O.V. BRIT. (2): 1, Castree, very nicely mkd., rich coloured, grandly feathered Wheatear; wrong class, No. 1, M. Davies, a Can.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

The annual show of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.S.B. and F.B.A. was held on Nov. 12th and 13th, and, taken all over, the entries were good. Norwich Plainheads were a sweet collection, some good ones being staged, and the quality throughout was of a very high order. The Novice classes were especially good. Crests and Crest birds were a nice variety, and here the classes were very keenly contested. Borders, on the whole, were a disappointment in regard to entries, but the quality was A1. Yorkshires, too, were good classes, and competition was very keen, while the Cinnamon class contained some toppers. The Mules and Hybrids were, on the whole, a really grand lot. Another sensation in the shape of a Clear Linnet Mule was on view, some voting it a Canary and others a Mule. British were the feature of the show, some real stormers being on view. Goldfinches especially were a rare class, and the winner was greatly admired. The show was held in the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, a large roomy building, but on the Saturday morning many of the birds were feeling the keen frost. The management was all that could be desired. Mr. Bowman makes an ideal secretary, and he was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M'Lay, A. Sloan, W. Barrie, A. Henderson, M. Donaghy, E. Barron, D. S. Gowans, J. L. Burnett, A. Chalmers, G. Stewart, P. Easton, R. A. Brown, B. Jamieson, J. Crawford, J. M'Ewan, J. M'Leod, J. Ferguson, T. Erskine, D. Grnham, C. Martin, R. Watson, J. Campbell, G. Fyfe, R. Thomson, and the show manager, Mr. Frank Taylor. The judges were: Mr. Calderwood (Norwich Plainheads), Mr. C. Campbell (C. and C.-B. and Yorkshires), Mr. Smillie (Borders), and Messrs. Arrighi and S. Ward (British Mules and Foreign). The awards, on the whole, appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Norwich Classes.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Lyall, finely rounded, A1 shape and finish, good col. and front, neat in head, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Hutchison, plenty of size, good shape, fine headed one; 3, spl, Erskine, very sweet bird, nice shape, well forward in col., well staged; 4, Cameron, grand body and taper, splendid bloom, beaten in head only; 5, Godley, nice quality feather; vhc, spl, Ferguson; hc, Winter; c, Martin. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Sneaton, lovely Bully shape, grand front and head, free from roughness, rare wings and quality, neat size, well placed; 2, spl, Jarvie, shade rough, good col. and head, grand size; 3, Hutcheson, very nice type, good finish, well forward in col.; 4, hc, Roulstone, well forward in size, very nicely put down; 5, Jefirey, grand bloom, well placed; vhc, Cameron, lovely bloom and finish, some thought might have been higher a shade; c, Braidwood. VARIEG. OR GREEN CK. (15): 1, Jarvie, neat feathered one, plenty of col., good wing carriage, neat head properties; 2, Smeaton, again all there, a yell. varieg., better fronted bird, scarcely in so good bloom, must have pressed, however; 3, Devoy, buff, plenty of size, grandly coloured, wants a little more time; 4, spl, Peterson, buff, plenty of size, nice col.; vhc, Cameron; hc, Crawford; c, spl, Thomson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (18): 1, spl, Jarvie, good all-round type, grand quality feather, finely rounded bird, staged in tip-top order; 2, Watson, grand head, rare fronted, very close in feather, well up in col.; 3, Roulstone, neat head, and well up in size; 4, Holmes, shade slimmer got up, but nice shape and good in head; 5, spl, Jeffrey, lovely shape, grand quality feather, nice size and position; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Wilson; c, spl, Smeaton. BUFF (15): 1, Jarvie, nice fed one, splendid front, lovely wing carriage, grandly cut, full of bloom, good exhibit; 2, spl, Watson, good all round shape and quality; 3, Roberts, nice type and well up in size; 4, Roulstone, plenty of size; 5, Marr, large one, good head and front; vhc, Roulstone; hc, Thomson; c, Braidwood. VARIEG., ETC. (23): 1, Latta, very nice yell. variegd., grand eye, lovely texture of feather, staged to perfection, wins and no mistake; 2, Martin, also a yell., grand quality feather, staged in marvellous bloom; 3, spl, 4, spl., Watson, two good ones, yell. variegd. leading, nice type, well staged; 4, buff, inclined to be plain looking, but close and light in feather; 5, Muir, nice quality buff, fine shape and finish; vhc, Braidwood; hc, Crawford; c, Kelly. NON-FED. CK. (21): 1, spl, Watson, rattling good buff, finely rounded, full and free in front, well drawn, put down in lovely order; 2, Sloan, yell., nice shape, good quality feather, grand drawn; 3, Martin, foul yell., again plenty of size, grand feather; 4, spl, Muir, yell., good one, nice front and head, well placed; 5, McComb, good buff, plenty size, etc.; vhc, McLintoch; hc, Edwards; c, Scott. HEN (21): 1, Smeaton, grand buff, fine size and shape, lovely head, slightly mkd., lovely taper and wing carriage, grand bloom; 2, Jarvie, again a buff, good shape, well drawn; 3, Winter, broken green, nice size, lovely quality feather; 4, Watson, buff varieg., inclined to be a shade slim; 5, Ferguson, cl. buff, grand feather, etc., well placed; vhc, Lyall; hc, Roulstone; c, Barron. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Sloan, A1 size and shape, splendidly finished, grand head and wing carriage, well up in size, tip-top col.; 2, Jarvie, again A1 size, lovely col.; 3, spl, Henderson, large one, full of bloom, good noble front; 4, Gamble, nice type, good front, very neat in head, A1 col., well placed; 5, Roulstone; vhc, spl, Ferguson; hc, Simpson; c, Cameron. BUFF (23): 1, spl, Martin, good stamp of a Nor., fine, full-headed bird, grand front, well cut, lovely feather; 2, spl, Simpson, again plenty of size, nice tone of col.; 3, Easton, grand feather, nice shape and finish; 4, Houston, nice quality feather, good shape; 5, Gowan, similar to 4th, wants a little more size; vhc, c, spl, Henderson; hc, Smith. YELL. HEN (23): 1, spl, c, spl, Godley, good stamp, fine depth throughout, noble looking in appearance, A1 col., well drawn; 2, Martin, large one, nice bird all through; 3, spl, Simpson, grand feather, very nice in shape, good all round bird, well placed; 4, spl, Henderson, nice quality and finish; 5, Jarvie, again on small side, but A1 quality and finish; vhc, Miller; hc, Godley; c, spl, Watson. BUFF (19): 1, Smeaton, wins, real good one, correct size, lovely proportion, nice full head and front and A1 wing carriage and finish, well put down; 2, spl, Holmes, grand shape, again in lovely bloom, fine quality feather; 3, Houston, neat bird, A1 feather, etc.; 4, spl, Roulstone, good bird, nice size and shape; 5, Cameron, lovely order, grand quality feather, worth its place; vhc, spl, Simpson; hc, Ferguson; c, Thomson. NOVICE CK. (19): 1, McNeill, large buff, shade long in appearance, broken in col., good head, neat quality feather; 2, Munro, nice shape and finish, put down in lovely order; 3, c, Strank, varieg. buff, nice size, good quality feather, A1 shape and finish, well staged, nicely put down; 4, McEwan, large nat. col. buff, good shape, lovely finish, exceedingly well staged, well worth its place; 5, spl, Barron, well fed, yell., foul, nice quality feather, etc.; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Russell; c, Strank. HEN (25): 1, spl, 4, Powell, leader buff, grand type, lovely head, A1 quality feather, well staged; 4, variegd. buff, plenty of size; 2, Maxwell, stoutly made, plenty of shape and quality; 3, Gentle, neat front, good quality and finish; 5, Smith, well fed, lovely quality feather, should make good one yet; vhc, Steel; hc, spl, Munro; c, Easton. SELL. (20/-) (24): 1, Brown; 2, Gowans; 3, Morrison; 4, Easton; vhc, spl, c, McLay; 5, Snowden; hc, Scaife. 13/-, (34): 1, spl, Roulstone; 2, Muir; 3, Harper; 4, spl, Morrison; 5, Paterson; vhc, Gill; hc, Houston; c, McLeod.

The Crests and Borders.

CREST CK. (8): 1, McLay, very massive cl. body, grizzle crest, long and feathery, of good radiation; 2, Adamson, variegd. body D.C., ol neat formation, well groomed, shorter body feather; 3, spl, Noble, massive body and feather, good frontal and droop; 4, McNaughton, cl. body., variegd. crest, grand body and substance; 5, spl, Sanderson, variegd. body, green Crest, one of the best in class, neatly-formed crest; 6, Cram, lightly variegd. body, green Crest; 7, Wilson; 8, Stewart. HEN (11): 1, two spls, Spratt's silver teapot, best Can. in show, McLay, variegd. buff D.C., neat and well laid feather, graceful droop; 2, Noble, variegd. D.C., ol splendid body substance, crest well up in feather, dense centre; 3, Young, wing-mkd. buff D.C., plenty body feather of rare length, well-groomed crest, neatly formed; 4, Cram, dark body and crest, strongly built and great density crest feather; 5, Smart, variegd. buff D.C., grand drooping formation; 6, Montgomery, neat variegd. body D.C.; 7, spl, London; 8, Clark. C.B. CK. (10): 1, spl, 2, Noble, former buff green, of great density and length of body feather, massive full head, well cushioned front and eyes; 2nd, variegd. buff, also of grand feather and size, just fails a little to winner in skull; 3, spl, McLay, buff variegd., extra long body feather, hardly so full of head feather, perhaps; 4, McNaughton, well up in head properties; 5, spl, Lamb and Page, rare quality throughout, dense feather, well-formed skull; 6, spl, Griffiths, well-feathered skull; 7, spl, Stirling; 8, Burnett. HEN (11): 1, McLay, again at front with a grand buff variegd., rare length of feather, head well filled all round, lovely browed; 2, Adamson, green of great body feather, neat filled head; 3, Sanderson, buff variegd., A1 cushioned head; 4, Thomson, green body, also well up in head properties; 5, Griffiths, strongly made body and head, well-formed brow feather; 6, McNaughton, buff, wing tick, massive body; 7, Stewart; 8, Kirkwood. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (20/-) (13): Some good bargains here at the money; 1, Young; 2, Henderson; 3, Crawford; 4, Muir; 5, Tweedie; 6, McLay; 7, McNaughton; 8, Thomson. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, B.F.C. medal, Bennet, one of the best seen this season, clear, sweetly drawn body, well placed wings, head well rounded and graceful style, very level colour; 2, spl, McKenzie, tick head, similar type, A1 carriage, sweet head and neck, close shiny feather, grand bird; 3, McAdam, cl., also grand type, well carried wings and tail, very close, just beaten in bloom; 4, Lawrie, neat head and neck, good back, very level hot colour; 5, McLevy, cl., neat head, chest and wings well placed; 6, Buchanan, cl., very neat exhibit; 7, Hutcheson; 8, Nisbet. BUFF CK. (8): 1, spl, McKenzie, one of the improving sort, warm mealy feather, sweetly rounded head, well-cut-out neck and chest, wings well carried, nicely-packed tail; 2, spl, Bennet, exact copy of winner in shape and quality, well up in bloom, one of last season's champions, hard to separate; 3, Tod, also of grand build, neat head, A1 carriage; 4, spl, Brown, good head and well-cut front, nicely-tapered body; 5, Buchanan, cl., of lovely feather, close well-knit body; 6, Hutcheson, well-moulded body, neat set on wings and tail; 7, Colley; 8, McLevy. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Bennet, cl. leading, with another new competitor, full front, well-rounded head, neatly-cut-away sides, short flights, very compact tail, wins well; 2, Auld, cl., very neat and stylish, A1 front and head, sweetly drawn body; 3, McKenzie, cl. also, small round head, well-tapered body, close up with 2nd; 4, Hutcheson, head tick, extra close in feather, very jaunty carriage, well-packed wings and tail; 5, Buchanan, very free and bold carriage. BUFF (5): 1, Bennet, one of his last season's ones, grandly-rounded front, wings carried to perfection, neat close tail; 2, Webster, stouter built body perhaps, but neat, round head, well set up, in lovely feather; 3, McAdam, similar in build, easy and graceful worker; 4, Tod, neatly-formed body, well-filled back and tail; 5, McLevy, well-set-up position, full round head, free neck, well-cut front. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, McKenzie, head, eyes and wing yell., sweetly turned body, well tapered; 2, Findlay, very jaunty five-pointed yell., neat head, well-cut neck and front, fine mover; 3, Brown, lightly varieg. yell., shade longer body perhaps, lovely bloom; 4, spl, Easton, buff grizzle, eyes, wing and head tick, A1 quality feather, neat round head, nicely tapered body; 6, Duncan, varieg. buff of excellent type and feather, not far behind winners; 6, Shearer, buff, almost even, good type, grand quality feather; 7, Auld; 8, spl, Tod. HEN (10): 1, McKenzie, well-known old lady, this making her 14th first, grandly balanced eyes and wings, type of the best for an even, well up in bloom; 2, Duncan, very graceful, five-pointed yell., sweetly-drawn body, hard lines to meet winner; 3, McAdam, variegd. yell., trifle stronger in build, fine close feather; 4, Shearer, extra neat varieg. cinn. yell., nice jaunty carriage, good exhibit; 5, Findlay, variegd. buff, also good in type; 6, spl, Colley, almost even, of very fine quality; 7, Hutcheson, some preferred for 3rd, finely-finished feather, type of the best, neat round head, eyes and wing mark; 8, Joyce. CINN. CK. (9): 1, Bennet, again to the fore with a fresh face, very sound body, grass col., neat pencillings, feather very close and shining; 2, Haddow, nice shade, stouter body, sound ground col. and lacings; 3, Lawrie, yell. cinn., very neat, light level col., nicely laced; 4, 5, Cowie, cinn. of rare type and deep col.; 6, Lambie, neatly made grass-green; 7, Forrest; 8, Thomson. HEN (11): 1, Forrest, good type, grand sound col. and pencillings; 2, Hood, lovely cinn., of grand col. and pencillings; 3, Haddow, extra well modelled cinn. yell., very fine head, grand shining feather; 4, Bennet, yell. green, type of the best and pencillings; 5, Lawrie, buff cinn., very neat shape, sound in col.; 6, Wood, green, good type; 7, Thomson; 8, Twamley. SELL. (10/-) (10): 1, McKenzie; 2, Brown; 3, spl, McAdam; 4, Findlay; 5, spl, McWatt; 6, 7, Wood; 8, Hunter.

The Yorkshires and Cinnamons.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (21): 1, McRobbie, wings and eye tick, free and upstanding type, cleanly cut front, well filled back and wings; 2, 3, spl, Dr. Syson, well-drawn body, neat head and nicely-formed shoulders; 3, Girvan, an extra long one, well balanced, grand wings and tail, well carried; 4, Gibb, head tick, good filled back; 5, Braidy, wing tick, very hot col., close feather, well up in length; 6, Crichton, wee bit smaller, well tapered body; 7, spl, McLellan. BUFF (18): 1, spl, 4, Paterson, leading with lovely cl., one of the best for feather we have seen, fine erect pose, grand worker, tight as a bottle; 2, Sinclair, also well up in type and feather; 3, spl, Dr. Syson, wing tick, very hot col., grand body and tail; 5, spl, Martin, grand position, neat head and neck, very fine front; 6, spl, McRobbie, well modelled, neat carriage, sound level col.; 7, Webster; 8, spl, Ross. YELL. HEN (16): 1, McRobbie, sweetly drawn one, close feather, hot level col.; 2, Dr. Syson, presses winner closely, lovely feather and col., bold and free pose, sweetly drawn body; 3, spl, McDougall, bit soft when we were taking notes, grand col.; 4, Webster, tick head, very fine feather; 5, Forrest, lengthy body and tail, hardly so jaunty perhaps; 6, spl, Paterson, splendid type, well-packed wings and tail; 7, Wilson; 8, Gibb. BUFF (13): 1, Ireland, nat. col. cl., A1 feather; 2, Webster, stronger build, lovely hot col., very level; 3, spl, Penman, close up, neat head and shoulders, well moulded, fine lengthy body; 4, 5, Paterson, sweetly made, fine head, well tapered wings and tail, hardly ready; 5, Hendry, good close feather, nice body; 7, 8, spl, Dr. Syson. CINN. (6): 1, spl, 3, Godley, lemon very hot col., grand size; 3rd, neat Nor. type of true cinn. col. and markings; 2, 7, spl, Rae, lemon grand buff, neat front and head, excellent col., close feather; 4, 5, Ewen and Anderson, good type, very hot col.; 6, Johnston, neat buff; 8, Fyfe.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

CL. ETC., MULE (6): 1, Webster, what was the sensation of the show, in the shape of a cl. Linnet Mule, on close examination, like a Canary, but when observed from a distance, shape and action of a Linnet, nice size and good in col.; 2, Douglas, cl. Linnet-Canary, different type and col., warm shade of body col., almost white on head, looks like a hen, in better order than when shown at "The City"; 3, spl, McNicol, clinking non-fed yell., variegd. Goldie, great size, staged in fine bloom; 4, Jamieson, well-known buff variegd. Goldie, plenty of size; 5, Kerr, variegd. Goldie, well shown, in fine order; vhc, Taylor. DARK GOLDIE CAN. (11): 1, Martin, bouncer for size, grand shape, lovely quality feather, fine tone of col., should do some winning; 2, Gill, good one, plenty of col. and bloom, nice wings and bars; 3, McLeau, dense faced, very forward in col. and condition; 4, McWatt, again good yell., nice shade of col., very forward in condition; well worth place; 5, Muir, good buff, nice expansive blaze; vhc, Thomson; hc, Allan; c, Nicoll. DARK LINNET, ETC. (17): 1, Brown, noted Jonque Linnet, rare size, well mkd., carrying as much sheen as ever, wins comfortable; 2, Coffy, good Jonque Greenie, nice size, dense in col., looks like wanting a rest; 3, Roddie, nice Linnet, well up in col. and lacing; 4, Somerfield, good yell. Greenie, fine col. and size, well placed; 5, Morrison, good-looking Linnet, been washing when taking notes; vhc, Elliott; hc, spl, Shellam; c, Buchanan. CAN. MULE A.O.V. (BULLFINCH EXCEPT) (14): 1, spl, McMilau, a good Jonque Siskin, well laced, well up in size, should make up a stormer; 2, McDougal, large buff Twite, plenty of size, well laced, staged in rare bloom; 3, Donaghy, sweet Redpoll, showing parentage well, nice size and flush; 4, Thomson, again a Redpoll, well up in size; 5, Shellam, Siskin, well spangled, plenty of size; vhc, Watson; hc, Erskine; c, Somerfield. BULLFINCH HYB. (including Can.-Bullie) (9): 1, spl, Holmes, the best Goldie-Bullie in Scotland at present time, nice size, good dense face, grandly marked; shown in tip-top bloom; 2, Douglas, Canary-Bullie, nicely mkd., neat col.; 3, Dale, Goldie-Bullie, fine flush, good in col. throughout; 4, Thomson, nice Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, good depth of col., could be improved in staging; 5, Heron, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape; vhc, Allan; hc, Mills; c, Nicoll. A.O.V. HYB. (10): 1, 2, Coffy, leader, Redpoll-Goldie, good one, fine flush face, well up in size, grand order, well staged; 2, a Bramble-Chaffinch, nice col., and in fine order; 3, Hepburn, Greenie-Goldie, good face and bars and fine size; 4, Irvine, looked a buff Greenie Canary, some thought lucky to beat; 5, Taylor, Greenie-Goldie, again A1 size, nice face and wings; vhc, Martin, best conditioned bird in class, a Redpoll-Greenie, similar in appearance, grand size; hc, Taylor; c, Jamieson. SELL. MULE (12): 1, Watson; 2, Douglas; 3, Buchanan; 4, Bell and Readhead; 5, Williams; vhc, Johnston; hc, Webster; c, Bruce. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (34): 1, McMinn Bros., Pride of Galloway, real nice Finch, grandly put down, lovely tannings, fine cheeks, nice bird, good square-cut blaze, beating others on body col.; 2, Tod, a shade smaller, but marvellous quality of feather, good dense face; 3, Paine, Boness winner in new hands, real good Finch, should improve, well buttoned; 4, Millian, good col.; 5, spl, Tams and Sons, real beauty, lovely tannings, large cheeks; vhc, Elliot; hc, Kirk; c, Young. BULLFINCH (26): 1, Roddie, nice shaped Finch, good broad head and large cap, and noble front, fine breast col., well put down, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Bruce, similar shape to winner, grand front and head, tight as wax; 3, Thomson, undoubtedly the best Bullfinch in class for col. and finish, deep crimson breast col., grand back and wing bars; 4, Mackay, nice depth of col. and shape, shade rough at thighs; 5, McQuislon, nice one, Carlisle winner, good shape and col.; vhc, Guthrie; hc, spl, Raine; c, Gillies. LINNET (28): 1, spl, 5, McQuiston, again in the winning ranks with his old champions, leader a beauty, lovely tone of col., well pencilled; 5, very neat, full bloom; 2, Erskine, (Blythswood Jem), gem and no mistake, splendidly laced and beautifully finished off; 3, Malcolmson, grand flights, neatly mkd., well worth place; 4, Muir, again all there for finish; vhc, Brown; hc, McLean; c, Williams. SISKIN (14): 1, Hoyle, good all round, neat cap and fine dense bib, well up in size, very nicely fed, real tip-top exhibit, well staged; 2, Barron, good nat. col. one, fine front, splendidly laced on flanks, neat cap and bib; 3, McGregor and Boyd, hot fed one, nice tone of col., very shapely; 4, c, McGavin, nat. col.; 5, McDougall, well up in size and good all-round col.; vhc, Erskine; hc, McMinn Bros.; unnoticed No. 5, Cameron, thought by some undoubtedly the best Siskin in class, grand bib and very neat in lacing. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, Martin, Twite, plenty of size, dense in col., grand lacing, rare flights, well put down, lovely order; 2, spl, Johnston (Dreadnought), clinking mealy, lovely shape, well spangled on flanks free from heaviness; 3, Kerr, Twite, shade slim got up, but very neatly laced and good ground col; 4, Moffat, Mealy Redpoll, grand size, massive bird, rare bib and mkgs.; 5, McQuiston, Twite, fine quality feather; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Wilson; c, Hoyle. LESSER (23): 1, vhc, spl hc, Allan, leader nice one, fine size, grand quality feather, very dense in bib, large Poll, well staged; 2, Williams, fine cap, rare tone of col., well up in size, grandly staged; 3, McQuiston, good, fine bib, dense in col., again grand feather; 4, Hoyle, beauty for finish, good ground col., very neatly marked; 5, Turner, good shape, nice tone of col., well laced; c, Lamb and Page. GREENFINCH (21): 1, Johnston, large bird, fine head and shape, tight in feather, well staged and in lovely bloom; 2, McQuiston, hot fed yell., demon for col., very good tone, rare flights; 3, Malcolmson, large clinking buff, grand quality feather, nice bird, well staged; 4, Christie, good tone of col., nice wing flights, wonderful condition and large; 5, McWatt, demon for size, and grand shape; vhc, Martin; hc, Williams; c, Calder. CHAFFINCH (15): 1, Reid, plenty of size and steady, nice wing bars and good breast col; 2, Erskine, beauty, lovely spring cap, rare dense blue, well cut, fine breast col., good flights; 3, Henderson, plenty of size, good wings; 4, Muir, nice Finch, good col. and finish; 5, Adams, well forward in col.; vhc, George; hc, Raine; c, Drake. BRAMBLEFINCH (10): 1, Johnston, neat Finch, good in breast col., nicely laced on head, fine tone throughout; 2, Sharpe, large, scarcely so well cut on breast, nice tone of col., good lacing, staged in fine trim; 3, Brown, nicely laced bird, well cut on breast, should improve; 4, Anderson, neat size and shape; 5, McCallum, nice quality feather, well up in col.; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Laurie; c, Alston. Not the class of Brambles we usually see at Glasgow shows. BUNTING (24): 1, vhc, Henderson, leader grand Snow Bunting, rare size, grand col., steady, well staged, good exhibit; 2, McQuiston, best Corn Bunting in Scotland, grand size, rare head and front, very showy, lovely tone of col., well placed; 3, Martin, good Yellowhammer, not the hottest in col., but sweet tone, good head and legs.; 4, spl, Erskine, Black-headed Bunting, interesting exhibit, well staged, fine size and col.; 5, Smellie, Reed Bunting, dense cap and bib, steady, and well staged; vhc, Henderson; hc, Bruce; c, Watson. SOFT BILL, SMALL (11): 1, spl, McQuiston, gem of a Bearded Tit, grand size and col., splendidly staged, wins; 2, Hoyle, nice yell. Wagtail, fine col., well shown, good size and shape; 3, 5, Taylor, 3, Black Redstart, in good order; 5, Bearded Tit; 4, McDiarmid, large piced Wagtail, grandly mkd., well worth place; vhc, spl, c, Cochrane; hc, Lawson. LARGE (9): 1, spl, Pollock, good all-round Magpie, in fine form; 2, Crockatt, nice Waxwing, in grand bloom, and well up in col., some thought lucky to beat 3 and 4, Brown, real good Fieldfare, in perfect order, grand size, well mkd., very steady; 4, noted Missel, stormer, looking better than ever; vhc, McQuiston, good Chough; hc, Richardson; c, no name. BULLFINCH HEN (18): 1, Storrie, immense size for a Brit., grand col. and cap, nice order; 2, Bald, well got up, lovely deep breast col., nice cap, beauty for quality; 3, spl, Moffat, good size, neat cap, fine wing bars, slim in build; 4, Mackay, nice shapely hen, good col., looking a shade off when we were taking notes; 5, Livingstone and Sharp, all there for col. and cap, nice quality feather; vhc, Peters; hc, Gillies; c, Wilson. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN (18): 1, spl, Bruce, noted Song-Thrush, Border Queen, in grand bloom, needs no comment; 2, 3, Cochrane, sweet yell. Wagtail, grand size and col., and a beauty of a Siskin; 4, Calder, good Yellowhammer, in fine trim, rare size and quality; 5, McQuiston, good Corn Bunting, noted winner; vhc, sp, Taylor; hc, Irvine; c, Laing. FOR. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, McLennan, demon for size and no mistake, dense face, really marvellous bird, shown in tip-top form; 2, Porteous, scarcely so good in body col. perhaps, nice one, however; 3, 5, Turner, two good ones, 3, best face and in full bloom; 4, Buchanan, nice shapely Finch, good face and lacing; vhc, Allan; hc, Peters; c, Guthrie. FOR. SMALL A.O.S. (17): 1, Pickles, pair of Red-headed Gouldians, lovely hen, good cock; 2, Morrison, some thought a lucky Whydah, nice size; 3, 4, Sellars, pair of lovely Black-cheeked Lovebirds, in grand bloom; 4, good Parrot Finch, in nice trim; 5, Carrick, pair of Bicheno Finches, "City" winners, good as ever; vhc, McPherson; hc, Mason; c, Bruce. LARGE (9): 1, Wilson, Swainson's Lorrikeet, in fine trim, sweet-looking exhibit; 2, spl, Hamilton and Wallace, neat Glossy Starling, in fine order, on small side; 3, vhc, spl, Alston, grand pair of Ornamental Parrakeets, in faultless order; 4, Frondfoot, clinking King Parrakeet, in full bloom, real beauty; 5, Carrick, nice crimson wing; hc, Carrick; c, Anderson. Class 24.—The winning Yorkshire "hen" was found to be a cock. The matter rests pending inquiry.

ABINGDON (N. Berks).

The North Berks F.S. held their sixth annual open show on November 11th, in the Corn Exchange, Abingdon, a lofty room, and free from draughts. Considering the show was not held under C.B.U. rules our section received a very good entry. In Mr. T. Bowen the society have an ideal secretary, who was well supported by a committee of good workers, the cage birds being well looked after by two excellent stewards, in Messrs. Loader and Pearce. The quality of the birds was good throughout. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Lees, with the well-known wing-marked yellow Goldfinch Mule. Other specials were won by Messrs. Lewin, Poole, Pearce, and Fleetwood. Mr. F. C. Levett judged, and his awards appeared to give entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Lewin, leader grand yell. tkd. on neck, good body, nice quality and col, 2nd cl., yell., excellent head and neck, loses only in type, 3rd Lees, well-known saddle mkd. yell., loses a trifle in size to winners; res, Hughes; vhc, Miss Gibbons; hc, Oliffe; vhc, and hc, Mrs. Robson. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Lewin, typical head, mkd. buff, good size and col., 2nd, cl buff, good type and quality; 3, Hughes, cl. yell., nice quality; res, Pearce; vhc, Viggers Bros.; hc, Dale and Gough. YORKS.: 1, 3, Hawes Bros., grand cl. buff, long, shapely, stylish, put down in grand form, looks the old champion, 2rd nice cinn. mkd., tight, in good condition; 2, Carter, long, varieg. yell, not quite the style; res, Blake; vhc, Alford; hc, Horsley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Fyfield, leader varieg. Crest, good size, plenty of nice quality feather, 2nd griz. Crest, loses only in size to winner; 3, Mrs. Waterman, nice Liz., good cap, well spangled, good col. and condition; vhc, Burborough. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, and two spls, Lees, wing mkd. Goldie leading, well-known, good colour and condition, 2nd Linnet-Bullie, grand size, steady, not quite up in col. yet, will improve, 3rd nicely mkd. four-pointed Goldie Mule, not the old winner; res, Hughes; vhc, Alford. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gough, nice expansive, square-cut blaze, rich body col., nice size; 2, Tebbutt, another good Finch, not quite the markings or polish of winner, perhaps, 3rd nice tans and buttons; res, White, not one of this old exhibitor's brand; vhc, Mrs. Marshall. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, White, good breast and cap, clear-cut bars, nice size, in excellent condition, 3rd good type and size, hardly yet up in col.; 2, Hinds, grand col., well defined cap and bars, good one; res, Viggers Bros.; vhc, Fleetwood; hc, Holiday; c, Pounsett. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, 2, spl, Poole, very smart, good sized Hawfinch, excellent col. and markings, clean-cut bib, 2nd Greenfinch, grand size and col.; 3, Bell, Hawfinch, good one, wants a little more col. and polish; res, Pearce, capital Greenfinch, not quite ready, will improve; vhc, Oliffe; hc, Wells. A.O.S., BRIT.: Cancelled. FOR. (SMALL): 1, 2, Pearce, Green Cardinal, leading, in the best of col. and condition, good markings, 2nd Palm Tanager, sweet bird, put down in grand form; 3, Holiday, pair of very taking Rufous Cordons; res, Pounsett; vhc, Mrs. Robson; hc, Holliday, a very interesting class. (LARGE): Cancelled. SELL., 12/6: 1, Lees; 2, Holiday; 3, Miss Gibbons; res, Holliday; vhc, Oliffe; hc, Poole. CAN. A.V., MEMBERS': 1, spl, Fleetwood, cl. buff Nor., good type, col., and condition; 2, Loader, nat. col., cl., buff Nor., good head and type; 3, Pearce, cl. yell. Nor., hot in col., good type and quality, lugs perch, or might have been higher up; res, Fleetwood; vhc, Inge. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Pearce, grand Lesser Whitethroat leading, followed by a sweet little Willow Warbler, put down in spotless condition, credit to their owner; res, Miss C. Robson; vhc, Slater.

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WALLSEND-ON-TYNE.

Another record show, with an accompaniment of some sensational events.

The fifth annual show of the Wallsend and Mid. Tyne C.B.A. was held on November 12th and 13th, in the Co-operative Hall, and constituted a record for the society, both in numbers and the quality of the exhibits. The hall is a very suitable place, large and well lighted, and is kept at an equal temperature throughout; also it is in close proximity to the station, thus making the show easy of access. Entries came up splendidly, 660 in 56 open classes, and about 170 in members', total 830. Norwich averaged 12 per class, and the quality of the exhibits was up to the usual excellence of the Northern shows. Yorkshires also averaged about 12 per class, and here again some really grand birds were staged. Borders were the strongest section, however, averaging about 16 per class in 8 classes, and in this section we regret to say some unpleasant incidents occurred, the exhibits of two well-known fanciers being objected to on the ground that the cages had marked perches, the alleged distinguishing marks being said to be discernible on the under side of the perches close to the wires. We understand that all the cages in question have been kept back pending the decision of the district committee of the Cage Bird Union, all the necessary protests and deposits having been placed in the hands of the C.B.U. delegate at the show. We sincerely trust that the matter will be cleared up as speedily as possible, for it is very distressing that such an imputation as collusion should be placed upon the characters of both the exhibitors and the judge. The British section made a beautiful display, both in numbers and quality, and this section provided another sensation, the bird exhibited by Mr. G. W. McPartling, of Newcastle, as a clear Greenfinch-Canary Mule, winning first in its class, only to be protested against by other exhibitors on the ground of its being a pure Canary. The necessary protests and deposits were handed in as in the previous case. We might add that this is the same bird that Mr. J. Robson wrong-classed in the light mule class at the recent Newcastle show.

The management of the show was everything that could be desired, not the slightest detail being omitted. The society is certainly to be congratulated upon possessing two such capable secretaries as Messrs Greenwell and Richardson, both gentlemen being very hard-working, and most courteous and obliging to all. The manner in which they performed their duties merits the highest praise, everything running smoothly and without the slightest hitch. We wish them success in the future. As a show manager, the chairman of the society, Mr. J. M. McDonald will be very hard to beat, everything receiving the most careful attention at his hands. He was ably backed up by a most efficient body of fanciers, consisting of Messrs. J. L. Hyslop, W. Cockburn, Peter Dixon, J. Johnston, J. R. Evans, T. Haikney, W. Allison, W. Ronald, T. Hopkinson, N. Hymers, A. Montgomery, Evans, Appleby, H. McColl, J. McQuillan, J. Grainger, D. Heenbrough, and F. Reeves.

The Percy Hood silver challenge cup for most points in open classes was won by Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, of Darlington, who was successful in winning 1 firsts, 1 second, 2 thirds, and a fourth in the Yorkshire classes. Special for best Norwich went to Mr. A. Hermiston's unflighted buff Nor., a really typical specimen. Special for best Cinnamon, to Mr. W. Dormer; while CAGE BIRDS special for best Yorkshire, was secured by Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson. The R. J. Dee's silver challenge cup for most points, with three nominated birds in the members' classes, went to Mr. Jas. Johnston. Other special prize-winners were:—N.Y.C.C. silver medal, Mr. Jas. Carr; N.Y.C.C. novice silver medal, Mr. W. Mather; gold medal, best bird bred by member, Mr. Jas. Johnston, who also secured special for best in members' classes. Mr. A. Hermiston won special for best members' Nor.; best Yorks., Mr. A. Montgomery; best Crest, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson; best British, Mr. C. Wilson. Grand weather favoured the show, which was well patronised by the public. The judges were:—Messrs. J. H. Roe, Nor., Crests, Cinn., and Liz.; J. Wilcock, Yorks., and Sell.; J. W. Bruce, Bord., Seots, Mules, Brit., and For.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 2, Cowling, leader grand type, rare head and neck, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail, 2nd good shape, hot col., nice head and neck, smaller; 3, Dixon, nice type and size, good col., deep chest, beaten wing carriage; 4, Dobinson, good size, nice shape and col., trifle longer; vhc, Hall. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Lawson, rare type, good col. and quality, good head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Dobinson, nice shape, grand head and neck, good col. and quality, shade longer flights; 3, Holden and Todd, rich col., grand head and neck, nice shape, not so clean behind; 4, A. Grey, beautiful type, good col. and quality, nicely mealed, shade smaller; vhc, A. Hermiston; hc, Snowdon; c, Hall. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl, 4, Cowling, yell., tkd. both eyes, beautiful shape, grand silky feather, neat head and neck, clean cut, the bird we thought should have won at Blaydon, where it stood commended, 4th lightly varieg. buff, grand col., nice shape, good head and neck, longer in flights and tail; 2, Hall, thigh tkd., good substance, nice head and neck, good col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, T. Dixon, yell., tkd. left wing, rare col., good quality, neat head and neck, clean cut; vhc, Allison; hc, Hermiston. HEN (7): 1, spl, Lawson, apparently cl. buff, model for shape, good deep chest, grand head and neck, nice size and col., short wings and tail, beautifully carried; 2, Baker, tkd. yell., good col. and quality, nice size, good head and neck, well carried wings; 3, vhc, Grey, varieg. buff, rare type, grand chest, neat head and neck, good wings, clean cut behind; 4, Seely Bros., apparently cl. yell., nice shape, grand wings and tail, neatest of head and neck, close feather, beaten in col.; hc, Telfer; c, Allison. YELL. CK. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Holden and Todd, nice size, beautiful shape, neat head and neck, short flights and tail, good quality, beautifully cut away behind; 2, Lawson, head and wing mkd. yell., hotter col. than 1st, good size, well carried wings and tail, not quite so cobby; 3, spl, 4, Hermiston, apparently cl. yell., good size, hot col., neat head and neck, grand quality, shade longer, 4th rod hot, good size, nice chest, good head and neck; vhc, Smith; hc, McDonald; c, Seely Bros. BUFF (10): 1, spl, for best Nor., 4, Hermiston, mkd. head and both wings, beautiful shape, grand rich col., fine quality, good deep chest, nice wings, close packed tail, 4th good size and col., nice head and neck; 2, Evans, mkd. wing and back of neck, good shape and quality, short wings and tail, clean head and neck, beaten in col.; 3, Smith, good col. and quality, nice front, grand wings and tail, shade smaller; vhc, Telfer; hc, Hall; c, Dixon. HEN (17): 1, spl, Griffiths, wing mkd. yell., beautiful shape, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality, clean cut behind; 2, Curry, head and wing mkd. yell., rare size, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, beaten in wing carriage; 3, Dobinson, apparently cl. buff, grand shape, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, good col. and quality, clean cut behind, could have been 2nd; 4, McKay, apparently cl. yell., good shape, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, A. Grey; hc, Dixon; c, Lawson. NAT. COL. CK. (11): 1, spl, Marshall, cl. yell., grand shape, rich col., good quality, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, beautifully cut away; 2, Griffiths, cl. buff, rare substance, grand quality, nice col., beautiful head and neck; 3, Smith, cl. buff, good size and shape, neat head and neck, full front, nice col. and quality; 4, Seely Bros., tkd. left wing, grand shape, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Richardson; hc, Cowling; c, McColl. HEN (5): 1, spl, Marshall, eye and wing mkd. yell., good size, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, fair type; 2, Stephenson, apparently cl. buff, good quality, neat head and neck, fair type; 3, Richardson, cl. yell., nice shape, good wings and tail, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck, many preferred; 4, Coltman, grizzle head buff, neat shape, nice quality, fair col., good wings and tail; vhc, Heddon. NOVICE, NOR. (31): 1, spl, Richardson, cl. buff, grand size and shape, deep chest, good head and neck, rich col. and quality, good wings and tail; 2, Thompson, cl. yell., good col. and quality, nice head and neck, clean front, good wings and tail, well cut away behind; 3, Evans, cl. buff, grand type, rare col. and quality, good wings and tail, correct head and neck, shade smaller; 4, Stevenson, cl. buff, grand shape, nice col. and quality, neat head and neck, very similar to 3rd; vhc, Woollett; hc, Marshall; c, Mather; a good class. CREST (5): 1, spl, best crest, 2, Currah and Son, wing mkd. D.-C., grand sire, nice shape, good radiation and droop, neat centre, 2nd variog. D.-C., beautiful shape, nice formation and droop, hardly so large as winner; 3, J. G. Hutchinson, light tail green, very neat crest, good formation and droop, not so densely packed; 4, McColl, wing mkd. D.-C., good size, neat centre, good feather; vhc, Eastop. C.-B. (4): 1, spl, 2, Hutchinson, variog., grand lash, wide entrance, good skull, nice rise, 2nd grand size, good width of skull, nice lash and rise; 3, McDonald, foul tail green, good size, nice broad skull, good lash, not so high in front; 4, Eastop, nice size and skull. NOVICE CREST (6): 1, spl, C. Jones, heavily variog., crest of nice size, good shape, neat formation, good centre; 2, Peel, wing mkd. D.-C., oval shape, good droop, nice quality, not so neat in centre; 3, Heslop, crest of fair size, nice shape, not so densely feathered as winners; 4, Tombling, varieg., good quality, good centre, nice droop, beaten in frontal; vhc, McDonald. C.-B. (7): 1, spl, Heslop, varieg., good broad skull, nice rise, well lashed, good quality of feather; 2, McDonald, foul tail green, 2nd in champion class; 3, Peel, nearly green, good quality, fair rise, beaten in width of skull; 4, Eastop, light tail green, nice size, fair rise and head feather; vhc, c, Tombling; hc, Mather. CINN. (7): 1, spl, 2, spl, best cinn., Dormer, yell., grand size, good Norwich type, rare colour and quality, thick head and neck, good wings and tail, beautiful polish. 2nd buff, rare size and shape, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, close up; 3, Luke, buff, rare size, correct shape, good head and neck, nice col., not quite the polish of winners; 4, Secly Bros., yell., grand col. and quality, correct type, neat head and neck, not quite substance of winner; vhc, Hermiston; hc, Sanderson; c, Lumsden. UNFLIG. (8): 1, T. Winter, yell., rich tone of col., grand quality, correct shape, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, a good exhibit; 2, spl, 3, Dormer, buff, good size, nice shape, rich col. and quality, not the polish of winner, 3rd yell., grand size and shape, rare head and neck, good body col., not so rich underneath; 4, c, Seely Bros., medium size, good shape, rich col. and quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Fairbairn. NOVICE CINN. (15): 1, Leach, yell., great size, grand col. and quality, rich under col., nice shape, good wings and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Taylor, yell., rare substance, grand shape, nice wings and tail, not quite so rich in col; 3, spl, 4, H. Fenwick, buff, good size, nice head and neck, deep chest, good col. and quality, 4th nice shape, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Woollett; hc, Coutts; c, Fairbairn. LIZ., GOLD. (9): 1, spl, c, Barnes, medium size, neat shape cap, good ground col., plenty of good work on back and flanks; 2, hc, Reid, larger, nice col., good rowing and spangle, loses in finish of cap; 3, vhc, Hyslop, cl. cap, nice shape and size, good ground col., not quite so distinct in back work; 4, Rukin, broken cap, nice size, good col. SILVER (11): 1, spl, c, Hyslop, cl. cap, good size and shape, neat shape cap, good ground col., well spangled; 2, Jeffreys, broken cap, nice size and shape, good col., not so even in formation of back work; 3, Rukin, cl. cap, good col., nice shaped cap, distinct in back work, nicely rowed; 4, Riseborough, cl. cap, good size and col., nice even spangle, but slightly broken in centre of back; vhc, Reid; hc, Barnes.

Mr. Wilcock's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL (5): 1, spl, Wilson, hot col., neat head and neck, long slim bird, grand wings and tail; 2, Stewart, fine length, well drawn, neatly braced wings, grand pipe tail, not so hot in col.; 3, Cuthbertson, rare length, well drawn, neat head and neck, not so good in wing carriage, or so neat in tail; 4, Richmond, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail, shorter; vhc, Wrigglesworth. BUFF (8): 1, spl, best Yorks., 2, Cuthbertson, beautiful shape, long and slim, finely drawn, grand quality, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, wins, 2nd very similar to 1st, rather shorter; 3, Stewart, good position, nice length, neat head and neck, hardly so finely drawn; 4, Wilson, long and slim, grand length of wing, rich col. and quality, not so neat in head; vhc, Wrigglesworth; hc, Allison; c, Eaton. TKD. (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, Cuthbertson, grizzle head, buff, grand length, beautiful position, nice col. and quality, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail, 3rd buff, long and slim, well drawn, neat head and neck, crosses wings a little, 4th, thigh tkd., good col. and quality, good position; 2, N.Y.C.C. medal, Jas. Carr, grizzle head, nice length, good head and neck, very similar to 1st, perhaps hardly so neat in wing carriage; vhc, Jas. Carr; hc, Cockburn; c, Eaton. HEN (10): 1, spl, hc, c, Cuthbert on, beauty for shape and position, grand length, neat head and neck, close silky feather; 2, Richmond, cinn. mkd. yell., fine length and position, good col., grand quality, neat head and neck, nice wings and tail; 3, 4, Stewart, 3rd tkd. right wing, buff, neat head and neck, grand flights and tail, hardly so finely drawn, 4th cl. buff, good length, fine position, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Tomlinson. YELL., UNFLIG. (10): 1, spl, Parker, fine length, neat head and neck, very slim, long flights and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Stewart, beautiful shape, grand length of wing, neat head and neck, good col. and quality, close in; 3, Tomlinson, hot col., good quality, nice length; 4, Montgomery, good length, nice style and position, very erect, good flights and tail, nice col. and quality, wins 1st members'; vhc, Richmond; hc, Thompson; c, Wrigglesworth. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, grizzle wing and neck, grand shape, good col. and quality, finely drawn, nice wings and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Stewart, rich col., grand length, nice wings and tail, neat head and neck, hardly so finely drawn; 3, vhc, Wilson, grizzle on right shoulder, nice style, rich col. and quality, good wings and tail, hardly so upright; 4, Jas. Carr, we could not find; hc, Davison; c, Barnwell. NOVICE, CK. (22): 1, spl, Mather, spl. best novice, yell., nice length, good round col., fine quality, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail, gets well up; 2, Ireland, yell., long and slim, nice col., grand wings and tail, hardly so neat in head; 3, Atkinson, buff, nice length and position, neat head and neck, very erect, good flights and tail, hardly so finely drawn; 4, Johnson, tkd. yell., grand length, gets well up on perch, grand shape, good col. and quality, rather weak in neck, yet we liked very well; vhc, Tindall; hc, Dix; c, Curry. HEN (13): 1, spl, Dix, buff, nice length, correct position, good col. and quality, grand wings and tail, neat head and neck, very stylish exhibit; 2, Tindall, wing mkd. yell., very shapely, beautiful wings and tail, fine slim body, neat head and neck, hardly the length of winner; 3, Ireland, yell., grand col., nice quality, grand pipe tail, very neat wings; 4, no name, fine length, very slim, rich col. and quality; vhc, Foster; hc, Hutler; c, Cockburn. PAIRS (6): 1, spl, 2, A. Grey, 1st Nor., yell. cock., good size and col., and typical buff, good shape and quality, 2nd Nor., varieg. buff cock, grand substance and col., and cl. yell. hen, nice shape, splendid quality, two grand pairs; 3, McColl, grey crest, of good size, very neat crest of good formation, and foul-tail green C.-B., good skull, nice size, well placed; 4, McKay, yell. Nor. cock and varieg. buff hen, good shape and col.; vhc, Baker; hc, Allison. SELL. PAIRS (30/-) (6): 1, spl, Winter, crests; 2, Hands, crests; 3, Snowdon, Nor.; 4, Dormer, cinn.; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Hooper. DITTO (20/-) (7): 1, spl, Dixon, Nor.; 2, Dobson and Son, crests; 3, Griffiths, Nor.; 4, Seely Bros., Nor.; vhc, Winter; hc, Atkinson; c, Ronald. SINGLE (15/-) (17): 1, spl, Hands, crests; 2, Hutchinson, C.-B.; 3, Currah and Son, light Goldie Mule; 4, Tombling, yell. coppy; vhc, c, Woodhouse; hc, Scott. DITTO (10/-) (14): 1, spl, Smith, yell. Nor.; 2, Mrs. Woodhouse, C.-B.; 3, Ireland, Yorkie; 4, Hyslop, Liz.; vhc, Forster; hc, McGinn; c, Dobson and Son. DITTO (7/6) (5): 1, spl, Dobson and Son; 2, Robinson; 3, Dixon; 4, McGinn; vhc, Mrs. Woodhouse.

Mr. Bruce's Classes.

Borders, taken all over, were a nice collection, some real hot ones being staged, many well-known birds doing battle for premier honours. All the classes were keenly contested. Mr. A. Gilchrist succeeded in capturing the medal for best. Mules were a good collection, and here a few strong remarks were passed regarding the judging of the clears, etc., class. Mr. McPartling won with the reputed clear yellow Greenfinch-Canary, and also the novice with a clear Twite, which was greatly commented on, some declaring them Canaries, and others that they were Mules; the judge seemingly gave them the benefit of the doubt. Both were staged in grand order, and their future will be eagerly looked forward to. The British birds were the feature, perhaps, of the show, such a collection having seldom been seen on the Tyne. All the classes contained hot ones, and the judge had a heavy task in allotting the winners. After carefully summing up their various points he left very little to be desired. The special for best in show was won by Mr. Ford's Bearded Tit, a splendidly-moulted exhibit. Foreigners, too, were a nice collection, and here Messrs. Nicholson and Son proved victors, winning with a tip-top glossy Starling in good form. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged the Mules, British, and Foreign, and his awards were, on the whole, well received.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (17): 1, sp, Currah and Sons, good one, fine size, nicely drawn, correct weight, grand wing carriage, good head and neck; 2, Purves, in grand order, fine front and taper, nicely drawn, grand mover; 3, Gilchrist, sweetly made, very good action, neatly rounded; 4, Irving, good feathered bird, nicely finished off, well worth its place; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Walker; c, Robinson. HEN: 1, spl., Bennet, sweet exhibit, good shape, grand quality feather, beautifully rounded, well put down; 2, Gilchrist, another good hen, well staged, lovely feather and style, rare position; 3, Walker, stouter built, but good quality feather, and well positioned; 4, Smart, grand finish; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Smith; c, Currah and Son. BUFF CK.: (11): 1, spl, Smart, nicely drawn, well rounded, good head and finish, well staged; 2, Gilchrist, close up, lovely col., finely positioned, neatly tapered off; 3, Currah and Son, smaller than winners, but rare shape, finely rounded, grand feather; 4, Whittaker, good type, very neatly drawn; vhc, Walker; hc, Whittaker; c, Watson. HEN (13): 1 and medal, best Bord. in show, Gilchrist, very taking cl. hen, fine weight, nicely drawn, free position, well put down; 2, Parker, another good one, close up, fine frouted, good head; 3, Bennet, in grand feather, well drawn, A1 wing carriage; 4, Smart, good, tight-feathered one, nice style, inclined to be on stout side; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Currah and Son; c, Taylor. EVEN MARKS (4): 1, spl, Currah and Son, well-known winning yell., nice shape and position, grand eye and wing mrkgs.; 2, Gilchrist, buff, heavy in eye marks, but good quality feather; 3, Robson and Oliver, nice yell., a wee shade loose in feather; 4, Purvis, neat mrkgs., close in feather. UNEVEN, ETC. CK. (18): 1, Marshall, good one, grandly rounded, A1 quality, lovely position, rare head, wins well on type; 2, 3, Chapman; 2, Cinn. tkd. buff, rare position, good quality feather, well put down; 3, yell., varieg. Cinn. hen, smaller a shade, but nicely rounded; 4, Bennet, varieg. buff, good feather and position; vhc, Robinson; hc, Smith; c, Johnstone. GREEN OR CINN. (12): 1, Bennet, good grass green, solid bel. throughout, grand quality, wins well on col.; 2, Members' cup, medal, and spl. for best Members' bird, Johnstone, model for shape, grandly rounded, A1 feather; 3, McQuillon, similar shade of col. to winner, scarcely so well proportioned perhaps; 4, Young, nice quality feather, well placed; vhc, McQuillon; hc, Robson; c, Whittaker. BORD. NOVICE (36): 1, spl, Smith, cl. buff hen, nice one, grand quality feather, exceedingly well rounded on head and front, put down in fine order; 2, Scott, tip-top yell. hen., finely got up, well rounded, wee shade thin in neck, but grand body and wing carriage; 3, Marshall, good wing tick buff, lovely feather, grand head and taper, good wing carriage; 4, Waugh, nice green, good solid col. and lacing, fine type, in grand order; extra 4, Watson, good yell., shade longer in side, but neat head and finish; vhc, Young; hc, c, Dawson; grand class, all fit to win in good competition. SCOT. FCY. (8): 1, Little, old stager, good top end, free action, nice drive and reach, fine length of leg; 2, 4, Chapman; 2, neat, compact bird, grand feather, fine depth across, scarcely the reach of winner perhaps; 4, lengthy sided, nice style, in grand order; 3, Harvey, good depth throughout, wants a little more action; vhc, Craig; hc, Cowans; c, Little.

LIGHT MULES OR HYB. (6): 1, McPartling, cl. yell. Greenfinch mule, in very nice order, good shape and col., well staged; 2, 4, hc, Maddison; 2, large light mkd. Goldfinch mule, tkd. on eyes and feather, fine shape and good feather; 4, Greenie-Bullie, nice size, a trifle dull in col.; 3, Hill, almost cl. Goldfinch, scarcely so large as 2, perhaps, but fine quality, should make good one. DARK (11): 1, Frazer, buff Siskin, grand size, splendidly fed, one of the best of this cross living, well staged; 2, 4, Maddison, Jonque Linnet, nice size; well up in col. and mrkgs.; 4, sweet Redpoll, neat shape, good col.; 3, hc, Johnstone; 3, yell. Siskin, nicely mkd., good size and shape, with another month should make a fine one, a yell.; vhc, Greive; c, Hawkins. MULE OR HYB., NOVICE (14): 1, spl, McPartling, cl. Twite Can., nice size, good col., well put down (some said it was only a Can.); 2, Hutchinson, variog. Linnet, nice size and shape, in fine order; 3, Johnstone, large varieg. Goldie, good feather and flush face, lightly mrkd.; 4, Kent, neat Dark Linnet, fine col., well staged; vhc, McDonald; hc, Arrowsmith; c, Mrs. Blair. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, Nicholson and Son, well made Finch, not a large one, but good, flush face, nicely cut and dense in col., neat cap, well up in tannings, staged in grand order; 2, Watson, another nice dense faced bird, plenty of size in blaze, just coming into bloom, shade larger than winner, perhaps, but a trifle darker in body col.; 3, 4, Maddison; 3, similar to 2nd, nice quality feather, good buttons, nice all-round Finch; vhc, Brown; hc, Jones; c, Huggan. BULLFINCH (16): 1, spl, Dixon and Son, in really grand condition, as tight as wax, nice cap, good back and bars, good shape; 2, McVay, again a good Bullie, a wee shade slim in build, but neat cap and bars, fine coloured breast; 3, Dr. Henry, stylish bird, good front and shape, well up in col., nice cap and finish; 4, Nicholson and Son, plenty of size, good dense col. and pure in tone, looks a fresh caught one; vhc, Appleby; hc, Milne; c, Allison. GREENFINCH (17): 1, spl, Maddison, leader wins, good Finch, dense col. and size for a yell., well fed, in good form; 2, Johnstone, another yell., different shape to winner, a demon for col. and finish, rather too small a cage; 3, Todd and Son, nice buff, plenty of size, good shape and quality feather; 4, Johnstone, shapely Finch, well up in col.; vhc, P. C. Forster; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, McVay. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Shepherd and Son, good bouncing Linnet, plenty of size, grandly pencilled on breast, nice tone of col., in fine bloom; 2, Dunn, close up, scarcely so large, but grandly pencilled, again in grand order; 3, Waters, sweet coloured one, nice flights, good shape; 4, Richardson, full of life, grand gloss on feather; vhc, Innes; hc, Johnstone; c, Chapman. LINNET, NOVICE (19): 1, Curry, grandly pencilled, well up in size, in fine order, has a bad habit of always being at bottom of cage, but wins well; 2, Cope, similar shade to winner, again nicely mkd. but scarcely so large; 3, Huggan, fine quality feather, good flights and front; 4, Watson, close up, a wee shade on dark side, well laced; vhc, Wake; hc, Cottman; c, Fenwick; a hot class throughout. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, spl, Waters, good Siskin, nice size, grand lacing on side, dense cap, very neat in bib, in fine trim; 2, Bertram and Storey, Lesser Redpoll, good cap and bib, fine size, well forward in col.; 3, Todd and Son, nice buff Siskin, scarcely so stout as winner, perhaps, but still a good all round exhibit; 4, Riseborough, Mealy Redpoll, nicely laced, grand col. and finish; vhc, Blackett; hc, Maddison; c, Luke. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC., BUNTING (23): 1, McVay, good Chaffinch, grand size and markgs., very steady, well put down, lovely head, now coming into full bloom; 2, Steele, Bramblefinch, fine dense col., well laced on back and head, good breast col., nicely cut, staged in grand trim; 3, Shepherd and Son, steady Corn-Bunting, in lovely feather, nicely marked, has a bad habit of facing back of cage; 4, Blackett, Bramblefinch, as large, and almost as good in col. as 2nd, well staged, in grand bloom; vhc, Bertram and Storey; hc, Hill; c, Ford; a strong class, difficult to judge. LARKS (5): 1, spl, King, leaders in fine bloom, well laced, plenty of size, very nicely staged; 2, McVay, nice size, good front and mrkgs.; 3, Playford, nice col., well up in size and mrkgs.; 4, Custard, fine quality all through; hc, Johnston. SOFTBILL (18): 1, spl, best British, Ford, good moulted Bearded Tit, fine size, grand moustache, staged in tip-top form; 2, Bates Bros., good all-round Song Thrush, nicely spangled, showing signs of age; 3, hc, Nicholson and Son; 3, sweet Treecreeper, in fine order, grand size, well mkd.; 4, Wilson, nice Redwing, well up in size, steady, wins spl for best Members' British; vhc, Forster, grand Grey Wagtail, well staged; c, Ford. FOR. LARGE (5): 1, spl, best foreigner, Nicholson and Son, good glossy Starling, fine size, A1 col.; 2, Porteous, nice King Parrakeet, well up in size and col.; 3, 4, McKenzie, Rosella, in fine bloom, and a King coming well into col.; 5, Hemborough. SMALL (8): 1, Nicholson and Son, golden fronted Honey Sucker, in grand trim, fine interesting exhibit; 2, 3, Porteous, Parrot Finch and a Pin-tailed Nonpariel, in rare bloom, well staged; 4, Ford, Black-headed Gouldian Finch, in full bloom; tip-top shape and feather; vhc, hc, Patterson; c, McKenzie.

EVESHAM.

The 21st annual show of cage birds, etc., was held in the Public Hall, on Nov. 12th. The hall is a capital place for the purpose. For cage birds there were but six classes. Norwich made a good display, and they were a nice lot; there were only four exhibits in the Yorkshire class, but the quality was good. Mr. G. H. Billett judged, and his awards were well received. The cages were nicely staged, free from draught, the room being kept at a nice even temperature. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr. G. Witts, who is to be congratulated on his able management of affairs.

YORKS. (4): 1, Maisey, rich coloured yell., finely shown, on good legs, long flights; 2, Maisey, nice col. and position, well carried wings; 3, Hall, slim nat. col., good style. NOR.: 1, c, A. Lewin, rich col. buff, capital type, nice size, shape and front; 2, 3, G. Hall; 2, very warm in col., good head, full neck, excellent wing carriage; 3, head mkd., rich col., good feather, head and chest; r, Childs; vhc, Bishop; vhc, hc, Dipple. A.O.V. (3): 1, Maisey, good-bodied green crested, well formed crest, neat centre; 3, (name noissed). C.-B. varieg., good body, very neat; vhc, Mrs. Tisdall. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Witts, Goldfinch, good square, cut blaze, nice top col. and breast; 2, Hill, Goldfinch, rich col., good breast, wings and back; 3, Bell, Bullfinch, grand cap, nice col. breast; ex. 3, Poole, Bullfinch, fine size and shape, grand cap and breast; vhc, Childs, good Goldfinch; T. Sadler, another nice Goldie; Miss E. M. Burlingham; W. K. Brasseley; hc, T. Quinton, A.V. (six miles radius) (4): 1, spl, Walton, good buff, wing mkd.; 2, Witts, scapdal Goldfinch, 1st in own class; 3, Miss E. M. Burlingham, mafed Nor.; hc, c, Andrews. HYB. OR MULE (6): 1, 3, Lees, two excellent specimens, dark grand col., shape and condition, winner fine quality feather, rare and steady; 2, Poole, good specimen, but seemed out of form; ex. 3, Hall; vhc, Lamberl; hc, Witts.

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WEST BROMWICH.

Third annual show held at the Dartmouth Hotel on November 17th and 18th. All the exhibits were nicely staged in the large room, a capital place, being free from draughts and well lighted. The quality all round was excellent. The Yorkshires made a capital display, many grand birds being staged, and the competition was keen in most of the classes. Some choice exhibits were staged in the British classes, the winning Waxwing of Mr. P. V. Williams being greatly admired, and it was put down in grand form. Special for best bird in show fell to Mr. Chilling-worth's Canary Bullfinch Mule, shown in the pink of condition. The members' classes contained several nice exhibits that no doubt would have stood well in the open. The exhibits received every attention from a good working committee of genuine fanciers. Mr. T. Duffield again held the secretarial ribbons, and did his work in a most admirable manner, and was most courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne judged Canaries, and Mr. W. C. Poole the Mules, British and Foreign.

Mr. Payne's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Davis, solid, deep and level col., nice shape, neat head and short flights; 2, Weaver, nice shape, good head, and full neck, good col. and quality; 3, Evans, grand quality, nice back, level col. BUFF (7): 1, Jones, good substance, full of quality, grand back, nice head and neck, rich col., Leicester winner; 2, Walton and Noakes, good shape, nice quality, nice back, full neck, good wings and tail; 3, he, Weaver, nice shape and quality, neat wings and tail; 4, Hathaway, grand quality, nice shape, good back; vhc, Silver; c, Reed. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Hathaway, mkd. head and wings, beautiful, close fitting jacket of good quality, nice shape, good wings and tail; 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd. head, neck and wings, good shape, deep chest; 3, Silver, mkd. on back, nice shape, good head. BUFF (6): 1, Collier, mkd. wings, eyes, and neck, close, compact feather, splendid quality, nice shape, neat wings and tail; 2, Hathaway, nice shape, good col., grand wings and tail; 3, Silver, griz. on head, tail and rump, good shape, nice full neck; 4, Beck, griz. cap, nice shape and quality, good back and wings; vhc, Key; he, Harold. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Jones, cl., grand col., nice short body, full neck and neat head, short flights and tail, 2nd good shape and col., grand col. and quality; 3, 4, Garfield, good shape, nice round chest, neat head and close feather, 4th cap and wing mkd., nice quality; vhc, Johnson. BUFF (5): 1, Collier, splendid shape, grand col., feather and quality, neat head, wings and tail, looks like Leicester winner; 2, Jones, nice shape and col., fine wings and tail; 3, Key, grand shape and feather; 4, Garfield, good shape, well frosted; vhc, Allsopp. HENS, A.V. (6): 1, 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd. wings, eye and cheek, yel., short cobby body, lovely feather, full of quality, nice col., Leicester winner, 2nd buff, wing mkd., grand shape, good col., and nicely frosted; 3, Howe, beautiful quality feather, good wings and tail, nice head; 4, Collier, buff, mkd. eyes and saddle, lovely col., nice shape, good flights; vhc, Garfield; he, Lees. CREST (7): 1, Smith, large circular Crest of good formation, nice frontal, good droop, radiation and centre; 2, he, Groves, nice dipping crest, close and compact, neat centre, good back crest; 3, Grant, nice droop and centre; 4, Harvey, decent griz. Crest; vhc, P. Jones; c, Mrs. Cotton. C.-B. (6): 1, Smith, pied tail green, grand skull, well clothed with long and wide feather, good entrance; 2, Harvey, cl., fine length of head feather, nice back skull; 3, vhc, Groves, pied tail green, nice length of head feather, good skull; 4, Edwards, cl., good back skull. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Mrs. Sunderland, cheek tkd., grand quality, good length, stands well, nice flights and tail; 2, he, Harris, slim built, lovely feather, grand stand, nicely tapered, good flights; 3, Millincamp, grand quality of good col., well on leg 4, Bishop, tkd. on head, good length, nice stand, long flights; vhc, Dykes; c, Williams. BUFF (12): 1, Dykes, beautiful feather and quality, stands well, straight as a pencil, nice flights; 2, Walsh, wing tkd., grand position, nice feather, shade heavier at shoulder; 3, Williams, slim built, good stand, fine flights and pipe tail; 4, Bishop, mkd. head, good length, nice stand and style; vhc, Harris; he, Mrs. Sunderland; c, Wells. UNEV. MKD., ETC. (12): 1, Wells, yel., mkd. head, eyes and wings, slim built, grand col. and quality, straight as a pencil; 2, Williams, yell., mkd. wings, well on leg, good stand, nice col. and quality; 3, Millincamp, yell., mkd. wings and breast, splendid quality; 4, Dykes, variog. buff, good length and stand, nice quality; vhc, Paddock; he, Walsh; c, Hawley. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 4, Richmond, buff, grand position, nice feather and quality, good wings and tail, 4th wing tkd. yell., good length, well up on leg, splendid feather; 2, Dykes, yell., neck and wing mkd., good length, slim built, nice wings and tail; 3, Harris, cl. buff, good length, nice stand and style, good quality, nicely frosted; vhc, c, Williams; he, Millincamp. HEN, YELL. (15): 1, 4, Millincamp, straight as a pencil, stands well, good feather and quality, nice flights, 4th left wing tkd., slim built, nice pipe tail and good feather; 2, Walsh, tkd. cheek, slim built and stylish, grand feather; 3, Bishop, variog., grand feather, nice back, good wings; vhc, Mrs. Sunderland; he, Richmond; c, Dykes. BUFF (15): 1, Dykes, neck tkd., smooth as a glass bottle, slim built, stands well on good pair of legs, nice flights and pipe tail; 2, Bishop, wing tkd., another good one, grand col. and feather, nice stand; 3, he, c, Williams, slim built, hot col., nice narrow shoulders, good stand; 4, Walsh, slim built, grand feather and position; vhc, Evans. CINN. (1): 2, Silver, Jonque, good shape and feather, nice quality. A.O.V. (2): 2, Raybould, yell. green Yorkshire, capital col. and feather.

Mr. Poole's Classes.

CAN. MULE, LIGHT (4): 1, Lees, wing mkd. yell. Goldfinch, grand col. and feather, nice shape, put down in good form; 2, Howe, six-pointed and tkd. on head buff Goldie, grand size and shape; 3, Illingworth, tkd. head and right wing mkd. Goldie; 4, Mrs. Cotton. DARK (7): 1, spl., best in show, Illingworth, Can.-Bullfinch, in grand order, tight as boxwood, good col., nice head and back; 2, Hale, Greenfinch-Can., rare size and shape, nice feather; 3, Tonks, Goldie, jonque, hot colour, well fed, nice face; 4, Beeson; vhc, Baylis; c, Richards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Marsh, large well-cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, well tanned on chest; 2, Gough, good blaze, nice wings and buttons, nice body colour; 3, Tonks, nice wing bars and buttons, not yet quite up in face; 4, Hall, good colour and condition, beaten in face; vhc, Dunn. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Grazier, grand size and shape, nice cap and bars, good back; 2, Anderson, warmer in breast colour, good cap and bars, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Baxley, larger cap and good bars, nice breast colour; 4, Gough; vhc, Key; he, Viggin Bros.; c, Edwards. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Tonks, good shape, grand feather and colour, plenty of size; 2, Baxley, yellow, nice bright colour, good feather and shape; 3, Hathaway, buff, good size and nicely mealed, nice shape; 4, Millincamp; vhc, Edwards; he, Hunt; c, Dunn. LINNET (4): 1, Marsh, well pencilled, nice shape and feather; 2, Evans, not quite so large, good colour, not quite so well pencilled on breast; 3, Tonks, good col. and condition; 4, Singleton. A.O.V. (8): 1, 4, Tonks, Bramblefinch, good col. and well laced, capital size and shape, in good form, 4th Hawfinch, good bib, bars, and col.; 2, Hessell, Yellow Bunting, capital col., well mkd. head, in good feather and polish; 3, Mrs. Cotton, Hawfinch, good size, shape and feather; vhc, Baxley; he, Machin; c, Dunn. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Williams, Waxwing, in beautiful condition, lovely col., grand wing tipping; 2, Clough, grand lustrous col., beautiful bill and legs, good size and shape, in the pink, 3, Underwood, Waxwing, not quite the size of the leader, good col. and feather; 4, Hall, Skylark. FOR. (4): 1, 3, Williams, Green-billed Toucan, good colour and feather, 3rd Red-headed Gouldian, grand col. and feather, nicely put down; 2, Bennett, King Parrakeet, good size, nice col and condition; 4, Winwood, Rock Parrot. SELL. (21/-) (11): 1, Adkins; 2, Ford; 3, Davis; 4, Weaver; vhc, Dipple; he, Reed; c, Johnson. (10/6) (15): 1, Dipple; 2, Collier; 3, J. Jones; 4, Ford; vhc, Adkins; he, Brotherhood; c, Bessell. (5/-) (8): 1, vhc, Weeks; 2, Dipple; 3, Bishop; 4, Jennings; he, Uzzell; c, Brotherhood.

MEMBERS.—NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Bishop, mkd. eyes and left wing, grand shape and col.; 2, Cooper, grizzled wing and rump, nice quality and splendid col.; 3, Cowley, variog., grand feather and col.; 4, Collier, cl., nice quality, good size; vhc, Viles; he, Capewell; c, Whitehouse. BUFF (10): 1, spl, c, Key, mkd. wing, eyes and rump, grand shape, full of col., nice quality, wins Sandilord's spl.; 2, Viles, cl., lovely col., grand quality, nice shape; 3, Cowley, nice quality and shape; 4, Collier; vhc, Taylor; he, Jennings. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Collier, variog. yell., grand shape, feather and quality; 2, Cooper, cl. yell., lovely col.; 3, Beck, cl. yell., close up; 4, Key; he, Taylor; hc, Jennings. HEN (10): 1, vhc, c, Cooper cl. yell., nice shape, beautiful quality of feather, nice wings and tail; 2, Jennings, good shaped cl. buff, grand quality, well frosted; 3, Collier, cl. yell., nice shape; 4, Viles; he, Beck. CREST (4): 1, Groves; 2, Viles; 3, Langford; all close together, winner best in frontal and droop. C.-B. (5): 1, spl., Bishop, good entrance, nice length of head feather; 2, Langford, cl., good skull and feather; 3, vhc, Viles; 4, Groves, close up. YORKS YELL. (10): 1, c, Bishop, tkd. over beak, nice feather and quality; 2, vhc, he, Andrews, variog., good length and stand; 3, Beck, cl., good length and stand; 4, Collier. BUFF (7): 1, spl., 3, Bishop, good position, nice feather, neat wings and tail; 3, neck tkd., good feather; 2, Back, mkd. wings and head, finely drawn, nice hack; 4, c, Andrews, slim built; vhc, Palmer. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Andrews, buff, good position and feather, well up on leg; 2, Collier, yell., well drawn out; 3, c, Palmer, wing tkd. yell., slim built; 4, vhc, Beck, wing tkd., nice position; he, Cowley. HEN (8): 1, Beck, yell., mkd. on breast, finely drawn, good position; 2, Collier, nice positioned buff, neat tail; 3, 4, Bishop, buff, nice wings and tail, 4th slim built variog.; vhc, Joyner; he, Andrews; c, Palmer. RULES OR HYB. (4): 1, Bodley, Siskin-Can., good size, nice feather; 2, Campbell, Greenfinch-Can., good shape; 3, 4, Green. BRIT. HARDBILL (20): 1, 4, vhc, Tonks, Redpoll, mealy, good size and well mkd., nice bib, 4th Chaffinch, good col. and feather; 2, Taylor, Goldfinch, good blaze and well tanned, nice feather; 3, Capewell, Yellow Bunting, nice feather and col.; he, Palmer; c, Cooper. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 4, Capewell, Waxwing, nice feather and col; 2, Green, Song Thrush, good size and shape, well spotted; 3, Duffield, Fieldfare, good shape and col.

READING.

Held November 17th. The pronounced success of last year's show here was quite enough from any fancier's point of view, to warrant me in saying that for this season an exhibition "open to the world" could have been arranged, with an expert judge for British birds, etc., and another for Canaries. Everyone knows that the chickens that are counted before the eggs are laid do not always get staged, and it has been very sadly brought home to the minds of many enthusiastic bird lovers that the cold and wet weather of this past summer time has been disastrous for rearing Canaries. The sunshine of prosperity, too, has not been shining on local industries, consequently the Reading Cage Bird Society's show this year had to be restricted to the exhibits of the members. We can only hope that things may improve, and the society have an increased measure of success in next season's work. Nineteen classes were provided, and only one or two failed to fill. Every first prize carried a useful special with it, and there were many other specials. Mr. J. Robson judged.

YELL. NOR.: Three money prizes taken by Mr. Lovegrove, but the winner was not thought by some to he such a good type as 2nd or 3rd; 1, 2, Dearlove, leader big bird, has stiff claw, and a rather crouching habit; 2nd, although not quite so big, was better in type; 3, Lawrence. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Dearlove, winner well-chosen, typical yell.; 3, Lawrence, true to type. UNFLIG.: 1, Lawrence, excellent Nor. properties; 2, Lewin; 3, Lovegrove. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Masey, winner stylish bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Masey; 2, Pike, both of nice style. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Masey, promising youngsters. BORD. (8): All Mr. Hopgood's, and all in nice bloom. A.O.V.: 1st tkd. C.B.; 2nd, big variog. bird, with dark crest, expansive front, Pike, would make good stock birds if suitably matched. HYB. (6): 1, Acton, Twite-Can., in excellent plumage; 2, Pike, Goldfinch-Can., well up in col. and condition. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, Acton, winner has it in col., while 2nd is nice size; 3, Primmer. LINNET (5): 1, Vince; 2, Primmer; 3, Acton, steady house-moulted birds of good col. and pencilling. A.O.S.: Mr. Acton showed a self black Bullfinch cock that had moulted this col. in captivity, being previously normal.

TREHARRIS (Glamorganshire).

Annual show held in the Public Hall, Treharris, on October 28th. The Yorkshires were the feature of the show. Mr. H. S. Davies' now well-known King Parrot won him the special for best bird in show. Special for best Norwich fell to Mr. Sheldon. Mr. W. J. Davies makes a capital secretary, and he is to be complimented on the good show. Mr. G. L. Harber judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Jones; 2, Edwards; 3, c, Hill; 4, he, Pritchard; vhc, White. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Sheldon; 2, vhc, Pritchard; 3, Castree; 4, Pudner Bros.; he, Jones; c, Tedstone. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (33): 1, cup, 2, Cross; 3, Hughes; 4, Mrs. Evans; vhc, Clee; he, Jeffreys; c, Card. BUFF (26): 1, 2, Cross; 3, Byard; 4, Jones; vhc, Cook; he, Card; c, Bevan. BORD.: Both classes cancelled. SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 2, Jones; 3, 4, Lewis. A.O.V. (12): 1, Pritchard; 2, Muscott; 3, Lewis; 4, Jeffreys; vhc, Moore; he, Hunt; c, Tedstone. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 2, 3, Thomas; 4, Edwards; vhc, Richards; he, Morgan; c, Bevan. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (5): 1, J. Rees; 2, Thomas; 3, Sullivan; 4, Reynolds; vhc, J. H. Rees. BULLFINCH, ETC.: Cancelled. LINNET (10): 1, Bowen; 2, Reynolds; 3, Gay; 4, Price; vhc, Caddy; he, Edwards; c, Robins. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Dornell; 2, Jenkins; 3, Bird; 4, Gay; vhc, Morgan; he, Bevan; c, Castree. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Price; 2, Dallinnare; 3, Gay; 4, Morgan; vhc, Bell; he, Wilkins; c, Castree. A.O.S. (4): 1, Bond Bros.; 2, Castree; 3, Bell; 4, Clayton. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Thorne; 3, Castree; 4, Evans; vhc, William; c, Fine.

DEAL.

Deal and Dist., held in the Drill Hall, on November 17th. This show was a great success all round, and the quality was quite up to the average of most of the Southern shows, although competition was confined to the County of Kent. Yorkshires and Norwich were a splendid lot, and the Mules and British were also good. Cup for best member's exhibit went to Mr. Thompson, for a very typical, grand feathered non-fed yellow Nor. There was a fine collection of Amazon Parrots, and not the least attractive feature of the show was Mr. Blathwayt's golden-crested Wren. The birds were staged in a separate room, and the temperature thereof was very comfortable. Mr. W. Wadhams, the hon. secretary, ably assisted by Mr. Thompson, and a willing band of committeemen, had arrangements well in hand, the cards were up early, and catalogues out promptly. The attendance of the public was cheering. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. (8): 1, 3, Gibbs, leader grand quality yell., nice type, in fine fettle, 3rd also yell., nice body; 2, Taylor, buff, very shapely, nice frosting, good undercolour; 4, Wood, good yell., vhc, Thompson; he, c, Kennelsen. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Taylor, buff, mkd. one wing, chubby body, lovely feather and head; 2, 3, Gibbs, both yells., former lovely quality, latter grand shape, looks like the old tkd. yell.; 4, spl, vhc, Thompson, yell.; he, Kennelson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Gibbs, winner a thick-set buff, compact, grand feather, rich in undercolour, nice wing carriage, 2nd yell., lovely quality and col.; 3, 4, Taylor, both buffs, grand col. and quality; vhc, Thompson; he, Wood. C. OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, Broad, leader topping D.C., nice vein and droop, good body, 2nd bonny C.B., wide skull, rare entrance, and length of head feather; 4, Daxby, nice griz. Crest; vhc, he, Thompson. YORKS. CL. (6): 1, 4, Gibbs, leader fine length, very stylish, rare quality, well up; 2, Taylor, very stylish buff, slim and full of nerve; 3, vhc, Austen, former pretty yell., full of style; he, spl, Franklin. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Gibbs, both yells., leader strapping bird, full of quality, with 2nd close up; 3, Taylor, variog., stylish rattling quality, stands well; 4, he, Allen, former varieg. yell., stands well; vhc, Reeve. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Lockett, very sweet, full of fire, yell.; 2, Taylor, tkd. yell., lovely feather and shape; 3, Reeve, rare quality, cinn. variog., plenty of length; 4, Gibbs, buff, fine shape, plenty of go; vhc, Lockett; he, Eade; c, Austen. LIZ. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wood, nicely spangled silver leading, good body and ground col.; 4, Hughes. CAN. MULE (8), and a hot class for quality: 1, 3, Taylor, winner lovely yell. Goldfinch-Can., lightly mkd., grand size, 3rd grand dark jonque Goldie-Can., lovely, lustrous face, shines like satin; 2, Acland, charming dark Greenie-Can., in best of feather; 4, Ivatt, buff, 4-pointed Goldie-Can., nice size and feather; vhc, he, Baker; c, Wood. SELL. 15/- (7): 1, Eade; 2, Reeve; 3, Thompson; 4, Marle; vhc, Thompson; he, Goodwin; c, Baker. NOVICE CAN. (7): 1, Scharpf, varieg. dark crest, nice feather, droop, and vein; 2, 3, Scharpf; 4, spl, Goodwin, smart Yorkshire; vhc, spl, Hughes; he, Marle; c, Mrs. Wood. LOCAL MEMBERS' A.V. (7): 1, spl. cup, Thompson, rare shape, rich quality, tkd. yell. Nor.; 2, spl, Mrs. Wood, hot-fed yell. Nor., good quality; 3, spl, Marle, Cinn. varieg. Yorks., nice quality; vhc, Franklin; he, Chapman; c, Mrs. Ivatt. GOLDIE (4): 1, Wickham, very fine-faced Finch, shown in beautiful feather; 2, Skinner, nice face; 3, Mrs. Ivatt; 4, Franklin. A.O.V. BRIT. (13): 1, spl, Blathwayt, lovely little golden-crested Wren, looks like Folkestone winner; 2, Acland, topping Hawfinch, grand bib and markings; 3, Brett, beautifully mkd. Titlark, very steady; ex 3, Wickham, beautiful Linnet; 4, Austen, another fine Hawfinch; ex 4, Kennelson; vhc, Brett; he, Bailey. This class was worthy of sub-division, and was most difficult to judge. FOR. PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Franklin, lovely feathered blue-fronted Amazon; 2, Mrs. Hopper, nearly as good, little to choose. Amazon; 3, Miss Fryett, Amazon; 4, Mrs. Marsh; vhc, Pain; he, Baker.

GLASTONBURY.

The Glastonbury fanciers held their sixth annual exhibition in the Assembly Rooms on Nov. 17th, and had a record entry. The cage birds were most comfortably staged in a separate room, and well looked after by an able committee, superintended by the genial chairman, Mr. J. J. Brain. Mr. E. W. Radford makes a capital hon. sec. Mr. Hamilton Paulley judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CK.: 1, Brain, grandly frosted buff, short flights and tail, good head and neck; 2, Bobbett, another good one, well proportioned, feather of the best; 3, Brain, good bird; 4, Pickford; vhc, Luxton; he, Mrs. Southcombe; c, Brain. TKD.: 2, Miss Gibbons, tkd. each eye, grand head, fed to perfection; 3, Spoor, falls only in flights to 2nd, grand bird; vhc, J. J. Brain; he, Brain; c, Mrs. Southcombe. NOR. HEN.: 2, spl, best bird in show, Brain, short and chubby, well-packed flights and tail, we liked; 3, Tollwell, another buff, close up; 4, Luxton; vhc, Pickford; he, Brain; c, Broomfield. YORKS. CK. BUFF: 3, Chivers, nice long-sided bird, good pipe tail, well cleaned out, very nervy; he, Gilling, good bird. YELL. 3, Dr. Lawrie, lovely feather, grand condition, long-sided; vhc, Parfitt, full of swagger; he, Payne. VARIEG.: 3, Lawrie, grand length and position; c, Bolwell. YORKS. HEN: 3, Parfitt, buff, sweet head, well-filled back, good pipe tail; 4, Edwards, good flights; he, Lawrie. A.V., 1909: 1, Spoor, grand yell Nor.; 3, Tottle, green crest, good droop; vhc, Tottle, Lancs. coppy; he, Luxton; c, J. J. Brain. GOLDFINCH: 2, Russell, good blaze bars and buttons; 3, Jones, very steady and in good condition; vhc, Edwards, another fine Finch; he, Collins. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, for best Brit., Bobbett, perfect picture, good silky cap, lovely col.; 3, Hinds, another grand bird; 4, Yelf, hard to choose between, but been house-moulted; vhc, Pickford; he, Russell; c, Hinds. LINNET, ETC.: 3, Siskin; vhc, Bobbett, Linnet; he, Evans. A.O.S. BRIT.: 3, Jones, grand Starling; vhc, Bobbett, Hawfinch; c, Gregory, Brambling. HYB. OR MULE: 2, Collins, Bullfinch-Siskin, good bold bird; 3, Goldie-Canary, hot col.; vhc, Collins; he, Gregory; c, Brain. SMALL FOR.: 2, Brain, Siberian Goldfinch, a well known winner; 3, Radford, Zebra Finches, good exhibit. SELL. (21/-): 2, Luxton; 4, Brain; he, Brain; c, Tottle. (10/6): 1, 3, Edwards; 2, Chivers; 4, Tolwell.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly show, held at Bull's Head Hotel, on Nov. 13. Mr. Thorp-Medowcroft (of Hebden Bridge) judged, and gave every satisfaction. The show was a most successful one, there being over 80 entries.

CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, he, Haigh; 2, Robertshaw; 3, 4, c, Townsend. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, c, Townsend; 2, 3, Robertshaw; he, Crossley Bros. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, he, Haigh; 2, 4, c, Townsend; 3, vhc, Crossley Bros. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Lumb and Horsfall; 2, he, Sutcliffe; 4, Tasker; c, Stobart. BUFF: 1, Stobart; 2, c, Wild; 3, Tasker; 4, vhc, Lumb and Horsfall; he, Sunderland. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 3, Wilby; 2, Tasker. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Sunderland.

PAISLEY (Amalgamated).

Twenty-fifth annual show of the Ornithological Societies of Paisley, Tannahill, Old and Burgh Clubs (Amalgamated) was held recently in the George A. Clark North Minor Hall. The number and quality of the exhibits were well up to those of former years. The amalgamation prize, for best bird in show, was won by Mr. Hugh Moore of the Old Club, the second and third by Mr. Fulton, of the Tannahill Club.

TANNAHILL CLUB: YELL. CK.: 1, 4, McDowall; 2, Hamilton; 3, Allison. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, McDonald; 3, Forsyth; 4, Ferguson. YELL. PIED: 1, Fleming; 2, Allison; 3, 4, McDowall. BUFF: 1, Kennedy, jun.; 2, Fulton; 3, Powell; 4, Hamilton. FOUL: 1, Forsyth; 2, Fleming; 3, Hamilton; 4, Fulton. GREEN: 1, Kennedy, jun.; 2, Moore; 3, Fulton; 4, McDonald. YELL. HEN: 1, Fulton; 2, Powell; 3, McDonald; 4, Forsyth. BUFF: 1, McDonald; 2, Moore; 3, Forsyth; 4, Kennedy, jun. YELL. PIED: 1, 2, McDonald; 3, Price; 4, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, Gilles; 2, Fulton; 3, Moore; 4, Hamilton. FOUL: 1, Fernie; 2, Kennedy, jun.; 3, Moore; 4, Allison. GREEN: 1, Fulton; 2, Neil; 3, Moore; 4, McDonald. Winners of Club specials: Cup and 1st special, Fulton; 2, Price; 3, 7, Kennedy, jun.; 4, Neil; 5, 10, McDonald; 6, 11, Moore; 8, Fleming; 9, Forsyth. OLD CLUB: YELL. CK.: 1, Kennedy; 2, Paterson. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, Kennedy, sen. YELL. PIED: 1, 2, O'Donnell; 3, Kennedy; 4, Higgins. BUFF: 1, 4, O'Donnell; 2, Kennedy, sen.; 3, Moore. FOUL: 1, Moore; 2, Struthers; 3, 4, O'Donnell. GREEN: 1, 2, O'Donnell; 3, Higgins; 4, Cassidy. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Paterson; 3, Higgins; 4, Kennedy. BUFF: 1, Kennedy, sen.; 2, Higgins; 3, 4, Cassidy. YELL. PIED: 1, O'Donnell; 2, 3, Kennedy; 4, McArther. BUFF: 1, McArthur; 2, Kennedy, sen.; 3, Struthers; 4, Paterson. FOUL: 1, O'Donnell; 2, Higgins; 3, Struthers. GREEN: 1, 2, O'Donnell; 3, Kennedy, sen.; 4, Paterson. Winners of Club specials: 1, 5, Moore; 2, McArthur; 3, Kennedy; 4, 6, 9, 11, O'Donnell; 5, 7, 12, 13, Kennedy, sen.; 10, Paterson. BURGH CLUB: YELL. CK.: 1, 4, A. Baird; 2, A. Kennedy; 3, Wham. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, Smith; 3, Hart; 4, Wallace. YELL. HEN: 1, A. Baird; 2, Price; 3, 4, Kelly. BUFF: 1, 3, A. Baird; 2, Hart; 4, Price. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Wham; 2, Smith; 3, Hart; 4, Wallace. BUFF: 1, A. Baird; 2, Price; 3, Clark; 4, Kennedy. YELL. PIED HEN.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Kennedy; 4, A. M. Baird. BUFF: 1, Wallace; 2, Hair; 3, Clark; 4, Smith. FOUL CK.: 1, 2, A. Baird; 3, Hart; 4, Smith. FOUL: 1, A. Kennedy; 2, Price; 3, Clark; 4, A. M. Baird. GREEN CK.: 1, Hart, 2, 3, Hair; 4, A. Baird. HEN: 1, Wallace; 2, Price; 3, Clark; 4, Smith. Club specials: 1, Price; 2, Clark; 3, 5, 6, 8, A. Baird; 4, Wallace; 7, Smith; 9, Wham; 10, Hair; 11, Hart.

PORTOBELLO.

Annual show held in the Masonic Hall, Lower-street, on Nov. 6th. In the 36 classes provided there was a record entry of 265, which is the largest in the history of the society. The quality was of a high order, and many of the birds could hold their own in the keenest competition. The pride of place must be given to a grand specimen of the Norwich Plainhead, belonging to Mr. Wm. R. Dunn; his magnificent Clear Yellow, third at Leith, carried all before it. It captured the cup (which now becomes his own property), for best Plainhead, also cup for best hird in hall. The same gentleman carried off the cup for best Yorkshire. The cup for most points was also awarded to Mr. Dunn. The Foul Buff Scotch Fancy, belonging to Mr. J. H. Buchan, secured cup for best in this section, being also runner-up to best bird. Cup for best Crest or C.-B. went to a fine specimen, belonging to Mr. A. Crearar. In the Border Section, Mr. Thos. Millar carried all before him, his Foul-marked Yellow securing cup for best Border and B.F.C.C. medal. For best Mule or Hybrid, a grand specimen of the Linnet-Bullfinch cross carried off premier honours for Mr. J. Wilson. Mr. W. Leckie was awarded medal for best British. The staging was nicely arranged, and was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, which made everything look very attractive and pleasing. The genial president, Mr. Alex. Matthews, was wreathed in smiles at this grand display. The secretary, Mr. J. Hogg, worked like a Trojan, is the right man in the right place, and was ably assisted by Mr. Leckie and a hard-working committee. The judges were: For Scotch and Border fancies, Mr. T. M'Creadie, and for Norwich and British, Mr. A. Chalmers, whose awards gave entire satisfaction, as we heard no cause for grumbling. The show was well patronised by the public.

YOUNG BIRDS: CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 6, Miller; 4, Crearer; 5, Hogg. HEN: 1, 2, 6, Miller; 3, Crearer; 4, Hogg; 5, Wilson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Miller; 3, 5, Matthews; 4, Hogg; 6, Wilson. HEN: 1, 3, 5, 6, Miller; 2, 4, Hogg. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, 5, Miller; 3, Dunn; 4, Hogg; 6, Leach. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Crearer; 3, Miller; 4, Matthews; 5, Dunn; 6, Leach. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Wilson. NOR.: CL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 5, Dunn; 4, 6, Matthews. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 5, Dunn; 4, 6, Matthews. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 4, 5, Dunn; 3, 6, Matthews. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Dunn. YORKS. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 5, Dunn; 2, 3, 4, Crearer. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Crearer; 4, Dunn. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Anderson; 3, Dunn. CREST CK.: 1, 3, Crearer; 2, Leach; 4, 5, 6, Matthew. HEN: 1, Leach; 2, 3, 4, Matthew. C.-B.: 1, 2, Crearer; 3, 4, Matthews. SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Buchan; 3, Dawson. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 4, Wilson; 2, 3, Hogg; 5, Crearer; 6, Anderson. OLD BIRDS: BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Miller; 5, 6, Wilson. P.H.: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, Dunn; 2, Matthews. YORKS.: 1, 2, 5, Anderson; 3, 4, 6, Crearer. CREST: 1, 3, Crearer; 2, 4, Matthews. C.-B.: 1, Crearer; 2, 3, Matthews; 4, 6, Arthur; 5, Leach. SCOT. FCY.: 1, 4, 6, Dawson; 2, 5, Buchan; 3, Matthews. SISKIN: 1, Leach; 2, Leckie; 3, Dunn; 4, Matthews; 5, Newlands. LINNET: 1, 3, Leach; 2, 6, Leckie; 4, Dunn; 5, Hogg. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Leckie; 2, 3, Dunn; 4, Leach; 5, Wilson. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Leckie; 2, 6, Anderson; 3, Dunn; 4, Leach; 5, Wilson. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Dunn; 3, Dunn, jun.; 4, Leach; 5, Matthews; 6, Anderson. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, Leckie; 2, 5, Leach; 4, Dunn; 6, Matthews; 6, Newlands. CK.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Leckie; 4, Dunn; 5, Matthews; 6, Newlands. BRIT. HEN, A.O.S.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Leckie; 4, 5, Dunn. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, 4, 5, Leckie. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, 3, Dunn; 2, 5, Matthews; 4, 6, Dunn. FOR. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Leach.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

Members' show, held on November 13th, at the Bull's Head Inn, Thornton. The judge was Mr. Lewis (Bolton), and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, N. Kirk; 2, A. Burdin; 3, H. Mitchell. CLASS 2: 1, H. Mitchell; 2, J. Clayton; 3, N. Kirk. CLASS 3: 1, H. Mitchell; 2, N. Kirk; 3, J. Clayton. CLASS 4: 1, 2, N. Kirk; 3, J. Clayton. CLASS 5: 1, 3, A. Burdin; 2, J. Clayton. CLASS 6: 1, J. Holroyd; 2, N. Kirk; 3, H. Mitchell.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

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CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Nag's Head Cocoa Rooms, November 2nd, Mr. Crane in the chair. The secretary intimated receipts for specials and donations to the prize funds of our show on 4th December. The schedule for same was finally agreed upon and put into printer's hands, and will be sent out shortly. Competition for the cup for best bird in show will be very keen, and has aroused the sporting instinct of the members. A special meeting will be held November 30th.—J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

The following is the list of points gained by our members at Rochdale Good Intent and Nottingham shows:—Rochdale Good Intent: Champion, W. Hardy 22 points, Adams 20, Lees 18, Garner 10, Naden 9, Lowe 7, Laycock 3, Dr. McConaghy 3; Novice: Turner 14, Fish 12, Fitton 8, and Whitehead 3. Nottingham Show: Champion, W. Hardy 25, Adams 19, Garner 11; Novice, Fitton 13, Turner 0. Any member overlooked, or wrong number of points, please write to C. WHITEHEAD, Sec., 53, Moss Street, Rochdale.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Nov. 4th. Present: Messrs. Trower (in the chair), Cooper, Maxwell, Askew, Newby, Thurling, Frostick, Vale, Dewhurst, Plumbridge and Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Letters were read from Messrs. Weston, Bell, Crane, Tighe, Chick Ramsden, and Winter. The committee granted medals to the following shows:—Sligo, a silver and bronze; Scottish National, gold and silver; Crystal Palace, gold silver and bronze. The following gentlemen were elected members: Mr. E. J. Tighe and Mr. C. J. Mulligan, Sligo. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Monthly meeting held on November 15th, in Buchanan's Hotel, High-street, Mr. Baxter (vice-president) in the chair. The balance-sheet was gone through, and showed a balance on the right side. The following office-bearers were then elected:—President, Mr. C. R. Drysdale; vice-president, Mr. J. Baxter; the secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Hewit, being re-elected; Messrs. W. Thomson and R. Stirling were elected auditors. Mr. C. Drysdale moved that we have one or two classes for old birds at our show. Anyone wishing to become members should apply to me at 56, Prince Albert Buildings, or to our meeting at Buchanan's Hotel, High-street, every second Wednesday of month at 8 p.m. —S. HEWIT, Hon. Sec.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 12th. The balance-sheet was presented, and after all matters were settled up for the society's year (which ended Oct. 31st), it was decided to continue still as a society, and hope to hold our next exhibition in Oct., 1910. It was with regret that a letter was read from the Chairman, Mr. A. Grey, tendering his resignation. Mr. Grey is competing for O.N.P.C. specials, and in order to be able to exhibit at the necessary shows, he explained that he must free himself from the C.B.U. As our members decided to remain affiliated to that body, his resignation was accepted. We are hoping in the coming year to receive the wholehearted support of our local fanciers, and any wishing to join should send in their names, or attend our next meeting, which will be duly announced in CAGE BIRDS.—E. COWLING, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

A concert was given on October 21st, at Trinity Schools, in aid of the Trophy Fund. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered under the musical direction of Mr. E. T. Hartland. The opening item was a fine pianoforte duet, "Tripping through the Meadows," by Misses Price and Tate. Miss P. Ives sang very sweetly, "The Wakening of Spring," Mr. E. Pye also being well received for his singing of "The River of Dart." Miss C. Green sang "The Green Isle of Erin." A violin fantasia, by Miss Rosina Hodge, was a treat; Miss Mildred Wood sang "Carmena" and Mr. Augustus Ayre "Love, could I only tell thee." A mandoline solo by Mr. A. D. Lord was deservedly encored. Mr. Colin Morgan sang "Hurrah, for a Country Life," and "Two Naughty Boys." During the interval Mr. Meades spoke on the aims and objects of the Society. The second part was contributed to by Miss Mildred Wood, Mr. Pye, Miss C. Green, Miss P. Hodge, Mr. A. D. Lord, Mr. A. Ayre, Mr. Colin Morgan, and Miss P. Ives. Miss L. M. Martin gave great satisfaction as accompanist. The singing of the National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close, and it is hoped the fund will benefit.—W. PAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Monthly meeting, held Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, Nov. 4. Various matters with regard to annual show and printing posters, schedules, catalogues, etc., were dealt with. Points specials of 5s., 3s., and 2s. were promised by Messrs. J. Bray and Son, to be competed for in the Bristol bird section. A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded them. The chairman then called on Mr. Attridge to give his promised washing display, which was given in a most able manner. His advice to all, in washing, was to have confidence, and to keep their nerves. Yet the tubbing should be got over as soon as possible. Two bowls only of water were used, and cucumber and glycerine toilet soap. Mr. Attridge believes in a very small piece of soda in the water, should the birds be very dirty, but never washes with the soda oftener than was necessary, as it had a bleaching effect otherwise on the colour of the birds. The way the birds were handled and the brush used was a treat to watch; and the washer, although explaining different points as he went along, succeeded in thoroughly washing the second bird, and having the same in the drying cloth, in the remarkable time of 2 minutes 17 seconds, and in another five had the bird on the perch of the drying cage, which, by the way, was a single breeder. The drying cloths were of surgical lint. The whole exhibition was closely followed by all present, novices and champions alike. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Attridge, and chairman brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

Birds of Burnham Beeches.

Burnham Beeches like Epping Forest is open to the public, and both places are equally interesting to the bird lover, for among the Beeches nearly every species frequenting the South of England may be met with. The Thrushes, Warblers, Doves, Hawks, Woodpeckers—all may be seen, and a more delightful place for an outing for bird lovers cannot be found

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 119, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

ALB BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; over 20 years' experience; terms moderate.

S. W. BIRCHLEY, "Ivydene," Marsland Road, Brooklands, Cheshire. Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 13, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham road, Balham, S.W., Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 83, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

ROBERT LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy; 20 years' experience.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canarie British and Foreign Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of cage birds; specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey-st., Bodmin. Judge of a varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, judge of cage birds; specialist Mules, British and Foreign; terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington-road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties British birds and Mules; life experience. Price moderate.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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SOUTH LONDON Columbarian and F.A. (Founded 1874), will hold their 35th Grand Ann. Show at the Baths, Old Kent Rd., on **Wednesday, Nov. 24th.** Entries extended to last post **Nov. 20.** Ann. Sub. 2/6. **G. A. JEFFERYS, Hon. Sec., 30, Grange Road, Bermondsey, S.E.**

LUDLOW

Open Show, in the Town Hall,

November 24th and 25th.

Canaries, Britishers, Hybrids, and Foreign. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby. No amalgamation or limit Classes. Entries extended to **Nov. 23rd.** 40 Classes, Schedules now ready from **J. BESSELL, Hon. Sec., 5, High Street, Ludlow, Salop.**

Cage Bird Exhibitors have you forgotten

GOOLE (YORKS.) £5 Limit Show on **Nov. 25.** Judge: J. C. Barnes. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-, for 1/6 entry fee and paid within 3 days. See last week's paper for full classification. Entries close **Nov. 22. A. ROBERTS, Hon. Sec., 13, Manual St., Goole.**

METROPOLITAN

C.B.A. Show, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, **NOV. 25th,** 2 to 9.30 p.m. Judge: H. Norman, Grandest display of exhibits and trophies. Note the date.

GLASGOW **Saturday 27th Nov.** West of Scotland, Norwich, &c. show in the National Halls, Main St. Gorbals, South Side, Glasgow.

INVERNESS Twenty-Ninth Annual Show, **Wed. Nov. 24,** under the Patronage of Scottish F.C. Grand Classification. Specials in every Class. Judge, Jas. F. Dewar, Esq. Prize Money. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Entries in time if posted **Nov. 20th.** Schedules from — **Alex Urquhart, Hon. Sec, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.**

BRISTOL C.B.S. Under C.B.U. Rules.

November 24 and 25.

Entries extended till 1st Post Monday, Nov. 22nd.

69 classes. 50 specials. Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe. Send at once and I will classify. 1/6 Fee. 4 Prizes. **W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield, Bristol.**

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Yorks. Canary Club of Ireland.

DUBLIN **Thur. & Fri., NOV. 25-26, 1909.**

In Central Hall, 12, Westmoreland Street.
65 classes for Cage Birds. Entry Fee 1/6.
Judge—W. Mundell, Esq. 4 cups and 40 Specials
Entries close **NOVEMBER 20th, certain.**

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SALE **OPEN.** 2nd Annual All England Show. 8 open Novice classes. Silver Cup for Members. A splendid lot of Specials for Open Section. **November 26 and 27,** in the splendid room of the Technical School, lighted with electricity, heated throughout, 2 minutes' walk from station, trams stop at door. Judges—Messrs. J. C. Barnes and A. Wallings. Printer's Errors in Schedule:—Class 63 should read 62; Special No. 9 should read 35 to 43; 10, 44; 11, 45; 12, 46; 13, 47; Special No. 28 is for classes 107 and 108, not for 44 and 45. **Don't forget we paid out in three days last year.** Schedules ready now from **J. IRLAM, 97, Cross Street, Sale.**

CITY OF DUNDEE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. ANNUAL SHOW **NOVEMBER 26th and 27th.** In conjunction will be held The Scottish crest club show. Judges: Crests & Crestbred, Mr. C. Campbell; Plainheads Mr. A. Malcomson; Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and Geo. Fulton; Borders and Yorkshires, Mr. D. Hamilton; British and Foreign Birds, Mr. Jas. Livingstone. Under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, Yorkshire Canary of Scotland & Scottish British Bird & Mule Club. Entries close **Nov. 20th.** Schedules from—**ALEX MILLER, 3, Park Avenue.**

BLACKPOOL Show. **Nov. 26 & 27.** C.B.U. Rules. **Classes**—NORWICH: 1, Clr. Yell.; 2, Clr. Buff; 3, Tic. or Un. Mkd. Yell.; 4, do. Buff; 5, Clear, tic or Un. Mkd. Yell. Hen; 6, do. Buff Hen; 7, do. Unflg. Yell.; 8, do. Buff. YORKSHIRES: 9, Clr. Yell.; 10, do Buff; 11, Tic. or Un. Mkd. Yell.; 12, do. Buff; 13, Clr., tic or Un. Mkd. Yell. Hen; 14, do. Buff Hen; 15, do. Unflg. Buff or Yell.; 16, A.O.V. Canary. BORDER: 17, Linnet; 18, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 19, A.O.V. Hardbill; 20, A.V. Soft; 21, Mules or Hybrids; 22, £1 Selling bird only; 23, 12s. 6d. Selling, bird only; 24, Gift Class. NOVICE: 25, Norwich, A.V. Yell.; 26, do. Buff; 27, Nor. Hen; 28, Yorkshires, A.V. Yell.; 29, do. Buff; 30, Yks. Hen. 2½s. most pts., 10/6 second. 2/- money Special each class. Entry fee 1/6 per class. Judge, H. W. Battye. Entries close Mon. Nov. 22, (Tues. post) All who have not received Schedules enter from this to **A. J. WINTERBOTTOM, 9, Clinton Avenue, Blackpool.**

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MUIRKIRK SHOW **November 27.** Pty., Pgn., C.B., Rab., and Cats. 10 Classes for Bor., two for Nor., Brit. Birds and Linnets, one each. Judge, W. Mossey. Ent. close, **Nov. 23.** Scheds. from **R. THOMSON, Sec., Morton-place, Muirkirk.**

BRIGHOUSE **NOV. 27.** Open Foreign Bird Show. 6 classes. F.B.C. Patronage. Judge: Mr. F. Howe, Wellingboro. Society's cup and numerous specials, Full prize money guaranteed. Schedules ready from—**F. MITCHELL, Sec., 9, Marion Street, Brighouse.** Entries close November 23rd. Fee, 1/6 per cage.

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Yorks. Classes, 1 to 6; Norwich Classes, 7 to 12; Borders, 13 and 14; Cinnamons, 15; A.O.V., 16; Pairs, 17; Selling, 18 to 20; 20/-, 15/-, 10/-; Light Mule or Hybrids, 21; A.V. Dark Can. Mule, 22; British Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Bramble, Chaffinch, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll; A.O.V. Finch or Bunting; A.V. Small Softbill; A.V. Large Softbill; A.V. Hen, Seedeating; A.V. Foreign; A.V., Mule, British or Foreign, 10/-. 35 Classes; good specials. Send entries along, and I will classify. Schedules ready. Entries accepted up to Tuesday night's post.—**E. BRUNSKILL, 23, Salisbury Terrace, Darlington.**

BRIDLINGTON

THURS., DEC. 2nd.

7 Classes. Judge—G. Harland, Hull. Entries close NEXT TUESDAY, NOV. 23rd. **ARTHUR J. H. TOWNSEND, Sec., Prospect St.**

MELBOURNE Show December 1st & 2nd. Prize-money guaranteed and paid in three days. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. Entries close **November 23rd.** For schedules apply **J. HICKLIN, Hon. Secretary: Melbourne, Derbyshire.**

CARDIFF

DECEMBER 1st & 2nd.

50 classes. Popular Judges: Norwich, open and novice, Payne; Yorks, open and novice, Robson; remainder alternately. Full prize money. No half measures. Gold watch for most entries. Close next Wednesday. See this week's Review.

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City of BIRMINGHAM

C.B.S. GREAT OPEN SHOW.

December 1st and 2nd.

C.B.U. rules. Under patronage of N.P.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., "Roberts Cup" Competition (C.C.C.) Judges: Messrs. Barnes, House and Howe. Prize money promptly paid. 10/-, 6/-, 3/- and 1/6 for 1/6 entry fee. Lots of specials. 56 classes (open and novice). Norwich, Yorks., Crests and C.B., Borders, Cinnamon, Mules, British and Foreign. All exhibits fed by Messrs. Trower and Co.—**J. H. de Mallet, Hon. Sec., 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.** Entries close November 24th.

FALMOUTH and District **C.B.A.**

Affiliated to the C.B.U. The fourth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and foreign birds to be held in the Polytechnic Hall, Falmouth, **Friday, Dec. 3rd.** Judge: C. A. House, Esq. Entries close **Nov. 27th.** Numerous Specials and challenge cups to be won outright. The largest show confined to the county of Cornwall. For schedules apply to **W. J. Medlin, Hon. Sec. 90, Marlborough Rd., Falmouth.**

COCKERMOUTH Feather Society.

Fifth Open Show, on **DECEMBER 3rd and 4th,** in the Tweed Mill, acknowledged by exhibitors and press as one of the finest show rooms in the Kingdom. Open classes for Cage Birds, as follows: 9 Border, 6 Yorks., 3 Norwich, 2 A.O.V., 2 Selling, 11 British and Foreign. Judge, H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. Guaranteed price list; specials for every class. Entries close **November 27th;** Monday's post accepted. Schedules from **E. LIMB, Mayo Street, Cockermouth.**

WEST AUCKLAND SOCIETY

Under C.B.U. Rules. **Dec. 4th, 09.** Prizes 3/-, 4/-, 2/- guaranteed. Judge: Mr. C. Harland. Entries close **Nov. 29.** Schedules ready from **J. GILL, 6t. Helens, Bishop Auckland.**

ANNAN 1st Open Show, Cage Birds only Good Templar Hall, Annan.

Sat. Dec. 4. 29 classes. Good specials. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Judges: H. Connerton, Carlisle, and W. McMillan, Dumfries. Schedules from **J. Urquhart, Douglas House, Johnstone St., Annan.** Entries close **Dec. 1.**

LOCHCRAIG

NR. LOCHGELLY. DECEMBER 4.

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MIDDLETON C.B.S. Under C.B.U. Rules 10th Ann. Show, **DEC. 4th,** under pat. L.& L.F.A., also L.C.A. 3 Yorks., 3 Nor. P.H. 22/- per class; 2/- special each class. 1/6 Entry fee. Judges, Messrs. Croft and Hardy. Entries close **Mon., Nov. 29th.**—Schedules, **J. OLDHAM, 207, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.**

CUPAR, FIFE

N.B.

22nd Annual Show on **SAT. DEC. 4th.** Judges, Scotch Fancies, Wm. Rodger (Slateford) Norwich, John Adams, (Dundee) Borders, etc., Jas Patterson (Chirnside) Mules, British and Foreign, A. C. Dandie (Edinburgh). Splendid Classification. Grand list of Specials. Schedules now ready. **WILLIAM RUDDIMAN, Secretary.**

JEDBURGH P. P. & C. B.

Saturday, December 4th, 1909.

Poultry 25 classes, Mr. A. Stillie, Selkirk; Variety Pigeons, 20 classes, Mr. D. Cockburn, Haddington; Long-faced Tumblers, 10 classes, Mr. James Preacher, Dalkeith; **Cage Birds,** 22 classes, Mr. P. McKenzie, Kelso. Entries close **November 27th.** Schedules from **TOM SCOTT, 10, High Street, Jedburgh.**

FERRYHILL & Dis.

C.B.S.

Second Annual Open Show, on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.** Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Literary and Social Hall. 36 Open classes. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee, 1/- per cage. Judges: J. Stanger, and J. Maddison. Entries close **November 29th, 1909.** Schedules, apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street, Ferryhill.**

ILKESTON Open Cage Bird Show (Under C.B.U. Rules)

November 27th & 29th, 1909. 30 Classes. Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of Classes. Liberal list of specials. and prompt payment. Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood, and Chas. Houlton. Entries close **Tuesday, November 23rd.** Send for schedules to **THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.**

LAUNCESTON

Annual Show, **Nov. 30th.** Under C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Payne. 24 Open Classes. Up to time of writing not a single entry. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. **ENTRIES EXTENDED TO NOV. 25th. H. H. REED, &c.**

MORECAMBE

CAGE BIRD SHOW.

Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.

Prize money 22/- per Class. Entries **25th. W. H. PICKLES, &c., Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.**

PORTSMOUTH 23rd ANNUAL SHOW.

Dec. 1st & 2nd.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules. 16 Classes. Numerous cash specials. Judge—G. Gardner. Entries very short. Prize money paid in full. Accept 1st Post **Wednesday, 24th.** Schedules ready.

Messrs. HAWES & FRAMPTON, 125, Commercial Rd., Portsmouth.

FROME

11th Ann. Show of Cage Birds, **Thur., Dec. 2nd, 1909.** Judge, Mr. J. Robson, under the patronage of S.Y.C.C. and Lancashire C.A. No Amalgamation. 9 Open Classes Nor., 3 ditto Lancs., 8 ditto Yorks., 3 ditto Bdrs. Crest, Brit., For., & Moles, &c. Any quantity Specials. Schedules sent to above Club Members, others please apply to **C. I. YOUNG, Hon. Sec. Frome.**

ALTRINCHAM

5th Annual All England Show, **Dec. 3rd and 4th,** under C.B.U. Rules. **Open Novice Classes International Border Contest** Magnificent Specials. Schedules ready shortly from—

TOM HARRISON, Altrincham Aviaries, 4 Shaw's Lane, Altrincham.

BELFAST 17th Ann. Open Show.

DECEMBER 3rd & 4th, 1909. In Clarence Place Hall, May Street. 48 Classes for Canaries, Mules and British Birds. Two Cups and 58 Specials. **JAS. STEWART, 57, Donegal Av.**

LEICESTER DEC. 4 & 6. C.B.U. RULES.

Money Specials, Prompt Payment, no Classes Cancelled and no Amalgamation. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- Entrance Fee 1/6. Hybrids and British, best classification in the Midlands, and J. F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh, will be the Judge. Canary classification equally as good. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Schedules now ready. Entries close Nov 27th. **J. A. TYLER, Sec., 229, Narborough Road.**

LUTON C.B.S. Affiliated to C.B.U. DECEMBER 8.

BIG CASH SPECIALS.

Judges: J. Robson, Esq. and Allen Silver, Esq. 31 open classes. Send for schedule: **E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec., 4, Peel St., Luton, Beds.**

Novices, Novices, Look Here!

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Under the Y.C.B.B.& M.C. Patronage, 6th Annual Open Show, **Sat., DECEMBER 4th, 1909.** Judge, A. Hirst, Esq. 5 Open Novice Classes for Yorkshires. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. 1/6 Entry.—Schedules now ready, apply early and give us a good entry; prompt payment.—**GEO. HY. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec., and Treas., 20, College Road, Harrogate.**

FANCIERS DON'T FORGET.

CASTLE DOUGLAS OPEN SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and **Cage Birds,** on **DECEMBER 4th.** Judges: Poultry, W. Binnie, Kilsyth; Pigeons, A. E. Macdougall, Kirn; Rabbits, Cats, R. McGhie, Dalbeattie; Cage Birds, J. W. Bruce, Colstream. Cups, medals and good money specials; splendid railway connections. Entries close **Nov. 27th.**—Schedules, **J. C. BURNIE, Secretary, 2, Carlingwark Cottages, Castle-Douglas.**

STONEHOUSE N.B.

Second Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, to be held on **Saturday, DECEMBER 4th,** 1909, in the Public Hall, Stonehouse. 9 Classes for Scotch Fancy Canaries; 8 classes for Border Fancy Canaries; 11 classes for Norwich; 21 classes for British and Foreign Birds and Mules. Popular judges. 11 classes for Flying Homers.—**JOHN GOVAN, Sec., 7, Union St., Stonehouse, N.B.** Entries close Nov. 27th.

FORRES

and Northern Ornithological Association 23rd Annual Show

Of Cage Birds, Pigeons, and Bantams, will be held on **Saturday, December 4th, 1909.** Judge Cage Birds, John Strachan, Aberdeen. Prizes, 8/-, 4/- 2/6. Schedules from **WM. CUMMING, 4, Nicholson Place, Forres.**

MILNGAVIE

BEARSDEN and Dis. O.S. Open Show on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.**

Grand classification for Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats. Cage Bird Judges, Mr. John McLay, Mr. Thos. McCredie; Poultry, Mr. Fullerton; Pigeons, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. Kinney. Entries close, Nov. 27th. Schedules from **M. FRAME, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.**

TAMWORTH and Dis. C.B.S. 3rd Annual open Show under C.B.U. Rules on **Sat. Dec. 11th.** Patronage of M.C.Y.C.C. 22 open classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 4th a card. Entrance fee 1/6. Judge: Mr. Roe. Entries close **Monday, Dec. 6th.** Sched. apply **Spencer, 85, Cross St, Kettlebrook, Tamworth.**

HASLAND

GRASSMOOR & Dis. C.B.S.

DEC. 4th, 1909.

2nd ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Judge: W. Vardy, Esq. Prize Money, 10/- 5/-, 2/6. Entries, 1/6 per cage; members 1/-. Good specials. 19 classes. Entries close **Nov. 29th.**

Sec. C. H. NAYLOR, 59, Kent Street.

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Under C.B.U. Rules. Patronage of W.C.B.C. Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign, on **Wednesday, DECEMBER 8th, 1909.** Good classification. cups, medals and numerous specials. 30 Classes. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close **November 30th.** Schedules, apply **WM. J. EDWARDS, 5, Upper Griffin Street, Six Bells, Abertillery (Mon.).**

CANTERBURY

Open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. The 39th Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc., will be held **DECEMBER 8th and 9th.** C.B.U. Rules. Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles, Chichester. No amalgamation Splendid list of specials; good classification, prompt payment of prize money. Entries close **December 1st.**—**J. W. SARGEANT, Hon. Sec.**

CAMBRIDGE

DECEMBER 8th & 9th.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds. 24 classes and 24 specials. Judge: C.A. House Esq. 2 handsome challenge cups for canaries, and British birds respectively (can be won outright). Schedules ready. Please state section. **Entries close NOVEMBER 20th: W. DRIVER, Secretary.**

SUTTON COLDFIELD 3rd Annual Show

Cage Birds will be held at the Crystal Palace, **Dec. 8 & 9.** Judge, Mr. A. P. Adcock. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/6. Enter from following:—Class 17, Nor. ck., 177 do. hen; 78 do. unflig. ck. or hen 180; 179 Yorks. ck., 180 do. Hen; 181 do. unflig. ck. or hen 1909, 181a Crest ck. or hen, 181b C.B. ck. or hen, 182 Com. A.O.V. or Mule or Hyb., 183 Brit., 184 For. birds, 185 Any Sell. pairs 20-, 186 Class sell. single cr pairs 10/, 187 Gift class. Numerous cash specials. Schedules from **A. GEO. JONES, 110, High Street, Erdington.** Entries close **Nov. 24th.** Separate room for cage birds.

GATESHEAD A Dis. C.B.S.

The Palace of the North.

Under C.B.U. Rules, Tenth Annual Show, on **DEC. 16th and 17th.** 84 Open Classes, including 10 for Novices, 31 members; under the patronage of the O.N.P.C., N.P.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., C.C.C., N.B.C., B.F.C.C., E.& W.B.F.C.C., S.B.B.& M.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., F.B.C. and the U.K.B.C.A. Prize money guaranteed. Judges: Messrs. Robson, London; Dewar, Edinburgh; Halliday, Shipley; Taylor, Gateshead, and Dixon, Wigton. No cancelling or amalgamation. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry, 1/6. Heaps of specials. Schedules now ready. Apply early from **C. BUCK, 135, School Street, Gateshead.**

BROMSGROVE

ANNUAL SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS.

DECEMBER 14TH.

Under C. B. Union Rules. Mr. Payne, Judge. Good classification. **F. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec, Stourbridge Road.**

PONTYPRIDD PWLLGWAUN & DISTRICT.

C.B.U. rules. Pity., Pgns., Cage Birds and Rab. Judges, Messrs. Proud, Ebb, House, and Godfrey. **Dec. 15th,** Entries Close **Dec. 8th. McLUCAS & JAMES,** Hon. Secs., **26, Pantygraigwen Road.**

NARBERTH

Under the Kennel Club rules and C.B.U. rules, 22nd Annual Show of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits, etc., **DECEMBER 15th, 1909;** Carmarthen Show the day following. Judges: L. P. C. Astley, Esq., for Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, etc.; B. R. Rowe, Esq., for Spaniels, Game, and Bantams; Trevor Gamage, Swansea, for Cage Birds. Prize money will be paid within 14 days, excepting Dogs, and Cage Birds. Apply for Schedules to Messrs. **JAMES OWEN & JOHN HARRIES, Secs., St. James Street, Narberth.** Pens for hire; exhibits will be despatched in time for Carmarthen Show the following day; distance, 20 miles.

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RUTHIN Fur and Feather Show.

Thursday, Dec. 16th. Confined to N. Wales.

Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds** &c. 81 Classes. Entries close Dec. 12th, first post. Judge Mr. Henry Teme. **Schedules from W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary, Preswylfa, Ruthin, N. Wales.**

CARMARTHEN

DECEMBER 16th.

THE SHOW OF WALES.

Good classification. Judges—Messrs. C. A. House, and T. Gamage. 10/- 5/-, & 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. Schedules **J. O. THOMAS & W. B. JENKINS, Plough Hotel.**

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Twitterings.

I have removed to 24, Toulinson Road, Ashton, Preston, writes Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Cleminson and Taylor).

Whitehaven Drawing.—Winning numbers:—1,132, 1,981, 2,161, 1,749, 774, 1,628, 1,350, 1,823, 1,987, 1,966, 1,456.—(Advt.)

I won 1st and 2nd in the buff Yorkshire class at Bodmin. I note the report gives Collins as 1st.—James Thomas (Bugle).

Send along entries for Sale Show, November 26th and 27th. Splendid classification. J. Irlam, 97, Cross Street.—(Advt.)

Blackburn Show report credits Ashwell with winning 2nd prize in class 19; it should read Aspinall.—F. Aspinall (Blackburn).

I have executed all the orders for Siberian hen Bullfinches except five, and these I will send in a few days, writes Mr. B. Hollins (Hull).

There was an increase in all sections at our show, writes Mr. R. J. Hamilton, hon. secretary of Banbridge C.B. and F.A.—45 more cage birds, in fact.

Splendid classification and prizes at Inverness. Exhibitors should certainly see a schedule.—(Advt.)

Entries close for Dundee, November 26th. Send your entries on at once. See advertisement columns.—(Advt.)

The 1910 show of the Rochdale O.C. has been fixed for October 21st and 22nd, and Mr. C. A. Howse has again been elected one of the judges for the nineteenth time.

Classes 87 and 88 in our schedule, writes Mr. S. Limb, hon. secretary of the Cockermouth and Dis. F.S., should read "Any other variety," and not "any variety."

At the time of writing, entries for Bedale Show are very short, writes Mr. W. F. Merrin, the secretary. Entries will be extended to first post Saturday, November 20th.

Entries have been extended to last post, November 20th, writes Mr. G. A. Jefferys, hon. secretary of the South London Col. and F.A. We hope fanciers will assist us.

Cage bird entries are practically nil at time of writing. Will accept up to this Saturday's post. I will classify.—W. G. Inward, hon. secretary of the Cirencester F.S.

Will Mr. A. E. Parker kindly forward to us his full address; we will then be able to send him the copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which he has ordered from us.

Mr. Geo. Stewart Bowles, M.P., has been asked to open the Grand United Metropolitan Show on November 23rd, at the Lambeth Baths, writes Mr. A. Watson, the secretary.

Mr. Sandiford is giving a gold centre medal, to be competed for amongst members, entry form to be marked (Sandiford), writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. secretary of the Sale Open O.S.

The judges for Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. Show, to be held January 18th, next, are Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) and Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingboro'), writes Mr. D. R. Jones, the chairman.

Entries for our show on November 25th, writes Mr. A. Roberts, hon. secretary of the Goole F.S., are very bad, not averaging one per class for five prizes. Hope fanciers will rally round.

Barnstaple Show report credits Mr. J. D. Horrill with winning the "Belgian Memorial Trophy" points special. The name of W. Baker should be substituted.—W. Baker (Barnstaple).

In mentioning Carlisle Show, Cage Birds gives the date as January 11th, whereas it should be January 1st, writes Mr. George Goulden, the secretary. Either I or the printer is to blame.

Entries for Inverness Show, if posted on Saturday November 20th, will be accepted, writes Mr. A. Urquhart, hon. secretary of the Inverness O.A. We have every promise of a record show.

The London and Counties O.A. will be holding their annual autumn show on December 3rd and 4th, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary.

I was extra 3rd in unflighted buff class at Swansea, and not Tottle; also, I had 2 firsts and h.c. in the Norwich section. I received my prize money before the birds came home.—E. Thomas (Cardiff).

We hear that Mr. James A. Douglas has just landed in London from the far side of the United States, bringing his birds with him, which have stood the long and trying journey in good style.

The whole of the special prizes in the cage-bird section are for open competition, and not confined to members as stated in our schedule, writes Mr. G. W. Dutton, hon. secretary of the Crewe and Dis. F.A.

Will secretaries please note, writes Mr. F. Fallows (Birmingham), that through having to remove to Birmingham I have sold all my stock, so shall not, therefore, be going into the Fancy until next year.

Owing to a printer's error in our schedule, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer, secretary, Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S., classes 15 and 19 should read any other variety, instead of any variety. Also, 4th prize is a card.

Mr. G. Hawver, hon. secretary, Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., sends us copies of many letters congratulating his society on the prompt payment of prize money at its recent show, and the excellent management.

Our entries at time of writing are very short, writes Mr. W. T. Hawes, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth Show; we will accept up to first post on Wednesday, November 24th. Prize money is to be paid in full.

The fourth annual open show of the Brandon Colliery C.B.S. is being held this Saturday (November 20th), at Mrs. Burrell's Colliery Inn, writes Mr. Geo. Reed, the hon. secretary. Mr. R. S. Bowick will judge cage birds.

The report credits Bickerstaffe with 1st in buff Border hens at Bo'ness, whereas I was 1st in that class; also at Brechin I won 1st and E.F.C. medal, with yellow cock, instead of Craig, writes Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso).

Last week my advertisement read "Goldfinches"; this should have been Greenfinches. Please note this, as I have had so many applications for Goldfinches, which I cannot possibly do at the price.—T. E. Wade (Chatham).

I was very surprised to see the grand report of our show in your last week's issue, writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, hon. secretary, Penzance and Dis. F.A. This is what I call very quick work, only two days after the show.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden (Brixton) asks us to state that he is taking a brief holiday after his recent indisposition, and he hopes that correspondents will overlook for the time being any delay in replying to their communications.

It was Mr. D. McMillan (Leeds), our treasurer, who won first in the £5 5s. Limit Yellow Norwich at Sheffield Show, and not Dr. McMillan, as stated in the Sheffield catalogue and report, writes Mr. J. Chambers, hon. secretary of the Leeds C.B.S.

Entries are coming in very slowly, writes Mr. W. Lightfoot, hon. secretary of Wandsworth and Dis. F.A.; will extend date of closing to November 25th. We have obtained a license from C.B.U., and have added two open novice classes for Yorkshires to the schedule, A.V. cock and A.V. hen. Prize money will be promptly paid as usual.

The following were the points each society scored in the "Inter-Society Cup Competition," writes Mr. J. E. Wood, hon. secretary, of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., viz.:—Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society 96 points, and Coventry O.S. 76. The destiny of the cup for the next twelve months will be settled at the Coventry Show on November 20th.

Kindly state, writes Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart), that the Chaffinch I am showing now (it was 2nd at Carlisle), is not my 2nd City of Glasgow bird, it having been claimed at catalogue price, £2 2s. 6d., by the party who claimed Mr. Alston's 4th Bramble. Your special number of C.B. crowns all. The plate of Hawfinches was perfection.

Irish fanciers should not overlook the annual exhibition of the Y.C.C. of Ireland (Dublin), which is being held on November 25th and 26th, and entries should be made immediately to Mr. J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin. Excellent prizes are offered, including many very valuable specials. A review of the schedule will be found in this issue.

Our entries close, not as stated in our advertisement, November 05, but November 15th. Seeing our entries do not average 1 per class at time of writing, we are forced to extend the date till Monday morning's post, November 22nd. Cage bird fanciers will, I feel sure, send us along some entries, and we will classify.—W. H. Manley, hon. sec., Bristol and Dis. C.B.S.

Cardiff Show, for which entries close on November 24th, writes Mr. W. Sampson, hon. secretary, I hope will not be overlooked. It is our 18th annual show, and exhibitors can testify to the generous manner in which they have always been treated. Prize money has always been paid in full when there has only been one entry in a class. Ours was the pioneer of cage bird shows in Wales, and is to-day also the premier show, and loyal Welshmen will show their appreciation by giving us a bumping entry.

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We are giving a large number of valuable specials, including one of the value of 30s., writes Mr. A. W. Lndlow, hon. secretary of the Stamford and Dis. F.A. Show, on November 25th, and we are hoping fanciers will give us a bumping entry.

We have received for inspection from Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, of Norwich, the original of a remarkable testimonial as to the merits and breeding performances of the birds he supplied to a gentleman in Rosario, South America.

The City and Suburban Society, we hear, is very proud of having broken all London records for a members' show, with their entry of close on 530 birds for the annual event this week-end (Friday and Saturday), an increase of over 100 on their own previous best.

We have received from Mr. A. E. Pickett, jun. (Wessex Aviaries, Dagmar Road, Dorchester), a photograph of the handsome stall of cages and birds which he had at the recent Dorchester Chrysanthemum Show; the latter he describes as having been a great success.

We had 582 entries at our recent show, writes Mr. G. M. Horsley, hon. secretary of the Malton, Norton, and Dis. F.S. We closed at 8 p.m., and by 10 p.m. every exhibit was in the hands of the railway company. Not a single mistake has been reported, and all prize money has already been sent out.

Kindly announce that I am compelled to leave London this day (November 13th), for the Continent, and do not anticipate returning for at least a week, writes Mr. J. S. Clarke, hon. secretary, Crested Canary Club. This in case any fancier should be writing me about C.C.C. matters, and not receiving prompt reply.

In the club report of the Grimsby and Dis. O.S., in your last issue (in the correspondence column), a printer's error occurred after my name at the foot thereof; the word "chairman" appeared. This post is filled by another gentleman, with much credit. I am the hon. treasurer of the society.—H. Harding, hon. treasurer.

We are without a single entry, and have extended to November 25th, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, secretary of Launceston Show, November 30th. We have gone to extra expense engaging the Drill Hall for cage bird exhibits. Now, can fanciers expect such classification if they do not support us? Good prize money and many specials are offered.

Your paper, Cage Birds, must have a very wide circulation, write Messrs. D. De Von and Co., Ltd., the noted bird importers of Bethnal Green Road, London, E. It has undoubtedly been perused in Smyrna, as we have received an order this week from this spot in far Asia Minor. Through Cage Birds we have executed orders in Africa, North and South America, and even as far as Australia; also in several Continental countries, proofs of which we can give, if necessary. Please accept our best wishes for Cage Birds.

Wolverhampton Show report credits Mr. Hall with winning fourth in the unflighted buff class, whereas I won that prize.—F. Dipple (Birmingham).

Leek (Staffordshire) Show report credits Dyke with v.h.c. in open yellow Yorkshire class, whereas, I won same.—W. Andrews (West Bromwich).

Dr. Rodgers (123, Radford Boulevard, Nottingham), sends for our inspection the original of a splendid testimonial to the merits of his "Bronchorine" (for colds, etc.). The writer, Mr. D. Jones (Crumlin), says: "The bird I gave it to is now singing as good as ever. I have tried a few things before, but your medicine is the best of all."

Kindly thank all exhibitors for their support, which enabled us to make such a grand display and turn the show out the great success it was, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, hon. secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. All prize money was paid out five days after show. We also thank you and your representative for the grand report you gave in your columns.

I have to thank you on behalf of the Larkhall C.B.A. for the very able report of our recent show published in Cage Birds on November 6th. We had a record show, nearly 250 birds being staged in the 26 classes provided. The publication of our club notices, too, have been the means of gaining a great many members for the society.—Jas. Pollock, secretary.

On opening my number of Cage Birds for November 6th, I was very pleased to see my Bramblefinch depicted in your special supplement. This bird I have had for several years, and he has won a lot of prizes every year. This season he has been to four shows. This is his record for this season:—City of Glasgow 3rd, Newcastle 1st and special, Clapham 1st and special, and Liverpool 1st and special—surely a good performance.—A. Coffey (Liverpool).

Many thanks for the grand drawing of my Blue-throated Warbler on the front page of your interesting paper, writes Mr. George G. Henderson (Glasgow). It is life-like of the bird, who was never beaten when in my possession. Only once was he debarred from competition, and that was at the Scottish National, under Mr. Fulljames, who could not recognise him, he not being on the club list. Still, he admitted he was the best he had ever seen staged.

Are you visiting the City and Suburban's 14th Annual Show to-day and to-morrow, Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th? for there you will see London's greatest club show, with a record entry of over 520 birds, including All England Champions of Champions—a veritable Palace Show in miniature. The Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, is a few minutes' walk from Baker Street (Metropolitan), and Regent's Park (Bakerloo) Railway Stations, and all Baker Street 'buses pass the corner of the street.—(Advt.)

We are very pleased with the report of Lowestoft Show appearing in your last edition, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the hon. secretary. Mr. H. Hart should be named as one of the stewards. Mr. Hart is a very keen and hard worker for our Fancy, and without his assistance it would be difficult to hold a cage-bird show here. I wish Cage Birds every success.

The prize money for common Canary should be 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d., instead of 8s., 4s., and 2s., as printed in our schedule, writes Mr. R. Ballock, hon. secretary of the Lockeraig F.A. We are giving a good classification, and with popular judges, we hope fanciers will help to make our first venture a success. Schedules may be had on application to me at 63, North Glencraig, Lochgelly.

Entries are practically nil at Egremont (Cumberland)—only 12 in 25 classes; therefore I am compelled to extend to first post Tuesday, November 23rd. I appeal to cage bird fanciers to rally round and support this old established show, which is entirely under new management. Prize-money will be paid within seven days.—Wm. Lewthwaite, hon. secretary, Egremont, Cumberland.

One of the features of the recent Liverpool Show was the splendid stand of Messrs. Bunner and Sons (Blake Street, Copperas Hill, Liverpool), which held a choice assortment of the cages (both breeding, show, and stock), for which this firm is noted, together with wirefronts and every description of speciality required by fanciers in the bird-room. Messrs. Bunner and Sons' stand attracted a good deal of notice and favourable comment.

OBITUARY.

MRS. J. BROWN (Shoreditch).

We regret to learn of the painfully sudden death of Mrs. J. Brown (Sclater Street, Shoreditch), head of a firm of bird dealers known to every London fancier, we should think, and to very many provincial ones as well. With her late husband—and of recent years with her sons—Mrs. Brown had helped to build up a very large and flourishing bird business, and her always cheerful and kindly disposition ensured her the respect of all who knew her. The deceased lady had been ailing but a very brief period, when carried away by heart failure, on November 14th last.

Kindly allow me through your grand weekly Cage Birds, on behalf of myself and committee, to thank all who assisted at our show, especially the Rev. E. Collinson (Broughton), Messrs. E. Baker (Cowes), W. Hindman (Blackburn), H. Parkinson (Bolton), T. H. Cooper (Bolton), Messrs. Sherrington, Coventry and Coupe (Preston), writes Mr. R. Taylor, hon. secretary of the Preston O.S. I might also mention that Mr. W. Aitcheson (Edinburgh) won the half-guinea for most entries by a Scotch exhibitor, which he has given back to the club. This, considering he gave us a good special of half a dozen silk handerchiefs, only shows us once more what a kind-hearted chap this natural colour king is.

I am sorry to have to inform you that one of our best-known members, Mr. Ben Davies (Abercanaid), has been very unfortunate to lose his eye (through an accident at his work some years ago). An operation was performed last week (November 10th), by Dr. Creswell, of Cardiff Hospital. Being with Mr. Davies on November 15th, I asked him how he felt, and he told me he fancied his other eye was affected. It is to be hoped we, as a club, shall be able to keep him. It is a very serious loss to the Fancy locally to lose such a prominent member as Mr. Davies; he is so well-known as a Scotch Fancy exhibitor, and we all hope our friend will soon recover his health. I wish Cage Birds every success.—J. B. Rees (Abercanaid).

Merriment at Highgate.

The social and distribution of prizes won at the annual show of the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., will take place on Thursday, November 25th, at 8 p.m., in the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N. There will be some good music and singing. All friends are cordially invited. Would all members kindly send in their ticket money at once, as I wish to close the show account before November 25th.—C. W. Law, hon. secretary.

At the Wrong Show.

A curious and unfortunate mishap occurred in London this week. The Great International Poultry, etc., Show is being held at the Crystal Palace, and one or two cases of birds which were intended for the Wimbledon Cage Bird Show, were wrongly delivered by the Railway Co., being landed at the "Great Glass House." This was hard lines for the exhibitor (or exhibitors) concerned for, of course, it was too late when the mistake was discovered to get them over to Wimbledon in time to be judged. We believe Mr. F. S. Matthes, the popular hon. secretary of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, was a sufferer.

The Wallsend Sensations.

With regard to the sensational happenings at the recent Wallsend Show (as reported in our columns this week), we have received the following letter from the judge concerned, Mr. J. W. Bruce:—"I have had notice from the Cage Bird Union (District No. 1) to the effect that two protests were laid against classes I judged at Wallsend Show: 1st, against the perches of Mr. H. Bennet and Messrs. Currah and Son, exhibitors in Border Fancy Classes; and 2nd, against Mr. McParlding's Clear Mules as being pure Canaries. I have written to the Union in reply, and await their decision. I also notify you, so that you can publish same if you care to. I may say I have a perfect answer for both cases."

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

Some Useful Hints Concerning the Birds Depicted.

With this week's issue every reader should receive a Coloured Plate. Upon this are arranged with charmingly artistic effect two paintings by that old and esteemed bird artist, Mr. J. G. Keulemans, and another from the talented brush of Miss L. M. Medland.

The Redstart.

The Redstart is one of the most popular of the smaller British insectivorous birds, his beautiful colouring making him a very desirable exhibit at the shows, while his dainty mannerisms and sweet song put him in the front rank as a pleasing cage pet. Concerning this bird, Mr. S. L. Cocks, the well-known Peterborough enthusiast, recently wrote: The Redstart is, of course, a migrant, the cocks of the species coming over about ten days or so before the hens, and appearing in my locality generally about the 20th of April. On the arrival of their mates they go straight to their business of the summer. They are double-brooded birds, and their first batch of youngsters is often ready to leave the nest by the first week in June.

The young cocks will not come into full colour at the first moult, the under-throat being very grey (looking as though dusted over with some flour), and the slate on the back tinged with brown. But the beauty of the two-year-old bird will quite repay you for the trouble of keeping them.

You can feed them on any good brand of insectivorous food, or, it you prefer it, you can mix your own as follows:—Biscuits ground up, three parts; ants' eggs, dried flies, and silk-worm pupæ, one part each; and preserved yolk of egg, half a part; using a little grated carrot to moisten it with when feeding. Gentles or mealworms must be given, but don't overdo the latter, or indigestion will soon step in.

The Blackcap.

The Blackcap (another of our small insectivorous birds), is a rival of the Nightingale in the estimation of many, so far as beauty of song is concerned. It is a gentle, attractive bird, not at all difficult to keep in captivity if properly fed. On the latter point, Mr. J. P. Carr, with whom the species is a great favourite, writes: My observation of the Blackcap in a wild state has taught me that it feeds as much, if not more, on fruit and berries than it does on insects. Therefore we should have no great difficulty in catering for and keeping it in good health and condition in confinement, now that we get a good supply of fruit from abroad nearly all the year round, and cheap, too.

If you obtain a fresh-caught Blackcap in the spring, place the cage in as quiet and light a place as possible, and cover the front of the cage with some light-coloured material. In the spring, when these birds arrive, there are very few berries about, so, of course, they are difficult to obtain. But we have fruit at our disposal; and that never-failing fruit, banana, Blackcaps will seldom refuse. For the first two days place half a banana in the feeder, and cut a few mealworms in half and stick them all over it. When you find they are eating the fruit as well as the mealworms, discontinue the latter and sprinkle a little of the dry insectivorous mixture you intend to keep them on over the banana. By degrees lessen the quantity of banana and increase the mixture, and slightly moisten the latter with cold water. You will find within a week the bird will be entirely on its food.

If you procure your bird in the autumn you must bear in mind that they are then feeding (in a wild state), chiefly on elderberries and blackberries, so it is advisable, if possible, to supply them with these in addition to the banana, and treat them the same as I recommend for spring-caught birds.

A good but plain insectivorous mixture suits them very well, composed of 2lb. crushed biscuit, 1½lbs. of best ants' eggs (not those at a few pence per lb.), and 1lb. dried flies. No preserved or hard-boiled egg is required. Feed as follows:—For the staple diet give about two teaspoonfuls of the mixture, made crumbly with cold water and a small piece of banana; then ring the changes with a little grated raw carrot or apple mixed with the dry food, a few candied dates put between the bars of the cage, strawberries, black and red currants, raspberries, elderberries, blackberries, green figs (if obtainable), "sleepy" pear, rotting apple, grapes, and ripe plums. The two last-named fruits should be skinned before being given.

As regards live insect food, they require very little. When moulting I give house flies, and a mealworm or two a day (but some of these birds don't care much for the latter); greenfly may be given when obtainable. Of course, when the birds are moulting, there is nothing better than fresh ants' eggs, wasp-grub, houseflies, and gentles. The gentles should be given with caution, for I have have found they scour the birds if given too freely.

The Maroon Tanager.

The Maroon Tanager is a very uncommon species. It was first imported alive to this country by Mr. E. W. Harper in 1905. One or two examples have of recent seasons made an appearance upon the show-bench. Its "native wilds" are Venezuela, Guiana, Peru, and neighbouring parts of South America.

The food for Tanagers, as described by our Mr. Wesley T. Page, is: Diet—Insects: I have found such species as I have kept eat any of the following (the birds, however, showed individual taste; some would not touch mealworms):—Mealworms, beetles, greenfly (*aphidæ*), smooth caterpillars, clothes moths and larvæ, earwigs, spiders, and plant bugs generally. Fruit: Grapes, banana, orange, pear, apple, strawberry, elderberry, soaked sultanas, and grocers' currants. The fruit must be ripe—overripe rather than otherwise. Insectile food: Some good make, purchased ready mixed, that will only require damping for use, or the following is very wholesome and reliable:—Game meal, dried pupæ, dried flies, ants' cocoons, and crushed Osborne biscuits; all the above will keep indefinitely in a dry state—the mixture consists of equal parts of each. It is best to keep a portion of the meal, pour over it as much boiling water as it will absorb; knead in the other items, and then add half its bulk of crumbled sponge cake.

Being large eaters, and from the nature of their diet their cages must be cleaned daily, or they would become offensive indoors; but with a daily cleaning-out, kept in a roomy box cage, they will thrive and do well in the temperature of an ordinary living room.

The British Roller C.C.

Members of the British Roller Canary Club are requested to note, that by special arrangement with the L.C.B.A., the judging will take place on Thursday, November 25th. Therefore the birds must be in the hall on Wednesday evening, November 24th. Country members must send their birds not later than Wednesday morning.—J. W. Norris, hon. secretary.

Roller Canaries at the Shows.

There was a class for Roller Canaries at the recent members' show of Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., and a correspondent writes: "Judging Rollers is a difficult task for the ordinary cage bird judge, especially if he does not possess a musical ear. They should rather come under the ken of such as one of the visitors we saw at this show, and whose after-expression struck us as being significant of the usefulness of these birds to make a show complete. He stood listening with wrapt attention to the song of one of the Rollers. He was evidently a born musician, and he turned away with a face aglow, and thus expressed himself: "I have never before heard anything so sweet and beautiful!"

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.

*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.) J.H.R.

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Saddle, 15, Church St). A.B.

*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Luckleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P., R.J.H.

*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessel, 5, High St.) J.H.R.

*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.H. & S.H.M.

*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Briam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brookhill, 2, Dane Lury Terrace). W.P.H. and J.M.

*Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) I.B.

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Peel, Church St.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mailliet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.U., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Farnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J.Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 13—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 54, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddymoor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.McC., J.Str., J.M., G.Cn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, B Jelow Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Bowley and Watt, Bulls Head Hot l, J.K.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 27, Smith Street).

Scotland.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bx. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J Dh., A.P., J.Wr., W.S., Ax.C.

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew St.). A.P., D. Le., J So.

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.). J.F.D., J.Bl., W.C.

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue,) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Lc.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street. Uphall). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W., W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 83, Llanishen Street, Cardiff.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15 — **Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

*Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 25 & 26—**V.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.So.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD West C.B.A. annual show, held last Saturday week, attracted its usual share of the plums of the exhibition world. Yorkshires were a grand lot, very level throughout, and the Norwich were the best lot seen in the West Riding for some considerable time. The Cinnamon Marked Novice Classes were again nicely filled, and contained some real good birds, as also did the Yorkshire Union Novice Classes, the Clear or Ticked Yellow Yorkshire class having 31 birds, and that for buffs contained no less than 42. Many really good birds had to go cardless. Norwich novice were a nice lot, too. The judge says they are mostly of a grand type and very neat in feather—without doubt on the correct road to securing some first-class birds.

THE Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S. had a most successful members' show on November 6th, no less than 139 birds being entered for competition, providing Messrs. Halliday and Chittenden, the judges, with a good evening's employment. Then to-day (Saturday) Mr. E. W. Johnson has arranged for Messrs. Dean and Jowett to give the lecture on "Faults we do not want in a Yorkshire," recently given at the headquarters of the Bradford East O.S. Mr. Jowett by means of sketches will show the faults to the audience.

LEEDS C.B.S. held a most successful members' show on Saturday last, having the grand total of 266 entries, which reads more as if it were an open show. Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, of Stocksbridge, had been engaged as judge, but in consequence of the very large entry, Mr. F. King, of Leeds, was asked to assist, in order that the show could be opened to visitors at the advertised time. The room during the whole of the time it was open to the public was crowded, and this show will doubtless rank as the most successful members' exhibition held by the society. A feature of the show was the exceptionally strong novice classes, a fact which speaks well for the enthusiasm of the members. This society has for this season issued a really splendid list of specials, and certainly deserves to get many new members.

YORKSHIRE County British Bird and Mule Club were well represented at Malton Show last week. The members entering in the seven classes provided no less than thirty-eight birds, a very encouraging item for this club, which is now making good progress. Three shows have been held up to the present, under the patronage of this club, and the competition for the specials is very keen, the four leading lights being only separated by 6 points.

GREAT HORTON O.S. have lost one of their oldest members, Mr. Lewis Bolton sailing for the land of the Stars and Stripes, on Tuesday last; and during last week-end a few of his old friends had a convivial gathering to wish him luck and Godspeed in his journeyings, and also to present him with a silver-mounted umbrella as memento of bygone days in the Fancy.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberdeen O.S. Nov. 22, Trades Hall, 7.30. Appointment of stewards, special prize list, and other show arrangements.—J. Bryson.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S. Nov. 24, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8. Annual balance sheet.—J. S. Napier.

Accrington C.B.S.—Nov. 25, headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S. Nov. 27, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Selection of office bearers and payment of prize money.—G. Harper.

Beamish C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Bird Inn, 7. Final arrangements for show, etc.—M. Crosby.

Bramley O.S.—Nov. 27, Carnival Rooms, Bramley. Members' old bird show; birds staged 2. Judged by Mr. A. Bottomley.—A. H. Craven.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Bankfoot Schools, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton). Entries taken Friday night and Saturday.—F. Gelder.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Final show arrangements, etc.—J. H. de Mailliet.

City of Bradford—Nov. 20, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' show. Birds staged 7.45.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield.—Nov. 26, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Members' show, for cup and medals. Birds to be staged at 6. Entries to be sent to headquarters, Nov. 26, first post.—Parker and Parkes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 22, Church Institute, 66, Paddington Street, 8.15. Lecture by H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., entitled: Diseases of Cage Birds. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Show business, etc.—P. Binks.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Nov. 27, Penman's, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Appointment of auditors, etc.—A. Dickson.

Green C.A. — Nov. 25, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. W. Hales, etc. Fanciers invited.—S. Hadwin.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 20, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Crown Inn, 6.30.—A. J. Notley.

Inverness O.A.—Nov. 23, Music Hall, 7. Arrange staging.—A. Urquhart.

Leek C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Unicorn, 7.30. Balance sheet, etc.—R. Hall.

Leyton C.B.A.—Nov. 20, headquarters, 1.30. Annual show; judge, Mr. J. Robson.—R. F. Forse.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Centre Hotel, 7. Show matters.—D. John.

Morley C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Sycamore Hotel, members' show, birds staged 2.30. Mr. F. King (Leeds), judge.—A. Gledhill.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Daybrook Street School. Entries must be in for back-end show in Assembly Rooms, Chestergate, Nov. 27. Judges, Messrs. W. Bowyer and J. Garner.—F. Broadhurst.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Moulting, etc.

Beaky.—As the two birds appear to be in perfect health I advise you not to endeavour to force them into moult, beyond changing their position to a little different temperature. If they are now in a warm part of the kitchen, move them to a cooler place, or to a room without a fire, being very careful not to put them in a draughty place, and vice versa. The hen might with great advantage be handwashed, if you can manage this operation with the requisite skill and care. Give the hen a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day for a week, and remove all inducements to nesting, including the cuttlefish, and if you can manage it, keep her out of sight and hearing of singing males. Do not allow her to nest again this season. Clip the over-grown beak back to a natural length with a sharp pair of nail scissors. If it is no worse than your sketch shows, this can be done without the least ill-effect. You can usually see a pink line running round near the margin of the mandible. Keep just clear of this line, and there will be neither soreness nor bleeding. I am afraid the bird is no longer a chick.

A Trio.

Rainbow.—(1) For singing birds, with no pretensions to exceptionally good looks, Rollers would suit you best. They are perfectly hardy, easy to manage, and free breeders. If you want to go in for a fancy breed right away, then either Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshires, would be good varieties to start with. The above remarks apply to them, with slightly decreasing force, in the order in which they are named. (2) This is rather a large question. Had you asked if it was advisable to buy a "pair matched for breeding," from a good breeder, I should have said, decidedly yes, because the breeder would know his birds' pedigree to a greater or less extent, and what the birds were likely to produce. But when buying the matched pairs from a shop, the case is different—case of matching by sight from external appearances only, and it requires a good deal of experience before one can do that with any good effect. Of course, if you were merely breeding singing birds, you could adopt this plan, provided you were assured of having birds not too closely related, or unrelated, in good sound health, and young. But in buying pure breds you would do better to go to a good breeder who knows something about his birds.

Crests and Crestbreds.

A Beginner (Plymouth).—The hen which shells the seeds and rejects the kernel is probably suffering from some digestive derangement. Give her a teaspoonful of bread and milk, sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw seed daily, half a teaspoonful of summer rape, with just a sprinkling of canary, and a spray of green food, if you can get it in good condition, otherwise give a bit of banana as a substitute. Limit the diet solely to this for three days, and give in the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts each day. Stick a cube of hard common table salt between the wires for it to peck at if it is so disposed, and leave it there for a week or two. After the first three days give in the water six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and gradually go back to your present staple diet, by slowly decreasing the bread and milk, and increasing the canary seed each day. See that it is not allowed to become constipated. Omit the millet and linseed from the mixture you give twice a week, and for the next few weeks give this hen a bit of bread and milk twice a week instead of egg food. Your present method of feeding will do very nicely for the birds that have not quite finished moulting if you omit the millet from the mixture, whilst for those that are now through the moult omit the millet and linseed, and reduce the egg food to once a week, and occasionally substitute a little bread and milk for the remaining portion of egg food. If any of your other birds reject the canary seed as this hen does, you should carefully examine the condition of the seed.

Plethoric.

W.T.G.—You would be best advised to look well into the condition under which the bird is kept to see if it is quite protected from draughts, damp, and sudden chills, as although it is quite possible for a kind of wheezy condition to arise from an overfed condition, the chances are far more likely to favour one of the above causes as the responsible agent. Having duly attended to these points, give the bird twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. You may, of course, limit the diet to delinite quantities, as you say, but you must be very careful not to forget giving his daily ration with the utmost regularity. Give a small teaspoonful of canary seed every morning—as staple diet. Twice a week reduce this quantity by about one-half, and add half a teaspoonful of summer rapo to the canary seed. On one other day give a piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, about the size of a hazel nut, in addition to the usual allowance of seed. Give a liberal supply of green food daily as long as it can be obtained in good condition. Continue this diet until you consider the bird is sufficiently reduced.

Breeding for Song, etc.

No Name (Hugglescote).—As your only object is to breed for song, you could, if you wish to cut down the necessary labour of cleaning seperate cages, very well attain your object by allowing the birds to fly loose, and arranging a good supply of nesting sites, bushes, etc, around the walls of the room when the breeding time comes round. Kept under these conditions, you could turn in six or eight hens and two or three cocks to start the season with. The room will really accommodate forty birds flying loose, but you will probably find it fully stocked by the end of the season if you start with the above numbers. If you breed in cages you might still run one cock with two hens alternately, but would probably not be able to run more than the above number altogether, although I cannot be exact on this point without seeing a rough plan of the room. For singing pure and simple, you could not do better than start with the Roller, or, to produce a better-looking bird, though not so good a singer, use Roller hens and Norwich cocks, and train the young cocks under a pure Roller. Either of these breeds would do well without heat if you procured good hardy stock to commence with, but much depends upon the locality of the room in giving a definite reply to this question. It would not harm the birds to paint the walls white inside, if you allowed the paint to become quite dry before the birds were introduced. I should, however, rather prefer to limewash the walls for sanitary reasons in such a place as this.

Norwich Moping and Crippled.

J.G.P.—There must be something wrong with your general management to account for their condition. Your feeding does not seem to be sufficiently nutritious, and you should certainly not give Epsom salts in the water once a week, as a regular practice, nor, indeed, at all when there is no real necessity for it. Keep the birds in fair-sized cages, nicely strewn with clean gritty sand, quite out of reach of draughts, and in a comfortable temperature, though not necessarily a very warm one. But see it is fairly equable. See all seeds are sound and sweet, and free from contamination of any kind. For the next month feed on a staple of plain Canary, and every second day give separately to each bird half a teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on the alternate days a similar

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quantity of bread scalded in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. As a variant omit the bread and milk once each week and give instead a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure, and on each of the remaining days either a spray of green food or a bit of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and tincture of gentian every second day for a week. Then miss a week, and give it again for another week. You had better leave the crippled foot severely alone. It is extremely doubtful if anything will do it the least good, and any interference must be very painful to the bird.

Another Trio.

Ill-Luck.—(1) The Crested hen is suffering badly from constipation. Give her six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a small pinch of Epsom salts in the water daily for three consecutive days, and every second day after for the remainder of the week, and on the alternate days in the latter period four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water. For the first day give also one drop of lukewarm syrup of buckthorn direct into the beak. Also attend to the diet, and cut down any constipating items, such as hemp, to the miuimum for a time, and increase the supply of green food (2) If the fine dust-like particles of sawdust got mixed in the soft food and consumed to any extent, it must have a bad effect upon the digestive system, but I doubt whether it would, even in that case, cause wheeziness and lung trouble. If very dusty, so that the birds breathed dust-laden air most of the time, it might have some effect in that way, but if you employed coarse cut sawdust, which is the proper kind for ordinary use, the risk of this would be very small indeed. Also, if you gave the soft-food in egg drawers placed in the usual positions, there should be very little chance of its getting contaminated with the sawdust. I think you had better look about for draughts, damp, or extremes of heat and cold, as the cause. (3) It depends solely upon how these birds' parents were bred, and the parents themselves, what these birds will breed. If the cinnamon colour is only a chance introduction, the pair will most likely breed clears and ticked or lightly variegateds, in about equal numbers, with a chance of an occasional clear body, dark crest. Any of the young showing cinnamon colour will be practically certain to be hens.

"What is It?"

Newmarsh.—I cannot say definitely what is the nature of the "bleb" without seeing it. Had it not been for the colour you say it shows, I should have suspected it was an accumulation of air caused by the rupture of an air sac, but the colour is peculiarly suggestive of an accumulation of fat. If this is correct, you will also probably find similar deposits on the flanks, and round the base of the tail. Your staple diet does not appear to be responsible, so I can only surmise that you either give it some "extras," of which you make no mention, or that it was treated more liberally during its moult, and laid on the fat then. Try what a month of the following will do, and if not well in that time, write again, and refer to this reply. Keep it in a good-sized cage, where it can get a fair amount of exercise. As staple diet, give a small teaspoonful of plain Canary only each day. Twice a week reduce this quantity of Canary nearly one-half, and on these days add to it half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On one other day, each week, give a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed mixed in it, in addition to the spoonful of Canary seed. Give a liberal supply of green food daily, as long as you can get it in good condition. Limit the diet strictly to these items for a month, but be very careful not to forget the daily ration, as a lapse of memory for one day may end in a catastrophe. In the drinking water every second day in the first and third weeks give six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and a pinch of Epsom salts, and in the second and fourth weeks give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Brevities.

Injured Foot (Rol).—If you had enclosed a rough sketch showing shape of foot, I might have told you whether it was remediable. However, these deformities of the feet are rarely very hopeful, and it is often the best plan to leave them severely alone. As you are not particular about breeding for profit, and this is a good bird, I should certainly advise you to give him a chance in the breeding cage next spring. It is quite likely he may fertilise a certain proportion of eggs, even if he does not fill them all, which some of these injured-footed birds will do.

Lancashire Cut of Condition (E.T.T.).—If it does not respond at once to the treatment, so as to be in good condition by the day prior to show, you will certainly do well to keep it at home. Should be recover in time, do not show him again for a month at least, and when he returns, keep him in a comfortable place, and in addition to the staple of plain Canary, give a small teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, inga, gold of pleasure, and teazle. Each day give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a small piece of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel daily; continue treatment for a week. But it will be most advisable to give it a few week's rest.

Four in One (A.B.C. Boy).—(1) About 12 to 14 inches long, 8 deep, and 12 high, fitted with two perches in the upper region, is a very fair size for a Norwich singing cage. (2) Certainly, Norwich cocks require training just the same as any others, if they are expected to sing a fairly tolerable song. It is not essential for them to have a tutor in order to sing after a fashion of their own, as their own natural song will, to a very great extent, come, as you say, "natural to them." But this natural song is not tolerable to all ears, and is often more apt to irritate than "soothe the savage beast." (3) Undoubtedly the young of a Norwich cock and Roller hen would make better singers than the pure Norwich, especially if trained under a Roller cock; they would not be so good-looking. (4) As a staple a mixture of three parts Canary to one of summer rape. Twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga and teazle, and one a week a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and now and again sprinkled with gold of pleasure or maw seed. A little green food four times a week, with sweet fruit as a substitute in winter when green-stuff is not obtainable in good condition

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Show Greenfinch.

F. Dodd.—1, The fact of a Greenfinch not being house-moulted will count in nowise against him in competition amongst house-moulted specimens, providing he is their equal in steadiness and condition, and the other essential points of the exhibition bird. It is not often one gets a Greenie (or other bird) in full plumage which carries quite the sheen, or which is quite so tight in feather as the bird moulted in a cage, nor, as a rule, do they show themselves so boldly and well. You may, however, have got hold of the exception that proves the rule. Give him a run at the shows, by all means. 2, My own ideal colour is a rich grass-green, with a tinge of rich yellow (or gold) showing on the abdomen and the wing butts, and in the outer wing and tail feathers; an extra good coloured bird shows the golden tone distinctly at the throat (under the lower mandible), also. I do not care over much for the bird which is pepper-fed to a reddish-green shade of colour—the trouble is that such are usually splendid birds in other respects—good birds spoiled, I term them.

Management of Hawfinch.

Teesdale.—Cages with canvas tops (false tops) are the best for Hawfinches which have not been "steadied down," otherwise they are apt to injure their heads or beaks. I like the Finch stock cage type (very large, of course) with two perches on a level with the seed drawer—not less than 20 inches long by 14 inches high by 10 inches wide, and the two perches should be ¾ in. and ½ in. respectively in width. The water-hole should, naturally, be a very large one. As regards the proper feeding, the principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Sunflower seed which is black, or striped, however, is not bad, by any means. Give a mealworm or two every day; they are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. I do not mean that you are to feed entirely on sunflower, for the bird also appreciates canary, hemp, linseed, oats, small wheat, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. Their powerful beaks make short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. Of tender green garden peas (in season), they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let them have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep them in good condition.

Cornerake's Power of Flight.

R.W.—I can quite understand the argument arising over the Cornerake's power of flight. Nevertheless, notwithstanding the fact that the bird is seldom seen on the wing, and then flies only in so laboured a fashion as to be an easy prey for any average shot, it is unquestionable that the Cornerake when migrating exhibits exceptional powers of flight, for it covers long journeys. It winters largely in Africa, getting down as far even as the Cape. One writer, when dealing with this bird, says: "It seems to be really a great wanderer." A few examples are known to stay with us throughout the year, but almost all Cornerakes leave our shores in September, and make their re-appearance towards the end of April. If anyone doubted the Cornerake's ability to fly at all, he was quite wrong. I trust this information answers you fully.

Moulting Problems.

Novice.—1, "Soft moult" is a term used to denote a moult out of season. Thus, if a bird has moulted at the usual time (July to October, broadly speaking) and again commences to shed its plumage in December, or in February, or in May (i.e., at any period other than the afore-mentioned usual time) it is said to have gone into a "soft moult." 2, "Stuck in the moult" is a term denoting that a bird has commenced to lose its old feathers, and has then for some reason or other ceased to shed them, being left in a more or less partly moulted condition. Thus, it is "stuck"—i.e., unable to complete the process of feather removal. 3, The accepted sign of a house-moulted Linnet is the light colour (whiteness) of its legs. Broadly speaking, the more often a bird is cage-moulted, the whiter its legs become. A field-moulted (wild) Linnet has its legs quite dark in colour.

About a Nightingale.

J. W. Marsh.—There is no possible method by which a beginner can distinguish the cock from the hen Nightingale by their plumage; both are practically identical. The "expert" is often puzzled to decide. The cock has a boldness of carriage—a "checkiness"—combined with a flatter, longer-looking head when viewed in profile that bespeaks the male sex to the practised eye; further, he is, nine times out of ten, appreciably the larger bird, and of a ruddier tone of colour on the rump. If your bird was not steady when you had him, I don't think he could have been hand-reared. The "peculiar sound" it has once or twice made is its call-note. If the bird was really in song before you bought it, then the change of quarters would throw it off-song for a certainty, for a more or less lengthy period of time. To sum up, my own impression is that you will get little song from the bird before the spring-time approaches. If you get another bird, you will have to wait until it becomes used to its new place. Some 'Gales are more fickle than others, when caged, in the matter of song.

An Outdoor Birdroom.

Constant Reader.—Unfortunately, you do not give me enough particulars to assist me to give you a very helpful answer. You state the height of the place and the slope from front to back, but do not mention either the length or the width from front to back, which I must have before I can express an opinion as to the holding capacity of the place. As regards cages, however, this is limited only by the number of them which you can put upon the walls in suitable positions. The place will, of course, need to be quite snug and free from damp and draughts, if the birds are to successfully withstand the extremes of winter in it when caged up. With a mixed lot of birds (a goodly quantity), flying loose, the prospects of successful breeding results are never very rosy; the surest method is to pair up in cages. If the number of pairs be strictly limited, however, some young are almost certain to put in an appearance from the hen Canaries. Birds though, are very apt to interfere in each others domestic arrangements, and usually with disastrous results.

In a Greenhouse.

J.S.—A greenhouse in the position shown on your sketch ought not to be damp, or unduly cold. If you are keeping plants in it, however, it is sure to be more or less damp. The extremes of temperature met with in the average greenhouse (very hot when the sun is shining, and very cold at night, unless heated) renders such a place far from ideal for keeping birds in; damp, of course, makes matters much worse. 2, I don't think you can hope to come into the hobby and make it pay right away. You would not expect to do so in pigeons, I presume? I am afraid that with the possible exception of Border Fancies, there are no varieties of Canary which could be bought at £1 the pair and breed winners and young that would sell "at a fair price." Much depends, of course, on the class of show you would be satisfied with. You should join a society of good standing, and learn something of the breed you purpose investing in, before laying out money in birds to breed winners. It can't be done without some knowledge of breeding procedure. 3, You would be unlikely to have any appreciable result from the attempt to breed Blackbirds in cages, beyond the pleasure attaching to the making of the experiment. Pied (partly white) Blackbirds are very common in a state of Nature; many of them are recorded every year.

Fresh-caught Linnets.

C. Lee.—Given fair treatment, the death rate ought always to be small with Linnets and Goldfinches. Fresh-caught specimens should always be kept in cages with inside seed troughs and water vessels, so that their food is directly under their noses, so to speak. It is well to have the water inside; if this cannot be managed, then be absolutely certain they get at it. I prefer to give them a week or so in a cage resembling a catcher's store cage, with canvas top; such is very useful to get them well on to seed, and over the first stages of captivity. The great mistake most fanciers make when buying fresh-caught seedeaters, is to condemn them at once to a diet of dry, hard seed. The sudden and complete change upsets them. I have often dealt with this matter. Fresh-caught Linnets should have soaked seed of some kind (such as soaked rape). For their stock food mix one pint of each of best canary, and sound, ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and niger, also lightly cracked hemp seed. These I gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve to fourteen days. As green food (or "soft-seed" food), I provide summer rape and sunflower seed soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable. If I think my birds were caught during a wet spell, I soak the stock mixture for them at first (you should try the effect of doing this. I very seldom lose a bird on the above treatment.

Brevities.

A Question of Song (J. H. Novice).—A Siskin-Canary Mule has a pretty little song, and is very free with it, but is not so effective a vocalist as the Goldie or the Linnet Mule (the latter in particular), having a weaker voice and a more "squeaky" description of song.

What Bunting? (Brownie).—By your comparison with the Linnet as regards size, and by the general description given, I have little hesitation in saying that the bird you have is a hen Reed Bunting. A young cock (or cock out of colour) would be distinctly greyish while in the neighbourhood of the throat—the hen is brownish.

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A "Nightingale" (One in Doubt).—Your query has come along to me, though its proper place is the Foreign Bird department, for your bird is not really a "Nightingale," but a Pekin Robin, sometimes called the Pekin, or Japanese, Nightingale. Insectivorous food, minced green food, a few mealworms and suitable live insects, a little Canary seed now and again, with ripe fruits, should make up its menu. The cock has a loud, pleasant song. Give a good-sized cage. Write our Mr. Page for any further advice, if needed.

Two Sullie Hens (P. J. Jamieson).—Under the circumstances you will be well advised to let the two hens run with the cock Canaries right through the winter. A variegated Canary is an excellent one to use as a mate, especially if a jonque. Your cages are right enough in length and height (3 ft. by 15 ins.), but 9 ins. I consider hardly wide enough; my own are 16 to 18 ins. from front to back.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Three-coloured Mannikin.

A.B.T.—This species is a native of India; it requires a diet of Canary, white and spray millet seed, green-food, grit, and a piece of clean cuttlefish continuously in its cage. There is practically no distinction in the plumage of the sexes, but providing all the birds you compare are adults, if you pick one with very light lustrous plumage and a stubby beak, and another with a narrower and more pointed beak, with its plumage not quite so lustrous, you will be pretty safe to have a true pair, but the distinctions are very slight, and with immature birds do not apply. They can be kept in an outdoor aviary with British Finches, but must be turned out in the spring, and not at this season of the year. There is always a probability of this or any other species breeding in a cage (it is not a free breeding species in captivity), but they are much more likely to do so in the outdoor aviary.

Small Birds for a Cage.

"Rainbow."—(1) This differs almost with each individual; tastes are so varied. Any of the following you would find of much interest and easily catered for. Common and Green Avadavats, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Gouldian Finches, Rufous and Long-tailed Grassfinches; Grey, Orange-cheek, St. Helena and Zebra Waxbills; Diamond, Zebra, Ribbon, Crimson, and Cuban Finches, and many others. (2) If kept out of draught (at the same time, they must have light and air) the temperature of any ordinary living-room will suffice, the chief thing to avoid is extremes, or a rapidly changing temperature. (3) 24 Avadavats and Waxbills could be kept in a full-sized Crystal Palace pattern aviary cage. The other species named should have a cage 18 by 12 by 18 inches high for each pair. (4) Canary, white and spray millet, with green-food, grit, and water, for Avadavats and Waxbills; for the other species, oats, paddy rice, and a little ripe fruit, with an occasional insect, should also be given.

Java Sparrows Not Agreeing.

T.N.Z.—(1) I really cannot give you a reason, save that I assume you have got them in too small a cage; for, as a rule, when no hens are present, two cocks agree perfectly well together. If you compare the beaks of these two birds together in profile, if you have a female, one of them will be much narrower at the base and more tapering than the other. (2) This bird must be caged separately till it has recovered its plumage; it is evidently getting badly bullied. Give it one

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teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water on three or four occasions, with a three-days' interval between each occasion, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Also rub in a little clean vaseline on the bald part, but not sufficient to make the plumage greasy. Your diet is satisfactory, providing you are giving green-food and grit. (3) Groats are quite wholesome if the birds will take them.

Combassous and Waxbills.

Blue Bird.—The species Combassou, when it is in full breeding plumage, is in colour a shining steel blue, with light beak and feet. The Pink-cheek and St. Helenas are very similar, the former being a lighter and smaller edition of the latter. The prevailing colour is earthy grey, lined with very fine transverse bars of a darker hue; the under parts are washed with rose colour, which becomes rich crimson on the centre of the abdomen; lores and eye streaks, bright crimson. I don't know of any other cheap seed-eater; besides, the Cordon Bleu, whose prevailing hue is blue. There is the Blue-breasted Waxbill, which is very similar, but they would cost you about 20/-, 25/-, or 30/- a pair. All the above would thrive on a diet of Canary, white and spray millet; green-food (grass in flower, when obtainable fresh and free from frost), and at other times a little lettuce or ripe apple. A little crumbled sponge is frequently appreciated by the Waxbills. The Combassou should get about half a dozen mealworms weekly, and also any occasional spider or beetle you can capture for him. Keep them out of draught, but they must also have light, sun and air.

Ailing Green Singing Finch.

Liman.—This African Serin is fairly hardy, but requires a roomy cage, as it is active and vivacious. The males are sweet and sustained singers, but the difference in plumage is so slight between the sexes that it is easy even for an expert to go astray in sexing them. Yours is certainly much out of condition, and this may account for its not singing. Take drinking water away overnight, and the next morning put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of it; give this every third day so long as the voidings are not watery. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. A great help will be to let the bird have a fly round the room occasionally, when this can be safely done, but windows must be closed and fire protected; if cage door is left open, it will return when hungry. Diet: Equal parts of Canary and white millet seed; also spray millet. Should only give the Finch mixture as an extra, a teaspoonful, say, twice a week; it can have a leaf of fresh lettuce when this is available, also any ripe fruit it will eat. Get a few mealworms and give it two per diem, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Instead of the soft food, try a little milk sop, if it will take it; a small quantity daily will certainly help while the indisposition lasts. Report progress in, say, a fortnight's time, please.

Brevities.

Naming a Flycatcher (E.D.P.).—Will supply name of this Flycatcher in our next issue.

Amazon Parrot (W. Pye).—I really cannot help you; you give me no data at all. Yellow shoulders are common to both sexes; there is scarcely any outward difference in the sexes. As in Genus Homo, the females are quite as loquacious as the males, if not more so; your bird should most certainly talk. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach it by constant repetition.

An Ailing Grey (J.R.J.).—I cannot give you a satisfactory reply until you inform me how you have been dieting and treating the bird. In the meantime give it every third day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, and in between, that is, when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Use a crock or glass drinker when giving drugs. When the bird has the periods of weakness, a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) will be helpful. If you supply the information, I will try and help you further.

Foreigners with British (A. Boutell).—The principal diet for foreign seed-eaters is Canary, white and spray millet; they will take no hurt if they help themselves to your British bird seed mixture; lettuce and ripe apple are the best green-foods at this time of year. Java Sparrows, Spice Birds, Rufous and Long-tailed Grassfinches; Grey and Green Singing Finches; Zebra, Ribbon, and Red-headed Finches; Silverbills; Bronze, Magpie and Black-headed Maunikins; Common and Green Avadavats and Zebra Waxbills. The small and beautiful Diamond Doves, and also the Chinese Painted Quail, agree well with Finches, etc., in an outdoor aviary. Some of the above are fond of paddy rice and a few oats; Britishers also are very fond of these.

Parrot Queries (Mrs. B. S.).—You cannot well give too much Parrish's chemical food, though it will certainly be well to let it have a drink of clear water once or twice a week. Sprinkle the flowers of sulphur over the boiled maize daily till the bird is in good plumage again. In very cold weather it is safest with an ailing bird to take the chill off the water (not to make it warm). Use rice in the husk, if you can obtain it readily; if not, use ordinary rice, though some Parrots do not eat the latter very readily; use it as a staple portion of the seed mixture; it is very wholesome. A little lettuce whenever you have it to hand, not necessarily daily, will be good for the bird. It should have some ripe fruit daily. It will be quite safe to give the bird 6 or 9 nuts daily at intervals. Keep bird out of draught, but not in a vitiated atmosphere, and it should soon improve.

An Ailing Grey (J.R.J.).—No wonder you have difficulty with it, and I expect, as a consequence of the "bit of everything," the poor bird is quite dyspeptic. Continue for some time the treatment already given in our previous reply. I expect it will be a work of time getting the bird into condition again. Note: The Dinneford's will be better for her than castor oil. Stop all table scraps, tea, coffee, and milk sops, and all animal food, and confine your diet to the following items:—Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, this will give you ample variety; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and the sand-tray covered with gritty sand. This wholesome dietary, in connunction with the treatment already advised, should gradually bring your bird into condition again.

Sexing Bengalese (Beginner).—It is very difficult to sex these; in fact, it is almost impossible to sex an odd bird. But the following facts should help you, but only the training of the eye by experience will give you confidence. The bill of the female is narrow at the base, and more pointed than that of the male; this is most distinct when seen in profile. When picking from a crowd, the noisiest and most self assertive will generally be found to be males. With most Finches both sexes are equally energetic in carrying building material, though mostly it will be found the female does the greater part of the building, the mate keeping her well supplied with material. As regards the Spice-birds, practically the same conditions apply as to sexing. In the effort at song the throat of the male pulsates much more strongly and noticeably than that of the female. Spice Birds cross readily with the Bengalese.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

A Winged Dotterel.

Sandpiper.—Yes, a broken-winged bird may readily recover, but will probably never be able to fly again. Clip the quills of the damaged wing to ease the strain on it. Give dried flies and ants' eggs (soaked) as well as the meat, and also egg and bread crumbs, and any minced green stuff you can get it to take, as well as worms and insects. You are lucky in getting so rare a bird at all.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 437, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (F. Couzens).—Bird-fever.

Canary (E.S.).—Chronic disease of liver and rupture. It should have been killed, as no remedial treatment could be adopted.

Budgerigar (Torquay).—Softening of liver and rupture of blood vessel of that organ. It might have been frightened by other species of birds in same aviary, so it is suggested that the Budgerigars should have a space to themselves.

Canary (E. Liman).—Acute inflammation of liver, involving the lungs and ending with apoplexy.

Grey Crest (Mrs. Maconochy).—Disease of liver, spleen and lungs, all premonitory symptoms of septicemia.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor

A Plate (J. W. H.).—We will bear your remarks in mind. We have already published a plate of the Blackbird (in company with the Robin), and coloured plate of the Thrush appears in part 2 of the "British Bird Manual."

A Goldfinch Plate (A. E. Duffield).—The Birthday Number is published at threepence (three coloured plates, etc.). We have only a few copies left now, post free, packed flat, for sixpence.

A Plate (A.M.).—We have a coloured plate depicting the Yellow and Grey Wagtails; price 6d., post free.

Cutting (H. Smith).—Many thanks. Will use if we can possibly find space.

A Photo., Etc. (A. Brown).—We hope to use these in the near future.

As a Newspaper (A. M., Essex).—Yes; CAGE BIRDS is duly registered for transmission through the post as newspaper rates.

An Illustrated Idea (A. H. Nicholson).—Perhaps our artist has this in hand. They have to take their turn; we get such a great number sent in for consideration.

The Special for Best British (Disgusted).—It has always been our rule not to allow correspondence criticising a judge's awards. There would be no end to it, we are afraid, if we did. Many awards resolve themselves into a mere matter of opinion. And, anyway, the judge's opinion is the only one that materially counts; correspondence cannot alter it.

Cage Fronts (Constant Reader).—We cannot call to mind any previous complaints in that quarter. If you will conform to Rule 8 under "Queries and Answers" we shall be pleased to write the advertiser on your behalf.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Kindness to Birds.

My father has a lot of Norwich Canaries, and there is one we call Joey. It is a beautiful variegated yellow, and it is my mother's favourite. We often go in the room and talk to the birds, as my father tells us it helps to steady them for the show. Our birds are fed on the best seeds, with occasional tit-bits, and they repay us by taking prizes and charming us with their sweet songs.—Sent by Annie Mitchell, Knutsford Lane, Long Buckby.

*A Wandering Yellowhammer.

One morning last summer my brother brought a Yellowhammer home, which we hand-reared. It became so tame as to sit on our shoulders to be fed. It used to hop in and out of the door and pick up a worm or fly. It flew out on to the roof one day, afterwards, into a field at the back, where oats had been growing. We gave it up for lost, shutting the cage-door. About half an hour after it flew into the kitchen. It has gone away since. When we found it, it had been visiting a neighbour four doors further up.—A true story, sent by Mary Gilholm (age 11), 59, Twigell Avenue, Blaydon.

**My Pet Redpoll.

I got a little Redpoll cock from a friend, and it became a pet. I had it for two years, and during that time it was my custom to let it fly about the house till its cage had been cleaned. At length it flew out of the door and was away three months. I observed it sitting on the garden gate one day, so I put its cage on the door step, and, behold, what turned out to be my little Redpoll hopped into the open cage, seeming very glad to be back again. I knew it was my Redpoll, as it had a crooked beak; and it knew me as well. So I let it fly about at its will out and in cage. A friend took a fancy to it, and I gave him it. However, he hadn't had it long before my friend got some more pet birds, and put them with it, which must have broken its heart. It came out of the cage and flew about the house by day, and roosted on top of the cage at nights, and at length he disappeared, and has not turned up yet. But I am looking out for it.—Sent by M. Smith (age 12), 3, Ramsay Place, Portobello.

EAST READING.

The members of the East Reading and Dis. F.S. held a six-miles-radius show in Cross Street Hall, on November 3rd, and the entry in all sections was a record one. The society is influentially supported. The hon. secretary (Mr. A. G. Lawson) is enthusiastic, painstaking, and competent, and had the arrangements well in hand. The committee (Messrs. J. Allen, A. E. Reeves, W. H. Allen, E. Fulbrook, T. Owen, J. Casburn, C. Hendy, J. Robinson, E. Few, J. W. Holmes, O. Sheppard, F. Few, W. Lukeman, and A Wise, laboured assiduously, and the attendance of visitors was a numerous one. The hall is spacious and well lighted, and everything possible was done for the comfort of the exhibits. Norwich were nice in quality, and a good class for members; British contained a few good specimens. The premier special for cage bird other than Canary was won by Mr. C. Cox, with a magnificent Lemon-crested Cockatoo. Special for best Canary fell to Mr. J. P. Lawrence. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (14): 1, spl, 3, Lawrence, winner very typical, boxey-feathered buff; 3rd, nice ticked buff; 2, Fraser, silky-feathered yell., lovely and bright; ex. 3, Brooker, very rich under-colour; vhc, Fraser; he, Dyson; c, Mrs. Lester. YORKS. (4): 2, 3, vhc, Pike, leader yell.; he, Maurice. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, spl, 2, r, Pike, leader very nice headed cl. buff Crest-bred, wide entrance, good turnback; 2nd, variegd. dark Crest, nice frontal, just a little split one side; vhc, he, Pike; c, Maurice. MULES (3): 2, Fulbrook, lovely variegd. yell. Greenie Canary, large and rich in col., hardly wound up yet; r, Brooker, very nice coloured Siskin-Can.; vhc, Pike. HARDBILL BRIT. (4): 2, spl, 3, Acton, leader black Bullfinch, in lovely feather; 3rd, very nice Goldfinch; r, Fullbrook; vhc, Reeves. FOR. (10): 1, spl, 2, c, Cox, leader lovely-feathered Lemon-crested Cockatoo, in spanking order; 2nd, charming pair of Lovebirds; 3, Swain, beautiful Grey Parrot; vhc, Cullum; he, Adams, Phillbrick. SELL (10/-) (6): 1, Fullbrook; 2, Lawrence; r, Brooker; vhc, Dyson; he, Mrs. Lester; c, Fraser.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual members' show held on November 13th at headquarters, the Railway Hotel. The room is especially adapted for the purpose, being roomy and well lighted. The secretary, Mr. P. Hart, had everything in good working order. About 70 birds were staged, amongst which were some very nice specimens. Mr. J. W. Clemitson (Preston) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK.: 1, Lomas, best shape, good front, head, and quality; 2, he, Clare, best colour, long flights and tail; 3, J. Gaskell; vhc, W. Gaskell. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Ordish, 1st grand head, neck, and front, short wings and tail, takes special best Nor.; both bulls; 2, Clare, nice head and type; he, W. Gaskell; c, J. Gaskell. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Slater, 1st yell., grand bird, good length, nice stand, well-packed wings and tail, takes special best Yorks.; 2nd, nice head; 3, vhc, R. Charleson, fine type and quality. HEN: 1, 3, G. Slater, 1st clean mkd. buff, best shape and quality; 2, Charleson. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, vhc, P. Hart, 1st wing-mkd. D.C. of good shape, nice centre and droop, takes special best Crest; 2nd, Green C.-Bred, good size, nice entrance, abundance of feather; 3, he, Lomas, Green C.B., nice head and feather. MULE: 1, J. Gaskell, dark Linnet, good col.; 2, 3, P. Hart, dark Greenfinch and Can. and Linnet-Can. BRIT.: 1, he, Hart, 1st Hawfinch, good col., nice bib, very steady; 2, c, Marsh, Linnet, well mkd. buff, short of bloom; 3, W. Gaskell, Goldie, best blaze, good col., nice button; vhc, J. Gaskell.

DUNS (Berwickshire).

Second club show held on 3rd Nov., when a grand collection was brought together, many of the classes being keenly contested. The Scotch Fancies were a hot lot. Norwich and Borders were keenly contested, some real outstanding birds being on view, and comprising the strains of all the noted breeders. Crests were a good collection, the winning Crest being a real high-class one. British and Mules were a sweet lot. The variegd. class contained two extra good Lizards. The show was held in the Masonic Hall, an ideal place, being free from draught and very comfortable. The committee were composed of the genuine fancier type. Mr. Pringle (Selkirk) judged, and his awards were well received. The show was well patronised.

The Critique.

SCOTS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3 spls, and best in han, 2 and 3, Newbiggin, 1st yell. piebald ck., real good one, grand top and fine substance, stylish, 2nd good one, neat, nice length of side and top end, 3rd cl. yell., lengthy; 4, Miss Kellie. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Newbiggin, 1st fine size, good shape, rare move, wins, 2nd close up, very stylish; 3rd taking exhibit, on the small side; 4, Wilkinson, good stamp. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 3, 4, Newbiggin, 1st good sub., fine top end and reach, good depth throughout, 3rd sweet exhibit, nicely put down; 2, Duns, taking one, grand substance, very good in drive. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Newbiggin, 1st plenty of substance, good top end and reach, fine move, 2nd good depth throughout, fine quality feather, 3rd again close up, good trio; 4, he, Miss Kellie, both stylish. CREST (9): 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, 4, Forsyth, 1st nice crest, finely centred, good frontal and side, real picture, 2nd larger in body, but a shade shorter in frontal, good stle, 3rd again good; he, c, Newbiggin. C.-B. (5): 1, Duns, broken green, nice shape, good head; 2, 4, Forsyth, 2nd very good frontal, 4th hot fed, good size; 3, Newbiggin, good body, nice lengthy bird; he, Newbiggin. PLAINHEAD CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Marshall, 1st nat. yell., grand type all over, rare head and body, 2nd hot fed unflg., good carriage and head; 3rd wing tkd., good stamp, warm in col., nice body, staged to perfection. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Marshall, 1st buff variegd., in rare feather, grandly rounded, well put down, 2nd cl. buff, lovely bloom, topper for quality, good front and position, 3rd nat. yell., good feather and size, 4th large buff; he, Newbiggin. LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, 4, he, c, Newbiggin, good cl. cap Jonque, well spangled, nat. col., 2nd again cl. cap, 2 grand Lizs., 3rd silver, broken in cap and spangled, 4th Jonque. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL GK. (5): 1, 2, Rodgers, 1st head tick., nice size and quality of feather, second nice and short, finely rounded, good order; 3, Brownlee, nice body; 4, Wilkinson, nice shape, well drawn. Hen (5): 1, spl, he, Brownlee, short, well rounded, nice size, good feather; 2, Marshall, grand body and head, fine feather; 3, 4, Rodgers, 3rd, short and low on perches, nice size and quality. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Rodgers, 1st, nice wing carriage, good one; 3rd, short and good in feather; 2, Marshall, clinking wing tick, grand bloom, lovely head and wing carriage; 4, c, Wilkinson; he, Newbiggin. HEN (4): 1, spl, Brownlee, good feather, nicely put down; 2, Rodgers, nice reach, grand wing carriage; 3, Wilkinson, nice body. BORD. A.O.C. CK. (2): 1, Marshall, grand yell. var., wins in a canter, rare rounded bird, lovely head and body; 2, Newbiggin, nice buff var. HEN (4): 1, 3, Newbiggin, 1st, good yell. var., nice stamp and feather, well drawn; 3, good yell. var., nice order and finish; 2, Brownlee, nice even buff, well marked eye and wings, fine type, rare order; 4, Wilkinson, grand all round. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 2, Duns, 1st yellow, slim and stately, fine order, in grand bloom; 2nd, var. buff, lengthy, nice type all over; 3, Newbiggin, var. buff, close in feather, slim; 4, he, c, Gardiner, nice type. HEN (6): 1, 4, Gardiner, wins well, buff, grand order, good length; 2, 3, Duns, 2nd, cinnamon tick, good length, and slim; 3rd, clear yell., fine position; he, Gardiner, variegd. buff. MULE (9): 1, 2, 4, Brownlee, 1st, nice eyed dark Linnet, in fine order, yellow; 2nd, buff, some shade larger; 3, he, Forsyth, 3rd, dark buff Goldie, nice flush face, and well up in size; c, Miss Kellie. BRIT. (10): 1, Duns, nice sized Bramble, very steady, well laced, lovely colour; 2, 3, Newbiggin, 2nd, good sized Chaffie, well up in colour, in fine order, good all round; 3rd, nice toned Siskin, fine cap and size, neat bib, staged in too large a cage; 4, Gardiner, nice Goldie, good flush, face and size; he, Miss Kellie; c, Brownlee. SCOTS. PAIRS (9): 1, Duns, buff pied ck., and yell. pied hen, good substance, real stylish head, grand all over; 2, 4, Newbiggin, 2nd, var. green cock and buff hen, shade smaller, but in good trim; 4th, yell. hen and buff piebald hen, plenty of size; 3, Laurie, buff piebald cock and buff hen, fine in top end. CREST PAIRS (5): 1, 4, Duns, 1st grizzle crest and a nice crest-bred, crest good, c.b., rare back and entrance; 2, Forsyth, better crest, fine length, but crest-bred lacks lashing; 3, he, Newbiggin, 2 Crests. BORD. PAIRS (Breeding) (6): 1, Newbiggin, yell. var., paired to nice buff hen, good body and wing carriage; 2, Marshall, in topping order, good buff cock and yellow hen, well balanced; 3, Brownlee, nice yellow cock, well rounded, and in rare trim, and a fine buff hen; 4, Wilkinson. MULING PAIRS (4): 1, spl, Rodgers, pair grand Lizards, both clear cap, Jonque and Silver, real good ones and no mistake; 2, Forsyth, good hot fed yell. Nor. cock, and cl. hen; 3, Duns, slim, in front, a hot fed yell. cock, and large buff hen, also well up, in nice trim; 4, Brownlee, pair Yorkshires. A.O.V. MULING (4): 1, Rodgers, good British Goldie and large buff Plainhead hen; 2, Forsyth, romping yellow hen Yorkshire, and good all-round Finch; 3, Duns.

GRANGEMOUTH.

Grangemouth and Dis. O.S. eleventh annual show was held in the Town Hall, on 13th November, and in every way it was a gratifying success. Entries totalled 560, and, as the show was confined to members within a six miles' radius, it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm in this district. The society are blessed with a very capable executive, headed by Mr. John Macpherson, president, Mr. Wm. Scaife, treasurer, and last but not least, Mr. George Smith, the hard-working secretary, who had everything in apple pie order. The judging was through, too, in good time. The exhibits were a good all-round lot. A handsome silver cup for best young Scotch Fancy, Crest, or Mule, was won by Mr. J. Maxwell with his clean yellow Scotch Fancy. The cup for best young Border Fancy or Norwich was captured by Mr. J. Aitken with a clear buff Nor.; the runner up being a smart little buff variegated Border hen, exhibited by J. Wilson; this bird also captured the B.F.C.C. medal. Cup for best British and Foreign went to the winning Linnet belonging to Messrs. Miller and Eadie, who succeeded in annexing all the first tickets in these sections. Borders Fancies, Mules, British and Foreign, were judged by Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow), and his awards were well received, and Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh) seemed also to please the exhibitors in the remaining sections.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (6): 1, cup, 2, 3, 4, 5, C. Maxwell, grand team, leader massive frame, standing well on perch, rare top end and fine long neck; 2nd, 3rd, pled, 2nd very stylish action, 3rd fine length of side, good droop. BUFF (10): 1, Strathearn, green, rare quality, deep chest, grand drive, plenty of top end; 2, 4, Smith, leader fine mould, rare length of wing, quick action; 3, 5, 6, Maxwell, fine size and depth of chest. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Maxwell, leader cl., rare size and thickness, grand shoulders, splendid position, 2nd foul, same stamp, fine action, 3rd pled, good size and style; 5, P. Maxwell; 6, Strathearn. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Maxwell, leader cl., grand substance and length, splendid reach; 2, 3, P. Maxwell, fine stamp and substance, well up on legs, drives well, 3rd plenty of size; 5, Strathearn; 6, Smith. CREST. CK. (5): 1, McFarlane, good size, plenty of body feather, dark crest of good dimensions; 2, Sharp, grizzle crest, full of quills; 3, Veitch, green body, dark crest; 4, McLeod. HEN (6): 1, Sharp, green body, D.-C., nice quality feather; 2, 3, Liddle, dark crest, 3rd grizzle, nice quality; 4, 5, McLeod. C.-B. CK. (12): 1, Johnston, grand cushioned skull, wide entrance, nicely lashed, good body feather; 2, Veitch, fine substance, lengthy feather, nicely domed; 3, 5, 6, Dick, leader grand quality feather; 4, Sharp. HEN (10): 1, 3, Dick, fine entrance and dome, nicely lashed, good quality feather, 3rd nice feather, weak at entrance; 2, Sharp, broad skull, just lacks the quality of winner; 4, Liddle; 5, McLeod; 6, Veitch. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Smart, bird of great size and substance for a yell., nicely rounded head and chest, good col.; 2, 6, Scaife, rare size and type, splendid wing carriage, nicely moulded front; 3, 5, Aitken, splendid col. and quality, neat head; 4, Simpson; a grand class. BUFF (17): 1, cup, Aitken, not one of the largest but excels in type and quality, short and nicely rounded body, splendid wings, capped by a bold head free from browing; 2, 3, 5, Scaife, rare size and substance, fine quality of feather, nicely mkd., well staged, 3rd same stamp as second, fine finish; 4, Smart; 6, Menzies. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Simpson, grand model, neat head and wings, sweetly moulded front; 2, Scaife, fine type, nice round head, good quality feather, rare substance; 3, Aitken, best of quality and col., could do with more substance. BUFF (21): 1, Aitken, splendid type, grand head and nicely carried wings, put down in rare bloom; 2, 3, 4, 5, Smart, grand team, correct type and quality; 6, Miller and Eadie. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (15): 1, Scaife, yell., fine type, col. and quality, will improve; 2, Simpson, yell., very typical, nice head and front, wee bit leggy; 3, 4, McFarlane, fine col. and good feather; 5, Veitch; 6, Miller and Eadie. HEN (11): 1, Scaife, buff variegated, splendid type and quality, neat head, nice full front, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Miller and Eadie, leading with a yell. of good size and type, nicely carried wings, 3rd buff, rare size and substance, good sound col.; 4, Ovenstone; 5, Scaife; 6, McFarlane. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, 4, Wilson, leader neatly got up, nice head and well-packed wings; 2, Matthews, fine model, grand wing carriage; 3, McCreadie, nice stamp, clean moulded front; 5, 6, Reid. BUFF (17): 1, 3, 4, Heard, very smart little trio, leader gem for col.; 2, Aitken, sweet head, good wing carriage, 3rd nicely moulded head, rare wings and tail, pressed; 5, Aitken; 6, Liddle. CL. YELL. HEN (21): 1, McCreadie, rare stamp, splendid wings and tail, feathered like a Java; 2, Reid, sweet type, fine head and neck, staged in faultless condition, 3, Ross; 4, Matthews; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Reid. BUFF (16): 1, Aitken, very typical hen, fine mould, splendid feather; 2, 3, Heard, 2nd grand stamp, neat head, splendid wing carriage, 3rd splendid type; 4, 6, Matthews; 5, Wilson. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (12): 1, 4, Hamilton, leader buff green, fine type and quality, some thought it looked as if it had been eating the forbidden fruit; 2, Aitken, yell. variegated, fine type, grand wing carriage; 3, Reid, finely got up, rare quality feather; 5, 6, Heard. HEN: 1, medal, 3, 5, Wilson, lovely trio, leading with a gem of a buff variegated, sweetly rounded head and chest, well packed wings and tail; 2, Ferguson and Mickle, yell. green, fine type and quality, 3rd nice stamp, neat head and front; 4, Reid; 6, McCreadie. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 3, 4, 6, Ovenstone, 1st good specimen of the Goldie-Greenie, splendid blaze, well defined wing bars; 2, Aitken, Jonque Linnet-Can., nice size, fine col., 3rd Goldfinch-Can.; 5, Aitken. OLD BIRDS.—SCOT. FCY. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Maxwell, leader cl. buff, grand drive, 2nd buff pied, fine stamp, long reach, splendid action, 3rd yell. pied, very stylish, splendid worker; 5, 6, Aitken. HEN (8): 1, Strathearn, cl. buff, splendid proportions, grand depth of chest, fine shoulders, long reaching neck; 2, Maxwell, yell.-green, very stylish, grand top end; 3, Smith, cl. yell., fine stamp, well up on legs; 4, 5, 6, Maxwell. CREST. (14): 1, 3, Dick, leader green body, D.-C., nicely laid dense leafy feather, 3rd crest of good dimensions; 2, Sharp, green body, D.-C., nice shape and droop; 4, Miller and Eadie; 5, 6, McLeod. C.-B. (13): 1, McFarlane, rare substance of body, fine broad skull, nicely cushioned, wide entrance; 2, Johnston, nice size and feather; 3, Dick, nice skull and broad feather; 4, McFarlane; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, McLeod. NOR. CK. (22): 1, Miller and Eadie, buff, correct type, short and chubby, nicely rounded front, clean cut away, nice quality feather; 2, Smart, yell., rare col. and quality, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, Simpson, buff, fine head and neck, well packed wings and tail; 4, 5, Scaife; 6, Ovenstone. HEN (13): 1, Miller and Eadie, variegated buff of rare quality, sweet head, short and cobby body, finely tapered; 2, 5, Smart, 2nd cl. yell., nice substance and very shapely, hot col.; 3, Scaife, buff, nice type and col., good quality; 4, Ovenstone; 6, Hamilton. BORD. CK. (12): 1, Wilson, nicely rounded head, clean moulded front and back, rare col.; 2, 3, Heard, grand quality pair, clean got up, staged to perfection; 4, Veitch; 5, McCreadie; 6, Matthews. HEN (15): 1, 4, Heard, leader wing mkd., of splendid type, grand wing carriage and feathered like boxwood; 2, Matthews, fine built, nice head and wings, splendid condition; 3, McCreadie, very typical; 5, Liddle; 6, Aitken. HYB. PAIRS (7): 1, 2, 3, Ovenstone, 1st well balanced pair Goldfinch-Bullfinch, in the pink of condition, 2nd nice yell. Nor. cock and Bullfinch hen, 3rd Linnet cock and yell. Nor. hen, very likely pair; 4, 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Anderson. BRIT. GREENFINCH (15): 1, 4, 5, 6, Miller and Eadie, leading with grand Finch, rare size and col., in splendid condition; 2, Ferguson and Mickle, rare quality and col.; 3, Ovenstone, right good Finch. LINNET (16): 1, cup, Miller and Eadie, fine stamp, good sound body col. and full of work, wins; 2, 5, Ferguson and Mickle, nice size and col., splendid condition; 3, Aitken, good condition and pencilling; 4, Ovenstone; 6, Ross. HARD BILL, A.O.S. 1, 2, 5, 6, Miller and Eadie, 1st sweet little Siskin, fine col., well defined bib and cap, nicely laced, 2nd Hawfinch, good size and col.; 3, Ross, very nice conditioned Twite; 4, Ferguson and Mickle. SOFT BILL (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Miller and Eadie, 1st Redwing, nice condition, 2nd Gearded Tit, good col., 3rd Blackbird, in best of bloom. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (15): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Miller and Eadie, splendid team, leading off with a good Corn Bunting, followed by fine Chaffinch and Bramblefinch. GOLDFinch, ETC. (12): 1, Miller and Eadie, Bullfinch, dense cap, well defined, grand wing marking, good sound body col.; 2, Goldie, fine expansive blaze; 3, Bullie, failing in col. to leader. MULE OR HYB., OLD: 1, 2, Ovenstone, leading with well-known Can.-Bullie, 2nd Goldie-Greenie, showing parentage well, in good condition; 3, Smart, Linnet-Bullie, nice size. FOR. (17): 1, Miller and Eadie; 2, Ovenstone; 3, 4, 5, 6, Macpherson.

TIDESWELL.

The Tideswell C.B.I.S. held their annual show on November 13th. Mr. W. S. Flint, chairman; Mr. W. Brightmore, vice; committee, Messrs. Robinson, Lomas, Flint, Gilbert, Longstone, Bradbury, Hall, Drabble, oven, Eaton, Swarbrick, etc. All these, along with the capable hon. secretaries, Messrs. Bagshaw and Flint, worked very hard for the success of the show, and we congratulate them on the way in which they looked after the wants of the exhibits, and also upon the way the birds were staged. We wish the society every success, and hope it will (as in the past), have the success it deserves. We never found such an enthusiastic lot of fanciers, and everybody gave them full praise for their conduct of the show. During the afternoon the rooms were packed with visitors, Mr. W. Mandell (Bradford), and Mr. Treugove (Rishton) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Davies, yell. tkd., blaze of col., lovely quality, grand head and chest, short wings and tail; 2, Unwin, eye mkd., lovely quality, good head, not quite so hot in col. as winner, perhaps; 3, vhc, Vardy, rich col., lovely quality, good head, short wings and tail; hc, Raynes; c, Baker and Holdsworth. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Vardy, cap mkd., rich col., lovely feather; 2, Havenhand, light head, lovely quality, good wings and tail; 3, Baker and Holdsworth, nice feather, rich col., good head and chest; hc, Hathaway; c, Tams and Son. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Fox, 1st and cup, blaze of col., lovely feather, short and chubby, 2nd typical wing tick, full of quality, good head; 3, Unwin, pale col., again full of quality, good head and chest; vhc, Davis; hc, Vardy; c, Rathbone. BUFF (12): 1, Woodhouse, eye mkd., rich col., good head and chest, short and chubby, magnificent quality; 2, 3, Vardy, two nice exhibits, 2nd eye mkd., rich col., lovely feather, short flights and tail, 3rd full of quality, nice col., good head; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Davis; c, Bescoby. BUFF HEN (10): 1, 2, Unwin, 1st good head, lovely feather, short and chubby, good one all over, 2nd neat head, lovely quality, short wings and tail; 3, Havenhand, very typical, lovely col., and feather, short wings and tail, good head and neck; vhc, Martin; hc, Davies; c, Tams and Son. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1 and cup for best Yorks, Chippendale, well up on leg, full of quality, good head, long flights and tail, wins well; 2, Baxter, pale col., long flights and tail, grand quality; 3, Lane, rich col., long flights and tail, again full of quality, a little open on breast; vhc, Knowles; hc, Foden; c, Richmond. BUFF (14): 1, Kuowles, wing tick, stands well, long flights and tail, lovely quality, rich col.; 2, Rhodes, again lovely quality, long flights and tail, good head and breast, a nice shade, strong; 3, Lane, nice type and quality, rich col.; vhc, Williams; hc, Stout; c, Green. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Chippendale, true Yorkie, lovely quality, fine position, good head, wings and tail, wins; 2, Lane, cap rich col., long flights and tail, full of quality, wants a little more time; 3, Sharp, grand position and quality, long flights and tail; vhc, Gray; hc, Knowles; c, Foden. BUFF (15): 1, Foden, splendid quality, long flights, piped tail, good head, rich col.; 2, Havenhand, position and quality A1, good head, cl. on chest; 3, Richmond, unevenly mkd. grand quality, nice position, good head, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Knowles; c, Green. YELL. (9): 1, Rhodes, very breedy, lovely quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, rich col.; 2, Thorp, pale col., boxey feather, grand position; 3, Lane, well up on leg, typical, full of quality, rich col.; vhc, Knowles; hc, Grey; c, Richmond. BUFF (18): 1, Knowles, lovely quality, position A1, well braced wing, piped tail, good one; 2, Chippendale, close up to winner, full of quality and position; 3, Foden, very stylish, rich col., boxey feather, well braced wings; vhc, Stone; hc, Baxter; c, Robertshaw. A.O.V.: 1, Hodgson, Belg.; 2, 3, Lomax, two Crests; vhc, Leighton; hc, Evans; c, Wagstaff. MULE OR HYB. (9): Tams and Son, cl., Goldie and Can.; 2, vhc, Chillingworth Linnet Bullie; 3, Vardy, even Goldie-Can.; hc, Beaty; c, Wild. FINCH, LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Poole, Hawfinch, good tick, rich col., shown in the pink of condition; 3, Linnet, nicely pencilled and very steady; 2, Robinson, Goldfinch, good bars and buttons, rich blaze; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, c, Beaty. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Baxley; 3, Turner; vhc, Beaty; hc, Harrison, all grandly staged. SELL. (12 6) (13): 1, Flint; 2, Lomas; 3, Hathaway; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Fox; c, Tams and Son. GIFT (7): 1, vhc, Longstone; 2, Oven; 3, Robinson; hc, Fox; c, Swarbrick. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (7): 1, hc, c, Longstone; 2, 3, vhc, Flint. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Longstone; 2, c, Millward; vhc, hc, Flint. YELL (8): 1, hc, Millward; 2, vhc, Longstone; 3, c, Brightmore. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Longstone; 3, Millward; vhc, hc, c, Flint. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, 3, Lomas; 2, Robinson; vhc, Hartle; hc, c, Flint. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Flint; 2, Robinson; 3, Hartle; hc, Vernor. YELL. HEN (7): 1, hc, Flint; 2, 3, Lomas; vhc, Robinson; c, Longstone. BUFF (6): 1, Bradbury; 2, Oven; 3, Lomas; vhc, Robinson; hc, c, Flint. BRIT., MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Swarbrick; 2, Lomas; 3, vhc; Hall; hc, Oven; c, Barlon. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, hc, Brightmore; 2, 3, Millward; vhc, Bradbury; c, Hudson. YORKS. (8): 1, Vernon; 2, 3, Bradbury; vhc, Lomas; hc, Hartle; c, Oven.

CLYDEBANK.

Clydebank and Dis. O. S. Show, held November 13th, and was a great success. There were some splendid Scotch Fancies staged, in excellent condition. There were 12 classes for young and four for old birds, and two for selling. Competition in all was very keen. A very handsome silver cup was presented by the society for best bird in show, and this was won by Mr. Joseph Bowman. The runner-up and second best bird in show, was a young yellow cock belonging to Mr. J. Wilson. Mr. A. Renfrew purchased this bird. President, Mr. D. Cameron; Vice-President, Mr. T. E. Dean; secretary, Mr. A. Kirkwood; treasurer, Mr. J. Hay. Judges, Messrs. A. Melrose (Galashiels), J. Dalgleish (Leith), A. Watson(Rutherglen, and R. Wright (Greenock). The secretary, Mr. A. Kirkwood, had a busy time of it, but was quite equal to the task. The arrangements were well planned, and everything went through to perfection. There was a grand turn-out of visitors. The placing of the awards met with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOTS. YELL. (13): 1, Wilson, 2nd best in show, and runner-up for cup, nice model, and thick top-end, decided drive, neat droop; 2, Joe Bowman, shade smaller, nice hood, shoulders and back; 3, Kerr, very close on 2nd, nice substance and drive; 4, Monteith, nice size and thickness through; 5, spl, Ross. BUFF (12): 1, Monteith, nice, erect position, hard up, neat drive, long side and condition; 2, 3, J. Bowman, 2nd good one; 3rd very typical; 4, Brizzle, good substance and size; 5, Joe Bowman. YELL. HEN (5): 1, J. Bowman, nice size, long-sided, rare droop, well braced up, very ready; 2, Ross, splendid reach and shoulder, nice head; 3, 4, Joe Bowman, 3rd grand shoulder, nicely rounded, fine droop, very ready, 4th nice size and substance; 5, Blair. BUFF (13): 1, Monteith, nice, long-sided buff hen, good size, sweet head, long reach; 2, Blair, rare reach and shoulder, nice, free action; 3, 4, Wilson, 3rd nice reach and drive, good shoulders, 4th nice size and depth through; 5, Kerr. YELL. PIED CK. (12): 1, J. Bowman, nice size, grand length of side, good reach and depth through, and depression of head; 2, Prentice, good reach and top end, tail nicely to perch; 3, Monteith, nice reach and pose; 4, Ross, rare size and shape, good length of side; 5, Clark. BUFF (11): 1, J. Bowman, rare length, hard up, fine reach and droop, nice and close in feather, wins; 2, Ross, quite as ready, and good on top, sweet head, good back, tail nicely in; 3, Wilson, fine all-round buff, nice reach and drive; 4, Joe Bowman, nice length of side and top end; 5, Monteith. YELL. PIED HEN (12): 1, Joe Bowman, cup bird, and best bird in show, sweet head, long reach, nice shoulders, hard up; 2, J. Bowman, presses hard on winner, better size; 3, 4, Monteith, 3rd an all-round good bird, 4th grand length of side, nice top end; 5, Garscadden. BUFF (16): 1, 2, J. Bowman, 1st nice size and length of side, and depth through, good reach and droop, 2nd presses on 1st; 3, Brizzle, fine head, and top end, ready pose; 4, Ross, grand size and shape, good length of side; 5 Prentice. FOUL CK. (12): 1, Sharp, rare size and length, neat pose and circle, fine, shapely head; 2, 5, Joe Bowman, 2nd follows close on 1st, good back, tail well in; 3, J. Bowman, 3rd all right for size and substance; 4, McNeil, nice reach and body, will improve. HEN (13): 1, A. Bowman, good size and top end, nice length of wing, fine pose, wins. 2, 3, 4, Joe Bowman, 2nd shade to clean on top, nice size and nerve, 2nd fine bird, 4th all right for size and style; 5, Monteith. GREEN CK. (11): 1, J. Bowman, grand size and length of wing, nice and shapely, good depression; 2, Prentice, presses hard on first, good droop and top end; 3, Monteith, fine size and pose, good top end, nice shoulder; 4, Kynaston, plenty of size and substance; 5, Wilson. HEN (13): 1, 5, A. Bowman, 1st nice model, good reach and shoulder, nice, long side and condition; 2, Kennedy, better in size, good reach and droop, tail nicely to spar; 3, Clark, presses on 2nd; 4, Prentice, shade plainer than those in front, nice stock bird. OLD BIRDS—YELL. CK. (15): 1, Collins, grand size and substance, good top-end and length of wing, grand nerve; 2, J. Bowman, not quite the size of 1st, but quite as nice in style; 3, 4, Prentice, plenty of style and size, good top end, and reach, 4th good depth through, and substance; 5, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Dean, grand size and depth through, nice back and length of wing, wins; 2, Wilson, not quite the substance of winner, fine reach and top end; 3, Ross, fair size, nicely staged; 4, Blair, shade plain, nice bird, however; 5, Prentice. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Bowman, grand size and style, good shoulders, neat wings and circle; 2, A. Bowman, choice for style and finish; 3, R. Monteith, nice size and reach, good top end; 4, W. Prentice, plenty of size and substance. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Ross, 1st rare size and reach, nice head and top end, good length of wing, 4th nice stock bird, plenty of size and style; 2, Wilson, nice model of a buff hen, plenty of nerve and style; 3, Joe Bowman, very neat, grand style and substance; 5, J. Hay. SELL. CKS. (4): 1, Monteith; 2, Dean; 3, A. Bowman. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, A. Bowman.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Held at Spencer Hall, on November 12th and 13th. This was only the second annual event, but it was a splendid success, to accomplish which all the officers of the society worked with a will. The entry totalled about 360, figures which, considering the comparative youth of the society were considered highly creditable, and indicative of vitality and progress. Mr. C. H. Law, the present hon. secretary, has only held office for about three months, yet, by hard work, he has succeeded in achieving a record entry, and as to the quality, it excelled that seen at any previous show. The attendance of fanciers from other societies was large, especially on Saturday evening, when there was also a large influx of the non-exhibiting public, and a substantial addition to the membership roll. The champion section came up well, but the novices held the palm in regard to numbers, while the amateur section failed. The challenge cup for best 1909 Canary in show bred by a member, was won by Mr. H. T. Jones, with a rattling ticked buff Yorks. The show of British birds was a splendid one, Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Giddy making things "hum" in their respective sections. Each lady staged a team fit to compete in the keenest open competition. Foreign were few, but select, and the Rollers must not be forgotten, as they supplied the music, and were the delight of many visitors. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his steward was that old and esteemed fancier, Mr. J. Ohlaker. Too much praise cannot be accorded the committee for the willingness they showed to work. The manner in which the birds were put down by the various exhibitors elicited nothing but praise.

The Critique.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Dann, good shape and quality, nice head; 2, Bell, nice bird; 3, Withers; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Sparke; c, Armstrong. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Reynolds, tight as wax, neat shape; 2, Withers; 3, Spark; vhc, Reynolds. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, full of quality, nice col.; 2, Ramsden's spl, Bell, red-hot variegated; vhc, Withers; hc, c, Reynolds. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, very nice shape, good quality; 2, Dann, good type; 3, Reynolds; vhc, Bell; hc, Withers. HENS (13): 1, 2 spls, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, leader typical buff, nice feather; 2, Withers, yell., has quality and shape; 3, Bell; vhc, hc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; c, Withers. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 2, Jones, spanker, stands up well, well cleaned off; 3, Withers, stylish; vhc Armstrong. BUFF (3): spl, cup, Jones, gem, full of quality, nicely moulded, well up on leg, neat head; 2, Withers; 3, Armstrong. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Jones, stylish, good quality; 2, Armstrong, very fine drawn, nice feather; 3, Withers. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Withers. HENS (3): 1, spl, 3, Jones, two stylish ladies, very useful; 2, Armstrong. HYB. 1909 (5): 1, spl, Mrs. G. E. Weston, dark jonque Linnet-Can.; 2, Sparks, Goldie-Can., nice size and face; 3, Dann; vhc, hc, Bell. AMAT. NOR. CL. OR BUFF YELL.: 1, spl, Pile, neat, nice quality. BUFF: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Cowie and Elton. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, spl, Pile. BUFF: 1, spl, Pile. HENS: 1, spl, 3, Pile, two good ones for shape and quality; 2, Cowie and Elton. YORKS., all the entries, specials and prizes in the five classes to Pile, also in the Borders. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Cowie and Elton; 2, Pile. A.V. NON-FED. (13): 1, Pile; 2, 3, Cowie and Elton. NOVICE NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Hyde, very good bird, rattling quality and col.; 2, Walmsley, neat, nice quality; 3, Johnson; vhc, Trigger; hc, Williams; c, Law. BUFF: 1, spl, Law, good quality, nice shape; 2, Knight, good shape; 3, hc, Williams; vhc, Knight; c, Martin. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Martin, rare quality, nice col.; 2, Hyde; 3, Williams, both very neat. BUFF (5): 1, two spls, Knight, the right quality, good shape; 2, Law; 3, Johnson; vhc, Mrs. Woods; hc, Trigger; c, Ward. HENS (14): 1, spl, Williams, very nice hen, good type and quality; 2, vhc, Law, very close up, good shape; 3, W. Knight; hc, Woods; c, Abrams. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, two spls, 2, Fisher, very smart birds, good post, quality and condition; 3, W. Knight, stylish, good quality; vhc, Bush; hc, Turner; c, Winter. BUFF (9): 1, spl, c Winter, stands well; 2, hc, W. Knight, smart, fine drawn; 3, vhc, Bush, close up; c, Winter. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, W. Knight, capital trio, full of style and quality; vhc, Bush; hc, c, Winter. BUFF (3): 1, spl; 2, W. Knight, two pretty Yorks.; 3, Turner, very neat and stylish. HENS (6): 1, spl, hc, c, W. Knight, winner very smart, grand quality; 2, vhc, Milson, good stand; 3, Bush. CRESTS (9): 1, spl, 3, spl, vhc, Penney, former really good wing mkd. dark crest, nice frontal and droop; 2, c, spl, Mrs. Giddy, yell., fine frontal for a bird of this col.; hc, Gill. C.B. (9): 1, Mrs. Woods, variegated yell., nice length and density of head feather; 2, 3, hc, Penney, fine team; vhc, c, Gill. BORD (10): 1, spl, 3, hc, Hall, leader very jaunty, nice feather; 2, Trigger, very sweet; vhc, c, Courtenay and Bellamy. CLANCS. (1): 1, spl, W. Knight. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, hc, c, Milson, leader, topping green Yorks., full of quality; 2, spl, vhc, Williams, yell. chn., very pure in col.; 3, Abrams. ROLLERS (8): 1, 3, Dickson; 2, Byne; vhc, hc, c, Dewbury. MULES, etc. (9): 1, spl, 3, hc, Street, leader yell. Goldie-Can., good col.; 2, Trigger; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Jones. NON-FED A.V. (5): 1, 3, W. Knight, two smart birds; 2, Abrams; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, Dewbury. PURCHASED (15): 1, spl, Phillips, very natty little Border, well shown; 2, Walmsley, nice Nor.; 3, c, Wakefield, former hot fed yell. Nor.; vhc, Bell; hc, Reynolds. UNFLIG. (4): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, good team of Norwich; 3, Mrs. Woods. BRIT. SECTION. CHAMPION GOLD (4): 1, 2, Mrs. G. E. Weston; 3, Pile, good Finch, not yet up; vhc, spl, Armstrong. BULL (2): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston; 2, Armstrong, nice bird, rich in col. GREENFINCH (2): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston; 2, Pile, good Finch, close up. LINNET (4): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, 3, Pile, two very promising birds; vhc, spl, Armstrong. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Mrs. Weston. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrs. Weston. BUNTING: 1, Mrs. Weston. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Armstrong. A.V. HENS: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, vhc, spl, Piles. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Weston. AMAT. AND NOV., GOLD. (11): grand class: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Giddy, both gems, leader best feather, lustrous, rich tan, clean cut, steady; 3, Cowie and Elton, bonny Finch; vhc, spl, Jones; hc, Street; c, spl, Mound. BULL (6): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy, grand team, deservedly admired; vhc, spl, Ward; hc, Wakefield; c, Hastings. GREENFINCH (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy, another splendid team, leader a flier; hc, Sweet; vhc, spl, c, Mound. LINNET (11): 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy, two real good ones; 3, Hastings; vhc, spl, Mound; hc, Street; c, spl, Trigger. SISK., ETC. (6): 1, Mound, sweet little Redpoll; 2, vhc, spl, hc, Mrs. Giddy; 3, c, Trigger. A.O.V. FINCH (5): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Giddy, leader rich coloured lustrous Brambling; 2, Street; vhc, spl, Ward; hc, A. Knight. BUNTING (1): 1, Street, nice Yellowhammer. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (1): 1, A. Knight, good Songthrush. HENS (4): 1, spl, Law, hen Brambling, good one; 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, spl, Street. FOREIGN FINCHES (6): 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Weston, beautiful black-headed and red-headed Gouldians; 3, Street; vhc, Mound. A.O.V. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Dann, good black-headed Mannikin; 3, Mound, nice Scarlet Weaver. SELL. 15/- (7): 1, 3, Fisher; 2, Pile; vhc, Street; hc, Turner; c, Ward. 20/- (5): 1, Martin; 2, Bush; 3, Armstrong; vhc, hc, Milson. 35/- (8): 1, Pile; 2, Johnson; 3, Sparks; vhc, Ward; hc, Armstrong; c, Martin.

TRURO AND COUNTY F.A.

First annual members' show, held at Truro Market Hall, on Nov. 5th. Mr. J. Tippett acted as secretary, and the judge was Mr. C. Coad (Truro).

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Pascoe; 2, Tippett. BUFF: 1, Pascoe; 2, Jasper; 3, Tippett. BUFF MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Tippett. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Webb. BUFF: 1, 2, Webb; 3, Booth. CINN.: 1, 2, Jasper; 3, Tippett. SELL.: 1, Webb; 2, Pascoe; 3, Tippett.

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WIMBLEDON.

In the large Queen's Hall, Wimbledon, the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. held their fifth annual show, Mr. H. Smith, the hon. sec., again managing the venture, with great credit to himself. The classification was good, the show being under the patronage of the S.Y.C.C., the S.N.C.C., and the N.B.B. and M.C.

The entries were considerably more than last year's, numbering over 600. The Norwich were much in advance of last year's, both in number and quality, the competition being very keen, in many cases condition alone turning the scale. As usual, there was a fine display of Yorkshires, the classes being well filled with birds of exceptional merit. The principal winners in this section were: Messrs. Rennie, Easterling, Mabey, etc., and in Norwich such champions as Messrs. Baker, Hodder, Young, and Gill and Co., fought out some stiff battles. The British section was rather below last year's in number many well-known birds being saved, probably for a bigger event.

The hall was well filled by enthusiastic visitors, in spite of inclement weather. Mr. H. Smith makes a champion show manager, and worked well during the day, being ably assisted by the chairman, Mr. Stoakley, also Messrs. Wright, Day, Priest, Warley, and others, on the committee. Mr. J. Robson judged open classes, and Mr. H. Norman the Hybrids, British and Members' Canaries.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Richardson, grand bold fronted bird, rare head, lovely size, nice deep col.; 2, Baker, bonny bird for size and shape, nice deep chest, full neck, real good one; 3, Gill and Pethick, big bird, rare head, good front, carries wings well; vhc, Kilby; hc, Godfrey; c, Silk. BUFF (8): 1, Gill and Pethick, lovely quality buff, very shapely, full bodied, full neck bird, grand head, nice level col.; 2, Baker, very close up, bird of equal merit, throughout; 3, Silk, hot col., good size and shape, lovely quality feather, grand bird; 4, Young, beauty for size and shape, rare head and neck; vbc, Kilby; hc, Withers; c, Hodder. YELL. TICK, ETC. CK. (10): 1, Godfrey, very shapely, good front, grand entrance, deep rich col., fine condition; 2, Baker, another beauty from the Island, gem for Nor. properties, hard luck so many 2nds; 3, Young, nice size and shape, very chesty, grand head, lovely quality; 4, Kilby, fine bold bird, grand head, rare depth of col.; vbc, Rippon; hc, Midgley; c, Withers. BUFF (8): 1, Silk, grand Nor. shape, rare head and neck, good full chest, capital col. and quality; 2, Rennie, another bold, typical bird, good full-fronted spec., lovely back and wings; 3, Baker, grand bird, lovely quality, good body, carries well; 4, Hodder, mkd. bird of lovely feather, very shapely; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Battison; c, Richardson. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Baker, grand full-bodied bird, marvellous col., good head and wings; 2, 3, Midgley, 2nd, close up, lovely body, good bold head and neck, sound col. and feather; 3rd, hardly so big, but a grand one for shape, very close up; 4, Kilby, rare size, bold head and neck; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Ellis; c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (12): 1, Baker, wonderful size, good, full chest, nice bold head, sound col., regular Nor. tail; 2, Jordan, bold bird, lovely quality feather, grand size, nice clean cut bird; 3, Gill and Pethick, quite the Nor. type, beautiful head, capital back and wings; 4, Hodder, sweet bird, nice short flights and tail; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Midgley; c, Godfrey. HENS (21): 1, Baker, grand hen, almost as bold as a cock, grand head and chest, beauty for col.; 2, Godfrey, fine big, yet neat-looking, bird, rare chest and head, nice flights and tail; 3, Hodder, mkd. hen, nice Nor. shape, clean cut, lovely back and wings; 4, Gill and Pethick, bold bird, grand chest and head, beautiful quality; vhc, Kilby; hc, Silk; c, Young. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Rennie, grand bird of good length, nice neat type, beautiful wings, close whip tail; 2, Mabey, shade bolder, very shapely, nice head and neck, well up on legs; 3, Warr, grand, stylish hird, shows plenty of daylight, good back and wings; 4, Easterling, very close up, rare length, shows plenty of side; vhc, Rorke; hc, Beeney; c, Warley. We noticed in this class a beautiful bird belonging to Mr. H. E. Parrott, which was evidently overlooked. BUFF (10): 1, Elsmore, lovely bird, very shapely, nice sweet head, well filled back and good wings, a beauty; 2, Mabey, long, rakish hird, beautiful shape, nice head, good length of wing; 3, Rorke, another beauty, good round-bodied bird, lovely back and wings; 4, Pattrick, very smart hird, plenty of leg, clean cut, lovely condition; vhc, Parrott; hc, Smith; c, Beeney. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Mabey, fine, hlg, 3-pointed bird, long and raky, neat head, good neck and back, lovely wings and tail; 2, Rorke, long, slim bird, stands well, very clean cut, neat head; 3, Parrott, very straight, smart bird, nice length of body, lovely wings; 4, Beeney, big bold bird, very round and full, good head, tight feather; vhc, Easterling; hc, Smith; c, Pattrick. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Mabey, sweet rakish lady, well up on leg, beautiful contour, very clean cut, taking bird; 2, 3, Pattrick, 2nd, another beauty, very smart, and straight, grand wiugs, beautifully finished; 3rd, long, slim built, shows plenty of daylight, rare length of body, sweet tail; 4, Parrish, clean cut, smart bird, neat wings; vhc, Easterling; hc, Carson; c, Rennie. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Pattrick, 1st, fine, upstanding bird, very lengthy, good back and wings; 2nd, clean cut, sweet hen, very straight, capital tail and wings, stands well; 3, Rennie, capital, typical lady, good head, nice free neck; 4, Parish, very round, sweet feathered bird, clean cut, excels in wing carriage; vhc, Easterling; hc, Rorke; c, Smitb. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 2, Elsmore, long, rakish specimen, beautiful round head, good leugth of wings, neat tail; 2nd, very smart leggy bird, hot col., good bead, lovely condition; 3, Rorke, rare position, plenty of length, good head and neck; 4, Rennie, typical, smart bird, very close up, lovely shape, marvellous condition; vhc, Mabey; hc, Pattrick; c, Parrott. BORDER FCY.: 1, 2, 3, and 4, Mrs. Thynne, very good team of wee gems, smart yellow leading; 2nd, neat buff. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Ingles, cap mkd., short-bodied bird, very typical and shapely, nice sbort wings and tail; 2, hc, Knight, lovely bird, very close up, grand feather; 3, c, Palmer, bonny round-bodied bird, nice full head, well filled back; 4, Botell, bonny bold-looking bird, very typical, hot col.; vhc, Berry and Co. BUFF (14): 1, Bellinger, typical Nor., grand head and body, nice full neck, neat wings and tail; 2, Cousins and Crisp, another beauty, very full-fronted bird, teeming with quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Palmer, bonny specimen, lovely head, good full body, grand condition; 4, Thursby; vbc, Priest; hc, Hart; c, Reed. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, Berry and Co., heavily varieg., very rich col., typical bird, good Nor. shape, neat full head, good chest; 2, vhc, Hart, tail mkd., good stamp, rare head, grand sound col.; 3, Botell, big bold bird, sweet head, grand body, A1 condition; 4, Bellinger, grand typical bird, good feather; bc, Ferriss; c, Reed. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Thursby, very smart typical bird, nice bead, witb good entrance, carries wings well; 2, Palmer, very close up, shade bigger, rare stamp; 3, vhc, Knight, another good-sized one, good head and chest, grand feather; 4, Berry, typical bird of good quality; hc, Bellinger; c, Lack. BUFF (15): 1, Thursby, lovely quality, very typical, good front, shown in tip-top fettle; 2, Reed, grizzled back bird, bit full feathered, but very chubby and short, grand quality; 3, Bellington, another typical lady, rare quality feather, good stout body; 4, Sawyer, typical bird of good quality; vhc, Hart; hc, Lack; c, Knight. UNFLIG. (26): 1, c, Sawyer, bold bonny spec, rare type, grand bead and neck, beautiful feather; 2, Billington, another typical lady, good full body, very hot col., well shown; 3, Pennells, neat stylish specimen, grand head and neat; 4, Knight, fine bold bird of good quality; vhc, Cosier and Co.; hc, Ingles. YORKS. YELL. CK. (16): 1, c, Gill, very neat, stylish bird, stands well, one of the best heads in the show, good length of body; 2, Dixon, long rakish spec., shows plenty of daylight, sound col., good quality feather; 3, Angear, very slim, leggy bird, neat head, well shown; 4, Reade, shade stouter, but typical, grand wings and tail; vhc, Cook; hc, Foxen. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Angear, 1st very typical bird, round, neat body, nice head, good wings; 2nd, long rakish bird, very straight, stands well, lovely quality; 3, Miss Hall, neater, very typical, beautiful wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Whittome, smart hird, lovely back and wings, neat tail; vhc, Tebbs; hc, King; c, Harwood. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (21): 1, Trist, bird of good length, showing plenty of daylight, good head, free neck; 2, Jefferies, heavily mkd. bird, of good size, very clean cut, with well-packed tail; 3, Dixon, grand cinn. mkd., very typical, capital length of side; 4, Reade; vhc, Walker; hc, Whittome; c, King. YELL. BEN (16): 1, Tebbs, grand upstanding bird, fine length, good head and neck, well filled, straight back; 2, Atkins, rather fuller bird, very typical, good back and wings, tail lovely quality; 3, Cook, big neck-tkd. bird, very clean cut, neat whip tail; 4, Angear, hot-coloured smart yell, good wings, grand condition; vhc, Whittome; hc, Welsh; c, Jefferies. BUFF (16): 1, Gill, smart lengthy lady, good round body, well packed tail, grand condition; 2, Harwood, another smart one, rare length, neat head, capital wings; 3, Cook, neat bird, good shoulders and back, lovely quality; 4, Angear, typical, very straight, good bend, very fine feather; vbc, Reade; hc, Tebbs; c, Foxen. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Cook, smart typical yell., well up on legs, good head, well filled back, neat wings; 2, Dixon, lovely buff of rare quality, well rounded, smart finish; 3, Angear, another racy yell., nice round bead, lovely wings, wants tubbing; 4, King, big upstanding yell., good back and wings; vbc, c, Ingles; hc, Atkins.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Herbert, grand faced bird, deep rich col., beautifully tanned, well buttoned, shown in excellent condition; 2, Jordan, fine bold bird, well proportioned, rich, square cut blaze, good bars, will improve; 3, Murton Gill, bird with a marvellous square out face, beautifully tanned, damaged tail kept him back; vbc, Francis; hc, Jeffries; c, Coxs. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Francis, very shapely, deep-coloured bird, nice full neck and front, splendid cap, grand condition; 2, Frostick, another beauty, grand cap, nice back and wings, shade paler on breast; 3, Francis, very close up, quite as good in col., shape, etc., but beaten a little in cap; vbc, Shipton, another good one; hc, Rattigan; c, Jordan. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Francis, 1st fine bold Siskin, rare cap and bib, good dense wings and body markings; 3rd, very fine Twite, grand size and col., well laced throughout; 2, Brown, another Siskin, good body col., close up; vhc, Trist; hc, Owen; c, Brown. LINNET (6): 1, vhc, Francis, bold big bird, good col. and plenty of markings, wants hand washing next time; 2, Trist, another big one, very shapely, lovely body markings, shade unsteady; 3, Coe, neat good-coloured bird, well mkd., shown to perfection; hc, Jones; c, Campbell. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, Frostick, 1st lovely Wren, grand spec., beautifully staged, looking the picture of health; 2nd, lovely Lesser Whitethroat, nice pure col., shapely, in rare feather; 3, Vale, fine bold Greater Tit, rich yell., beautifully mkd. SEED-EATERS (5): 1, 2, Francis, 1st grand Corn Bunting, very shapely, good col., beautifully laced, well shown; 2nd, beautiful Lapland, grand size and col., good shield and lacing; 3, Frostick, another good Corn, hardly the size of winner, otherwise equally good; vhc, Garland; hc, Welch. LARKS, ETC.: 1, Frostick, lovely Meadow Pipit, rare size and feather, beautifully staged. A.O.S. (5): 1, Beard, one of the finest of Fieldfares, staged, grand size and shape, beautifully mkd., in A1 condition; 2, Dyke, grand deep-coloured Blackbird, very shapely, full feathered; 3, Askew, good Thrush, nice size and shape, well mkd.; vbc, Carrett; hc, Perkins. HYB., LIGHT CAN. (8): 1, hc, Archer, Peckham sensation (clear Greenie) leading, beauty for size and shape; 2, 3, Bond, 2nd old cl. Goldie, champion, still looking as well as the youngsters, gem for size; 3nd, rich-coloured even yell. Goldie, very shapely, grand size and feather; hc, c, Lamb. DARK (10): 1, Mrs. Askham, fine Canary-Bullie, rich col., shapely, shown in good feather; 2, Bond, Greenie, teeming with col., rare size and shape, bonny bird; 3, Lamb, Twite of extraordinary size, grandly mkd., good col.; vbc, Askew; bc, Tutty; c, Cuff. A.O.V. (6): 1, Valc, lovely Redpoll-Greenie, grand size, col., and feather, well shown; 2, Tutty, another beauty, possibly a hen, hardly so big, perfect feather, a gem; 3, vhc, Lamb, Linnet-Bullie, nice size, shapely, good col. and condition. FOR.. PARROTS, ETC. (3): 1, Rattigan, lovely pair of Blackfaced Lorrikeets, nice even pair, grand col. and feather; 2, Miss Harding, grand Green Amazon, fine size, col., and feather. A.O.S. (12): 1, Stoakley, superb specimen of Black-headed Gouldian, marvellous col. and feather; 2, 3, Rattigan, 2nd fine bold Hangnest, good distinct col.; 3rd, grand Pekin Robin, rare size and col.; vhc, hc, Day; c, Miss Clare.

The Members' Classes.

MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Smith, round cap mkd. bird, very typical; 2, Warr, another good one, rare size, good wings; 3, Withers, nice head, lovely quality of feather; vhc, Day. BUFF (4): 1, Warley, fine bold bird, good head, capital neck and body; 2, Withers, neat, capital col. and quality; 3, Porter, bonny specimen, rare full head; vhc, Day. HEN (7): 1, Withers, real good one, very typical and round, lovely quality; 2, Porter, another good one, well filled bead and neck; 3, hc, Warr, good-fronted bird, very neat type; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Rorke. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Mrs. Smitb, fine bold bird, grand bead, neat well-carried wings; 2, Rorke, nice type and quality of feather; 3, Warr, good-headed, bold-fronted bird, good size; vhc, Porter. YORKS. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Wheeler, very long rakish specimen, well-filled back, close-fitting wings; 2, Carson, another grand lengthy bird, good head and back, lovely quality; 3, Smith, smart, clean cut bird, lovely quality; vhc, Wbeeler; hc, Warr. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Warr, 1st smart long-bodied bird, very neat and round; 2, Wbeeler, smart typical bird, good back and wings; vbc, Warley; bc, Smith; c, Carson. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Rorke, fine bold cinn. mkd., good length, neat wings; 2, Wbeeler, typical bird, nice clean cut style, good bead; 3, Warley, very smart, grand wings; bc, Carson; c, Mrs. Carson. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Smitb, long slasbing specimen, clean cut, stands well; 2, Carson, neat bird of fine quality, good wings; 3, Mrs. Smitb, another good one; vbc, Rorke; bc, Wheeler. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mabey; 2, Smith; 3, Warley. AMAT. NOR., YELL. CK. (3): 1, Sawyer, grand typical grizzle wing, bold head and chest, fine colour; 2, 3, Priest, 2nd good stamp, bold chest, well filled back, lovely quality; 3rd, neat typical specimen, good head. BUFF (2): 1, Priest, fine bold bird, grand head, well filled neck; 2, Dixon, mkd. bird of merit, typical. HEN (5): 1, Sawyer, really good stamp bird, good bold front, nice head; 2, 3, Priest, 2nd bold bird, capital shape, good head; 3rd, neat type, lovely quality; vhc, Dixon; hc, Whittome. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Dixon, bouncing bird, bold head and front, nice short wings; 2, 3, Priest, 2nd another good one, very typical; 3rd, good mkd. yell. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Reade, very smart, clean cut, good col. and feather; 2, Dell, another neat one, well filled back; 3, Whittome, smart, good feather. BUFF (5): 1, Reade, very smart and typical, good back and wings; 2, Whittome, another good one, rare length; 3, Dell, good neat bird, nice wing carriage; vhc, Dixon; hc, Miss Walker. HEN (6): 1, Dixon, very smart bird, good quality, beautifully shown; 2, hc, Whittome, cinn. mkd. bird, very neat; 3, Dell, fine slashing bird, good length; vhc, Reade. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Reade, fine upstanding bird, rare length, capital wings, neat tail; 2, hc, Whittome, long smart bird, rare length of side; 3, Dell, neat typical specimen, well shown; 4, Dixon, smart buff; vhc, Miss Walker. NOVICE NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Cross, 1st good mkd. bird, lovely quality, nice type; 2nd, nice smart buff, neat type; 3rd, good big bird, bold head; vhc, Piper. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Collins, 1st fine bold yell., capital body; 2nd, Mrs. Smart, buff, capital wings and tail; 3, Mrs. Lee, another neat one, nice quality; vhc, Mrs. Piper. YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Stoakley, stands well, rare feather; 2, Taylor, another good one, carries wings well; 3, Wright, neater type, lovely quality; 4, Tebb; vhc, Whiting. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor, smart long-sided bird, grand quality; 2, Tebb, bold, lovely-feathered bird, good wings; 3, Stoakley, rakish typical specimen; 4, vhc, Wright. HEN (8): 1, Stoakley, smart typical yell., lovely quality; 2, Mrs. Lee, very long rakish buff, nice clean cut; 3, Taylor, another racy yell., good feather; vhc, Harc; hc, Tebb; c, Wright. UNFLIG. (15): 1, hc, Taylor, topper, grand type, col. and feather; 2, 3, vhc, Stoakley, 2nd big slashing bird, very straight, lovely quality; 3rd, very neat and typical, fine feather; c, Whiting. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Pickard; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Boorman; c, Plank. NON-FED (9): 1, Priest, bonny typical bird, good sound col., lovely quality; 2, Collins, another good one, capital head; 3, Mrs. Lee, smart Yorkie, good length bird; vhc, Pickard; hc, Griffiths; c, Skinner. MEMBERS' FINCHES (15): 1, Priest, bonny Linnet, capital shape, nice nutty col., well mkd., wins; 2, Brown, neat Siskin, good cap, densely mkd.; 3, Mrs. Thynne, a good typical Bullie, capital col.; vbc, c, Whiting; hc, Wright.

DEANS.

First annual exhibition of the Deans and Dis. C.B.S., a newly-formed society, was held in the Workmen's Institute on November 13th. The hall is nicely situated, and is in every way suitable for the holding of such a show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The society confines its membership to a five-mile radius, but there was keen competition in all sections. The society are fortunate in having the liberal support of the gentry and merchants of the district. The president, Mr. J. Brown, a breeder of the "long 'uns," and Mr. J. Kay, the secretary, make two officials which any society would be proud of, and worked well to make the show a success. Entries totalled 150, the Borders taking premier place both in quality and numbers. The clear yellow of Mr. Thos. Peel's (medal winner at Uphall) gained two gold medals and special for best cock. Medal for best Nor. was won by a nat. col. yellow of Mr. A. Gordon's. The president gained the coveted honour in the Yorkshire section. Mr. Gordon's Budgerigar won medal for best bird in that section. The judges were Mr. G. Brown (Leith) for Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders, and Mr. J. Stracban (Bathgate) for British and Foreign, and their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction. The show was well patronised by the public.

The Critique.

NOR.: 1, 2, Wilson, 1st cl. yell., fine round head, grand front and back, nice short wing; 2nd, buff variegd., good quality and condition. NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gordon, grand cl., rare head and neck, good front and back, best of wing carriage, well staged; 2nd, mkd. eyes and wing, fine type; 3rd, similar to 2nd, nice condition; 4th, good type. OLD: 1, 3, 4, Gordon, yell., foul on neck, nice type and quality; 3rd, grand cinnamon, in lovely feather and condition; 4th, mkd. head and wing, in good feather; 2, Peel, close on winner, well put down. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Gordon. YORKS., YOUNG: 1, 2, medal, Brown, 1st extra good in feather, fine length and position; 2nd, yell., good length. OLD: 1, Peel, cl. buff, grand feather and position, well up on leg, nice round head and body; 2, Boal, good length and type; 3, Brown, variegd. buff, nice one, fine length and shape; 4, Glendinning, good col. and quality. SELL.: Cancelled. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, two medals, Peel, rattling good cl., grandly rounded head, rare front and back; 2nd, very close up; 3, Kerr, cap mkd., good type and quality; 4, Peel, good shape. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Peel, grand pair, 1st cl., fine head and front, well-filled back; 2nd, nice feather and quality; 3, Kerr, good col. and condition; 4, Peel, nice exhibit. BUFF: 1, 2, Peel, 1st wing mkd., grand close-feathered, good head and neck; 2nd, nicely-rounded front and back, good wing carriage; 3, Boal, good type and quality, well-filled back; 4, Kerr, good all round. HEN: 1, Peel, nice quality feather, grandly finished all over, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Kerr, very close up, grand type; 3, 4, Peel, 3rd good bead and finish; 4th, good quality. EVEN MKD.: 1, Brown, nicely-balanced markings. A.O.V.: 1, Kerr, mkd. head, eyes and wing, lovely quality feather, finely-rounded bead, good front and back; 2, Peel, rare shape, nice close featber and condition; 3, Kerr, yell. variegd., good type and quality; 4, Peel, good exhibit. OLD CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Peel, lovely quartette, 1st wing mkd. yell., good shape and condition; 2nd, cl. buff, fine feather; 3rd, nicely drawn, good quality. OLD HEN: 1, 2, 3, Peel, trio of good ones, 1st nice cl., nice bead, back and wing carriage; 2nd, yell., mkd. eyes and wing; 3rd, good cinn., nice pencilling; 4, Kerr. SELL.: 1, 3, Kerr; 2, Hamilton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Peel, 1st nice sized variegd. Linnet, in good order; 2nd, another Linnet. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (B. or F.): 1, Kerr, grand square cut blaze, finely tanned, good moons and huttons; 2, Boal, Britisber, good shape, nicely mooned, grandly tanned; 3, Brown, good as any, but seemed soft; 4, Gordon. LINNET: 1, Kerr, grand col., nice pencilling, very steady; 2, Boal, good markings, nice condition; 3, Hamilton, good one for col.; 4, Glendinning. GREENFINCH: 1, Peel, grand size and col., good wing bars, nicely fed; 2, Boal, good col.; 3, 4, Gordon, grand nat. col. one in nice order; 4th, good-coloured ben. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Kerr, 1st lovely-coloured Twite, good size and markings; 2nd, Redpoll, nice bib, well laced; 3, Peel, fine sized Redpoll; 4, Gordon, nice sized Twite. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Boal, grand-coloured Chaffie, good flights, neat cap, very steady; 2, Wilson, nice Bramble, well defined markings; 3, Gordon, another Bramble, wild. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Gordon, 1st Budgerigar, in lovely feather and condition; 2nd, pair of Cutthroats, in rare bloom; 3rd, good pair of Nonpareils, nicely staged. A.O.V.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Peel.

LEEDS (Roller).

The Leeds Roller C.C. held their fourth annual singing contest on November 12th and 13th, in the Temperance Society's rooms, 16, New York-street, which is a nice room for a Roller contest. Entries came up very well—121, which is a record for the club, we believe. The B.R.C.C. young bird competition seems to have proved a success so far, as regards the two shows that have had it, as these classes have been well filled. No doubt some of the exhibitors will be disappointed, and the judges were also, as a lot of the birds would not do much, and some would not open at all. In the amateur class, No. 6, 9, 16, 17 did nothing at all; in the novice class, Nos. 4, 5, 11 did not sing, and 6 and 10 very little. In the young bird class competition is going to be keen. It was a pleasure to see that Mr. Foulds's bird was the winner. He is one of the best of Roller fanciers, and he entered 12 birds. Mr. Wilsdon will not be far off when the points are counted up, as his birds are very consistent. The Midland fanciers did well at Leeds, taking a fair share of the cards. We hope the show will have turned out a success. Messrs. F. A. Lester and F. Oldroyd judged.

Mr. F. A. Lester's Classes.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (bred by exhibitor, and wearing the B.R.C.C. closed ring): 1, cup, A. Foulds, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 2, schockel 4, gluck 2, flutes notes 4, water gluck 2, bell roll 1, G.E. 3, total 24 points; 2, F. Wilsdon, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 4, bass 2, schockel 4, flute notes 3, bell roll 1, G.E. 3, total 22; 3, A. Foulds, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 2, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, water roll 2, G.E. 4, aufzug 1 off, sharp flutes 1 off, total 22; 4, J. Lyons, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 2, bass 2, schockel 4, flute notes 3, bell roll 1, G.E. 3, total 20; 5, G. Cole, 20 points; 6, A. Foulds, 19 points; vhc, J. Willows, 19 points; vhc, W. Whittlestone, 17 points; hc, Massey and Riding, 17 points; bc, A. Percival, 16 points; c, F. Wilsdon, 16 points; c, A. Foulds, 16 points. NOVICE YOUNG BIRD (B.R.C.C. closed ring): 1, T. J. Smith, hollow roll 5, bass 3, schockel 5, flute notes 3, G.E. 4, total 24 points; 2, W. B. Holland, hollow roll 7, schockel 4, flute notes 3, water gluck 3, bell roll 2, aufzug 1 off, sharp bell 1 off, total 20 points; 3, A. Harper, hollow roll 6, bass 2, schockel 4, gluck 1, flute notes 2, water gluck 2, G.E. 2, total 19 points; 4, R. White, hollow roll 5, bass 3, schockel 4, flute note 2, deep bubbling water tour 2, schwirre 1, G.E. 3, aufzug 1 off, 19 points; 5, J. A. Ives, 17 points; 6, F. Barnett, 17 points; vhc, R. Sagar, 16 points; vhc, J. A. Craig, 16 points; hc, R. Sagar, 12 points; c, Mrs. F. C. White, 12 points; c, W. Evans, 12 points.

Mr. F. Oldroyd's Classes.

AMAT.: 1, C. Turner, hollow roll 7, bass roll 3, schockel 5, gluck 3, flute note 2, bell roll 2, general effect 3, sharp bell tour 2 off, total 23 points; 2, C. Taylor, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 3, schockel 2, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, general effect 3, total 18 points; 3, F. Barnett, hollow roll 5, bass 2, schockel 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, general effect 2, total 18 points; 4, G. R. White, hollow roll 5, schockel 3, gluck 3, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, general effect 2, total 17 points; 5, T. Swift, 16 points; 6, F. Ward, 15 points; vhc, J. W. Stokes, 14 points; hc, T. Swift, 14 points; c, J. W. Stokes. NOVICE OPEN: 1, C. Cole, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 3, bass 4, schockel 4, water roll 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, total 23 points; 2, A. Collins, hollow roll 4, schockel 3, gluck 4, flute notes 3, water gluck 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, total 21 points; 3, C. Hopkin, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 3, bass 2, schockel 4, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, sharp bell 2 off, total 19 points; 4, G. Worth, hollow roll 5, bass 3, schockel 4, gluck 4, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, sharp bell 2 off, total 18 points; 5, J. C. Schluter, 18 points; 6, T. J. Smith, 17 points; vhc, Dr. A. E. Read, 17 points; hc, J. E. Bowley, 16 points; c, J. Gosling, 16 points.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Twelfth annual autumn show, held November 6th, at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. Considering that it was only a members' show, and that there have been three or four all-England open shows in the district representing the various specialist clubs, the show may be considered a real success. It must also be borne in mind there are four other societies, two of them in the immediate locality. There was to be seen at this show some of the best Norwich and Yorkshire that have competed in the leading open shows; this, therefore, gave the amateur and novice members an exceptional opportunity of comparing their stock with high-class birds. The birds generally were well staged, and there was a fair attendance. Mr. Robsou judged. At the close of the show the birds that had to be dispatched for the country were sent off first. It rather strikes one that the Norwich champion and Yorkshire classes might be slightly curtailed without making any difference to the entries.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL.: Mr. Miles took 1st and 2nd. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Miles; 3, Thomas; Mr. Mabey wrongly classed, no tick to be seen. CL. BUFF NOR: 1, 3, Miles, good and useful birds. Class 4: 1, 2, 3, Miles; 4, Harris; vhc, Thomas. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Miles; 4, Harris; vbc, Mabey; hc, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, Harris; 2, Thomas; 3, Miles; 4, Lilley, unfed. BUFF: 1, 2, Miles; 3, Thomas; 4, Mabey. HENS: 1, Miles; 2, Thomas; members do not appear to support the young hen classes. YORKS.: Few in number, owing to so many having lost a large number during breeding and moulting seasons. CLASSES 9 and 10 (amalgamated): 1, Mabey; 2, Holbrook. CLASS 11: 1, Mabey; 2, Holbrook. YORKS. CK., BUFF, TKD., ETC.: 1, 4, Holbrook; 2, McLaughlin; 3, Mabey. HENS: 1, McLaughlin; 2, 4, Holbrook; 3, Mabey. CLASS 14: 1, Holbrook; 2, McLaughlin. CLASS 15: 1, Mabey; 2, Holbrook. YORKS. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, McLaughlin; 2, 3, Holbrook. CLASS 17: 1, 3, Lilley; 2, Jeffreys. CREST HENS: 1, Jeffrey; 2, 3, Lilley. C.-B. CK: 1, 2, Miles; 3, 4, Lilley; vhc, Jeffreys. CLASS 20: 1, Jeffrey, absent; 2, absent. AMAT. AND NOVICE SECTION: CLASSES 21 and 22 (amalgamated): 1, 3, Burgess; 2, MacGregor. NOR. BUFF CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Burgess; 3, MacGregor. HENS: 1, 3, Graham; 2, Burgess; 4, MacGregor. UNFLIG. CK. YELL.: 1, Burgess; 2, MacGregor. BUFF: 1, MacGregor; 2, Burgess. NOR. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, MacGregor. YORKS. HEN, YELL. CK.: 1, Cullum; 2, Ralph and Broughton. YORKS. BUFF CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 4, vhc, Ralph; 2, 3, Cullum. HENS: 1, 2, 4, Cullum; 3, Graham. BUFF: 1, 3, Ralph; 2, Cullum. CLASS 38: 1, Broughton. CLASS 38: 1, 2, Burgess. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Mabey; 2, 3, MacGregor. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Ralph; 2, Lilley; 3, Broughton; 4, Burgess; vhc, McLaughlin. BULLFINCHES: 1, 3, Broughton; 2, Mabey. LINNETS, ETC.: 1, McLaughlin; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Broughton. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, McLaughlin; 2, Broughton. MULES: 1, Mabey; Burgess wrong class.—W. LILLEY, Sec.

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NOTTINGHAM.

The Nottingham O.S. held their 28th annual exhibition on November 13th and 15th, in the Mechanics' Lecture Hall, an ideal place, having capital light (electric by night), being very spacious and lofty, and nicely heated by hot-water apparatus, also absolutely free from draughts. The schedule issued was very good, with specials and extra specials galore, and prize money 22s. per class (2ds. per class in Foreign section), for the usual entry fee. The managing committee comprises Messrs. R. Rhodes (chairman), C. E. Ley (vice-chairman), and others so well known throughout the Fancy as keen enthusiasts and workers, and Messrs. G. Alton, G. Hill, T. Barker, J. Bertie, L. Burrows, A. Cooper, J. Goode, W. Cottingham, J. H. Northage, J. Onion, E. Wolfe, and G. A. White. With such a list of practical fanciers as this, can one wonder at the success attained, year after year, at Nottingham? Words almost fail one to praise deservedly Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the hon. sec. The grip he gets of the secretarial duties is thoroughly businesslike, and he is, without doubt, an expert in the art of running an open show, and ensuring its working smoothly. Beyond this, he is always most courteous and obliging. Much of the success attained is certainly due to this most valuable official.

For once in a way the entry fell somewhat short, being under last year's total by a matter of 50, the falling off being more noticeable in the British and Foreign than in any of the other sections. Nevertheless, the total of 686 was a good one, and considering that so many shows were held on the same date, this is fairly satisfactory. The staging was of an excellent description, and every bird could be seen to comfort, and the show-room was very tastefully decorated by Mr. Ley (vice-chairman) and the like. Another item that caught one's eye was the large glass case filled with very valuable plate and many other items, offered as "specials," and which would be claimed by the successful exhibitors ere the show closed. The Notts Society deserves a good entry for their enterprise in this direction. Mr. E. Pass (of Hucknall) had a fine display of aviaries, show and breeding cages and other appliances on view in the room. Mr. Wm. Cottingham (secretary of the Foreign Section) attended to the feeding, etc., of the Foreigners, and great praise is due to him for the manner in which he discharged his duties.

Warriors All!

Mr. Geo. C. Ley acted as "receiving and dispatch clerk," assisted nobly by Mr. G. A. White. By the manner in which they went about their work, both as regards unpacking and repacking, there was no hitch whatever, a result which stamps them as experts in this direction. The stewards were Messrs. J. H. Northage and G. Hill (Crest section), L. Burrows and J. Goode (Norwich), A. Cooper and E. Barker (Brit.). All are to be highly complimented, for they worked like Trojans from first to last. Mr. R. Rhodes, the worthy chairman, enthusiastic and full of energy, retained every virtue for losing matters to a successful issue. A better chairman no society could possess. He is most popular and appreciated, without a doubt.

Turning to the exhibits, first on the programme were the Plainheads; and a nice collection, certainly, though we think we have seen more "corpers" here on past dates. The marked yell. cock owned by Mr. E. Fox, the yell. hen by Mr. W. Whetstone, and the buff hen by Messrs. Beardall and Walker, are a grand trio, and a credit to their owners. The amateur Norwich contained a few capable of running those in the "upper circles" closely. Next came the cream of the whole show, the Crests and Crest-breds. One is accustomed to find a fine class of Crests at the best birds in the country, and on this occasion it was not in the least quality was even higher than at many past events. Many champion "cribbles" were represented by extremely meritorious specimens, notably by Messrs. T. Taylor, J. Bertie, A. C. Ley (Notts.), Mr. Drake (Norwich), Norwood Bros. (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Mrs. E. L. A. Crow (Lowestoft), L. Burrows (Basford), and R. Rhodes (Nottingham). The buff mkd. wings Dark Crest shown by Mr. L. Burrows is a grand bird, while the Grey Crest owned by Mr. T. Taylor is a real stormer, and takes the cake in the entire "Crest world" as unbeatable; it was looking as well as ever. Mr. Geo. C. Ley had on view a slashing buff, clear body grizzled Crested hen, also a lovely variegated Dark Crest, 1909 bred, which took the 21s. special for best variegated Crest in C.B. A brace of more charming birds would be hard to locate. The young bird, with luck, has a future. The Crest-bred classes contained some "hot stuff." The first four buff hens, owned respectively by Messrs. T. Taylor, H. Lazarus, Norwood Bros. and R. Rhodes were stated by Mr. T. Heath (the judge) to be the finest quartette he had ever seen in any one class in all his career. The Lancashires and Lizards provided a treat. Mr. R. Turner won with his noted yell. grizzle coppy (Manchester and Rochdale winner, we presume), and Mr. W. Adams stood ahead in the buffs (also the Manchester and Rochdale winner). In the yell. P.H., Mr. W. Hardy captured with a giant, full of true character; the same owner did the trick also with a massively built cl. buff P.H. Amongst the Lizards, Mr. J. Rukin held whip hand, claiming three firsts out of a possible four, Mr. J. Hampshire gaining the prize for second in the Silver broken cap with a beautifully-spangled specimen. Normans put up a fine lot, although not over numerous. Yorkshires numbered 18 in the only class set apart for them, and were a choice assortment.

A Mule Problem.

The British birds were a great disappointment this year at Nottingham. It is true that the classes had been "pruned down," and it is very probable that team owners, and even smaller exhibitors, kept their birds at home on account of not receiving the usual extended consideration. It seems a certainty that the commoner species of British birds are more numerous at shows where separate classes are provided for them. Where a man has a team, and half of his birds have to go into about two variety classes, he will not send, particularly when he finds other shows giving them separate classes. Taking the Goldfinch class, it seems quite impossible to believe that only two entries turned up. Again, only four Bullfinches were in the class. Surely the Midland fanciers and exhibitors generally do not at once ceased to keep Goldfinches and Bullfinches? It is a reflection on fanciers to have to record such meagre support in these classes. The remainder of the British section did not create a better entry, but not by any means what it deserved, and the writer of these notes will not be surprised to find the Nottingham Society striking the British section out of their schedule, or curtailing the classes still more. When good classification and specials are given exhibitors should see to it that they give their support in return. It is enough to make Committees give up making classes for species which are treated like the Goldfinch and Bullfinch at this show. The Hybrids were a good all round lot. It was a pity that two or three lightly variegated Goldfinch-Can. Hybrids were entered in the heavily variegated class. They were very good birds, and would have had a good chance in their proper class. When a bird has a clear saddle (or back), and a clear breast, and all underneath clear, it is more than half light, and any bird more than half light in its plumage is a lightly variegated bird. The old grand cl. Goldfinch-Canary turned up once more, and a splendid Can.-Bullfinch won the special for best in the Hybrid section. A grand Thrush won the special for the best in the British Bird section. The Foreign birds were a treat, and some of the most exquisite rarities of the day, in grand plumage, were shown. They attracted a great deal of attention from the public and visitors generally.

The judges were Messrs. W. Vardy (Nor. and Liz.), T. Heath (Crests, Lancs., Cinn., and Yorks.), and C. Houlton (Brit. and For.). Their awards appeared to give general satisfaction, very little grumbling being heard.

The Plainheads.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Nutt, lovely col. and feather, capital shape and carriage, fine substance, Hucknall winner, "blowing" a bit to-day, take care of him; 2, Pepper, warmer in col., Al quality, nice size, hardly so thick through, clean under; 3, Houghton, fine substance and col., grand body shape, Al carriage; 4, Severn Bros., coddy, lovely feather, rich col., moves well, smaller in hand; vhc, Beswick and Gaskill; hc, Hollis; c, Sharp. BUFF (9): 1, Houghton, wonderful substance, magnificent quality and col., grand front; 2, Wagg, very shapely, capital feather, col. and frosting, nice carriage, beaten for size only; 3, Bowyer, warm col., silky texture of feather, good substance; 4, c, Severn Bros., full of quality and col., rare shaped body; vhc, Beswick and Gaskill; hc, Hill. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Fox, lightly variegated, teeming with quality, full of colr, beautiful type, rare size, topper, Sheffield and Hucknall winner; 2nd, thigh tick, well up in substance, rich col., splendid feather; 3, Houghton, thigh tick, massive build, rare head, neck and chest, superb quality, little closer under-body; 4, Whetstone, grizzled wing, lovely texture of feather, grand shape and carriage; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Braybrook; c, Beardall and Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Nutt, mkd. head, fine substance and shape, beautifully clothed, rich col. and mealy, bit heavy behind; 2, Fox, lightly variegd.,

NOTTINGHAM—Continued.

Corn Bunting, nice colour, markings, and condition; vhc, Bailey. Yellow Bunting; Nos. 3 and 6, absent. Wryneck and Nightingale respectively. If shown. LARGE (10): 1, 2, Hexter, capital Song Thrush, wins special for best British, in splendid condition; 2nd, good Fieldfare, not quite up to the Thrush in condition, grandly shown; 3, Stocker, fine Waxwing, good one, hardly tight enough yet to win; 4, Alton, fine Blackbird, nice size and condition; vhc, Seal; hc, Harry, Smith; c, Raven. CL. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Bond, Mr. Colton's old cl., owner has him looking A1 still; 2, Colton and Bond, very even; vhc, Colton Can., in grand condition; 3, Naylor, six-pointed variegated. Yell. Goldie-Can., good size, wants a tubbing; 4, Hart, six-pointed buff; vhc, Hart; hc, Mrs. Hall. HEAVILY VARIEG. (6): Nos. 1, 7 and 8, wrongly classed, all clear backs, breasts and under parts, certainly a deal more light than dark feather all over them, all really good birds, however; 1, Colton and Dawn, heavy variegs. Greenfinch-Can., grand size, feather, and condition, well shown; 2, Coffey, fine size, shape and condition, good Bull; 3, vhc, Hodgkinson; 4, Alton. DARK (12): Good class all through; 1, hc, Bond, Canary-Bullfinch leading, very large, in grand condition, and a nice yellow Greenfinch-Can., former takes special for best in Hybrid section; 2, Naylor, grandly-conditioned, deep-coloured yell. Greentinch-Can., in the pink of condition; 3, Smith, good yell. Siskin-Can., in fine col., feather and condition; 4, Cottingham, another nice Greenfinch-Can.; vhc, Alton, buff Goldie-Can., in nice condition; c, Colton. Limited, tall feather just now. A.O.V. (7): 1, Colton and Dawn, fine Greenie-Bullie, in grand form, good one all through; 2, Caunt, big Goldie-Bullie, in nice bloom and condition; 3, Coffey, smaller Goldie-Bullie, fine colour, etc.; 4, Hexter, another good Goldie-Bullie, in nice condition; vhc, Clowes, Greenie-Bullie, a trifle rough on head; hc, Kelly, Goldie-Bullie, nice bird; No. 7, wrongly classed, a Chaffinch. FOR., BUDGERIGARS (11): 1, 3, Mrs. Duncan, the largest and best coloured green birds seen here for a long time, grand birds; 2, F. Howe, lovely pair of yellows in the best of trim; 4, Alton, fine pair of yellows, well up to 2nd in condition; vhc, Herrick; hc, Cottingham; c, England. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (6): 3, 5, vhc, Cheetham, King Parakeet, in grand form; 3rd, fine pair of Blue Mountain Lories; vhc, good Port Lincoln Parrakeet, all in really fine feather; 4, F. Howe, lovely pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds, very smart in feather; he, Mrs. Holt, Ring-necked Parrakeet; 6, Stocker, one; c, Stocker, pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds. PARROTS (4): 1, Beattie, fine Grey, in the best of condition; 2, Mrs. Holt, good big Yellow-fronted Amazon, much admired; vhc, Mrs. Hay, Grey; No. 1, absent. SMALL: MANNIKINS, ETC. (6): 1, Cheetham, very tight, perfect-feathered St. Helenas; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, F. Howe, grand team of St. Helenas, Diamond Sparrows, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Green Avadavats, and Java Sparrows, all in really fine feather; hc, Meadows, Zebra Waxbills, feather missing out of one bird's wing. SMALL SEED-EATERS, ETC. (6): 1, F. Howe, lovely Crimson Finch, well shown, good one; 2, Meadows, almost equally good Parrot Finch, grand bird; 3, Cheetham, very pretty Cordon Bleus, well placed; 4, Wragg, good rare Yellow-billed Cardinal; vhc, Naylor, Rufous-tailed Weavers; c, Stocker, good pair Pintail Nonpareils; hc, Pearse, Black-crested Cardinal. TANAGERS, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Harrison, Black-cheeked Sugar Bird, takes special for best Foreigner, very grand sheen, polished like satin, a real treat

HASTINGS.

The eleventh annual open show of the Hastings United C.B.S. was held under Cage Bird Union rules on November 9th and 10th, when it proved a great success. The venue was the Parish Hall, Priory-street, a place in every way suited to the occasion. The number as well as the quality of the exhibits constituted a record for the society. No fewer than 400 Norwich were on view, among them being some of the very best in the South of England. The birds in the members' Norwich class were also very hot, and some of the owners here could have held their own in the open. The Yorkshires were hardly up to the standard, perhaps, but the Goldfinches were a fine lot, as were also the Linnets and the Foreign birds. Mr. A. E. Godden, with a very creditable secretarial experience at the back of him, had the arrangement of matters in hand again this year, and the committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Stevens (chairman), R. Cragg, A. George, G. Stubberfield, J. H. Bellamy, H. Pennells, G. Brooke, G. Barham, W. Button, A. R. May, W. Upton, T. G. Coombs, C. Randell, M. Wilson, J. Dawson, H. Morris, H. L. Harris, H. Bond, and C. Cave, with Mr. H. Godden as hon. treasurer, and Mr. H. L. Harris as the assistant secretary, worked hard and shared the credit of a very successful show. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CHAMP. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Rennie, tip-topper, A1 col., grand shape, well shown; 2, Gill and Pethick, just a trifle larger, fine col., substance, and quality; 3, Hodder, again hot col., rattling shape, a wee trifle browy; 4, c, Ellis, fine shape and quality; vhc, Kilby; hc, Silk. BUFF (15): Grand class: 1, A. E. Silk, fine shape, col. and quality, good bird, wins easily; 2, Withers, fine shape, short tail and flights, nice exhibit; 3, Gill and Pethick, beautiful feather and col., might have more substance perhaps; 4, Kilby, sweet bird for shape and quality; vhc, Saunders; hc, Rennie; c, Hodder. TKD. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Kilby, fine tkd. yell., grand col., nice head and neck, wins well; 2, Berry and Mitchell, variegated, best of quality, fine type, will improve in col.; 3, Withers, griz. tail, finest of shape, nice quality; vhc, Hodder. BUFF (9): 1, Hodder, well shown, mkd., fine substance, grand col., best of feather, good one; 2, A. E. Silk, another unevenly mkd., similar all over; 3, Gill and Pethick, fine shape, tkd., grand col., best of quality; 4, Ellis, nice bird, wants a little more substance; vhc, Ellis; hc, Withers; c, Rennie. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Gill and Pethick, a charmer, fine col., best of shape, grand size, a gem; 2, Rennie, variegated, wonderful type, nice quality; 3, Hodder, fine quality, short tail and flights; 4, Matthes, grand size, wee bit patchy, which told against it; vhc, Spooner; hc, Withers; c, Brooks. BUFF (12): Good lot; 1, 2, Hodder, two grand ones, former best shape, very taking bird, nicely shown; 2nd, another good one, all front, fine feather, looked just a trifle out of condition; 3, Rennie, splendid shape, fine quality; 4, Saunders, nice cl.; vhc, A. E. Silk; hc, Ellis; c, Brooks. CNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Hodder, fine head, tkd., grand quality, good size and shape, nice one; 2, vhc, Ellis, another nice bird, equal in quality, fine col., just a wee bit smaller; 3, Bellamy, fine size, grand col., hardly yet fit, will improve; 4, Matthes, black tail, good size, beautiful quality, will improve, worth his place; hc, Mortara; c, Schneider. BUFF (18): 1, Gill and Pethick, tip-topper, wonderful col., sweet shape, grand front, really good bird; 2, 4, Ellis, two grand ones, former fine shape, close feather; 4th, another nice one, fine condition, rather narrow in front of head perhaps; 3, Schneider, good size, very shapely; vhc, Saunders; hc, Mortara; c, Hodder. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, members' cup, Ellis, truly grand bird, wonderful depth of chest, grand size, in the pink of condition; 2, Bellamy, fine green, bonny shape, fine head, rare feather; 3, Hodder, variegated, nice shape and quality, hardly so bonny perhaps; 4, Ellis; vhc, Berry and Mitchell; hc, A. E. Silk; c, Rennie. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Rogers, fine length, nice style, well drawn; 2, 3, Gamble, two nice ones, leader tkd., fine quality, nice position; 3rd stylish; 4, Pearson, moderate. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 3, Bullen, leader better style, good length; 3rd, nice bird, not quite so stylish, wants training; 2, Brooks and Huntly, fine quality, well drawn, very stylish; vhc, Gamble; c, Rodgers. MEMBERS' CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Ellis, fine cl., best of shape and quality; 2, 5, Bellamy, two very fine birds, both of grand quality; 4, Douch, smart bird, smaller; vhc, Upton and Button. BUFF (11): 1, Pennells, wing mkd., fine type and quality, rare good bird; 2, 3, Ellis, two fine clears, former best substance, latter fine col. and quality; 4, Douch, fine feather and col.; hc, Bellamy; c, Brooks. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Ellis, grand col. and finest of quality; 2, 3, Bellamy, two good ones, grand feather, short and compact; 4, Tidey, nice quality; vhc, Pennells; hc, Bellamy; c, Brooks. BUFF (7): 1, Pennells, fine mkd. hen, grand front, nice shape; 2, vhc, Upton and Button, nice cl., plenty of substance; 3, Ellis, fine body, weak in head; hc, c, Bellamy. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Ellis, grand cl., fine col. and quality, would do well in open; 2, , Bellamy, former smart bird, rare shape and quality; 4th, larger, just lacks the finish; 3, Brooks, chubby one, all front; vhc, Bellamy; hc, c, Upton and Button. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Ellis, former fine shape, best of quality, good one; 4th, very neat; 2, 3, Upton and Button, two bonny birds, former best shape, latter shape; vhc, hc, Bellamy. YORKS. CL. ETC. (10): 1, Slack, rare length, style and carriage; 2, 4, Dawson, two very choice exhibits; 3, Morris and Sons, nice quality, fails in length; vhc, hc, A. Hinton. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Knight, two good ones, former fine style and carriage; 2, Coombs, fine bird, grand quality and style; 3, Slack, nice col., free in feather; vhc, Bond; hc, George; c, Randell. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Dawson, two good ones, leader fine typical specimen; 2, 3, Bond, two fine quality birds, nice position and correct carriage; vhc, Nagel; hc, Morris and Son; c, Dawson. BUFF (9): 1, Nagel, grand quality, good back and carriage; 2, 4, Dawson, former very smart, close up; 3, Bond, fine racy bird; vhc, Slack; hc, Dawson; c, Barham. YELL. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Knight, grand quality, fine style, very showy; 2, 3, Bond, nice length and style, not quite so smart perhaps; 3rd, stylish, lacks condition; 4, Morris and Sons; c, Bond. BUFF (13): 1, Knight, real good one, fine length and style; 2, Borham, shapely green, good position; 3, Morris and Sons, fine back; 4, Hinton, moderate; vhc, hc, George; c, Borham. CREST OR C.B. (bred 1909): 1, 2, Bond, two nice birds, variegated, leading Crest-bred; 2, Grey, Crest. CREST (7): 1, Upton and Button, good dark crested, fine front, leafy feather; 2, 3, 4, Bond, fine team, former nice round crest; 3rd, very neat, short in front; vhc, Nagel; hc, Duck. C.B. (5): 1, Duck, green, fine head, plenty of nice quality feather; 2, 3, Upton and Button, two fine birds, not much to choose between them; vhc, Stubberfield. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Heath, Border Fancy, fine carriage; 2, Duck, cinn. pied, moderate bird. PAIRS: 1, vhc, Douch, Nor., fine pair; 2, 3, Ellis, also Nor., well matched; 4, Morris and Sons, Yorks.; hc, Bellamy; c, Hinton. TEAMS OF FOUR: 1, 2, Ellis, Nor., nice lot; 3, Morris, Yorks.; 4, Bellamy; vhc, Brooks; hc, Pennells; c, Upton and Button. NOVICE NOR. (19): 1, Tidey, nice quality buff, fine shape; 2, 4, Ransom, buff leading, nice bird, fails only in quality to winner; 4th, nice-coloured yell., small; 3, vhc, Cave, yell., fine col. and quality; hc, Wilson; c, Wilson. YORKS. (4): 1, 3, Slack, two good ones, well drawn; 2, 4, Down, two useful birds.

The Remaining Classes.

GOLDFINCH (15): Grand lot; 1, Herbert, fine big blaze, of rich col., nice wings and buttons, real good one, without doubt; 2, c, Prior, another hot one, fine rich col., nice shape Finch, very showy, fails if anything in size only; 3, Gill, good size, nice whites, rich col., not quite the size in face; 4, Jupe, sweet bird all over, very rich col.; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Morris and Sons. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Prior, leader gem, fine rich nutty col., best of pencilling, good size; 3rd, fine silky feather, good col. and condition; 2, Gunnell, grand pencilling, rare size and col., close up; 4, Hobden; vhc, Hobden; hc, Richards. FINCH, A.O.S. (9): 1, 3, Prior, winner fine Bramble, well spangled, fine col. and size; 3rd, Chaffinch, in rare form, very steady, well shown; 2, Gunnell, Bullfinch, very rich breast col., fine cap and condition; 4, Jupe, another Bullie, nice col.; vhc, he, c, Hobden. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Cave, dark Goldie and Canary, fine size and col.; 2, Coombs, another Goldie and Canary, rather on the small side; 3, Barham, very neat and nice bird; 4, Tidey; vhc, Barham; hc, Barham; c, Tidey. MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Dawson, very good Finch, fine rich col.; 2, Tidey, another good one, hardly finished yet; 3, Morris and Sons, good size, fails only in col., nice bird; 4, Cragg; vhc, Hinton; hc, Barham; c, Coombs. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Upton and Button, fine col., crest and cap; 2, Bond, nice col., bit unsteady; 3, Dawson; 4, vhc, Barham. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Dawson, Siskin leading, nice col. and markings; 2nd, Linnet, good col., steady; 3, Hinton, another very nice Siskin; 4, hc, Stubberfield; vhc, Stevens. A.O.S. HARDBILL (3): 1, Tidey, good Greenfinch; 2, Pennells, fine-coloured Chaffinch. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, Miss McDonald, good Nightingale, in A1 condition, wins well; 2, Barham, fine Skylark, well shown; 3, Barham, Wheatear, again well shown, good bird all over. LARGE (4): 1, Jarrett, Magpie, in very fine order, good bird; 2, 4, Barham, fine Missel Thrush and Song Thrush, both grandly shown; 3, George, another nice Song Thrush, well put down. FOR., OPEN, PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, Starton, really fine pair of Senegal Parrots, in A1 condition, wins well; 2, vhc, Reid, Lesson-crested Cockatoo, in grand feather, beautifully shown; 3, Harris, some species smaller, but very good; 4, Woodrow, Green Indian Parrot, in really nice condition. SMALL (11): 1, 2, Miss Starton Johnson, Brown-throated Cardinal and Indian Mynah, both in very grand feather and condition; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Rev. Paterson, pair of Ruficauda Finches and Long-tailed Grassfinch, very charming exhibits, well put down. GIFT: 1, Barham. CAN. (residents' class) (7): 1, 2, Miss Grimes; 3, Morfee; vhc, Lane. DITTO BRIT. (5): 1, Fox, good Magpie; 2, Kent, Siskins; 3, Jorden, good Thrush.

OLD SHILDON.

Old Sheldon Workmen's Club C.B.S. held their third annual show on Nov. 13, 14, and 15, in the hall kindly lent by the Committee; the hall is well lighted and large, just right for the occasion. The show was well patronised by the public. The quality of birds was good, and they were all well shown. The secretaries, Messrs. J. Etwell and S. Boddy left not a stone unturned to make it a great success, and every credit is due to them for the way the show was carried out, also to the committee. The judges were Messrs. Gray Bros. (of Binchester).

MEMBERS A.V.: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Richardson; 3, Allan, all Crests; 4, Longstaff, Yorks.; 5, Barnaby, Nor.; 6, Boddy, Crest; 7, Foster, Yorks.; 8, Charlton, C.-B.; 9, Elwell, Yorks.; 10, French, Crest; 11, Dent, Nor.; 12, Orton, 13, Hougill, 14, Webb, Crests; 15, Mackerell, Yorks.; 16, Goddard, Nor.; 17, Cooper, Yorks.; 18, McNaughton, Crest; 19, Hughes, 20, Anderson, Yorks; 21, Ainsworth, Nor.; 22, Warner, 23, Proud, 24, Pybus, 25, Alderson, Yorks.; 26, Hedley, 27, Phillips, Nor.; 28, Dawson, 29, Alderson, 30, Lee, 31, Bradley, C.-B.'s; 32, Devonline, Yorks; 33, Goymen, 34, Kitchen, C.-B.'s; 35, McNaughton, 36, Moss, 37, Kitchen, Yorks.; 38, Bussey, 39, Livesay, 40, Ridley, Nor.; 41, Bussey, 42, Wake, 43, Wake, 44, Routh, Nor.; 45, Young, Yorks. CREST: 1, Armstrong, grand bird, nice crest, wins easily; 2, Richardsen, also nice one; 3, Orton, good bird; vhc, Hougill. C.-B.: 1, Wheatley, nice bird, well shown, well lashed, easy win; 2, Richnrdson, good feather, nice bird; 3, Orton; vhc, Charlton. YORKS.: 1, Cuthbertson, yell. mkd., stands well, shown well; 2, yell., good bird; 3, Parish. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, Ridley, yell., nice fighted bird, shown well; 2, Parnaby, buff good bird, stands well; 3, Elwell, buff, grand bird, well shown; vhc, Parraby; hc, Winn; c, Charlton. NOR.: 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 1, yell. mkd., good chest, shown well, easy win; 2, buff, good bird, looks well; 3, Winn; vhc, Ridley; hc, Winn; c, Brodwell. A.O.V. CAN. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Sokell and Binks, Greenfinch Mule, grand bird, needs no comment; 2, vhc, Parnaby, Cinn. Can., grand feather, hot col.; 3, Dent, Greenfinch Mule, again a grand bird; hc, Rutter. SELL., 10s.: 1, Livesay; 2, Ridley; 3, Sokell and Binks; vhc, Webb; hc, Charlton; c, Parnaby. PAIRS: 1, Richardson, good Crest and good Plainhead, both massive birds, and deserve their place; 2, Wheatley, good pair of Crests; 3, vhc, Cuthbertson, good pairs of birds. YOUNG BIRD: 1, Webb, Crest, nice size, good even crest; 2, Winn, Yorks., good straight bird, nice style; 3, Richardson, Crest-bred, good type; vhc, Elwell; hc, French. LINNET, 1, 2, Parnaby; 1, nice shape, steady and stylish, well pencilled; 2, much the same type and col.; 3, Howard, good bird; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Smith; c, Mason. BRIT. SEEDEATER: 1, Smith, Bramblefinch, grand bird, well mkd., good col.; 2, Sokell and Binks, Bullfinch, fine shape, good head; 3, Parnaby, Hawfinch, grand bird, very tame; vhc, Lawson; hc, Woodhall; c, Cooper. SOFTBILL: 1, Boyd, Jay, very attractive exhibit, perfect feather, busy eating mice when we saw him; 2, hc, Parnaby; 2, Thrush, grand bird, well spotted, and shown in the pink; 3, Lawson, Redwing, good bird, in grand condition; vhc, c, Foster, Thrushes; c, medal given by Mr. J. Sandiford for hottest fed bird in members' class, won by Mr. T. Parnaby. Ten specials were given to the first ten exhibits in the Members' Class.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held in the Chorus Room of the Mechanics' Institution, on November 13th. Mr. T. Poole again kindly judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, r, Bywater; 2, Sprules. BUFF: 1, 3, Loveday; 2, c, Greenwood and Burson; r, vhc, Bywater; hc, Sprules. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Greenwood and Burson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Dale. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Millsum. Before the judges' awards were announced, a judging competition took place, and as only five minutes were allowed each competitor, some amusing incidents resulted. Points gained were:—J. Edmunds 10, J. Bywater 7, E. Loveday and W. Dale, 6, C. Brewer 4, W. Greenwood 3, C. Sprules 2. As admission is free, and fanciers are welcomed, it is hoped a larger number will be present on Dec. 15th.—W. DALE, Hon. Sec.

BANBRIDGE.

Annual show held in Town Hall, Nov. 11th and 12th. The room is lofty, well lighted, free from draughts, and very comfortable for an exhibition. Entries totalled about 876, and we are pleased to note a large increase on last year. The show was held under the rules of the Norwich F.C.C. of Ireland and the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland. The quality was of a very high order. In the champion classes several of last season's novices came out well. The coveted and valuable cup was won by Mr. Neill, of Belfast, for best Canary in show, with his noted Scotch Fancy. The silver cup for best British bird in show, was won hands down by Mr. J. Barclay, of Belfast, and the silver cup for best Mule in local classes, bred by exhibitor, was won by Mr. D. Fry, of Banbridge, with his Goldie-Canary Hybrid. Specials in the various classes went to following: Messrs. J. Neill, Graham, Tate, Bird, McCagherty, Carson, Laith, Barclay, Thompson, Connell, Fleming, Devins, Woods, Lareing, Holley, Hayes, Harvey, Morrow, and Fry. Mr. Hamilton, the energetic and obliging secretary, and his many assistants, worked hard, and had matters well in hand. The gate was good, and we noticed many prominent exhibitors present, who were well satisfied with the awards made by Mr. H. W. Battye.

The Critique.

BELG. (2): 1, Neill, a gem, grand drive, quality of feather and position, wins; 2, Hamilton, nice shoulders, gets well up to work. SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., CK. (4): 1, Lavery, nice size, neat head, good length of tail and wings; 2, Neill, nice size, fine length of neck; 3, 4, Hamilton, 3 nice drive, good wings, 4, grand head and shoulders. HEN (5): 1, Neill, a grand hen, cl., fine head and neck; 2, Lavery, grand shoulders, determined drive; 3, Neill, fine shoulders, shade slow, will improve; 4, vhc, Hamilton, nice wings and tail. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, spl, cup, 2, Neill, grand size shoulders and head, good droop, and tail well under, a stormer; 2, grand, close up, good top and fine depth, good one; 3, vhc, Hamilton, fine head and droop, good shoulders; 4, Graham, shade small, nice head and tail. HEN (5): 1, 3, Hamilton, nice length of wing, fine top; 3, grand drive, in best conditiou; 2, 4, Lavery, good size and droop, beautiful shoulders and drive, two nice birds; vhc, Graham. SCOT. A.O.C.: Cancelled. CHAMP. CRESTED CK. (5): 1, Stewart, very neatly made Crest, grand body, easy win; 2, Birse, grand head, good substance; 3, Tate, nice rise of skull, densely feathered; 4, M'Cagherty, very shapely, long feather. HEN (5): 1, 2, Stewart, a real nice pair, long feather, splendid skull, good frontal; 3, Tate, capital shape and substance; 4, Birse, plenty of feather, of good quality; vhc, M'Cagherty. C.-B. CK. (4): 1, Tate, capital shape and substance, nice width of skull; 2, M'Cagherty, very shapely, carries a wealth of feather; 3, Birse, grand body and skull; 4, Stewart, plenty of feather, nice body. HEN (1): 1, Tate, slashing hen, grand skull. NOR. CK. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Carson, capital shape, rare col. and grand feather; 2, Stewart, plenty of col., nice shape, will improve, wants a little tightening up; 3, Thompson, good quality and feather; 4, Tate, nice shapely bird, grand feather; vhc, Neill. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, M'Cagherty, good chest and back, nice shape; 2, Thompson, very neat and short in body; 3, M'Cammon, on small side, but grand shape. CL. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Stewart, grand, deep, round Crest, good level back and col., nicely fronted; 2, Barclay, good head, nice type and feather; 3, Tate, well staged, hardly as deep in chest, but lovely feather; 4, Graham, good shape and feather; vhc, Carson; hc, Neill. TKD. BUFF (5): 1, Thompson, very neat and short in body, lovely col.; 2, Barclay, nice shape, level in col., grand feather; 3, Carson, grand head; 4, M'Cagherty, capital feather, not quite so rich in col. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Stewart, beauty, short, compact wing and tail; 2, Tate, nice head and back, good quality feather; 3, Thompson, nice shape wing and tail; 4, hc, Cochrane Faith, small, but very nice type; vhc, Graham; c, M'Cagherty. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Barclay, very rich even col., of grand shape; 2, Owens and Magee, nice crest, wings and tail; 3, Thompsen, good head, shape and size; 4, Stewart, grand shape, we liked much; vhc, M'Cagherty; hc, c, Connell. BUFF (8): 1, Thompson, a grand shapely hen, good round chest; 2, vhc, Connell, fine shape, good quality of feather; 3, Cochrane Faith, smaller, nice col., fine little hen, will improve; 4, Graham; hc, M'Cagherty; c, Stewart. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, Barclay, grandly feathered, neat, shapely body; 2, Thompson, good wings and tail, shapely; 3, Owens and Magee, fails slightly in head, grand shape of body; 4, hc, Connell, good chest, wings and tail; vhc, Stewart. VARIEG. (6): 1, Neill, grand body, substance, round chest, good head; 2, 4, Graham, nice tight feather, wing and tail perfect; 3, Thompson, good round chest, good col.; vhc, M'Cagherty; hc, Acheson. YORKS. CHAMP. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Devins, Dublin winner, fine, long shapely bird, but not in best of health when we saw it; 2, McDonnell, grand shape, good flights, well up; 3, Birse, nice length, well cut away; 4, C. J. Mulligan, good length, nice shape, will do better; vhc, Fleming; hc, Coyne; c, Keating. HEN (7): 1, Fleming, noted hen, often described, looking fit; 2, McDonnell, grand length of body, good shoulders; 3, Fleming, splendid shape, good third; 4, Keating, nuflig., smaller, but all there for a Yorkie, grand quality of feather; vhc, Gillies; hc, Devins; c, Mulligan. TKD., ETC. CK.: 1, M'Cagherty, wing tkd. yell., old bird, grand shape, gets well up to its work; 2, Mulligan, nice feather, good head and shoulders; 3, McDonnell, grand quality of feather, as straight as a pencil; 4, Fleming, grand shoulders, legs and wings; vhc, Birse; hc, Devins; c, Coyne. HEN (5): 1, Gillies, feather like a Java, well up on leg; 2, Fleming, Cinn. tkd., grand quality, a beauty; 3, McDonnell, shape and position perfect, a little loose about thighs when we saw it; 4, Coyne, leg tkd. buff, shape and position, good feather, like a Java; vhc, Devins. CL. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Birse, straight as a gun barrel, smooth as a Java, grand length; 2, Devins, close up, grand head and flights; 3, Gillies, good length and position, capital feather; 4, c, Coyne, nuflig., very hot, stands like a soldier; vhc, McDonnell; hc, Keating. HEN (6): 1, Devins, good one, smooth as glass, grand position; 2, Gillies, capital feather and position, good wings; 3, McDonnell, a real nice hen, but crosses wings a little at times, which put her back; 4, Mulligan, grand upstanding bird of good quality; hc, Keating; hc, Gillen. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. CK. (9): 1, vhc, Woods, straight as a pencil, shone like a glass; 2, Holley, grand length, well up in position; 3, Mulligan, nice shape, good all round; 4, hc, Dr. Lavery, nice length, straight, and well up in position; c, Carroll. HEN: 1, Mulligan, a gem, grand shape and feather; 2, 3, Dr. Lavery, two nice birds of good quality; 4, Winkup, fails in length a trifle, but good shape; vhc, Carroll. TKD., ETC., CK. (5): 1, 2, Dr. Lavery, straight, and of right quality, get well up to their work; 3, Mulligan, well staged, good shape and feather; 4, Holley, nice feather, crosses wings a little; vhc, Woods. YORKS. TKD., ETC., HEN (6): 1, Mulligan, good length and position, stands on a good pair of legs; 2, vhc, Dr. Lavery, not much between, very shapely, good style; 3, Winkup, good length, a little open in breast; 4, Carroll, a typical, grand, shapely bird; hc, Holley. NON-COL. FED. CK. (1): 1, Devins, nice even col., well up. HEN: Nil. A.O.V.: Cancelled. CAN. MULE LIGHT, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, Lavery, a grand team, good shape, size, feather and condition; 4, vhc, Ronaldson, grand shape, well put down; hc, Birse; c, M'Cagherty. DARK (10): 1, 4, c, Lavery, grand size, good shape, beautiful feather; 2, Ronaldson, Goldie-Can., a beauty for size and shape; 3, Barclay, Goldie-Can., shape and col. and feather perfect; vhc, Birse; hc, M'Calden. BRIT. LINNET (7): 1, Lavery, grand, bold bird, shape and mkgs. and condition perfect; 2, c, O'Neill, smart bird, good mkgs., hardly as showy as winner, perhaps, yet a good bird, nicely pencilled; 3, Carson, good size, shape and pencillings; 4, Tate, nicely pencilled, shape and feather good, little unsteady, which told against it; hc, Ronaldson. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, cup, Barclay, a beauty, hard to find fault with, well tanned, good moons, well known on show bench, 2nd at Glasgow; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Lavery, well cut broad face, grand col. of blaze, Dublin winner last week; 3, Carson, good square blaze, head wing, bars and moons perfect, beautifully tanned; c, Nelson, grand shape and size, fails in col. A.O.S SMALL: 1, 2, Tate, yell. Buntiug and Greenfinch, two birds which are a credit to their owner; 2, O'Neill, Siskin, grand bib and col., very steady; 4, vhc, Birse, shapely, in good condition, well put down; hc, Barclay; c, Owens and Magee. LOCAL CLASSES: SCOT. FCY., CK., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Graham, nice shoulders and drive; 3, 4, Lowther, good neat head, nice shape of neck. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Graham, grand round chest, typical; 3, vhc, c, M'Cagherty, nice size and feather; 3, Cochrane Faith, good shape and col.; 4, McCracken, grand quality of feather. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, M'Cagherty, a grand team of extra quality; 4, Graham, nice size and shape; vhc, Morrow; hc, Cochrane Faith. YORKS. CK (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Woods, a nice lot, shape, position and feather good; hc, Hayes. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4. Woods, three sweet typical hens; 3, Hayes, nice length, good legs and wing carriage. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, McCaghey, good size, wings, bars, and moons, grand blaze; 2, hc, Harvey, nice square-cut blaze, good moons; 3, Card, good shape and col., wing bars prominent; 4, Adamsou, good moons and wing bars, a little narrow in head; vhc, Wills. LINNET (9): 1, Morrow, nicely pencilled, good neck and col.; 2, 3, c, Arlow, nice shape and mkgs.; 4, Adamson, good all-round bird; hc, Morrow; vhc, Harvey. MULE (12): 1, Harvey, Goldie-Cinn., of good size and col.; 2, cup for best bird bred locally by exhibitor, vhc, Frye, a nice shapely good col. Goldie-Can.; 3, 4, M'Caghey, fine shape and size; hc, Lowther. SELL., CREST OR C.-B. (20/-): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, M'Common; 2, Birse. NOR. (15/-): 1, Slater; 2, 4, Graham; 3, Barclay. A.O.V. CAN. (10/6): 1, vhc, Woods; 2, 4, hc, c, Harvey.

LIMAVADY.

Third annual exhibition of the Limavady and Dis. F. and I. A., was held in the Alexandra Memorial Hall, on Nov. 10th. The room is a capital one for the purpose, free from draughts, and well lighted. The birds were staged on the three-tier principle, and had their wants well attended to by the energetic and obliging secretary, Mr. Wilson, and Messrs. Gault and Moore, stewards. These gentlemen worked hard in true fancier spirit, taking a delight in their work, and had matters well in hand; they had a good and useful committee to back them up. The quantity and quality of exhibits were very fair. Entries were small, 120 in about 16 classes, but this was expected, owing to another show being held on the Thursday in the North, which had the patronage of specialist clubs. The Scotch Fancy, British birds and Mules were a nice lot, and worthy of mention. In the Selling Classes sales were brisk. The Yorkshire Section had three classes cancelled for want of entries. The cards were placed by Mr. J. Neill, and his awards were well received. The gate was good, and, on the whole, we predict a great financial success for the show.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (10): 1, spl, Cargill, well set up, nice size; 2, 3, vhc, Ronaldson, 2, well set up, fine action, good second; 3, neat exhibit, nice stamp, plenty of nerve, will do better. HEN (0): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Ronaldson; 1, massive build, grand droop, quick into position; 2, fine nervy bird, good top end, nice drive; 3, fine shoulders and wings, well up; hc, Cargill. CREST: 1, spl, Cargill, good skull, fair substance and shape; 2, M'Menimin, small crest, good substance; 3, M'Clelland, nice shape. NOR. (8): 1, Mulligan, fine size and shape, crosses wings occasionally, otherwise good; 2, Owens and Magee, nice little bird; 3, Hargan, good col. and size, other points will improve; vhc, M'Clelland; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Birse. NOR. A.O.V. BRED 1909 (12): 1, Mulligan, nice shape, good feather; 2, M'Clelland, smaller, nice col.; 3, Owen and Magee, good head, nice shape; vhc, Mrs. Taylor. COMMON CAN.: 1, 3, Neill; 2, Heaney; vhc, Forsyth. YORKS. CL. CK: 1, spl, Devins, yell., grand length, well up in position, nice style; 2, Fleming, good position and style, lovely quality; 3, Tighe, nice length, good shoulders and style, close compact feather; vhc, O'Hara. YORKS. HEN, A.O.V. CK. AND HEN: Cancelled. MULE, DARK (10): 1, spl, Owen and Magee, nice size and shape, good col.; 2, Downing, good quality feather, nice shape; 3, O'Hara, good shape and type; vhc, Ronnldson. VARIEG., ETC. (7): 1, Ronaldson, grand quality of feather, good col.; 2, Owen and Magee, nice shape, good col; 3, M'Cready, nice shape. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Tighe, grand blaze, square cut, beautifully mooned, grand shape, put down well, wins; 2, O'Hara, smaller, but nice square blaze, good col.; 3, Moore, good size and shape; vhc, McFadden; hc, Todd. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Hargan; 2, M'Clelland; 3, Kincaid; vhc, M'Clelland; hc, Birse. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Heaney; 2, Callaghan; 3, Morrow; vhc, Tighe. FOR.: Cancelled. SELL. (15/-) (14): 1, Kincaid; 2, vhc, M'Clellnnd; 3, O'Hara; hc, Birse. (7/6): 1, Kincaid; 2, 3, vhc, Moore.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Members second show, held Nov. 2nd, at headquarters, Mowbray Arms Hotel. Great enthusiasm was shown by the members, 126 birds being staged. Special for best bird in show went to Messrs. Holroyd Bros. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Shipley) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

Class 1: 1, 2, Lunn; 3, Suggitt. Class 2: 1, Bennett; 2, F. Grange; 3, Hersey. Class 3: 1, Suggitt; 2, Lunn; 3, Varley. Class 4: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Smith; 3, Bennett. Class 5: 1, 3, A. Grange; 2, Huddleston. Class 6: 1, A. Grange; 2, 3, F. Grange. Class 7: 1, 2, A. Grange; 3, Suggitt. Class 8: 1, Ackroyd Bros., 2, Hersey; 3, Lunn. Class 9: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Western; 3, Suggitt. Class 10: 1, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Hersey. Class 11: 1, A. Proctor; 2, Nutter; 3, Holroyd Bros. Class 12: 1, Smith; 2, Dennison; 3, Bedford. Class 13: 1, 3, A. Grange; 2, Holroyd Bros. Class 14: 1, A. Grange; 2, Huddleston; 3, Nutter. Class 15: 1, Dent; 2, Huddleston; 3, Suggitt. Class 16: 1, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, A. Grange; 3, Holroyd Bros. Class 17: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Suggitt; 3, Dennison.

WHITEHAVEN.

Invariably a well-managed and nicely-arranged show, the eleventh exhibition of the Whitehaven C.B.S., held on November 12th and 13th, lost nothing by comparison with previous efforts. The only regrettable feature was the sparse attendance of the general public, as, without any question whatever, the efforts of the committee, headed by the hard-working and energetic secretary, Mr. W. J. Douglas, deserved a better attendance. As at other Cumberland shows, the Norwich were small classes—21 entries in five classes standing. Yorkshires and Borders were better supported locally, and filled better, as also did the British. All prize money was forwarded, and paid out to exhibitors pro cut, and this ought to be a telling inducement to fanciers to exhibit at any future show. The show was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, in every way a suitable venue. The committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Ellwood (chairman), J. Ferguson, T. Brown, J. Kelly, E. Douglas, H. Levason, D. B. Ellwood, W. Irwin, T. Waddington, and W. M. Quirk, are all good fanciers, and looked well after the exhibits. Judges, Mr. J. S. Wilson (Workington) for Canaries, and T. Kearton (Padstow) for British and Foreign. Their awards on the whole appeared to meet with every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CLEAR YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Younghusband, good col., quality, fine-headed, short and chubby; 2, 3, Davies, hot. col., finely built; 3rd, long, beautifully mealed. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Younghusband, tkd., red-hot in col., fine quality, typical; 2nd, real good one; 3, Bailey, uneven, grand stamp, good col. and substance, well shown; vhc, Reid Bros.; hc, Sumpton Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Davies, grizzle head, capital chest, col., beautiful texture of feather; 2, Reid Bros., lovely salmon col., good shape and substance; 3, Sumpton Bros., tkd. on neck, good chest, well feathered; vhc, Younghusband; hc, Fersyth. HEN (7): 1, 3, Younghusband, yell., neck and wing tick, excels in feather; 3rd, cl., both well shown, typical specimens; 2, Bailey, buff grand col., chubby, rare feather; vhc, hc, Davies; c, Sumpton Bros. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Dykes, well drawn, upstanding, feather smooth as glass, steady; 2, Stewart, nice one, finely drawn; 3, Wilcock, high col., fine feather, stands well; vhc, Rennicks; hc, Douglas; c, Ferguson. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Douglas, big, heavily made, rare col.; 2, Stewart, liner quality, good col., typical, some thought might have won; 3, Irwin; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ferguson; c, Reunicks. TKD. ETC. YELL. (13): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Douglas, leader head tick, graud quality, col., straight, well shown; 3rd, variegated, hot col., leggy, good one; 2, Stewart, paler col., wing tick, clean front, good feather; hc, Brown; c, Ferguson. BUFF (12): 1, Douglas, hot col., tick neck, good type, grand order; 2, Wilcock, tick back of head, steady, fine quality, good condition, bonny bird all over; 3, Dykes, beautiful quality, clean, typical, not a feather out of place, some preferred to winner; vhc, Stewart; hc, Mevis; c, Brown. CINN., TKD. ETC. CK. (7): 1, spl, Ferguson, uneven yell., leggy, narrow, good stand, grand bird; 2, Douglas, uneven buff, fine quality, in good condition, wee bit short; 3, Tweedie, variegated yell., uat. col., clean cut, good legs, well shown; vhc, Stewart; hc, Wilcock; c, Johnston. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, vhc, spl, Stewart, leader wing mkd. yell., good col. feather, stands well, well shown; 2nd, buff, grizzle on neck, similar type; 3, Douglas, cl. yell., typical, little open on front when we were taking notes; hc, Wilcock; c, Ferguson. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, spl, c, Douglas, wing mkd., fine stand, typical, good one; 2, Stewart, cl., little shorter, good quality, unsteady, nice bird; 3, vhc, Brown, cl., clean, finely built, in good order; hc, Park. BUFF (10): 1, Brown, cl., good col., quality, clean cut, upstanding, well shown; 2, spl, hc, Douglas, cl., nice col., quality; 3, vhc, Stewart, cinn. mark., lovely feather, grand type, condition A1; c, Ferguson. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Brown; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Stewart; c, Tweedie. BORD. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Gilchrist, rare type, quality, col., well staged; 2, Blackie, similar type, a little heavier built, nice col., good form; 3, Ellwood, good type, just a little down in condition, and col., will improve; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Pearson; c, Levason. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Border Club medal, Bennett, fine quality and col., very soft when we noted; 2, Simpson, well cut, fine quality col., looking well; 3, Pennington, similar bird to 2nd; vhc, Davies; hc, Moore and Son; c, Blackie. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Penningtou, five-pointed, grand col., quality, rare type, well staged; 2, Brown, eye and wing mark, typical, paler col.; 3, Gilchrist, head tick, nice type, clean cut, good col., quality; vhc, Moore and Son; hc, Scott; c, Levason. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Poole, wing tick, good col., quality, rare condition; 2, Dixon, uneven cinn., nice type, quality and col.; 3, Pennington, three-pointed, pale col., fine quality; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Bennett; c, Blackie. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Brown, head tick, bonnie col., quality, nice type; 2, Gilchrist, saddle and head mark, clean, shapely, fine built one; 3, Poole, cl., rare col., glossy feather, nice type; vhc, Blackie; hc, Davies; c, Moore and Son. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Beunett, cl., fine quality, rare jaunty carriage, good col.; 2, Heuderson, head tick, chubbier, lovely feather; 3, Pennington, cl., nice, typical, well feathered, in good condition; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Levason; c, Dixon. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl, Bennett, yell. green, good col., fine lacing, some thought too big and rather loose; 2, Dixon, four-pointed buff, fine quality, good col., fails in one eye only; 3, Walker, four-pointed buff, paler col., longer body, fine quality; vhc, Poole; hc, Pearson; c, Deacon; No. 3, Millington, bonnier yell. green, seemed to some certainly worth something. SELL. (10/6) (11): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Blackie; 3, Hopper Bros.; vhc, Younghusband; hc, Penningtou; c, Levason. SCOTS: Three entries in each class, with the consent of owners, amalgamated; 1, 2, 3, Willison, flecked yell., cl. yell., fleck buff, leader nervy, good size, fine bead, neck and shoulders, good position; 2nd, finely-built; 3rd, similar to 1st; vhc, hc, c, Hampson. PAIRS (30/-) (5): 1, Bailey; 2, Douglas; 3, Davies; vhc, hc, Forsyth. GIFT (11): 1, Brown; 2, Moore and Son; 3, Douglas; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Stewart; c, Ellwood. SELL. (15/-) (5): 1, Irwin; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson; vhc, Blackie; hc, Davies. SELL. (10/-) (11): 1, Douglas; 2, Warren Bros.; 3, Ferguson; vhc, Moore and Son; hc, Irwin; c, Levason. BRIT. DARK MULE, LINNET, OR GOLDIE: Cancelled. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, vhc, Dixon, clear Greenie-Can., beautiful order, like wax; 2, 3, Davies, Goldie-Bullie, fine, steady, in good condition, latter dark yell. Greenie-Can.; hc, c, J. Wilson. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Carlyle, leader fine, square face, good blaze, well marked, steady, others good col., well mkd., will improve; vhc, Wilson; c, Deacon. LINNET (15): Fine class; 1, 2, G. Wilson, leader grand size, fine col., well mkd. coat, like piece of polished plate; 2, fine col., might be better pencilled on front perhaps; 3, vhc, Jenkinson, rare good-coloured one, well-defined markings; hc, Kitchen and Barrs; c, Sumpton Bros. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Blackie, Siskiu, nat. col., in fine condition, clean mkd.; 2, spl, vbc, Johnston, Twite and Redpoll, leader good col., lacing, nice flights, well staged; 3, J. Wilson, Redpoll, good col., markings; hc, Lewis; c, Nicholson Bros. A.O.S. SEED-EATER, SMALL (13): 1, spl, Blackie, Hawfinch, fine, steady, well-defined markings and bib; 2, G. Wilson, Bramblefinch, rare size, col., well laced, capital order; 3, J. Wilson, Yellowhammer, bright nut. col., good V and other markings, will improve; vhc, c, Lewis, Crossbills; hc, Hobson and Murray, Chaffinch, good bird. FOR., PARROT, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 2, Mrs. J. Thompson, Alexandrine leading; 2nd, Amazon, both in good feather; 3, Lewis, North American Condor, beautifully blended colours, rare order; vhc, Brown, Amazon. A.O.S., SMALL (7): 1, Lewis, Pekin Nightingale, beautiful order, charming exhibit; 2, spl, vhc, hc, Robertson, Gouldian Finch, long tail Grassfinch, Red-head Finch, all in wonderful condition; 3, Forsyth, pair of White Javas, in fine bloom, taking exhibits; No. 3, Skelton Bros., brilliant-coloured Orange Bishop. Points specials in Nor. section were won by Messrs. Younghusband (3), Davies (1); Steele's special, confined to customers, W. J. Douglas.

MALTON (Yorks).

Malton, Norton and Dis. C.B.S. held their fourteenth annual show of cage birds in the Corn Exchange on November 11th. Mr. Horsley, the hon. sec., and his working committee had the birds well staged. The attendance during the afternoon was very good. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS. CL., ETC. (19): 1, Watts, full of quality, well up on legs, good head, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Atkinson, very typical, neat round head, full of quality, good wings and piped tail; 3, Lister, again full of quality, good head, wings and tail; 4, Hardaker and Sample, well braced wings; r, Halliday and Chittenden; vhc, Simeon; hc, Pressey; c, Stevens. BUFF (18): 1, Atkinson, wins special for best, rich col., full of quality, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Watts, tkd. on head, teeming with quality, good head, very stylish, 3rd rich col. and quality, nicely braced wings; 4, Buckley, long flights, neat tail, full of quality; r, Pressey; vhc, Simeon; hc, Lister; c, Richmond. HEN (19): 1, Simeon, buff, full of quality, long flights and tail, rich col., position; 2, Merrin, yell., typical quality, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Lister, buff, very stylish, neat head, boxy feather; 4, Buckley, yell., teeming with quality, grand position, nice wings and tail; r, Halliday and Chittenden; vhc, Merrin; hc, c, Richmond. LOCAL CLASS, A.V. (14): 1, Hesp, unflig. yell. Nor., full of quality, good head and chest, short and chubby, wins; 2, Middleton; 3, Cartwright; 4, vhc, Wilson; r, Watson; hc, Anderson; c, Atkinson. NOR. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Owen, variegated, full of quality, good round head, chest and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, Axe, tkd. head, rich col., boxy feather, typical; 3, 4, Hesp, 3rd full of quality; r, Bielby; vhc, Miss Coble; hc, Middleton. BUFF (6): 1, Mrs. Owen, full of quality, short and chubby, good head, wings and tail, wins; 2, 3, Hesp, 2nd typical, full of quality, grand head, clean on chest, 3rd good wings, nice tail; 4, Axe, full of quality, grand wings and tail; r, Bielby; vhc, Middleton. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Milburn and Hughes, square cut blaze, good bars and buttons, lovely quality; 2, Roper, grand blaze, nice bars and buttons, grand condition; 3, Bousfield, flue blaze, bars and buttous, nice condition; 4, Duncan, junr., good blaze, not quite in condition yet; r, Inman; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Spink; c, Watson. BULLFINCH (14): 1, 4, Woods, good cap, rich breast, in lovely condition; 2, Doloughan, beautiful condition, good cap, wants a little more time; 3, Stamp, very good type, rich breast, good cap; r, Cartwright; vhc, Inman; hc, Watson; c, Milburn and Hughes. LINNET (10): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand type and condition, lovely markings, very steady, wins; 2, 4, Stamp, 2nd nicely spangled, very steady, rich nut brown, 4th nicely mkd., very steady; 3, Milburn and Hughes, steady, rich col.; r, Duncan, junr.; vhc, Cartwright; hc, Mrs. M. Tate; c, Meadows. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, 4, r, Meadows, 1st six-pointed buff Goldie, in lovely condition; 2, Tomlinson, eye and wing Goldie, a wee bit down; 3, Wilson, nice Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Jowitt; hc, Lane; c, Raper. DARK (9): 1, Calam, Greenie-Can.; 2, Milburn and Hughes; 3, hc, Wilson, Goldie-Can.; 4, r, vhc, Meadows; c, Buckley; all nice birds. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, lovely bib, grand col., shown in the pink of condition; 2, Axe, Yellowhammer, rich col. and markings, very steady, staged in the pink; 3, Lane, Bramble, lovely marking and col.; 4, vhc, Duncan, junr.; r, c, Woods; hc, Inman. BRIT. SOFT BILL (11): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Danby, 1st lovely Wryneck, in the pink of condition and very steady, 2nd Redstart, in lovely condition; 3, c, Bousfield, Bearded Tit, again in grand condition; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Thrush; r, no name; vhc, hc, Medley. SELL. (10/-) (13): 1, Barfe; 2, Booth; 3, Hesp; 4, Simeon; r, Anderson; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mrs. Owen; c, Dixon.

GILLINGHAM.

Held in the Public Hall on November 11th and 12th. Owing to the clashing with other events in and around Kent, the entry was poor, but the quality of the exhibits was excellent. It is, we hear, the intention of the committee to revise the arrangement as to the various points in connection with the show another year, when, possibly, with less clashing of shows, Gillingham may do better. Mr. Cotterell, the hon. sec., worked well, and did justice to his office. The committee one and all worked assiduously, and while it was theirs to deserve greater success, the odds were so much against them that they could not command it. Mr. Lancaster, the cage bird steward, was most attentive to the wants of the birds. The challenge bowl best British went to a grand Linnet exhibited by Mr. Wickham. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 2, Gibbs, hot col., full of quality, rare head and neck; 3, hc, Smith, nice quality all through; vhc, Brumhill; c, Wade. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Gibbs, bonny yell., rare body, rich col., carries wings well, nice head; 3, two spls, hc, Lancaster, typical, rare quality; vhc, Acland. MULES (4): 2, Acland, charming Greenie-Can., in nice bloom; 3, Webb, nice col., large; vbc, Smith; hc, Gibbons and Arthurs. GOLDIE (6): 1, 3, Wickham, two gems, the leader grand face, chestnut, whites, bars and buttons; vhc, Brumhill; hc, Smith; c, Hickley. LINNET (5): 1, cup, three spls, 2, Wickham, the leader a gem, staged in the best style; 2nd, also good; 3, Pankhurst, another grand bird, well posted. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 2, hc, Wade, grand Redpoll leading, in charming feather; 3, Pankhurst, rich-coloured Twite; vhc, Wickham. A.O.S. (5): 1, Wade, topping Missel Thrush, said to be the Rochester winner, in grand fettle; 2, vhc, Acland, former old warrior, of the same variety, having now to give place to younger blood; 3, Kimber, also Missel Thrush, and a nice one; hc, Giles. CAN. NOVICE (7): 1, vhc, Cundiff, yell., of col., type, and quality; 2, hc, Gooding, buff, good shape; 3, Shiers, Yorks., stauds well; c, Smith. SELL. (20/-) (5): 1, Cook; 3, c, Inglis; vhc, spl, Lancaster; hc, Shiers. (10/-) (24): 2, Reeve; 3, Shiers; vhc, Lancaster.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

FROME.

The Frome and Dis. C.B.S. held their second grand open show on November 11th, in The Mart, Vicarage-street, a splendid place for an exhibition and on a glorious day. The show was ably managed by Mr. Jas. Tottle, and Mr. W. Minty, the secretary, who were well backed by a hard-working committee, consisting of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Bailey, Pickford, Dodge, Boddinott, Moore, Pope, Welsh, Palmer, and Miss H. Walker; with Mr A. E. Boddinott as assistant-secretary. The judge was Mr. T. Heath, whose awards met with general satisfaction. The gold centre medal was won by Mr. C. E. Brown for Norwich, ditto for 1909 birds by Mr. Schneider, for Yorkshires Mr. A. Pool, for best Yorkshire hen Mr. Osborne, for novice Yorkshires Mr. Hoyes, Crests Mr. Simmonds, best Lancashire or Border (1909) Mr. T. R. Ind, best members' Yorkshire also members' medal Miss Walker, best A.O.V. medal and members' specials Mr. Jas. Tottle. CAGE BIRDS' special was won by Mr. Herbert.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. (13): 1, spl, c, C. E. Brown, very fine fed buff, lovely head, flights and tail; 2, Ormond, falls only in wing carriage, a grand yell.; 3, Tristem and Taylor, another grand buff; 4, Brown, again a buff, well proportioned; hc, Folwell. YELL. AND BUFF TKD. CLASSES cancelled. HEN (13): 1, 4, Folwell, 1st tail mkd. buff, beautiful frostings, good short flights; 4th, eye tkd. buff; 2, Tristem and Taylor, one of the best, hard to choose between these; 3, James, grand yell.; vhc, Mrs. Southcombe, good one; hc, c, Brain. NOR. 1909 YELL. (11): 1, Folwell, hottest chap we have seen unflighted this year, lovely short tail, will be heard of again; 2, Ormond, another hot one, not quite so good in wings and head feather; 3, Tristem and Taylor, not much to choose between these grand birds; 4, vhc, Schneider, cinn. tkd. back of head, very nice and chubby; hc, Banbury; c, Spoor. BUFF 1909 (10): 1, Banbury, hot fed, silky feather, good head, chest and flights; 2, Pickford, grand bird indeed, but looked poorly washed; 3, vhc, Schneider, smart bird, steady as a rock; 4, Mrs. Farrer-Downing, good bird; hc, Tristem and Taylor; c, Spoor. No. 51, Brain, grand bird unnoticed. NOVICE NOR. (7): No 1st awarded; 2, 3, Master A. A. Pool, wing and eye tkd. bird, one of the best; 3rd, yell., not quite so stout and chubby; 4, Pinnell, grandly frosted, some might have gone up a bit; vhc, Gough, good bird; hc, Lewis; c, Mrs. Stephens, nicely staged. YORKS. CL. ETC. (Amal.): 1, Poole, nice long sided bird, very nervy, good flights and tail; 2, Hamilton Paulley, cinn. tkd. yell., grand head flights and tail, carries well; 3, Gilling, very nice bird, lovely feather; 4, vhc, Pool, 4th hardly cleaned out as we like them; vhc, bird we much admired; hc, Pinnell; c, Jelly, grand class of Yorkshires. YELL. AND BUFF MKD. ETC. cancelled. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, Osborne, very nice buff, useful bird; 3, Pool, sen., graud feather and position; 4, Boyes, beavy cinn. mkd., beautiful tail and wing carriage; vhc, Hamilton Paulley, yell., beautiful type; hc, Holliday. YORKS. 1909: 1, Hamilton Paulley, very typical yell., straight as a pencil, lovely pipe tail and wing carriage, one of the best, looks like the 5th in Bristol Cup class; 2, Osborne, another lovely bird, will be heard of again; 3 Morgan, good bird, and wants a little more handling; 4, vhc, Jelly; hc, Holliday; c, Harris, another class of lovely birds. YORKS. NOVICE (13): 1, Boyes, buff, nice bird all over; 2, Cooper, yell., grand position bird, good tail; 3, spl, hc, Miss Walker, very nice bird; vhc, Parfitt, yell., silky-feathered bird, very leggy, carries himself as straight as a rush, full of quality; c, Mrs. Russell. CREST (9): 1, spl, Simmonds, grand buff, giant, lovely drooping crest, good frontal, wins; 2, Simmouds, another nice one, but barely so good in head properties; 3, Hammett, nice bird all over; 4, Tottle, grand green Crest, lovely feather, not yet in condition; vhc, Simmonds; hc, Greenwood and Burson; c, Miles and Spencer. C.B. (8): 1, 3, Greenwood and Burson, 1st wonderfully heavy variegated bird, mass of feather of finest quality; 3rd, cap mkd. buff, but not so nicely horned; 4, Ind, a bird we have met before, good one; vhc, Pool, sen., heavy foul mkd. buff of good quality; hc, Hammond; c, Miles and Spencer. CREST AND C.B., 1909: Cancelled. BORD. (9): 1, spl, Dodge, a wee gem without any kilt, and wins well; 2, Dodge, another good one, looks like a perky little lady; 3, Coombes, very nice exhibit, but wants a different cage; 4, Bobbett, green, grand little bird; vhc, King, beautiful specimen, well staged; hc, Coombes; c, King. LANCS. (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Tottle, buff, tkd. back of coppy, giant, lovely feather; 2, 3, spl, Ind, 2nd Plainhead, good exhibit, nice one; 3rd, coppy, looking a trifle ragged about tail; 4, J. Tottle, Plainhead hen, one of the first water, credit to its owner; vhc, Mrs. Tottle, the ladies know how to stage birds here evidently; hc, c, J. Tottle. A.O.V.: Cancelled. SELL. (21/-) (12): 1, Stephensou; 2, Keegan; 3, Tristem and Taylor; 4, Greenstock; vhc, Poole; hc, Canning; c, Ormond. (15/-) (9): 1, Tottle; 2, Brown; 3, hc, Miles and Spencer; 4, Tottle; c, Quarman. (10/-) (9): 1, Poole; 2, Folwell; 3, Beal; 4, Hoddinott; vhc, Holliday; hc, Miles and Spencer; c, Bailey.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Collins, Linnet-Bullie, showing properties of both parents well; 2, Thomas, Greenfinch-Can., good size and condition, lovely col. and feather; 3, Arnold, even wing mkd. Goldie-Can., grand bird for col. and size, deserves his position; 4, Lock, another Goldie-Can., good all over; vhc, Collins, Goldfinch-Redpoll or Linnet, small but well mkd.; hc, Hodge; c, Schneider. GOLDIE, ETC. (17): Extra cash prizes; 1, Herbert, Goldfinch, good blaze and buttons; 2, Elliott, Bullfinch, lovely-coloured breast, cap, and back, house-moulted; 3, Palmer, Goldfinch, good one; 4, Fellows, Bullie, grand bird, wants more steadying; ex. 4, Arnold, Goldie, very decent bird indeed; vhc, Hussey; hc, Southcombe, Bullie; c, Gough, Bullie. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Webber, grandly coloured cock Hawfinch, a giant; 2, spl, Herbert, topping large Mealy Redpoll, good marking; 3, Russell, Siskin, fine size and markings; 4, Hopkins and Allsopp, well pencilled Linnet; vhc, Pound, Redpoll; hc, Pace, Linnet; c, Pickford. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. FOR. (11): 1, Rev. H. M. Crossing, Ring-necked Parakeet, largest we have seen for years; 2, Southcombe, Parrakeet, lovely feather, looks an Australian, one of the best; 3, Snellgrove, Blue-beaked Macaw, worth a better cage for so beautiful a creature; 4, Miss Walker, grandly-mkd. Weaver, very lustrous; vhc, Miss Thomas, pair of Nonpareils; hc, Baily, Ring-necked Parrakeets; c, Southcombe, pair of Yell. Budgerigars. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR.: 1, Pickford, fine bird, worth keeping; 2, vhc, Hoddinott, a grand bird, well portioned, good head and feather; 3, Coombes, good one; 4, Chapman, wants steadying, will improve. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Pope, buff, nice leggy bird; 2, Payne, grand yell.; 3, Palmer, another nice bird; 4, Walker; vhc, Chapman. BUFF: 1, Walker, rather stout; 2, Pope, nice bird. BORD.: 1, Dodge, nice bird of good feather; 2, Dodge, does not show off in a Yorks. cage; 3, Crossing, good bird; 4, Crossing, nice perky bird, wants steadying. A.O.V. NOVICE: 1, Palmer; 2, Bailey. GOLDFINCH: 1, large nice bird; 2, Elliott, good enough for open class; 3, Pope, another good bird; 4, Elliott, grand bars and buttons; vhc, Hoddinott, freshly-caught bird, but good blaze, bars and buttons. BULLFINCH: 1, Welsh, grand Bullie, lovely satin cap and colours; 2, Bailey, nice one. GREENFINCH: 1, Welsh, Greenfinch; 2, Welch, well-pencilled Linnet; 3, Elliott, another nice Linnet. MULE: 1, Hoddinott, Greenfinch Can., good one—we hope, Mr. H., this will reach the Palace; 2, Welsh, Gold.-Can., heavy mkd., good bird; 3, Welch, Linnet-Can.

RAMSGATE.

Second annual show of the Ramsgate and Dis. F. and F.S. was held on November 10th and 11th, in the Royal Victoria Pavilion. It is a large hall, and afforded ample accommodation for all the sections of the show. Messrs. Allen and Tucker are the joint hon. secretaries, supported by an influential committee of hard-working and painstaking fanciers. The cage bird section was held under the rules of the Cage Bird Union, but even this did not fill the classes, for many were cancelled, and others but poorly supported. Mr. North was enabled to commence judging in good time; he had a full morning's work, and we heard no complaints as to his awards. Catalogues, with printed awards in the margins, were on sale in good time, and the weather being fine on both days, we hope the venture was rewarded by ample receipts at the gates. The hon. secretaries, Mr. A. E. Allen and Mr. Tucker, are deserving of great praise for the most able manner in which they carried out the arrangements.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl for 2nd best, 3, Gibbs, winner has lovely quality and col., slight slackness of wing carriage lost it first special, 3rd plenty of size and col., nice quality feather; 2, vhc, Meades, former well up in all Nor. properties; hc, Taylor; c, Terry. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor, very smart and typical, good shape, nice smooth plumage; 2, Sprules, correct, compact shape; 3, Gibbs, plenty of col., plumage inclined to curl; vhc, hc, Meades; c, Wraight. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, spl for best Nor., Taylor, nice marks on wings, smooth surface, plumage well frosted on deep under col.; 2, vhc, Gibbs, saddle tkd. yell., splendid col. and quality; 3, Holness, tkd. buff, well up in Nor. properties; hc, Kew; c, Meades. HEN (4): 1, Meades, stout yell., excellent shape and quality; 2, vbc, Gibbs, former big yell.; 3, Sprules, nice type and condition. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Miss Gwyn, typical yell., splendid col. and condition; 2, 3, Taylor, former nicely frosted bird, latter splendid col. and quality; vhc, hc, Gibbs; c, Wood. HEN (8): 1, Taylor, flight mkd. buff, good size and shape; 2, Wood, plenty of col. and feather; 3, c, Gibbs, former large yell., good col.; vhc, Sprules; hc, Meades; c, Digby. NON-COL. FED. TKD. CK. (5): 1, Hobbs, griz. wing yell., nice condition; 2, 3, c, Jones, yells. of good col. and quality; hc, Elliott. HEN (4): 1, Miss Gwyn, tkd. bird, of correct shape; 2, 3, Williams, former nicely variegated, vhc, Elliott. CL., ETC. CK. (10): 1, hc, Jones, winner chubby yell., grand feather; 2, Williams, buff, nice flights and tail; 3, Patterson, big yell.; vhc, Thomson; c, Digby. HEN (4): 1, Miss Gwyn, yell., correct type and col.; 2, Williams, buff in splendid condition; 3, Abbott; vhc, Hobbs. CREST (4): 1, spl, Sprules, D.C., nice, veiny feather, wing mkd.; 2, Carter, broken green, with well-formed crest; 3, Darby, griz. crest, nice centre and radiation; vhc, Fasham. YORKS. CL. CK.: Cancelled. HEN (4): 1, spl, Taylor, nicely carried tail and body; 2, 3, Gibbs, fine style; vhc, Wraight. TKD., ETC., CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Gibbs, former very stylish, good quality, 2nd more massive, good one; 3, Allen; vhc, Matthews. UNFLIG. CK. (3): 1, 2, Gibbs, well-known, typical yell. and buff; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Chamberlain; c, Wraight. PAIRS, NON-FED. (4): 1, Digby, excellent stock Nor.; 2, Ditch, breeding Scots Fancy; 3, Taylor, Yorks.; vhc, Wellard. SELL. 15/- (4): 1, Thompson; 2, Elliott; 3, Ward; vhc, Jones. 20/- (5): 1, Patterson; 2, Kew; 3, Jones; vhc, Elliott; hc, Carter. MULES, DARK CAN. (10): 1, Taylor, grand jonque Goldfinch-Can., good size and shape, lovely quality; 2, Gunnell, Greenfinch-CAN., large, well-shaped, close-feathered; 3, vhc, hc, Thomas, former Linnet-Can., nicely pencilled; vhc, Williams; c, Lewis. LIGHT (6): 1, spl, Taylor, yell. Goldfinch-Can., Nor. type, tkd. head and wings, in splendid condition; 2, Ward, yell. Goldfinch-Can., nice six-pointed; 3, Wraight, lightly variegated, mealy, splendid size and feather; vhc, Gunnell, variegated yell.; hc, Thomas. BRIT.—BULLFINCH (7): 1, Harris, nice size and shape, splendid col. and condition, house-moulted; 2, Thomas, perfect plumage, cage-moulted, steady; 3, Montague, field-moulted, rich col.; vhc, James; hc, Prier; c, Thomas. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Harris, large face and spreading blaze, rich tan breast and distinctly buttoned; 2, Thomas, fine, large bird, nice condition; 3, Kew, rich blaze and markings; vhc, Digby; hc, Gunnell; c, Papworth. These Goldies all want more time to show to advantage. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, Thomas, nice size and col.; 3, Fasham, mealy, in good bloom; vhc, Desormeaux; hc, Montague; c, Thornton. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Harris, very steady bird, splendid col. and marking; 2, Kew; 3, Gunnell, same remarks apply; vhc, Desormeaux; hc, Thomas; c, Thornton. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 3, James, house-moulted Siskin and Lesser Redpoll; 2, Gunnell, house-moulted mealy Redpoll, all in splendid condition; vhc, Allen. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (4): 1, Hopwood, Whinchat, in nice col. and feather; 2, Hopwood, Chaffinch; 3, Kew, Yellow Bunting, both in perfect plumage. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Hunt, Blackbird and Starling, splendid col. and unbroken in plumage; 2, Collins, Song Thrush, very steady and sound in feather; vhc, Banger, Magpie, fine, large bird, but fringed in tail and flights. FOR.—COCKATOO, ETC. (11): 1, spl, white blue-fronted Amazon, splendid size, col. and condition; 2, Lady Harris, cream-crested white Cockatoo, in perfect plumage; 3, Osman, Alexandrine Parrakeet; vhc, Chandler; hc, Routledge; c, West. A.O.V. (Pairs or Singles) (8): 1, Thompson, Madagascar Lovebird, in lovely condition; 2, James, Orange Bishop; 3, Tucker, pair yellow Budgerigars, all in good feather; vhc, hc, Digby; c, Taylor. TEAM OF FOUR (5): 1, Miss Gwyn, rattling good Norwich; 2, Allen; 3, Fasham; vhc, Jones; hc, Harmes.

LOCAL CLASSES—NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Kew, yell., good col. and quality; 2, Miss Gwyn, good size and condition; 3, Brown, all good stock birds; vhc, Ashlee; hc, Harmer. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Miss Gwyn, Mealy, 2nd has more col., good one; 3, Ashlee, again good; vhc, Scott. A.O.C. CK. (5): 1, Digby, tkd. saddle, yell., nice quality and col.; 2, Thornton; 3, Housdeu; vhc, Pain; hc, Jones. HEN (8): 1, spl, Brown, very nice buff, of good size and shape; 2, Miss Gwyn, pretty dark cap yell., deep body; 3, Elliott, another good yell.; vhc, Digby; hc, Thornton; c, Abbott. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 3, Miss Gwyn, both very useful birds, of good type; 2, Housden; vhc, Kew. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Housden; 2, Kew; 3, Thornton; vhc, Elliott. YORKS., TKD., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, Fasham; 3, vhc, Allen, all smart birds, of nice quality; hc, Lewis. MULE or HYB. (7): 1, c, Lewis, former variegated, mealy Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Thomas; 3, Allen, dark mealy Goldfinch-Can. hybrids; vhc, Fasham; hc, Burgess. CAGES (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Thomas, useful combined breeding and flight cages and stock cages, built to keep the ladies of the house in smiling humour; 2 Thornton, well-made breeding cage.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Huddersfield held their Annual Open Show, on November 13th, in Primitive Methodist Schools, Northumberland Road, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C.C. and the gentry of Huddersfield The room is a nice size, and very convenient, being within two minutes' walk of the Station, and quite handy for the trams. Mr. R. Carr was the judge appointed by the Yorkshire Union, he taking all the Yorkshire Classes, Mr. W. Booth (Hyde) being engaged to take all Norwich and Selling classes, the awards of both gentlemen meeting with the approval of all fanciers. A good schedule of 31 classes, with a good special list, had been provided, an entry of 462 being received in response, averaging over 15 per class throughout. The one class for British birds was declared void, and one class of Norwich had half prize money; otherwise entries were fairly good. Mr. J. Bailey secured special for most points in the Yorkshire Classes, with Mr. H. Charlesworth second. In cinnamon marks, Messrs. Ogden Bros. came out on top, Mr. A. Cooper taking second position. The Novice Section points special was secured by Mr. J. Thomas, with Mr. W. H. Ball second. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird was given to Mr. Snowden's Norwich exhibit. Messrs. Greensmith and Clegg, as secretary and assistant, had charge of affairs, and they were well backed up by Messrs. Cartwright, President, Stead, Fearnley, Whitehead, Gledhill, A. Haigh, and others, everything passing off well, exhibits all being packed off in good time.

Mr. Carr's Classes.

CL. YELL. YKS. (11): 1, spl, Lane, extra good position and shape, full of col. and quality, straight as a rush, a last season's novice winner; 2, Bailey, neat, narrow shoulders, long, well carried wings, and nice tail, extra good quality; 3, Stebbings, good type and style, grand col., and quality; 4, Beaumont, good length, shapely, all there for feather; vhc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Hartley; c, Charlesworth. BUFF (12): 1, Stebbings, grand length, shape and position, brim full of col. and quality; 2, Wilson, marvellous position, grand shape, very smart feather; 3, vhc, spl, Thornton and Bower, lovely type, well braced wings and tail, rich quality; 4, Jowett, trifle stronger, good shape, well up in position, grand col., nice quality; hc, Peel; c, Bailey. TICK, ETC.: YELL. (12): 1, Bailey, very smart type and carriage, nice col., boxy feather; 2, 4, spl, Charlesworth, grand length, typical, stands well, lovely quality; 4th nice shape and position, rich col. and quality; 3, Shackleton, very neat shape, nice position, grand feather; vhc, Bray; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Haigh. BUFF (11): 1, 4, spl, Bailey, leader, lovely shape and position, grand back, marvellous col. and quality, 4th straight as a rush, grand position, neat carriage of wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Peel, stronger, nice shape and position, rich quality, well filled neck and nice back; 3, Wadsworth, very lengthy, grand type, stands well, nice col. and quality; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; hc, Livesey; c, Radley. YELL. HEN (22): 1, spl, Bailey, nice length, very good type, leggy, grand wings and tail, smooth as glass; 2, Shackleton, grand shape, stylish, very good back, all there for quality; 3, Ogden Bros., nice shape, good position, neat pipe tail, grand quality; 4, Walsh, lengthy, well cut away, leggy, nice back, wings and tail, neat quality; vhc, Allen; hc, Stebbings; c, Peel. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Shackleton, great length, good shape and position, leggy, grand quality; 2, Beaumont, grand type and style, very smart feather; 3, E. Radley, grand shape, well cut away, good neck and head, nice feather; 4, Cundall, trifle stronger, good shape, full of col. and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Wilson; c, Peel. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Charlesworth, grand shape, lovely back, wings and tail, nice position, good quality; 2, Hirst, lengthy, typical, good wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Thornton and Bower, mkd. bird, grand type and position, lovely quality, very clean made; 4, Wilcock, smart typical Yorkie., well drawn out, lovely quality; vhc, Hartley; hc, Ogden Bros; c, E. Radley. BUFF (19): 1, Mallinson, slim, grand shape, lovely quality and col., smart; 2, hc, spl, tkd. head, lovely quality, like glass, nice shape and position; 3, Wilcock, tkd. head, straight as a rush, typical, neat wings and tail, rich quality and col.; 4, Thornton and Bower, lengthy, good col. and quality, grand back, very typical, neat wings and tail, rich quality and col.; 4, Thornton and Bower, lengthy, good col. and quality, grand back, very typical; vhc, Ogden Bros; c, Wright and Son. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Drake and Son, good shape, lengthy, well up in position, nice quality; 2, vhc, Towers, nice type, well cut away, grand quality and col.; 3, 4, Ogden Bros, 3rd grand length, shape and position, smart quality, 4th very good shape, well cut, leggy, nice quality; hc, Mason; c, Hirst. BUFF (12): 1, 3, spl, Ogden Bros., leader lengthy, grand position, very typical, good back, lovely quality, 3rd good type, smart carriage, wings and tail, well on legs, nice quality; Cooper, smart bird, very typical, extra position, grand quality; 4, Fountain, good position, nice quality, bit thick under; vhc, Bentley; hc, Wilcock; c, Towers. YELL. HEN (10): 1, c, spl, Mason, extra type, neat, narrow shoulders, well drawn out, lovely quality; 2, Wilcock, good shape, very leggy, nice back, lovely quality; 3, Jowett, good shape, nice position, smart feather; 4, Walsh, typical, nice position, full of col. and quality; vhc, Towers, hc, Blackburn. BUFF (16): 1, Bentley, grand shape, full of quality, very nice back; 2, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, lovely quality, neat; 3, vhc, spl, Cooper, grand position, very typical, lovely feather; 4, Hodgson, grand markings, very rich col. and quality; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Mason. C.M.Y.C.C. NOVICE CLASSES: CINN. TKD., ETC. (15): 1, Tinkler, yell., good shape and position, leggy, nice quality and col.; 2, vhc, Grayshon, buff, lengthy, stands cleverly, graud col. and quality; 3, 4, Richmond, 3rd yell., very leggy, grand shape, rich col. and quality; hc, Clegg; c, Morrison. HEN (15): 1, spl, Lumb, yell., lovely shape, well up in position, leggy, neat markings, feathered like wax; 2, Clegg, buff, grand type, position and quality, good hen; 3, Gelder, yell., well up, nice shape, grand back, fine quality; 4, Richmond, buff, grand col. and quality, neat type, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Taylor; c, Pollard. Y.U. NOVICE CLASSES: YELL. (17): 1, spl, Varley, extra good position, very typical, full of col. and quality, smart bird; 2, Radley, typical, well cut away, good long wings and tail, smart feather; 3, Firth, good type, narrow shoulders, grand quality; 4, Casey, good length, shapely, nice quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Hall; c, Dyson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Dinsdale, extra type, straight as a rush, grand feather, smart exhibit; 2, Lodge, very nice shape, grand quality, very clean front, leggy and nice position; 3, Hutton, grand shape, well up, lovely quality, very clean feathered; 4, Walker, nice shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Casey; hc, Elsegood; c, Sykes. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, spl, Morley, nice length, neat, narrow shoulders, well cut away, good back, lovely quality; 2, Dewhurst, hot col., grand shoulders, nice cut, well up in position, lovely quality; 3, Elsegood, grand shape, lovely back, nice quality; 4, Battye, very typical, nice wings and tail, good quality; vhc, Hall, hc, Mitchell; c, Sheppard. BUFF (26): 1, spl, Burdekin Bros., grand shape, lengthy and nice position, excellent quality and col.; 2, Thomas, variegated, good shape, nice position, grand quality and col.; 3, Turton, trifle smaller, good type, all there for quality and col.; 4, Sheppard, good shape, plenty of col. and nice quality. YELL. HEN (25): 1, spl, Hall, grand type, nice position, lovely quality; 2, Ferguson, nice length, and shape, good position, rich quality; 3, Hutton, good type, well cut, neat head, nice quality; 4, Dyson, leggy bird, nice shape, smart feather; vhc, Firth; hc, Sheppard; c, Turton. BUFF (21): 1, spl, Whitely, green mkd. good size, nice shape, correct position, very fine in feather; 2, Greenwood, leggy, good position, nice type, boxy feather; 3, Smith, excellent quality and col., good shape, leggy; 4, Sheppard, typical, well up, nice quality; vhc, Firth; hc, Whitwham; c, Thomas.

Mr. Booth's Classes.

YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Snowden, bouncing bird, grand substance and shape, lovely col. and quality; 2, vhc, spl, Wilcock, grand shape, thick-set, marvellous quality and col.; 3, Waters, grand quality, nice col., hardly substance of leaders; 4, Haigh and Son, grand type and size, lovely col. and quality; hc, Moorhouse; c, Eyre. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Waters, grand shape, cobby, lovely head, full of quality and col.; 2, Grey, variegated, good size and chesty, nice col. and feather; 3, Pickering and Wright, very cobby, good substance, rich quality and col.; 4, Haigh and Son, extra col. and quality, nice shape and size; vhc, Snowden; hc, Morris and Woodhouse. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Snowden, grand shape, very compact, lovely quality, and full of col.; 2, vhc, spl, Haigh and Son, cobby, typical, rich quality and col., very smart carriage; 3, Grey, grand chest and substance, extra quality; 4, Moorhouse, good head and neck, nice size and substance, pale in col.; hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Wilcock. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Hirst, extra substance and size, marvellous col. and quality, saddle mkd.; 2, Haigh and Son, very cobby and compact, good wings and tail, fine quality and col., grand hen; 3, Waters, grand type, good substance, full of quality, rich col., saddle mkd.; 4, Mallinson and Son, good shape, fair substance, nice quality; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Grey; c, Snowden. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, 4, spl, Waters, grand size and substance, very rich quality and col., 4th variegated, good substance, nice head, lovely quality and col; 2, hc, Humphries, variegated, grand shape and substance, good quality and rich col.; 3, vhc, Grey, variegated, grand col. and quality, excellent substance, compact; c, Haigh and Son. BUFF (15): 1, 3, spl, Haigh and Son, leader marvellous substance, grand type, very cobby, lovely quality and col., 3rd grand chest, good substance, all there for quality and col. smart; 2, Humphries, variegated, very cobby type, good head, nice quality and col.; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, nice, compact build, good quality and nice col.; vhc, Eyre, hc, e, Grey. Y.U. NOVICE NOR. (17): 1, 4, spl, Ball, leader buff, grand substance and size, lovely quality and col., very good head, 4th heavy variegated, buff, grand chest, good substance, very bot col. and nice quality; 2, Plowright, yell., very cobby, compact, grand colour and feather; 3, Hall, yell., extra col., nice quality, good type; vhc, Johnson; hc, Birbeck; c, Naylor. HEN (13): 1, Naylor, yell., plenty of substance, grand type, brim full of col. and quality; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Thomas, both buffs, 2nd good, short cobby bird, nice quality and col., 3rd good substance, smart quality; 4, Ball, buff, grand type, lovely quality and col.; hc, Sykes; c, Johnson. SELL. 15/6 (26): 1, spl, Wood; 2, Quarmby; 3, Casey; 4, Pickering and Wright; vhc, Radley; hc, Dearden; c, Fearnley. HEN. 12/6 (12): 1, spl, Walker; 2, Peel; 3, Tyas; 4, Beaumont.

LUTON.

The newly formed Luton F.S. held their first show in the Plait Hall on November 11th. We were sorry that the blue pencil had to be used rather extensively on the schedule, and that some classes had to be amalgamated. The management was all that could be desired. Mr. A. C. Pilbeam makes an ideal secretary—courteous, obliging, and a "terror" for work, having everything well in hand. He was ably assisted by his committee, including his brother, Mr. J. W. Pilbeam, and Mr. Frank Webb, who makes a capital cage bird steward. If the committee could see their way clear to make a more liberal classification for cage birds, we see no reason why they should not get a more liberal response. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

NOR. (old and young classes amalgamated) (15): 1, Wilmot, very fine large buff, of excellent type, closely run by 2nd; 2, Litchfield and Sons, lovely cl. yell., excels in col., has nice wings and tail, correct type; 3, F. Webb, variegated, yell., excellent quality, good head, nice sweep of chest; 4, F. J. Webb, smart cl. yell., good quality; cx. 4, Brewer, fine exhibit; vhc, Horwood, Rhodes, Spall, Webb; hc, Rayner, Spall, Webb. YORKS., OLD (11): 1, Mrs. Ballard, very long reaohy yell., good legs, full of nerve; 2, Hawes Bros., grand yell., straight as a ruler, nice quality; 3, Brown, yellow mkd. on neck, very smart, but not quite the length of winners; 4, Hawes Bros., very fine typical buff, put up in excellent condition; vhc, hc, Mole; vhc, Ballard; hc, Codd, Webb. YOUNG (11): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., very fine rich-coloured buff, typical Yorks., teeming with quality; 3rd, yellow, tkd. on wing, nice length, very straight, hardly so reachy perhaps as first two; 2, Cherry, very long reaohy yell. of excellent quality, grand pair of legs, full of nerve; 4, Codd, nice yell., tkd. on head, a trifle too heavy in tail; vhc, Mole (2), Webb; hc, Brown, Webb. CRESTS, MULES, AND FOR.: All cancelled. BRIT. (three classes amalgamated, which made it rather hard lines for the smaller birds). BRIT. (10): 1, Cherry, very fine large Hawfinch, good carriage, nice bib, excellent condition, Bedford winner, with a bit more polish would take some stopping; 2, Wilmot, lovely Goldfinch, Bedford and Yarmouth winner, full of bloom; 3, Smith and Sons, very smart little Blackcap, in nice plumage; 4, Wilmot, good Linnet, nicely pencilled; ex. 4, Poole, rich-coloured Hawfinch, very steady; vhc, Meadows, very nice Ring Ouzel; vhc, Miss Coulson, nicely spotted Thrush, would look much better in a proper show cage; hc, Child.

DEWSBURY O.F.S.

First Old Bird show held recently at headquarters, the Little Saddle Inn, where Mr. S. Wilcock, of Eccleshill, placed the awards, which seemed to give general satisfaction. He also showed the novice members the various points they wanted to attain in order to become successful exhibitors.

CL., ETC., YELL.: (9): 1, Bedforth; 2, Dean; 3, c, Hird; vhc, Imeson; hc, Senior. BUFF (10): 1, Kershaw; 2, Martin; 3, Clegg; vhc, Dean; hc, Stafford; c, Senior. UNEVEN MULE YELL. CK. (5): 1, Stafford; 2, Hardy; 3, Imeson; vhc, Hird; hc, Dean. BUFF (6): 1, Clegg; 2, Dean; 3, Stafford; vhc, Bedforth; hc, Clegg; c, Martin. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, c, Martin; 2, Dean; 3, Imeson; vhc, Stafford; c, Hird. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Dean; vhc, Hird; hc, Senior; c, Bedforth. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, Stafford; 2, Kershaw. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Stafford; 2, Kershaw; 3, Imeson; hc, Senior; c, Hardy. SELL. CK. (2): 1, Imeson; 2, Stafford. HEN (2): 1, Hird; 2, Hardy. —G. G. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.

CONSETT.

The Consett, Blackhill and Dis. O.S. held their 13th annual exhibition on Nov. 13th. The cage bird section occupied the whole of the Masonic Hall, this being a very suitable place for the purpose. The total number of entries amounted to about 270, this not being quite up to the average, the reason being that the society were not affiliated to the C.B.U. It is with regret to have to announce that several of the classes had to be cancelled. The Norwich section made quite a show in themselves. The whole of the birds were staged in good time, and the cards all on soon after the opening. Mr. W. H. Hutchinson, junr., the hon. secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, and with practical fanciers such as the stewards, and the assistant secretary, every item was up-to-date, and by the appearance of the public, it is hoped that the bird section may have a balance to carry forward. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction. The members' cup went to Messrs. Colling and Turnbull. The second best was Mr. Mason's ticked yellow Nor.

The Critique.

CLASS 106: Cancelled. YORKS. CL., ETC., BUFF (8) 1, Dixon, cl., grand type and shape, good length and quality of feather, shown to perfection; 2, Hedworth, cl., good shape and type, nice col. and quality of feather; 3, Stevens, cl., not quite so long, good stand and col.; 4, hc, Colling and Turnbull, tkd. on neck, extra type, neat carriage; vhc, Richmond; c, Pryde. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Ellwood, cl. buff, gem of a Yorks., grand type and shape, lovely even col., extra quality of feather; 2, Davison, cl. yellow, equal in type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, shown in spotless condition; 3, Richmond, cl. yell., extra length, good type, shape and col; 4, hc, Colling and Turnbull, foul Jonque green, good shape and type, neat stand; vhc, Johnson; c, Forster. CLASS 109: Cancelled. YORKS., HEN (12): 1, Merrin, cl. yell., grand length and type, good shape and col., nice quality; 2, Richmond, cl. buff, nice type and shape, good quality feather; 3, Colling and Turnbull, cl. yell., good hen for type and shape, nice col.; 4, Griffiths and Brown, cl. buff, plenty of length, nice shape; vhc, c, Forster; hc, Stevens. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Mason, tkd. on neck, yell., grand shape and type, good head, back and chest, nice col. and quality of feather; 2, Piper, variegated, extra type and shape, not yet fined down; 3, Burdett, cl., good type and shape, good quality feather; 4, McCuinness, grizzle cap, nice type and shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Mosley; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Barkass. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Pears, cl. buff, good shape and type, nice col. and quality of feather; 2, Slater, mkd. on right cheek, good shape and type, grand even col., in excellent form, little bit long in barrel; 3, Telford and Marsh, cl. buff, good type and shape, nice quality feather; 4, Butler, very large variegated bird, nice type and shape; hc, Barkes and Son; c, McCuinness. BRED 1909 (26): A good class, the best in show; 1, Forster, cl. yell., good type and shape, grand col. extra quality of feather, like a bit of silk; 2, Mason, variegated buff, nice exhibit, grand type and shape, good head and neck, broad chest, sound col.; 3, Gowland and Croshy, cl. yell., extra type and shape, good quality feather; 4, Barkness, cl. yell., nice col., not quite so good in shape; vhc, McCuinness; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Christon. HEN (17): 1, Butler, cl. yell., nice type and shape, good even col. and quality of feather, neat head and body; 2, Slater, mkd. buff, grand shape and type, nice col. and quality of feather; 3, Barkass, good shape and type, plenty of substance, extra quality of feather; 4, Johnson, good shape and type, too wild yet; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Williams; c, Burdett. NAT. COL. NOR. (13): 1, Cunningham, variegated, yell., nice type and shape, good col. and quality; 2, Lee, cl. yell., plenty of length, but good col. and quality; 3, Hunter, cl. buff, lovely shape and type, nice quality feather; 4, Forster, variegated, buff, good type and shape; vhc, Hunter; hc, Turnbull; c, Snaith and Greener. BORD. FCY. CL. CK. (9): 1, Ellwood, cl. yell., neat type and shape, beautiful col. and quality of feather, very free in action; 2, Carlill, cl. yell., nice type and shape, good col. and quality; 3, Peart, cl. yell., for shape and quality a good one, extra col. and quality; 4, Lindsey, cl. yell., nice type and shape; vhc, Lane; hc, Walker; c, Carlill. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Forster, yell., grand type and shape, extra even col. and feather, very free poise of tho head, neat carriage; 2, 3, Lindsey, 2nd variegated buff, good type and shape, lovely quality feather, in the pink of condition, 3rd saddle mkd. yell., nice shape and type, good col. and quality of feather, little strong in body; 4, Ellwood, variegated buff, nice quality of feather; vhc, Elliott; hc, Peart; c, Walker. LIGHT, ETC., MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Wake and Carr, Linnet-Bullfinch, gem for size, marking and col., excellent feather, a gem; 2, Graham, Bullfinch-Goldfinch, nice exhibit, not one of the largest, but a good bird for col. and markings; 3, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullfinch, steady as a Robin, we believe the York winner, extra col. and feather, in A1 condition; 4, Graham, exceptionally large, beautiful col., Jonque-Linnet and Can., grand col. and size; vhc, Humphrey; hc, Barkes and Son; c, Thompson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Thompson, true British Finch, plenty of size, good col. nice blaze, bars and moons, in the pink of condition; 2, Snell, a beauty, grand col., blaze good hood, grand back, bars and buttons very distinct; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, extra size, equal in col. to winners; 4, Curry and Gardiner, good Finch for size and shape, nice tanned chest; vhc, Davidson; hc, Todd and Son; c, Gowland and Crosby. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Jamieson and Barkass, good bird, grand breast col., neat clean cut cap and bars of excellent shape, a beauty; 2, Curry and Gardiner, equally as good in col., but fails a trifle in size, will take some stopping; 3, Davidson, nice bird of good col. and size, extra width of head, grand back and bars; 4, Forster, good shape and size; vhc, Messenger; hc, Henderson; c, Boabeer. BROWN, ETC., LINNET (16): Grand class, some good birds cardless, could hold their own in good company; 1, 4, vhc, Piper, 1st Brown Linnet, exceptional size and col., grand shape and markings, a beauty; 2, Dunn, grand bird, shade bigger perhaps, good col. and markings, not quite so steady; 3, Boyd, good col. and shape, well defined markings, well deserves position; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Humphreys. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (13): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, beautiful Hawfinch, in grand form, steady as a Robin, grand head and bars, well cut bib; 2, Davidson, Bramblefinch, wonder for size, rich col., markings, graud spangled head and back; 3, MacVay, Chaffinch, good bird, grand head, back and crest, in excellent condition; 4, Hunter, Greenfinch, col.-fed., grand rich bars, nice depth of col.; vhc, Thompson; hc, Forster; c, Ramsden. SELL. (15/-) (16): 1, Grey; 2, Burdett; 3, Butler; 4, Todd; vhc, Piper; hc, Routledge; c, Forster. (7/6) (9): 1, Butler; 2, Martin and Stobbs; 3, Snell; 4, Todd; vhc, Boyd; hc, Dickinson; c, Telford and Marsh. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (12): 1, 3, late entries, no name in catalogue; 2, Mason; 4, Forster; vhc, Thompson; hc, Cunningham; c, Shearer. CLASS 138 (10): 1, Colling and Turnbull; 2, 3, late entries, no name in catalogue; 4, vhc, Routledge; hc, Gardiner; c, Forster. (19): 1, Forster; 2, hc, Thompson; 3, c, T. Forster; 4, Robinson; vhc, Colling and Turnbull. CLASS 140 (9): 1, vhc, late entries, no name in catalogue; 2, 4, Sinter; 3, Carlill; hc, Ridley; c, Grey.

QUEENS PARK (London).

Held on November 13th in Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road. The entries were about 40 in excess of last year's total, and the quality was excellent. Mr. J. C. Birch, the courteous and kindly hon. secretary, aided by Mr. G. B. Lewis, assistant-secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, and judging was over in good time, cards being up promptly. Mr. J. Robson judged. One of the features of the show was the Yorkshire section, and here the challenge cup for best unflighted bird was awarded to Mr. Thornton for a bird exhibited in the novice section. The same gentleman also won the Yorkshire (Novice) Subscription Bowl, and the cup for bird shown by a novice who has not won outside the association. Mr. C. J. Roberts won the Norwich Plainhead cup. The quality was excellent throughout. The following gentlemen, members of the council, rendered assistance during the time the show remained open:—Messrs. Bassett, Battison, Buckman, Churchard, Clark, Creamer, Eaton, Holmes, Menhennet, Monger, Morse, and Rogers. The attendance of fanciers and the general public was very numerous in the evening, and the association continues on the up grade.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Buckman, fine tone of col., nice type and quality; 2, cup, Roberts, very typical, nice feather; 3, vhc, Lethbridge, 3rd good one; hc, c, Battison. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Withers, both rare quality, nice type, good size; 3, hc, Battison, 3rd tkd., good quality; vhc, Buckman; c, Roberts. A.O.V. NOR. (7): 1, Withers, lovely feather, yell.; 2, vhc, hc, Battison, buff, grand shape, nice feather; 3, c, Lethbridge. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Lethbridge, good body, nice feather, and head, yell.; 2, Roberts, buff, smaller, but very close-feathered; 3, vhc, Withers, yell., very good quality; hc, c, Battison. HEN, CL. ETC. (12): 1, 3, Lethbridge, very clubby body, fine silky feather, buff; 2, Buckman, buff, very compact and silky feather; vhc, Withers; hc, Battison; c, Roberts. A.O.V. HEN (5): 1, 2, vhc, Battison, leader variegated, yell., and 2nd buff grizzled on the neck, grand quality and type; 3, Withers, variegated buff, nice type; hc, Eaton. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Lewis, a smart pair, grand in col., and lovely quality. BUFF (3): 1, Mabey, beautiful shape, rich tone of feather; 2, Hawes Bros., as good; 3, spl, Rogers, grand type. A.O.V. CK. (2): 1, spl, Mabey, very fine bird, lovely pose, good length and quality; 2, Hawes Bros., variegated buff, splendid shape and style. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Hawes Bros., yell., grand position, travels very finely, rare quality; 2, vhc, Rogers, buff, well nigh as good; 3, Mabey, stylish, hardly the length. HENS, CL. ETC. (5): 1, Mabey, very sweet, full of character; 2, 3, Lewis, yell. and buff respectively, well formed, good feather. NOVICE, NOR. CL. ETC. (2): 1, 2, Baker, both of good quality, nice and level in col. BUFF (3): 1, McMillan, soft and silky feather, and good undercolour; 2, 3, Baker. A.O.V. NOR. (17): 1, McMillan, variegated, yell., shiny in feather. UNFLIG. (2): 1, spl, Baker, rattling good type, rare quality, good col.; 2, McMillan, a buff, also of fine shape and quality. HEN, CL. ETC. (4): 1, Clark, shapely buff; 2, 3, Baker; vhc, McMillan. NOR. HEN (3): 1, 2, Baker; 3, Clark, all hens of type and fairly good quality. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Thornton, very pretty, full of go, gets up well; 2, Creamer, beautiful quality, nice; 3, vhc, Monger, hot col.; hc, Lowe. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Creamer, bird of charming style, best of quality; 2, 3, Monger, both bonny Yorkies; vhc, hc, Brinkworth; c, Lowe. YORKS., A.O.V. (3): 1, Birch, cinn., tick, grand in all respects; 2, Lloyd, wing tkd., lovely quality, good shape and action; 3, Dwight, variegated, nice pose and feathers. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Thornton, smart bird of grand shape and quality; 2, spl, Creamer, another stylish bird, full of quality; 3, spl, vhc, spl, c, Monger, really nice team of birds, of quality and style; hc, Thornton. HEN, CL. ETC. (12): 1, vhc, Creamer, the leader a stylish lady, with dress of the best quality; 2, 3, Monger, hens of the right stamp; hc, Lowe; c, Birch. YORKS. HEN, A.O.V. (3): 1, Birch, cinn. tick, of lovely bloomy feather, good position; 2, Holmes, variegated, of silky feather, and quick action; 3, Lowe, variegated buff. SPECIAL CLASS FOR NOVICE (4): 1, Dwight, fine style, nice quality; 2, Holmes; 3, Carter, the former a nice variegated, the latter very neat. PURCHASED BIRDS: In these classes, both for Nor. and Yorks., Mr. Easterling had the field entirely to himself. BULLIE (4): 1, Easterling, nice cock Bullie; 2, Bassett, hen, good shape, feather, and col. GOLDIE (6): 1, 3, Easterling, leader excels in face and col.; 2, Battison, close up; vhc, Bassett; hc, Clark. GREENIE (3): 1, Birch, nice size, shape and col.; 2, Birch. LINNET (7): 1, spl, 2, Corubeer, nicely mkd., steady, good col.; 3, Birch; vhc, c, Easterling; hc, Bassett. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Easterling. SELL. (15/-) (4): 1, spl, 2, Buckman; 3, Hawes Bros.

DARWEN.

The Darwen and Dis. C.B.S. held their first show on November 13, in the rooms next the old Post Office, Railway Road, and it was a huge success. Messrs. Till and Brunskill are to be complimented upon the efficient manner in which they erected the staging, whilst Messrs. Gorick, Greenwood, G. Davison, Shorrock, Smith, Fairhurst, Trevor, and others worked in splendid harmony. Mr. Sandiford, of Preston, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. It was indeed a splendid initial attempt, and will undoubtedly create more unity amongst our local fanciers. We are looking ahead for better things, and in the near future we hope to make our show one of the most popular in the country.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: YORKS. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Greenwood; 2, Trevor; 3, Brunskill. YORKS. HEN (5): 1, Greenwood; 2, Till; 3, Brunskill. CK. (4): 1, Till; 2, Trevor; 3, W. Smith. NOR. (5): 1, Till; 2, 3, Brunskill. MULE (2): 1, W. Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, 3, Gorrick. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Swift. LINNET (3): 1, Shorrock; 2, Tordoff. LARK (10): 1, Shorrock; 2, Entwistle; 3, Donnell. OPEN CLASSES: CAN. A.V. (14): 1, 2, Southworth; 3, Newton. BRIT. (3): 1, Thompson and Davison. FOR. (2): 1, Greenwood Fielding. LARK (3): 1, Turner.—DAVISON AND SHORROCK, Hon. Secs. (Will Messrs. Davison and Shorrock kindly communicate their address to us?—EDITOR.)

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BOURNEMOUTH.

Bournemouth C.B.A., Eighteenth Annual Exhibition was held in the Winter Gardens, on November 16th and 17th. The Hall is most suitable for a show of this description, light and nicely warmed. The entries were ten down on last year's in the open classes, due, no doubt, to the society withdrawing from the C.B.U. The committee is not a large one, but all are workers, and had everything well in hand.

Aldermnn Webber opened the exhibition with a few suitable remarks of encouragement, and a promise of nnother challenge cup for 1910. The Norwich were not large classes, but Mr. Baker and Mr. Lowe, of Cowes, put down some nice specimens. Crests were cancelled. Crest-breds were good, the local fancier, Mr. H. Neal, winning with a really good specimen; this gentleman must be having a term of winning—many prizes every year; it must be three or four challenge cups he has won outright, and this year he has scored again towards another. He holds one of the best collections of Crests in the West. Yorkshires made a good show, but it fell to British birds to make the best display of all, and the winning Goldie will take a lot of beating. Foreign birds came up well, too, and some very fine specimens were put down in the "small" class.

Mr. Bastock, of Birmingham, judged, and we heard no grumbling. The catalogue, with awards in the margins were on sale shortly after two o'clock—sharp work. The schedule opened with clear buff Nor., the yellow class being cancelled. The committee consists of Messrs. G. W. Jones (chairman), H. T. Neale, F. House, M. Cook, G. Gerrey, E. Leech, H. Harris, Davis, and H. Sandell (hon. treasurer). The committee were led by Mr. Montague, E. Feltham, who, as the hon. secretary, is one of the best it has been our privilege to meet; he is in every way qualified to carry through a show of the proportions and importance of this, which proved such a success.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. BUFF (7): 1, Lowe, well up in size, good chest, well mealed; 2, Schneider, good type, loses just a little in substance; 3, Mortarn, grand quality, good col.; vhc, Baker; hc, Cook; c, Allen. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Mortara, good type and size, well fed; 2, Baker, heavily mkd. yell., nice quality, good head, well up in size; 3, Mrs. Downing Farrer, another well-made yell., grand shape and quality; vhc, Matthews; hc, Kearl; c, E. W. Allen. BUFF (5): 1, Lowe, large, fine made bird, good in col., well mealed; 2, Baker, nice shape, good quality, hardly so large, perhaps; 3, Cook, good col., and quality; vhc, Kearl. HENS: 1, 2, Baker, 1st very nice buff, of good quality and size, 2nd heavy mkd. yell., grand short body, good head; 3, Schneider, another very nice buff, first-class quality, well up in size; vhc, Mortara: hc, Cook; c, Kearl. BRED 1909 (11): 1, Lowe, mkd. buff, fine shape, good col., nicely packed wings, one of the best; 2, Miss Turner, tkd. yell., grand type, good quality, well up in size and col.; 3, Schneider, nice quality, good shape, hardly so large, perhaps; vhc, Baker; hc, Mortara; c, Bragg. CRESTS AND C.-B., YELL.: Cancelled. C.-B. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Neal, 1st fine, big bird, well clothed head, fine, broad feather, 2nd larger body, green, but not quite the width in head; 3, Fellowes, fine, big bird; vhc, c, Miss Turner; hc, Kearl. YORKS., CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Jackson, 1st good, straight bird, nice neck and head, good quality feather, 2nd very similar, and very nice; 3, Francis, not quite the length of the other two, perhaps, but nice quality; vhc, c, Jackson; hc, Bousfield. HENS: 1, Davis, very nice yell.; 2, R. Baker, tkd. yell., nice length and quality; 3, Cook, good type; vhc, Matthews; hc, Francis; c, Harris. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Comben, 1st best in stand and reach; 3, Lowe, large yell. Cinn.; vhc, Hatter; hc, Miss H. L. Popham. NON-FED NOR. OR YORKS. (10): 1, 2, Brooks, very nice yell. Nor, 2nd good cl. buff Yorks., fine, large stock bird; 3, Bousfield, another very good Yorks.; vhc, Kearl; hc, Miss Betts; c, Hayman. SELL. (21/-): 1, Neal; 2, House; 3, Cook; vhc, Kearl; hc, Miss Thomas; c, Hatter.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Herbert, beautiful Finch, nice blaze, good broad head, well mkd. all through; 2, Arnold, another very nice specimen, hardly straight enough yet; 3, vhc, Jupe, 3rd good size, not quite the col. of the other two, nice one, however; hc, Gerrey; c, Arnold. BULLIE (12): 1, Holloway, good size, splendid cap and col.; 2, Beacon, again good one, well shown; 3, Kilbury, nice quality, good cap, fine exhibit; vhc, Jupe; hc, Mrs. Southcombe; c, Kilbury. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Miss Thomas, 1st large bird, good col., in fine condition, 3rd large, good coloured Greenfinch, well shown; 2, Beacon, very nice Chaffinch, loses to winner in head col. only, nice bird; vhc, Gerrey; hc, Edmonds; c, Cook. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Cook, good size, rather wild as yet, will take some stopping; 2, Howard, very steady, smaller, good bird; 3, Gerrey, another grand bird. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Cook, very nice Lesser Redpoll, well shown and wins easily; 2, Davis, good coloured Siskin, nicely shown; 3, Warr, also a fine Siskin, well up; hc, Gerrey. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Lean, 1st fine Wheatear, beautifully shown, wins well, 2nd Nightingale, in really grand form; 3, Warr, very nice Skylark, a good third; vhc, Miss Thomas. MULES OR HYB., LIGHT (6): 1, Arnold, very fine yell., mkd. on wings only, good blaze and col.; 2, Hamblyn, another very fine yell., six-pointed, beaten only in col., well shown; 3, E. Baker, another very fine varieg. yell.; vhc, Cook. DARK (11): 1, Hinves, very fine Siskin and Can., good all through; 2, Miss Thomas, large, grand coloured Greenfinch and Can.; 3, Arnold, large, good coloured Goldfinch and Can.; vhc, Hinves; hc, J. Allen; c, Mrs. S. Davis. FOR., PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, Miss A. B. Craddock, Amazon, large, and in really good feather, well shown; 2, Mrs. C. Logan, fine grey, again well stnged; 3, Miss Betts, Roseate Cockatoo, much admired; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Pinchbeck; c, Leech. BUDGERIGARS (5): 1, Miss Southcombe, nice yellow, well shown, won easily; 2, 3, Herrington, 2nd green, 3rd yell., both good Budgles.; vhc, Miss Betts. PARRAKEETS (6): 1, Adey, very nice Indian in splendid feather, well shown, and much admired; 2, Welford, King, good size and condition, well shown; 3, Miss Bousfield, nice Pennant, in good col.; vhc, Mrs. Southcombe; hc, c, Miss Bousfield. FOR., SMALL (18): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Miss Thomas, very nice collection, grand Superb Tanager leading; 3, H. Welford, fine Melba Finch, well staged; vhc, W. Edmonds.

The Members' Classes contained some very good specimens, especially in Norwich Crests, the most interest being taken in the 1909 Class for the challenge cup, a fine Crest of Mr. H. Neal being awarded the coveted prize. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Neal; 2, Mrs. D. Farrar; 3, Cook; hc, Matthews; c, Allen. BUFF (10): 1, Davis; 2, Neal; 3, Mrs. D. Farrar; vhc, R. Baker; hc, J. Allen; c, Harris. CREST (4): 1, Neal; 2, vhc, House; 3, Matthews. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, Cook; 2, R. Baker; 3, Francis; vhc, H. Harris. BUFF (7): 1, Harris; 2, Cook; 3, R. Baker. CHALLENGE CUP CLASS—A.V. BRED 1909: 1, 2, Neal, Crest and Nor.; 3, Mrs. D. Farrar; vhc, Davis; vhc, Harris. SELL. (7): 1, Harris; 2, Cook; 3, R. Baker. PAIRS (10): 1, 2, Neal; vhc, House. COLLECTION (six or eight birds): 1, 2, Neal; 3, Cook. NON-COL. FED, NOR. (10): 1, Kearl; 2, Mrs. D. Farrar; 3, Miss Thomas. MEMBERS' BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Davis; 2, J. Allen; 3, Matthews. BULLFINCH: 1, Winter; 2, Miss Thomas; 3, R. Baker. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Herrington; 2, Miss Thomas; 3, Davis. MULES: 1, Winter; 2, Davis; 3, Cook.

WREXHAM.

Wrexham and Dis. C.B.S. held their first old show November 13th, in the Masonic Hall, which is compact and well lighted. The show was a great success, upwards of 200 birds putting in an appearance, which speaks volumes for the future of the society, considering, too, it was only initiated some twelve months ago. They are a go-ahead lot, these Welshmen, and there are more unlikely things than an open show in Wrexham before long. The committee consists of Messrs. W. Jones, Morris, B. Bennett, Buckley, Pickup, Hodges, Sharmnn, Hooson, Dawson, and J. Roberts. They were admirably led by the chairman, Mr. F. Bennett. Unfortunately, the secretary, Mr. F. Hampson, was taken ill on the morning of the show, but things were soon put in order by the committee. Mr. B. Bennett took the secretarial reins, and with the help of Mr. Parry and Mr. Salisbury, everything was ready by eleven o'clock. A good number of people visited the show, including many ladies, who took a great interest in the exhibits. We heard Mr. Ellis Edwards (treasurer) had everything ready to pay out at close of show. Mr. J. W. Metcalf (Liverpool) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Ramden's medal, Parry, pair of good birds, full of Nor. properties, grand silky feather, well shown, first bird wonderful col., like a ball of fire. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Parry, winner nice round skull, grand quality and size, 2nd loses in size and quality only; 3, c, Jones, nice exhibit, very cobby, wild, else would have been higher. MKD. YELL (2): 1, Jones, head mkd. only, nice Nor.; 2, Hampson, red hot col. BUFF (2): 1, Parry, mkd. tail and head, good substance, nice frostlug; 2, Jones, varieg., grand head and neck. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, hc, Jones, mkd. eyes and wings, splendid type, extra quality, wants some "Sunlight"; 2, 3, vhc, Parry, sweet hen, magnificent quality, well shown, 3rd not quite finished yet, very puny, will be higher later on. BUFF (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc Jones winner nicely balanced throughout carrying itself jauntily, 3rd fails only in head; 2, Parry, chubby little lady, beautifully mealed, nicely shown. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): Truly a grand class, not a bad one there, would hold their own in the open; 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Parry, champ. team, credit to their owner, winner a gem, stands like a guardsman, A1 quality, gets special for best bird, 2nd red hot col., well staged, 3rd very racy, plenty of daylight underneath; hc, Hampson. BUFF (5): 1, 2, hc, Parry, another nice trio, winner very nervous, exquisite quality, nicely frosted, 2nd rather stouter; 3, Hampson, grand exhibit, stands on a nice pair of legs, well braced wings; vhc, Edwards. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Parry, cap and wing mkd., superb quality and position; 2, Hampson, foul yell.-green, taking exhibit, well pencilled; 3, hc, Edwards, long rakey Yorks., grand quality and position; vhc, W. Jones. BUFF (3): 1, Wadston, mkd. eye and wings, straight as a rnsh, nicely balanced, good flights; 2, 3, Parry, 2nd cinn. mkd. wings, 3rd glorious quality of feather, again well staged. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Parry, two gems, feathered like Javas, these hens will be heard of again; 3, c, Hampson, showed a slight frill, otherwise good; vhc, F. Jones; hc, Edwards. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Parry, winner Yorks. lady all over, will win in the open, sweet head, nice long flights and pipe tail, 2nd wee bit snakey in head, grand hen; hc, Edwards; c, Hampson. MULES, CL., ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Dawson, three Goldfinch Mules, put down in faultless condition, winner lovely col. and size, very showy, 2nd nicely barred; vhc, F. Jones. DARK: 1, 3, F. Jones, winner nice yell. Greenfinch, grand col., but nervous, 3rd big buff Greenfinch Mule; 2nd, Dawson, Goldfinch Mule; vhc, Pickup. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, F. Jones, hot team, put down in this gentleman's well-known style, winner has it in depth of col. and size; 3, Hooson, grand bird, nice square blaze, nicely mooned and buttoned; c, Pickup. LINNET (5): 1, Dawson, very steady, good size, cone-shaped, plenty of work running well under; 2, Hooson, taking bird, well pencilled, shown in faultless condition; 3, vhc, hc, F. Jones, marvel for ground col., carries polish like satin, pity had not the winner's pencilling. A.O.S. HARD BILL (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, F. Jones, winner well-known Bullie at Manchester and Liverpool, comment needless; 2, Bramble, rich col., very steady, well spangled, shown in excellent trim; 3, Greenfinch, Jonque, very well polished, good head; vhc, Hooson; c, Francis. SOFT BILL: 1, 3, F. Jones, Magpie, shows nice sheen, very steady, 3rd Thrush, not your usual style Mr. Jones; 2, Wadson, should have been in hard-bill class, but allowed to pass; vhc, hc, c, Pickup. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Griffiths, good col. Budgerigar, sweet Zebra Finches, and a pair of Orange Cheeks, shown to perfection, credit to their owner. SELL. (12/6) (5): 1, F. Bennett; 2, c, Hooson; 3, F. Jones; vhc, Edwards. NOVICE.—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, B. Bennett, nice size, good even col., well put down; 2, F. Bennett, little to choose, good head and neck; 3., Pickup, well staged; vhc, Sharman. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Pickup, not a big one, but good, very compact, 3rd shows frill, wants fattening up; 2, hc, B. Bennett, mkd. heavily; vhc, F. Bennett. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Pickup, nice cl., good head and neck; 2, B. Bennett, fine bird. BUFF (2): 1, Sharman, big cl., drops tail a wee bit; 2, Pickup. YORKS. (NOVICE) YELL. (7): 1, W. Jones, long racy Yorkie, very leggy; 2, F. Bennett, grand wings and tail, well shown; 3, vhc, Buckley, grand col., quality and type; hc, c, Thomas. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, W. Jones, splendid upstanding bird, wins; 2, 3, Thomas, two grand exhibits; hc, F. Bennett; c, J. Jones. YELL. HEN (4): 1, F. Bennett, very sweet, well-proportioned hen, wins easily; 2, W. Jones, neat headed, nicely braced wings; 3, vhc, Buckley, two good hens, both well shown. BUFF (2): 1, F. Bennett, big long-sided hen, very leggy, again staged in the pink; 2, W. Jones, heavily mkd., wonderful col. for a buff, will make grand stock hen. ROLLER CAN.: 1, J. Jones; 2, 3, Roberts. ROLLER, OLD: 1, 3, hc, c, Morris; 2, P. Buckley; vhc, Walden.

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SOUTHEND.

A really fine display of birds was on view at the show held in the Clarence Hall, on November 10th and 11th. It would be impossible to find a more suitable hall, it being well lighted and free from draughts. The birds were tastefully staged, with here and there a large fern or palm, which lent to the beauty of the show. Some choice Yorkies and Norwich were on view; in fact, the quality all through was quite above the average. Mr. Robson judged. The secretary, Mr. W. D. Franks, had everything well in hand for the success of the show, and he was ably assisted by a good committee.

The Critique.

CHAMP. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Easterling, a gem, fine col., splendid style and carriage; 2, Pattrick, again hot col., full of nerve, well drawn; 3, vhc, Moss, grand position, just a trifle free in feather; 4, Rorke; hc, Parish. BUFF (10): 1, Parish, nice style, good back, nice pied tail, inclined to cross wings at times; 2, Elsmore, good length and carriage, nice quality; 3, Bishop, splendid quality, rare style and carriage, good one; 3, Pattrick; vhc, Easterling; hc, Bishop, c, Moss, MKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Whent, cap and wing mkd., beautiful quality, style and finish; 2, Easterling, grizzle neck, A1 quality, correct carriage, close up; 3, Pattrick, eye and saddle mkd., taking bird, trifle short; 4, Moss; hc, c, Bishop. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Green, rare bird all over, fine style, stands well up, good win; 2, 4, Elsmore, former best of length, fine quality feather, nice one, 4th good style; 3, Rorke, A1 quality and col.; vhc, Pattrick; hc, Easterling; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Parish, tkd., good one, finest of style, A1 wings, nice pipe tail; 2, 4, vhc, Pattrick, former grand quality and col.; 3, Easterling, rare good hen, might be a bit stout, otherwise equal to winners; hc, Moss; c, Bishop. BUFF (12): 1, Parish, gem, best of length, fine feather, grand stand; 2, Elsmore, again grand quality and col., not quite the length of winner; 3, 4, Pattrick, two very choice hens, A1 col. and carriage; vhc, Moss; hc, Rorke; c, Bishop. NOVICE, YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (21): 1, vhc, Mrs. Gill, grand, rich col. and quality, fine position; 2, Smith, rare length, good back; 3, Creamer, fine upstanding bird, fine quality, close up; 4, Thomas; hc, Franks; c, Cook. BUFF (21): 1, Creamer, real hot one, best of style and carriage, bonny bird; 2, Potton, excellent quality, fine length; 3, Lee, nice smart little bird; 4, Hutson, fine length, rare position; vhc, Hodge; hc, Cook; c, Franks; grand class. MKD., ETC. (23): 1, Jeffries, buff, excellent length, fine back, nice style; 2, Knight, tkd. yell., fine quality; 3, Creamer, grand quality and col.; 4, Trist, fine quality; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Franks; hc, Gill; c, Cundy. UNFLIG. (22): 1, 2, Franks, two stormers, grand style, col. and quality; 3, Cook, excellent quality, could do with a wash; 4, Creamer; vhc, Found; hc, Lee; c, Reade. CINN. MKD. HEN (6): 1, hc, Franks, nice col., length and carriage; 2, Lee, best of quality, hugs perch a good deal; 3, Trist, finest quality, just a trifle short; 4, Whittorne; vhc, Quilter. YELL. HEN, A.V. (26): 1, Quilter, fine feather, grand position and col.; 2, Found, beauty for style, lovely shape, close up; 3, Lacey, nice col., just a trifle free in feather for a hen; 4, Whittorne; vhc, Creamer; hc, Franks; c, Smith. BUFF (17): 1, Reade, lovely hen all over, best of quality, fine style; 2, Mrs. Gill, nice position, fine stand, a wee trifle shorter; 3, Whittorne, better length than second; 4, Franks; vhc, Lohr; hc, Smith; c, Mrs. Gill. CHAMP. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Marley, fine col., good head and neck, rare chest, wins; 2, Rippon, tkd. on neck, fine col., nice quality; 3, Kilby, topper for quality, smaller; 4, hc, Farrow; vhc, Whent. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, Rippon, good one, fine quality and col., nice front; 2, 3, Harper, two nice Nor., fine shape and quality, not much between them; 4, Farrow; vhc, Marley (absent), Mabey. BUFF: 1, Rippon, fine shape, nice short tail and flights, grand quality; 2, Farrow, fine quality and col.; 3, Whent, again nice quality; 4, Ainsworth; vhc, Harper. S.N.P.C. NOR., NOV.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Palmer, two good ones, fine shape, col. and quality; 3, vhc, Botell, nice shape; hc, Brooks; c, Bellinger. BUFF (7): 1, Palmer, good one, fine shape, nice quality; 2, Botell, fine col., large, fails in quality; 3, Bellinger, good col., fine quality; 4, Pennells; vhc, Brooks; hc, Nicholls; c, Scudder. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Bellinger, wing mkd., fine rich col., good size and shape; 2, Botell, another grand one for col.; 3, Mrs. Smith, moderate; 4, Knight; vhc, Macklow. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Brooks, buff, fine shape and quality, carries one wing a wee bit down; 2, Pennells, yell., good quality and col., fine shape, close up; 3, Bellington, yell., hot col.; 4, Palmer; vhc, Buuning; hc, Lack; c, Mrs. Elsmore. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bunning, fine bonny hen, good size and quality; 2, Pennells, similar shape, good bird; 3, Palmer, nice col. and quality, weak; 4, hc, Lack; vhc, Bellinger; c, Mrs. Smith. BUFF (11): 1, Pennells, sweet type, fine quality and col., good one; 2, Palmer, finest quality, just a wee bit long; 3, Billington, good head and neck, nice col.; 4, Brooks; vhc, hc, Bunning; c, Billinger. CREST: 1, Mrs. Rippon, fine round daisy crest of good radiation and droop; 2, 3, Scudder, two very neat crests, well shown; 4, Cook; vhc, Cunnington. YORKS., NON-FED: 1, Knight, fine length and position, good bird; 2, vhc, Botton, good stand, just a bit rough in feather; 3, Black, again a nice one; hc, Oakenfield; c, Bergernie. NOR.: 1, Knight, fine shape and quality, good head, nice bird; 2, Macklow, fine natural col., just a wee bit long in tail; 3, Oakenfield, fine shape and size; 4, Askew; vhc, hc, Clements. HYB. (4): 1, 3, Whent, two clinkers, former Bullfinch-Linnet, good one, fine col. and size, 3rd Bullfinch, great size, nice col.; 2, Parsons, Goldie-Redpoll, sweet bird, fine col. and markings; 4, Fidgeon. MULE, LIGHT (9): 1, 3, Archer, leader cl. Greenie-Can., fine size, in grand condition, very taking bird, 3rd tkd., same cross, fine size and col.; 2, Harper, Goldie-Can., beautiful col., again fine size, well shown; 4, Mead; vhc, c, Whent; hc, Blackie. DARK (6): 1, 2, Whent, Greenie-Cnn., leading fine size and condition, good bird, 2nd Siskin-Can., beautiful col. and markings, nice exhibit; 3, Harper, Linnet-Can., nice quality, not quite large enough; vhc, Whent; hc, Smith. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Vincent, fine rich col. face, good bars and buttons, nice bird; 2, Easterling, finer size, good whites and brows, not quite so square in face, good second; 3, Jeffries, well-col. bird; 4, Blackie; hc, Cundy; c, Brown. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Marley, fine big one, rich breast col., good cap, very steady; 2, Parson, rich col. breast, rather smaller; 3, Mrs. Smith, good one, fine cap, nice size, poor col.; 4, Blackie; vhc, Kelf; hc, Easterling. LINNET (7): 1, Marley, fine markings, well defined, good rich nutty brown, good one; 2, Trist, nice rich col., a trifle smaller, nice one, however; 3, Easterling, grand shaped one, good col., will improve; 4, vhc, Quilter; hc, Blackie; c, Brown. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Kelf, Siskin, good col. and size, well put down; 2, Easterling, Redpoll, rich col., fine size; 3, Trist, Siskin, fine col. and markings, good cap; 4, Blackie; vhc, Easterling; hc, Cundy; c, Blackie. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, 4, r, Raynor, winner (Meyer's Parrot hen) in really fine condition; 2, 3, Rodgers Brazilian Hangnest cock and Red-eared Bulbul) both in fine form; hc, Easterling; a good class this. SMALL (8): 1, Meadows, pair of Long-tailed Grassfinches, simply perfect, beautifully shown; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Dempsey, fine team, well put down; 3, Rodgers, Goldie cock, fine size, nice col., good wings and buttons.

LEITH (Jubilee).

The 22nd annual show of the Leith Jubilee O.S. was held on Nov. 6th in Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate. Entries were much the same as last year's, and the quality was well maintained. The Yellow cock, belonging to Mr. Magnus Petrie, which carried off the Calder Cup, is a bird of exceptional merit. The runner-up belonged to that veteran breeder, Mr. John Begg, whom we were pleased to see to the front again. Mr. Donald McEachern, the president, ably assisted by Mr. James Sinclair, the genial and hard-working secretary, had everything in the best of order when the judges commenced, and spared no pains to please members and visitors alike. The judges, Messrs. Joseph Higgins and James Hogg, both well-known in the Fancy, soon had the cards up, and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. In the evening Provost Smith presented the special prizes to the respective winners.

YELL. CK.: 1, sp, cup, Petrie, grand one, nice decided drive, very prominent shoulders, rare substance; 2, sp, Sinclair, correct model, good neck and droop, hard up on end; 3, sp, M'Eachern, good size, rare top and length, neat head; 4, sp, Farrell, fine reach and top; 5, sp, Robertson. YELL. PIED: 1, 3, sp, 4, Begg: first, nice size, fine head and neck, good shoulders and body; 3, nice square shoulders, decided drive, very stylish; 4, erect, good drive and top; 2, sp, Hastie, presses winner, well up, nice depth, through chest. YELL. FOUL.: 1, Farrell, erect, square shoulders, grand head and neck, good length of wing; 2, 4, M'Eachern, 2nd neat head and droop, plenty of style; 4, nice size and style, good top; 3, 5, White, 3, very typical, nice decided drive. YELL. GREEN CK.: 1, sp, (runner up for cup): Begg, rare model, grand top and reach, sweet head, very stylish; 2, Hastie, good top, very neat; 3, Brown, good one, wants time. BUFF: 1, Bain, grand size and substance, good prominent shoulders, nice decided drive, full of nerve; 2, sp, Sinclair, good size and reach, well up on end, nice style; 3, sp, M'Eachern, sweet head and neck, good top; 4, sp, Hastie, well up, decided drie; 5, sp, Farrell. BUFF PIED: 1, 3, 5, sp, Farrell, good trio; 1st, nice size and style, erect, decided drive, well-packed shoulders; 3rd, grand top and reach, nice substauce, good head and neck; 2, sp, Blyth, similar to winner, good size and substance, hard up on end, gets tail well under; 4, sp, Sinclair, good all-round exhibit. BUFF FOUL: 1, sp, Sinclair, grand head and neck, prominent shoulders, nice decided drive, rare substance; 2, Petrie, good top and reach. BUFF GREEN: 1, Hastie, good size and reach, nice square top, sweet head and neck; 2, Young, close up, fine drive and top, nice substance; 3, Farrell, good substance and body, well up, decided drive; 4, Begg, well packed between shoulders. YELL. HEN: 1, M'Eachern, sweet head and neck, fine substance and size, rare determined drive, plenty of nerve; 2, sp, Hastie, erect, decided drive, grand top and reach, full of life; 3, sp, fine size and reach, good length of side, very neat; 4, sp, Robertson, good exhibit, in middle of moult; 5, sp, Petrie. YELL. PIED: 1, sp, Farrell, nice size, good top and reach, fine length of wing, very stylish; 2, M'Eachern, erect, decided drive, nicely filled shoulders, sweet head and neck; 3, sp, 4, sp, Begg, 3rd, neatly made up, well up on end; 4th, rare size and style; 5. Robertson. YELL. FOUL: 1, sp, Farrell, fine head and neck, nice square top, well built; 2, M'Eachern, very stylish and erect, not much to choose between; 3, Pennycuick, nice one for size. YELL. GREEN: 1, Sinclair, erect, decided drive, fine size and substance, hard up on end, very showy; 2, sp, Petrie, grand stamp, well packed shoulders; 3, Robertson, nice size and droop, fine length of wing; 4, Blyth, decided reach, fine free neck; 5, sp, Farrell. BUFF: 1, sp, Robertson, grand one throughout, massive frame, sweet head and neck, good substance; 2, sp, M'Eachern, close up, rare size and substance, fine top; 3, sp, Petrie, good head and neck, nicely rounded on top, hard up; 4, sp, Sinclair, very neat and stylish; 5, sp, White. BUFF PIED: 1, Hastie, grand size, fine top end, nice droop, good depth through chest; 2, sp, Farrell, presses hard, well up on leg; 3, sp, M'Eachern, erect, decided drive, good top and length of side; 4, sp, Robertson, nice size and style; 5, sp, Petrie. BUFF FOUL: 1, Farrell, rare size and substance, erect, decided drive, full of action, nice shoulder, long body; 2, Bain, good top and reach, nice front, gets into position quick; 3, Hastie, well up on leg, good length of wing; 4, White, good size, top end and reach. BUFF GREEN: 1, sp, Crawford, erect, head well forward, rare reach and top; 2, White, very smart, good shoulder.

HUTHWAITE AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Annual members' show, held at "Workpeople's Inn," on October 23rd, when Mr. H. Taylor (Sheffield), judged. The secretary, Mr. W. Taylor, had everything well in hand.

NOR YELL.: 1, Smedley, good head, nice quality and type; 2, Marshall and Vaughan; 3, Moor. BUFF: 1, Moakes, large, good type; 2, Brown; 3, Smith; 3, Naylor. TICK. YELL.: 1, Beardall and Walker, nice type, quality and col.; 2, Adnitt and Driver; 3, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Beardall and Walker, nice all-round Nor.; 2, Smedley, tkd. wing, close up; 3, hc, Moakes; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver, both very nice type and quality. BUFF: 1, spl, Vardy, eye tkd., good quality and type; 2, Smedley, wing tkd., good type and col; 3, Beardall and Walker, cl., good size, quality and col.; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Moakes. HEN YELL.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver; cl., good size, col. and quality; 2, Benrdall and Walker, not the size of winner; 3, Marshall and Vaughan, good varieg. BUFF: 1, Adnitt and Driver, good head, tkd., young hen, nice quality; 2, Beardall and Walker, good; 3, Vardy, close up; vhc, Hall. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, Adnitt and Driver, grand quality and type; 2, Vardy, larger, good type and col.; 3, Moakes; vhc, Marshall and Vaughan; hc, Smedley; c, Beardall and Walker. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Vardy, good varieg., yell. cock and buff hen; 2, Adnitt and Driver, buff cock and yellow hen, good pair; 3, vhc, Marshall and Vaughn, buff cock and yell. hen, nice pair. NAT. COL. YELL.: 1, Adnitt and Driver, varieg yell. of nice size and type; 2, Brown. BUFF: 1, spl, Keeling, good hen, nice type; 2, 3, Beardall and Walker, both good. CREST: 1, spl, Nuttall Bros., good crest of nice size; 2, Riley. C.-B.: 1, 2, spl, Nuttall Bros., both good. A.O.V.: 1, Vardy, good yell. cinn., good size and col.; 2, Adnitt and Driver, four pointed yell. Nor. MULE: 1, 2, Naylor, varieg. yell. Goldfinch and Can., nice col. and quality, 2nd good dark Linnet and Canary. BRIT.: 1, Simpson, good Bullfinch; 2, Connah, fine Bramblefinch, in nice col.; 3, vhc, Wood, very fine Song Thrush. SELL. (15/-): 1, 2, Riley. (10/-): 1, Adnitt and Driver; 2, Hall. NOVICE YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Connah, good yell. tkd.; 2, Hatton, fine cl. BUFF: 1, spl, Walden, good cl.; 2, Bradley, another nice bird. HEN: 1, spl, Connah; 2, Hall; 3, Fox; all good hens.

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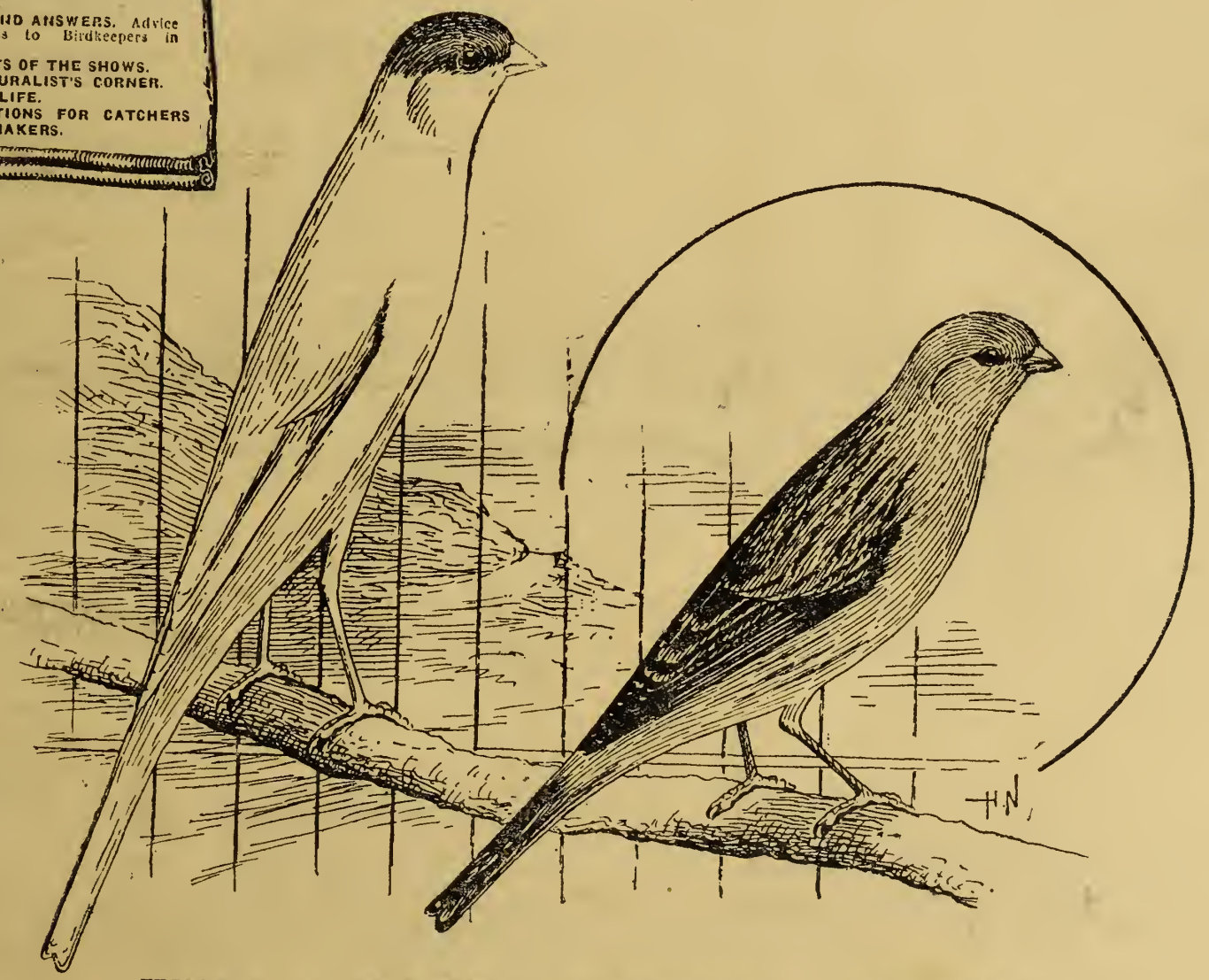
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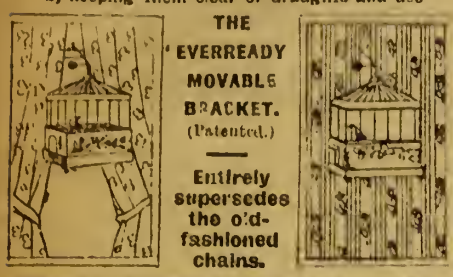
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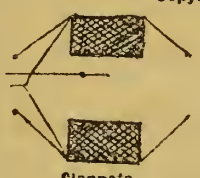
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GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches, Linnet, Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; Bullfinches, good colour, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6; hen, 1/-; red-breasted cock Linnets, 8d. each, six 2/6; Larks 6d. each, six 2/-.—G. Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

LINNETS, 4/6; Larks, 2/6; hen Linnets, Greenfinches, 9d. dozen; clean, healthy birds; supply weekly, Cambridgeshire; up-to-date catchers; established 1890.—Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris, Cambs.

GRAND cock Linnet, winner 3rd in class of 18, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, winner 4th in strong class, 5/-; both house-moulted and bargains; cock Hawfinch, can win best of company, 20/-.—French, New Writtle-st., Chelmsford.

KINDLY note! Ten very large handsome cock brown Linnets, picked from hundreds for showing, Muling, and singing; caught since September, 9d. each; 5/6 lot; great bargain.—John Edward, 4, Platoff-st., Nottingham.

MAGNIFICENT clean moulted exhibition cock Bullfinch, sure winner, only 4/6, honestly worth 15/-; also monster hen Bullfinch, suitable for hybrid breeding, only 2/-, genuine bargains; approval.—Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

XMAS presents. Beautiful cock Bullfinch, very tame, with grand drawing-room hanging cage, enamelled white, ruby glass panels, only 7s. 6d.; singing yellow cock Canary with cage, 8/6; approval.—Ross, bird specialist, Forrest, N.B.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, 12/- dozen, six 6/6, three 3/6, picked birds 1/6; Peartree Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, hens 1/-; cock Linnets, 2/9 dozen, six 1/6, three 1/-; old caught, 3/6 dozen, hen 1/6; established 40 years.—Harrison, Catcher, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

TWICE house-moulted exhibition cock Goldfinch, size equals Siberian, Muler, 6/-; house-moulted exhibition brown Linnet, constant loud songster, steady as rock, mule breeder, 5/-; exchange for light mule, Finch song.—J. Webb Woolfard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinches, good colour, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-; cock Linnets in song, 6d., 8d., 1/-; good colour cock Chaffinches, 8d.; handsome cock Nuthatch 7/6; cock Goldfinch, 2/6, 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed.—W. Garner, 19, Chalton-st., Euston-rd., London.

COCK Bullfinches, like paintings, 14/- dozen, 1/3, 1/6 each; hens 8/- dozen, 9d., 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Linnets, in song, 9d., 1/- each; Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 9d. pair; above been caught weeks.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CHAFFINCHES, Linnets, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, 9d. each; picked birds, 1/- and 1/3; Goldies, cocks, 1/6, hens 10d.; Bullfinches, cocks, 1/6, hens 9d., or 2/- pair; Thrushes and Blackbirds, cocks guaranteed, 1/- each.—F. Langley, 12, Beaconsfield-rd., Dover.

GEM one year buff Goldfinch Mule, first very strong class Barnstaple great show, other prizes, guinea; house-moulted British Jonque Goldfinch, very large, splendid quality, showing, muling, 7/6; house-moulted Bramblefinch, grand type, size, quality, 10/6.—Halls, Orchard-ter., Barnstaple.

WINNERS, Lewisham, etc., Bramblefinch 15/-, Twite 25/-, Redpoll 4/-, Linnet 7/6, also Goldfinch, Yellowhammer, Redpoll Mule, 10/- each; Bramblefinch 5/-, Twite 7/6, Bullfinch 2/6, all really good birds, can win; inspection invited; exchange entertained.—Botting, 11, Ulric-st., Camberwell, S.E.

SPLENDID house-moulted Hawfinch, feathers like wax, 4th Sunderland, only 21/-; house-moulted Goldfinch, splendid colour and feather, real Britisher, a show winner, 10/-; house-moulted Linnet, good colour and feather and size, 10/-; on approval.—Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WESTMORLAND cock Bullfinches and Goldfinches, sure winners, 5/6 each; extra special cock Goldfinch and Bullfinch, win Palace, 10/6 each; monster cock Linnet, can win, 5/6; cock Siskin Redpoll and Greenfinch, fit for immediate exhibition, 5/- each; winning cock Snow Bunting, 6/6.—Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.

JUST arrived, 200 giant Siberian Siskins, cocks 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; a few exhibition specimens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each. British Bullfinches, cocks, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each. Siberian hen Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; see last week's adverts.—B. Hollins, 9, George-st., Hull. Direct importer.

BARGAINS in show specimens, grand birds, lovely condition, with show-cages complete. Two British Goldfinches 40/- and 50/-, Linnet 35/-, Hawfinch 40/-, Chaffinch 25/-, Bramblefinch 21/-, Twite 21/-, Redpoll 15/-, Bullfinch 10/6, Yellowhammer 25/-, hen Reed Bunting 12/6, hen Yellowhammer 15/-, hen Bramblefinch 12/6 (three toppers). Two white-legged muling cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each. Few magnificent muling hen Canaries, 10/6 to 15/- each.—G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

C. PRIOR offers clinking house-moulted Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, etc., for immediate exhibition, including many recent winners; also field-moulted specimens of equal merit, and a few Siberian Goldfinches; many winners supplied already; still many to sell, state wants, enclosing stamp.—50, Kew Bridge-rd., Brentford.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; Larks, Larks, Larks. The old firm can supply dealers with large or small quantities, warranted cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen, or 5 dozen for 16/; hen Linnets, 1/3 dozen; warranted cock Larks, 3/ dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/ dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; handsome lot; Norwich cock Canaries, 1/3, 4/6 each, all singing.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

EXHIBITORS, Giant Scotch Finches, Linnets, superb size, colour, and markings, 3/-, one extra special, 5/-; cock Bullfinches, wonderful colour and the right size, 3/6 and 5/6; monster heather cock Twite, sound colour and sharp markings, 5/-; large yellow cock Greenfinch, 2/6; cock Redpoll, a topper, fair size, colour, and bib, 2/6; cock Bramblefinch, the pick of over 100, 3/6; cock Siskin, rare size, cap and colour, 4/6; very large mountain hen Bullfinch, 2/6; special show cages for above birds, 2/-; approval.—Boss, bird specialist, Forres, N.B.

EXHIBITORS, private bird buyers, I am no dealer, but a catcher, 25 years; you get the cream of the fields by giving me your order; several selected monster Linnets, of the first nest, superb in size, splendid whites, nutty brown backs, shape, clean-moulted, beautifully pencilled, can win, 9d. each; monster selected yellow Greenfinch, good bars, 6d.; others, 1/3 dozen; selected Chaffinch, 6d.; 1/1 dozen; monster Greypates, will moult winners, 3/6, cocks guaranteed; cash or deposit, week's approval.—Fearby, Milnrake, Bedminster.

LINNETS, Linnets. Our Southdown birds are the best songsters in England. Their quality is superior to all others. Large redbreast cocks, well on seed, with rich nut brown backs, well pencilled, Norwich type, six for 2/6, or 4/- dozen, three dozen 10/6. Sex and satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned. Please note, I send these fine birds to Belfast and County Derry, in Ireland, a distance of 400 miles. They give the greatest of satisfaction, all arriving well and hearty. The old firm, same address 18 years.—G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS.
Guaranteed cock Goldfinches 2/6, selected 3/-, hens 8d.; cock Linnets, three 2/6; cock Bullfinches, six 7/-; hens, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6, twelve 2/6.—Charles McCann, 15, North-st., Lurgan.

NO WAITING. NO BOASTING.
Selected cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/6, hens 1/-; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6; Greenfinches, Skylarks, Linnets, 6d.; 1/-; Redpolls, 4d., six 1/3, 2/- dozen, two dozen 3/6; Andreasberg Rollers, 5/6, 7/6, hens 1/6.—Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

THE SIBERIAN BIRD KING.
All nice large Siberian birds; Bullfinches, cocks, 4/- each; Bullfinches, hens, 3/- each; Goldfinches, cocks, 3/- each; rich-coloured show birds; packed separately, free; cash with order; dealers supplied.—F. Sels, Son, Antwerp.

SNOW BUNTING AND COCK LINNETS.
Snowbunting, 1/6 pair, selected cocks 2/6, for showing; cock Twites, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches, 6d. each; Linnets, warranted cocks, Redbreasts, on seed, 6d. each, three 1/3, six 2/-, dozen 3/6, 3 dozen 10/-.—Johnson, 127, Nelson-rd., Yarmouth.

LINNET FANCIERS.
To feed and train Linnets for contest singing; how to feed fresh-caught birds, sex, moult, cure for soft moult and red mite, also particulars for mule breeding, 7d. receipt given with above for keeping birds in high order of health.—Williams, 14, Church Bank, Bradford.

HARRY ALLEN
WHERE'S TA GOING, BILL?

I'm going to Harry Allen's for a 3/- lot, the old sport stands alone. Why, that's just where I'm going. It's the best 3/- worth in the world. I do this because I am the original, and to encourage the Fancy. Now, who would be without a bird and cage at this price. My Book alone is honestly worth the money. Linnets singing grand, with a beautiful polished cage, and my book of secrets, and a packet of my special mixture, 3/- the lot. They are fit for any drawing-room. Look! fierce singing cock Linnets, with blood-red breasts, and extra loud voices, with cage and my book of secrets, right for catching or contest singing, only 2/-. Linnets taught by the world's champion will sing anywhere, only 1/6; a few specials, 2/-. These are wonderful value, and in the pink of condition. I have reduced my A1 specials to encourage the Fancy. These birds can beat the world for steadiness, size, colour and markings, price 1/5; a few extra picked, 2/-. This class of bird got 1st and 3rd prize see testimonial. Also hack numbers of CAGE BIRDS. Goldfinches, Goldfinches, real English Pear-tree cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, with grand broad heads and beautiful square-cut scarlet blaze, with splendid wing bars and richly tanned on breasts, and beautifully buttoned; these prize winners, 4/5; other grand Goldfinches, same size, full colour, 3/6; very large Greypates, will make sure winners, 2/6 each; a few large Goldfinches, being used for catching, 2/6 each. I have over 200 of the largest and finest cock Bullfinches in England, with a beautiful black cap and bib, with double rich colour on breasts, ready at once for the show bench; these prize winners 3/6 each; other grand Bullfinches, 2/6 and 3/-; beautiful hen Bullfinch, 1/6 and 2/-; they are in good condition. Beautiful Greenfinches, like paint, and in show condition, 1/-; red-breasted Redpolls, 1/-. I have some lovely cock Chaffinches, 1/-. Larks. I have the finest cock Larks in England, singing daylight and gaslight, in show condition, and as steady as a rock, and as straight as an arrow, 1/- and 1/6; a few extra specials, 2/6. This class of bird got 2nd prize at Rotherham show. Splendid British show cages, 2/- each; my book of secrets, 9d.; stone of my special Linnet mixture, 4/-; quarter of a stone 1/-. For proof of the above read what others say: "4, Office-row, Barrington Colliery, Bedlington.—Dear Sir,—I received the Goldfinch alright. He is a grand bird, also the Linnet. The Linnet was shown by my companion, William Woodlett; he has shown the Linnet three times—he got commended at Morpeth, 3rd at Newcastle, and 1st prize at Newsham, so I think I did very well with him. Wishing you every success, Robert Harrison. "To H. Allen, 11, Gladstone-street, Hawick.—Dear Sir,—Received bird in perfect health and condition, and I am well pleased with it. If I know anybody wanting good value, prompt and straightforward dealing, I will, with the greatest pleasure, refer them to you.—W. Borthwick to H. Allen." All my birds are on seven days' approval, cash or deposit, so write at once to the largest British bird dealer in the world, Harry Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-street, Leeds.

This is not what you saw last week.

"8, Alexandra Terrace, Troon, November 20th, 1909. The Goldfinch arrived all right, and am well pleased with it. T. Cowan to W. Rudd."

"11, St. John Street, Bridlington, November 20th, 1909. I have had four Goldfinches from you, and have been so pleased with them that I now enclose P.O. for 3/3 for another good cock. J. G. Davenport to W. Rudd."

I have several white-legged and genuine proved mulers and Goldfinches and Linnets, that will give every satisfaction, besides others, including some good Siberian Goldfinch cocks, at 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, upwards. Cages 3d. extra. Now for other Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, or Linnets you are wanting? I have some of the best seen this season, and respectfully ask you to allow me to submit you my illustrated price list; but, if you want fresh-caught rubbish at absurd prices, do not waste your time and mine, by sending to me.

W. RUDD, THE BIRD Specialist NORWICH.

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES
The largest importer in the North of Siberian Goldfinches, prices 5/6 and 7/6; dealers supplied; stamp for reply.—Smith, German House, Tib-st., Manchester.

REAL SIBERIAN COCK
Goldfinches and Bullfinches. Real beauties in full scarlet blaze, and well seasoned, in the pink of condition. Cock Goldfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, each; Siberian Cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; Siberian hen Bullfinches, 4/-, 5/-, each; cock Siskins, 2/6, 3/- each.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. See British birds.

IT TAKES

doing to win 20 1st and 2nd prizes in eight weeks, and to keep selling good birds; see report of Winsford, 4 1sts and three specials, with four birds. I have sold birds that have won at Leek, West Bromwich, York, Newcastle, and lots of other shows. I have to offer this week the following house-moulted birds:—Linnet, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Redpoll, dark Linnet Mule, and I ask you to try my field-moulted birds. I have the following to offer:—Goldfinches, grand birds, 2/-, 2/6, sure winners 4/-, 5/-; Linnets, I have a very fine lot, 8d., 1/-, 1/6, for singing, showing, or muling; Bullfinches, I lead in champions, cocks 1/6, 2/-, extra fit to show 4/-, hens for hybrid breeding 1/-, 1/6, 9d.; Siskins, very fine lot, 2/-, 2/6, show bird 3/6; Redpolls, 6d., one Lesser Mealy, fit to show, 1/-; Chaffinch, very fine bird, 1/-, 1/6; Greenfinches, 6d., 8d. pair, very large one 1/-; Siberian Goldfinches, 4/- each, stormers for size and colour 5/-, 7/6, 10/; Bullfinch, Siberian cock, 5/-, hens 5/-, 7/6, rare lot; St. Andreasberg Rollers, come and see them in special room, cocks 7/-, 8/6, the very best schoolmasters 20/6, 12/6, hens 1/9, 2/6, 3/-; Norwich, if you are wanting Norwich, give me a trial. I have a few very fine unflighted birds, from my own winners to spare, yellow and buff cocks, 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, few fine moulted pairs 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; every bird on full week's approval, cash or deposit; show cages, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; stock cages, 1/6, 1/9; bird lime, in 6d., 1/- tins, post paid; mealworms, special, 6d., 9d., 1/-, packages; also ants' eggs and dried flies, all post paid. I have a good stock of fierce and time-singing Linnets, from 3/6 each; Linnet fanciers should try my special fierce singing Linnet mixture, 1/3 lb., 8d. ½lb., 4½d. ¼lb., all post paid, and from all bird shops in 1d. packets. I ask visitors in the Potteries to come and see my stock.—Enoch Tams, Clarence Aviaries, Church-st., Longton.

HULLO! STOP! WINNERS EVERY WEEK.

Gentlemen, Exhibitors, Contest Singers, if you want to be successful in winning at your shows or contests, send at once. Read what others say. It is a pleasure to me to send you a winner. 2,000 in stock, no waiting. Goldfinches, Goldfinches, largest giants in England, defy any for size if they are not foreigners, giants, deep square scarlet blaze, large heads, well buttoned, beautifully mooned, nicely tanned, 3/- and 3/6; few giant specials, 4/-; a few for catching, used to nets, 2/6; two others specials, 3/- each. Linnets, Linnets, steady as rocks, real giants, well pencilled, Norwich type, real toppers, same sort that is winning, which I have sent out, 2/6, bargains; Linnets in full song, taught under my well-known champions, finger tame, 1/6 and 2/-; a few moulted Linnets, in full song, 2/6 and 3/-; 300 others, in splendid song, with beautiful singing packet of seed, book of instructions, 3/-. I have also some splendid catching Linnets, used to nets, real toppers, I have too many, only 2/- and 2/6 each. Bullfinches, Bullfinches, 200 in hand, splendid show birds, ready bench at once, only 2/6 each; massive Bullfinch hens, 1/-; a few extra special giants, to win, 1/6 each; massive yellow cock Greenfinches, not buffs, like Canaries, 1/- each; yellow hens, 6d. each; splendid Chaffinches, 1/-; massive Yellowhammers, 1/-; two specials, 1/6 each; giant Redpolls, 1/-; splendid nestling Larks, in grand song, 1/6; few moulted Larks, ready for contest singing, 2/6; some hand-reared Larks, mad in song, 3/6 each, all finger tame, real bargains; clubs, parks, aviaries supplied by return of post, on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit, with "Cage Birds." Read what others say:—From Lester, 13, Dewsbury-rd., Longsight, Manchester.—Sir,—It is a pleasure to inform you that the giant Goldfinch I got from you only a few days ago won 1st prize this week at South Manchester show. What will he do in the future? It is the best Goldfinch we have ever seen at a show here. You will have all orders from me and my friends round this district, as I can honestly recommend you as a honest, straightforward dealer. Please accept my thanks. My friend, Mr. Parker, Longsight, also won 3rd with one he bought in an exceedingly large class, and he is certain will soon be at the front, as he is such a giant, teeming with quality, and shines like satin; he says you are the only man he knows who gives such value for such small amount. Wishing you every success, to Matthews. From Francis Haford, Swansea.—Goldfinch arrived safe; he is a grand bird, very proud of him.—To Matthews, London Road, Luwestott.—The Goldfinch arrived safe; he is a beauty; send me another one like this at once.—From Salmon to Matthews. The Linnets arrive safe; highly pleased with them; I don't think any approval is required with your birds.—From Bakewell, Chars-street, Whitwick. Gentlemen, does this speak satisfaction? Special book of secrets, 1/- each.—Send at once to Matthews, Bird Specialist, 24, Avenue-st., Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

GEORGE VANNER.
I have a few dozen specially selected cock Linnets, 1s. each, three 2/6, six 4/-, twelve 8/6; each or deposit. 16, Rawlings-rd., Gateshead.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS

Siskins, etc. I have hundreds of British birds coming in weekly. Real English 1909 cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/6, large selected for showing singing. Muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6; hens, 1/-, three 2/3; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, three 3/6, six 6/6, 12/6 dozen; hens, 1/-, 1/6, three 2/6, six 4/6; large selected Linnets, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 1/- dozen; grand cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; selected cock Linnets for showing or Muling, 1/-, 1/6 each; selected cock Redpoll Greenfinch Twites, 9d., 1/- each; large singing cock Larks, 6d. each, three 1/3, six 2/-; birdlime 1/8 lb., 1/- ½lb., 7d. ¼lb. postage free.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. Established 1895. See Hartz Canaries.

LET ME ASK

you this. Are you satisfied with the man you are at present dealing with, is price right, quality everything to be desired, and, above all, do you have birds on approval, with the alternative of getting the whole of your money back if not thoroughly satisfied? If you cannot answer all the above questions satisfactorily to yourself, then you have cause to change your dealer. I ask all dissatisfied persons to just give me one trial. I care not how hard a man is to please, or how small the order, I guarantee to give entire satisfaction, or refund money in full. My terms are these: Everything I sell is sent on approval on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system, on the distinct understanding that if anything fails to give every satisfaction, it only has to be returned, and back comes the whole of your money. No underhand dodging or quibbling about me, my only terms stated above. I make no idle boasts or false statements when I say that at present time I have more British birds on my premises than all other dealers in Midland Counties together, and have more Worcestershire birds through my hands in one season than all other dealers in United Kingdom. (Copyists please note.) I have grand lot of Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health and feather, all netted birds, properly on hard seed at 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/-, twelve 12/-; specially selected, large cocks, in full colour, guaranteed in song, 2/- and 2/6 each; few specially selected cocks, very large, fit for keenest competition, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-, twelve 7/-, twenty-four 12/-; twenty grand cage-moulted cock Goldfinches, all large, picked birds, and guaranteed full song, day and gaslight, 5/- each; these are finger-tame, and will make ideal mulers. Splendid lot cock Bullfinches, in perfect health and feather, 1/6 and 2/-; each. Specially selected cocks, fit for keenest competition, 2/6 and 3/- each. Splendid lot of hen Bullfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/6, twelve 8/-; few very large, rich-coloured hens for hybridising, 1/6 each; fifty aviary-moulted hen Bullfinches, in perfect trim, all picked, large birds, been flying in aviary with Goldfinches and Canaries since first week in September, 2/6 each; these hens will be worth treble in the spring for breeding. Grand lot cock brown Linnets, in pink of health and condition, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; specially selected larger cocks, for muling and contest singing, guaranteed now in song, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; few large, well-pencilled cocks, with the nutty-brown chests so hard to get, fit for keenest competition, 2/- each, three 5/-. Cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Cock Chaffinches, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each.—Cock Siskins, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-; exhibition yellow cocks, with clear-cut caps, full bibs, and correctly laced thighs, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- each; hen Siskins, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-. Yellowhammers, 1/- pair. Very handsome Cinnamon House Sparrow (male), probably best Cinnamon ever caught, caged one month, and every feather perfect, highest offer accepted. Cock Woodlarks, coming in song, 2/6 each; hens, 9d. each. Splendid talking Amazon Parrot, four years old, talks, whistles, sings, laughs, cries, etc., 50/-; another ditto, but freer talker, 70/-, cages included. Goldfinch, Linnet and Bullfinch cages, 6d. each, 4/6 dozen; Lark cages, 6d., 8d., 10d. and 1/- each; singing box cages, 1/-, 1/2, 1/4, 1/9 and 2/- each. Dealers please send stamp for wholesale cage list. Please note following letters:—"3, Damers Road, Dorchester, November 15th. Sir,—Thanks for so promptly sending another bird (free of cost) to replace the one which died. That is what I like with your dealings, there is no quibble about such accidents. Yours, H. Batche'or." "466, Knutsford road, Warrington, October 28th. Sir,—Thanks for Siskin, safely to hand. This is first time I have ever had a bird replaced. Yours, S. Nelson." "Golden Cross, Cirencester, November 11th. Sir,—I beg to thank you for the Siskin which you kindly sent to replace the one I lost. It arrived quite safe. Yours, A. Ireland." "Pool Carn Brae, November 1st. Sir,—Bird safely arrived on Saturday. I feel I cannot thank you enough for sending this one free of charge, in place of the one which died. I think it most generous of you. This bird seems in good health. I shall feel it a great pleasure to recommend you at all times. Yours, J. Cudlip." (I have published above letters to show that I really do carry out my advertisements, and I can safely say that the only similar letters ever seen in CAGE BIRDS are those I have myself published. To those who can put two and two together, this fact should speak volumes.—W. Gore.) "Victoria Avenue, Draycott, November 12th. Sir,—Received Goldfinches safe, and am quite satisfied with them, and the prompt manner of dispatch. Yours, E. Statham." "28, Newbridge Street, Old Whittington, November 12th. Sir,—Bird and cage arrived in splendid condition, and I am also pleased with prompt dispatch. I have been dealing with others, but from now all orders are yours, as some of them have not dealt fair with me. Yours, W. Riggott." "Meadowbank Lodge, Dumbarton, November 11th. Sir,—Birds arrived all safe, many thanks for prompt dispatch. Yours, J. Pearson." "21, Pearson Street, Workington, November 11th, Sir,—Received bird, and as very pleased with it. Thanks for prompt dispatch. It arrived in good condition. I like the way you pack them. Yours, S. Butcher." Thousands more letters similar to above, but lack of space prevents me publishing them. Have you ever noticed that nearly all letters mention "prompt dispatch" of orders. This means that I have the birds actually in stock, ready for dispatch, not having to wait until I get purchasers' cash before I myself can purchase them. As several advertisers are copying the wording of my advertisements, I beg to say that I have no connection whatever with any other persons in the trade, and that the only name and address of "prompt hack" man is as under. See Appliances and also Roller Canary columns for undisputed facts which "touch the spot."

W. GORE, 131, GOOCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

GIVEN AWAY.
Siskins, Siskins, cocks, 2/3, hens 1/ pairs 2/, exhibition specimens, 4/; Linnets, bl. pair, 3/6 dozen, pair, in large new cage, 1/6; Bullfinches, cocks 1/9, 18/ dozen; Muling hens, 1/, 1/6, pairs 2/6, with cage 3/3; Goldfinches, cocks 1/3, hens 1/, pair 2/6, with large cage 2/3; Skylarks, 6d., three 1/, 3/- dozen, singing cock, in polished cage, 1/6; Chaffinches, 9d. hens 3d., 9d. pair, twelve well mixed birds 2/6, call birds in large double trap cage, only 1/3; wanted Chaffinches, Siskins, Goldfinches, from cot hens, prompt cash.—Broomp, Naturalist, Pendle-st., Burnley.

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NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, many winners, reasonable easy payments taken; approval. McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

GIVING up, three pairs Crests, four hens, five double, one flight cages; pair show cages, in case, all good and cheap.—Scott, 202, Oval-rd., Croydon.

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HIGH-CLASS Crests, grand clear buff crested hen, 1908, fit to show, 50/-; clear buff Crest-bred cock, large and good, 20/-; best blood; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

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CLEAR body dark-crested cock, 40/-; even marked dark-crest cock, 35/-; even marked dark-crest cock, 30/-; C.B. variegated cock, winner, 60/-.; C.B. variegated cock, 40/-; green Crest-bred cock, 30/-; C.B. variegated cock, 30/-; also 20 more, from 10/- to 20/-, all the same strain as winner; reasonable offer accepted for lot.—Hale, "Yaffles," Hindhead, Surrey.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Crests and Crestbreds, all massive feathery birds, of grand quality, Barnett and Joyce's strains; single birds 10/6 to £1 1s.; matched pairs, properly mated to produce winners, £1 to £1 15s. No better blood. Winnings well known; particulars and approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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MRS. E. L. A. CROW, LOWESTOFT,

winner with Crests and Crest-breds at the leading shows, has several for disposal, single birds from 20/-, pairs from 30/-; recent winnings, Norwich, October 30th; 1st, 3rd, Nottingham, November 13th; 1st young yellow Crest-bred, 2nd young buff Crest-bred, 3rd young yellow Crest, Lowestoft, November 10th; challenge cup won outright; four other specials, five 1sts, five 2nds, etc.; approval.

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MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

FOR show or stock, eighty Yorkshire Greens, good colour, size, and type, from 7/6 to 30/- each.—Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

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YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, bred from winners; approval anywhere.—Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES, 3 classes at Frome.

A FEW for disposal cheap; stamp, reply. Adams, 35, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE, young bird from 25/- per pair; yellow and buffs, show or stock.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale; approval.

If you want genuine Lancashires I have a few grand young birds, cheap, winning strain; approval. —J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.

GIVING UP, one pair Lancashire, yellow cock, buff hen, 18 - pair; also buff hen, from same, 9/-, or 25/- the three; also young Lancashires and Norwich hen, medium size; buff labred, 4/-, cold-room, in good condition; three days' approval, deposit.—J. Cross, Fowey, Cornwall.

Norwich.

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F. J. MARTIN, 31, Ingelow-rd., Battersea, S.W.—A number for sale from Irons' and Spillman's noted strains, at half face value, prior to removal.

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J. WOODALL, Park-road, Rochdale, is now clearing out surplus stock, same strain as my winners at Grimsby, Rochdale, Hull, etc., etc.; birds from 7/6 each; approval; stamp reply.

NORWICH, 3 classes at Frome.

HENS, 5, 1909, good condition, 8/6.—Allsop, 91, Barr-st., Hockley, Birmingham.

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FIVE Norwich hens, 2/6 each.—H. Simkin, Signalman, 5, Warrington-st., Newmarket.

A FEW good Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH, bred from best of stock, cocks from 10/- each.—James, 81, Jersey-rd., Abergwynfi.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 6/6 each; approval.—Stinchcombe, Aston-rd., Wem.

YOUNG Norwich cocks for sale from 6/-, in song. —W. Large, 38, Fleet-rd., Hampstead, London.

FOUR young Norwich cocks and four hens, 27/- lot, or nearest offer.—Stinchcombe, Aston-rd., Wem.

FEW nice buff cocks, fed, cold room, 7/6 each; approval, deposit.—Tissington, Barlboro' Hall, Chesterfield.

UNFLIGHTED and year old cocks, from 6/6 to 10/-; hens, 3/6 to 7/6.—Burdett, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham.

FIFTY good birds for sale, cocks 5/6, hens 2/-, pairs 7/-.—Wm. Duncan, Lumphinnians-rd., Cowdenbeath, Fife.

BARGAIN.—2 Norwich hens, prize bred cock, and good double breeder, 14/- lot.—Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; seen any time.—Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

TEN young Norwich hens, outdoor aviary bred, guaranteed strong and healthy; 20/- lot.—E. Cooper, Builder, Finedon.

ROBERT HALL, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs., has a few good stock Norwich to spare; see wins Leek; prices reasonable.

SIX good Norwich cocks, and four hens for sale. Best offer accepted, no cards.—Oxley, 16, Gresham-rd., Brixton, S.W.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 5/-, 6/-.—Hopcroft, 130, Radcliffe-rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham.

REDUCING stock of prize bred Norwich Plainheads; cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 9/6.—Mapp, 62, Fylde-rd., Preston.

E. HINDLE can spare a few grand Norwich stock birds, all own breeding, overstocked.—340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

ALL my prize bred Norwich Plainheads for sale; inspection invited, from 12/6 pair.—Lowes, Canning-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

TWENTY pairs Norwich, Rudd's strain, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-.—Willis, St. Thomas'-st., Pennyn, Cornwall.

HIGH-CLASS yellow Norwich cock, typical bird, 10/6, very nice buff, 8/6; approval.—Maewilliam, 48a, London-st., Edinburgh.

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DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of healthy Norwich.—Write for prices, G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

NOTICE.—Grand warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—McKeand, 15, Queen Street, Castle-Douglas.

NORWICH Canaries, own breeding, cocks from 5/6, hens from 2/6; approval.—Hicking, 46, Village-st., Normanton, Derby.

CHAMPION Norwich, from 15/- pair; 20 large yellow cocks, several winners.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-av., Munster-rd., Fulham.

GOOD healthy Norwich hen Canaries, own breeding, in cold room, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6.—Long, Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

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FEW typical unflighted Norwich cocks, in song, from Palace winner, 10/6 each; approval.—W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

BARGAINS in Norwich, singing cocks, 6/6 each; good pairs, and double breeding cages, 12/6; approval.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6, grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

FEW good young typical colour-fed Norwich cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, approval, deposit; splendid value.—Porter, 3, South-terrace, Darlington.

HAVE some grand Norwich for sale, pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/- up; single for show or stock; prices reasonable; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

WANTED Norwich cock, stock bird, exchange round Parrot cage, good as new, or sell 10/-.—Brough, Cromford-rd., Wirksworth.

TWO yellow, three variegated Norwich cocks, four hens, good stock birds, cold room bred.—Strong, 50, Second-av., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PURE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed. —Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

FIVE Norwich cocks, unflighted, three yellows, two buffs, full song, fed, 25/- lot; week's approval, deposit. Murphy, 24, Cross-st., Morecambe.

TWELVE smart Norwich hens, fair size, warranted clean, healthy; no old wheezy ones, 18/-, bargain; cocks, singing, 4s. 3d.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

THREE grand Norwich Plainhead cocks, clear buff, variegated buff, £1 each; one yellow, 10/6, related to my winners.—Cooper, 41, Gainsboro'-rd., Crewe.

GIVING up the Fancy. Grand lot of large birds that can win, also large stock birds, 6/- to 35/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

SOME grand Norwiches for immediate disposal, both clears and variegated; grand type and quality; fit for show or stock.—Yeats, Jun., Eluthorpe, Fraserburgh.

OFFERS invited, 10 pairs good birds, mostly yellows, fed cocks, full song; no reasonable cash offer refused; approval, deposit.—Garrett, 6, Urban Terrace, Brentwood.

SEVERAL good yellow cocks and hens, clears and variegated, also buffs, good type, quality, cheap; approval. See report Duns Show.—Marshall, Newtown-st., Duns.

NORWICH, buff cock, yellow hen, 15/- the pair, from winning strain; very large buff cock, £1 cost 50/-; selling to reduce stock only.—Guest, Market Place, Bromsgrove.

FOR Sale, good type Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; buff hens, 4/- and 5/-, 1908 and 1909 birds.—Turton, 72, Clive-st., Grangetown, Cardiff.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool. Champion Norwich matched pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/6; state wants; few show birds cheap; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, some grand yellow and buff hens, also cocks, large, good type, nice round heads; best blood in the Fancy; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

CHAMPION, large typical Norwich, colour-fed cocks, 7/6; sure winners, 10/6 each; hens, 3/6, 5/6, and 7/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, winners at all leading shows; see show reports; a few unflighted and year breds for sale; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—James Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fifeshire, N.B.

JAMES KENNAN, Gardener, Nunwick Hall, Penrith, offers 40 Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, from the strains of Goulden, Aitchison, and Bishop; hens 7/6, cocks 10/6 upwards; approval, with pleasure.

GIVING up, room required, the lot £1; fine green Yorkshire cock, two clear yellow Norwich cocks, two clear yellow Norwich hens, one Cinnamon hen, all in good condition.—Rawling, 45, Webb-st., Horwich, Bolton.

EXHIBITION strain, yellow Norwich cock, monster, 30/-; buff cock, grand stock bird, 15/-; yellow and buff hens, 10/-, real toppers; Linnet, fit for show, 5/-.—Brain, Glastonbury. See last week's report.

MAGNIFICENT pair, correctly matched Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners; only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-; genuine bargain; approval.—Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

NORWICH Plainheads, clinking birds, true to type, and full of quality, for sale, Harland and Trengove's strains. From 10/- upward, yellows and buffs.—J. T. W. Lowthian, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, Cumberland.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, is disposing (through ill health) of all his valuable stud Norwich Plainheads. Stock pairs from 10/- upwards. Approval willingly; carriage paid. Write requirements.

CLEAR yellow, 30/-; yellow tick, 20/-; clear buff, 25/; tick buff, 20/-; unflighted buff, 20/-; all winners, few yellow and buff cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/- upwards; approval.—Williams, 186, High-st., Cheltenham.

BEAUTIFUL unflighted Norwich cock Canaries, colour-fed, 7/6 to 10/6, no higher prices to clear, guaranteed same strain as my silver cup winners; bargains.—Hulley, Crossfield House, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

W. NICHOLS.—Few good birds to spare, from 7/6 to 30/-; see winnings Norwich Westminster, Lowestoft Dis., Palace; inspection invited; letters answered.—10, King's-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham, late Norwich.

WINNING Norwich clear yellow, 2nd, 15/-; clear buff, two 1sts, £1 ticked buff hen, 15/-; also some prize bred Norwich and Yorkshires; state wants; cocks 7/6, hens 4/6.—J. P. Andrew, Whitemoor, near St. Austell, Cornwall.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; if not satisfied, money returned.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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NORWICH prize bred cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/6 upwards; cage 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

WONDERFUL value in high class Norwich, natural or colour fed; cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; pairs, 7/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens 2/6, 3/-; easy payments arranged; stamp.—Broadbent, Decorator, The Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield, Yorks.

LARGE, typical Norwich cocks, yellow or buff, same as our winners at Darlington, Middlesbro', Hartlepool, Stockton, Crook (see reports), 10/- each, only half price, room wanted; approval, inspection invited.—Wake and Carr, 41, Aske-rd., Middlesbrough.

I HAVE some grand specimens ready for immediate exhibition. Yellow cocks and hens from 10/-, 12/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff hens from 8/- upwards. Buff cocks from 10/- upwards. Approval with pleasure, deposit.—Edward Green, 48, St. Augustines, Norwich.

GOOD stock Norwich, mostly colour-fed, related to my 3rd unflighted buff hen and 4th unflighted buff cock at Glasgow and West of Scotland; see report last week; hens from 5/6; cocks from 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit.—Houston, 32, Kirkland-st., Glasgow.

FORTY exhibition and stock Norwich birds for disposal, Barnes' and Gibbs' strain; 22 double and single breeding cages; two flight cages, 4ft. long; Egg Mill show cages and cases for sale; pairs from 15/-; cocks and hens from 7/6 each.—Housden, Dodinga, Birchington.

STILL supplying healthy, typical Plainheads for exhibition, breeding, or song, at the lowest possible prices; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/- to 40/-; enquiries invited; approval anywhere.—Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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CHARLES OLIVER can spare few extra large yellow and buff cocks (no hens), own breeding, winnings well known (see Pendleton, Salford report, this week); 15/-, 20/- each, approval anywhere.—44, Daybrook-st., Macclesfield.

CLEAR yellow cock, 1st Lowestoft, 40/-, clear buff, 2nd, 30/-; hens to match, 10/- each; good stock cocks from 7s. 6d.; hens, 4s.; good pair Cinnamons, 22/6; stamp, approval.—Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft, Suffolk.

C. E. BROWN, winner nearly 600 prizes, cups, etc.; see latest wins; can offer exhibition or stock birds cheap; my strain winning at all leading shows; cocks from 15/-; hens from 10/-; approval. —Kingsweston, Shirehampton, Bristol.

SIX grand unflighted buff cocks, winners at small shows, grand quality and col., with good heads, etc.; two yellow hens, unflighted, 7/6 each; same strain as winners Hastings, Wimbledon, etc.; approval willingly.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

MR. ECKERSLEY will spare a very large, typical, unflighted yellow, price 60/-; also a fine shapely 1908 buff, of superb quality, 60/-; a very smart, typical, ticked yellow, 30/-; and a grand unflighted buff, 30/-. —51, Franela-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

FIVE non-fli. 1909 Norwich cocks, Sandiford's strain, at 7/- each; also Sib-bred hen, reared light Mules, two seasons, 7/-; and two other muling hens, 4/- each; approval, deposit. R. T. Gregory, 4, Market-st., Copperhouse, Hayle, Cornwall.

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HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Norwich, cocks 6/6 to 10/6; hens, 4/6 to 6/6; matched pairs, properly mated to produce winners, 10/- to 15/-; winnings well known; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

GIVING up Fancy, 27 Norwich house-moulted Linnet-Redpoll, 12 breeding cases, show cages and ease, having bred winners Leicester, Stoke, Grantham, etc., from this strain. £5 secures the lot, not half value.—John W. Hartshorn, 61, Central-rd., Fosse-rd., North Leicester.

W. R. NUTT, Auctioneer, Clay Cross, has for disposal choice Norwich Plainbeads, related to his winning ticked buff, which is without a doubt the best unflig. buff living to-day; see reports, Burton-on-Trent, Hucknall Torkard, etc.; prices, 10/- to 40/- per pair; no higher price.

FOR sale, 5 cock, 5 hen Canaries, 1 cock, 1 hen Mule, 6 double breeders, 36 by 15, all ½in. whitewood, 1 large flight, loose fronts, and all fittings, ½ cwt. sand, and two good stands, can be seen at any time, £1 15s., a genuine bargain.—J. Lee, Catholic Schools, Macklin-st., Drury Lane, W.C.

A FEW grand birds, buff cock, 18 months, first, special Oxford, £2 10s., do, 3rd, Coventry, £2 2s.; evenly marked yellow unflighted, 1st Coventry, £1 10s.; pairs from 12/6, cocks or hens, unflighted, from 6/-, can be seen any time by appointment, with pleasure.—Mrs. Jeacock, 5, York-st., Coventry.

WINNING Norwich, yellows and buffs. Cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6. The whole of my winners are for sale; a rare chance to obtain useful birds (see reports). Also, well-made single breeders, fitted with side door for nest pan, 3/- each, room wanted. — Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Beds.

IF you want typical Norwich of good quality at low prices, send a postcard for my illustrated price list. I have Norwich cocks at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 each; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, carriage paid on seven days' approval at my risk.—Miss E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

I HAVE 200 prize-bred Norwich Canaries for sale, all fit to win, in splendid condition; cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, to £5; hens from 5/- each; buff or yellows; parents of the above cost £12; all birds will be sent on approval at my risk, cash or deposit CAGE BIRDS.—B. Hollins, 9, George-st., Hull. See other adverts.

GIVING up the Fancy, having no time to look after same. Few grand buff cocks and hens, show and stock birds, only one yellow cock left, price £3; grand clear yellow hen, £3, both 1908 bred; grand dark crested cock, 30/-, ditto hen, 25/-; crest-bred cock, winner, 25/-; no rubbish kept. Cheap to clear quickly.—Joseph Atkinson, 41, Murrell Hill, Carlisle.

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MONSTER 1908 buff hen, will win, 40/-, others 10/-, 15/-; grand unflighted buff hen, 25/-, cheap, others 6/-, 10/-, 15/-; grand unflighted yellow hen, a beauty, 30/-, another 20/-; large 1908 yellow hen 20/-, others 10/-, 12/6; large 1908 yellow cock, grand stock bird, 25/-, another 15/-; grand unflighted yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; large unflighted and 1908 buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; approval, giving up the Fancy. Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

E. GODLEY, 29, RISHTON, BLACKBURN has now ready some grand Norwich and Cinuamons. **SHOW OR STOCK BIRDS. Stamp, Approval**

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Champion Norwich, grand type and quality, cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; all strong healthy birds; on approval; dealers supplied.—24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION NORWICH

Few for sale, see winnings past month under different judges: Treharris, spl. best Norwich; Merthyr, two firsts, second, spl. best Norwich; Swansea, two firsts, three seconds, third cup most points; spl best buff Nor.; Maesteg, two firsts, two seconds, spl. best in show; Morriston, two first, second.—Sheldon, South Parade, Llandudno.

E. J. RIPPON,

Tobacconist, Chelmsford, can spare marked yellow cock, 1st Peterborough, etc., 40/-; clear buff cock, unflighted, 2nd Braintree, 25/-; ticked buff cock, 2nd Braintree, 20/-; also clear and marked buff and yellow; state wants; see show reports Peterborough, Southend, Southall, Eastbourne, Bristol, Yarmouth, Braintree, Clapham, etc.; approval.

T. H. DENT,

4, Langton-st., Preston, a few good birds for show or stock; best strain in Great Britain; approval.

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I have some grand specimens ready for immediate exhibition, direct from our noted Crystal Palace King and Queen strain, finest blood in the world, winner of 5,000 prizes. Grand yellow cocks and hens from 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; buff cocks and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; buy on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials from birds I have supplied. Breeder 30 years. (See Show Reports.)

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ARTHUR HARRIS,

West Haddon, Rugby, is selling his entire stock of Yorkshires, including all his noted winners at Southall, Hanley, Bristol, Wolverhampton, Cambridge, etc.; cocks, 5/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; all on approval; cash or deposit with "Cage Birds."

CLEAR, ticked, variegated, foul or Green Yorkshires; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid birds in stock; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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As I am not competing for the Yorkshire Challenge Cup this season, I have for sale some real clinkers, none reserved except those required solely for stock. My strain needs no puff, and this is undoubtedly the chance of a lifetime to secure the cream of the Fancy. Properly matched pairs from 16/- per pair upwards; winners in keenest competition at prices according to quality; stamp for particulars.—W. H. Shackleton, Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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For others see my advts. in past issues.

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TWO Norwich cocks, fed; four hens; six-compartment cage, 25/-, or offer; exchange.—Harrison, Hopefield-rd., Leicester.

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks, vhc and he Penzance, 15/-, 12.6 each, exchange British Mules or hybrids.—Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

HIGH-CLASS BORDERS, winners at high-class shows, supplied by me; even mark strain.—Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

EXCHANGE, four hen Canaries for two good hollow-ground razors, or anything useful.—Speakman, 13, Brandwood-st., Bolton.

THREE Roller hens, cold room bred, not rubbish, 4/6; exchange anything, offers.—Shipley, 64, Victoria-rd., Longeaton, Notts.

PAIR of Seifert Rollers, rung birds, exchange good singing Yorkshire cock, no rubbish wanted.—Wade, Elston Hall, Newark, Notts.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire for sale, or exchange gent's boots; approval.—Arthur Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

PAIR 1909 Yorkshire, properly mated, colour-fed, 12/6, or exchange British from catchers, or foreign. —Lamb, Boroughgate, Otley.

EXCHANGE unflighted green Crest-bred hen for Yorkshire unflighted hen, or sell 15/-.—Barber, 27, Aylesbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

FEW good Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, hens 3/6, will exchange some for Goldfinches; yours first.—Williams, 23, Old-st., Tonypandy, Glam.

NORWICH, Roller, Goldfinch, house-moulted hens, young Roller cock, exchange pair Yorkshires; yours first.—19, Ferris-rd., Dulwich.

NORWICH cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/6; exchange for pair of Norwich Greens; approval. — Barlow, Grocer, Tame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

ST. ANDREASBERG cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 1/6; two hens, one cock, 8/-; or exchange.—George Bowdler, Moor-st., Newtown, Wednesbury.

TEN pairs of good Yorkshire Canaries, colour-fed, exchange poultry or ducks.—F. Radley, Hairdresser, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE, 2 yellow Yorkshire hens for good Yorkshire cock, standard length.—Russell, 4, Malvern Buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, sell or exchange, scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EARLY seed potatoes, Myall's, Sharp, Express, May Queen, exchange Canaries, poultry, ferrets.—William Pearce, St. Ives, Cornwall.

TWO crested Norwich cocks, exchange yellow Norwich Plainhead hens, or sell, 10/- each.—Lukey, Office-row, Hartford, Northumberland.

YELLOW ticked Yorkshire cock, 7in., and buff hen fit to win; what offers in mules, full song.—Butterworth, 44, Landseer-st., Salford.

GRAND Norwich hen Canary (Irons' strain), 7/6, and will give little cash, for good cock Goldfinch, for exhibition.—George Webb, Narberth.

TWO Yorkshire hens, good length, buff and yellow, 2/6 each; exchange Bullfinches, Budgerigars. —F. Jackson, Beauchamp-st., Stockport.

LARGE dark exhibiton Goldfinch mule, 15/-; exchange yellow Norwich hens; good black Leghorn cockerel, 5/-.—Price, 18, Milton-st., Walsall.

WANTED Norwich Canaries for Goldfinch Mules, 10/- pair; hand-reared Bullfinches, 10/-; good birds; approval.—Fosbury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

EXCHANGE pair of high-class Seifert Rollers, for pair of Norwich unflighted, must be large and clear, sell 25/-.—Bennett, Fountain Terrace, Bacup.

SPLENDID Norwich cock, exchange pair Yellow Budgerigars, two German hens; exchange pair Green Budgerigars.—F. Child, The Downs, Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE 2 hen Canaries, both bred Mules this season, for cock Goldfinch or Linnet, Mule, or cock Goldfinches, in song. — A. F., 12, Tachbrook-rd., Southall.

PRIZE and prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, 7/6 upwards; exchange nails, steel bolts, etc; see Cambridge report.—C. Handley, Coachbuilder, Walsoken, Wisbech.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, two cocks, three hens, 14/- lot; four double breeding cages, loose fronts, complete, 10/-; exchange anything.—Minikin, 26, Grape-st., Keighley.

PARADISE Whydah and show cage, show condition, 15s., or exchange Norwich crests or Plainheads to value, approval.—Watson, 25, Main-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

GRAND Yellow Norwich cock and 2 hens, green and green marked; sell £1 or exchange scrap Copper, Brass; anything useful.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

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ILFORD F. AND F.S.

General meeting held Nov. 16, at 4, Cranbrook Road, Mr. J. Smith in the chair. It was decided to amalgamate the annual show with that of Stratford Society (two days) to be held Jan. 11 and 12, 1910, at the Workman's Hall, Stratford. Will members kindly note? Young stock show prizemoney was paid, which, after a vote of thanks to the Chairman, brought the meeting to a close.—A. Webb, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual financial meeting held in Mason's Arms on Nov. 13th, Mr. A. Jardine in the chair. The Secretary read the balance-sheet, which the members considered very good. It showed a balance of 18s. 7d., after paying 6s. per class. All the officebearers were re-elected for 1910.—W. B. Smart, secretary, 13, High Street, Loanhead.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F.A.

The following is a list of the points for the Lancs. and Lizard cups and medals up to and including Pendleton and Salford, Nov. 19th and 20th. Lancashires: Champions: W. Adams, 93 points; W. Lee 67, J. Vickers 40, J. Oldham 33; Liz. champions, J. Dewsnap 119 points, J. Rukin 105, J. Hampshire 83, and W. P. Barnes 54. Novices, Lancs.: A. Hordern 27, W. Ridgard 11; Novice Liz., W. Dewsnap 34 points, A. Martin 31, A. Bosworth 3, W. Bacon 2, B. Salway 2.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

BINGLEY AND DIST. O.S.

Very instructive and interesting judging competition from sketches was held recently. The sketches were judged by Mr. J. Hartley, and the members judged in rotation afterwards. The winner proved to be Mr. W. J. Hartley, he having placed four birds correct, making in all 18 points. There was a tie for 2nd and 3rd places, with R. Wade and H. Longbottom, 10 points each. Some very interesting discussion and comparisons followed. The meeting proved in all to have been very educational.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Very successful social held in the Miners' Hall on Nov. 20. A company to the number of 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, presided over by Mr. Rundell, president. He referred to the rapid growth and prosperity of the Association. Prize money and specials won at the recent show having been paid out, the musical part of the programme was proceeded with. Songs were well rendered by Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Thackeray, Messrs. Cootes and Murphy; violin soles by Master Gibson. Votes of thanks to the artistes and Chairman, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—Jas. Pollock, Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual show held at Sunderland on Nov. 19th and 20th. Judge, Mr. T. Heath (London). There were some exceptionally good birds shown, but in numbers they were but moderate. Mr. R. Armstrong's "King of Kings," won special for best bird in show; his grey Crest, "Suggested Model," won the A.V. class, and with the best yellow green I have seen he won the yellow Crest class. I have no hesitation in saying they are three of the best crested cocks living. Mr. T. Taylor turned out a splendid team, and succeeded in winning both the silver challenge cups for the best young Crest and Crest-bred. Mr. R. S. Bewick, with "The Duchess," won first honours in the Crest-bred hen class. Winners of medals:—Messrs. Armstrong, Taylor, Bewick, Almond, Swan, Richardson, Mole, and Hutchinson.—J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

ENGLISH AND WELSH B.F.C.C.

Annual general meeting will be held in connection with the international contest at Altrincham, Dec. 4th, time and place on winning clear yellow cock. It is to be hoped a good muster of members will turn up, as there are several items of importance to bring forward. Any member having anything to bring forward at the meeting will please notify the Secretary in writing by Dec. 1st, when the same will be given every attention. Members will please do their best to give a bumping entry, and so do justice to the good things provided by the Altrincham Executive. Altrincham is only a few minutes' run from Manchester, and is easily "getatable" from any part of the country. From most places Saturday excursions are run to Manchester, from which return tickets may be had to Altrincham for about sevenpence. Now, members, show you are alive, and that you have some sympathy with the good work the club is doing.—S. Hadwin, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

The principal members' prize at the recent open show, a salad bowl for the member making most points at the pair show, the young bird show, and the open show, was won by Mr. E. J. Whittome with 52 points, Mr. W. Francis being close up with 50 points to his credit, and Mr. H. Dixon with 46. Mr. Newley's special for the best bird shown in one of his own cages was won by Mr. J. Wheeler; Mr. Newley's special for best bird shown by a lady was won by Mrs. H. Smith; special for best shown by a lady novice, Mrs. Lee; the Sloper Watch by Mr. A. W. Warr; special for best foreign bird by Mr. W. H. Stoakley, as was also the special for the most points made by a novice Canary exhibitor who had never won a first prize, and another for the best Yorks. shown under similar conditions; the S.Y.C.C. diplomas for best cock and hen in the open Yorks. classes were won by Mr. C. Mabey, diploma for best cock in the Yorks. novice classes by Mr. H. W. Cook; for best hen, Mr. E. G. Atkins. The three special prizes for members selling most tickets were won by Mr. W. H. Stoakley, Mrs. Lee, and Mr. Baker respectively. The S.N.P.C. Novice specials for best 4th and vhc were won by Messrs. Berry and Mitchell.—H. Smith, hon. sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., on November 15th. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thorpe (president). Mr. Shakespeare gave us a washing exhibition, he being watched closely by the members and visitors. There was a good number of visitors, most of whom became members. Mr. Shakespeare explained, during the course of his exhibition, how essential it was to use three bowls of warm water, a teaspoonful of borax, white curd soap, a piece of Turkish sponge, and two soft cloths. He said that some fanciers believed in the use of a shaving brush. Mr. Shakespeare undertook to wash a bird blindfolded, and when he finished he was vociferously applauded. While the birds were drying the competition for washing was proceeded with by the members and visitors. Mr. J. Hall, of Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. Society, being announced the winner; but unfortunately, he not being a member of the above society at the time, the competition prize fell to Mr. Gilbert, who handed it over to the society as a special for the coming annual show. The Chairman, in a few well spoken words, called for special prizes for the annual show, which was well responded to, especially Mr. G. Thurland (who became a member that night), who kindly gave a very suitable present. The Chairman proposed, and Mr. E. T. White seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Shakespeare, who thanked the members and visitors for their attention, and said how delighted he was to see such a large muster. He then himself rejoined the society. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

YORKS. C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at 17, Hamilton Street, on Nov. 16th, Mr. T. R. Fry in the chair. Present: Messrs. Rooney, Sheridan, Dowling, McDonnell, Lynch, Holley, Stewart, Gillen, Birse, Lea, and the Hon. Secretary. The patronage of the society was granted to the Ulster O.A. show, to be held on the 3rd and 4th Dec. With regard to our show, held on Nov. 4th and 5th, the Secretary and Treasurer intimated that the society is in a good financial condition, having a nice balance over from show. Considering that the society purchased five new cups this year for competition, it augurs well for the future of the society. The Secretary begs respectfully to draw the attention of members to Rule 18 in schedule sent out, re proper nomination of birds for rung cup. It is absolutely necessary to enter number of ring on entry forms. The Secretary also wishes to state that all prize money has been paid out, and would be glad to hear of anyone who has been overlooked. No complaints have been reported with regard to the return of birds.—D. Carroll, Hon. Sec., 17, Hamilton Street.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Little Doctor.

One day as I was walking
O'er the green fields bright,
I saw a little birdie,
Whose wing was not quite right.
I took him home and fed him,
And set his wing in joint,
And now he is quite happy,
And sings both day and night.

Sent by Emma Bailey (age 14), 13, Salisbury Road, Ipswich.

**Homely Nuthatches.

A lady amused herself in winter by throwing seeds against the door for the birds. She put hemp seeds and cracked nuts for her favourites, the Blue Tits. One day two Nuthatches came to have their share of food. They were so pleased that they did not go away in the spring, but built their nest near the house, in a hollow tree. It was amusing to see the two young ones which they reared hang or climb on the blinds. When the Sparrows were driven away, the Nuthatches did not fly away, but seemed to know it was done to protect them. They remained near the house all the summer, till one day, upon hearing the report of a gun, they disappeared, and were never seen again.—Taken from "British Songsters," and sent by William Parnham (age 15), 120, Bromfield Place, Park Lane, Old Basford, Nottingham.

*A Home of Swallows.

On September 1st, I went with my mother to see my uncle at the Beggan Farm, near Cardiff. In the cowshed I saw a Swallow's nest. It was built of mud and stuck on a beam close to the roof. I climbed up and felt gently for the young. They were five in number, and only five or six days old, being not properly feathered. The old birds came in quite boldly and flew around till we went out, but they did not feed while we were there. My father thought the young ones would be late for migration, as winter seemed close on us.—Sent by William Thos. Paull (age 12½), 79, Milford Street, Splot, Cardiff.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual Linnet contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook, Nov. 21st, when 17 birds were entered. 1, Booker, 62; 2, Cole, 52; 3, Wilson, 47. Contest will be held at same hotel Nov. 28th, when three good prizes will be given.—Brown, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contests of quality Linnet singing restarted at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, on Nov. 21st, when we had our opening match, 12 of the best birds in Leeds singing before a crowded house. 1 and 2, Ward; 3, Conner. Judges, Messrs. J. Renton and S. Peas.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 20th, when 15 birds sang. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Johnson; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Whittaker. Also on Nov. 21st, when 20 birds sang: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Whelan; 3, Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Naylor.—Wilson Naylor, Hon. Sec.

BACUP (Lancs.)

Roller singing contest took place at Bacup, Nov. 20th, in connection with the annual show, which was a success, and every praise is given to Mr. R. Coe, the secretary, and his hard-working staff for the way they arranged things for this variety. Some nice birds were staged. The chief winners were:—1, spl, Kilshaw; 2, spl, Hargreaves; 3, 4, vhc, Johnson and Johnson; hc, Pilling; c, Kilshaw. Judge, Mr. L. Watkins (Bolton).

A LEEDS CHALLENGE.

Seeing Mr. Soloman has issued another letter saying he wants to sing contest time, I will sing him if we can find our own spring bird, and then the best bird would not be stopped, and it will give both birds a chance. We should then soon settle the matter. We will pick one judge each, and send for one neutral judge out of town. If Mr. Soloman will not accept, please stop correspondence.—S. Hardcastle.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Great Horton O S (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C.).—Dec. 4, Congregational Schools, High St. Judge: Mr. H. W. Butlye. 28 open classes: Yorks 24 (8 novice), sell 2, Nor. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 30, to J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Altrincham (C.B.U., C.C.A., R.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C.).—Dec. 3, and 4, Literary Institute, George St. Judges: Messrs. A. Wellings and S. Hadwin. 47 open classes: Yorks 6 (2 novice), Nor. 8 (2 novice), Greens 8, Bord. 10, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell 1, and 43 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 29 (first post), to T. Harrison, 1, Shaws Lane.

Luton (C.B.U.).—Dec. 8, Corn Exchange. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and Allen Silver. 31 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 novice), Yorks. 5 (1 novice), Crest 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 5, Sell 1, and 25 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Dec. 1, to E. Cherry, 4, Peel St., Luton, Beds.

Leicester C.B.S. (C.B.U., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.).—Dec. 4 and 6, County Rooms, Old Free Library, Wellington St. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and J. F. Dewar. 54 open classes: Nor. 14 (2 Amat. or Nov.), Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, Bord. 4, Limit 4, Mule 6, Brit. 13, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 27, to J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Rd.

Middleton (C.B.U., L. and L.F.A., L.C.A.).—Dec. 4, Assembly Room, Co-operative Hall. Judges: Messrs. R. Croft and W. Hardy. 16 open classes: Lancs. 5, Liz. 4, Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, Brit. 1, sell 1, and 17 members'. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries, close Nov. 30 (first post), to J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton Junction.

Pwllheli.—Dec. 27, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 22 classes (open to Wales): Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 3, Mule 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, Local Can. 1, Sell. 1, Local Brit. 1, Gift, 1, Novice 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Dec. 18, to J. Rowlands, Maes Apiaries.

Frome F.A. (C.B.U., L.C.A., S.Y.C.C.).—Dec. 2, Mechanics' Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 41 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 8 (2 novice), Yorks. 9, (2 novice), Lancs. 3, Bord. 3 (1 novice), Dutch Frill 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Extra Stock 1, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 2, 10 members, and 3 drawing competition. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 27, to C. I. Young, Palmer Street.

Cramlington (C.B.U.).—Nov. 27, Co-operative Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Gray. 26 classes (confined to members). Fee 6d. Entries close Nov. 27, to J. R. Chestney, Cramlington, Northumberland.

Sanquhar.—Dec. 11, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Duncan. 15 open classes: Scots 1, Bord. 8, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 9/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6 (1/- local).—Entries close Dec. 5, to W. Moffat.

Sligo (N.B.B. and M.C., Cork P. and C.B.S., N.P.C. of I.).—Dec. 15 and 16, Gillooly Memorial Hall.—Judge, Mr. H. Norman. 59 open classes: Belg. 1, Scot. 2, Crest 4, Nor. 9 (2 novice), Yorks. 18 (3 novice), Mule 4, Brit. 13 (2 local), For. 4, Can. (confined) 4, Sell. 4, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close Dec. 8, to C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan, Sligo.

Long Eaton (C.B.U., C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C.).—Dec. 18, People's Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Bexson and R. Rhodes. 56 open classes: Nor. 7 (1 novice), Yorks. 14 (1 notive), Crest 10 (2 novice), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Gift 1, and 10 members. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 11 to A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road, Long Eaton, near Nottingham.

Annandale, Dec. 4. Good Templar Hall.—Judges, Messrs. H. Connerton and W. M'Millan. 29 open classes: Scot. 1, Bord. 8, Nor. 5, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, Juvenile 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Dec. 1 to J. Urquhart, Douglas House, Johnstone St.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 27.—**Falmouth.**—W. J. Medlin, 90, Marlboro' Road.
Nov. 27.—**Cockermouth.**—E. Limb, Mayo Street.
Nov. 27.—**Milngavie.**—M. Frame, Woodburn Place.
Nov. 27.—**Castle Douglas.**—J. C. Burnie, 2, Carlingwark Cottages.
Nov. 27.—**Stonehouse,**—J. Govan, 7, Union Street.
Nov. 27.—**Glasgow and Western Counties.**—Thos. Drysdale, 244, Broad Street, Mile End, Glasgow.
Nov. 29.—**Jedburgh.**—T. Scott, 10, High Street.
Nov. 29.—**West Auckland.**—J. Gill, St. Helens, Bishop Auckland.
Nov. 29.—**Ferryhill.**—R. Binks, 27, West Street.
Nov. 29.—**Middleton.**—J. Oldham, 209, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton Junction.
Nov. 29 (first post).—**Altrincham.**—T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane.
Nov. 29.—**Hasland.**—C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street.
Nov. 30.—**Gt. Horton.**—J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street.
Nov. 30.—**Six Bells.**—W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate.**—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
Nov. 30.—**Cupar.**—W. Ruddiman, 9, Back Lebanon.
Nov. 30.—**Berkeley Vale.**—C. Pearce, Cotswold, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.
Nov. 30.—**Highbridge.**—F. G. Buttle, "Homerville."
Dec. 1.—**Annan.**—J. Urquhart, Douglas House, Johnstone Street.
Dec. 1.—**Luton.**—E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street.
Dec. 1.—**Canterbury.**—J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's Street.
Dec. 4.—**Uddingston.**—A. W. Forrester, Tower View.
Dec. 4.—**Thornton.**—J. Moyes, Belmont House.
Dec. 5.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 27.—**Launceston.**—N. H. Reed.
Nov. 28 (first post).—**Morecambe.**—W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst.
Nov. 29 (first post).—**Cardiff.**—W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.
Nov. 29 (first post).—**Birmingham.**—J. H. De Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.
Nov. 29 (first post).—**Frome.**—C. I. Young, Palmer St.
Nov. 29.—**Sutton Coldfield.**—A. G. Jones, 110, High Street, Erdington.
Nov. 29 (first post).—**Leicester.**—J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.
Nov. 30.—**Cambridge.**—W. Driver, Sussex Street.
Nov. 30 (first post).—**Lochcraig.**—R. Balloch, 68, North Glencraig.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Hastings; Hull; Gravesend; Lowestoft; Barnsley; West Bromwich; Bristol F.A.; Greenwich and Deptford; Arbroath; Kilmarnock; Consett; Pendleton and Salford.

The Handsome but Persecuted Bullfinch.

By SOLOMON KENNEDY.

(Concluded from page 406.)

Rare-Feathered Bullies.

Hand-reared Bullfinches, at least in some districts, often moult out black. Hemp seed and mineral water have each been blamed for this. But I think there must be a tendency to melanism in the species. A friend of mine reared two. Both moulted out black with certain white wing lacings. Another friend in the same district also hand-reared one, and this, too, moulted out black, with the same white wing lacings. But the handsomest Bullfinch I have seen was one that I caught adult in the same district. He was very tame, and I used a long rod tipped with birdlime to catch him by. He lost a number of his breast feathers; later on these came out black, so that his breast was variegated most beautifully, crimson and black. Some time ago a white Bullfinch was taken from a nest near Crondall, in Hants, and in 1907 a white one was shown at the Crystal Palace. So there seems no limit to the possibilities to a clever and keen aviarist in regard to this beautiful bird.

There are some grand Bullies imported yearly from Russia and Siberia, generally much larger than ours. Now, as no other bird produces such grand Mules or Hybrids as the Bullfinch, largo healthy hens are in great demand; the prices are rising, and these fine birds are getting scarce. Might I then suggest to aviarists that they breed Bullies for their own use, or for the market? A few first-class Siberian cocks could bo kept in an out-door aviary, almost in a state of nature, and in this state Bullfinches are certainly very prolific.

Then large, strong, hand-reared, English hens should be kept tame in cages till April, when the end of a room or aviary could be fitted off with large, suitable pens from four to six feet long, and two or three feet high, with ½in. wire-netting front, and a piece of board slanted across each top corner as a shelter and hiding-place for the wilder partner when introduced. Twenty inches is deep enough. In such a pen I have bred Linnets, and the breeders sat, hatched, and reared their young with less trouble than many Canaries take.

The Best Food for Bullies.

The staple food should be sound Canary seed, with a little each of sunflower, teazel, thistle and hemp, and a packet mixed seed for a change. But always give plenty of good Canary seed as a relish. Give also groundsel, dandelion, shepherd's purse, chickweed, lettuce, watercress, or young mustard and cress. But in wet or damp weather be careful to dry these foods and give very sparingly. Fresh fruit is also much appreciated, and this, too, must be carefully and sparingly given. A few hawthorn twigs with the buds on may be given in season, but every green morsel should bo removed before it gets stale.

Bullfinches find and eat many wild seeds that escape our notice. They are fond of cherries, currants and rowan berries. Bullies used to be very plentiful, and several of our friends have called them "nature's own pruners," because of the habit they have of nipping buds to pieces. But owing to the prejudices of many country people, and especially gardeners, in many places they are very scarce. In one cottager's allotment on the borders of Sussex, several of those heartless people who see no beauty in anything but money, laid wait for the Bullies with their guns, and in one season slaughtered no less than sixty-seven of these beautiful birds. Now, the few that are left are wild and very rarely seen.

Where are the Protection Acts?

What a shame that such beautiful and affectionate birds should have no real protection, but that every petty individual who owns or hires a few roods of ground, can steal out and shoot any Bullies that come within their reach, even while the birds are feeding their young!

Surely the 1907 season ought to have been an eye-opener to those persons who were so prejudiced against the Bullfinch for his bud-nipping propensities. The fruit gardeners in particular ought to have learned a lesson. Thousands of plum trees have been completely ruined this season for want of these much-persecuted pruners, and in some cases seven years will elapse before the broken boughs and branches (through over-production), can be properly replaced. In an attempt to save the branches of a little plum tree in my own garden, I have thinned the green plums by basketfuls, taking three and four while leaving one; but in spite of all, the branches are broken to such an extent that the appearance of the tree is ruined. Other years I have watched a pair of Bullies nipping and scattering the buds in all directions off my one little tree, but even then I had a good crop, and was forced to thin the plums. Last year there were no Bullies, and the tree is now destroyed. Surely any sensible person ought to know that if three buds had been cut off, and one left on every branch on the tree, there would still have been more fruit than the tree could properly bear, and the fruit would have been larger and heavier than if the whole of the buds and blossoms had been left to grow. Any practical gardener will confirm this; it is the regular thing to thin the fruit by hand for this purpose. Then why be so prejudiced against the Bullfinch for doing what may be a power for good, and cannot possibly do any harm? Bird-lovers, let us unite to protect these beautiful, talented, affectionate and useful birds.

LOUGHBOROUGH C.B.A.

Annual show held at Temperance Hall, on Nov. 20th. There was a considerable increase in the number of entries, and the Yorkshire section alone was a grand show, many fine birds being staged. The Lancashires and Lizards exhibited by Mr. F. J. Green were greatly admired. Mr. A. Edwards made a good show secretary, and had everything in apple pie order. Mr. W. Judd (Leicester) judged, and gave satisfaction to most.

YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Edwards, 1st mkd. yell., grand quality and position, good legs and tail, takes Mr. Green's special, best exhibit in show, 2nd cl. yell., good length and quality; 3, F. J. Green, tkd. yell., extra good length and position, fine stock bird; vhc, hc, Widdowson; c, Simpson. BUFF: 1, spl, best Yorks., F. J. Green, cinn. mkd., fine shape and position, lovely quality, a grand bird; 2, Green, another fine cl., good length and position; 3, Jeffery, cl., good length, nice legs and tail; vhc, Edwards, nice quality buff, many preferred to third; hc, Simpkin; c, Buswell. HENS: 1, Foster, cinn. mkd. yell., nice typical bird, full of quality; 2, Hubbard, cl. yell., nice back and wing carriage; 3, Foster, cl. buff, good quality feather, just a wee bit frilly; vhc, Hubbard; UNFLIG. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Morris, cl., good length, fine quality, carries wings and stands well; 2, Foster, cl., good length and position; 3, Hubbard, wing mkd. yell., good airound bird. BUFF: 1, Green, cl., nice silky feather, good position and tail, beautifully finished; 2, 3, Foster, 2nd cinn. mkd., good length and positiou, very close to winner, 3rd mkd. neck, good back wings. UNFLIG. HENS: 1, Edwards, cl. yell., good straight bird, nice quality feather; 2, Jeffery, good length and position; 3, Morris, grand buff, lovely quality, fine typical bird, easy winner; vhc, Edwards; hc, Foster. NOR. YELL.: 1, Dufner, cl. yell., nice head; 2, Whatley, variegs., good shape. BUFF: 1, Dufner, cap mkd., lovely quality feather, very typical; 2, Hubbard, cl.; 3, Sharpe, good cl., a wee trille too long; vhc, Watson; hc, Holmes. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Buswell, varieg., good shape, bold front; 2, Dufner, cl., nice quality. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Dufner, 1st tkd. buff, nice shape, good fronted bird, and fine feather, 2nd another good one, similar to winner; vhc, Holmes; hc, Watson. HEN: 1, 2, Dufner, 1st buff, rare substance and quality, neck tkd. yell.; 3, Buswell, good stamp of Nor; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Watson; c, Holmes. UNFLIG.: 1, Watson, cl. yell., nice cobby shape; 2, Dufner, cl. buff, good shape. LINNET OR REDPOLL: 1, spl, best British, Widdowson, Linnet, rare size, well pencilled, showing whites well, very steady; 2, Hubbard, another good Linnet, but smaller than winner; 3, Wortley, Redpoll, rare size and col.; vhc, Widdowson, Mealy Redpoll. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Green, 1st Goldfinch, good square blaze, well tanned and buttoned, pressed hard for special; 2nd, Bullfinch, very fine bird; 3, Holmes, fine Goldfinch, good size, rare blaze and markings; vhc, Jeffery; c, Holmes. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Hubbard, Chaffinch, wonderful size and colouring; 2, Jeffery, good Bramble; 3, Buswell, nice big Greenfinch; vhc, Wortley; hc, Green; c, Watson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, F. J. Green, 1st cl. yell. Lancs. coppy, very massive, good type and neat in coppy, big winner, 2nd tkd. buff coppy, great length and substance, 3rd cl. yell. Lancs. Plainhead, nice quality and correct type, vhc cl. cap Silver Liz., hc Gold Liz., c Lancs. P.H. SELL. (20/-): 1, 2, Green; 3, Jeffery. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Simpkin, lightly mkd. Linnet Mule, very large, good one; 2, Holmes, dark Goldfinch Mule, well mkd.; 3, Coldwell, lightly mkd. Goldfinch; vhc, hc, c, Caldwell.

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The Shows.

EDINBURGH N.C. & M.B.S.

The Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S. held their tenth annual show in the Buccleuch Parish Hall, Buccleuch Street, on Nov. 20th. Office bearers:—President, Mr. R. Craig; vice-president, Mr. W. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Wm. Holton; committee, Messrs. R. Martin, S. Buglass, and A. Watson; auditors, Messrs. J. Charlton and J. Stormont. There were 40 classes. The entries were much the same in number as last year's. The competition in the Norwich section was strong. Borders were an exceptional lot, some grand birds being staged. Mr. J. Smeaton won the Bruce-Lindsay cup for best young bird in show, also silver cup in Norwich section, as well as Hyde's special. Mr. Smeaton's success was very popular. Mr. G. Brown won the Border silver cup and silver medal. For the best Mule or Hybrid, Mr. Bankier won the silver cup, also being runner up for Bruce-Lindsay cup. Hon. President Councillor Bruce-Lindsay, who was present, with his lady, at the close of the show made a few appropriate remarks, and Mrs. Bruce-Lindsay presented the prizes to the winners, with some encouraging remarks. The hall is splendidly adapted for show purposes, having splendid light and accommodation. There was a large turn-out of visitors, ladies being present in force. Mr. Holton makes an ideal secretary, courteous and most obliging. The success was largely due to him and his committee, who ably supported him, along with President Craig. The judges were Messrs. A. G. Cameron (Kelso), W. McAdam (Lasswade), and J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Their awards were generally speaking well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (24): 1, spl, Hogg, cl. yell., typical, well built, all-round, rich col.; 2, spl, Winter, presses for shape and size, quite as rich in col., close feather; 3, spl, 4, Buglass, 3rd cl., nice shape, bold head, grand rich close feather, in col., 4th head tkd., neat shape, good col; 5, Holmes; 6, 9, Stormont; 7, 8, Martin. BUFF (18): 1, 2, 8, Holmes, 1st neat, nicely built, short and chubby, good col. and quality, 2nd quite as good as first for shape, 3rd sweet typical well-built bird; 4, Finnie, cl., lacks only in col. to first three; 5, 7, Martin; 6, Wilson; 9, spl, Stormont. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 7, Craig, 1st variegated, rare size, shape and quality, nice col.; 2, 4, Holmes, 2nd green, real good shapely bird, 4th variegated, larger, fine substance, good col.; 3, Thomson, variegated, good shape and col.; 5, Finnie; 6, 8, Winter; 9, Charlton. BUFF (19): 1, 3, Martin, 1st variegated, rare shape, nice quality and col., nice bold head, 3rd typical Nor., nice shape and quality feather, like wax; 2, Holmes, nice model, equally as good in shape, good col., close feather; 4, 7, Thomson, 4th variegated, rare shape, nice col.; 5, 8, Craig; 6, Smeaton; 9, Stormont. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, 4, Buglass, 1st nice thick-set, shapely bird, grand substance for a yell., nice feather and quality, smart finish, 4th another cl., good shape, good quality; 2, 6, 7, Holmes, 2nd cl., good col., smart finish; 3, Smeaton, nicely built, shade fuller in head and neck; 5, Hogg; 8, Wilson; 9, Finnie. BUFF (20): 1, two spls, Smeaton, cl., winner of Bruce Lindsay cup, silver rose bowl, and Hyde's special, typical, short, thick-set hen, neat wings and tail, both well carried, good col; spl, 2, 3, Craig, 2nd and special grand hen, similar shape, feather not quite so close, 3rd neat shape, well across perch; 4, 8, Winter, 4th good shape and quality; 5, spl, 6, 9, Holmes. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (18): 1, 3, Martin, 1st variegated, rare substance and feather, nice texture, in lovely condition, 3rd tkd., nicely built, good shape and head; 2, 8, 4, Craig, 2nd variegated, very typical, rare body, nice bold head, very shapely, presses, 4th nice cinn., in rare feather; 5, Winter; 6, 9, Holmes; 7, Finnie. BUFF (8): 1, Buglass, head and wing markings, neat, smartly finished hen, feather like wax; 2, 8, 5, Martin, 2nd variegated, nice shape and col., smart finish, 3rd neatly built, very typical; spl, 4, 6, Holmes, green of excellent finish and smartness; 7, Thomson. NON-FED YELL (7): 1, 3, 5, Windrum, 1st wing mkd. ck., nice shapely bird, in excellent condition; 3rd neat typical tkd. hen of nice proportions; 2, Craig, grand hen, rare substance and shape, excellent feather, of fine texture; 7, 4, Winter. BUFF (2): 1, Martin, good shape, size and quality, nice col. and feather; 2, McFarlane, very similar to first. YELL., NOV. (10): 1, spl, 3, 4, spl, 6, McFarlane, 1st yell. hen, good shape, 3rd tkd. cock, grand size, nice shape and col., 4th wing mkd., nice proportion; 2, 5, 7, Charlton, 2nd cock, good yell., neat and shapely, nice col., close feather; 8, 9, Gray. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, McFarlane, 1st dark green hen, nice shape and feather, 2nd another green, bold head, good feather, 3rd typical, good all-round variegated hen; 4, 8, Charlton, 4th good shapely exhibit. CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, Henderson, nice even crest, good radiation and feather; 2, spl, 4, Cairns, 2nd shade more massively built; 3, Holton, loses a trifle in size to 1st and 2nd, nice quality feather. HEN (4): 1, Henderson, massive, well-radiated, dense, drooping crest, feather nice and leafy, nicely staged; 2, 3, Cairns, 2nd crest also dense, good size, just a shade weak on side, splendid feather, 3rd very little between second and third; 4, spl, Holton, 4th and spl. nice substance and size. C.B. CK. (2): 1, 2, Cairns, 1st variegated, fine shaped skull, good domc and entrance, plenty of feather, good lash, 2nd cl., nice skull, quite as large as winner, but scarcely so wide in entrance. HEN (3): 1, Holton, green, nice size, splendid skull, head feather nice and dense, good length and leafy, good beetle browing; 2, 3, Cairns, 2nd variegated, shape and build similar to first, equally well-developed skull, head feather of good length, 3rd another variegated, built on similar lines to 2nd. NOVICE: No entries. CINN. CK. (8): spl, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Henderson, 1st and spl. cinn. cock, good size, shapely skull, carrying wealth of feather of good length and density, 4th cl. buff, grand size and substance; 2, 3, Craig, 2nd fine size, grand skull, dense and leafy, nice length, coming well over; 3rd well placed, nice size, excellent skull and lash, good entrance, wealth of head feather. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Craig, 1st rare substance, good skull and entrance, nicely lashed 2nd nice size and body, shade pinched in entrance, barely the feather of 1st, 3rd good size and substance; 4, Stormont, good skull, nice size. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, G. Brown, cl. yell., gem for shape, quality and style, very silky feather, jaunty carriage; 3, 4, 5, 9, Welsh, 3rd grand quality, nice feather, very jaunty, shade long, 4th rare col. and style, capital feather; 2, 6, 8, Lnmsden, 2nd lovely feather, shade more chest wanted, good tight wings, smart finish, good style; 7, Windrum. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, 8, G. Brown, cl. buff, model, grand quality, neat shape, nice feather, 3rd hardly so good in col.; 2, 4, 6, Windrum, 2nd another grand shape, full of style, very jaunty, nice feather, presses, 4th nice carriage, jaunty style; 5, Buglass; 7, 9, Wson. GREEN, ETC., CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 6, Buglass, 1st green, very neat size and shape, nice model, 2nd very jaunty carriage, nice shape, neat head and wings, 3rd full of style, 4th very fine. A.O.C. CK. (4): 1, 3, Welsh, 1st very stylish, head and wing mkd. buff, excellent quality, 3rd yell., nicely mkd., grand style and finish; 2, G. Brown, head and wing mkd. buff, nice jaunty carriage, full of style, neat and compact; 4, Watt and Storie, 4th nice bird. YELL. HEN (16): 1, G. Brown, cl. yell. hen of excellent merit, full value for 1st place; 2, 6, Lumsden, 2nd another grand model, tkd. on wing, very neat, feather like wax, grand sheen; 3, 5, 8, Welsh, 3rd cl., nice body, full of style; 4, 7, Windrum, 4th another cl., full of style; 9, Holmes. BUFF (17): 1, spl, 9, G. Brown, cl., wins Border cup and silver medal, a gem, as near perfection as possible; 2, 3, 5, Windrum, 2nd good one, full value for place, full of style, grand feather, 3rd cl., excellent condition; 4, spl, 6, 7, 9, Welsh, 4th neat and stylish. HEN (6): 1, 2, spl, 3, 4, 5, 6, Buglass, 1st green, very stylish, neat shape and wing, very jaunty carriage, wins, 2nd, spl, best second Border hen, quite a model, 3rd cinn. hen, showing plenty of style and finish, 4th nice substance. A.O.C. HEN (12): 1, Windrum, head and wing mkd. Border, of great merit, grand size, full of style; 2, 4, 6, 8, G. Brown, 2nd nice model, close feather and compact neat wings and tail, 4th grand substance, very neat head; 3, 5, 7, 9, Watt and Storie, 3rd eye tkd., very neat, good style and carriage, nice compact feather. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. CK. (4): 1, Thomson, nice shape and size, grand head and neck, neat wings, close and compact feather; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd head and wing tkd., grand type and finish, 3rd grand size; 4, Buglass, very nice bird. HEN (4): 1, Dandie, nice shaped bird, rare size and style; 2, Wilson, good 2nd, cl., good quality, nice shapely exhibit; 3, Buglass, grand substance and style, very neat head and neck, in rare condition; 4, Arrighi, well up to those in front. BORD. FCY CK. (4): 1, Windrum, yell. ck., rare col., full of style, grand carriage, very shapely, wins; 2, Buglass, cinn. Border, excellent merit, nice jaunty carriage, very neat feather, presses on winner; 3, 4, Gray, 3rd buff, good size and shape, 4th very neat, plenty of style. HEN : 1, Windrum, grand exhibit, looks like young one, full of life and merit, wins; 2, Dandie, Cinn. hen, of nice size and finish; 3, Finnie, buff hen, good size and style; 4, Buglass, cinn., fine merit. BREEDING PAIRS (4): 1, Holton, nicely matched pair, in splendid condition; 2, Thomson, another good pair, well matched; 3, Buglass, nicely matched; 4, J. Brown. LIGHT MULE (5): 2, 3, 4, Bankier, Goldfinch Mules, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2nd excellent col. and blaze; 5, 7, G. Brown. DARK GOLDIE (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 6, Bankier, 1st cup winner and runner up for Bruce Lindsay cup, medium size and col., in excellent feather, 2nd grand for size, col. and richness of feather, 3rd nice rich col., in rare condition; 4, 5, Grant, 4th grand size; 7, Brown. A.O.V. MULE (9): 1, 5, Thomson, 1st Greenfinch Mule, nicely staged, fine quality and markings; 2, 4, Bankier, 2nd Linnet Mule, nice size and type, well mkd., 4th another Linnet Mule; 3, Miller, Siskin-Can., good col. and feather; 6, Wall and Storie. HYB. (3): 1, 2, Bankier, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, both rich col. and markings, 1st shade richer in col; 3, Winter, Goldfinch-Linnet, rare col. and markings. OLD MULE (11): 1, 2, 3, Arrighi, 1st Can.-Goldfinch Mule, nice size and col., in lovely feather, 2nd Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand size and col., 3rd Can.-Goldfinch, nice size; 4, 6, Watson, Goldfinch-Can. Mule, in lovely feather and condition; 5, Millar; 7, Bankier; 8, W. Anderson; 9, G. Brown. BRIT., GOLD-Finch (9): 1, Arrigbi, gem, good size, rich col., grand bold clean cut face, well polished, in superb condition; 2, spl, 6, Millar, 2nd another good one, large bold rich face, good bars and moons; 3, 4, Finnie, 3rd sweet Goldie, lovely col. and markings, 4th good Goldie, large bold face, clean and shapely; 5, 7, Watson; 8, Grant. LINNET (13): 1, Arrighi, nice shape, nice nutty brown shade of col., rich and even, nice back work, grand lacings; 2, J. Brown, another good Linnet, rich even tone of col; 3, Watson, nice shapely bird, grand lacing; 4, Frazer, grand shape, lovely lacing and col, sound breast col; 5, Grant; 6, 7, Craig; 8, Anderson; 9, Millar. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Craig, grand size and col., very shapely and full, typical; 2, 6, Finnie, 2nd good, and rich in col.; 3, Frazer, grand size, in lovely bloom and feather; 4, G. Brown; 5, 9, Holton; 7, Grant; 8, Arrigbi. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Arrigbi, 1st Siskin, grand bird, good size and shape, rich col., nice cap and lacing, 2nd very nice rich-col. Twite, splendid breast col., good lacing, in perfect condition; 3, Frazer, Redpoll, nice mealy Redpoll, good size and shape, col. and lacing; 4, Anderson, Siskin, neat bird; 5, Bankier; 6, Watson; 7, Millar; 8, Finnie; 9, Craig. BULLFINCH, HEN (3): 1, Millar, good size and shape, in splendid condition; 2, Frazer, another nice hen; 3, J. Brown, good col., perfect feather. A.O.V. BRITISH FINCH (5): 1, Arrighi, Bramblefinch, grand size, rich breast col., excellent wing markings, good back spangle and lustre; 2, 5, Finnie, 2nd Chaffinch, good size and shape, excellent breast col., large bold whites, in splendid condition; 3, J. Brown, Bramblefinch, nice breast col. and wing markings; 4, G. Brown, Chaffinch, nice shape, excellent breast col, bold large whites. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, 2, 5, 8, J. Brown, 1st Missel Thrush, large bold bird, lovely markings and feather, staged in the pink of condition, 2nd Fieldfare, another lovely exhibit, in perfect condition and col; 3, Watson, Yellowhammer, rich col. bird, in lovely feather and condition; 4, 9, Arrighi, Hawfinch, good size and excellent col.; 6, Frazer; 7, Millar. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 4, Arrighi, 1st Bullfinch, grand size and shape, in splendid condition, nice rich breast col, 2nd Baltimore Oriole, staged in lovely condition, grand col. and markings, 4th Redcrested Cardinal, shown in rare condition; 8, 5, Stormont, Yellow Budgerigars, good size and col.

BANKFOOT AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second show, held on Nov. 20th, at Bankfoot Schools. Mr. F. Self (Clayton) judged, and his awards met with the entire approval of all. One hundred and three birds were staged. Mr. C. Hardaker won cup for most points, with four highest birds, counting 24 points; Mr. O. Priestley being second with 23 points; Mr. R. Wilkinson third with 20.

CL. YELL: 1, 4, Bastow; 2, vhc, Priestley; 3, Wilkinson; hc, Oldfield; c, Crowther. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, 4, Oldfield; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Gelder; c, Lawson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Priestley; 3, Sargeant; 4, hc, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Warner; c, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Sargeant; 3, Lawson; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Musson; hc, Taylor Bros.; c, Hardaker. UNEVEN MARK CK.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Warner; 4, Taylor Bros. FOUL MARK. CK.: 1, Bastow; 2, Lawson; 3, Wilman; 4, Bywater and Waddington. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Wilman; 2, vhc, Hardaker; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Hudson; hc, Lawson; c, Musson. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, vhc, Wilkinson; 3, c, Priestley; 4, Hardaker; hc, Gelder. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Gelder; 2, Priestley; 4, Hudson; vhc, Sargeant; c, Taylor Bros. STOCK BIRD: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Bastow; 3, Wilman; 4, Bywater and Waddington. SELL. (£1): 1, Hardaker. (12/6): 1, Hardaker.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

The 3rd show of the season was held at the King's Head Hotel on Nov. 20th, 79 birds being staged. The competition for the society's specials resulted as follows:—J. Duckworth, 46 points; W. Jeffrey, 43; Middleton Bros., 42; and T. Slater, 34. Mr. J. Wilcock judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Addy and Sharp; 2, Jeffery; 3, Trevener. BUFF: 1, 3, Slater; 2, Middleton Bros. TKD. YELL.: 1, Jeffrey; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Binns. BUFF: 1, Duckworth; 2, Slater; 3, Middleton Bros. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Slater; 2, Duckworth, 3, Addy and Sharp. BUFF: 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Addy and Sharp; 3, Jeffrey. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Duckworth; 3, Judson. BUFF: 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Addy and Sharp; 3, Jeffrey. UNEVEN., ETC., MARK.: 1, spl, 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Slater. SELL. (12/6): 1, Duckworth; 2, Procter; 3, Middleton Bros. (10/-): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Judson. CK., NOVICE: 1, spl, Trevener; 2, Foster; 3, Pickles. HEN: 1, Pickles; 2, Foster; 3, Trevener. —W. WRIGHT, Sec.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

Third annual back-end show held Nov. 13th, when 94 birds were judged by Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale), who, as usual, gave every satisfaction. The show was well patronised during the afternoon and evening by the public, all of one opinion, that it was the best the society had held. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. R. Schofield's clear yellow Yorkshire.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Schofield; 2, W. and J. Ridings; 3, Pregnall; hc, Marsden. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Howarth; vhc, Marsden; hc, Mooney. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 8, Schofield; 2, Howarth; vhc, Mooney; hc, Meadowcroft; c, Pregnall. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Schofield; 8, Howarth; vhc, Pregnall; hc, Mooney; c, W. and J. Ridings. HEN (9): 1, hc, Schofield; 2, Howarth; 3, Marsden; vhc, Mooney; c, Pregnall. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Lees; 2, W. and J. Ridings; 3, Schofield. BUFF (4): 1, Lees; 2, 3, Schofield; vhc, W. and J. Ridings. TKD. BUFF (4): 1, Schofield; 2, Waddington; 3, Howarth; vhc, Lees. HEN (8): 1, Schofield; 2, Lees; 3, hc, W. and J. Ridings; vhc, c, Wilson. CLASS 13 (6): 1, Waddington; 2, vhc, Noonan; 3, Wilson. CLASS 14 (4): 1, 2, Lees; 3, W. and J. Ridings; vhc, Marsden. SELL. (8/6) (6): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, c, Howarth; vhc, hc, Lees. GIFT (5): 1, Schofield; 2, Perry; 3, W. and J. Ridings; vhc, Howarth; hc, Mooney. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, McMurdo; vhc, Schofield. LINNET (4): 1, 2, McMurdo; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Perry. BRIT. HARD A.O.S. (5): 1, vhc, hc, Perry; 2, 3, McMurdo. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Lees; 2, Perry; 3, vhc, McMurdo.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Sec.

BRIGHTON.

The Brighton F. and F.A. held their eighth annual show in the Lecture Hall, North Road, on November 2nd and 3rd. The cage bird section was held in a large hall adjoining, which was well suited for the purpose. The number of exhibits here was larger than for a good many years. Mr. Foxall, the secretary, and his assistants, backed up by a good working committee had everything well in hand for the judge to commence his duties. Mr. F. Easterling judged, and gave every satisfaction. The most difficult part was in allotting the specials.

NOR. CL. (invisible tkd.): 1, Donne; 2, Mrs. Leach; 3, Terry; vhc, Frost; hc, Wells. TKD, ETC.: 1, spl, hc, Terry; 2, Gibb; 3, Walsh; vhc, res, Miller; c, Leach. UNFLIG.: 1, two spls, 2, Terry, yell. and buff. HEN: 1, 2, Terry; 3, Walsh; vhc, Donne; hc, Leach; c, Eyles. YORKS. CL. (invisible tkd.): 1, Pearson; 2, Gibb; 3, Plummer; vhc, Rogers; hc, Wells; c, Newman. TKD., ETC.: 1, Dandridge; 2, Newman; 3, Eyles; vhc, Swaysland. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, spl, Rogers; 2, Pearson; 3, Dandridge; vhc, Dean. HEN: 1, Rogers; 2, Pearson; 3, Gibb. YORKS. OR NOR. NON-FED.: 1, 2, Frost. CREST: 1, 3, spls, 3, Gravett; 2, Betchley; vhc, Donne, Stubbs; hc, Bicknell; c, Dean. C.-B.: 1, 2, vhc, Gravett; 2, Betchley; hc, c, Donne. CL. BODY, D.-C.: 1, Gravett; 2, Donne. BORD., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Riddler; ; vhc, Swaysland. BUFF: 1, Gibb; 2, 3, vhc, Riddler. CINN.: 1, 2, Donne; 3, Gibb; vhc, Dean; hc, Absolam. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Rogers; 2, Nicholas. NOVICE, A.V.: 1, spl, 2, Miss Newman; 3, Edwards; vhc, Absolam; hc, Widowson. SELL. (15s.): 1, Dandridge; 2, Riddler; 3, Swayslaud; vhc, Miller; hc, c, Newman. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Soffner; 2, Pearson; 3, Nicholay. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, spl, Miss Hopwood; 2, Gibb; 3, Swayslaud; vbc, hc, Cadman; c, Dean. A.O.S.: 1, Swayland. MULE OR HYB., DARK: 1, Soffner; 2, Gibb; 3, vhc, Swaysland; hc, Terry. LIGHT: 1, Soffner; 2, Plummer; 3, Swaysland. FOR.: 1, Dandridge; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Swaysland. LARGE: 1, spec; 3, Swaysland; 2, no name.

WALLSEND.

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The Members' Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Mrs. Blair; 2, 3, Hermiston; 4, McDonald; vhc, Dixon; hc, Ronald; c, Roy. BUFF (12): 1, Rudd; 2, 4, Hymers; 3, Roy; vhc, c, Dixon; hc, Kent. MKD. (6): 1, 2, Hermiston; 3, Ronald; 4, Greenwell; hc, McDonald. HEN (10): 1, Ronald; 2, Dixon; 3, McDonald; 4, vhc, Hermiston; hc, Kent; c, Roy. NAT. COL. CK. (6): 1, Evans; 2, 4, McColl; 3, Richardson; vhc, Hemborough; hc, Bull. HEN (5): 1, McGinn; 2, Evans; 3, Richardson; 4, vhc, Bell. CREST (7): 1, 2, Hutchinson; 3, 4, McColl; vhc, McDonald; hc, Parker; c, Tombling. C.B. (7): 1, c, Wilson; 2, 3, Hutchinson; 4, hc, McDonald; vhc, Tombling. CINN. (6): 1, 2, Hermiston; 3, 4, Roy; vhc, Kent; hc, Pattie. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Montgomery; 2, Cockburn; 3, vhc, Kent; 4, Wilson; hc, Carr; c, Allinson. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Carr; 2, Cockburn; 4, Kent; vhc, Allison. HEN (4): 1, 4, Cockburn; 2, Allison; 3, Kent. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, Reid; 2, 3, Whittaker; 4, Affleck; vhc, McQuillan; hc, Carr. BUFF (8): 1, Chapman; 2, hc, Whittaker; 3, Johnstone; 4, Carr; vhc, McDonald; c, Greenwell. HEN (11): 1, spl, Johnston; 2, 4, Chapman; 3, Whittaker; vhc, Reid; hc, McDonald; c, Cox. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, Johnston; 2, McQuillan. LIZ. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Hyslop. MULE, LIGHT, OR HYB. (2): 1, Kent; 2, Markwell. DARK (6): 1, 3, Johnston; 2, Kent; 4, Anderson; vhc, Cox; hc, Hembrough. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Watson; 2, Brown; ; 3, Evans; 4, Richardson. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Appleby; 2, Allison; 3, Grainger. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Johnston; 2, Markwell; 3, Johnston; 4, Evans; vhc, McDonald; hc, Richardson. LINNET (10): 1, Cockburn; 2, Parker; 3, Richardson; 4, Watson; vhc, Chapman; hc, McGinn; c, Richardson. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Richardson; 2, Parker; 3, Cox; 4, Dixon. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, vhc, Wilson; 2, Markwell; 4, McDonald. LARK (3): 1, McGian; 2, 3, Wilson. SOFTBILL, A.O.S. (3): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Thomson.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W., Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

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ROBERT LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy, 20 years' experience.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, Judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Ainsworth, Bants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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C.B.S.

NOVEMBER 30th and DECEMBER 1st.

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Entries extended till 1st Post Sunday.

W. H. PICKLES,

Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.

City of BIRMINGHAM

CAGE BIRD SHOW.

December 1st and 2nd.

Entries not one per class, will accept up to first post Monday, November 29th. See last week's "Cage Birds" for Review of Schedule. Fanciers please help us. Send Entries on we will classify. J. H. de Mailiet, Hon. Sec., 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.

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CARDIFF

DECEMBER 1st & 2nd.

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Fifth Open Show, on **DECEMBER 3rd and 4th,** in the Tweed Mill, acknowledged by exhibitors and press as one of the finest show rooms in the Kingdom. Open classes for Cage Birds, as follows: 9 Border, 6 Yorks., 3 Norwich, 2 A.O.V., 2 Selling, 11 British and Foreign. Judge, H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. Guaranteed prize list; specials for every class. Entries close **November 27th**; Monday's post accepted. Schedules from **E. LIMB, Mayo Street, Cockermouth.**

JEDBURGH P.P. & C.B. Saturday, Dec. 4th
Entries close Monday 29th November to **Tom Scott 10, High Street, Jedburgh.**

CUPAR, FIFE

N.B.

22nd Annual Show on **SAT. DEC 4th.** Judges, Scotch Fancies, Wm. Rodger (Slateford) Norwich, John Adams, (Dundee) Borders, etc., Jas Patterson (Chirnside) Mules, British and Foreign, A. C. Dandie (Edinburgh). Splendid Classification. Grand list of Specials. Schedules now ready. **WM. RUDDIMAN, Secretary,** Ents. Cls. Nov. 20.

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Sat. Dec. 4. 29 classes. Good specials. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, and 2/6.** Judges: H. Connerton, Carlisle, and W. McMillan, Dumfries. Schedules from **J. Urquhart, Douglas House, Johnstone St., Annan.** Entries close **Dec. 1.**

MILNGAVIE

BEARSDEN and Dis. O.S. Open Show on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.**

Grand classification for **Cage Birds,** Poultry, Pigeons Rabbits, Cats. Cage Bird Judges, Mr. John McLay, Mr. Thos. McCredie; Poultry, Mr. Fullerton; Pigeons, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. Kinney. Prize money **12/-, 6/-, 3/-** all classes. Entry fee **2/-.** Entries close **Nov. 27th.** Schedules from **M. FRAME, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.**

FANCIERS DON'T FORGET.

CASTLE DOUGLAS OPEN SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and **Cage Birds,** on **DECEMBER 4th.** Judges: Poultry, W. Binnie, Kilsyth; Pigeons, A. E. Macdougall, Kirn; Rabbits, Cats, R. McGhie, Dalbeattie; Cage Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Cups, medals and good money specials; splendid railway connections. Entries close **Nov. 27th.**—Schedules, **J. C. BURNIE, Secretary, 2, Carlingwark Cottages, Castle-Douglas.**

STONEHOUSE N.B.

Second Cage Bird and Flying Homer Show, to be held on **Saturday, DECEMBER 4th,** 1909, in the Public Hall, Stonehouse. 9 Classes for Scotch Fancy Canaries; 8 classes for Border Fancy Canaries; 11 classes for Norwich; 21 classes for British and Foreign Birds and Mules. Popular judges. 11 classes for Flying Homers.—**JOHN GOVAN, Sec., 7, Union St., Stonehouse, N.B.** Entries close Nov. 27th.

FORRES

and Northern Ornithological Association 23rd Annual Show

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GLASGOW

& Western Counties. The Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on **Saturday, December 4th, 1909,** when 5 Cups and numerous other Special will be competed for. Entries close **November 27th. Thomas Drysdale, Sec., 244, Broad Street, Mile End Glasgow.**

FANCIERS. WANTED To enter Early at

HARROGATE

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1909.

Entries close **Tuesday, November 30th, 1909.** Schedules now ready. Apply, **GEO. HY. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec., 20, College Road.**

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PLEASE DO HELP. LAUNCESTON SHOW

Nov. 30th. 24 CLASSES. 44 ENTRIES. **Nov. 30th.**
Must again extend until Saturday. **N. H. REED, Secretary.**

FROME

(SOMERSET) Thursday, **DEC. 2,** ONE DAY ONLY. Judge—Mr. J. Robson. Compelled to extend to **Monday, first post.** Classes—2 Great, 8 Norwich, 9 Yorkshires, 3 Borders, 3 Lancashires, 6 British, 2 Selling, 1 Dutch Frills, 1 A.O.V., 1 Extra Stock, 3 Mules, 2 Foreign. Valuable Specials for all varieties.

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GREAT HORTON O.S.

Annual Show **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.** Congregational Schools, High Street, Prize money **10/-, 6/-, 4/-** & **2/-,** and a host of Specials. Entrance fee **1/6.** Judge: H. W. Battye, Esq. Entries close **NOV. 30th.** Send for Schedule at once from **J. HOLROYD. 27, Kingswood, Street. Gt. Horton, Bradford.**

LEICESTER DEC. 4 & 6, C.B.U. Rules.

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LUTON

C.B.S. Open Show. Affiliated to the C.B.U. **DECEMBER 8th.** 31 open classes. Judges: Canaries, J. Robson Esq.; Hy., B. & F. A. Silver Esq.; Nor. Yorks., For., 5 classes each; Mules, Bord., C. & C.B., 2 classes each; Brit. 8 classes; a.o.v. & sell. 1 each. Roberts cup competition. **21/-** cash for best pair large foreign. Prompt prizo money. Big cash specials. Send for schedule **E. CHERRY, 4, Peel St., Luton, Beds.** Entries Close Dec. 1,

The Show of the Season is WHITBURN

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
15th & 16th December, 1909
It will be the best show in Ireland this year. Judge—Mr. Harry Norman. 62 Classes. 53 Special Prizes. Entries close 8th December, **Hon. Sec. Charles J. Mulligan,** Ballydoogan, Sligo.
Ninth Annual Show.

The Show of the Season BROXBURN

And District Cage Bird Society Annual Show will be held on **Saturday, December 18, 1909,** in Public Hall, Broxburn, under the Patronage of the S.B.B. & M.C. and B.F.C.C. The Ure Cup granted by the Right Hon. Alexander Ure, the Lord Advocate, for most points over all the Show. Classes—Scotch Fancy 7, Judge, William Rogers, Slateford. Norwich, 14, Judge, James Winter, Edinburgh. Border Fancy, 0, Judge, Gallon Hislop, Stirling. Mules and British, 25, Judges, John Brown, Edinburgh, William Sharp, Bathgate. Schedules now ready. **DAVID ANTHONY Sec., Main Street, Uphall, N.B.**

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C.B.S.

Second Annual Open Show, on **DECEMBER 4th, 1909.** Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Literary and Social Hall. 26 Open classes. Prize money, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entrance fee, **1/-** per cage. Judges: J. Stanger, and J. Maddison. Entries close **November 29th, 1909.** Schedules, apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street, Ferryhill.**

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HASLAND

GRASSMOOR & Dis. C.B.S. DEC. 4th, 1909.

2nd ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

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December 8th & 9th.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds. 24 classes and 24 specials. Judge: C.A. House Esq. 2 handsome challenge cups for canaries, and British birds respectively (can be won outright). Schedules ready. Please state section. **Entries positively close NOVEMBER 30th. W. DRIVER, Secretary.**

NOT ONE ENTRY.
in Cage Birds at

SUTTON COLDFIELD

DECEMBER 8th and 9th.

Compelled to extend to **Monday, NOV. 29.** Hurry Up—4 prizes, every class. Judge: A. Paddock, Esq. Classification last week. **A. GEO. JONES, 110, High Street Erdington**

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OPEN TO KENT, SURREY, AND SUSSEX.

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THORNTON & Dis. O.S. 5th Ann. Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds on Sat., Dec. 11. Under F. and K.N.P.C. patronage. Judges, S. F. T. Merrilees. (Nor. and Bord), J. McLay. (Mule Brit., and For.), J. Louie. Entries close Dec. 4th. Schedules now ready. James MOYES. Sec.

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UDDINGSTON

11th DECEMBER.

8 classes Scotch Fancy; 23 Norwich, Borders, &c, 13 British Birds. Judges: Messrs. Watson, Malcolmson and Goodfellow. Entries close **4th Dec.** Schedules from **A. W. FORRESTER, Sec., Tower View, Uddingston, near Glasgow.**

WATFORD

DECEMBER 14th.

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CARMARTHEN

DECEMBER 16th.

THE SHOW OF WALES.

Good classification. Judges—Messrs. C. A House, and T. Gamage. **10/- 5/-, & 2/6.** Entry fee **1/6.** Schedules **J. O. THOMAS & W. B. JENKINS, Plough Hotel. Entries close Dec. 6.**

RUTHIN Fur and Feather Show.

Thursday, Dec. 16th. Confined to N. Wales.

Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds** &c. 81 Classes. Entries close Dec. 11th, first post. Judge Mr. Henry Tams. **Schedules from W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary, Preswylfa, Ruthin, N. Wales.**

BURY Roller contest will take place Dec. 17 & 18, under B.R.C.C. patronage. Judge, J. Neatherwood, of Wakefield. Particulars and schedules from H. Jamieson, Secretary, 45, David Street, Elton, Bury, Lanc.

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EARLSTON, N.B. 18th Dec. 1909.

Plty., Pgn., and C.B. 10 classes for Bdr., 4 Nor., 2 Brit. Birds. Judges: Bdr., Jno Tait, Esq. Other classes Walter Bell, Esq. Schedules from Jno Brockie, Sec. **3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B.** Entries close **11th Dec.**

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A. E. WIGGINGTON, Hon. Sec., 94, Station Road.

DON'T FORGET

CROOK and District

Cage Bird Show on **Saturday, Dec. 18.** 23 Classes. Judge—Mr. T. Sandiford, Preston. In the Mechanics Hall, Crook. Prizes, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entrance Fee **1/-.** Entries close Saturday, Dec. 11. For Schedules apply Hon. Sec., **WM. RUTHERFORD, West Roddymoor, nr. Crook.**

BOWHILL and District O.S. 2nd Annual Open

Show. **DEC. 18.** P., Pg., and Cage Birds—136 classes. Cage Birds have 49 classes. Judges: Scotch Fancy, A. Kirr; other varieties, J. Patterson. A large number of valuable specials. Schedules apply—**WILLIAM DODDS, Sec., Jampalars, Cardenden, Fife.**

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Twitterings.

At the time of writing we have not a single entry, writes Mr. A. G. Jones, hon. secretary of the Sutton Coldfield Show.

Splendid classification at Altrincham. You should see a schedule, from T. HARRISON, 4, Shaws Lane. (Advt.)

All prize money was paid on November 22nd, writes Mr. J. B. Y. Murdoch, hon. secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

Am sorry to say I must clear my birds out, but hope to start again when I can.—T. E. NICHOLS (Pillmoor, Yorks).

The usual meeting for November 29th of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. will not take place, writes Mr. H. Clayton, secretary.

I have been a reader of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, for over three years, and I find there is none to equal it, writes Mr. Lawton (Pendleton).

Class 3 in our schedule, writes Mr. J. Rowlands, hon. secretary of the Pwllheli F.S., should read: Norwich A.O.V., and not Norwich Plainhead.

The young birds competition of the British Roller C.C. will take place at our contest, writes Mr. H. Jameson, secretary of the Bury and Dis. C.B.S.

The smoking concert announced in members' rule cards for December 2nd, will not be held, writes Mr. F. W. Hamer, hon. secretary, of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

We have secured a few extra specials (too late to appear in our schedule) for the Cage Bird Section, writes Mr. W. Ruddiman, hon. secretary of the Cupar and Dis. F.S.

I beg to congratulate you on the grand plates in CAGE BIRDS during the last few weeks. They quite make one wish to have one of each species of bird.—A. H. GRIMSBY (Kent).

Our entries have had to be extended to November 27th, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, hon. secretary of the Launceston Show. Will fanciers kindly assist us with their entries?

Entries are dreadfully short in the cage bird section of the forthcoming Wandsworth show, on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1, writes Mr. Lightfoot, the hon. sec. Entries will be accepted up to Nov. 27.

All exhibits were packed ready for removal and the staging taken down by 8.30 p.m. on the closing day of our show, writes Mr. H. Clayton, secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

Concerning my Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid (2nd at Wimbledon), the report says: "possibly a hen." It is a cock bird, and was bred last season; it is, too, a very fine songster.—A. A. TUTTY (Wimbledon).

All prize money was paid within 24 hours as promised in our schedule and advertisements, and all exhibits were in the railway company's hands by 7 o'clock, writes E. R. Ridley, hon. secretary, Hull C.B.S.

The cage bird classes in the schedule of the Llanelly and County F.A. are only open for a radius of seven miles. The omission to state this is an error on the part of our printers.—S. H. GASCOIGNE AND D. JOHN, secs.

At present I have not a single entry for our show on December 2nd, writes Mr. C. I. Young, hon. secretary of the Frome and Dis. Show. The show is being held under C.B.U. rules, and we are hoping to receive the support of fanciers.

Our show, on December 8th and 9th, is open to Kent, Surrey, and Sussex only, writes Mr. J. W. Sargeant, hon. secretary of the Canterbury F.S., and there will be no amalgamation. We hope fanciers will give us a "bumper" of an entry.

The prize-cards being specially issued by the Bristol F.A. are exceptionally artistic and pleasing, judging by the specimen forwarded us by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. T. H. Maggs. No fewer than 1,440 are to be sent out to successful exhibitors.

The Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. Annual Members' Show will be held on December 11th. Judges, Messrs. R. Rhodes and J. Bertie. The committee will be pleased if every member will give a bird in the gift class.—WM. CORTINGHAM, secretary.

Correspondence in connection with the South and North Shields C.B.S., writes Mr. W. J. Howden, the assistant secretary, should, for the time being, and until further notice, be addressed to me at 63, Victoria Road, South Shields, Durham.

I have changed my address, and it is now 2, Aire Street, Thackley, near Bradford, writes Mr. A. Price. My new house has splendid accommodation for the breeding, etc., of cage birds, and I am getting a very good stock for the coming season.

We have received from Mr. W. Wilson, of the Glasgow Aviaries and Aquariums, 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow, a catalogue and price list of the birds and animals supplied by him. The list also contains interesting notes on some of the birds and animals referred to.

Entries for our show on December 4, writes Mr. R. Binks, hon. secretary of the Ferryhill and Dis. C.B.S., are very bad, not averaging one per class. We have a good classification, and specials for most points in each class. Hope fanciers will rally round and give us a bumping entry.

Class 2 in our schedule, writes Mr. W. J. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Six Bells (Abertillery and Dis. F.S., should read "Clear Buff Cock"; Classes 4 and 5, "Clear, ticked, or unevenly marked Yellow and Buff Hen" and Classes 11 and 12, "Clear, ticked, or unevenly marked Yellow and Buff Hen."

Wimbledon report in the novices class, buff hen, says, 3, Bellington; this should be Billington. Also in the novices unflighted at Southend the report says, 3, Bellington, and omits my name as 4 in class 21, clear or ticked yellow cock. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. T. BILLINGTON (Twickenham).

At the time of writing we have only 22 entries in 17 open classes, writes Mr. J. Medlin, hon. secretary, Falmouth Show. Now, Cornish fanciers, please help us; we are the only show confined to the county. We have two cups and numerous specials to be won outright. Entries will be accepted up to first post November 29th.

Please draw the attention of your readers to my advertisement of the Border Fancies of the late David Young, writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). The widow wishes them all disposed of, except one pair each for her boys, and buyers will have no cause to regret putting this strain into their marked blood; it is bound to improve it.

Forfar Show, we hear, will be held on January 1st and 3rd. The following are the judges appointed: Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin), for Norwich; Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank), for Border Fancies; and Mr. J. Robertson (Perth), for British and foreign birds. The classification remains the same as last year, there being thirty-one classes.

Owing to a breakdown of our printer the schedules of the Luton C.B.S. Show were delayed a few days, but have now been sent out to exhibitors. There is also a printer's error: Classes 6 to 10 should read Yorkshires. Shall be glad to send schedules to anybody applying for same.—E. CHERRY, hon. secretary, 14, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.

Kindly thank all exhibitors for their support, which enabled us to make such a grand display, and helped to make the show such a success—financially and otherwise, writes Mr. D. Carrall, hon. secretary of the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland. All prize money was paid out seven days after show, as guaranteed. We thank CAGE BIRDS also for the splendid report in its columns.

All open prize money won at our recent show, writes Mr. F. Hamer, hon. secretary of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., was dispatched on November 20th, the day following the close of show. Special prizes will be dispatched at the earliest possible moment. I have received many cards of congratulation on the conduct of the show, and the prompt payment of prize money.

I have one side of my birdroom covered with CAGE BIRDS plates, and grand pictures they are. Besides "A Blaze of Colour," and "A Bundle of Feathers" (which, paired, make a beautiful picture, fit for a mansion), I have "Four Favourite Buntings," "Four Favourite Softbills," and "The Stars of the Season," and many others (27 altogether), all framed or else ready to frame—a perfect little picture gallery.—F. J. CHILD (Leeds).

Visitors to Birmingham Cattle Show are invited to call and inspect the stock of W. Gore, the Birmingham bird dealer, 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham. Over three thousand birds on view, including nearly 1,000 Roller canaries in full song. Callers will then see that Gore's advertisements contain no flights of imagination, but only solid facts. Eight minutes' walk from New Street Station. Trams pass door. Open till 11 p.m. daily. (Advt.)

Fanciers are reminded that the annual show of the Sligo C.B.S. takes place on December 15th and 16th, with Mr. H. Norman as judge. Mr. E. J. Tighe, the show manager, has made arrangements with the L. and N.W. Railway, so that all birds sent to the show will be specially looked after, providing exhibitors let him know what station the birds will arrive at. The classification is a very liberal one, and entries close on December 8th.

Entries at present, writes Mr. W. Driver, hon. secretary of the Cambs. O.S., dribble in very slowly, and exhibitors will save us a good deal of anxiety and all-night work if they will send along as near closing date as possible (November 30). We have put up a good classification, with a most exceptional array of specials (including two challenge cups "winable" outright). Cambridge always does its best for the fancy, and good management and prompt payment may be relied upon.

"Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—for November, is prefaced by a very charming coloured picture (by Mr. H. Goodchild), of Flame-breasted Flower-peckers. Mr. Wesley T. Page writes on the species. The Golden Eagle is the subject of an article from the pen of Mr. C. H. Donald, F.Z.S. The breeding of Passerine Parrakeets and Black-checked Lovebirds, and the Rearing and Nesting of Pied Wagtails form other subjects dealt with, besides many interesting notes.

The following points have been gained in our bowls and cup competition at Deal Show, writes Mr. G. Sanderson, hon. secretary of the Kent County C.B.A.:—Norwich Plainheads, H. E. Taylor 9, Gibbs 13; Crests and Crestbreds, Broad 13; Yorkshires, Eade 2, Gibbs 4, Lockett 10, Reene 5; Borders, cancelled; Lizards, E. J. Wood 13; British birds, Brett 8, Austen 4, F. J. Wickham 12; Mules, H. E. Taylor 7. This competition will be continued at Canterbury, and lastly at Plumstead.

Fanciers and friends will be heartily welcomed at our annual smoking concert and distribution of prizes on December 2nd, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. A splendid array of talent has been provided, many of the leading local concert artistes having promised to sing. The concert will be held in the large hall attached to headquarters, the Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham. Through the good efforts of Mr. Tomsett, a well-known operatic party have kindly promised to appear. Ladies are specially invited.

Will fanciers kindly support our show on December 1st and 2nd, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. Although we have fifty-six open classes, we have only nine entries so far. Our hall is in the centre of the city, quite close to L. and N.W. and Midland Railway stations, and is a first-class room for a show. I have kept back four days of my holiday on purpose to give every attention to show matters next week, and I trust fanciers will not neglect such a well-arranged show. Points gained by novice members of N.G.M.Y.C.C. will count for club specials. This we omitted from schedule.

OBITUARY.

I deeply regret to have to notify you of the sudden death of the wife of Mr. Andrew Sinclair, of Rosewell, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, hon. secretary, Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S. She was taken ill early on the morning of November 18th, and passed away at noon. I am sure fanciers who know Mr. Sinclair will extend their heartfelt sympathy to him in his early sad bereavement, as it was only last New Year's holiday they were married.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. Brown (for about fifty years of 69 and 71, Selater Street, Bethnal Green), whose death, at the age of 67, was announced in our last issue, took place amidst every manifestation of sympathy on Monday last, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and private and trade friends, at Manor Park Cemetery. There was a large number of floral tributes, a special landau having to be requisitioned, and to the senders the bereaved family tender their grateful thanks.

The last double number of CAGE BIRDS, November 20th, is particularly good, and I think the article on the "Bullfinch" specially interesting.—MISS M. D. RANKIN (Greenock).

I received a parcel of books from Mr. C. Hall (Weston-super-Mare) about three months back on approval, writes Mr. E. H. Williams (Llanelly), but as they were not as represented by him, I returned them same day and advised him by postcard. Imagine my surprise when I received a posteard from the G.W.R. parcels office last week, asking for instructions *re* the disposal of same, as they had not been called for, although they had advised the person three times. I asked the clerk to write and ask them at Weston to try again. Since then I have had them delivered back to me. I have lost Mr. C. Hall's address, so should be glad if he will through this note let me know what to do. I have had to pay 4s. 3d. carriage in all.

Rudge-Whitworth, in pursuant of their usual custom, are not showing, we hear, at the Stanley Show this week, but they have a fine show of 1910 Rudge-Whitworth's on view at their show rooms, at 230, Tottenham Court Road, W.C. The 1910 Rudge-Whitworths are absolutely wonderful machines. One or two altogether new models are included, and they are also making a new tyre for the Rudge-Whitworth Special. The tyres are aptly named—"The Oni." "Oni" is the Japanese god of strength, and "Oni" tyres are the strongest thing ever put out in the way of tyres—they are almost unpuncturable. For 1910 Rudge-Whitworth are issuing a 76-page catalogue—eight pages larger even than last year's. It is a sumptuous affair, and is sent free to everyone applying to Messrs. Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd., Coventry, and mentioning CAGE BIRDS when doing so.

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I have just one dozen of your beautiful plates nicely framed, and am still wanting more.—J. W. HUBBARD (Vauxhall).

We hear that Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, the noted East-end naturalist, is contesting an L.C.C. bye-election in the Moderate interest.

"Study in Canaries" is a really beautiful plate, and I have had it framed, writes a correspondent, who signs himself "Redpoll."

Brechin Show report credits Hampton with being 2nd in the buff hen class, whereas I have that honour.—WM. HAMILTON (Hamilton).

Mr. W. Thompson (Llanelly) writes as to the good results he has had from the use of "Maryeline," a bird medicine advertised in our columns.

I think CAGE BIRDS is splendid for the money. I also take in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I think your plates are splendid, too.—JOSEPH SYKES (Halifax).

Morriston C.B.S. specials were, we hear, won as follows:—Canary Cup, for most points in Canary section, Mr. E. M. Evans; Members' Yorkshire Cup, Messrs. Morgan and Wilcox; British Bird Cup, for most points, Mr. D. A. S. Longden, who retains it.

The secretary of Whitehaven Show, Mr. W. J. Douglas, forwards for our perusal a very large number of letters, postcards, etc., sent him by exhibitors congratulating the officials upon the management and prompt payment of prize money at the recent show.

Messrs. Witherby and Co. announce that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of Mr. H. B. Macpherson's book "Home Life of a Golden Eagle," and has expressed her astonishment that it has been found possible to take the photographs of these birds.

I would not be without CAGE BIRDS for three times its cost, as I get more reliable information from it than from any three other papers published. I have no complaints to make as to its delivery, as it comes out 3,000 miles as regularly as Monday mornings come each week. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its staff every success.—W. H. NAYLOR (Toronto, Canada).

Litigation, we hear, has just been commenced in the High Court of Justice, which raises a curious point of law touching the legality of the use of the word "Dreadnought" as a trade-mark by those well-known mail order advertisers, J. G. Graves, Ltd., of Sheffield, for their "Dreadnought" overcoat, which enjoys such a wide reputation for style and value.

Allow me to congratulate you on that splendid production, your coloured plate in CAGE BIRDS' issue of November 6th. It is a magnificent picture of the different varieties of Canaries. You are little aware of the work you are finding for persons like myself, who wish to select birds of the correct type as portrayed in pictures like this. With best wishes for the success of your paper.—JOE THOMAS (Halifax).

Please accept my sincere thanks for the splendid portrayal given of my unflighted yellow in a recent Double Number of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Baker (Cowes). I am sure every fancier must have been delighted with such a splendid production as this double number. There is a charm about CAGE BIRDS that makes one long for the week-end to come. The perusal of its many columns must convince every fancier that never were the Fancy so well catered for as they are with CAGE BIRDS. May it have that continuation of success it so richly deserves.

Allow me to thank all fanciers who exhibited at our show, writes Mr. W. H. Lewis, hon. secretary of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S. All prize money will have reached them before this note appears in print, I hope, and if anyone is left out will be kindly let me know at once? I sent a bird to Mr. E. Griffiths, 37, Alexandra Road, Llandudno, thinking it was his, but, thanks to Mr. Griffiths, he has sent it back, stating that the bird (a Norwich Buff, ticked head and wing, Class 5) is not his. I think it is a bird entered at Maesteg. I hope this note will catch the owner's eye.

Rare Bird of Prey.

A Rough-legged Buzzard in beautiful plumage has been picked up in an exhausted condition at Margaretting, Essex, it is reported.

A Hint to Others.

At the recent Winchester Members' Show the funds of the society were augmented by an interesting cage bird judging competition, organised and carried out by Mr. F. Cavo Baker, who also got together three valuable serviceable articles as prizes. The three "amateurs" who filled in their card nearest took the prizes. All the cards were sold, so that the competition proved a source of income to the society's funds. The result was as follows: 1st prize, Mr. Beaur; 2nd, Mr. Schneider; 3rd, Miss Whitmore Smith.

Friendly Rivalry.

The Coventry Ornithological and Leicester Hand-in-Hand Societies' Challenge Cup competition resulted as follows: Coventry's points at the two shows 231, and Leicester's 146; Coventry therefore won by 85. Mr. Walton, of Leicester, in handing the cup over to Mr. F. W. Harris, the president of the Coventry O.S., said he did so with pleasure, because there was nothing but good and brotherly feeling in the competition, but he regretted that the Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society had not won it, all the same, and hoped and believed they would do so next year, and, if they did so, the cup would be handed over to them in the same fancier-like spirit as the Hand-in-Hand had evinced towards Coventry. Mr Fox also spoke on the kindly spirit shown by bird fanciers in all their dealings. Mr. Harris, in acknowledging the complimentary remarks, said he reciprocated, on behalf of the Coventry O.S., the kindly, fancier-like, and spirited feeling shown by the Leicester Society.—GEO. PETERS, hon. secretary, Coventry O.S.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(H. Bonnskill, 2, Dane Bury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

*Nov. 27—**Hotton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Manor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) A.B.

*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.** T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 **Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).

*Nov 30.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed, Church St.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.

*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H., J.C.B.

*Dec. 2—**Fromo & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Links, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co Durham). J.Str., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.

*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J.Dn., F.H., J.D.

*Dec. 15—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Bolckow Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Bouccy and Watt, Bulls Head Hotel), J.R.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2?, Smith Street),

Scotland.

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.H., D.Bk., G.F., J.Ise.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Wo dburn Place, Milngavie.

Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**— (D. Anthouy, Main Street. Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11. Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh,. A.W, W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Wales.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street, Cardiff) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W.J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.

*Dec. 15 — **Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

*Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H. T.D.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 25 & 26 —**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. R.. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin). W.M.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Se.

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street, Toronto Canada.)

At Glasgow and West of Scotland [illegible] Show, notwithstanding our third successive failure, full prize money (open members), £88 10s., was paid out last post Saturday, November 20th, seven days after show, writes Mr. F. Bowman, the show secretary. Fanciers cannot hope for the great show to continue without a greater measure of support in the future; £100 loss in three years is a heavy strain on a body of working-men fanciers.

Very many thanks for the excellent report of Wimbledon Show, writes Mr. H. Smith, the hon. secretary. So many entries being late makes a rush of it, and one is not able to arrange as he otherwise would. However, up till time of writing not a single complaint is to hand. We closed the show at 8.45, and had cleared the hall by 10.30, and birds had gone to the stations. I don't think that was so bad.

I was an interested onlooker at Nottingham Show, writes "C.B.U. Representative," and on the Monday was there before 10 a.m., and surprised to find so many men at work, each with a duty to perform, every bird in the show being well looked after. What a large variety of grapes, bananas, and other fruits were supplied the foreign, etc., birds. I saw Mr. W. Cottingham (the fancier in charge of the foreigners) rushing off in a hurry. "Is something amiss, William?" I asked. "Well," came the reply, "we have a parrot here we cannot get to drink out of anything we have, and I am going to buy a cup" (the cup had the desired effect!). The committee moved to and fro with eyes opened wide. It appeared to me they did not intend any bird being missing, and then to have to ask the Police to assist them in finding out who had it. This proved to be one of my most interesting days in a more than twenty years' experience amongst birds. I am quite certain exhibitors can enter their birds at Nottingham with every confidence.

Under the White Rose.

MANNINGHAM C.B.S. held a very successful show on November 20th. The entries came up well, and the financial side of the show should come out all right. Some grand birds were on view, but in regard to number of entries, the selling classes were an easy first, the three classes containing not far short of 100 birds. Novice classes also came up well, buff Yorkshire hens being 32 in number with the yellows in close attendance, this class containing 30 birds, as also did the unlighted yellows, three very strong classes, not only for quantity but for quality.

HULL C.B.S. also held their annual open show last week-end, it taking place on Friday and Saturday, and no doubt it will rank as one of the most successful ever held by the society, they having the magnificent total of 645 entries. Quality was there in abundance, and there was an exceptionally good gate, a very large number of tickets for the show having been sold beforehand. In a mixed show there is much to interest those outside the Fancy, and certainly none could complain at Hull, there being something for everybody. The committee had provided a liberal classification for British, etc., and met with their just reward, there being a very good entry in this section, which was under the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., the members of which secured no less than 7 first prizes. It is quite evident the society is making good headway, the competition is so keen for their specials.

BY the way, the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. have still two or three shows open, where they could give their patronage, and any society that is providing five British, etc., classes will do well to write the secretary.

EXHIBITORS who are running and counting points for the specials of the various clubs, will do well to take particular care that they mark their entry forms properly, and also see that same appears in catalogues, and if not to acquaint the respective secretaries of the same to have them rectified; non-compliance with rules will lose points.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Notes from Erin.

DUNDALK C.B. and P. Association held their annual show on November 17th and 18th last, and had a record entry. The show was held under the rules of the three specialists' clubs, and there were some lovely birds put down, especially amongst the Yorkshires.

NORWICH fanciers should try and assist the show committees by sending out a better entry, otherwise I fear that the classes for this popular bird will be decreased, as it is discouraging to see two or three classes in this section cancelled at each show for want of entries. I would therefore, ask our Norwich friends to come forward, and not be keeping their birds at home.

BRITISH birds are coming on well this season, and no doubt there are some gems being benched, especially in Goldfinch and Linnet classes. I am sure we all feel sorry that one of Mr. Fortune's best birds was found to be dead when it arrived at Dundalk Show. However, it is pleasing to hear that this gentleman has others to take its place on the show bench. Miss Perrin (who is best known in the Foreign Bird Section) has also lost one of her Love Birds. When away from home at a show, it became ill suddenly, and although the stewards did everything possible to revive it their efforts were of no avail.

AT Dundalk on Thursday the Best Yorkshire Hen in the show was claimed by a Dundalk fancier, and we expect to see it exhibited at Dublin this week in the novices' section. We trust that this bird will do well for its new owner, both on the show bench and in his bird room.

I HAVE heard that our new Specialist Club, the Yorkshire C. and C.B.S., has a good balance in the bank to their credit from their first show, held a few weeks ago. It is to be hoped that all societies will be successful with their enterprise this season.

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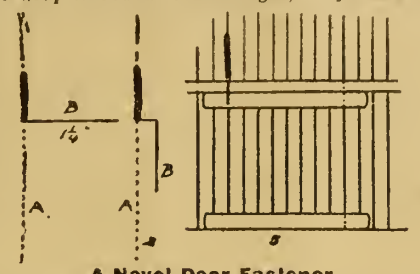
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No. 364.

Novel Cage Door Fastener.

Sent by Mr. R. Harrison, jun., 83, Ashton Road West, Failsworth, nr. Manchester.

I enclose a sketch of a novel fastener for cage doors, which prevents birds from damaging themselves, there being no wire projecting inside the cage. First measure the thickness of the wire in cage, and then get two pieces of wire the same thickness, which we will name A and B. Hold A in the left hand, and b gin to wrap B round it with right, as per sketch



A Novel Door Fastener.

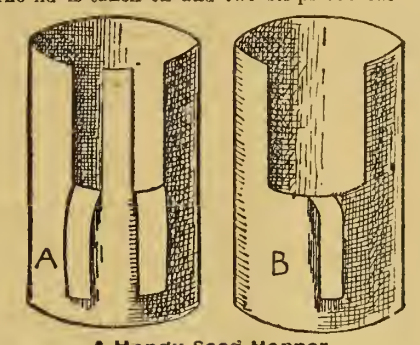
(Fig. 1), so forming a kind of spring, and leaving about 1½ inches over. Then bend the piece left over to an angle of 90 degrees, and you will then have it as in Fig. 1. Then measure from the bottom of the spring on the horizontal piece half the thickness of the cage door, and bend the wire here to another angle of 90 degrees. It will then look like Fig. 2, when the fastener is finished. To attach same on the cage (as shown in Fig. 3), first loosen a wire exactly above the cage door, and slide your spring on; replace the loosened wire, and the fastener is complete.—R. HARRISON, jun.

No. 365.

An Easily-made Seed-hopper.

Sent by Mr. C. Williams, 26, Desborough Street, Oak Mead, High Wycombe, Bucks.

This sketch shows how to make a seed or water-hopper for fixing on an ordinary cage. This is made from a mustard tin (the 1d. size). The lid is taken off and two strips are cut out



A Handy Seed-Hopper.

of the tin, as shown in Fig. A. The strip left standing is then doubled over to catch in the cage, as shown in B, and if necessary the lid may be replaced. All rough edges should be filed or sandpapered down, and the hopper is then complete.—C. WILLIAMS.

In the Courts.

A Warning from Cupar.

For taking a Linnet on a Sunday on the south bank of the N.B. Railway line between Buckhaven and Methil, in contravention of the Wild Birds Protection Order, Robert Seath, miner, Victoria Place, was on November 16th, brought before Sheriff Armour at Cupar. The Fiscal stated it was the first case of the kind in the district, and proceedings had been taken simply as a warning to others. His Lordship allowed Seath to go on the footing that he paid 5s. expenses.

Being a visitor to the Swansea and Dis. C.B.S. Show on November 11th, I wish to heartily congratulate the secretary, Mr. Hitchings, also the show managers and committee, on the splendid success that crowned their efforts, writes Mr. D. R. Jones (Llanelly). Everything worked smoothly owing to the thorough understanding that existed between them. I would also like to congratulate the staff of CAGE BIRDS on their very smart piece of work in reporting the show, the judging not being over until the Wednesday evening, yet CAGE BIRDS is in my hands mid-day Friday over 200 miles away. I wish it every success.

A Venerable Cockatoo.

Cockatoos are known to live to a great age, but it is not often, says a contemporary, that their age can be stated with such definiteness and authenticity as in the case of one belonging to a Mr. W. Richardson, of Leeds. This bird, which died recently, has been under Mr. Richardson's care for 45 years, and prior to that was for 60 years under the care of Mr. Richardson's relatives, so that the Cockatoo was known to be some 105 years of age, a venerable bird indeed—and one well known to the residents in the district, who would exchange chaff with him as they passed his outdoor perch.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 29, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Important show business. H. Hill.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. To hear report of annual show, etc.; also payment of members' prize money.—G. Hayver.

Bankfoot C.B.S. Nov. 30, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Balance sheet for members' show, and lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, on "British Birds."—F. Gelder.

Cheltenham C.B.S. Dec. 1, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. To arrange programme for next year.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 27, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Show business.—Parker and Parkes.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Bennett's Tea Room, Moor Lane, 8. Entries to be in on Monday.—R. Lambert.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Nov. 30, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Annual show, subscriptions, and collecting books, final arrangements, stewards, etc.—J. Swindley.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Dec. 1, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Bird and Siddle.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Annual smoking concert and distribution of special prizes.—W. Hodson.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Dec. 2, Riego Street Hall, 8.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—Dec. 2, 142, High Street, 8 Report of show; new members invited.—W. Holton.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 27, Barley Mow Hotel, Monthly show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. C. Stebbins.—L. Booth.

Forfar C.B.I.S.—Dec. 4, Airlie Arms Hotel, Kirriemuir, 6.30.—W. Grewar.

Guisbro Priory.—Dec. 1, Wear's Cafe, 7. Revise show schedule, etc.—R. Mays.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Nov. 27, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Team competition; members allowed two entries each only; birds to be staged by 8. Judge, Mr. A. Hartley.—H. Schofield.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Nov. 27, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Final arrangements for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Y.M.C.A., 8. Washing competition, members bring birds; interested fanciers welcomed.—J. W. Popple.

Houghton-le-Spring.—Nov. 26, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Entries taken and totalled, etc.—D. Hann.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 27, Griffin Hotel, 8. Monthly show, 12 classes, all hen. Judges, Messrs. H H. Sutcliffe, and S. Haigh. Entries close 7.45; also allotting specials, for old show.—J. F. Thackray.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Nov. 30, Lello's, Market Street, 7.30. Unable to have washing exhibition, owing to unforseen circumstances.—W. Simpson.

Hyde C.B.S.—Nov. 29, George's Schools, 8. Annual show, business; all entries to be in on this date. —F. Barraclough.

Hastings United C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Royal Oak Hotel, 8. Distribution of prizes won at annual show.—A. E. Godden.

Great Horton O.S.—Nov. 27, Butcher's Arms, 8. Members' show. Judge, Mr. A. Young; birds to be staged 8.—J. Holroyd.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 1, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Wilkinson. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. Bottomley.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Debate on Colour Feeding.—J. A. Turnbull.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Centre Hotel, 7. To receive tenders for printing, etc.—D. John.

Lancs. C.A.—Nov. 27, at Littleborough Show, 6.30. —C. Whitehead.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Redpoll Show, Mr. W. Ordish, judge, and to settle date for lecture; to arrange also for bot pot supper.—P. Hart.

Middleton C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Old Boar Head, 8. Final arrangements for show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Mr. T. Carr (Newcastle) will give a practical lesson on Taxidermy. Fanciers invited.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Leith Jubilee O.S.—Dec. 6, submitting annual balance sheet, revising rules, and election of office bearer, and enrolling new members.—J. Sinclair.

Nelson C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Bull Hotel, 7. Entries for show to be made, and all subscriptions paid up same night.—J. England.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Nov. 27, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Respecting cup, next Manchester show, etc. Friends invited.—A. Percival.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Marie Stuart Hall, 8. Show report.—G. N. Thomson.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Baptist School, Members' Show. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley; birds to be staged not later than 8.—W. Jagger.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 27, St. George's Hall, 8. Presentation of cups, pay prize money, and table show, making new rules, etc.—G. Oakes.

Rochdale O.C.—Nov. 29, Club, 8.30. Committee meeting, also Town Hall balance sheet.—J. Butterworth.

Reading C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Palmer Hall, 8.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Temperance Club, 8. Suggested back-end show.—W. Adams.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. —J. W. Jones.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Election of officers for 1910. Will members bring or send ticket money for Oct. and Nov. shows.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Uddingston O.S.—Nov. 27, Reading Rooms, 7. Show business; membership closes at this meeting.—A. W. Forrester.

Wigan C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Fleece Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Dec. 2, headquarters, 8. Judging competition; to fix judge and schedule for Brit. and Pair shows.—W. Mallinson.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Nov. 29, headquarters, 8.30. Committee meeting, annual show, Dec. 4. Members are asked to push sale of tickets.—T. Callegari.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Diet for Moulting.

Red—With healthy, vigorous birds it should not really be necessary to make any alteration in the diet to enable them to get through the moult all right and retain their good condition, so that a proper diet for moulting is rather a misnomer. The diet you are giving is certainly not "of the best." The millet, teazle, and hemp, are rather out of place in the staple diet. Omit these; and give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, as a staple. In addition you may keep separately a mixture of one part each of hemp, millet, teazle, inga, and a half part each of maw, gold of pleasure, and linseed, and give a half teaspoonful of this twice a week until the moult is over, then reduce it to once a week. Unless the bird is being colour fed there is no necessity to give egg food more than once or twice a week—about half a teaspoonful each time; and even this may be replaced with a little bread and milk, or a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, or madeira cake. Neither should there be any necessity to add citrate of iron to the water. A little may be given twice or thrice a week for two or three weeks at the end of the moult, but do not make a practice of giving it regularly. Keep the bird free from draughts, and snaps of severe cold, and see that the cage is strewn with clean, gritty sand, regularly, and nothing more should be required.

Cough and Hardihood.

E.E.M. (Wimbledon).—Without being fully acquainted with all the circumstances, I could not venture to express any opinion as to whether the birds were unhealthy when you purchased them. It is quite possible your treatment differs sufficiently from what they had previously been accustomed to, to affect them adversely. For the next month, in addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds, and on two other days a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and after this give ten drops of glycerine, and six each of oxymel of squills, tincture of lobelia, and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a fortnight. I doubt if there is any hardiest breed of Canary. It is purely a question of strain, and depends upon how the birds have been bred. In a general way the Norwich is almost as hardy, if not quite so, as any breed we have. The Border Fancy and Common German are about the only breeds that could beat it in hardihood. The little hardy birds you refer to are probably German. You must not imagine, however, that because one bird survives so many years under unfavourable conditions that all of the same breed will do likewise.

To Force a Moult, etc.

Kelly.—As the bird appears so bright and healthy there cannot be anything seriously amiss with it, and I would advise you to give up the idea of trying to force it to moult. These things are best left to Nature. Its grimy condition is very easily remedied by hand-washing the bird, and providing you are quite up to this business or could get a friend who is quite competent to perform the task, for you, there is no reason why you should not do this, and it is just possible that the simple process of washing will cause him to drop into moult very quickly if he is really in a condition to want anything to give the moult a start. Whether you wash him or not, keep him in a fairly warm place, but quite free from all draughts; allow him to bathe freely; feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed biscuit or sponge cake, with a pinch of red feed, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed mixed in it. Twice a week you may give half a teaspoonful of the mixed seed instead of the rape seed, and three or four times a week a little green food as long as you can get it in good condition. It is quite possible to pair a Norwich cock with a Roller hen, and the young cross-breds, if trained under a pure Roller, will make very nice songsters that should be readily salenble.

A Yorkshire Unwell.

T.A.—The bird is evidently in a very critical condition, due to its failure to drop into moult at the proper time, and I should not be surprised if this reply comes too late to be of service. If this is not the case, at once give the bird a good vapour bath, by putting its cage on a table near the fire, or upon the hearth in front of the fire, cover it all over thoroughly with a small blanket, rug, or woollen shawl, and place underneath this cover, just in front of the cage, a pint mug of boiling water, arranging the cover over all, so that the steam is kept within the cage. Let it remain thus for twenty or thirty minutes, then remove the mug of water, and leave the cover over cage for another hour or so. Keep the cage afterwards in a warm position, quite free from draughts, and covered over for a few days. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of sweet spirits of nitre, and a few blades of saffron, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for a week give a small piece of bread and milk, slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed and a small pinch of inga. You might report progress at end of fortnight, referring to this reply.

Songster Gone Wrong.

A. G., Kent.—As far as I can gather from your rather varied description, I fear the bird has not been treated very judiciously. Keep it in a comfortably warm place, not too much so, but in a pure atmosphere, and where the warmth is regular, not very warm one day and correspondingly cold the next, and, above all, see that it is not again exposed to draughts from open windows. Put it on a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and once or twice a week give a small teaspoonful of the mixture you now use as staple as an extra, and three or four times a week a little green food or ripe fruit. Use the latter when greenstuff is over or nipped by frost. Every second day for a week give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and covered with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. If it will not touch this, then soak a small piece of bread in hot milk, sprinkle with soft sugar, and strew a pinch of the seed over it, and stick it between the wires at the end of a perch. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week. If the bird is constipated, add a few drops of honey to the above mixture once or twice until the desired effect is obtained. You might also put a bit of fat boiled bacon between the wires for it to peck at for a time.

Various.

T.N.Z.—1, If you sow a little summer rape seed in pots or boxes, and keep in a fairly warm place indoors, you will very soon have a supply of excellent green food. The waste seed out of the cages may also be utilised for this purpose, as well as any kind of seeds of the cabbage tribe, or lettuce. (2) In minute doses, turpentine is not poisonous, but to force a drop or two down the throat of a small bird, is, if not poisonous, almost or quite as bad. It is often used to moisten a feather with which to remove gapeworm from the throats of fowls, but I doubt whether small cage birds can endure such treatment without winking. 3, Neither maw seed nor warm water is essential for the well-being of birds during winter, but if you don't mind the trouble of giving water lukewarm now and again they might appreciate your good intention, and it could do no harm. 4, Certainly, the age of a hen for breeding matters to a considerable extent. You cannot expect them to retain their youth perpetually any more than other live stock. Young hens are the best to breed with—say up to three years old. Then they gradually become more and more sterile year by year, though some hens retain their vitality much longer than others. 5, If you will look in a few back numbers you will find fully detailed replies for dealing with red mites, repeated over and over again. Look in issue of November 6th, for example, where, I think, you will find full details. What causes the red mites to come? Well, to quote the words of Dr. Watts concerning little dogs, they come because "'tis their nature to."

Quiet and A Puffy Chest.

Puzzled.—Am afraid this hen is in a rather bad way, and may perhaps be troubled with some internal displacement; but I cannot be sure of this from your description. Keep her rather on the warm side in temperature, but don't overdo it; and see that she is in a fairly equable place, and where the air is pure and fresh. Let her have a fair-sized cage in which she can exercise freely when disposed, and supply the bath freely in mild weather, provided it does not seem to affect her badly afterwards. In the latter event only give it in bright, mild weather occasionally, and take the chill off the water when putting the bath on the cage. As staple diet, limit her to plain canary seed only for a week, with a very small piece of bread and milk every second day, and on the alternate days a bit of ripe banana or a spray of green food. In the drinking water during this time give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence two days in every three. After the first week add to the diet half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, and gold of pleasure, once a week, and twice a week a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a spray of watercress, or chickweed if obtainable in good condition, four times a week. Restrict the diet to this for another three or four weeks, of course, omitting the bread and milk mentioned above, during this latter period, and in the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. If not quite well in, say, a month, write again, and mention this reply.

Yorkshire Hen Unwell.

A. Taylor.—You do not say whether the hen has just begun to moult for the first time this season, or whether she has already moulted, and has commenced dropping feathers again. I imagine you are keeping her in an unsuitable place, and perhaps also treating her generally different from what she has been accustomed to prior to coming into your possession. If she has not moulted before this season you must keep her now in a fairly warm place in order to encourage the speedy progress of the moult. Allow her to bathe freely, provided she does not appear to collapse afterwards, but avoid extreme variations of temperature and draughts in particular. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and give separately every second day a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and twice a week on the alternate days give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little soft food, sugar and on two other days a small pinch of a mixture of inga and gold of pleasure. Give a little green food, if obtainable in good condition, three or four times a week; at other times substitute a bit of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two consecutive days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. But if the bird is now dropping feathers for a second time this season, make the following exceptions to the above treatment. Omit the maw seed, and give in its place a few grains of hemp; and instead of the bread and milk, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and give a mealworm a day for a week or two if available. Give the same medicines in the drinking water, with the addition of twenty drops of chemical food on the alternate days when giving the gentian and acid. See that all your seeds are clean and sound.

Brevities.

Bird Dead (E.S.).—Very sorry to hear of your loss; but judging from post mortem report, it is better so, as no treatment could have done more than given slight and quite temporary relief. Thanks for sending report.

Enamel on Cage (W.L.).—You need not have the slightest fear about keeping your bird in the cage which you have painted all over, in and out, with enamel paint. Provided the enamel is allowed to dry hard before the birds are introduced, cages done in this way are perfectly harmless to the birds, so you need not be afraid because someone has told you the contrary.

Colour of Show Cage (Spangles).—A medium shade of blue. If my memory serves me rightly, the Lizard show cage is standardised, so to speak, by the club fostering the variety. Doubtless a polite request accompanied by a stamped address to the Hon. Secretary of the L. and L.F.A. would bring you a specimen of the exact shade of colour approved of by the club.

Another Sample (G. Dear).—Only one of your samples reached me, so one has either been lost in transit, or you failed to enclose both. The sample I received is the one marked No. 2, Canary. It is very small and thin, and altogether quite a low grade sample, although it is quite sweet, and appears nice and clean. It is not a sample I would recommend for feeding valuable stock. Thanks for good wishes. Glad to hear birds are now doing "pretty well."

Swelling near Eye (E.D.P.).—Sorry I cannot give you more helpful advice, but I feel you cannot be better advised than by showing the bird to a veterinary surgeon, whose advice will be the more valuable for the advantage of a personal examination. I have very little doubt but that the swelling is due to the growth of a small tumour, and the only treatment that would be of any avail would be a small surgical operation for its removal. This may be a very easy matter, but I would not advise any interference by an unskilled person, as it is very easy to do far more harm than good. You might slightly anoint the part with a little pure vaseline to relieve the irritation.

Breathes Heavily (C.H.T.).—It is not unlikely the heavy breathing may be due to overfeeding. Try the effect of twenty drops whisky, ten oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in its drinking water for a few days, and if this does not relieve the symptoms, say, within a week, put the bird on a diet of plain canary, with

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a fairly liberal supply of green food daily, and a half-teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week. In the drinking water give, instead of the above, six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

German Paste (G.N.A.).—This compound is not a suitable food for any variety of Canary, neither for daily, or occasional use, nor during the moulting or breeding season. It used to be commonly employed for feeding soft-billed birds, but has been almost entirely displaced by more suitable and wholesome foods. Our British bird expert would tell you what kind of birds it might be used for, and how to use it.

Seed Samples (Esk).—The sample marked 11/- is only just moderately fair in quality. The Spanish at 19/- (not 11/- as you say in letter) is much better, and of very fair quality. The Spanish at 22/-, though much superior to either of the others in size, is, in my opinion, rather damp, and inclined to mustiness, and therefore the least desirable of the batch. The other sample which is what you say you received is not the same as the one marked 22/-, but it is considerably better in quality than that sample, although smaller in size, and not so plump. It is practically the same as the 19/- sample.

Bare Round Neck (Miss Collins).—I do not suppose the air has anything to do with it, as it is quite common, especially among aged birds, and is not peculiar to any district. Neither is it always amenable to treatment, as a good deal depends upon feeding and management. First, see the food is as nearly as possible the same as frequently advised in these columns for singing birds. Keep bird in a comfortably warm place—not too warm, to be enervating, but just away from the cold or chilly side—and guard strictly against all draughts. Allow it to bathe freely, and see there are no red mites in cage. For the next two or three weeks give twice a week a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, then slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar. Give twenty drops chemical food in drinking water every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days in the first week six drops tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid.

A Broken Flight (E.P.).—Yes, certainly you may remove the broken flight. Draw it out with a firm, gentle pull, without any jerking, at once, and it will be re-grown to its full length in six weeks' time. As the bird is non-fed, there will be no necessity to give any colour whilst the new feather is growing. You must not exhibit the bird whilst the feather is absent, but might do so in a month from time of removing the feather, as by that time the new feather will be well forward, so that its character can be easily observed.

Hoarse Voice (B.S.M.).—It is not uncommon for some birds to be a trifle hoarse for a week of two after they first resume singing after moulting. Provided you take due care to prevent exposure to cold and draughts, all you need do is to add a few drops of glycerine and a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea to its drinking water for a few days, and give a piece of bread and milk sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed and soft sugar every second day for a week or so. If this does not soon have the desired effect, mix as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in half a teaspoonful of honey, make into a soft paste with hard-boiled yolk of egg, and give a piece the size of a pea on the end of a perch daily for a short time.

Wild Seeds (Torquay).—I cannot undertake to name the species to which any mixed seed belongs. I doubt if a professed botanist would do so. The only way to get at such identification would be to plant some seeds and obtain specimens of the plant and flower, and seed heads. As a mere opinion, I should say the seed in No. 1 packet is that of the ox-eye daisy, or a closely related species. No. 2, is probably the real charlock. No. 3, which you say is locally called charlock or ragwort, is probably the latter, which is a species of the genus Senice, closely related to groundsel, and quite distinct from charlock. This last is often locally termed kedlock, or ketlock, by farmers, and bears a flower closely resembling the cabbage of our gardens. It is the yellow blossom you sometimes see flourishing abundantly in fields of young oats, wheat, or barley.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

What Birds?

E.D.P.—Re the Flycatcher, I shall have to ask your forbearance till our next issue, before giving you the species of this bird. The other bird, whose description you send is certainly a Mesia, very probably an immature Silver-eared, but this also I will look up and give you a definite reply in next issue, or probably earlier by post. If taken in time, a few chillies mixed with the seed mixture checks sneezing. I have also found a little eucalyptus oil underneath the sand tray very helpful in obstinate cases, and I also promptly give, if the sneezing does not promptly yield to treatment, the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts; one teaspoonful of the mixture to each ounce of the drinking water till the cold yields. I hope there will be no need for you to use the prescription; there should not be if you keep the Pionus out of draught and avoid a variable temperature as far as possible.

A Suitable Cage Pet.

M.D.R.—The Conures I am afraid are all too noisy, beautiful as most of them are, and I cannot advise you to procure one as a room pet. The Yellow-Collar is a handsome species, and not at all noisy, but its whistle is often repeated, and becomes very monotonous. The Barnard's Parrakeet is very handsome, and quieter than most, there was one advertised in our columns last week, which I happen to know is very tame, and would make a nice pet. The genus Brotogerys as a rule make nice pets, they are small in size, not noisy, and though somewhat fragile when first imported, once over the hardships of importance, are not difficult to keep in condition with ordinary care. These birds are not very often on the market, but are not very costly either; they are larger than a Budgerigar, but smaller than a Cockatoil. The Canary-winged, Tovi, Golden-fronted, and Tui Parrakeets, are all Brotogerys, and all make nice pets when once properly tamed; with a little care they soon become finger tame and attached to their owner.

Naming a Parrot.

Canary Breeder.—(1) It is a Blue-fronted Amazon, a native of South America, usually robust and vigorous; most individuals make good talkers and mimics, but their articulation is not usually so clear as that of the Grey Parrot. (2) Seed mixture:—Canary, white millet, hemp, oats, dari, small maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, in equal parts; well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, green food, and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. The above is a wholesome and varied dietary, and should suffice to keep your bird in condition. (3) The most effective way to keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also talk to and pet it, also try the constant repetition of words and short sentences when it is quiet and restful. (4) I strongly suspect the bird has been wrongly dieted before coming into your possession; birds that get a bit of everything usually, sooner or later, turn out feather pluckers. All you can do is to give it a cooling aperient—Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) is about the best; give this every third day so long as the voidings are not watery. Diet strictly as above, and the bird will gradually lose its present heated condition. If you suspect parasites, spray it on sunny, genial days with quassia solution; carefully guard against draught till day. At this season of the year I should not offer a bath, but spray it with tepid water occasionally, when the weather is mild and sunny.

A Sick Grey.

Mrs. W. W.—I much fear it is now almost too late, and that the complaint has now reached an acute stage. After draining all moisture away from the boiled maize, well dust same with flowers of sulphur, and continue this for some time, also keep a tin of the following seed mixture in its cage: Canary, white millet, hemp, oats, sunflower and paddy rice in equal parts. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts and cuttlefish. Do not on any account give tea, coffee or milksops, table scraps or any kind of animal food. Give, say, three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with three days between each dose—one teaspoonful of the magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water. Also will colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, when not giving the magnesia. At periods of collapse or weakness, give it a few sips of weak brandy and water (chilled) from a spoon. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and once or twice a day, put a little in bird's mouth with a feather or camel hair brush, well cleansing the brush after each occasion. Use a crock or glass drinker when giving drugs. Persevere with the above treatment if the bird still lives, and there should soon be some improvement.

Brevities.

What Parrot? ("Torrap"). It is the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet, and your kitchen is certainly too warm for it, and the temperature too variable. I should say it would do well in your sitting room, providing you can give it some position free from draught. If your rooms open into one another, it would be an advantage to leave the door open when convenient, and the air from the kitchen would materially increase the temperature of the sitting-room—or an ordinary lamp stood on the floor at night with the room closed for an hour or two would make it comfortably warm; but unless the cold is very acute it should need no artificial heat. If kept in the kitchen, it must have the coolest and airiest corner that is free from draught.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cage (Funcier).—You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 7d. post free from this office, very helpful. I think your better plan would be to put two pairs of Budgerigars into the cage that is 4ft. long, hanging up four husks at top of cage, well to the back, but with the husk opening towards the light. Your 30-inch cage would answer well for a flight for young birds as soon as they can fend for themselves, previous to their being disposed of. Procure the largest and best coloured stock you can obtain, see them before purchase—you can procure them any time—and they will then become accustomed to their quarters before the spring breeding commences. They are a hardy species, and need no artificial heat; but even the hardiest of birds cannot endure draught for any length of time, but soon "shuffle off" if subjected to it. Diet: Canary, white or spray millet; green food, oats and grit.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Linnet Ailing.

G. Clayton.—As the bird is "all of a lump," the chance of a cure does not look rosy. Perhaps you upset it with a change of diet. Give in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn. This for 24 hours; then allow a day's interval on plain water, when repeat the dose at half strength. Pity you did not tell me how you are feeding the bird. Let it have some maw, lettuce, and dandelion seeds, in addition to its usual mixture, which should consist of the following: Canary and teazle two parts each, charlock and summer rape one part each, by measure. At any good seed shop you will be able to get this mixed for you.

About a Goldfinch.

Smith of Kennington.—If by "funny noises" you mean the bird sort of sneezes, then I should say you are right in suspecting that it has caught a cold. Is it hung in the window in a draught? Get a chemist to mix you one ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuhana wine, and stir a small teaspoonful into each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Keep this up for a few days, and see what improvement is made by the bird. You are feeding it badly (in my opinion). The stock mixture should be: Canary, teazle, and hemp equal parts, with just a tiny sprinkling of charlock, linseed, and summer rape. A little niger, maw, thistle, and dandelion should be appreciated daily whilst ailing, and help to pull the bird round.

Three Birds.

Marchpane.—Yes; you will find the song of the Blackcap improve wonderfully. It is always more or less disjointed at first after the moult. This applies to most other Softbills, too. The "gasping" Redstart is in all probability too fat, or with a touch of indigestion. Stir a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

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Leave in for 24 hours, then give one more dose after a day's interval upon plain water. Don't give too many mealworms. The probability is that the plumage of the Linnet will not come right until he moults once again. You could try the effect of giving for 12 or 14 days a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Does the bird bathe at all? If not, this may account for any roughness.

Only Disaster.

A. B. C.—It is a complete puzzle to me why some people apparently cannot keep Goldfinches and Linnets alive. It is very seldom I lose one myself. I advise you, as soon as you see a bird look in the slightest degree "puffy," to cage it up singly (if not already by itself), and give it the stock mixture lightly crushed, with a change to wild seed mixture, or maw, niger, thistle, dandelion, lettuce, etc. A change of food often works wonders. As medicine, give as much crushed Glauber salts as will cover a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, with half a teaspoonful of brandy added. Leave on for 24 hours, and repeat once or twice if it seems necessary, but with a day's interval between each dose. The great thing is to give it in time. It should be given occasionally to all newly-caught birds, as it wards off stomach trouble.

Brevities.

What Bird? (Larkie).—The birds you describe are Reed Buntings, cock and hen. A common name for this species is Reed Sparrow. They are of little monetary value (as a reference to our advertisement columns will show you). Canary seed they live upon, chiefly, with a little insectivorous mixture and live foods.

Young Bullfinches (C.E.B.).—At their first moult (in the autumn of the year in which they are born), Bullfinches, both cock and hen, acquire the black poll, and the cock comes a salmon-pink on the breast. Your bird must be very late in moulting; else it is a freak. Even in the hen the nestling feathers can easily be distinguished from the new feathers which appear at the moult. I cannot say more without seeing the bird. The chances, however, are that it is a hen.

A Goldfinch (J. Lamburn).—For seed mixture see reply given "Smith of Kennington" this week. It is much the better plan to hang a bath in the cage in the morning, and let the bird please himself whether he bathes or not; spraying should be resorted to only where a bird persists in declining to take a dip of its own accord. As a general rule, Goldies will only eat seed; some like a little soft-food and others a tiny mealworm or the grubs out of thistle-heads.

Identity of Birds? (W. Barker).—The birds you describe as having been "netted by a catcher near St. Albans," are Crossbills. Are you sure he did not get them from a London (or other) importer? They are quite common in the trade, large numbers frequently being sent over from the Continent.

[Owing to temporary indisposition, Mr. Weston has reluctantly had to leave a number of questions unanswered this week.—Editor.]

POST MORTEM.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Shama (Indian).—Chronic softening of liver and apoplexy. Body disposed of as requested.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Illustrated Ideas (A. H. Wilkes).—This perch is already the subject of a patent, so the device (or a colourable imitation), cannot be reproduced.—(T. K. Durnford).—How do you clean the cage bottom without removing the bird from the cage?

Lancaster Show (A Member).—Thanks for your kindness, but we had already arranged to receive a report.

A Crest (J. G. H.).—Thanks for the suggestion, which we will endeavour to give effect to.

A Report (H. Schneider).—Thanks for your thoughtfulness; we had arranged to have a report sent us.

Correspondence.

A Bird that has a Tooth.

Sir,—A friend asked me the other day if I had ever seen a bird with a tooth. I said I had not; but my friend told me he had. One day while out with his father (catching) his father showed him one bird he called a "Bunting Lark," and showed him the tooth in the middle of the top beak. After this he put the bird in the store cage with the other birds, but on arriving home found (to his horror) the "Bunting Lark," as he called it, had killed quite half the other birds. I should be pleased if any of your readers would tell me what the bird in question was.

F. J. Child.

Cuckoos in Captivity.

Sir,—You will be sorry to hear that my young Cuckoo died on November 20. Somehow or the other he got a cankered mouth about six weeks ago. I thought often I should pull him through. The inflammation would set in time after time and prevent his breathing till I had bathed his head in warm water, and put vaseline, zinc, or boracic ointment on it, and given him alum or borax and honey. I also tried salts in his drinking water and afterwards Cage Birds' tonic. He was moulting, too, his feathers all coming off the head and neck. Notwithstanding this, he was intelligent and lively at times when his breathing was easy, and called my attention to every sound. Cuckoos are wonderfully quick at hearing. I suppose all birds of passage are. The last thing he noticed was the little Robin on the rails outside, and I carried him to the window to see it, as I generally did. I should like to know if Mr. Shaddock has been successful with his, as he said he should write from time to time in Cage Birds concerning its progress. My old bird is moulting, too (and will be a much lighter grey), but is keeping very well up to the present, and does not appear to be affected by the cold, as he was last winter. The bird I have lost was unmistakably the male bird. He had a noble carriage, standing much higher than the other one, and had a broader chest, a larger head and a kind of bag or craw on the right side of his neck, which he puffed out and filled with wind when he was going to call out, which he always did if I had been out. He never forgot to welcome me when I came in, and became quite friendly with all the other birds, except the other Cuckoo. I could never have them out together, they would fight so. I miss the little chap dreadfully at present. He would sit and watch me sewing, with his head on one side, just like the old one, and as soon as I looked up he would snap his beak and shake his head. I called it "throwing a kiss," and he knew what I meant when I asked him to do it. So does the old one. I am afraid he suffered a great deal at times, but he was a patient bird and grateful, too, in his way, for what was done for him. He was strong and would dash his piece of beef on the bottom of his cage till it was a pulp before he tossed it up and swallowed it. He would "tackle" half a pound if he was on the table where it was before I cut it up. I really believe if he had not had the bad mouth, he would have weathered the winter, providing I took the precaution to keep the room warm at night, which, of course, I do for the other Cuckoo. I was pleased that the photo looked so well in Cage Birds. I hope by and bye my bird will be looking quite fit to sit for a better one.

(Mrs.) E. M. Sargeant.

Nailed to the Counter.

Sir,—Having been accused of not breeding my unlighted Yellow Yorkshire Cock, 1st Blaydon and 1st Wallsend, in novice classes, I beg to contradict the statement that I bought it, as I both bred the bird and the parents of it. I hope this letter will end the false statements being circulated.

Wm. Mather.

The Proposed New Society at Falkirk.

Sir,—Kindly grant me space to express my views anent a new society forming in Falkirk and district. This is the ultimatum of a member who finds himself in the minority, and who cannot at all times be ruled by the majority. There are already two societies in Falkirk holding members' shows. Falkirk is located on the main line between Glasgow and Edinburgh and has a good train service from all parts of Scotland. It is well situated for an open show. I hope one or other of the societies already formed (who are both of good standing) will give this their consideration at an early date and do for other fanciers what the latter are doing for them, namely, hold open shows.

Well Wisher.

Mules as Foster Parents.

Sir,—Would some kind reader, who has had experience in using hen Mules as foster mothers kindly instruct the ignorant (through your valuable columns) in regard to the best way to proceed? I am keeping two hen Mules this year in the hope that they will feed some of next season's young birds, but I hardly know how to make the best use of them. I have thought of placing a cock with them, and when they have been driven to nest to transfer other birds' eggs to their nests for incubation, etc, When the netter to whom "Amateur" appeals, answers his question, possibly he will not mind adding instructions as to the way to repair a rent in a square-meshed net.

Learner.

The Late-Entry Nuisance.

Sir,—In looking through Cage Birds week by week, I notice a large number of show officials are compelled to extend their date of entry. Now I feel very strongly—from a secretary's point of view—on this matter. Last year you published a letter from me on the same subject, but it received no practical response. Year by year the late-entry nuisance gets worse and worse. What is the meaning of it, when old-established and well-managed shows have to extend their dates and almost pray for entries? I am of the opinion that it is largely due to want of thought on the part of the intending exhibitor. Most shows advertise their closing date about a week before their show. Now it is just as easy for exhibitors to send off their entries on a Wednesday as it is on a Sunday. Take our late show as an example. The night the entries closed we only had 12 in, out of a total of over 600. On the Monday, two days before the show, over 100 came in, and some of those by the last (8 o'clock) post. Of course, we had to have the usual whip-up advertisements and postcards, and I know that a number of the entries that came in late were in response to these, and our thanks are due to those who helped make our show the success it was. But my contention is, that there should be no need for all the extra bother and worry. May I, in conclusion, ask for some consideration on the part of exhibitors towards show secretaries and managers, who have quite enough to worry them without the late-entry nuisance?

A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec. Cheltenham C.B.S.

Alleged "Rough Treatment" at Bodmin Show.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a little space to let the Fancy in general know of my very rough treatment at Bodmin Show. I entered a bird in the class for clear buff Yorkshires, and the Western Morning News reported her as 1st prize winner. The bird returned later in the day minus the prize card, so I wrote the secretary for it, and he informed me that the Western Morning News was in error, and that my bird did not get a card. Meantime my Cage Birds had arrived, and I saw that also gave me first prize, and the description of my bird was true to life. So I wrote the judge, and he gave me the numbers of the winners, which corresponded, of course, with the secretary's statement. But there was this difference in the letters. The sec. said that the paper was in error, and the judge said that the mistake was in making out the cards, and that it was not rectified until after the notes for Cage Birds were taken. Now, sir, this would be very laughable if it were not a serious matter for exhibitors. For instance, the judge says practically that the card was put up to 784 instead of 785, and only because it happened to have the card when notes were taken, was a glowing account given in the Press while the bird which should have had 1st, according to sec., got not even a word of sympathy. But the most serious part to the Fancy is this: The judge admits that the mistake was not rectified until the reports were taken. Now is it honest and just that any alteration in awards should be made after the catalogues are issued to anyone outside the secretaries? If so, it would be a very easy matter for any judge to discover, even after notes are taken, that he has awarded the prize to the wrong "exhibitor," and the mistake can be "rectified" without any suspicion. I don't say there is in my case, but I am writing you on principle. I have not been furnished with name of the owner of 785, nor have I seen any claim made in your paper to the prize, but I note that the Cornish and Devon Post of Friday last, more than a week after the show, still credits me with the win. In conclusion, let me say that bird fanciers are indignant at my treatment, and the majority are of the opinion that I can claim the prize. I should like to have your opinion on this latter matter.

W. T. Collins.

It seems to us that the error arose through a mistake on the part of the person who made out the prize cards from the judge's slip, a by no means uncommon mistake at shows during the great pressure of work at the moment. Of course, if the judge's original slip gave No. 784 first place, then our correspondent is entitled to the prize; but not otherwise.—Editor.

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space in our worthy Cage Birds to reply to an unworthy contribution in last week's issue, re the W.C.B.C., and the late Swansea Show. As he who runs may read, the aim of the writer was a contemptible underaction towards a club which has done and is still doing much to raise the Fancy to a better footing, and ultimately an ideal elevation—our object being to improve the classification and prize-money in Wales. Mr. Hitchings has yet to learn—"Semper il mal non vieue per nuscere." I may say that the members of the W.C.B.C. are one in unity, in harmony, and in action, and need "no enlightenment" (to quote Mr. H.'s words) regarding the withdrawal of our patronage from Swansea Show; there is none in our club as ignorant of the facts as he will have the readers of Cage Birds believe. You state, Mr. H., that a copy of rules was forwarded to you. I say you yourself (as well as other secretaries) received a book containing classification and rules (besides, this was not the first time for *you* to receive such) which other secretaries and societies were capable of comprehending and readily complied with—it is not our fault that your understanding respecting the said classification and rules evidently spelt vacuum. I must contradict your statement re your classification of 1907. You will find you had two classes for Crest and Crest-bred and two for Scotch Fancy. So do no injustice to your own society by denying the truth. Do not mislead readers by misrepresentations—the W.C.B.C. do not require 7 or 8 classes in each variety, but we believe in being fair to all our members and giving each a chance to compete for the medals and specials, whereas, according to your classification, some of our members would have been left out in the cold (so to speak), being debarred from competing at all, and I am pleased to say that the brotherly feeling which exists in our club resented it, and we preferred not competing under such circumstances. Supposing there were only two exhibitors in each variety in Wales, I take it that the Swansea Society did not confine their show to Wales only, and that other exhibitors from different parts of the country would have entered their exhibits in those classes. I may here say that so far we have been able to transact our business without seeking your aid, and it is quite unnecessary for you to proffer your assistance to other secretaries by warning them to swallow our rules and classification. We take it for granted these gentlemen are able to read, and being able to do this, they will doubtless understand our clearly-written rules and classification without impairing their digestive organs with stray encyclopædia, even if you failed to grasp the situation by doing so. In answer to your question whether our rules and classification are complied with by other societies in Wales? that is a matter which we have the option of agreeing or disagreeing with, as we have shown you.

G. T. Jones, Hon. Sec. W.C.B.C.

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An Inexpensive Lark Food.

SIR,—Looking through our last grand double number of CAGE BIRDS, I see a brother fancier, "Redpoll," gives us an inexpensive Lark food, viz., peaneal, oatmeal and dripping. I should like to know if he would tell us how to mix it—wet or dry—and what quantity. I wish the birdieman's book of knowledge, CAGE BIRDS, great success.

H. PALMER.

One Pound Reward.

SIR,—Thanks for putting the notice in CAGE BIRDS last week, though I have heard no word of the missing bird yet. Would you please this week give notice that £1 reward will be paid to any person who will give information that will lead to the recovery of the buff Norwich cock that was stolen at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show?

DAVID DEVOY.

23, George Street, Stranraer.

Bristol F.A. Show and the C.B.U.

SIR,—Mr. Wasley devotes one-half of his last letter to irrelevances, and in conclusion asks me to confine my remarks to the point at issue. He tries to hit me, and asks me not to hit back! I think I need only deal with one or two of his complaints. It is true I have not sent this year's schedule to, or canvassed for entries, directly or indirectly, from any cage bird fancier in Gloucester, but am surprised that Mr. Wasley should complain on that account. He asks me to explain why in our final advertisement I omitted the words "affiliated to the C.B.U." Let me remind him I also omitted, "Crested Canary Club patronage," judges' names, prize-money, etc., and I am sorry Mr. Wasley finds it necessary to have it explained that the omission was from considerations of space. I also omitted my own initials, but the fact did not alter my name. As to his description of my letter as "another of Mr. Maggs' cheap advertisements," let me say I have to thank him for it. I did not seek it. As to the real issue, he commences by stating that I persist that the B.F.A. Show was licensed to be held under C.B.U. rules. I have said nothing of the kind. My position is that in the case of an affiliated society *no license is necessary*, and that the only objection against our date under the new rule giving first choice of dates to purely C.B. societies was withdrawn. The C.B.U. rules were, of course, inserted in our schedules.

G. T. H. MAGGS.

Rebellion in the North.

Newcastle Society Reported as Defying the C.B.U.

SIR,—I hear on good authority that the committee of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S. are up in arms against a decision of the Executive Committee of the Cage Bird Union. It appears that two years ago, at the 1907 show, through an error on the judge's part, a valuable set of carvers was awarded to Mr. Lister's Crest, whilst Mr. Taylor's Crest, "King Edward," which was entitled to compete, was not brought forward for this special, so that according to the judge's slip and catalogue, the special was won by Mr. Lister. However, in the Northern Crest Club Competition, where the same birds competed, the medal was awarded to Mr. Taylor's bird. Knowing this, the Secretaries wrote Mr. Heath, who judged, and his reply was that when judging he was unaware that Mr. Taylor's young bird was entitled to compete for the former special, but, if he was, then the special ought to be given to him, as this bird was undoubtedly the best in the section. According to the wording of the schedule, the carvers were to be given for the "best Crest or Crest-bred," so that the Newcastle Committee, before whom the case came, decided that: "owing to the judge's error, the carvers were wrongly awarded to Mr. Lister, and as Mr. Taylor was justly entitled to them, his bird, according to the judge being the best in the show, they be awarded to Mr. Taylor." This decision was appealed against by Mr. Lister, who took his stand that once a judge's slip is handed in it is unalterable. The No. 1 district committee of the C.B.U. requested the Executive Council to give their decision on the question, and after delays lasting over these two years, that slow-moving body decided in favour of Mr. Lister. The decision, which I believe was not sent from headquarters, but through the Newcastle C.B.S. representatives, was given shortly before the recent show, so that the committee had not had an opportunity to consider it until last week. I am told that the meeting was very stormy, many of the committee considering that the Executive Council instead of supporting the right, have taken a wrong course, and as the decision to give the special to Mr. Taylor was absolutely unanimous both of the committee and afterwards of the society at their monthly meeting, they (the executive) are flouting the wishes of one of the strongest and most progressive societies in existence at the present time and supporting an old and discredited rule that a judge's decision given in error cannot be reversed, even by the judge himself. It was freely said that the Union has not upheld one of the chief principles for which it was formed, viz., to uphold the right. The final decision arrived at was to inform the Union that morally Mr. Taylor was entitled to the carvers, and that they were prepared to support moral right against unjust wrong. What the result will be only time can reveal. Possibly in another two years' time the Executive may again communicate their long-thought-out decisions. And the tussle may be endless. Who knows?

CANNY TOON.

The Wrong-Classed Yorkie at Hucknall Show.

SIR,—Your reporter seems to have his doubts as to the bird in question not being a good coloured yellow hen. I do not wish to argue the matter with either "Your Reporter" or Mr. Vardy, but I would ask them to kindly refer to the report of Bolton Show, Yellow Hen Class, 3rd prize winner. They will then see the opinion of someone who understands a Yorkie.

I. THORP.

[*This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.*]

Even-marked Borders at Biggar Show.

A Curious Point.

SIR,—In the Evenly-marked Border class at Biggar Show, the judge awarded the premier honours to a specimen, marked eyes, wings, and on either side of rump. The judge said the exhibit was a six-pointed specimen. Many present, including myself, thought this bird was foul, and ought to have been in the variegated class. Mr. Gardner, however, gave us all to understand, and left no doubt either, by awarding it first prize, that when a bird has distinct markings on rump (Mr. Gardner is very particular about the word distinct), it is six-pointed. Now, I was not exhibiting in the even-marked class, but am very sweet on trying to breed these beautiful birds, and as a member of the Border Fancy Club, I ask the secretary if a rump-marked bird is allowed in even-marked classes? The judge also informed me he would be glad of some information on this point, and I trust exhibitors and breeders will contribute their opinions. I write this (as Mr. Gardner knows) through no ill-feeling but rather as a searcher after knowledge, and I trust we shall get some enlightenment on this disputed question.

U. M. J.

SIR,—Kindly permit me a small space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, concerning the judging of Even-marked Borders at Biggar Show on November 20th by Mr. Gardner (Bathgate), who by the way seems to hold that the following is an Even-mark, viz.:—Both eyes, both wings, and a complete ring (not underflue, mind, but a complete visible surface mark) round root of tail, at vent. This Mr. Gardner awarded first prize in a class of perfect Even-marks including I may say Mr. Aitchison's young Even-mark Buff hen, 2nd at the last City of Glasgow Show, also the Even-mark Buff cock, 3rd at the last Scottish National. On behalf of others as well as myself, I ask the question: What is an Even-mark, and what a variegated bird? I myself thought this bird should have been in the Yellow Uneven class, and this seemed the general opinion.

CRITIQUE.

Some Questions for Catchers and Net Makers.

SIR,—I assure "Amateur" that his kind remarks were much appreciated by myself. Answering his queries in order, I myself do not aspire to net making, but I venture to say that the top arming is "cast on" to his net proper, and a very good arming is made by using "sea fishing line." Some more experienced net maker may probably answer his question more to his satisfaction. Respecting those Goldies, have they been sharped? I should think they have, by reading the letter, as they seem such an intelligent lot. But if you have plenty of time on your hands, pay plenty of attention to the spot. Then, after the Goldies have got over their shyness somewhat, put into action the "furrowing" method, and in the place of the flirt line, bobber, and braced bird, get some hen Finches brace them, and use as "runners"; that method was fully explained in my recent lecture. If you cannot afford all hen Goldies use some very bright cock Greenies. I would also advise (if the task is not too much) to clear those thistles away, just leaving a few near the spot which you intend laying out upon. If your spot is not more than a good cycle ride from my home in London I would delight in having a "go" at them one week end; anything under 30 miles I wouldn't mind. I trust my humble opinion is of some service, and that you may yet bag those Finches, and get some "toppers." Keep under cover as much as possible when catching the Goldies.

H. J. HAWES.

Red String and Show-Cage Labels.

SIR,—At Bournemouth Show last week I noticed a fancier who exhibited in a large number of classes and and I saw all these birds had their labels tied on with red string. Can any fancier tell me if the use of red string is just?

T. W., BOURNEMOUTH.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed.

Two Birds Missing.

SIR,—I am pleased to say I received my birds quite safe from Hucknall Show on the Monday night after, and I followed my letter up to CAGE BIRDS with a post-card asking the editor to stop the insertion of my letter; but this must have miscarried. I am very thankful to the Hucknall secretary for the way in which he looked after my birds, and I hope my letter will not prove the slightest detriment to Hucknall Torkard Show.

H. HATHAWAY.

A New Society for Selston and District.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that a meeting was held by the fanciers in Selston and District to form a society for the improvement of the breeding of cage birds, etc., by holding meetings and shows. Twenty-eight names were given in for membership, which augurs well, and we consider this a good beginning and one which, I am sure, should lead to making the society a good one. It was decided to name the society the Selston and District Society. The membership is restricted to a radius of 5 miles. The next general meeting was arranged to take place in the schoolroom (Selston) at 7 p.m. on December 4th, when we hope to enrol several new names for membership. Any one residing in the district who has not been communicated with, and who is interested in the Fancy, I shall be pleased to give any information to, if he (or she) will send me name and address.

J. H. MITCHELL, Sec. pro tem.,
Mount Pleasant, Riddings, Derbyshire.

Is the Yorkshire Advancing?

SIR,—The sketches in your last issue of the heads of Yorkshires now winning in the South come at an opportune moment. It is very seldom that I take the trouble to "rush into print" in your correspondence columns, but I should like to say that I believe there are a number of exhibitors (including myself) down South who are (what shall I say?) often taken back and discouraged with the uncertainties in exhibiting, owing to the different tastes of those who are appointed judges. I may be placed in the category of "disappointed exhibitors," but the facts do not justify such an assumption. I am one of the first to praise and admire a good Yorkie, and am quite ready to admit when I am beaten. Unfortunately at some recent shows in going through the wards, one cannot understand what points the judge has been going for. In some classes the smaller ones are favoured, and in others the larger specimens, which is not consistent. Then, again, all the heads sketched by your artist seem to be in the prize money. How can this be justified? We also hear it said, and it is quite true, "You had better send that bird under So and So; it is just his style." Now where does the "Standard" of the "gentleman" of the Canary world come in? If there is, as there should be, only one standard for type, quality and position, why is it that this standard is not followed and adhered to throughout? A Yorkie, as I understand him, should be slim and alert; but how many plump ones, more like long Norwich, get into the cards? My motto is: "Let the best bird win"; but let us understand clearly which is to be considered the best, or correct, type to breed for. I should be glad if other exhibitors would kindly give their views on the subject, as I think it is a matter that requires the careful consideration of exhibitors, so that a remedy may be found, if possible, for the evil.

H. E. PARROTT.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Jowett, I should advise you not to give up in despair, but to try again, and you will find a judge that will take to your birds. Now to be a successful exhibitor you have to find out your man. We have a standard to go by, but the judges don't go by the standard. I have seen birds put up that were not worthy of the name of Norwich Plainhead. If they had colour, that was enough; up they went to the top, and good birds paler in colour were put down. But I don't say there are no good birds knocking about; far from it. There are, and a good many. So don't be discouraged, Mr. J., but have another go with your birds. I have seen my birds put down when I thought they should have been higher, and I have seen it the other way. But I take my wins and losses like a man. The path of a breeder and exhibitor of Canaries is not a path of roses by a long way. I am always willing to do what I can to further advance our hobby. I shall be glad to give my opinion on anything you send to our esteemed paper.

R. E. WORTHINGTON.

SIR,—I am sorry, Mr. Bertie, I had to speak so roughly about your birds at Accrington. But what else could I do after reading your letters on the present-day Norwich, and after seeing the "Modern" Norwich Plainheads exhibited by you? Now, the Green was far and away the best bird of the four, and he should have been "wrong classed." Mr. Cook's "champion" was not there, but only a stock bird. There were only six entries in the class. I am not "talking through my hat," as I don't wear one. But let us have a different bird from what I saw there for our ideal. Now the present-day Norwich are as good as I have seen for years, both in England and Scotland. What about the variegated now shown by Mr. T. Sandiford (formerly Mr. Watson's), and also Messrs. Aitchison and Winter's birds (a credit to Scotland), and a host of others? Again, I say, be careful what you write about other people's birds. You say that you supplied those winners, but you don't say who bred them; they surely did not come off those birds that I saw. Whether I know what a Norwich bird is, I will leave readers who know me to judge.

R. E. WORTHINGTON.

SIR,—I have been waiting for some abler pen than mine to take up this controversy. It seems to me there should be a model adopted to breed to. Messrs. Key, Williams and Moss are perfectly right in what they say about some of the winning Norwich. Now the Norwich Plainhead Club should say what we must breed to; it does not matter to me whether Wagtail, Duckfronted, Bullfinch, Robin or Greenfinch, or any other type they may suggest. Then, above all, they should see that our judges put the best typical birds to the front. I should like to suggest Bullfinch or Greenfinch type. Look at the compactness of a Greenfinch; short wings and tail, just what we want, and what some of our noted Norwich fanciers would like to lay hold of. I hope some other fanciers will suggest something. Now is the time to open your minds and express your opinions. Don't go to the club and show rooms and start grumbling, because you may disgust some young fancier who intends taking up the Norwich Plainhead.

JOSEPH ROUND.

[Our correspondent would seem to be unaware of the fact that the Norwich Plainhead Club adopted a model some eighteen months or two years ago.—EDITOR.]

Proposed Cage Bird Society for the Shildons and District.

SIR,—A meeting of cage bird fanciers will be held at the Masons' Arms Hotel, New Shildon, on Monday night, November 29th, at 8 o'clock, to try and form a new society for the Shildons and District. A good attendance of fanciers is earnestly requested.

THOS. LIVESEY.

34, Adelaide Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.

Suggested Open Cage Bird Show for Brighton.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to give my opinion as to the suggested open show for Brighton. It is close on two years now since I heard it suggested for the first time. I should very much like to see a cage bird society formed for the south coast. Therefore, let the "Queen of Watering Places"—Brighton—be the centre. Also, let the society have a radius, say, from Hastings to Portsmouth for its membership. Also, let its committeemen be, say, two from each town. There are some good fanciers in and between the above-named towns, and also some shows, which would, of course, have the society's support. I hope some abler pen than mine will get these fanciers together to form a South Coast Cage Bird Society, distinct from any other association. As to the other part of "Visitor's" letter, i.e., as to the classes not filling, my opinion is, that two classes for each variety of Canary are enough. I also think that the entrance fee is quite enough for the small prize money, which is on the sliding scale. I think, too, that the schedules should be in the hands of exhibitors four days before the date on which the entries close. I received my schedule late one day, and the entries I found closed the next; this is sharp work. I well know the work that has to be got through, if societies are to come out on the right side of shows. The failure to send out schedules earlier was, I believe, why the classes did not fill.

ALBERT BURTENSHAW (exhibitor).

P.S.—It was suggested to me by a few well-known exhibitors that a cage bird society was about to be formed, and I take it, now is the time to get about it. "Visitor" would then no doubt see that a good open show would be supported by its south coast members.—A.B.

My Experiences with Norwich Canaries.

By G. GWILLIAM, GLOUCESTER.

I will try and give an account of my experience in the breeding and exhibiting of the Norwich Plainhead Canary. From the time when I was quite a little boy I have been very fond of birds, and many times have I broken the rules by robbing wild ones of their nests of young, when I little knew how to rear them. I have climbed many high trees at the risk of breaking my legs in order to get them. Having got them, I have had to ask my mother if I could keep them in the house. If she said yes, I was as pleased as a King. I did not forget to give instructions as to how they were to be fed, although I know very little about it myself. And many times I have taken them up in my bedroom at night so that I might be able to give them an early feed. I could keep them alive for a day or two; then the trouble would commence. When I came home from school, my mother would tell me one of the birds was dead, and that it was the best bird that had gone. Then in the morning I would find one or two more dead, and so on till all were gone.

But that did not daunt me. I would go on again until I was successful in rearing one or two. Of course, I had no proper place in which to keep them. After leaving school, having a little pocket money, I decided to go in for racing pigeons, and was very successful, winning many races with them; but I found them a very expensive hobby, and the time came when I decided to give them up. I knew, too, that when I became the proud possessor of a wife and a home of my own I should be able to have a room in which to keep whatever variety of cage birds I intended to take up with.

The Norwich has it.

I was always very fond of the Canary, so I thought it would be best for me to purchase two pairs of common ones, in order that I might gain a little experience in the feeding and rearing of the young. I might say we did not get such valuable information 15 years ago as we do now, thanks to our splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS. In my first year I bred seven young from two pairs. I thought I had done wonderfully well. Then, of course, more cages were wanted. I mated up six pairs the next year, when I thought I was a full-fledged fancier. I had a most successful season, breeding in all 45 youngsters. I could not go wrong it seemed. I began to think Canary breeding quite an easy task. I therefore made up my mind to clear out the whole lot of Common Canaries and go in for some good ones. I attended one or two shows, and was taken very much with the Norwich Plainhead, so I decided on that variety for myself.

The next thing then was where had I best get them? I knew there were some good Norwich Plainheads in Gloucester, so I went to our old fancier friend, Teddy Stephenson, and placed myself in his hands. I told him just what I wanted, and the price I was prepared to pay, and I am pleased to say that he suited me well. I paid him £2 7s. 6d. for two pairs. Of course, I would have had better birds, but everyone knows that when such are wanted they are not to be had.

A Successful Start.

I started my long and careful study with the two pairs, and in my first year I bred nine youngsters. I might say that I was not one of those lucky novices who are able to breed a winner in the first year, but I bred some good stock birds. The next year found me with five pairs up. Of course I had to purchase several more birds to work in with them. I got them from our old friend, as I don't believe in going from one fancier to another, that being where a lot of novices make great mistakes to-day. I had a very good season in my second year, and am proud to say that I bred a winner which I exhibited at Gloucester, being awarded 1st and 3rd prizes in the open classes, and 2nd prize in the novice class. My readers can imagine my feelings when, before getting to the show, I was told how I had got on. It was not long before I was there you may depend, and as proud was I as a lord. Now I decided to become a member of the Gloucester Society, and remained in that society until 1906, when we formed a Cage Bird Society there, which I am pleased to say is progressing well.

My next season found me nearer the leading exhibitors, and I have had the pleasure of beating some toppers with birds which I bred myself. I might say that I have won 70 firsts and numerous specials for best Norwich Plainhead in show. One feat I accomplished was the winning of the open Norwich Plainhead Club challenge bowl and medal, value £6 6s., also the challenge cup, value £5, and gold medals three years in succession. I have never exhibited my own property at the Palace, but have had the honour of having been the breeder of winners in the champion section there.

Some Useful Hints.

I will now give the novice a few hints that may prove of some benefit. If you have some fanciers living in your town who keep the variety you intend to take up with, just take a note of what winning they are doing; then see the fancier whom you select personally, and ask him if he has any birds for sale. If he has he will invite you to have a look round the room, but before you do any business with him make sure he is one of those who breed their own winners, as there are many who buy winners and get a name for themselves, and then look out poor novices to buy off them. If you apply to them for stock they will only be too glad to supply you with something, and if you are the unfortunate purchaser you will be able to warn some other novices some day.

I should advise you to purchase two pairs if your pocket will allow, but I would rather have one good pair than a dozen bad ones. We will suppose then that you are suited with your stock; you would do well to have a pair of feeders, as some birds are very bad feeders, and I have found it always well to have a pair or two for the purpose.

My breeding cages are in a stack—four breeders; or will make eight moulting cages. They are 3ft. long, 16ins. deep, and 11ins. from back to front, with loose fronts. I should advise having the door to open towards you, as sliding doors are very noisy, and are therefore apt to disturb your hens when they are sitting. I also prefer paint (a pale green I use myself); you can then clean them much better. You can also scrub them occasionally. Look out for our friends the red mite. I use a bicycle feeder, filling it with paraffin; you will, if you use this, be able to fill any small crevice you like. I also use nest-boxes with perforated bottoms and seed-boxes, glasses for water, and white earthenware egg-drawers, which last I find keeps the egg-food nice and cool. I supply course sawdust in the bottom of the cage, with a good supply of sand.

Getting the Birds into Condition.

We will assume that you are fixed up with birds and cages, and we will now consider the condition of birds for breeding purposes. I like my hen to fly in a large flight cage during the winter, as I think it very beneficial to them. I commence feeding up my birds at about the middle of February, and I pair up the first week in April. Before pairing up you should see that your hens have got plenty of "go" in them, flying from perch to perch and looking out for a husband. Your cock birds, too, must be in good song.

I give very little egg-food to my birds when getting them into condition, as I think a sound bird wants little feeding up. I like to get some young dandelion leaves and a little mixed seed of the following:—Maw, hemp, niger, and gold of pleasure, which give twice a week. I think that will condition the birds as well as a lot of egg-food, as they are with the latter liable to get fat, and that will mean trouble. I always like to have the hens in the breeding cages about ten days before drawing the slides, as I think that by that time they will have made up their minds as to what they are going to do in the way of housekeeping.

Another important point to consider is the mating up of your birds. It is of no use your thinking that you are alright because you are going to put up, say, four pairs this season. Are they mated up right? That is a very important question. It is no use your putting them together anyhow; you should watch the bad points in both birds, and try if possible to mate the cock to a hen that has not the same bad points as he has himself, and vice versa. I like to have my hens as stylish as I can get them; I am not struck with great big hens. Of course we all like good big ones, but they are few and far between. I like the hen to be of nice quality of feather, good head, and short tail and flights; you will find the offspring of such will follow the hen more than the cock.

I like to have in the cock bird plenty of size and colour, with nice head and substance; I think the head is an important thing worth watching. If you put a Norwich Plainhead with a good body and small head in the show cage, what does he look like? To my mind, just awful. I like to see plenty of head on the shoulders of the birds. Of course, we cannot make them to order, or there would be plenty of winners about to-day. As to what colour hen I prefer, yellow or buff, it does not matter to me which, providing she is a good one. Now, if you are fortunate enough to breed a good yellow green cock bird, or a hen, you will do well to keep it, as you will then be able to maintain the colour, and secure quality of feather.

(To be continued.)

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

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A Coming Cage Bird!

I am very glad to see that the Red or Hooded Siskin (*Chrysomitris cucullata*), about which I was writing in CAGE BIRDS some time back, seems to be getting into the trade at last in rather greater numbers. It cannot, as yet, however, be called either common or cheap, but I believe if once people begin breeding it, it will have a better chance of entering as a competitor with the Canary for the favour of the "man in the street" than any small cage bird I know. The cock has the unusual and handsome colour of black and red, and he is not a "soft-bill" like the Scarlet Tanager, nor does he lose his bright plumage for half the year, like the Bishops; while he has the indispensable attribute of song, and is of a conveniently small size for a cage.

Conjugal Amenities.

One advantage of the species is that cocks and hens are very easily known apart, and though the plain grey plumage of the latter sex is not striking, it is redeemed from insignificance by a touch of red on the breast and wings. I remember a pleasing little scene I once witnessed at the Zoo with a pair they had there. The hen actually started to feed the cock, though I must admit that after delivering him the half-digested mouthful, she changed her mind, and succeeded in reclaiming some of the delicacy! At this time the Zoo's Red Siskins comprised "a husband, a wife, and a *tertium quid*," the third party being the first bird they ever received; a very tame and healthy little bird, which, however, was not of the full scarlet colour, but of a reddish-orange. No doubt a little colour-feeding would often be advisable to keep these birds up to standard. The hen, it is interesting to note, did not desert the mate along with whom she arrived at the gardens, though he was not strong. Perhaps his bright colour was the attraction; it is strange that the Zoo's old bird did not persecute him so far as I saw, though he would occasionally so far forget himself as to hustle the little hen a bit.

Mouse-birds in the Trade.

The Colies, or Mouse-birds, of Africa, are not common in the bird trade at the best of times, and I do not remember ever before seeing what I saw the other day—two species of this curious family on sale together. One was the Red-cheeked Coly (*Colius erythromelon*), a greenish-drab bird with red bill, eye-ceres, and feet; the other species appeared to me to be the Speckled Coly (*C. striatus*), which has the bill, eye-ceres and feet dark. The specimens I saw seemed wilder than the red-faced kind, and they did not sit down on the perches as these often did, confining themselves to acrobatic performances on the wires. These crawling tricks are very characteristic of the Colies, which do not stand up and hop like other birds, but climb about the boughs like mice. Hence their long wiry tails are apt to get very dirty in a cage if great care is not taken. Even when perching, the Red cheeked Coly sits down, like a bird with sore feet, and it turns the outer toe backwards to secure a grip of the perch. The first toe, which should be the hind one, is small, and apparently cannot be turned more than half way to the rear.

The Question of Quids.

The point as to whether birds cast pellets or not is not only of scientific interest, but has some bearing on practical aviculture; but so far very few observations have been published on this subject, although it has long been known that some birds habitually throw up the hard parts of their food—Owls and Kingfishers for example. The practical interest of the question is this: If a bird casts "quids," it is not wise to supply it with food which can be completely assimilated, but some substance of a natural character which will form the pellets should be mixed with the diet. Thus, if you have to feed a Kingfisher long on meat or the cut-up flesh of large fish, it would be advisable to chop this finely and mix therewith some dried flies or ant's eggs, so as to form a bolus, which will cleanse the stomach. Our ancestors were well acquainted with the importance of giving artificial "castings" to their trained Hawks when using food which did not supply such matter naturally.

Wild Bird Life.

November Notes.

The woodlands are thinning, and the hedgerows are becoming bare, the early frosts, the wind and heavy rains have caused the leaves to fall, and summer signs are passing all too quickly. Of autumn beauties we have had our share, and even now many stretches of country show golden tints in the hazy-purplish distance. The thinning of the woods assists the bird lover in his search for subjects; to get a glimpse of the elusive Woodpecker is not so difficult now, the large Green bird and the Greater Spotted species are both fairly plentiful, and are to be seen working on the trunks of the larger trees. But the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker must be searched for among the branches. He is much smaller and more active than his congeners, and I have seen him almost as acrobatic as a Tit, frequently hanging head downwards in his search for food. Woodpigeons, again, are numerous. Whole flocks of them can be seen flitting among the tops of trees; occasionally one may be fortunate enough to get quite close to them while they are feeding under the beeches. They are greedy, voracious birds, and soon clear the ground of the beech nuts, leaving few for the flocks of Chaffinches, which are again fairly plentiful this year. But insect life must abound among the carpet of leaves under the trees, for many birds are to be seen busy here, birds which we know care nothing for the beech masts. Blackbirds, Thrushes, Robins, Tits and Finches may often be found half-buried among the rubbish.

The companies of Tits are becoming interesting. They have not yet taken up a permanent residence in the gardens, but one may see them along the hedgerows of every by-road—the Blue Tit, the Greater Tit, sometimes one or two Cole Tits, and frequently, in this district, a family of Long-tailed Tits. The latter are not at all shy, and will hunt the bushes quite close to one, if the observer will only remain still and quiet. By doing so, I have several times watched them go to roost. They flit about the chosen spot in a restless manner some time before settling; one or two will remain quiet, and the others in turn join the circle, until all are settled, the early birds being apparently fast asleep before the late arrivals have gone through their last wakeful "listen" for danger.

Scarcity of Redshanks.

In many districts the noisy Redshank has not been seen in its accustomed haunts this summer. It is most difficult to find a satisfactory

A Little Known Hawk.

Montagu's Harrier nests regularly with us in the southern counties. It haunts the low-lying fens and marshes, nesting among the reeds. It feeds upon frogs, lizards, and other reptiles, besides all kinds of large insects, and appears to be harmless to birdlife.

A Fierce Owl.

The Tawny or Wood Owl is always ready to protect its young or nest, and it is no uncommon thing for would-be robbers to be attacked by the fierce birds. It is said that a man once lost the use of an eye, through the old bird striking him when he was looking down a hollow tree into the nest.

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BRISTOL.

Third annual show of the Bristol C.B.S. held on Nov. 24th and 25th in the Engineer's Drill Hall, a large and well-lighted building, free from draughts. The entries did not total quite so many as last year, but the average was much better. The quality in the majority of the classes was excellent, the competition in the Norwich and Yorks. being very keen. In the former Messrs. Tristem and Tayler put down a superb team, and annexed the majority of the first prizes. They won members' challenge cup with their unflighted Buff, and were also the runners-up with their grand young Yellow. The members' challenge cup for best Yorkshire was won by Mr. Lovell. This bird (an unflighted Buff) secured the challenge cup at the recent Bristol F. Show. As usual, the members' classes contained some good birds, and the competition in many classes was keen. The exhibits were nicely staged, and well looked after by a good body of fanciers, and we must not forget to mention how hard the three ladies, Mrs. Manley, wife of the hon. secretary, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Tristem, worked. They were quite busy right up to the finish. Mr. Manley again filled the office of hon. secretary, and, as usual, was right on top of his work, having everything running as smoothly and as regularly as clockwork. Mr. J. H. Payne judged Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe the Mules, British, and Foreign.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Tristem and Tayler, splendid shape, grand colour and quality, short wings and tail, nice head and full short neck; 2, Redwood, beautiful feather, close and compact, nice neat head, not quite so cobby as the leader; 3, Silk, good shape, nice head and neck, level colour; 4, Southcombe (Mrs.). BUFF (6): 1, Tristem and Tayler, unflig., magnificent colour, full of quality, close, compact feather, good size and shape, wins challenge cup and spl for best Buff; 2, Brown, good shape, nice quality and col., good chest and back; 3, Silk, nice shape and feather, grand back, closely folded tail; 4, Rowdon, good shape and quality; vhc, Brain; hc, Redwood. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Tristem and Tayler, mkd. eyes and wings and slight tick on neck, bonny shape and size, beautiful quality; 2, Thomas, mkd. neck and saddle, good shape and feather, short flights and tail; 3, Redwood, grand feather and quality, neat tail and flights, not quite so cobby; 4, Banbury, neck tkd., grand col., nice shape, good back and flights; vhc, Tootle; hc, Spoor. BUFF (7): 1, Tristem and Tayler, mkd. wings, neck and breast, magnificent col. and quality, grand size and shape; 2, Spoor, right wing mkd., lovely shape and good size, grand quality of feather; 3, Christian, wing tkd., cobby shape, good under colour and well mealed, short flights; 4, Redwood, mkd. wings, eyes and rump, nice shape and feather, good back and chest; vhc, Mrs. Southcombe; hc, Silk; c, Pool. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Christian, cl., grand size and shape, full deep chest, short neck, nice head, good quality, level col.; 2, Thomas, unflgh. cl., good shape, nice flights and tail, full neck and neat head; 3, Tristem and Tayler, neck mkd., nice quality and col.; 4, Tottle, eye and rump mkd., good shape; vhc, Pool; hc, Mrs. Southcombe; c, Brown. BUFF (13): 1, Tristem and Tayler, thigh tkd., grand shape, nice head and short, full neck, good flights and tail, grandly frosted; 2, Folwell, grand quality of feather and good shape, nicely mealed; 3, Tottle, griz. on head and neck, sweet shape, short flights and tail, lovely quality; 4, Stephenson, mkd. eyes, neck and wings, short flights and tail; vhc, Silk; hc, Pool; c, Brain. YELL. UNFLIG (8): 1, Tristem and Tayler, magnificent col., full of quality, lovely shape, nice short flights and tail, neat head and full neck; 2, Folwell, rattling col. and close, compact feather, short flights and tail; 3, Brown, beautiful col., nice shape, neat head, good flights; 4, Redwood, nice quality, good back, capital wing carriage; vhc, Thomas, hc, Pool; c, Mortara. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Tristem and Tayler, mkd. head, eyes and wings, grand feather, nice col. and quality, good flights, neat tail, rattling fine shape; 2, Banbury, cl., nice shape, good quality, nice head and back, neat tail and wings; 3, Rowdon, mkd. eye and head, grand feather and good shape, nice flights and tail; 4, Midgley, head and left wing mkd., good shape; hc, Brown; c, Redwood. NON-FED. (13): 1, Stephenson, buff, good size and shape, splendid feather, nice head, neck and back, good wings and tail, well known; 2, Christain, yellow green, rare size and shape, deep chest, nice wings and tail, good col.; 3, vhc, Spoor, cl. yell., nice shape and feather, good wings and tail; 4, Tottle, cl. buff, grand feather, neat shape; hc, Davis; c, Quarman. NOVICE (16): 1, 2, 3, Pool, Master A. A., clinking trio, leader grand shaped buff, full of quality, rich col., nice wings and tail; 2, yell., lovely quality, nice shape and feather, 3, eye and wing tkd., grand quality, nice shape; 4, hc, Guest, buff, mkd. eyes and left wing, nice shape and feather; vhc, Duggan; c, Davis. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Shearn and Owen, nice position, grand col. and quality, good length, nice long flights and tail; 2, Easterling, good length, nice col. and stand, good feather; 3, Pool, neck tkd., well up on leg, good position, plenty of swagger; 4, Dykes, good length, nice feather, fine long flights and tail; vhc, Potter; hc, Alford; c, Martin. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, wing tkd., slim built and beautiful position, feathered like boxwood, neat waist, long flights and tail; 2, Mrs. Garland, cl., grand position, well on leg, grand feather and quality, neat head; 3, Potter, head tkd., grand position, well up, nice pipe tail and good wings; 4, Lovell, grand stand and feather, neat head; vhc, Holliday; hc, Shearn and Owen; c, Brown. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Keegan, neck and chest mkd. yell., grand position, lovely col. and quality, nice wings and tail, 2, wings and cheek tkd. yell., slim built, grand stand, close feather of good quality; 3, Dykes, variegated buff, long and well drawn out, nice feather and quality, good flights and tail; 4, Priestley, cheeks, head and wing mkd. Cinn., grand col. and quality; vhc, Potter; hc, Easterling. HEN YELL. (12): 1, Dykes, slim built, beautiful position, well on leg, grand feather, nice wings and pipe tail; 2, Martin, grand feather and position, nice quality, neat head, nice flights and tail; 3, Beer, thigh tkd., slim built, nice pipe tail, good feather; 4, Clark, eye tkd., good stand, slim built; vhc, Lovell; hc, Townsend; c, Boyes. BUFF (12): 1, Townsend, good length, grand position, nice col. and quality, long flights and tail; 2, Morgan, wing and eye mkd. Cinn., magnificent feather, grand stand, good wings; 3, Dykes, neck tkd., lovely feather, nice position, well packed flights and neat tail; 4, Lovell, wing tkd., nice position, good feather; vhc, Brown; hc, Hill; c, Beer. YELL. UNFLIG. (12): 1, spl, Dykes, mkd. neck and right wing, well drawn out, grand position, lovely col. and quality, good flights and tail; 2, c, Morgan, cl., grand quality, nice feather and position; 3, Clark, variegated, good length grand position, gets well up; Townsend, cl., good length, nice feather and quality; vhc, Easterling; hc, Hill. BUFF (8): 1, cup, vhc, Lovell, feathered like boxwood, lovely position, splendid col., well packed wings and neat tail, in grand form; 2, Easterling, head tkd., good stand, well on leg, nice col. and quality; 3, Clark, well drawn out, grand feather, nice flights and tail; 4, Mrs. Garland, slim built, good stand, nice back; hc, Pole; c, Keegan. NOVICE A.V. (12): 1, Stoneclake, yell., mkd. cheeks and wing, slim built, lovely col. and feather, well up on leg, and stands well, good flights and tail; 2, Hill, cl. buff, grand position and feather, well packed flights and tail; 4, Burgess, hot col. buff, nice position; vhc, Hillington; hc, Mrs. Morgan. NON-FED. (9): 1, 3, Keegan, slim built and close feathered yell., good stand, nice flights and tail; 3, buff, nice position; 2, 4, East, neck tkd. yell., good position, nice col. and feather 4, yell., good length; vhc, Miss Price; hc, Harrington; c, Nash. SELL. (60s.) (3): 1, Midgley; 2, Mortara; 3, Newman. (20s.) (9/-): 1, Tristem and Tayler; 2, Midgley; 3, Thomas; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Maggs; hc, Keegan; c, Spoor. (1/-) (10): 1, Folwell; 2, Quarman; 3, White; 4, c, Pool; vhc, Duggan; hc, Tristem and Tayler.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Roberts, C.B., good length of head feather; 2, even wing mkd. dark crest; 3, No name. YELL. (6): 1, Folwell, cl., grand quality and col., good shape; 2, Tristem and Tayler, variegated yell., grand feather and col.; 3, 4, Brown, good quality, nice head and neck, 4, good col.; vhc, Spoor; hc, Mrs. Roberts. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, Brown, grand shape, nice chest and back; 3, Folwell, grand col. and quality; 4, Mrs. Roberts; vhc, Spoor; hc, Tristem and Tayler. HEN (6): 1, Tristem and Tayler, grand shaped buff, good head, neck, flights and tail; 2, 3, hc, Brown, nice quality, cl. yell., grand feather and good col., 3, unflg. yell; 4, Folwell, buff, griz. tail, hot col.; vhc, no name. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 3, Tristem and Tayler, buff, grand shape, col. and quality, nice short tail and flights; 3, yell., grand col. and quality; 2, Folwell, yell., splendid col. and feather, nice head; 4, c, Spoor; vhc, hc, Brown. NON-FED. (4): 1, 2, Spoor good shaped cl. buff, nice head and neck; 2, yell., nice shape, feather and quality; 3, Clee, eyes and neck mkd. buff. NOVICE (4): 1, 2, Cleo, cl. yell., good shape and col., nice wings; 2, good-shaped variegated buff. 3, no name, buff, nice col. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Mrs. Garland, grand position, nice flights and tail; 2, Martin, nice col. and feather; 3, Stoneclake, neck tkd., grand col.; 4, Morgan, nice position; vhc, Newman. BUFF (8): 1, Lovell, slim built, grand position, nice wings, pipe tail; 2, Mrs. Garland, griz. on back, nice feather; 3, Martin, slim built, nice col.; 4, vhc, Morgan, grand feather; hc, Manley; c, Keegan. HENS (13): 1, 3, Lovell, buff, grand position, nice feather, neat wings; 3, tkd. neck buff, nice style; 2, Martin, tkd. eyed yell., slim built; 4, Stoneclake, grand feather; vhc, Parsons; hc, Morgan; c, no name. BRED 1909 (15): 1, 3, Stonelake, buff splendid position, straight as a dart; 3, buff hen, nice shape and feather, good stand; 2, Morgan, slim built yellow; 4, c, Lovell, tkd neck buff, good length; vhc, Keegan; hc, Parsons. NOVICE, A.V. (3): 1, Brown; 2, Burgess; 3, Glossop. NON-FED (4): 1, Buckland; 2, Newman; 3, Clark; 4, Manley.

The Remaining Classes.

The Mule and Hybrid sections were very strong in most respects, the Hardbill classes containing some very warm specimens. Goldies and Linnets were also above the average, and the Greenies were worth going a long way to see.

EVEN MKD., ETC., MULE (3): 1, W. Thomas, clinking good buff, fine size and shape, well put down; 2, Locks, lightly mkd. yell., grand col., shows lovely face. DK. CAN. (6): 1, Somerfield, yell. Greenie-Can., fine blaze of col., very level, plenty of size; 2, Pave, yell. Goldie, good sific, well shown; 3, Davies, dark Greenie, very large, smartly carried. MULE A.O.V. (3): 1, Somerfield, Siskin-Can., good level col. yell., fine size and well polished; 2, Pave, another of same cross, good col. and mrkg.; 3, Davies, very close to former, lovely col. shape and carriage, nicely staged. HYB.: 1, Pole, Linnet-Bullie, showing both parents, fine size, rich frontal, wins well; 2, Shearn and Owen, high-class Goldie-Bullie, extra good face, fine col.; 3, C. Smith, well col. Greenie-Bullie, a trifle ragged at thighs; 4, S. Treke, Gold-Bullie. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Herbert, well up in face col., nicely shaped, good tans, bars and buttons, shown fit; 2, Giles, extra good col. on face, nice warm chest, tans, fine wings and huttons; 3, Arnold, perhaps the best face in class, very polished, and well up; 4, P. White, real nice bird for col., size and general finish; vhc, W. White; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Gough. GOLDFINCH (GREYPATE): 1, Tilley, fine alround bird, grand face col., plenty of it; 2, Ford, presses, larger face than leader, stunner for tans, bars and buttons; 3, Russell, another lovely specimen, good flush, not quite the cut; 4, Locke, topper for neatness of finish; vhc, Wood; hc, Gay; c, Pace. BULLFINCH (14): 1, W. White, fine shaped bird, short and thick-set, fine front and bars, finished off with best of caps; 2, Laurance, fine moulded bird, lovely cap and front col.; 3, Price, brilliant col. one, field-moulted; 4, Bobbett, hard lines, clinking moulted, fine size, type and col.; vhc, Dymond; hc, Moods. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Baneroft, clinking big yell., fine bold appearnce, good skull, nicely finished, with best of jackets; 2, Dymond, lovely large, well-shaped buff, shows frosting to a marked degree; 3, Lee, another yell., good bars, nice shape; 4, P. White; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Bohhett; c, Price. LINNET (9): 1, Dymond, extra large one, carrying profusion of very distinct marks, very level in chest, and scores heavily in head; 2, hc, Hussey, another of the right stamp, good nutty col.; 3, Bancroft, sweetly pretty, neat shape, good sound col., well tkd.; 4, Miss Byerly, very nice specimen; vhc, Byerley; hc, Webb; c, Williams. FRESH CAUGHT (11): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, fine brown, well mkd. one, possessing size and shape, really good win; 2, Bancroft, well broken up in marking, very level in chest and back col.; 3, Prosser, again nice typical specimen, large and well col., neatly mkd.; 4, Sexton, another really good specimen, well mkd.; vhc, Miss Byerley; hc, Gosling. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Watt, good col. and mkd. Twite, fine level col. and nicely polished; 2, Herbert, very silvery mealy, in the pink of health and condition, extra good in side lacing; 3, Lovell, black-legged Lesser, fine shape, and one with very nice lacing at thigh; 4, G. Davies, good non-fed Siskin, nice size and col.; vhc, Lovell; c, Proud. HEN HARDBILL (8): 1, Russell, nice sized yell. Bunting, fine col., very shapely, extra good col., wins nicely; 2, vhc, Prosser, Bramble hen, fine size and finish, well and distinctly col.; 3, Bancroft, Corn Bunting, very nice specimen, good ground col., well mkd.; 4, Pole; hc, Rutherington; c, Clark. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Bancroft, clinking good Chaffie, lovely col. front shoulders, extra good, lovely blue cap and nape; 2, Laurance, nicely-col. Bramble, well cut, in best of feather; 3, Christian, another really good Chaffinch, of good size and clean in marking; 4, Halton, very decent Bramble, good size, well polished; vhc, Watt. HARDBILL A.O.S.: 1, Hills, lovely head and cheek marks, grand col. throughout, a very smart specimen, wins British Cup; 2, D. J. Prosser, Yellowhammer, very distinct V on head, good col., well laced on back and thighs; 3, Pole, very large and well mkd. one, intense col. and finish; 4, Russell, very nice col, exhibit of rare size; vhc, Manley. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, Lee, lovely dense, lustrous black, good shaped body, fine size, very rich eeres and bill; 2, S. Jones, well spangled Starling, very level; 3, Stevens, nicely mooned Thrush, good ground col.; 4, Parsons, Blackie. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Hughes, extra fine Redwing, in splendid feather, finely mkd.; 2, Clark, well-conditioned Magpie, finely ent, in nice bloom; 3, Barnett, Jay, very good feather and col. FOR. (6): 1, Pearce, Tanager, in splendid feather, shown in tasteful style; 2, Mrs. Southcombe, pair yell. Budgerigars, in good order; 3, F. J. Carr, Red-crested Cardinal; 4, Gibbons, Diamond Sparrow; vhc, F. Sage. British Cup was won by J. Russell (Bath). LOCAL OR MEMBERS: No names in Class: 1, mkd. buff Goldie-Can., good size and feather; 2, similar cross, not the substance or col. of leader; 3, yell. Goldie mule, heavier variegated. Class 65: 1, Coggins, really nice Goldie, good cut face, rich tans and rare bars and buttons; 2, Russell, large bold Bullie, of ample proportions, correct type and col.; 3, hc, Tilley, another very fine Goldie.

SOUTH LONDON.

South London Columbarian and F.A. members' show, held in the spacious Public Baths, Old Kent Road, S.E., when a capital collection of birds were on view. The Canary section was particularly strong in the total, although the individual classes were small. The champion Norwich and Yorkshires contained some exceptionally good birds in the pink of condition. The hall is well lighted, the temperature agreeable, and the arrangement of the birds well attended to by the able hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Jeffreys, and his hard-working committee. The challenge cup for the best cage bird bred in 1909, and Travers' special were won by Mr. H. Lee, while the silver medal for best old cage bird fell to Mr. A. J. Kilby. The novice section was also well represented, and contained some good birds, special for best bird in the section falling to Mr. J. E. Tarrant. The remaining sections were not very numerous, and Mrs. Tarrant secured special for best British bird, with a typical Goldie. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Kilby; res, Lee, vhc, Hollands; hc, Thomas; c, Biss. BUFF: 1, two spls, 2, 3, res, Kilby; vhc, Richardson; hc, Medlycott; c, Munday. YELL. TICK, ETC.: 1, 2, Kilby; 3, Richardson; res, Hollands; vhc, Medlycott; hc, Lee. BUFF: 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Kilby; 3, Males; w.c., Lee. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Kilby; 2, Richardson; 3, Kearney; res, Lee; vhc, Munday. NOR. HEN: 1, Lee; 2, Richardson; 3, res, Kilby; vhc, hc, Medlycott; c, Hollands. CL., ETC., YELL., BRED 1909: 1, Richardson; 2, Kilby; 3, Harriss; res, vhc, Lee; hc, Medlycott; c, Males. BUFF: 1, Lee; 2, Kilby; 3, Thomas; res, Males; vhc, c, Mealycott; hc, Harriss. YELL. TICK., ETC. 1909: 1, Lee; 2, Males; 3, Richardson; res, Harriss; vhc, Biss. BUFF: 1, res, Kilby; 2, Richardson; 3, Lee; vhc, c, Harriss; hc, Hollands. HEAVILY MKD. 1909: 1, Richardson; 2, Lee; 3, Biss; res, Harris. HEN 1909: 1, hc, c, Kilby; 2, Richardson; 3, Thomas; res, Medlycott; vhc, Lee. YORKS., YELL., CL., TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Males; 3, Biss. BUFF: 1, Scott; 2, Biss; 3, Males; res, Horsey. HEN: 1, Scott; res, Males; CL., ETC., 1909: 1, Scott; 2, Horsey. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, w.c., Putney. BUFF, 1909: 1, 2, Scott. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Horton; res, Archer. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Horton; res, Archer. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Kilby. MULE: 1, White; 2, Munday. NOVICE—NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Tarrant; 3, vhc, Luckham; res, Moore. HEN: 1, 2, Luckham; w.c., Tarrant. CL., ETC., 1909: 1, Tarrant; 2, 3, res, Moore. TICK., ETC.: 1, Tarrant; 2, 3, Moore. BUFF, TICK, ETC., 1909: 1, 2, 3, res, Tarrant. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Dewberry; 2, Tarrant. YELL., 1909: 1, Dewberry. BUFF, 1909: 1, Dewberry. YORKS., HEN, 1909: 1, 2, Dewberry; 3, Tarrant. A.O.V.: 1, Roberts. MULE: 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Luckham. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, two spls, Mrs. Tarrant; 2, Mrs. Barnard. BULLFINCH: 1, Phillips; 2, Mrs. Tarrant; 3, Males. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Rev. Soames; 2, Mrs. Tarrant; 3, Luckham. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, White; 2, Phillips; 3, Mrs. Tarrant. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Bizley; 2, Phillips; 3, res, Mrs. Barnard; vhc, hc, Mrs. Tarrant. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Tarrant. SELL.: 1, Kilby; 2, Biss; 3, Richardson.

TONBRIDGE.

Third annual show of the Tonbridge and Dis. F.A. took place in the Public Hall, on November 24th and 25th, and was a great success. This hall is commodious and well lighted, and the cage birds, as usual, attracted a great deal of attention from the visitors. Mr. Stonestreet had the work well in hand, ably assisted by some of his committee, and the prize cards were up in good time. Mr. R. P. Daish is the enthusiastic chairman, and amongst his many other good works, entertained his colleagues and the judges to a hot luncheon. Mr. North judged.

NOR., CL., C.F. (7): 1, spl, 2, Gibbs, two yells., often described, and to-day in grand condition; 3, no name in catalogue, typical buff; 4, Kew, large yell., nice quality and col.; vhc, hc, Brumhill. NON-COL. FED (9): 1, Smithers, yell., correct Nor. shape and quality, short in wings and tail; 2, Richards, large buff, equal in quality; 3, vhc, Whitten, former yell., of substance and silky feather; 4, Stewart, another yell., correct type; hc, c, Warner. BRED 1909 (13): 1, spl, 2, Gibbs, grand tkd. buff leading, followed by a smart yell.; 3, Castle, another typical yell.; 4, Upton and Button, rich buff, in nice bloom; vhc, Jeffery; hc, Richards; c, Wraight. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl, 2, Gibbs, former very typical yell., latter a fine big bird; 3, Smithers, nice smooth buff, lightly mkd.; 4, Jeffery, rich-coloured large useful bird; vhc, Stewart; hc, Wraight; c, Castle. CREST. (8): 1 and spl for best can. In show, and 2, Bond, winner grand long feathered drooping, dark crest, followed by an evenly wing-marked and crested hen, pretty veiny feather; 3, Gale, another good evenly mkd. bird, with good fall of crest; 4, Hayward, grey crest, good condition; vhc, Hayward; hc, Reader; c, Clarke. C.B. (3): 1, Gale, well-known grand, thickset, green; 2, Hayward, very feathery, lightly variegated.; 3, Reader, nearly green, nice type and feather. CREST OR C.B. 1909 (4): 1 and spl and 3, Gale; winner has splendid spreading and drooping dark crest, 3rd a clear crest, nicely radiated; 2, Upton and Button, very neat, well-formed dark crest; 4, Bond, variegated. Crest-Bred. MEMBERS, NOR. (9): 1, Hayward, dark crest, good in substance; 2 and vhc, Whitten; former non-col. fed, yell., superior type; 3, Humphries, fed yell.; 4, Wraight, typical Nor. yell.; hc, Wraight; c, Smithers. YORKS CL. (12): 1, spl, and 4, Gibbs, special to a bird of grand length and type; 2 and hc, Dawson, former lovely quality of feather, typical Yorks.; 3, Edwards, good length and nerve, trifle rough in front; vhc, Clarke; c, Edwards, Moles. NON COL.-FED (5): 1 and spl, Humphries, typical buff; 2, Cross, nice style; 3, Taylor. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl, vhc, 1st a tkd. yell., grand in type and quality; 2nd and hc, Coombs, former a very bushy tkd. yell.; 3, Edwards, nice feathered variegated, yell.; 4, Mole; c, Knapp. BRED 1909 (18): 1 and vhc, Gibbs, winner well known long tkd. yell.; 2, Coombs, full of type and quality; 3, Mole, very promising youngster; 4, Morris and Son, quite the right style; hc and c, Bullen; c, Humphries. BORD. FANCY: 1, Richards, four-pointed buff. MEMBERS' CLASS, A.V. (8): 1, Humphries, typical Yorks.; 2, Wraight; 3, Knapp, same variety; 4, Richards; vhc and hc, Humphries; c, Dennis. HYB., A.V. (4): 1, spl, and spl, for best Hybrid in show, also 2 and 3, Wraight, lightly mkd. Goldfinch-Can., splendid size, quality and condition leading; 4, Parker, lightly mkd. buff Goldfinch-Can. GOLDFINCH OR GREENFINCH (15): 1, Brumhill, the winner at Gravesend and elsewhere, perfect little swell, grand big blaze and col.; 2, 3, Jupe, Goldfinch and Bullfinch in perfect plumage, grand col. and condition; 4, Gunnell, another splendid bullie; vhc, Kew, Heritage, Morris; hc, Walsh, Warner; c, Humphries, Upton, and Button. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Gunnell, beautiful nutty-brown Linnet; 2, 3, Richards, Linnet and Siskin very steady; 4, vhc, Dawson, former another good Linnet; hc, Hurst; c, Reader. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, ho, Borman, former to a lovely nightingale, absolutely perfect in plumage and condition; 2, Bailey, Cornish Chough in splendid plumage; 3, Woodward, Magpie, grand sheen; 4, c, Heritage, Hawfinch; vhc, Cross; c, Hurst. FOR. (3): 1, spl, Dennis, Amazon Parrot in nice feather and col.; 2, Daish, Grey Java Sparrows, not a feather awry; 3, Collins, pair Green Budgerigars. NOVICE (9): 1, spl, Richards, Nor., good type; 2, Woodward, equally good buff Yorks; 3, Smith, Crest-bred; 4, vhc, Coombs; hc, Buckingham; c, Bellchambers.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

The first of a series of four table shows, held Nov. 20th. In addition to prize-money, we have a splendid list of specials for most points gained at the four shows, as follows:—1st, value 30/-; 2nd, 10/-; 3rd, 5/-; 4th, 2/6; also one or two not yet specified. This soon proved a great success, as the members were not afraid of bringing their birds out to a table show, and several have won in good classes in open competition. The judges were Messrs. G. Adams (Lancs., Lizards, and Crests), H. Smith (Littlehorough) the remainder.

LANCS: 1, 2, Adams; 3, Collinge. GOLD. LIZ.: 1, hc, Holt; 2, vhc, Nuttall; 3, Haytock. CREST: 1, Collinge. YORKS.: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, vhc, Faulkner; 4, Leach; hc, c, Lord. NOR.: 1, 2, Lees; 3, Leach.—W. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

GOVANHILL.

Govanhill and Dis. (Continued) O.S. held their fourth annual show and competition of Scotch Fancy and Norwich Canaries, in the Dixon Halls, Cathcart Road, on Nov. 6th. President, Mr. Wm. Tennant, Vice-President, Mr. Allan Wilson; sec. and treasurer, Mr. Charles C. Watson. The association has made rapid progress during its short existence, and is adding each season to its membership. Both the president and secretary have worked hard to make the association a success, and have met with a hearty response from breeders. The present show was a marked success, and an improvement on last year's, entries being in advance, and the quality much improved. Dr. Garcy distributed the prizes to the successful winners in his usual racy style. There was a large turn-out of fanciers and friends. Judges, Messrs. James Carlaw (Falkirk), G. Smart (Carmyle), A. Paterson (Edinburgh), and A. Clark. The awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. A. Clark (Rutherglen), was the successful winner of the club's silver cup.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (12): 1, 5, 7, Keary; 2, Clark; 3, Rennie; 4, Wilson. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Clark; 2, Rennie; 4, spl, Watson; 5, Vernall; 6, Keary; 7, Miller. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Lyle; 2, 4, Houston; 3, Keary; 5, A. Wilson; 6, Vernall; 7, Harvey. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Rennie; 4, Miller. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, 6, 7, Clark; 3, Morton; 4, Vernall; 5, A. Watson. BUFF (13): 1, 5, 6, Clark; 2, Rennie; 3, Morton; 7, W. Wilson. AMAT. CK.: 1, 2, Miller. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Morton. YELL. PIED, ETC. HEN (7): 1, Vernall; 2, Harvey; 3, 4, Keary; 5, W. Wilson; 6, Steel; 7, A. Miller. BUFF (14): 1, 6, Houston; 2, 7, Rennie; 3, W. Wilson; 5, Morton; 7, Rennie. OLD BIRDS, CKS. (17): 1, 7, Harvey; 2, 3, 6, W. Wilson; 5, Rennie; 4, A. Wilson. HEN (10): 1, 7, McMichael; 2, R. Rennie; 3, Harvey; 4, W. Wilson; 5, W. Rennie; 6, Keary. NOR. CK. (8): 1, 7, Malcolmson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Joffrey; 4, Vernall; 5, 6, Peters. HENS (10): 1, Malcolmson; 2, Mitchell; 3, 5, Gentle; 4, Steel; 6, Watson; 7, Jaffrey.

secretary.

SITTINGBOURNE.

The tenth annual show was held in the Town Hall on November 24th and 25th. All the arrangements were very carefully carried out by the capable and courteous secretaries, Messrs. E. Coupland and G. Arnold, and their large staff of committee. The hall is a charming building for an exhibition of this kind. The committee deserve all the support they got, for they made good classes in all sections, as well as classes for local members, but in the open classes the entries were very meagre, owing, no doubt to the clashing with other shows. Mr. F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury), judged, and gave general satisfaction.

LOCAL CLASSES—NOR. (NON-FED): 1, Watford, nice, cobby buff hen; 2, Attwood, rather long buff cock, good quality; 3, res, Watford, buff cock; res, nice buff. CL., YELL.: 1, Watford, very nice cl. yell. cock, good col. and shape, one of the right stamp; 2, 3, Attwood, nice buffs, good col. and quality; r, Miller, unflig. yell.; vhc, Whatford, buff. TKD.: 1, Attwood, yell. tkd. on wing, nice, shapely bird; 2, 3, Chandler, buffs, wing and eye mkd., 3rd neck and eyes, good stamp; r, Whatford, splashed back buff, good col. YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Hyde's spl, Monday, very nice quality, slim and upstanding; 2, Monday. BUFF: 1, 2,3, res, Monday, all nice. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Watford, topping cl. buff, ck., good carriage, short and thick, best bird in show; 2, Attwood unflg. buff cock, make good bird next season. PAIRS 25/-: 1, Whatford; 2, Attwood; 3, Chandler. 15/-: 1, 2, Attwood; 3, res, Watford. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Monday; 2, 3, Miller, all Gold-Can. BRIT.: 1, 2, res, Monday; 2 nice Bullies, and Gold, respectively; 3, Attwood, medium Bramblefinch; hc, Whatford. Goldie. GIFT: 1, 2, 3, r, Monday, all Gold.-Can Mules, songsters. OPEN CLASSES—NOR. CL.: 1, Cundiff, bouncing yell., full of quality, good feather and shape, well ahead; 2, Taylor, nice buff, cobby, stands well; 3, Wade, nice buff cock; res, Housden. TKD., ETC.: 1, Taylor, well-known wing mkd. buff, looks like Ramsgate winner, best bird in show; 2, Taylor, medium buff, good quality, unflig.; 3, Wade, cap mkd. buff; r, Housden, medium; vhc, Chandler. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Taylor, nearly even yell. Goldie; 2, Taylor, dark jonque Goldie-Can. Palace winner, very valuable; 3, Taylor, nice Greenfinch and Siskin, very steady, old winner; r, Webb; vhc, Smith. GOLDIE., ETC.: 1, Wickham, very nice steady Goldie, well-known; 2, Webb, Goldie, white legged; 3, Smith, nice Goldie; good blaze and bars; r, vhc, Riccomini, cock and hen Bullies, respectively. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Wickham, well-known Chaffinch; 2, Cushing, good Bramble; 3, Attwood, nice Bramble again; res, Neale, Chaffinch; vhc, Whatford, Bramble. LINNET: 1, Wickham, well-known; 2, Webb, nice, steady bird; 3, Smith, hard to choose between them; r, Millen, ben, poor. FOR.: 1, Wade, nice pair of Paradise Whydahs; 2, Cushing, Parrakeet, nice col.; 3, res, Goodhew, 3rd Budgerigars, res Indian Mynah; vhc, Cushing, Budgerigars.

FAVERSHAM.

Faversham and Dis. C.B.S. held their show in the Lecture Hall on Nov. 24 and 25, under distinguished patronage and opened by the Mayor of Faversham. This show was not the numerical success in the matter of entries that could have been desired, seeing the efforts of the committee, but the quality year by year shows decided improvement. The hon. secretary, Mr. Bray, had perfected every arrangement. The birds were conveniently placed on the platform, and the room was beautifully decorated. The committee one and all, from the president downwards, worked earnestly and well, and the attendance of the public was large on each evening. Cup for best bird in the show was won by Mr. A. Jones, with a beautiful Amazon Parrot, and there was a liberal list of other specials. Mr. Geo. Gardiner judged.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Allen, glossy feathered bird, nice body; 2, res, Keene, grand quality; 3, Sandiford's spl, vhc, c, Cornelius, variegd. bird, fine feather quality, grand colour; hc, Lambert. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 3, res, Lambert, leader fine shaped Buff, good undercolour, nice quality feather, res rare shaped bird that was wet at judging time, or would have gone higher; 2, spl, vhc, c, Cornelius, fine team. NON-FED (4): 2, 3, Allen, both shapely; vhc, hc, Wraight. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (5): 2, 3, hc, Lambert; res, Allen; vhc, Wraight. MULE OR HYB. (6): 2, Lambert, good coloured dark Goldie-Can.; 3, res, hc, Allen; vhc, Cornelius; c, Russell. BRIT., SMALL (9): 1, spl, 3, Allen, stopping Bullfinch, rare shaped, colour and feathered Greenfinch; 2, Cornelius, Goldfinch, nice face, hardly steady; res, vhc, c, Cornelius. FOR. (4): 2, cup, spl, Jones, Amazon in fine feather and col.; 3, res, Keen, very fine Budgerigar; vhc, Allen.

WHITBY.

The 24th annual show of the Whitby P.S. took place on Nov. 24th. The Market Hall in which the exhibits were staged is good in every way. Entries did not turn up quite as well as one would like to have seen. Various reasons were given for this falling off, one being that the cage bird section had not been advertised sufficiently (Whitby is a mixed show), and another that the mention of cage birds had been omitted from the front of the schedule. And again, they were not affiliated to the C.B. Union. The cage bird secretary was Mr. J. P. Stamp, a good fancier, a hard worker, and a most capable official. Councillor W. J. Jackson acted as head steward, and others who were capital helpers, and did what was asked of them in fine style, were Messrs. Calam, Dickenson, Watmough, Porritt and Harland. Mr. J. G. Tomlinson, the general hon. secretary, is the right man in the right place. He knows the correct workings of an open fixture, and plays his part judiciously. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) adjudicated. Solid silver cup, presented by Dr. G. B. Mitchell, for best current year bird (members) to be won three times, fell to Mr. J. M. Fletcher.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Watmough, lovely feather and col., lengthy and leggy, full of nerve, well on leg; 2, Rand, straight as a rush, capital feather, nice wings and tail; 3, Tidgewell, very lengthy, well up in position; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Cratherne; c, Richmond. BUFF (7): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, magnificent quality and col., straight as a pencil, lengthy; 2, Stevens, soft, silky feather, richly clothed, erect, and full of style; 3, Richmond, straight as a rush, tight as a Java, well on leg; vhc, Watmough; hc, Fletcher; c, Wilcock; No. 6, Fletcher, absent. TKD. (17): 1, spl, vhc, Wilcock, yell., thigh tkd., red bot, straight as a pencil, rare feather, clever legs; 2, c, Tidgewell, buff, mkd. wing, smooth as wax, very lengthy, grand back and wing, carriage close up; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, yell., mkd. wings, ablaze with col., straight up, A1 quality; hc, Watmough. CL. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, spl, Hesp, bouncer, rattling col. and quality, fine shape and carriage, clean cut; 2, Miss Coble, all type, full of col. and quality, moves well; 3, c, Agar, grand size, A1 feather, nice col.; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Smith. BUFF (10): 1, Hesp, wonderful substance, magnificent quality and col., richly mealed, lovely carriage; 2, Harland, equal throughout except in substance, where it is shade behind; 3, vhc, c, Agar, good size and shape, A1 col., quality and meal; hc, Miss Coble; No. 8, Agar, absent. TKD. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Owen, yell. variegd., lovely substance and shape, jaunty carriage, grand front, beauty; 3, Fletcher, yel., mkd. wing, red hot, capital feather, good shape and size; 4, Hesp, yell., very warm in col., soft silky texture of feather, good front; hc, Harland; c, Smith. CREST (5): 1, spl, Calam, buff mkd. D.C., wonderful substance, grand shape, crest large, and as round as a hoop; 3, Fletcher, buff mkd. wings, D.C., lovely feather, nice size, crest of rich, leafy feather, capital frontal; 4, Calam, buff green D.C., well up in size, lovely feather, crest round as a florin; vhc, Owen; hc, Gibson. C.B. (4): 1, spl, Calam, buff var., rattling substance, lovely quality, abundance of feather, rare width of skull; 3, Gibson, buff mkd. head and eyes, very shapely, superior feather; 4, Fletcher, buff green, A1 quality, nice substance; vhc, Mrs. Owen. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, Brunskill, yell. green Yorkie, clashing col. and feather, rare length and position, well on leg; 3, Smith, buff Cinn., A1 quality, nice Cinny col., good size; No. 1, w.c., Gibson, cl. buff C.-B.; No. 5, w.c., Brunskill, buff variegd. Nor. MULE (6): 1, spl, Meadows, five-pointed buff, Gold-Can., magnificent feather, rare shape and size, in the pink; 3, Brunskill, Linnet-Can., dark, capital shape and substance, A1 col. and quality, beauty; 4, Grainger Bros., Gold-Bullie, nice size and shape, good col., shows parentage distinctly; vhc, Gibson; hc, Watmough. GOLDIE (8): 1, spl, hc, Hanson and Lancaster, sweet shape, lovely col., nice size, rich face, A1 bars and buttons; 2, Boyle, equal to winner in all respects, hard to separate, shown in fine fettle; 3, Hughes, fine substance and shape, rattling col., large, well-cut blaze; vhc, Brunskill; c, Kilpatrick and Lewis. BULLIE (13), rare class: 1, spl, Stamp, very good shape, rattling quality, nice breast col., clinking bars and cap; 2, Hartley, shade larger, rich breast col., dense cap, nicely polished; 3, Wallis, good in substance, shape and col., neatly cut cap, nice bars; vhc, Calam; hc, Dolcughan; c, Harper and Nicholson. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (12): 1, 2, spl, Stamp, with a brace of gems, both of lovely col., fine shape and size, beautifully mkd., stacked in the pink; 3, Boyle, another right sort, delightfully pencilled, magnificent col., very shapely, good size; vhc, Kilpatrick and Lewis; hc, Hughes; c, Watmough. WILD (12): 1, 2, c, Hutchinson, both very promising, good in substance and shape, rare col., should moult out fine another year; 3, vhc, hc, Stamp, good size and shape, nice col. and quality, neatly pencilled, not far away. HARDBILL (13): 1, spl, Foster, Bunting, in very fine condition, not a feather misplaced; 2, 3, Blacket, Bramble and yell. Greenie, both of rich col., former fine size, nice markings, shown in rare trim, latter, wonderful size, superior col., A1 shape, gem; vhc, Stamp; hc, Watson and Sample; c, Hanson and Lancaster. SELL. (15/-) (10): 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Tidgewell; vhc, Stevens; hc, Moffatt; c, Watmough; No. 2, Lowe, absent. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Harding, Ring-neck Parrakeet, in delightful feather; 2, Agar, Amazon, looking very fine, and shown well; 3, vhc, Falkingbridge, pair Budgerigars, in really tip-top condition; hc, Duck; c, Bird. CFF CLASS (5): 1, cup, J. M. Fletcher, buff mkd. D.C., well up in substance, crest of good frontal and rich veiny feather, neat centre, mid of good droop, 3, Watmough, tkd. yell York., capital quality, nice length, good position, well on leg; 4, vhc, Miss Coble, cl. buff Nor., good in size and shape, lovely col. and feather, well put down; hc, Harland.

BUCKHAVEN.

Annual show held on November 20th, and, taking into consideration the various shows held in Scotland on that date, the executive got a fair share of entries. Scotch Fancies were a disappointment, many of the classes having to be cancelled. But the Norwich, taken on the whole, were very good, many of the birds being fit for keen competition. The classes were carefully judged by Mr. Kean, and he left very little to be desired. Borders were a grand collection, and competition was keen, and the medal was won by Mr. Arnott, the runner up being Mr. Hamilton. All the classes were good, some really nice ones having to stand down. British were a nice collection, although they might have been stronger in numbers. The winning Siskin, shown by Mr. Frazer, looks like the bird that was passed at the City of Glasgow. The judge tested same, and found it correct in bib and cap, and awarded it first prize. It is a really good one. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged these classes.

BOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1 and medal, Arnott, good one, fine weight, lovely frout; 2, Lambie, good col., fine wing carriage; 3, Bennet, grand quality feather, nice front; 4, Peters; 5, King; 6, Spence. HEN (9): 1, spl, 2nd best, Hamilton, real good one, correct size, lovely shape; 2, Arnott, grandly rounded, rare head, beautifully cut; 3, Anderson, sweet shape, nicely tapered; 4, Peters; 5, Bennet; 6, Spence. BUFF CK.: 1, Gilchrist, nice feathered one, good head, well rounded, rather nervous; 2, Peters, nice quality feather; 3, Hamilton, good exhibit, fine quality feather; 4, Robertson; 5, Baird; 6, Brown. HEN (10): 1, Peters, nicely rounded, grand head, tip-top wing carriage; 2, Gilchrist, lovely bloom, nice weight, grandly drawn, good wing carriage; 3, Robertson, good quality feather; 4, Hook; 5, Baird; 6, Hamilton. UNEVEN. ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Broom, wings, splendid body and good quality feather, nice weight; 2, Baird, typical, good head and wing carriage; 3, Robertson, close up, A1 style, fine feather; 4, Spence; 5, King. HEN (8): 1, Gilchrist, sweet size, good upstanding position, grand boxy feather; 2, Baird, well drawn, in good trim; 3, Robertson, neat style and weight; 4, A. and J. Thompson; 5, Peters; 6, Morris. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Hazzard, grand head, well tapered off, neat wing carriage; 2, Lambie, close up, good one, neat shape; 3, Bennet, lovely feather, rare finish; 4, Morris; 5, Cockburn; 6, Baird. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, cl. win like a piece of marble, grand feather; 2, Jamieson, good shapely bird, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Robertson, neatly made bird, fine quality feather; 4, Baird; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Anderson. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 6, Lambie, good yell. green, splendid ground, very light in markings; 2, Bennet, grand col., splendid lacing and finish; 3, A. and J. Thompson, rare colour, grandly pencilled; 4, 5, Jamieson; 6, Lambie. SELL.: 1, Gilchrist; 2, Baird; 3, A. and J. Thompson; 4, Cockburn; 5, Smart; 6, Morris. SELL. MULE OR BRIT. (12): 1, Murray; 2, Murdoch; 3, Mackie; 4, Lindsay; 5, Storrar. SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Patrick. YELL. PIED, ETC., HEN (3): 1, Hendry; 2, Gibson; 3, Barrie. SELL. (£1) (4): 1, Gibson; 2, Barrie; 3, Thompson; 4, Peters. CREST CK. (5): 1, Arnott; 4, Lawrie and Welsh. HEN (5): 1, Kerr; 2, Lawrie; Henderson. HEN (2): 1, Lindsay; 2, Brown. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Arnott; 2, Davidson. HEN (3): 1, 2, Summers; 3, Brown. NOR., CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (5): 1, Peters; 2, Lawrie; 3, Christie; 4, Foster; 5, Wilson. HEN (2): 1, Hope; 2, Lawrie. YELL. VARIEG. (3): 1, Kerr; 2, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Henderson. BUFF (7): 1, Thomson; 2, Logan; 3, Harris; 4, Lawrie; 5, Henderson; 6, Foster. NOR. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, Connelly; 2, Lawrie; 3, Kerr; 4, Lawrie and Welsh. HEN (5): 1, Kerr; 2, Lawrie; 3, Thomson; 4, Kilpatrick; 5, Hope. SELL. (15/-) (4): 1, 2, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Kerr; 4, Wilson. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Paterson; 3, Henderson; 4, 5, Wilson. GIFT (9): 1, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, Grant; 3, Foster; 4, Baird; 5, Aitkman; 6, Peters. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Hiller, dense face, grand square-cut blaze, neat size, in full bloom; 2, M'Call and Henderson, fine size of blaze, nice cut; 3, Hayle, again good finch; 4, Ness; 5, Mrs. Lindsay; 6, Fraser. BULLFINCH (3): 1, spl, best Hardbill British, Thompson, topper, well-known winner, real gem; 2, J. and J. Chalmers, classic Bullie. GREENFINCH: 1, Logan, sweet shape, level in fine bloom; 2, Aitkman, grand nat. col., fine size, lovely position; 3, Leitch Bros., hot fed, good size, grand bloom; 4, Lawrie and Welsh, 5, J. and J. Chalmers. LINNET (6), grand class all through; 1, Morgan; 2, Arnott; 3, Murdoch; 4, Connelly; 5, Lumsden; 6, Hepburn. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Fraser, looks like bird passed at City show, fine cap and bib, well up in size; 2, Graham, well-fed Siskin, good cap, well forward in bib; 3, Connelly, lesser 'poll in full bloom, dense cap and colour; 4, Leitch Bros., large romping Siskin, fine lacing and colour. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL, SOFTBILL (5): 1, spl, best Softbill Brit., Gilmour, charming Wrynech, gem for colour and lacing, in lovely order; 2, Ford, clinking Bearded Tit, in faultless bloom, Wallsend winner; 3, Hoyle, grand yellow Wagtail, splendid colour and size, grandly staged; 4, Peters; 5, Lister. LARGE (3): 1, Lister, good Missel, very pure in markings, plenty of size; 2, Gilmour, grandly staged Missel, fine bloom and colour; 3, Mathieson, smart Song Thrush. LIGHT CAN. MULE (4): 1, M'Gorum; 2, Mrs. Lindsay; 3, Murray; 4, Morgan. DARK (9): 1, Fraser; 2, Bogie; 3, 4, Simpson; 5, Logan; 6, M'Gorum. FOR.: 1, 4, Storrar, 1, charming exhibit, unknown to us, looks like a Mynah, grand feather and condition; 4, good Nonpareil; 2, Wilson, Swainton's Lorrikeet in fine bloom; 3, Lawrie and Welsh, Paradise Whydah; 5, Peters; 6, Nimmo. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Hoyle, romping Bullfinch, first-rate cap, lovely condition; 2, Spittal, deep col. one in very fine trim; 3, Aitkman, nice Goldfinch, fine size and markings; 4, Mackie. NOVICE BORD. (11): 1 Peters, Buff, fine feather, very shapely; 2, Henderson, close up, rare shape; 3, Simpson, nice var., yell., good shape; 4, Davidson; 5, 6, Lawson. A.O.V. (3): 1, Foster; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, Murdoch. COMMON (Confined) (8): 1, Bell! 2, Kilpatrick; 3, Thomson; 5, Davidson; 6, Lawson.

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OAKHAM.

The ninth annual show was held in the Poultry Hall on November 18th. The entry was a disappointing one, and several classes had unfortunately to be cancelled. The quality of the exhibits was very good considering the limit, 43. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Mr. T. J. Walker makes an excellent secretary, and had everything well in hand.

NOR. (8): 1, Orme, variegd. yell., nice type and shape, good col.; 2, Simpson, another variegd. yell., nice shape; 3, Brown, cl. buff, loses only in head; 4, Simpson, cl. yell.; vhc, Brown. YORKS. CL. ETC. (12): 1, spl, Blades, grand quality buff, good length and style, nice position; 2, Harriman, another good buff, grand col. and length; 3, Brown, variegd. yell.; r, King, buff. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Carter, nice shape cap and bars; 2, Tupholme, very steady, beaten only in condition and size; 3, Brown, nice col.; 4, Bell; r, Cunnington. A.O.S. BRIT. (14): 1, 2, Underwood, winner nice Blackbird; 2nd, good Thrush, in grand condition, both well staged; 3, Bell, Hawfinch, nice size and col.; r, Bell, very nice Yellowhammer; vhc, Orme; hc, Hetterley. MEMBERS' A.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Harriman, nice lengthy Yorks.; 2nd, grand quality buff Yorks.; 3, r, Blades again a Yorks. BRIT. (7): 1, Steel, Magpie, in grand form; 2, Smart, nice Goldfinch; 3, Carter, fine-shaped Bullfinch; 4, vhc, Smart, Bullfinch, good one. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Waddington, nice Goldfinch Mules.

WOKING.

The second show of the Woking Society was held in the Public Hall on November 23rd and 24th, and considering the united classification, small prize money (6/- for first), and short radius, the entry was fairly good. The committee had all the arrangements well in hand, and Mr. L. C. B. Hockin made a most obliging and energetic secretary. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (8): 1, 4, King and Rogers, grand shaped, good coloured yell., lovely feather; 2, 3, res, Smithers, variegated Buff of lovely quality, nice colour and shape, and a shapely eye, ticked yell., not so tight; hc, Mrs. Bracey. YORKS., CL. (5): 1, 2, 4, Klug and Rogers, two nice shapely, stylish birds, buff and a yell. leading; 3, res, Underwood, neat feathered buff, not so much length, nice shape. BORDER, cancelled. A.V., NON-FED (8): 1, Smithers, very smart, nice feathered, yell. Nor.; 2, res, hc, Gibbons, heavily feathered, green C.B.; 3, Osborne, neat variegated Buff Nor.; 4, Mrs. Smallbone; vhc, Mrs. Bracey. MULE (5): 1, Gibbous, fine large dark Linnet, lovely colour and feather; 2, 4, Osborne, also shapely, good coloured dark Linnets; 3, Ley, nice bodied buff, dark Goldie-Canary; res, Milsom. BRIT. GOLDIE (11): 1, 3, res, Wood and Son, very handsome Goldie and Bullie, grand colour, shape, feather, and marking; 2, hc, Millsum, very rich coloured, grand shaped Bullie, lovely feather; 4, Osborne, well marked, rich coloured Goldie, but wild; vhc, Lee. A.O.S., FINCH (8): 1, 2, 4, res, and two spls, Osborne, very handsome Chaffinch leading, grandly marked, lovely col.; 2, shapely, well toked. Linnet; 3, Eyes, very rich coloured, nicely marked Twite, in grand feather; vhc, Wood and Son. A.O.S. (1): 1, Wood and Son, grandly marked, nice col. Thrush, in good form. FOR. (6): 1, King and Rogers, very handsome Red Cardinal; 2, Mrs. Bracey, nice coloured, well feathered, grey-headed Love Bird; 3, Woods and Son, rich coloured Weaver; 4, res, Osborne.

FALKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

The 21st annual show of cage birds was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Grahamston, on October 30th. There was a large turn-out of exhibits, 418 in all. The judges were: Mr. McLay (Kirkintilloch), Norwich and Crests; Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn), Borders; and Mr. D. G. Gardner (Bathgate), British and Foreign; and their awards gave every satisfaction. Cup for best young Norwich was won by Mr. D. Smart; that for best young Border Fancy by Messrs. Jeffrey and Stevenson; and that for best Crest or Crest-bred, Mule or Hybrid by Mr. J. McNaughton with a clinking Crest. Medal winners were Messrs. T. Sharp, Millar and Eadie, and Hamilton and Wallace.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, cup, Smart; 2, 3, Bishop; 4, Millar and Eadie; 5, Simpson; vhc, Scaife; hc, Todd; c, McNaughton. BUFF (10): 1, Todd; 2, Bishop; 3, Smart; 4, Inglis; 5, McFarlane; vhc, Simpson; hc, Sharp; c, Hunter. A.O.V. PLAINHEAD CK. (13): 1, Simpson; 2, Bishop; 3, Scaife; 4, Moreland; 5, Hunter; vhc, Mitchell; hc, McFarlane; c, Marshall. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 5, Smart; 2, Mitchell; 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Simpson; vhc, Baird; hc, McNaughton; c, Penman. BUFF: 1, Smart; 2, Todd; 3, Bishop; 4, Mitchell; 5, Simpson. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Todd; 2, Jeffrey and Steveuson; 3, McFarlane; 4, 5, McNaughton. NON-FED YELL. P.H. (5): 1, Kemp; 2, 4, Penman; 3, Marshall; 5, Marshall. BUFF (6): 1, Todd; 2, Millar and Eadie; 3, Penman; 4, Hamilton and Wallace; 5, Scaife. CREST CK. (2): 1, McNaughton; 2, Moreland. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Moreland. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Angus; 2, 4, 5, Moreland; 3, Grant. HEN: 1, McNaughton. CL. ETC. YELL. BORD. CK. (12): 1, Wilson Bros.; 2, Conner; 3, 5, Mitchell; 4, McWatt. CL. BUFF (14): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Heard; 3, Wilson Bros.; 4, Proudfoot; 5, Hamilton and Wallace. A.O.V. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Reid; 2, 3, McWatt; 4, 5, Wilson Bros. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 5, McWatt; 3, 4, Wilson Bros. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Conner; 2, 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 3, Reid; 4, Heard. BUFF (14): 1, Sharp; 2, 4, Conner; 3, McWatt; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson. A.O.V. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Wilson Bros.; 4, 5, McWatt. BUFF (11): 1, Mitchell; 2, McWatt; 3, Taylor; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 5, Wilson Bros. CAN. MULE (5): 1, 2, Sharp; 3, 5, Taylor; 4, Ovenstone. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 3, Moreland; 2, Hamilton and Wallace. P.H. CK. (any age) (18): 1, Todd; 2, Scaife; 3, Smart; 4, Simpson; 5, McNaughton. HEN (12): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Bishop; 3, McNaughton; 4, Sharp; 5, Smart. UNFED (13): 1, 3, Kemp; 2, Hamilton and Wallace; 4, Millar and Eadie; 5, Muir. HEN (8): 1, Kemp; 2, Muir; 3, Condie; 4, Rennie; 5, McNaughton. CREST CK. (8): 1, McNaughton; 2, 4, Whytlock; 3, Moreland; 5, McFarlane. HEN (6): 1, Moreland; 2, McNaughton; 3, Angus; 4, Beaton; 5, Proudfoot. C.B. CK. (6): 1, McNaughton; 2, McFarlane; 3, Beaton; 4, Grant; 5, Moreland. HEN (5): 1, McNaughton, 2, Angus, 3, Moreland; 4, Conner. BORD. CK. (any age) (6): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Reid; 3, McWatt; 4, Heard; 5, Hamilton, Wallace. HEN (6): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, McWatt; 3, Wilson Bros.; 4, 5, Heard. SELL. CAN (12/6) (19): 1, Millar and Eadie; 2 Clubb; 3, McFarlane, 4, Dickson; 5, Mitchell. GOLDFINCH, ETC. BRIT. (8): 1, 5, Morris; 2, Robertson; 3, Kirkwood; 4, Millar and Eadie. LINNET: 1, 5, Morris; 2, Grant; 3, 4, Robertson. GREENFINCH (12) 1, McWatt; 2, Morris; 3, 4, Sharp; 5, Clubb. SISKIN, ETC (10): 1, 4, 5, Kirkwood, Siskin; 2, Wilson Bros., Twite; 3, Mitchell. LESSER REDPOLL (10): 1, Millar and Eadie; 2, Weightwick; 3, McWatt; 4, Morris; 5, Robertson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Millar and Eadie; 3, A. and H. Parker; 4, Clubb; 5, Reanie. HARDBILL (10): 1, 3, 4, Millar and Eadie; 2, Kirkwood; 5, Reanie. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Grant. CL. ETC. MULE OR HYB. (or Can.-Bullie) (3): 1, 3, Ovenstone; 2, Smart. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (5): 1, McWatt; 2, 3, Ovenstone; 4, A. and H. Parker; 5, Sharp. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 5, Hamilton and Wallace; 4, Millar and Eadie. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Ovenstone; 3, A. and H. Parker; 4, Morris; 5, Millar and Eadie. HEN, BRIT. (15): 1, 3, Morris; 2, Sharp; 4, Ovenstone; 5, Kirkwood. SELL. BRIT. (5/6) (8): 1, 2, 3, Millar and Eadie, 4, Morris; 5, Proudfoot.

BACKWORTH.

First open show of the Backworth P.S. was held on Nov. 20th in the Long Room of the Backworth Hotel, which makes a very comfortable and in every way suitable place for a show, the cage bird section receiving every care and attention from an able body of fanciers. The secretary, Mr. Henry Elliott, and his assistant, Mr. J. Young, especially are deserving of every praise for their successful management. Mr. T. Foggett (Seaton Delaval) judged the cage birds.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, and open spl, Crow; 2, Kirkpatrick; 3, spl, vhc, Routledge; hc, c, Aitchison. BUFF (14): 1, Crow; 2, Atkinson; 3 and 3 spls, Aitchison; vhc, Kirkpatrick; hc, Elliott; c, Moat. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Bright; 2, Moffitt; 3, King; vhc and spl, Jewitt; hc, King; c, Kirkpatrick. BUFF (5): 2, Bright; 3, vhc, hc, spl, Jewitt. LINNET (7): 1, Atkinson, jun.; 2, 3, Boyd; vhc, Davidson; hc, Swan; c, spl, Jewitt. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, Atkinson, jun.; 2, Davidson, vhc, Boyd; hc, c, Watson.

GRAND UNITED METROPOLITAN.

This united show was held at Lambeth Baths on November 23rd, in conjunction with the South Metropolitan F.A. and the Civil Service F.A. The Cage Bird section was somewhat of a failure, in spite of a nice classification. We learned from the courteous show secretary, Mr. Watson, that the classification on an extended scale was given on the promise of good support, but the result was anything but encouraging. There were, however, some good birds in the Canary and Mule sections, but the Britishers were not prominent in numbers or quality. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Smith; 2, Thursby; wc, Batchelor. HEN: 1, Thursby. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 2, spls (2), and Hyde's spl, Thursby; 3, Gillingham and Woolf. BUFF, CL., ETC., HEN: 1, Thursby; 2, Smith. NOR. GREEN, MKD., ETC., CK. or HEN: 1, Batchelor; 2, 3, Dunkin. UNFLIG.: 1, Thursby. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC., CK: 1, Forster. BUFF: 1, Rolls; 2, 3, Milsom. BUFF, CL., ETC., HEN: 1, Forster. MKD., ETC.: 1, (386a) (no name); 2, Rutter. UNFLIG.: 1, Rolls. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl (2), Roberts. HYB., GOLD CAN.; 1, 2, Thursby. LINNET-CAN: 1, South and Son. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, South and Son. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Rout; 2, Freeman; 3, Paxman. LINNET: 1, 2, Thursby; 3, Smith; vhc, Westbrook. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Rout. SOFTBILL: 1, Arnell.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

The cage bird section of this show held Nov. 20th, was comfortably housed in a separate room of the Drill Hall, heated to a comfortable degree. Mr. Vernon was "told off" specially to care for the exhibits, which he did admirably. The classification was not a large one, but entries came in well. This show is worthy of all the support exhibitors may give it. Mr. S. R. Compston judged.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (10): 1, Longstone variegd., good col. and head, bird of nice quality, shown well; 2, vhc, W. Flint, variegd., nice size, good shape, will improve; 3, Millward, nice type; r, A. Flint; hc, Broadhurst. BUFF (11): 1, Longstone, variegd., good col., typical shape, nice head, well balanced; 2, Broadhurst, nice quality, compact body, well wrapped up; 3, Millward, eye mkd., neat bird, well balanced, has the making of a good bird; r, W. Flint; vhc, Holmes, Broadhurst; hc, W. Flint; sen., (2). A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, Evans, good crest, very full front, nicely radiated and dense all round; 2, Senior, gold Liz., very good spangling and col., hardly through moult yet; 3, Waters, buff Plainhead Lancs., good shape and carriage, shown in good condition; r, Evans; vhc, Owen, Evans; hc, Rogers; c, Waters, buff Plainhead Lancs., out of form, would have been near the top if in condition. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, for best bird, Swarbrick, good Hawfinch, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Fowler, Lark, in beautiful condition; 3, Swaine, Lesser Redpoll, very fit, mrkg. clear and well defined, good col.; r, Newlands, Siskin, when fined down a bit more will win; vhc, Lomas; hc, Waterhouse.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful members' show was held on Nov. 6th, at headquarters, the "Horse and Groom Inn," where 139 birds were staged in 12 classes. Messrs. Hailiday and Chittenden placed the cards to the satisfaction of all. Point winners: J. Swailes, 27; G. Hudson, 25; L. Briggs, 23. In the Selling Class competition the point winners were: Geo. Ackroyd, 18; D. Thornton, 13; S. Shaw, 9.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Jowett; 2, Swailes; 3, Mann; 4, Town; vhc, Welman and Beaumont; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Hilias. BUFF: 1, Swailes; 2, Briggs; 3, Town; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Hillas; c, Mann. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Briggs; 3, John Crowther; 4, Hudson; vhc, Jowett; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Welman and Beaumont. BUFF: 1, Swailes; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Lawson; 4, Crowther; vhc, hc, Sutcliffe; c, Hardaker. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, Sutcliffe; 4, Briggs; vhc, Lawson; hc, Jowett; c, Mann. FOUL MKD.: 1, Lawson; 2, Bywater and Waddington; 3, B. Wilman; 4, Jowett; vhc, Swailes. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Swailes; 2, Hudson; 4, Mann; vhc, Hillas; hc, Hardshaw; hc, Hardaker; c, Jowett. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Geo. Masson; 3, J. Crowther; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Mann; hc, Town; c, Sutcliffe. HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, Hillas; 3, 4, Hudson; vhc, Thornton; hc, Welman and Beaumont; c, Town. YORKS. STOCK: 1, 2, Briggs; 3, Bywater and Waddington. SELL. CK. (£1): 1, Thornton; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, c, Shaw; 4, vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Bastow. HEN: (12/6): 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Thornton; 3, Hanson; vhc, Shaw; hc, Bastow; c, Hylton.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

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MANNINGHAM.

The Manningham and Dis. C.B.A. held its annual show on Nov. 20th, in the Council School, Drummond Road, under the rules of the Y.U., and the patronage of the N.G.M.Y.C.C. The room is a good one, very lofty and well lighted, with plenty of space for visitors. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) was the judge elect, with Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton), as assistant, the latter taking the three selling classes, which contained over 90 birds. The awards of both were well received. The management was in excellent hands, Mr. W. Holroyd, secretary, being in charge, and he being well backed up by an energetic committee, amongst whom were Messrs. Grange (president), Huddlestone and Denison (vice-presidents), Dent (treasurer), Kemp (assistant secretary), and Smith, Robinson, and Varley (stewards). All cards were up directly after judging, and all specials and prize money ready for paying out by 4 o'clock, a feat that speaks well for the management. The winners of the sectional specials were Messrs. W. H. Shackleton, J. Bailey, Ogden Bros., E. Tomlinson, T. Elsegood, E. Dinsdale, H. Graham, and J. Thomas. The total entries were 447, an average of nearly eighteen per class.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, vhc, spl, Bailey, grand shape, leggy, good position, neat wings and tail, marvellous quality; 2, c, Cruise, great length, neat narrow shoulders, long flights and tail, well up on legs, nice quality; 3, Shackleton, lovely type, very leggy, well up, grand feather; 4, hc, Lane, extra nice position, full of col. and quality. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Shackleton, grand length, beautifully drawn out, neat wings and tail, good position, feathered to perfection; 2, Bailey, tkd. check, good shape and position, stylish, neat throughout; 3, Waterworth, lovely shape, good position, leggy, brimful of col. and quality; 4, Thornton and Bower, grand shoulders, well cut away, stylish, nice quality; vbc, Crabtree; hc, Peel; c, Wilson. MK. YELL. (11): 1, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., leader great length, all there for shape, well up on leg, lovely quality and col., good marks, 4th very stylish, leggy, lovely feather; 2, Thornton and Bower, fine type, well cut away, full of nerve, grand col. and quality; 3, c, Sutcliffe, excellent shape, well up in position, marvellous quality; vhc, Johnson; hc, Chippendale. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., nice shape, stylish, brimful of quality and col.; 2, Smith, lengthy, good shape, graud wings and tail, smart quality; 3, Shackleton, lovely type, grand shoulders, stands well, extra good col., nice feather; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, lengthy, grand shape and quality, neat pipo tail; vhc, Cooper; hc, Dyson; c, Clegg. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Shackleton, lengthy, typical, well up in position, grand quality, very clean mado; 2, Mitchell, good shape, nico position, smart feather, neat; 3, c, Sutcliffe and Son, smart shape, leggy and nice position, lovely feather; 4, Suggitt, good type and style, leggy; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Ackroyd Bros. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Mason, lengthy, grand shape, very erect in position, good wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Hersey, lightly mkd., good position, nice quality and col.; 3, Bailey, grand shape, very good position, lovely feather; 4, Chippendale, neat markings, grand shape and quality; vhc, c, Ogden Bros.; hc, Dyson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, spl, Bailey, lovely type, position, neat head, very smooth in feather; 2, Cooper, grand narrow bird, good type, nice back wings and tail, smart; 3, Hill, good shape, well up on legs and nice position, excellent quality; 4, White, good type, neat shoulders and back, nice feather; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Shackleton; c, Lane. BUFF (11): 1, 2, hc, spl, Shackleton, leaders both nico length, 1st extra good quality and col., stands well, good type, 2nd very leggy, good back, typical and full of quality; 3, Armstrong, good shape, lengthy, grand quality; 4, Hill, very slim, good shoulders, well cut away, nice quality; vhc, Bailey; c, Towers. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Towers, grand shape, leggy, good position, very deep col. markings, lovely col. and quality; 2, Drake and Son, lengthy, good shape, nice position, smart quality; 3, Cooper, grand shape, well up, nice col. and quality; 4, Smith, good type, neat head, lovely quality and col.; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF: 1, Towers, lengthy, grand type, good back, plenty of col. and quality; 2, Jowett, nice narrow bird, extra good wings and tail, smart feather; 3, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., lengthy, straight as a rush, grand quality; 4, Bywater, good shape, nice col. and quality; hc, Bentley; c, Grange. HEN (11): 1, 2, spl, Towers, leader buff, good markings, nice shape, very stylish, rich quality, 2nd yell., lovely shape, very leggy, grand back, good wings and tail, looking well; 3, Jowett, yell., grand position, nice shape, good quality; 4, hc, Grange, good length, nice shape and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; c, Sutcliffe and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Hirst, grand length, shapely, good head, neat wings and tail, nice feather; 2, Shackleton, grand type, well up in position, leggy, lovely quality; 3, Lunn, extra col. and quality, grand type and position; 4, Bailey, grand shape, well up, plenty of leg; vhc, hc, Cruise; c, Scarbrough. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Bailey, extra quality, nice shape, well up in position; 2, White, neat narrow shoulders, well cut away, extra good quality, nice col.; 3, Waterworth, grand shape and position, good back, nice quality; 4, Hirst, lengthy, very typical and nice quality; vhc, Lunn; hc, Lane; c, Armstrong. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Clark, lengthy, grand shape and positlon, smart wings and tail, lovely quality and col.; 2, Huddleston, neat type, leggy and nice position, good back, smart feather; 3, Bennett, good shape and length, well up, nice quality; 4, vhc, Varley, good shoulders, nico head and back, rich col. and quality; hc, Firth; c, Middlebrook. BUFF (22): 1, spl, Casey, nice wedge shape, good position, extra nice quality and col.; 2, Dinsdale, tkd. check, lovely shape, stands well, grand wings and tail, extra quality, smooth as glass; 3, Suggitt, typical, nice position, good back and wings, rich col. and quality; 4, Northrop, breedy, nice shape, leggy, and good position, good feather; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Moore; c, Atkinson. UNFLIG. YELL (30): 1, spl, Elsegood, grand shape, leggy, well up, good quality; 2, Graham, excellent type, narrow, grand wings and tail; 3, Shepherd, nice shape and position, good back, lovy feather; 4, Swales, hot col., good position and typical, nice quality; vhc, Batty; hc, Lister; c, Hadwen. BUFF (23): 1,spl, Swales, great length, grand shape and position, lovely feather; 2, Turton, neat type, feathered to perfection, nice col.; 3, Firth, grizzled marks, grand shape and position, extra quality and col.; 4, Shepherd, nice position, grand feather; vhc, Dinsdale; hc, Wade; c, Burdekin Bros. MKD. YELL. (11): 1, hc, spl, Holroyd Bros., lengthy, typical, well on legs, good quality; 2, Wood, nice shape, grand back, wings and tail, well cut away behind, nice feather; 3, Saville, extra col., nice quality, plenty of leg, neat bird; 4, Thomas, smart shape, leggy, straight, good col. and feather; vhc, Dinsdale; c, Skirrow. BUFF (21): 1, Elsegood, lengthy, grand shape and position, lovely feather and full of col.; 2, Graham, typical, well up in position, nice quality; 3, vhc, Thomas, nice length, grand shape and position, very smooth in feather; 4, Haigh, excellent shape, nice shoulders and back, good feather; hc, Whitwham; c, Craven. YELL. HEN (30): 1, spl, Firth, nice shape, neat narrow shoulders, good position, stands well, feather like wax; 2, Stables, good shape, leggy, nice position, close up for quality; 3, Turton, good type, grand wings and tail, smart feather; 4, Bardekin Bros., very lengthy, grand type and position, nico quality; vhc, Moore; hc, Hutton; c, Bloomfield. BUFF (32): 1, spl, Greenwood, grand shape and position, lovely quality, good back, shows well; 2, Rothery, very neat type, grand wings and tail, marvellous quality, rich col.; 3, Whitwham, very similar, grand shape and position, lovely finish; 4, Whitley, mkd. eye and wing, good big bird, well up in position, nice quality; vhc, Bennett; hc, Stables; c, Holroyd Bros. NOR. CK.: 1, spl, Plowright, yell., grand shape and substance, beautiful col. and quality; 2, Brown and Son, big bouncing buff, tkd. head, nice quality and col.; 3, Naylor, yell., grand size and shape, good head, full of quality and col., well finished off; 4, hc, Ball, buff, nice size, plenty of width, excellent col. and quality; vhc, Horsfield; c, Birbeck. HEN (14): 1, c, Horsfield, buff, grand shape, good substance, lovely quality and col.; 2, Naylor, yell., grand type, chesty, compact throughout, all there for quality and col.; 3, 4, vhc, spl, Thomas, 3rd mkd. buff, short, cobby build, nice quality, 4th buff, good head, nice body, good feather and col.; hc, Brown and Son.

BELFAST N., C., & Y.C.C.

Annual young bird show, held on November 20th in the Avenue Hall, a good room for a bird show. The staging was three tiers high round the room, the body of the room being clear for visitors. The membership is open to Ireland, subscription 10s. a year, which entitles fanciers to show two birds in each class (to be bred and exhibited by the owner). Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged. Mr. Bamford, the secretary, had all arrangements well in hand. Mr. Adams (President) was hard at work all day; Mr. South is the assistant secretary, and Messrs. Fleming and Teasey the stewards, assisted by an influential committee, who together got through the work well.

The Critique.

CREST. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Stewart, varieg., nico level crest, well shown, medal winner; 2, Adams, even mkd., good front, nice feather; 3, Laycock, green; 4, Birse, even mkd. HEN (3): 1, Laycock, green, good size crest, nice droop, cup winner; 2, Stewart, varieg., neat crest; 3, Birse, clear body, D.C. B. CK. (6): 1, Laycock, green dense feather, well lashed; 2, 3, Stewart, nearly green, nice head, varieg.; 4, Adams, varieg.; vhc, Trueman; hc, Adams. C.B. HEN (3): 1, Laycock, varieg., nice head; 2, 3, Adams, green, light tail, varieg, two useful birds. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Beattie, grand shape, nice feather, deep chest; 2, vhc, Thompson, good head and neck; 3, c, Connell, nice colour; 4, Carson; hc, Gray. BUFF (18): 1, Medal winner, Stewart, spl for hottest fed, grand shape, red hot, teeming with quality; 2, c, Thompson, close up, grand feather and col.; 3, hc, M'Cann, large, nice colour, good body; 4, Connell, open in front, big bold bird; vhc, Cummings. TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Thompson, marked head, grand col., nice head, brimful of quality; 2, M'Connell, tick head, nice size, close up; 3, hc, Cummings, tick tail; 4, Carson, eye tick, short and cobby; vhc, Trueman; c, Gray. TKD. BUFF (11): 1, Stewart, green tail, nice type, good feather and colour; 2, Thompson, wing mark, teaming with quality; 3, Connell, nice head and neck; 4, vhc, Teasey, good colour and size; hc, M'Connell; c, Beattie. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Beattie, nice full head, good body and colour; 2, Wilson, not colour, varieg., grand quality; 3, Carson, col. fed green, very cobby; 4, Connell, neck mark; vhc, M'Cann; hc, Houston. VAR. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Teasey, 1, varieg., nice feather, good head, raro chest, 2, heavy varieg., full of colour; 3, 4, Wilson, 3, cap and wing marked; 4, varieg., grand shape and quality; vhc, Carson; hc, M'Connell; c, Gilmore. CL. YELL. HEN (16): 1, 4, Stewart, 1, medal winner, second best Nor., nice full round head, hot colour; 2, Teasey, granl head, well up in size; 3, hc, Thompson, nice feather and shape; vhc, c, Leacock. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Connell, cup, best Nor., good quality, and colour; 2, Carson, pale colour, lovely type; 3, Beattie, rare shape, lovely feather; vhc, Thomnson; hc, Cummings; c, Stewart. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Thompson, tick head, rare quality of feather, full chest; 2, Gray, tick head, rare shape; 3, Teasey, wing marked; 4, Beattie, thigh tick; vhc, Connell; hc, Stewart; c, M'Connell. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Connell, 1, tick neck, rare substance, good head; 2, head marked, nice carriage, two fine hens; 3, 4, Thompson, 3, mark head, much like second, head tick, nice shape; vhc, Leacock; hc, Beattie; c, Gray. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 2, Teasey, 1, head, wing, mark, full round head; 2, varieg. grand feather and shape; 3, Wilson, varieg., nice quality; 4, Thompson, var.; vhc, Connell; hc, Beattie; c, Cummings. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Teasey, 1, mark eyes, wings, back of head rare size; 2, Houston, similar markings, nice feather; 4, Thompson, varieg., good head, nice feather; vhc, Trueman; hc, Wilson; c, Gilmore. YORK. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Fleming, 1, cup, best Yorks., nice head, good back, wings and tail; 2, lovely feather, stylish and slim; 3, M'Neilly, lengthy stem, nice condition; 4, South, plenty of size, well up on legs; vhc, c, Cloke; hc, M'Neilly. HEN (9): 1, Fleming, nice round head, well filled neck, good back; 2, c, Cloke, breedy, grand col., full of style; 3, hc, Birse, good position well drawn out; 4, South; vhc, M'Neilly. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 4, Kennedy, 1, well up in position, rare length; 2, M'Neilly, plenty of length, stands well; 3, Cloke, well up on legs; vhc, c, Fleming; hc, Cloke. HEN (3): 1, 3, M'Neilly, 1, rare length, full of colour, good position; 3, plenty of length; 2, Fleming, nice feather, good back and tail. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Fleming, medal, second best Yorks., thigh tick, rare length, hot col.; 2, vhc, M'Neilly, well up on legs, stylish, good feather; 3, Birse, head wing, mark, good shape, rare length; 4, South; hc, Kennedy; c, Cloke. BUFF (6): 1, Cloke, tick head, good neck and back; 2, M'Neilly, grizel back, big bird, stands well; 3, 4, Fleming, 3, wing mark, extra good quality; vhc, Birse; hc, South. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, South, neck, wings, mark, good shape, stylish; 2, 3, Birse, 2, nearly green, good shape and quality; 3, varieg well drawn out; 4, hc, Fleming; vhc, Cloke. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Fleming, 1, good position, nice quality; 2, varieg., good quality; 3, 4, M'Neilly, 3, cinn., mark; vhc, South; hc, Birse. OLD PAIRS (4): 1, 3, Fleming, 1, yell. ck. and Cinn. tick hen, 1st Dublin and Dundalk; 3, Buff ck. and Yell. hen; 2, Kennedy, Yell. ck. and cl. Buff hen, good useful pair; 4, South. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 2, Carson; 1, nice square-cut blaze, rich tone of col.; 2, another nice finch, close up. 3, 4, Leacock, 3, grand condition. LINNET (4): 1, Carson, rich colour, good size; 2, Trueman, nice condition; 3, Birse, grand lacing; 4, Trueman.

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ST. HELENS.

The St. Helen's and Dist. O.S. held their grand open show in the Windle Pilkington Hall on November 19th and 20th. The entries throughout were not quite up to the average, but there were so many shows held on this date (no less than 24 in the various counties). Although the entry did not exceed 250, some grand specimens were on view. The selling classes were the best filled, the entries here numbering 52 in the four classes. We hear that the management intend another year to fix their show for the second week in January, their old date. Mr. R. Gibbie, the secretary, had the birds staged in good time, assisted by such practical fanciers as Messrs. Lloyd, Lomax, Scott, Sherlock, Myers, Jackson, Goodall, and Bardsley. Everyone did his best to make the show a success. The judging commenced at nine o'clock, and was done in good time. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Tasker, varieg., good type and shape, beautiful col. and quality of feather; 2, Barker and Abbott, cl., nice type, shape, and size, good col. and feather; 3, Bixter, useful bird, nice shape and type, good quality feather; 4, Ball, tkd. head and neck, good type and shape, nice col. and quality of feather; vhc, Gorse; hc, Jackson. BUFF (6): 1, Tasker, cl., excellent shape and type, good sound even col., grand quality feather; 2, Proctor, cl., good type and shape, lovely col. and quality feather, good bird; 3, Barker and Abbot, varieg., extra type and shape, grand body, short flights and tail; 4, Wellings and Son, plenty of size, good col.; vhc, Barker and Abbott; hc, Ball. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Barker and Abbott, cl., grand type and shape, good head body, well over perch, short tail and flights; 2, Tasker, varieg., good shape, head and body, excellent flights and tail, good type and quality feather; 3, Gorse, cl., good exhibit, nice shape and type, even col. and quality of feather; 4, Leech, cl., nice type and shape; vhc, Wellings and Son; hc, Jackson. BUFF (5): 1, Barker and Abbott, varieg., one of the best Norhens seen for a long time, excellent type and shape; 2, Ball, grand type and shape, good col. and quality feather, well built; 3, Tasker, varieg., excellent col. and shape, good quality feather, deserves position; 4, Enever, cl., nice exhibit, good type and shape; vhc, Leech. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC (7): 1, Barker and Abbott, varieg., grand shape and type, nice short flights and tail, grand col. and quality feather; 2, Bixter, varieg., good type and shape, nice head, neck, and body; 3, vhc, c, Jackson, varieg., good type and shape, lovely col.; 4, Mapp, cl., excellent col. and quality feather, nice type and shape; hc, Vart. BUFF (10): 1, Proctor, cl., grand type and shape, good body, nico short flights and tail, exceptional even col. and quality feather; 2, Haslam, equal in type and shape, a little soft in feather to-day; 3, Vart, good bird for shape and type, nice col. and quality feather; 4, Barker and Abbott, tkd. on left wing, nice type and shape, good quality, narrow in head; vhc, Gibbie; hc, Jackson; c, Vose. NON-FED (6): 1, Sherrington, cl. yel., good type and shape, fine even col. and quality, nice type; 2, Gibbie, varieg. yell., big, bouncing bird, good type and shape, lovely col. and quality feather; 3, Tasker, nice type and shape, good quality feather, a wee bit on the small side; 4, Wellings and Son, cl., large, good type and shape; vhc, Mapp; hc, Hesketh. CREST CK. (6): 1, vhc, Whittle, green, wonderful top piece, grand size head, lovely leafy feather of good radiation and droop, well-filled centre, Manchester winner; 2, 3, Hesketh, 2nd varieg. dark Crest, excellent size crest, good droop and radiation, well-filled in centre, 3rd varieg., good exhibit, extra crest, good quality feather, excellent front, well placed; 4, Lomax, cl. body, dark crest, good bird, nice crest; hc, Lomax. C.-B. CK. (5): 1, 2, Lomax, 1st varieg. Buff, grand dome-shape head, grand head feather, well lashed, good entrance, 2nd varieg. Buff, grand size, good head; 3, vhc, Hesketh, almost green, grand head, well lashed, good entrance and shape, nice quality feather; 4, Whittle, tremendous size, nice head feather. CREST HEN (5): 1, 2, Lomax, 1st heavily-marked green, lovely crest of nice radiation and droop, well filled in centre, 2nd Buff, dark crest, good exhibit, but not ready yet, wants time, grand front; 3, Hesketh, varieg. Buff, nice quality top piece; 4, Whittle, Grey Crest, outclasses. No. 4 had been washing when brought out for judging. C.-B. (5): 1, Whittle, heavily-mkd. Buff, grand top piece, extra dome shape head, grand feather, good turn-over, plenty of size, wins easy, Manchester winner; 2, 4, Lomax, 2nd varieg., good bird, well lashed, fine entrance, 4th varieg. Buff, nice head feather; 3, vhc, Hesketh, almost green, good head, nice shape, short beak. YORKS. BUFF HEN CL., ETC. (5): 1, Proctor, cl. Buff, plenty of length, rare stand, grand type and shape, good col. and quality; 2, Proctor, Cinn. mkd., good shape and type, nico quality feather; 3, Richmond, nice exhibit, rare shape and type, nice quality feather, stands like a guardsman; 4, Brooks, one of the old type, in nice feather, shown in the pink of condition; vhc, Brooks; hc, Molyneux. BORD. BUFF. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Thomas, 1st dark cap Buff, grand type and shape, nice quality feather, good carriage, nice pipe tail, 2nd tkd. Buff, nice shape and quality feather, 3rd tkd. Buff, similar to 2nd for type and shape, little frill on crest; 4, Hesketh, cl. buff; vhc, Hasiam. SELL. (30s.) (7): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Bixter; 3, Sherrington; 4, Dickinson; vhc, Sparkes; hc, Gelhie; c, Myers. (20/-) (13): 1, Mapp; 2, Lomax; 3, Johnson Bros.; 4, Bixter; vhc, R. P. Bixter; hc, Proctor; c, Strettle. (12s. 6d.) (19): 1, Hill; 2, Proctor; 3, Sherlock; 4, Roberts; vhc, Vose; hc, Taylor; c, Sherrington. (7s. 6d.): 1, 2, Proctor; 3, Macdonald; 4, Bixter; vhc, R. P. Bixter; hc, Taylor; c, Vose. GIFT (6): 1, Whittle; 2, 3, vhc, Wellings and Son; 4, Gibbie. MULE OR HYB., CL., ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, Walsh, 1st Greenfinch-Bullfinch, exceptional size and shape, grand col., shows parentage, well-defined, grand col and feather, a gem, 2nd Goldfinch-Bullfinch, beaten here to-day on size, shape and colour, still, a grand bird, 3rd varieg. Buff Goldfinch and Canary, plenty of size, good shape and col., grand quality of feather; 4, Johnson Bros., Goldfinch-Bullfinch, a good exhibit; vhc, Jackson; hc, Lewis and Moss; c, Goodall. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Rilaer, exceptional Finch for size, shape and colour, grand rich crimson blaze, grand hood and back, rich bars; 2, Beaty, grand Finch, plenty of size, good shape, nice blaze back, well tanned crest and moons; 3, Jones, good Finch, of good size and shape, nice quality feather, not ready yet; 4, Lowe, good Finch; vhc, hc, Goodall. BROWN LINNET (6): 1, Lewis and Moss, Brown, a grand rich distribution of col., level in tint, grand whites, well laced thighs; 2, 3, Walsh, 2nd grand Linnet of good shape and size, nice soft tone of col., well laced, very steady, 3rd a bonny bird, very large, excellent shape and quality feather; 4, Leather, bit wild, but good colour and shape; vhc, hc, Smith. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Jones, grand Finch, plenty of size, good shape, rich soft colour, nice bars, very brilliant; 2, Beaty, bigger bird of nice col., grand shape, extra quality feather, in good form; 3, Rilner, good colour and feather; 4, Hurtfield; vhc, Macdonald. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Walsh, 1st Twite of grand col., very rich and distinct lacing, lovely shape and size, wins easy, 2nd Redpoll, good exhibit, very good col., clean cut bib; 3, Sparkes, not quite the col., but not far behind in size and shape; 4, Hurtfield, field-moulted Redpoll; vhc, Sherlock. A.O.S. SEED-EATER, ETC. (9): 1, Jones, Hawfinch, grand col. and shape, of medium size, grand cap, rich clean cut defined bib; 2, vhc, Johnson Bros., Yellow-bunting, steady as a Robin, in grand form, rich col., and grand feather; 3, c, Beaty, Cornbunting, good bird of rich lacing and col., very steady, well shown; 4, Lewis and Moss, Snowbunting, grand bird, but outclassed, in good order; hc, Walsh. SOFT-BILL, SMALL (5): Grand class in quality, if not in number: 1, Beaty, Black Redstart, in superb order, very steady, shown to perfection; 2, 3, Cocks, 2nd Treecreeper, in grand form, very active, good col. and shape, a beauty, 3rd Common Redstart, perfect gem, in the best of form, steady, feather like silk, very free action; 4, vhc, Walsh, Wryneck, hard lines, a good bird. FOR. (9): 1, Walsh, Green Macaw, in excellent form, grand rich col., lovely sheen and quality of feather, not a feather out of place; 2, Walsh, Gold-fronted Fruitsucker, in good order, shown in the pink; 3, Beaty, Hawkheaded Parrot, good specimen, of good shape and size, extra colour and quality of feather; 4, Beaty, Tricolor Tanager, in the best of condition; vhc, hc, Walsh; c, Beaty. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Dickinson; 2, Lomas; 3, Sherlock. BUFF: 1, Sherlock; 2, Lomax. HEN: 1, Jackson; 2, Dickinson. UNFLIG.: 1, Sherlock; 2, Jackson. NON-FED: 1, Scott; 2, Hesketh. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Dickinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Dickinson. CREST: 1, 4, Hesketh; 2, 3, Lomax. C.-B.: 1, Hesketh. A.O.V.: 1, Goodall; 2, Sherlock; 3, Scott. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, Goodall; 2, Lomax; 3, Jackson; 4, Sherlock. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Goodall; 2, Lloyd. SOFTBILL: 1, Lloyd; 2, Scott; 3, Goodall. FOR.: 1, Sherlock.

BIGGAR.

The Biggar and District P.A. held their third annual show of cage birds in the Municipal Hall on November 20. The hall is a very suitable one for the purpose, being well lighted and remarkably free from draughts, and the excellent secretary, Mr. G. Mitchell, and committee had evidently put "their best foot" foremost, as everything was in perfect order, and the function passed off very satisfactorily. There was a record entry over the show, and some splendid classes in Borders and British, and these may be augmented in future. The Scotch Fancy classes did not fill so well, and Mr. Forrest had no difficulty in winning the chief awards here. Mr. Thompson, who judged, had also a fairly hard task over the Norwich classes, which were more numerous than formerly and of grand quality. In the Border section, Mr. Gardner had a big job on hand, as every class had a bumper entry and mostly of first-rate quality, but he succeeded in placing his awards to the apparent satisfaction of all. Mr. Kerr won special for best in section with a good Green, and Messrs. Walker, Aitken, Lawson, and Aitchison. The British averaged 15 per class, and were a centre of attraction. Mr. Forrest also won special for best bird in show.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Dickson; 2, Forrest; 3, J. Lawson. HEN (4): 1, 3, A. Lawson; 2, J. Lawson. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 2, Forrest; 3, A. Lawson. HEN (4): 1, Forrest; 2, 3, A. Lawson. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. (20): 1, Aitken; 2, Aitchison; 3, Walker; vhc, Kerr; bc, D. Lawson; c, Clark. BUFF (19): 1, J. Walker; 2, 3, vhc, c, Kerr; hc, Allardice. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, A. Lawson; 2, Clarkson; 3, Kerr; vhc, J. Walker; hc, Aitchison; 3, A. Lawson; vhc, Kerr; hc, J. Walker; 2, Lind; 3, A. Lawson; vhc, Kerr; hc, J. Brown; c, Allardice, jun. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Allardice, jun.; 2, 3, hc, Aitchison; vhc, Aitken; c, Rae. FOUL MKD. (10): 1, vhc, J. Walker; 2, D. Lawson; 3, Clark; hc, A. Lawson; c, Dickson. GREEN OR CINN. (17): 1, Kerr; 2, Redpath; 3, D. Lawson; vhc, c, Dickson; hc, Bryden. SELL. 8s. (Ck.); 6s. (Hen); (11): 1, vhc, J. Walker; 2, A. Lawson; 3, Aitken; hc, Clark; c, D. Lawson. CREST (7): 1, Wilson; 2, D. Lawson; 3, Garland; vhc, Miss Young. C.B. (7): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Miss E. Young; vhc, Garland. NOR. CK. (8): 1, Hydes; spl, hc, Dickson; 2, vhc, Dobbie; 3, Hughes; c, Blackball. HEN (4): 1, Shearer; 2, Wilson; 3, Dickson; vhc, Blackball. NONFED (5): 1, H. Clark; 2, 3, Aitken; vhc, Dobbie; hc, Shearer. SELL 15s. (5): 1, H. Clark; 2, Hughes; 3, D. Lawson; vhc, Blackball. BRIT. GOLDIE (15): 1, spl best Brit. Dickson; 2, vhc, c, Mason; 3, Rae; hc, Shearer. BULLFINCH (17): 1, vhc, D. Brown; 2, Dickson; 3, Campbell; hc, Graham; c, Miss Young. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (14): 1, spl, Johnstone; 2, Williamson; 3, Graham; vhc, H. Clark; hc, Murray; c, Weir. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, hc, c, Johnstone; 2, A. Lawson; vhc, Mason.

BERWICK.

The 21st annual show of the Berwick and Dis. C.C., held in the Berwick Corn Exchange on Oct. 30th, when nearly 200 birds were staged. Special prizes were won, as follows:—Challenge cup for best Can. or Mule, Mr. J. Smart; gold centre silver medal (Sandiford's), T. Renwick; and others, by Messrs. A. and W. Hay, C. Makins, T. Walker, J. Smart, T. Renwick, R. Purves, W. Grey, W. Craigs, T. McDonald, R. Blackhall, and T. Meston. Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. Mr. Anthony Hay, the hon. sec., had the arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off satisfactorily.

NOR. CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, Makins; 2, 3, Renwick. BUFF: 1, Makins; 2, Renwick. EVEN, MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Renwick; 2, Suthren. BUFF: 1, Makins; 2, A. and W. Hay; 3, Renwick. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, Makins; 3, A. and W. Hay; vhc, hc, Renwick. EVEN MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Suthren; 2, Makins. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, Mace; 2, 3, Craigs. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Grey. BORD. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Walker; vhc, hc, Smart; c, A. and W. Hay; c, Suthren. HEN: 1, 3, Walker; 2, 5, Smart; 4, A. and W. Hay; 6, McDonald; 7, Purvis. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Smart; 4, 6, Renwick; 5, Suthren; 7, A. and W. Hay. HEN: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Smart; vhc, Smart; hc, A. and W. Hay; c, Renwick. EVEN MRK.: 1, Purvis; 2, Hopper. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, A. and W. Hay; 2, Smart; 3 c, Hopper; vhc, Walker. BUFF: 1, Smart; 2, Morland; 3, A. and W. Hay. FOUL YELL.: 1, c, Smart; 2, 3, hc, Walker; vhc, Morland. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Smart; vhc, Davidson; hc, c, A. and W. Hay; c, Blackhall. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Sidey. DARK: 1, Craigs; 2, 3, Morland. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, c, Grey; 2, Morland; 3, A. and W. Hay; hc, Craigs. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Morland; 2, Walker; 3, hc, Smith; vhc, c, A. and W. Hay. A.O.V. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, Grey; 3, Morland; vhc, Smith. FOR. SMALL: 1, Sidey; 2, Grey. NOVICE, NOR. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, Makins; 2, Hopper. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, McDonald; 2, hc, c, Blackhall; vhc, Sidey; c, Morland. BUFF: 1, 2, Blackhall; 3, hc, Hopper; vhc, Meston; c, Purvis; c, McDonald. MULE, BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, 2, Smith. OLD BIRDS: BREEDING PAIRS: 1, A. and W. Hay; 2, A. Suthren; 3, Makins; vhc, Craigs; hc, Morland. OLD CK. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Renwick; 2, Smart; 3, vhc, hc, A. and W. Hay; c, Makins; c, Craigs. HEN: 1, Smart; 2, Makins; 3, McDonald. GIFT CK.: 1, Smart; 2, A. and W. Hay.

HAYLE.

The Hayle F.A. held their sixth open show in the Public Hall on Nov. 17th and 18th, in good weather. We were sorry to find that several classes had to be cancelled. But the quality throughout was good, and many noted winners were staged. The Yorkshire classes were well filled, and the quality very good. The Mule and British Bird section made a beautiful display, both in number and quality—the best seen in Cornwall for a long time. The £5 5s. Challenge Cup for most points was won by Mr. F. Collins (Camborne), with 86 points; it thus becomes his own property, he having won it three years in succession. Special for best bird bred by a local member was won by Mr. J. Angwin, with a grand Non-lighted Yorkshire, which will be heard of again. The hall is a very suitable place, being large and well lighted; also it is in close proximity to the station, thus making the show easy of access. The management was everything that could be desired, not the slightest detail being omitted. The society is certainly to be congratulated upon possessing two such capable secretaries as Messrs. Ware and Cock; the manner in which they performed their duties merits the highest praise. They were ably assisted by a good, hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. P. Oatey, G. Pool, W. Veal, H. King, F. Hill, S. Maddern, J. Kemp, T. Rowe, R. T. Hancock, J. Angwin, J. Hooper, A. W. Thompson, W. Symons, W. Ellis, W. Glanville, L. C. Mabbett, H. Bigglestone, and E. Tredinnick, and in every way the show was a success. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. (8): 1, spl, W. Collins, grand shape, fine head and neck, good size and quality; 2, (no name), grand quality and type, nice wings and tail, fine bird; 3, Spillman, again grand shape, nice col. and quality; 4, Sherman and Clemo, fine quality and size, good shape; vhc, F. Collins, lovely col., nice quality; hc, Farrell; c, Spoor. BUFF: Cancelled. BUFF TKD. (11): 1, spl, Gayed, good size and shape, rare substance, grand quality, tkd. eyes; 2, W. Collins, tkd. right eye, grand type and col., good quality; 3, Stront, fine head and neck, good wing carriage; 4, Garland, tkd. eyes, nice size and quality, very shapely; vhc, Kemp, tkd. left eye, grand type and quality; hc, F. Collins; c, Sherman. HEN: Cancelled. NON-FLIG. YELL. (7): 1, spl, W. Collins, good size and shape, good head and neck, fine quality; 2, Garland, very sweet bird, nice shape, good quality; 3, Gayed, very nice shape, good col. and quality; r, Spoor, lovely quality and type, well packed wings and tail; vhc, Caddy, good col.; hc, Kemp. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Pope, grand col. and quality, good type, well packed wings and tail; 2, Spillman, grand size and shape, rare substance and quality; 3, Kemp, nice medium size, rare col., fine wing carriage; 4, Pascoe, good size and quality, very shapely; vhc, Garland, good head and neck; hc, W. Kemp; c, Sherman. YORKS. YELL. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, spl, Bonndy, well up on leg, nice back and wings, good col., well shown; 2, Ellis, grand length and quality, rare type and stand; 3, Thomas, good length, nice wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Jeffery, even mkd., pale in col., very typical; vhc, Ellis, capital length, fine quality; hc, Oatey and Son; c, Ellis. BUFF (11): 1, spl, F. Collins, good length and type, splendid col., quality and carriage; 2, Veal, tkd. head, well up on leg, nice back and wings, wants washing; 3, Thomas, rattling quality and length, good col.; 4, hc, Ellis, very shapely and full of quality; vhc, Wells and Son, good col. and quality, nice shape; c, Fox. YELL. NON-FLIG. (13): 1, Ellis, tkd. neck, magnificent shape and quality, nice back and wings; 2, Fox, grand length and quality, rare type and stand; 3, Veal, fine size and shape, nice quality; 4, Boundy, splendid shape, rich col., nice silky feather; vhc, Mrs. Clarke, fine quality and size; hc, Oatey and Son; c, Thomas. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Wills, gem for shape and quality, good wings and tail, nice bird; 2, Clarke, good length and quality, very neat wings and tail; 3, Thomas, very slim, good position, nice quality; 4, vhc, Ellis; 4, splendid quality and carriage, good col.; hc, Veal; c, Oatey and Son. HEN (11): 1, spl, 2, Angwin, cl. yell. and buff respectively, both of grand type and quality, lovely wings and tail, good col.; 3, Dyer, good col. and quality, nice size and shape; 4, Ellis, grand length and type, lovely col.; vhc, Fox, capital length, fine quality; hc, Wills and Son. CINN. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. CREST OR C.-B. (10): 1, spl, Hobbs, variegated, D.C., good size radiation and droop; 2, vhc, Kelynack; 2, variegated, D.C. of neat formation, good frontal; 3, 4, c, Rowe and Richards, variegated, C.-B., well cushioned head, good skull; 4, green Crest, very neat crest, good body and feather; hc, Symons. PAIRS: Cancelled. MULE, LIGHT (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Collins, all looking well, often described; hc, absent, Hancock (2). DARK (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Collins, Goldie-Bullie leading, nice size, good dense face, grandly mkd.; 2, Jonque Linnet-Can., new face, well laced, grand shape and quality; 3, Greenie-Bullie, good breast col. and size; 4, Linnet-Bullie, good cap and col.; vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Can. and Greenie-Can., lovely col. and blaze, good size; c, Collins. GOLDFINCH (cage moulted) (13): 1, spl, 2, 4, Rowe and Richards, very fine birds, grand blaze, richly tanned, excellent mrkgs., well put down; 3, Roscorla, again grand col. and size, fine blaze, good moons; vhc, Farrell, nice size, blaze, and wings; hc, Ellis; c, Pellow. FIELD MOULTED (10): 1, Ward, good, sound, rich col., lovely tannings, fine checks; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Rowe and Richards, rich body col., magnificent size, good mrkgs. and blaze.; 4, Jordon, another good bird, exeellent mrkgs., tan and blaze. BULLFINCH BRIT. (14): 1, spl, vhc, Jordan, nice shaped Finch, good cap and col., well put down; 2, Bond and Davey, deep crimson breast, grand back and wing bars; 3, Rowe, nice depth of col., good shape; 4, Rowe and Richards, good cap and col., nice wings; hc, Parsons. LARGE BRIT. A.O.S. 1, spl, Webber, Hawfinch, grand size, shape and col., good bib, well shown; 2, Thompson, Cornish Chough, well up in col., grand bloom; 3, Caddy, nice Thrush, good col. and mrkgs.; 4, vhc, c, Collins, another Thrush, well mkd.; vhc, Hawfinch, good bib and col., grand feather; c, Crossbill; hc, Bond and Davey, Hawfinch. SMALL HARDBILL (11): 1, Wills, grand yell. Bunting, rare head and front, lovely mrkgs.; 2, 4, hc, Collins; 2, Bramhle, good in breast col., nicely laced on head and back, new face; 4, Greenfinch, large bird, fine head, shape and col.; hc, Chaffinch, nice col.; 3, Jordan, Chaffinch, good col. and mrkgs., nice cap and bars; vhc, c, Rowe and Richards, sweet Siskin, good col. and bib. FOR. (7): 1, spl, Cooper, Blue Tanager, in fine trim, very sweet-looking exhibit; 2, Rowe and Richards, grey Parrot, in grand bloom; 3, Downing; 4, vhc, Collins; hc, Polkinghorn. SELL. (£1)): 1, Stront; 2, Symons; 3, Hobbs; 4, Wills; vhc, Pope. (12/6): 1, Symons; 2, Farrell; 3, Collins; 4, vhc, Kemp. LOCAL (confined to Hayle): NOR. (12): 1, Ellis; 2, 4, J. Kemp; 3, vhc, H. Kemp; hc, c, Rowe and Richards. YELL. NON-FLIG.: (6): 1, spl, J. Kemp; 2, Dale; 3, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Oatey and Son; hc, Richards; c, Biggleston. BUFF (9): 1, J. Kemp; 2, Oatey and Son; 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Hill; c, Dale. YORKS (10): 1, Biggleston; 2, Angwin; 3, vhc, hc, Oatey and Son; c, Tredinnick. NON-FLIG. (12): 1, 2 spls, 2, Angwin; 3, Hill; vhc, Veale; hc, Oatey and Son; c, Rutter. NOR. NAT. COL. (8): 1, spl, Glanville; 2, Hill; 3 (no name); vhc, Oatey and Son; hc, Oliver; c, Richards. YORKS. (10): 1, Ellis; 2, Hill; 3, c, Oatey and Son; vhc, Pool; hc (no name). RIFF. LARGE (4): 1, spl, 2, Rowe and Richards; vhc, she, Dale. SMALL (15): 1, 2, Miss N. Jordan; 3, ex. 3, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Farrell; hc, Couch; c, Biggleston. MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Miss N. Jordan; hc, c, King.

STIRLING.

Held 30th November, Lesser Public Hall, Albert Place. Scotch Fancies, formerly in force here, were weak numerically. Norwich excelled in quality, and turned up in good numbers. The Border Fancies were strong in quality and quantity. The management, under the able direction of Mr. Summers, the president, and Mr. Hislop, the hon. secretary, was all that could be wished for. The judges were Mr. Buchan (Falkirk), and Mr. Craig (Brechin).

Critique.

SCOT. FCV., YOUNG (3): 1, 2, Strathearn, fine style, erect, excellent top end and droop; 3, Hamilton, erect, well built, close in feather, compact. HEN (3): 1, 2, Strathearn, nice size and quality, good shoulders; 3, Hamilton, fine typical medel. CK., OLD (6): 1, Strathearn, grand style, erect, nice droop, top end and body; 2, 3, Hamilton, taking pair, good size and type; 4, Neil. HEN (5): 1, Strathearn, erect, devided drive, neat head and neck, grand top, long body; 2, 3, Hamilton, neat style, pair well-set on pins. NOR. YELL. CK., YOUNG (12): 1, 3, Bishop, 1st good size, fine front and in splendid condition, 3rd fine carriage; 2, Smith, rare head, fine front, type and quality; 4, Mitchell; 5, 7, Todd; 6, Munnoch. HEN (13): 1, Mitchell, rare type, full of quality; 2, Robertson, grand size, fine shape, good quality; 3, Todd, fine type and quality; 4, Burnett; 5, McDonald. BUFF (7): 1, Todd, excellent wing carriage, grand front, nicely staged; 2, 3, Bishop, a grand pair, nice front, rare wing carriage; 4, Smith. HEN (13): 1, Munnoch, superior frontal, noble carriage, lovely feather; 2, 7, Patterson, 2nd rare type and quality, fine shape and wing carriage; 3, 5, Todd, 3rd good size and quality. NON-FED (8): 1, Todd, good head body and front, nice type; 2, McNaughton, fine type, grand shape and feather; 3, 4, 7, McAdam, 3rd fine size and type, well placed; 5, Mitchell; 6, Clapperton. OLD CK. (12): 1, 3, 6, Bishop; 1st and 3rd grand size and type, finely shaped body, good front; 2, Mitchell, neat and typical, good size and shape; 4, Todd; 5, Patterson; 7, Burnett. HEN (9): 1, Bishop, fine type, grand body, front and carriage; 2, Munnoch, fine quality, taking style, wins easily; 3, Smith, nice size and type, excels in wing carriage; 4, McGregor; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 6, Burnett; 7, McNaughton. CREST, YOUNG (6): 1, 2, 3, Moir, 1st grand body, leafy feather and well radiated, 2nd and 3rd lovely pair, rare substance, nicely radiated, good feather; 5, McNaughton! 6, Kininmonth. C.-B. (4): 1, McNaughton, easy win, rare entrance, dense lashing, fine feather; 2, Moir, good entrance, rare size and substance; 3, Howie, grand type and quality; 4, Kininmonth. CREST., OLD (4): 1, McNaughton, much admired, grand body, leafy feather, well radiated; 2, 3, Howie, lovely pair, rare size and type, well radiated, good body. C.B.: 1, Moir, rare entrance, fine lashing, well cushioned at back; 2, McNaughton, fine upstanding bird, with plenty of feather; 3, Howie, good type; 4, 5, Kininmonth. BORD. FCY., YELL. CK., YOUNG (15): 1, 6, Wilson, 1st lovely carriage and shape, good head and neck, fine wings; 2, Munro, good shape, nice jaunty carriage, lovely sheen; 3, 4, Auld, 3rd nicely moulded, heaten in bloom; 5, Kininmouth; 7, Mitchell. HEN (14): Munro, model, fine quality and feather, faultless wings; 2, 5, Auld, 2nd well moulded, good carriage and style; 3, 6, Blair, 3rd nice shape, very jaunty, lovely feather; 4, Hislop; 7, McDiarmid. BUFF CK. (17): I, 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, 1st gem, grand shape, col. and finish, rare wing and tail carriage; 2, Auld, very jaunty, fine size, shape and quality; 3, Robertson, nice shape and quality; 5, Hislop; 6, McRorie. HEN (14): 1, 3, Auld, excellent pair, good head and neck, grand wing carriage; 2, Wilson, fine type, jaunty carriage; 4, Munro; 5, Nisbet; 6, Hislop; 7, Summers. 1, 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, 1st model shape, grand quality, fine feather, rare wing carriage; 2, 7, Hislop, 2nd very smart and jaunty, good size and shape; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice shape and quality; 4, 5, Blair; 6, McGregor. EVENLY MKD., PIED, ETC., HEN (9): 1, 3, Wilson, charming pair, nice shape, excellent quality, little between them; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, sweetly moulded, close in feather, typical; 4, McRorie; 5, Hislop; 6, Auld; 7, Mitchell. SELL. (13): 1, Hislop; 2, Munro; 3, Fairish; 4, McRorie; 5, 7, Wilson; 6, Auld. BORD. CK., OLD (13): 1, Munnoch, grand head and neck, typical in style, rare wing carriage, pink of condition; 2, Auld, very smart, good shape and col.; 3, Fairish, nice typical Border; 4, McNab; 5, Wilson; 6, Summers; 7, Hislop. HEN (15): 1, 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, taking pair, lovely shape, col. and finish, splendid wing and tail carriage; 3, Munnoch, fine type, jaunty and travels well on perch; 4, Hislop; 5, McNab; 6, 7, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Hislop, 1st a bright well-shaped Norwich Cinn., 2nd pale Border Cinn. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, 5, Stevenson, a lovely dark Greenfinch Mule, good shape and sheen; 2, McGregor, typical Siskin Mule, shows parentage well; 3, Kininmonth, average sized Goldfinch Can., in pink of condition; 4, Arnott, Siskin Mule; 6, 7, Fairish. LINNET (8): 1, Hislop, gem for shape, good col. and lacing; 2, Bishop, really fine quality, nice breast lacing; 3, Kininmonth, beautiful col., nice rich breast; 4, Johnstone; 5, Duff; 6, Clapperton; 7, Brown. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Todd, large yell., good shape and col., fine sheen; 2, Stevenson, paler, but rare size and quality; 3, Mitchell, very fine Greenie, good quality; 4, Hislop; 5, Duff; 6, McGregor; 7, McAdam. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, Arnott, splendid shape and col., nice square blaze, brilliant col., nicely mooned; 2, Clapperton, grand size; 3, Hislop, nice col. and quality; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 5, McDonald; 6, McGregor; 7, Brown. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (15): 1, Arnott, good size and shape; 2, McDiarmid, small, typical, deep crimson, a beauty; 3, 6, Brown, 3rd lovely size; 4, McGregor; 5, Mitchell; 6, Brown; 7, Munro. SISKIN (12): 1, Bishop, lovely yell., nice cap, well laced, grand body; 2, McDonald, paler in col., nice cap and body; 3, Clanperton, good quality; 4, Mitchell; 5, Kirkwood; 6, Hislop; 7, Fairish. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Kirkwood, lovely Twite in pink of condition; 2, Wilson, nice Twite, in grand feather; 3, Arnott, fine Redpoll; 4, 5, Hislop; 6, Fairish; 7, McGregor. BUNTING: 1, Hislop, Yellowhammer, in A1 condition, gem; 2, Wilson, good Snow Bunting; 3, McDonald, fair Yellowhammer; 4, Duff. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, McDiarmid, 1st a lovely Wagtail, well staged, 2nd charming Magpie; 3, 4, Johnstone, 3rd Tree Pipit, 4th Starling. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Blair, ideal Chaffinch, in pink of condition, wins easily; 2, 3, Hislop, 2nd fine specimen of Bramblefinch, good quality, 3rd Chaffinch, good style and feather; 4, Arnott; 5, Brown; 6, McDiarmid, three Bramblefinches. FOR.: 1, 5, 6, McDiarmid, 1st lovely Macaw, in grand condition, 5th Budgerigar, 6th Atlas Weaver; 2, 3, 4, 7, Johnstone, a grand lot, in fine order.

MORRISTON.

The Morriston and Dis. C.B.S. held their third annual show in the Forward Movement Hall, a fine building, kindly lent at the disposal of the society. It is a grand, square hall, with good light and plenty of room for both birds and visitors. The entries numbered about the same as at last year's exhibition; but if this pushing set of fanciers get what they deserve, another two or three hundred entries should face the judges next season. The centres of attraction were the baize-covered stands containing the Borders, and the far side of the hall where the British birds were staged. The latter were a very hot lot, especially the Goldies and Linnets. As an example of the quality of the former, we may mention that last season's Crystal Palace winner failed to get in the money. Welsh Goldfinches are well known by fanciers everywhere, and a few noted birds were seen here. Swansea fanciers are enthusiastic Border admirers, and we heard a good deal of gossip respecting this natty variety. A few exceptionally grand mules were staged, Messrs. Locke, Longden and Lees sending some beauties. Good darks were well in evidence. Mr. Edward's Linnet, and Mr. Gough's Goldie came in for a good deal of notice. The management was of the best and the arrangements so perfect that birds were all handed to the railway company within an hour of the closing of the show. Among the chief workers we noticed Messrs. Evans, Harding, Williams, Hopkins, Longden, Kirby, Wilcox, East, Bancroft, the chairman and vice (Messrs. Stamp and Morgan), and the show managers (Messrs. David Jeremy and W. H. Lewis), the efforts of the latter being especially praiseworthy. The judges were Mr. W. Mundell, Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman the remainder.

The Canary section was fine, and we must congratulate the local fanciers upon the way in which the exhibits were benched. Some very fine specimens were staged, the buff Norwich of Mr. Jones's being a topper; also Mr. Sheldon's exhibits, which were in fine fettle. Some typical Yorkshires were here. The Borders were a fine lot, Messrs. Hammacott and Card's buff tick. being a gem, and will take some stopping in the best of company.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Edwards, good head and chest, rich col., full of quality, very fine; 2, Kirby, short wings and tail, good head, rich col., grand quality; 3, hc, Jones, typical, clean on chest, good head, nice quality, well braced wings; vhc, Palmer; c, Mabbett. BUFF (8): 1, Jones, wins spl. for best bird in show, lovely quality, rich col., good head, grand type; 2, vhc, Sheldon, blaze of col., full of quality, good head and neck; 3, Pudner Bros., rich col., fine head, again full of quality; hc, Jeremy; c, Kirby. UNEVEN., ETC. (7): 1, Hitchings, yell. variegated, magnificent quality, rich col., good head, wings and tail; 2, James, cap mkd. buff, lovely quality, short wings and tail, good head; 3, hc, c, Jones; 3rd buff variegated, full of quality, short and chubby, correct type; vhc, Sheldon. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Sheldon, 1st yell., boxy feather, short flights and tail, good head, clean on chest; 2, Heal, bull, silky feather, neat head, well braced wings, short tail, nice type; 3, James, yell., boxy feather, good head, clean chest, grand type; hc, Hitchings; c, Jones. UNFLIG. NOR. (8): 1, Sheldon, buff, short flights and tail, good head, clean on breast, grand type; 2, 3, Jones, 2nd yell., 3rd variegated, buff, two lovely birds, true to type, full of quality; vhc, Edwards; hc, Griffiths; c, Kirby. UNFED (5): 1, Quarman, good head and chest, full of quality; 2, 3, vhc, Jenkins, 2nd variegated buff, good head, short wings and tail, magnificent quality, 3rd yellow, good head, boxy feather, short flights and tail; hc, Kirby. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Negus, 1st position and feather A1, long flights, piped tail, round head, clean on breast; 2, Shearn and Owen, hot col., good head and chest, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Jeffreys, tkd., full of quality, long flights and tail; c, Banks. BUFF (10): 1, Shearn and Owen, rich col., full of quality, good head, clean on chest, a wee bit unsteady; 2, Card, pale col., lovely quality, long flights and tail; 3, Negus, rich col., long flights and tail, shows just a little frill at times; vhc, c, Morgan; hc, Taylor. UNEVEN., ETC. (6): 1, Negus, variegated buff, excellent quality, stands on a pair of good legs, clean chest, good head, piped tail; 2, Morgan and Wilcox, variegated buff, good head and chest, full of quality, long flights and piped tail; 3, Bevan, yell., boxy feather, grand type, long wings and tail; vhc, East; hc, Stamp; c, Card. HEN (15): 1, Morgan and Wilcox, cap buff, boxy feather, well braced wings, good head and tail, grand position; 2, Banks, rich col. buff, boxy feather, good wings and tail; 3, Atkinson, long and typical, full of quality, rich col., good head; 4, hc, Jeffreys; vhc, Shearn and Owen; c, Card. UNFLIG. YORKS. (19): 1, 2, Morgan and Wilcox, 1st buff, lovely quality, neat head, rich col., grand wing and tail, position A1, 2nd variegated buff, full of quality, long flights, piped tail; 3, Atkinson, cap yell., long flights and tail, rich col., grand bird; 4, Evans; vhc, Smith; hc, Taylor; c, Banks. UNFED. (13): 1, East, yell., well up on leg, boxy feather, long flights and tail, very stylish; 2, Williams, yell. tkd., good head, long wings, well braced, piped tail, boxy feather, neat head; 3, vhc, Taylor, buff, silky feather, grand position, long wings and tail; 4, Lewis; hc, Davies; c, Morgan and Wilcox. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, c, Hocking, eye mkd., lovely quality, grand wing carriage, neat tail, good head, typical; 2, Hammacott and Card, lovely feather, good wings and tail, neat head, typical; 3, vhc, hc, Evans, 3rd very stylish, boxy feather, good head, wings and tail; extra c, Taylor. HENS (9): 1, Mugford, typical, boxy feather, good head and chest, well braced wings and tail; 2, Hammacott and Card, full of quality, neat head, wings and tail; 3, vhc, Evans, neat head, grand wing and tail, teeming with quality. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Hammacott and Card, tkd. on head, lovely quality, neat head, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, hc, Evans, very showy, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 3, Mugford, very smart, clean on chest, grand wings and tail; vhc, Hocking; c, East. HENS (8): 1, 3, c, Evans, boxy feather, nice wings and tail, typical, good head, 3rd stylish, full of quality, grand wing carriage; 2, Taylor, boxy feather, good head, nice wings and tail, very typical; vhc, Mugford; hc, Steins. UNEVEN., ETC., (13): 1, 2, Hammacott and Card, 1st uneven yell., beautiful feather, good head, well braced wings, piped tail, typical, 2nd lovely quality, neat head, very stylish; 3, Williams, boxy feather, good wing carriage, neat tail, typical; vhc, c, Hocking; hc, extra c, Evans. GREEN OR LINN. (6): 1, 3, hc, c, Hocking, 1st green, stylish, lovely col., boxy feather, good head, neat wings and tail, 3rd cinn., lovely col. and feather, good wings and tail, stylish; 2, vhc, Richards, 2nd green, lovely col., nice wing and tail, a bit down. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Jones, Scots., very breedy, 3rd Crest bred, good skull and feather, 2, c, Hocking; vhc, Morris; hc, Jeffrey.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

HYB. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Locke, grand evenly mkd., hot col. Goldie Can., Maesteg winner; 2, Shearn and Owen, good, nice-sized Goldie-Bullie, very dense cap and wings, good blaze and bars; 3, Lees, capital Linnet-Bullie, good size, nice col., and very shapely; vhc, Lang; hc, c, Edwards. DK. GOLDIE: 1, Gough, grand size and shape, good sound col, fine rich blaze, dense wings; 2, hc, Longden, another good one, grand blaze, capital size and shape, bonny bull; 3, Edwards, fine big yell., very large, good blaze, hardly at its best; vhc, Jenkins. DK. LINNET: 1, Edwards, slashing big Linnet, beautiful shape and col., well mkd., in fine feather; 2, Scrines, another beauty, same cross, wonderful depth of col., nice head, well filled back, good second; 3, Lang, bonny buff, beautifully proportioned, grand col. and condition; vhc, hc, Roach; c, Bowen. A.O.V. (9): 1, Lees, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., rare size and shape, one of the best out when steadied; 2, 3, Longden, 2, another of the same cross, very shapely, capital size, a nice shade, heavier markgs.; 3, topping Cinn.-Greenie, grand size, good sound col., in fine condition; 4, vhc, hc, Edwards, bonny dark Greenie, shapely, good size. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Jones, grand size, well tanned throughout, fine, spreading blaze, well past, eye, good wings, shown well, pressed hard by 2, Reynolds, another beauty, might be next fellow, hardly so wide in blaze, perhaps, but very richly tanned; 3, hc, Richards, grand bird, tip-top blaze, very shapely, nice size; vhc, Heal, another beauty, grand square blaze, nice shade, smaller, very close up, however; c, Rees. GREYPATE (8): 1, Gay, fine front, nicely tanned, good wings, very shapely, shade wild; 2, Holbrow, capital blaze, richly tanned, lovely wings, very taking bird; 3, Williams, beauty for shape and size, grand col. throughout, beautifully buttoned; vhc, Howard; hc, Thomas and Jones; c, Edwards. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Jones, quite a picture for shape, size and col., should have different col. front to cage, might prove fatal if judged in a bad light; 2, Longden, another grand one, perfect Bullie shape, improving in col. daily; 3, Price, very Bullie shape, lovely condition, 1st Maesteg, but hardly looking so well, will do some winning; vhc, White; hc, Edwards; c, Thomas. LINNET (13): 1, Williams, grand size, perfect shape, nice rich col., beautifully pencilled, topper; 2, vhc, Longden, very close up, fine, bold-fronted bird, a real top sawyer if a bit more steady; 3, Bowen, good one, full of pencilling, nice shape and size, lovely feather; hc, Bancroft; c, Gay; hot class, some grand birds unnoticed. FIELD MOULTED (9): 1, 3, Bancroft, two grand birds, leader perfect shape, wonderful size and condition; 3, fine bird, will moult out a topper; 2, Prosser, one of the best, should moult out twenty per cent. better, has the making of a champion; vhc, Howard, another good one of more than average merit; hc, Jenkins; c, Beed. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Bancroft, well known winner, takes things easily, showing does not appear to affect him, excels in size and col.; 2, White, hardly so large as winner, perhaps, but perfect in contour and col.; 3, Longden, very fine Finch, looking very fit to-day, close up to second; vhc, Lee; hc, Bowen; c, Price. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, 3, c, Longden, well-known Bramble, old one leading, both excel in polish and richness of col., lovely specimens; 2, Bancroft, fine Chaffinch, good size and col., lovely feather; vhc, Gay, fine big Bramble, grandly laced, good body mrkgs.; hc, Lane. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Bancroft, fine bold Twite, excellent shape, rare col., very richly pencilled, shown in A1 condition; 2, Howard, very fine, nat. col. Siskin, grand size, perfect shape, nicely laced cap, lovely feather; 3, Bancroft, another grand Siskin, a beauty for col. and lacing; 4, hc, Longden, very fine Redpoll, nice size, perfect bib, well mkd.; vhc, Jenkins; c, Lohr and Thomas. BUNTING (7): 1, Prosser, grand yell. Bunting, perfectly mkd. head, splendid col., nicely laced; 2, Kirby, close up, only beaten in perfection of head mrkgs., shown in lovely feather, will turn the scale some day; 3, Ford and Son, another fine bird, nice lacing, very shapely, will improve; vhc, Price; hc, Hughes; c, Thomas. THRUSH, ETC. (2): 1, Hughes, grand Redwing, shapely, lovely col. and mrkgs., a beauty; 2, Lee, very fine Blackbird, grand size, nice dense col., close up. HAWFINCH (4): 1, 2, Bull, birds of grand size, good skull, well-cut bibs, 1 in better condition; 3, Longden, capital Finch, nice col., shade pale round bib; 4, Ray, another good bird. SOFTBILL (1): 2, Howe, very nice Great Grey Shrike, but rather wild, possibly affected by the journey. HEN (9): 1, 2, Prosser, fine Bramble, rare col. and size, grand condition; 2, topping Greenie, very shapely, good size and col.; 3, Longden, another good Greenie, beaten for size; 4, Jones, nice Bullie, good size; No. 4, Howard, perfectly shaped Bullie, in lovely feather, left out evidently by mistake; vhc, Sampson; hc, East; c, Ford. FOR. (4): 1, Davies and Wilkins, Jay Thrush, very shapely and clean; grand feather; 2, Davies, what is evidently a good King, but out of sorts to-day; 3, Thorne, lovely col. Parrakeet, nice size and shape; 4, Thorne, good Cutthroat.

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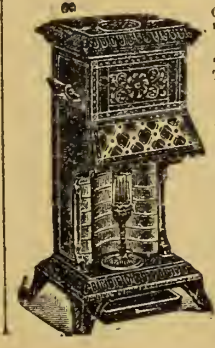
Annual show of the St. Marychurch and Babbacombe F.S. held at the Town Hall on November 17th. Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth) judged the cage bird section. Mr. R. H. Bearne (the hon. sec.) and Mr. T. Hamlyn (chairman of committee), assisted by a capital committee, were responsible for the excellent arrangements made.

NOR.: 1, Stanbury; 2, 3, Dann. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Wills. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Wills; 2, 3, Hyne. LARGE: 1, spl best in show, 2, 3, Wills. FOR.: 1, Wills; 2, 3, Broderick.

SANDY LANE & DISTRICT C.B.A.

Third members' show of the season held on Nov. 16th. Mr. E. B. Denton judged, and gave every satisfaction.

Class 1: 1, 2, 3, Wilson. Class 2: 1, Wilson; 2, Drake and Son; 3, Milburn. Class 3: 1, Smith; 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, Milburn. Class 4: 1, Smith; 2, Edmondson and Son; 3, Wilson. Class 6: 1, Milburn; 2, Drake and Son; 3, Smith. Class 7: 1, Smith; 2, Milburn. Class 8: 1, Edmondson and Son; 2, Smith. Class 9: 1, Edmondson and Son; 2, Drake and Son; 3, Milburn. NOVICE SECTION: 2, Drake and Son; 3, Milburn. Class 3: Class 2: 1, Moore; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Simms. Class 4: 1, 2, Whitwham; 3, Moore. Class 5: 1, Whitwham; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Simms.—BENJ. BUCKLE, sec.



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MAESTEG.

Annual Show of the Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S., held in the Town Hall, on November 17th. The building is in every way suited to the purpose, being lofty and having plenty of light. The cuttles numbered about 600, making a fine collection. The Norwich were exceptionally good, some fine bold birds being staged by Messrs. Harber, Sheldon, Davies, Pritchard and others. The Yorkshires were a nice collection, some of the leaders being exceptionally stylish and racy. Some good Mules and British birds made up a very attractive collection. Messrs. Longdon and Bancroft staging a few of their well-known winners. A couple of good classes of Borders and a few Scotch Fancies gave variety to the show. The Secretary, Mr. W. Jenkins, worked hard for the success of the venture, as did also the show managers, Messrs. Miles and Thomas, ably assisted by the committee and a few well-known fanciers. Mr. J. H. Roe judged Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman the Hybrids, British and Foreign birds.

Mr. J. H. Roe's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Harber, stormer for size, good, bold shape, very hot col., fine back and wings; 2, Jones, another topper, capital shape, rich col., in first rate condition; 3, Pritchard, beauty for size and shape, nice level col., good wings; 4, White, big, bold bird, good head and chest; vhc, Caddy, hc, Thomas; c, Muscott. BUFF: 1, S, Sheldon, 1st bonny, bold-fronted bird, splendid head, nice, full neck, good back and wings, in lovely condition, 3rd good size, typical shape, very neat wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Pritchard, another stormer for size, grand head, splendid back, short legs and tail; 4, Hill, close up, rare width of shoulders; vhc, Makarnan; hc, Dymond; c, Jones. A.O.V. (14): 1, Thomas, bold, typical specimen, rare chesty sort, stands well, neat wings, close tail, grand condition; 2, Tedstone, bonny, lengthy, mkd. bird, good, wide head, grand body, very fine feather; 3, Edwards, lovely yell., very typical shape, nice head, in tip-top form; 4, Hitchings, another big yell., rare head, grand body; vhc, Davies; hc, Harber; c, Kirby. HEN (10): 1, 2, Sheldon, 1st lovely quality hen, of good Nor. type, capital head, wings and tail, 2nd another bold one, wonderful size, good head and body, grand condition; 3, Pritchard, bonny bird, grand head, regular Nor. shape; 4, Davies, another bird of merit, grand feather and condition; vhc, Harber; hc, Davies. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Pritchard, very typical yell., good head and body, nice, short legs, lovely quality; 2, Sheldon, lovely buff, short, thick-set bird, very neat tail and wings, bonny Nor.; 3, Pale, neat, typical specimen, good head, well filled back, capital feather, well shown; 4, Thomas, quite the Nor. type, round as a ball; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Trigg; c, Jones. NON-FED (9): 1, 2, Davies, 1st grand, typical bird, lovely head, good, bold front, grand condition, 2nd another beauty, massive head, good body, well-filled back, short legs and tail; 3, Dymond, lovely head, tkd. bird, good head and chest, in grand condition; 4, Pritchard, mkd. bird, good size and shape; vhc, Miles and Bowen; hc, Trigg. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Negus, 1st cl. yell., very smart, rakish bird, nice, clean run, well up on legs, neat head, well-filled back, 2nd very long and stylish, good tapered one, well-filled back, sweet tail; 3, Hughes, lengthy specimen, nice, round head, free neck, good shoulders and back; 4, Phillips, neat and stylish, very hot col.; vhc, Banks; hc, Thomson; c, Yeo. BUFF (6): 1, Hartley, good, long, stylish bird, very round, grand head, well-filled back, neat tail; 2, Gregory, another beauty, very typical, good head and tapered body, lovely feather, close up; 3, Hughes, big bird, stands well, grand length of wing, well shown; 4, Thomson, very neat specimen good head and back, capital wings; vhc, Negus; hc, Hughes. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, Jeffreys, grand size and shape, good round head, nice neck and shoulders, neat tail, lovely feather; 2, Hartley, very smart bird, racy and free, stands well, well-filled back; 3, Jelly, smart, hot col. bird, good head, round body, well up on legs; 4, Hughes, big, raking bird, good back and wings, excellent feather; vhc, Smith. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Cook, very smart yell., mkd. bird, grand back and wings, well up on perch, in lovely condition; 2, Pole, racy buff, stands well, capital shoulders, nice wings; 3, Banks, smart cl., nicely rounded, good length of wings; vhc, Wilkins; hc, Phillips; c, Pritchard. HEN (15): 1, Gregory, neat lady, very stylish, quite typical, wonderfully neat wings and tail; 2, Hartley, another good one, close up, stands well, nice and leggy; 3, Cook, smart bird, shown in lovely condition, capital head and back; 4, Sparey, very racy yell., good wings; vhc, Negus; hc, Byard; c, Phillips. NON-FED (5): 1, 3, 4, Thomas, 1st very neat, good head, well-filled back, rare wing carriage, 3rd neat, typical specimen, well shown, capital wings, 4th fine yell., very smart; 2, Miss Price, another neat one, capital head, good back and wings; vhc, Harrington. BUFF (10): 1, Gregory, very big, typical bird, good head and neck, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 2, Negus, heavily mkd., very smart, good head, capital back and wings; 3, Thompson, bonny, very racy, stands well, grand back; 4, Smith, another big one, sweet head, good style; vhc, Hughes; hc, c, Barrow. C. and C.B. (5): 1, Dymond, bonny bird, grand size, nice even crest, good centre and droop; 2, Stephens, hardly the size of winner, perhaps, neat crest, will improve, plenty of feather; 3, No name, good cl. C.B., fine shape of skull, nice entrance; vhc, Muscott; hc, Maggs. SCOTCH FCY. (3): 1, 2, 3, Jones, 1st smart; typical yell., good shoulders, stands well, nice, free tail, 2nd another good one, grand size, sweet head, nice action, 3rd big buff bird, grand depth, quite typical. CINN.: 1, Lewis, very nice Cinn., Nor.; vhc, Cook. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Jenkins, 1st racy little bird, very stylish and free, nice head and back, good wings, 2nd grand green, lovely type, good, sound col., works well; 3, vhc, Williams, another racy yell., sweet head, good wings; 4, hc, Hocking, nearly even yell., typical specimen, capital action. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Jenkins, 1st bonny bird, very neat and stylish, good head and neck, lovely feathered, 2nd another smart one, shade fuller, very neat wings, 3rd smart, stylish, very racy, neat type, some thought as good as any; 4, Hocking, another good cl., of great merit. A.O.V. (2): 3, Pritchard, four-pointed Nor., birds like these seldom seen now; 4, Pritchard, nice green Yorks.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

HYB., CL., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Locke, 1st bonny, clean-cut, wing-mkd. yell., very rich col., capital size, shown in A1 form, 2nd even mkd. buff, good size, very shapely; 3, Edwards, fine bold yell., but out of condition, wants time. VARIEG. (19): 1, Longdon, a topping Linnet-Can., grand size, perfect contour, lovely feather and condition, taking bird; 2, c, Maggs, fine, big Goldie-Can., head and wing mkd., lovely col., put down in good form; 3, Richards, very smart, shapely bird, head and back mkd., grand feather; 4, hc, Edwards, another bonny Linnet, rather heavily mkd., a stormer for size; vhc, Trigg. DK. CAN. (7): 1, Scrine, fine, bonny Linnet, rare size, grand shape, full of quality and col., in tip-top form; 2, Longdon, Cinn. Greenle, capital size, very shapely, good col., shows admirably; 3, Edwards, fine, bold Linnet, rare size, hardly so shapely, perhaps, as winner; vhc, Maggs; hc, Byard; c, Davies. A.O.V.: 1, Pole, good example of the Linnet-Bullie cross, nice flush of col., beautifully mkd.; 2, No name, rich col. Goldie-Bullie, shapely, well mkd.; 3, Edwards, another good Linnet-Bullie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, White, good size, nice, rich col. blaze, capital tanning, beautifully barred, and buttoned; 2, Rees, nice size, shapely, good tanning, splendidly buttoned, capital condition; 3, Evans, bonny bird, very shapely, good, square blaze, bars and buttons, richly tanned; 4, Edwards, very smart, taking bird, richly tanned, nice flush; vhc, Thomas; hc, Short; c, Jones. FIELD-MLTD.: 1, Ford, shapely, well tanned specimen, nice, square blaze, very clean-cut black, in fine condition; 2, No name, another good one, nice size, good face, well tanned, steady; 3, Edwards, smart bird, hardly the finish of winners, perhaps, will improve; 4, Howard, bonny bird, good rich col., nice wings; vhc, Dymond; hc, Howard; c, Hughes. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Price, grand, bold-fronted Bullie, magnificent cap, rare neck and shoulders, lovely col. throughout, bird with a future; 2, Longdon, genuine house-monited specimen, good size, very shapely, in lovely feather, will improve; 3, Pole, another topper, drop, rich col., nice cap, shapely, stylish bird; 4, White, neat, good cap and back, capital col.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Stephens; c, Joyce. LINNET (12): 1, Prosser, bonny bird, very shapely, capital size, good col. and markings, the Swansea winner; 2, Bowen, neat, stylish bird, lacks col. of winner, beautifully mkd., taking specimen; 3, Williams, fine, bold bird, very shapely, good col., and markings, bold whites; 4, No name, another beauty, capital size and shape, good, sound col.; vhc, Dymond; hc, Longdon; c, Bancroft. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Bancroft, big, bold bird, grand nat. col., shown in tip-top form; 2, White, good, shapely bird, nat. col., nice size, shows plenty of yell.; 3, Price, gravl bird, not in the best of condition when judged, sent off without seed; 4, Bowen, neat col.-fed specimen, nice clean head, good condition; vhc, Longdon, good bird, bit browy when judged; hc, Dymond; c, Griffiths. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, 2, spl, Longdon, 1st old champion in front again, in grand condition, well shown, 2nd big, bonny Chaffinch, nice, level col., but not up yet, capital condition; 3, c, Howard, another good Bramble, well spangled, rich chestnut; vhc, Yeo; hc, Davies. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Bancroft, lovely Siskin, nice size, grand cap and bib, good body tacing, dense, black markings; 2, Longden, sweet Redpoll, nice, rich col., well capped, fine, bold bib, beautifully laced; 3, Poole, another good non-fed Siskin, not far behind winner; 4, Bird, yet another Siskin, good ground col., nice cap; vhc, Maggs; hc, Prosser; c, Pole. HEN (7): 1, Prosser, grand Bramble leading, very rich col. specimen, shapely, good size; 2, Pole, bonny Hawfinch, has it in size and feather, but a wee bit pale in col.; 3, Prosser, good Bunting, nice, rich col., and markings; vhc, Howard; hc, Smith; c, Richards. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Price, perfect Song Thrush leading, grand size and shape, beautifully spotted, lovely condition; 2, Stephens, fine, bold Blackbird, very dense col., lovely beak and eye; 3, No name, another Song Thrush, hardly the size of winner, perhaps. HARD: 1, Prosser, fine Yellow Bunting, perfect v-shaped markings, good, sound col., nice size; 2, Poole, bonny Hawfinch, good size, shape, and col.; 3, Lunt, another good yell., rare size and shape, very rich col.; vhc, Jones, hc, Jenkins, c, Longdon. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, Jones, nice Whinchat, good size and col., well shown; 2, Clayton, shapely Redstart, lovely feather; 3, Castree, big Wheatear, not in the best of fettle yet; vhc, Davies; hc, Hughes; c, Jenkins. FOR. SMALL: 1, Castree, capital pure white Java, lovely pure col., and feather; 2, 3, Cole, hardly so pure in col. as winner, but a grand exhibit.

MEMBERS'—YORKS. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Phillips, 1st typical bird, of grand size and feather, well shown; 2, Sparvey, another bonny bird, capital size and condition; 4, hc, Miles and Bowen, nearty green, very typical. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Miles and Bowen, 1st bonny cl. yell., strong col., good feather, 2nd bold mkd. buff, good head and chest; 3, Richards, nice cl., very typical. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Jenkins, sweet Border, typical, clean-cut bird, lovely feather; 2, another good one, close up; 3, Thomas, nice coppy. HYB. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Thomas, 1st good Goldie-Siskin, nice col. and markings, 2nd smart, lightly-mkd. Goldie-Can., very hot col.; 3, Richards, good buff, fine bold-bodied bird; hc, Owen; c, Coles. FINCHES (6): 1, 3, hc, c, Thomas, 1st smart Bramble, good size and shape, nicety mkd., 3rd good Greenie, nice size and col.; 2, vhc, Richards, good Goldie, nicely tanged.

MARYHILL.

Maryhil and Dist. O.C., 33rd annual show of Scotch Fancy Canaries, was held in the Burgh Halls, on November 13th. The entries were behind in number, but quality was very good. Mr. Ferguson (president), Mr. Blackstock (secretary), and the committee, had everything in splendid order. Judges, Messrs. Hope and Black, who gave every satisfaction. Mr. Anderson won cup and medal for best cock bird in the hall, and Mr. Jardine those for best bird.

YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Jardine, 1st well-built, cross type, compact and proportionate, 2nd grand size, neat head, long, free neck, and grand shoulders; 3, 4, Young, 3rd nice size, erect, fine drive, solid back; 5, Blackstock. HEN (19): 1, 2, Jardine, 1st best hen, grand, long hen, erect, neat head, nice, round long body, 2nd erect, good drive, solid back; 3, Young, pressed hard on 2nd, erect, determined drive; 4, Blackstock; 5, Taylor. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Martin, erect, decided reach, prominent shoulders, grand front, and body; 2, 3, Jardine, very fine pair, full of quality; 4, Wilson; 5, Hannah. HEN (7): 1, Stevenson, well up, nice reach, solid back, good body and action; 2, Stirling, good quality, full of style. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, 3, 4, Wilson, 1st long reachy stamp, erect, nice drive and shoulder, long body, 3rd well set on pins, erect, nice reach and shoulders, good front; 2, Young, erect, decided drive, good body and action; 5, Stevenson. HEN (7): 1, Martin, neat head, long neck, in proper direction; 2, Young, good all round; 3, Jardine, fine style and action; 4, Wilson; 5, Blackstock. GREEN CK. (3): 1, cup, Anderson, lovely green, dense in col., erect, neat head, long neck, determined drive, fine front; 2, Aitken, head erect, very fine model, close in feather; 3, Young, good stamp. HEN (4): 1, Anderson, erect head, well forward, good shoulder and body; 2, Martin, neat and typical, a model; 3, Young, grand, solid-built bird. FOUL CK. (5): 1, 2, Jardine, grand pair good style and action; 3, Hannah, fine stamp; 4, Stirling. HEN (5): 1, cup, Jardine, erect, neat head, long neck, solid back; 2, Taylor, good type; 3, Stevenson, nice model; 4, Stirling; 5, Hannah. BUFF CK.: 1, Young, grand size and substance, fine quality; 2, Jardine, fine size and style; 3, Aitkenhead, good stamp; 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, Wilson, superior size, shaggy in feather; 2, Young, nice model, full of quality; 3, Nairn, good stamp; 4, Stevenson. SELL. CK. (6): 1, Smart; 2, Hannah; 3, Nairn; 4, Stirling. HEN (4): 1, Nairn; 2, Hannah; 3, Dickson.

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GALASHIELS, N.B.

A splendid show was that held by the Galashiels O.S. in the Volunteer Hall on November 20th. The aggregate entry was larger than last year, owing to an improvement in the Norwich section. Scots Fancies were hardly so strong as last year, but the quality right through the section was remarkably good, birds of grand style, with great length of side, being well to the front in all the classes. Many of the birds, however, were too near the Belgian for our liking, and not a few of them, if put into small cages with a single perch, could win as Belgian; indeed, one of the Scots Fancy judges with whom we discussed the matter said quite unreservedly that it was well-known that some birds had won one week as Scots and another as Belgians. When this is so, what becomes of type and purity of breed? The Borders were not so numerous as we expected to see them, but they were a very high quality lot. Slimly built, as nervy and stylish as a tip-top Yorkshire, and feathered like glass, they were indeed beautiful. Mr. Smillie handled them well, so well as to make one regret he had so little scope for his abilities. In Norwich some very nice, typical, short-feathered birds were shown. Birds in which depth and richness of colour were well combined with nice chubby bodies and neat tails and wings. The arrangements were splendid, everything being in readiness for the judges shortly after nine o'clock, the cards affixed as each class was judged, so that those interested, and who watched the judging from the gallery, could see at once how the verdict had gone. The committee worked hard and well, and were ably led by Mr. Archibald Tod, the chairman, Mr. Lugden, an old friend, whom we knew over twenty years ago, when he lived at Wooler, was secretary, and by his energy, his courtesy and very evident desire to do all he could for the society and exhibitors, proved himself a worthy successor of the many good secretaries the G.O.S. has had. He received invaluable assistance from Mr. Brown, the treasurer, and in these three officials the G.O.S. have a grand set of leaders. The judges were: Scots, Messrs. A. Paterson, J. Lowe; Borders, Mr. Smillie; Norwich, etc., Mr. Mason, and their awards were well received

The Critique.

SCOTS. YELL (9): 1, 4, cup, Adam Melrose, great strength of shoulders, rare head and neck, gets well down to his work, and handles well; 2, Craig, foul-headed, rare head and neck, capital shoulders, good length of side, plenty of nerve, very straight; 3, Beveridge, grand shaped, quick, nervy cl., handles splendidly, needed a wash; 5, Crosbie. HEN (10): 1, H. Melrose, foul head, rare shape and substance, well filled shoulders, grand back and side, plenty of nerve; 2, A. Melrose, very massive cl., plenty of nerve, great length of side, capital head and neck, handles well; 3, Park, another cl., hardly so much length of side, but grand nerve, very quick in action, and pulls well; 4, Johnstone; 5, Crosbie. BUFF (12): 1, 5, Craig, an immense fellow, good head and neck, rare shoulders, great length of side, gets his head well down, and pulls hard; 2, Pringle, not so feathery, grand shape and substance, rare head and neck, a champion at work, must have pressed hard; 3, A. Melrose, foul head, another bunch of feathers, plenty of side, good head, neck, and shoulders, handles well; 4, H. Melrose. HEN (9): 1, 3, spl, Dalgleish, rare long shapely bird, splendid head, neck, and shoulders, full of nerve and style, a beauty, 3rd very quick and smart in action, nice head and shoulders, gets down to her work well, but is shorter; 2, spl, A. Melrose, hardly so much timber, but rare shape and style, full of nerve, and a rare puller; 4, Dobson; 5, Pringle. PIED YELL. (8): 1, Dalgleish, long sided, quick-actioned bird, with capital head, neck, and shoulders; 2, spl, Johnstone, splendid shape and style, hardly so much top end, but rare nerve; 3, Dobson, quick, clever little bird, good head, neck, and shoulders, hardly so much side, good tail; 4, A. Melrose; 5, Pringle. HEN (6): 1, Crosbie, not one of the largest, but grand head, neck, and shoulders, very quick and nervy; 2, Craig, rare shape and style, very quick in action, hardly so much length of side; 3, spl, Thompson Bros., smart, quick handling hen, nice head and neck, full of nerve, and gets her head well down; 4, Pringle; 5, Lugton. PIED BUFF (6): 1, Veitch, fine, massive fellow, rare head, neck and shoulders, great length of side, gets well down to his work; 2, Dobson, a magnificent handler, any amount of nerve and style, rare shape, must have run close; 3, Lugton, hardly so steady when handled, but is a rare shaped bird of good substance; 4, Millar. HEN (9): 1, Dalgleish, very stout and massive in shoulders, grand head and neck, and plenty of nerve; 2, A. Melrose, splendid head and neck, well made shoulders, capital back and length of side, handles like a champion; 3, Crosbie, not one of the largest, but awfully quick and nervy, a grandly made Scottish lass; 4, Beveridge; 5, Carson. The Green classes were both cancelled. BELGIAN (10): 1, spl, Carson, fine, big, strapping yell., full of nerve; 2, spl, Scott, big massive buff, rare head, neck and shoulders, takes longer to get into position, but once up is a gem; 3, Beveridge, grand shaped, quick actioned yell., not so large; 4, Park; 5, A. Melrose. SELL. (20s.) (8): 1, Pringle; 2, Dobson; 3, Crosbie; 4, Dick; 5, Scott. HEN (8): 1, Craig; 2, Carson; 3, Veitch; 4, Crosbie; 5, Pringle. BORD., YELL. (6): 1, Halliday, sweetly modelled, feathered like a Java, full of style, fine head; 2, Bennet, rare body, shape and style, lovely quality, nice colour, hardly so nice entrance to skull; 3, J. Patterson, somewhat stouter in build, rare quality of feather, stands well; 4, Haig; 5, McKenzie. HEN (7): 1, Bennet, sweet and neat, lovely shape, style, and feather; 2, McKenzie, rare shape and feather, as tight as wax, neat head, rare wings and tail; 3, Tait, hardly so much col. as 1 and 2, beautiful type and feather, stands well; 4, Gardiner; 5, res, Paterson. BUFF (12): 1, Bennet, capital shape and feather, holds his wings and tail in rare style, very smart and stylish; 2, J. Patterson, sweet head, rare neck and back, rare feather, but does not use his wings so well as 1st; 3, McKenzie, rare shape and style, beautifully proportioned, hardly so clear in feather; 4, Brockie; 5, Halliday. HEN (10): 1, spl, Bennet, wonderful shape and style, feathered to perfection, and holds herself grandly; 2, 5, Tait, one of the chubbier kind, very smart and stylish in her actions, and as tight as wax; 3, Halliday, splendid body feather, grand shape and carriage, hardly so compact in tail; 4, Glen. Even mkd. cancelled. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, McKenzie, grandly shaped cap and wing mkd., grand quality of feather, rare style; 2, spl, Tait, eye and wing mkd., lovely feather, plenty of nerve, hardly so slim; 3, J. Patterson, very slim, erect, eye, neck and wing mkd., full of nerve, grandly feathered; 4, Lugton; 5, Cormark. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Tait, very sweet, eye mkd., grand head, neck, and shoulders, lovely quality and style; 2, Brockie, eye, neck and wing mkd., full of style and quality, grandly shaped; 3, Gardiner, eye, neck and wing mkd., grand shape and style, handles well; 4, Cormack; 5, Bennet. CINN., ETC. (8): 1, Murray, rare shaped green, lovely col. and feather, full of nerve; 2, Bennet, very smart, slim, high quality, rich col. green; 3, Amos, another green, hardly so bright in col., nice feather and carriage; 4, Phillip; 5, Nichol. FOUL (7): 1, Bennet, buff, tkd. on neck, grand shape and feather, rare wings and tail; 2, 5, McKenzie, tkd. headed yell., grand quality and style, very shapely; 3, J. Patterson, tkd. headed buff, beautiful shape, quality and style; 4, Tait. SELL. (13): 1, McKenzie; 2, Halliday; 3, 5, Tait; 4, Allan. NOR., YELL. (11): 1, cup, Cameron, rare shaped, high quality col., grand head, shoulders and chest, plenty of col.; 2, Dickson Bros., eye, neck and wing mkd. very stout and chubby, rare col. and feather; 3, Wilson, magnificent cl., grand rich col., rare shape and feather; 4, two spls, Archer; 5, Lugton. HEN (10): 1, Keddie, a bonnie wee lassie, short and compact, lovely col. and feather and rare style; 2, Wilson, very rich col., grand quality, short and chubby, seemed a bit soft when we saw her; 3, Blackhall, rare bodied bird, excels in shape and quality, needs just a wee bit more head; 4, Cameron; 5, Gardiner. BUFF (15): 1, Dickson Bros., eye and wing mkd., grand col., neat wings and tail; 2, Reid, very short, neat and compact cl., lovely col. and quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Cameron, eliuking good bodied cl., rare col. and quality, loses in head; 4, Gardiner, not so much col., but magnificent shape and feather, a grand bird, had hard lines; 5, Keddie. HEN (12): 1, 2, cup, spl, Cameron, a regular little picture, short and chubby, splendid wings and tail, as tight and glossy as glass, full of style, 2nd quite equal, excepting in substance of head; 3, spl, Wilson, tkd. neck, splendid col. and feather, not quite so short; 4, Archer; 5, Lugton. A.O.V. (5): 1, Wilson, cl. body, dark crest, nice centre, well drooped, grand shaped body; 2, Archer, slim, stylish, nervy bird, too long for a Bord., and not enough of him for a Yorkie; 3, 5, Steel, two nice Lizards; 4, Finnie, another Crest, but some distance behind 1st in size and shape. MULES (10): 1, Bell and Readhead, grand shaped variegated. Buff, splendid quality and col.; 2, Finnie, rich col., well mkd., large, shapely, dark Siskin-Can.; 3, Brownlee, very handsome Siskin-Linnet, rare shape and col.; 4, Whiteford; 5, Blackhall. GOLDIE (8): 1, McLennan, big, bright col. Foreigner, grand blaze and bars; 2, spl, Gordon, another lustrous For., hardly so large in blaze, but rare col.; 3, Smith, a rattling good Britisher, full of col., grand feather, shape and markings; 4, spl, Whiteford; 5, Finnie. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Innes, grandly mkd. Siskin, splendid col., nice shape and size; 2, Blackie, bonnie little Twite, grand col. and marking, rare feather; 3, Finnie, another good col., well laced Siskin; 4, Ford; 5, Clark. A.O.V. SMALL (16): 1, Ford, very pretty Blackcap, nice col., shape and feather; 2, 4, Messer, Bramble and Bullie two nice col., well mkd. birds; 3, Laidlaw, magnificent yel. Wagtail, in perfect plumage, and very steady, a really grand exhibit, had rather hard lines; 5, Brown. LARGE cancelled. FOR. (5): 1, Ford, very nicely mkd., good col. Black-headed Gouldian; 2, 4, Watson, Blue-fronted Amazon and Alexandrina Parrakeet, we liked the latter much the best for col. markings, and most certainly condition; 3, Miss Waddel, lovely Grey Parrot, also had hard lines; 5, c, Wambers.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Annual club show held in the Good Templar Hall on November 6th. Entries came well up, and the birds were of good quality. Mr. W. Mitchell judged Scotch Fancies, and Mr. D. A. Craig, Arbroath, all other varieties, and their decisions gave entire satisfaction. Mr. W. Keill won special for best young bird in Hall, Mr. Whitton being runner-up.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Keill. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Shanks; 2, Wilson and Campbell; 3, Merrilees. BUFF: 1, 2, Curtis; 3, Carmyllie; 4, Shanks. BUFF PIED: 1, Curtis; 2, Carmyllie; 3, Wilson and Campbell. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Curtis; 3, Wilson and Campbell; 4, Keill. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Keill; 3, Wilson and Campbell. BUFF PIED HEN: 1, Shanks; 2, Keill; 3, Muir. YELL. OLD CK.: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Wilson and Campbell; 4, Keill. BUFF: 1, 4, Sadler; 2, 3, Carmyllie. YELL. HEN: 1, Carmyllie; 2, Keill; 3, Sadler; 4, Curtis. BUFF: 1, Wilson and Campbell; 2, Carmyllie; 3, Keill; 4, Sadler. CREST CK.: 1, 3, Low; 2, 4, Whitton. HEN: 1, Whitton; 2, 3, Low. C.-B. HEN: 1, 4, Whitton; 2, 3, Low. CREST CK., OLD: 1, 2, Whitton; 3, Low. HEN: 1, Low; 2, Whitton. C.-B. CK.: 1, Low; 2, 3, Whitton. HEN: 1, Whitton; 2, Low. PLAIN-HEADS: 1, Malcolm; 2, 3, 4, Low. YELL. BORD., CK.: 1, Dargie; 2, Wilson and Campbell; 3, 4, Malcolm. HEN: 1, Dargie; 2, Wilson and Campbell; 3, Carmyllie. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 3, Dargie; 2, Curtis; 4, Sadler. HEN: 1, Sadler; 2, Malcolm; 3, Wilson and Campbell. YELL. CK., OLD: 1, Sadler; 2, Dargie. BUFF: 1, Dargie; 2, Carmyllie. YELL. HEN: 1, Sadler. BUFF: 1, Carmyllie; 2, Dargie; 3, Merrilees. DARK MULE: 1, Low. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wilson and Campbell. LINNET: 1, Merrilees. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Carmyllie. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 3, Low; 2, Wilson and Campbell.—ROBT. WHITTON.

KINGS LYNN.

First Annual Show held in Rechabites Hall on November 3rd, and it was a great success; over 200 birds were staged, and Mr. J. Howard, of Norwich, judged, and gave every satisfaction. He said he had been connected with cage bird breeding for nearly forty years, and he was greatly surprised at the large number, and the good quality of the birds shown; the quality of the Norwich especially, was a credit to the members. The birds were well up in type, and it was an excellent exhibition, considering the society has only been in existence for two years.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, R. Edmunds; 2, Simpson; 3, Harrod; 4, Hately; vhc, Richardson; hc, Cole; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Harrod; 2, Hateley; 3, T. Edwards; 4, Brown; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Bocking; c, Richardson. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Hately; 2, Bird; 3, T. Edwards; 4, R. Edmunds; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Bennel; c, Fake. BUFF: 1, Hately; 2, Greenfield; 3, R. Edmunds; 4, Harrod; vhc, Brown; hc, T. Edwards; c, Cole. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, Brown; 2, Greenfield; 3, Cole; 4, R. Edmunds; vhc, Walker; hc, Kent; c, Harrod. HEN: 1, Hately; 2, Bird; 3, Harrod; 4, Greenfield; vhc, Brown; hc, Cole; c, R. Edmunds. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, R. Harrod; 2, A. Harrod; 3, Cole; 4, Brown; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Bennel; c, Kent. BUFF: 1, R. Edmunds; 2, T. Edwards; 3, Bird; 4, Hately; vhc, Harrod; hc, Cole; c, Greenfield. YELL. HEN: 1, R. Edmunds; 2, Cole; 3, Greenfield; 4, Breeze; vhc, Bird; hc, Hately; c, Harrod. BUFF: 1, Greenfield; 2, T. Edwards; 3, R. Harrod; 4, Richardson; vhc, Fake; hc, R. Edmunds; c, Kent. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Greenfield; 2, Simpson; 3, T. Edwards; 4, R. Edmunds; vhc, Cole; hc, R. Harrod; c, Ricketts. PAIRS (Matched for Breeding): 1, R. Edmunds; 2, Simpson; 3, Hately; 4, Bennel; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Brown; c, Cole. A.O.V.: 1, Bennel; 2, Ricketts; 3, Greenfield; 4, Cole; vhc, Williamson; hc, Richardson; c, Walker. MULES: 1, Kent; 2, Simpson; 3, Greenfield. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, R. Harrod; 3, R. Edmunds; 4, Breeze; vhc, Walker; hc, Kent; c, A. Harrod. OPEN YELL. Can.: 1, Walker; 2, Fake; 3, Breeze. BUFF: 1, Hately; 2, Fake; 3, Cole; 4, Richardson. Winners of Specials: R. Edmunds, for best bird in show and another for second best; R. Hately, for third best; R. Harrod, for fourth; R. Edmunds, for best bird fed on Bears and Son's special; C. Greenfield, for second best; R. Edmunds, Ramsden's silver medal, gold centre; and T. Simpson, Sandiford's.—R. EDMUNDS, Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON & SALFORD.

The 17th annual show of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. took place on November 19 and 20. The Caxton Hall, Blackfriars, Salford, in which the exhibits were housed, commends itself very highly; it is spacious, lofty, and light, free from draughts, and within easy distance of most of the stations. The rules of the C.B.U. were in evidence. Entries turned up excellently, there being over 200 more than was the case last year. This year's grand total was 688. The following specialist clubs granted their patronage: N.P.C., Y.C.C., and L. and L.F.A. The president is Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe. He worked like a Trojan (acting practically as assistant show manager), and everything appeared to go on smoothly and well. Vice-presidents Messrs. B. Clegg, W. A. Bladon, J. Rudd, and Knupper—a quartette of excellent officials. The committee are a band of well-known practical fanciers, who helped materially to bring about the success of the function. Mr. S. Cook acts as treasurer, and a truer fancier we do not know. The secretary and show manager, Mr. H. Clayton, is the right man in the right place. He is hard working, courteous, and obliging (nothing being too much for him to do). Pendleton are truly lucky in having such an enthusiast amongst them. The most prominent section of the show certainly were the Norwich Plainheads. This being a cup competition affair, all the crackn were on view, providing a blaze of glorious colour, and a study for those who swear by the "short and thick" variety. Gold medal presented by the N.P.C. and spl. for best specimen in champion classes were captured by a storming marked yell., owned by Messrs. Clemiason and Taylor (Preston). Toronto C.B.S. medal, for best, opposite colour, went to Mr. Sandiford. Second best, Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport); third, Mr. H. F. Marsh; fourth best, Mr. S. Cook. Yorkshires included many meritorious creatures, some gems being staged. Norwich and Yorkshire Greens were a grand lot. Lizards were pleasing, and Borders provided Mr. W. Bayley with a "day out," he gaining all 3 firsts and 3 seconds possible. British were nice, and in most instances beautifully staged. The members' classes contained a goodly number of exhibits that would run well in the "upper circles." The stewards were Messrs. S. Cook, J. Savage, W. E. Espley, J. W. Parkinson, and E. Bruce, all of whom officiated in a most prompt and practical manner. Prize slips were affixed quickly as each class was adjudicated upon. Staging was 3 tier high, and considering the huge entry and accommodation, was neatly set out. Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and A. Wellings (Prescot), and both appeared happy in their selections, the awards giving general satisfaction. Hyde's spl, Mr. S. Cook; Sandiford's, Mr. W. E. Espley; Ramsden's, Mr. J. Dewsnap.

The Yorkshires and Greens.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Broughton, lovely feather, straight as a gun barrel, grand back flights and tail, gem; 2, 4, Dooley, with a brace of beauties, red hot, good length and position, well on leg, nicely clothed, 4th very leggthy, capital stand, nice back and wings; 3, Richmond, ablaze with colour, near on longest in class, A1 position; vhc, Binns; hc, Bescoby; c, Lane. BUFF (8): 1, Wilkinson, slashing quality, rattling position, rare length, perfect back and wing carriage, topper; 2, Broughton, lengthy and leggy, long sided, capital feather; 3, Lanc, feathered to perfection, full of nerve and style, rare position, good 3rd; 4, Richmond, very similar to 3rd, little separates them, in the pink; vhc, Dooley; hc, Bescoby; c, Tootill. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Binns, mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, straight as a rush, A1 quality, good length, well on leg, Preston hero; 2, Knowles, mkd. head, slim and upstanding, rich quality and col., very lengthy, close up; 3, Bescoby, mkd. wing, neck, and eyes, full of col., teeming with quality, straight up; 4, Wilkinson, mkd. eye, tight as a Java, good length, and A1 col. and quality, appeared nervous; vhc, Richmond. BUFF (7): 1, Knowles, mkd. wing, wonderful length, neat and narrow, beautifully feathered, clever legs, gem of gems; 2, Lane, mkd. wing, warm col., fine length of side, good back and wing carriage, not so close in feather; 3, Richmond, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, lovely salmon tinted col., stands nicely, well filled back, good wings and tail; 4, Broughton, mkd. eye, straight up, tight as wax, full of nerve; vhc, Binns; hc, Bescoby; c, Doolcy. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Broughton, thigh tick, great length, slashing quality and col., A1 position, lovely back and flights, closely folded tail, charmer; 2, Lane, very bonny shaped cl., rattling position, nice feather, beaten little in length, well on leg; 3, 4, Binns, mkd. wing, stands well up, grand feather, gem when in condition, 4 mkd. wing, longer, and of A1 quality, well on leg, smart; vhc, Knowles; hc, Hilton. BUFF (6): 1, Wilkinson, breedy cl., smooth as a bottle, long sided, grand position and quality, fine legs; 2, Binns, mkd. wing, shade longer, equal in col. and quality; 3, hc, Broughton, very lengthy cl., capital stand, A1 back flights and tail; 4, Knowles, mkd. neck, magnificent col. and feather, nervy and stylish; vhc, Richmond. NOVICE YELL. (20): Good lot; 1, Pike, finely drawn, unflighted cl., superb quality and col., capital stand, clever legs, will be heard of again; 2, Cassin, extra lengthly cl., full of quality, A1 position, good back and wings, close up; 3, Dewsnap, mkd. cheek, neat and narrow, nice back wings and tail, good length; 4, Wright, cl., 1909 bred, all there for quality and type; vhc, Baxter; hc, Dunn; c, Durnford. BUFF (15): 1, Crossley, cl., marvellous length, straight as a rush, smooth as glass, well filled back, A1 wing carriage; 2, Potts, another grand specimen, equal to 1st, either could have won and no one grumbled; 3, Tootill, cl., A1 position and feather, tight as a drum, well on leg; 4, Addison, mkd. head, straight up, close feather, nice colour; vhc, Dunn; hc, Humphries; c, Stirrup. HEN (20): Rare class; 1, Dewsnap, cl. yell., fine long drawn damsel, lovely quality and col., true character, charmer; 2, Durnford, buff mkd. wing, magnificent col. and frosting, tight as wax, stands delightfully; 3, Pike, yell. cinn. mkd. wings and head, very lengthy, straight up, well clothed; 4, Jones, cl. buff, wedge shaped, rattling quality, good col., nice back; vhc, Radford; hc, Stirrup; c, Crossley. GREEN SELF YELL. (14): 1, 4, Clayton, brace of beauties, lovely depth of col., fine length and position, full of nerve, well on leg, gem, 4, good length, col., and stand, nice back and wing carriage; 2, Gore, shade longer than 1st, capital col. and feather, fine one; 3, Atherton, good in col. and quality, nice length and stand; vhc, c, Rowlands; hc, Wardale. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Rowland, brace of gems, both of wonderful col. and quality, nice position, good backs, flights, and tails, former has it in length; 3, hc, Robinson, full of style, teeming with quality and col., nice stand; 4, Clayton, straight up, A1 quality and col., nice back and wing carriage; vhc, Wardale; c, Atberton. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, c, Atherton, foul tail, rich col. and quality, straight as a gun barrel, well filled in back, capital wing carriage, beauty; 2, 4, Clayton, mkd. tail, gem for col., quality, and position, just beaten in length, 4 mkd. body and tail, true type, smooth as wax, well on leg, in the pink; 3, Wardale, mkd. body, straight as a rush, very lengthy, nice col. and feather; vhc, hc, Rowlands, nice exhibits, but appearing little down. BUFF (11): 1, Abbott, mkd. body and tail, wonderful length lovely feather and col., grand position, and well on leg; 2, Wardale, mkd. tail, teeming with quality, full of col, nice stand, good back and wings, close up; 3, 4, vhc, Rowlands, capital quality and col., good length, beaten in position, 4, good depth of col., lengthy, A1, wants a rest; hc, Clayton; c, Gore. NOR. SELF YELL. (10): 1, 2, 3, c, Beacon, with a very fine team, winner, lovely col. and feather, very shapely, nice carriage, 2 large, good shape, nice head, neck, and chest, must have pressed, 3 capital quality and col., nice head points; 4, Lawson, fine col. and feather, nice size, one we liked; vhc, hc, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, 3, vhc, Walker, winner bouncer, grand col., shape, and feather; A1 carriage, stormer; 3, lovely col. and feather, nice size; 2, Hawkes, good in type, col., and quality, well cut away; 4, Harrison, smaller in build, but of charming feather, rich colour, full of go, good 4; hc, Bruce; c, Lawson. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, Murray, wing and head, rattling substance, very shapely, A1 quality, jaunty carriage, gem; 2, hc, Beacon, rump and tail, capital col., feather, and shape; 3, Walker, tail, smaller, and longer, but of rich col. and capital feather; 4, Trengove, tail, short, and thick set, grand quality and col., clean cut; vhc, Harrison; c, Critchley. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Beacon, both magnificent exhibits, head and tail, and tail respectively, both possessing wonderful quality and col., very shapely, 2nd shade thicker through; 3,4, Harrison, wings and tail, not so much substance, yet of lovely shape, feather, and colour, 4th A1 type and carriage, good quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Smith; c, Barker and Abbott.

Remaining Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Davies, lovely exhibit, magnificent col. and feather, great substance, lovely shape and carriage, clean cut away, stormer, Liverpool winner; 2, Trengove, even better in col., good size, and A1 feather, nice head and neck, a beauty; 3, Seed, wonderful substance, very shapely, capital carriage, perfect wings; 4, Sandiford, very warm, rich fixture of feather, nice shape; vhc, Lingard; hc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Marlow Bros.. BUFF (13): 1, Wrigley, ablaze with col., teeming with quality, rattling shape and size, delightful mover, one of the first water; 2, Coulson, fine shape and size, capital feather, jaunty carriage, just beaten in col.; 3, Dent, rare substance, grand col. and quality, nice head and neck, good chest; 4, Marsh, great size, nice type; vhc, Dr. J. C. McConaghey; hc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Seed, very bonny, one we liked. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, mkd. wings and head, red hot, sweetly moulded, rattling substance, feathered to perfection, knockout, takes gold medal for best bird; 2, Dr. McConaghey, mkd. wings, all type, and of beautiful texture of feather; 3, Seed, mkd. wing and head, soft, silky feather, ablaze with col., good shape; 4, Cook, noted wing tkd., his first defeat, we believe; vhc, Mercer; hc, Marsh; c, Shore. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2nd best, Sandiford, noted var., Manchester winner, real marvel, in fine trim; 2, Cook, wing rokd., slashing quality, rare col., covered with rich frosting, lovely shape and carriage; 3, Nutt, mkd. head, soft, silky texture of feather, good type and col., Notts. 1st; 4, Dr. McConaghey, mkd. back, good substance and col., nicely mealed; vhc, Shore. YELL BEN (15): Rare class; 1, Marlor Bros., "Little Eva," slashing cl., rare shape and substance, feathered to perfection, this really wonderful bird 1909 bred, has a future; 2, Wrigley, finely built cl., well up in size, sweet shape and expression; 3, Trengove, very hot cl., well known and often described; 4, Lingard, ablaze with col., superb feather, cobby, and of A1 carriage; vhc, Davies, cap and wing mkd., stood 1st Preston, a topper; hc, Seed; c, Mercer. BUFF (8): 1, Marlor Bros., "Eva II.," gem of a cl., teeming with col. and quality, richly frosted, beautiful shape, 1909 bred, will make a stormer; 2, Trengove, mkd. neck, 3rd Liverpool, fine, bouncing damsel, very shapely, A1 col., meal, and carriage; 3, Turner, unflig. cl., cobby, and as tight as a Java, fine size, lovely expression, another year should moult out a tip topper; 4, Shore, mkd. tail, smooth as glass, A1 col. and meal, fine chest; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Sandiford; c, Dent. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Ellison, bonny cl., capital shape and substance, nice head, neck, and chest, clean cut, stood 2nd Liverpool; 2, Davies, mkd. wings, breast, and head, red hot, fine substance, A1 type, rare quality and carriage; 3, Seed, mkd. wings and eyes, 1st Blackburn, 3rd Preston, very fine all through, in the pink; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, eye, wing and tail mkd., largest in class, but feather hanging a little on one side to-day, Manchester and Burnley winner; vhc, Beswick and Gaskill; hc, Trengove, stood 2nd Preston; c, Cook. BUFF (13): 1, Seed, mkd. wings and head, Manchester and Burnley winner, also 3rd Preston, looking well on this occasion; 2, Davies, noted varieg., Bolton and Liverpool winner, very close up; 3, Marsh, cobby cl., tight as wax, lovely col. and feather; 4, Turner, grizzled head, well up in col., silky feather, richly mealed, good 4th; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Beswick and Gaskill; c, Mercer. NAT. COL. (8): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, yell. varieg., well known, 1st Rochdale, etc., in the pink, extremely choice; 2, Fletcher, buff varieg., short, and thick set, capital quality and carriage, good shape, cleanly cut; 3, Jenkins, yell., grizzled tail, nice quality and col.; 4, Davies, varieg. buff, good col.; vhc, Cooper; hc, Irons; c, Dent HEN (7). 1, Davies, cl. yell., beautiful type, good substance and carriage, Manchester winner, beauty; 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, bouncing cl. buff, wonderful quality, rare head, neck, and chest, clean under, 3rd finely built cl. yell., superior quality, little longer in barrel and tail; 4, Grey, foul green buff, A1 feather, nice col., smaller, but of neat type; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins, one we liked, the Bolton winner; hc, Simms and Taylor. AMAT. YELL. (22): Good lot; 1, Bulcock, cl., well up in size, nice feather and col., carries itself grandly, clean cut away, A1 type; 2, Beswick, cl., finely fed, soft, silky feather, rare body shape, good wing carriage; 3, Stafford, very good coloured cl., cobby, and of nice carriage, one of the best; 4, Fletcher, mkd. eyes, red hot, rare substance, good feather; vhc, hc, Sutton; hc, Oliver. BUFF (24): 1, Peak, cap and wing mkd., short, and thick set, A1 quality and col., full of true type, one of the best; 2, c, Hargreaves, mkd. eyes and wing, tight as a drum, nicely moulded, lovely carriage, close up; 3, Espley, very shapely cl., nice size, good head and neck, clean cut; 4, Stafford, grizzled wing, hold front, smooth as box, worth place; vhc, Fields; hc, Fletcher. HEN (32): Rare lot; 1, Espley, cl. yell., bouncer, capital col. and shape, well over perch, nice wing carriage; 2, Denerill, buff, mkd. neck, cobby, and of excellent col. and feather, neat mealing, close up; 3, Cundiff, bonny cl. buff, A1 type, rattling quality col. and meal; 4, Worthington, shapely cl. yell., rich quality, good depth of col.; vhc, Sutton; hc, Collins; c, Gerrard. UNFLIG. (29): Fine lot: 1, 3, Oliver, brace of beauties, cl. yell. and cl. buff respectively, both of excellent type, full of quality and col., nice carriage, not much between them; 2, c, Cundiff, cl. yell., red hot, capital shaped body, neat head, neck, and chest, clean under; 4, Hargreaves, yell., grizzled root of tail, true type, rattling cnd. and feather, vhc, Fielden; hc, Sutton. GILD LIZ. CL. CAP. (10): 1, 2, Dewsnap, couple of gems, magnificent ground col., rare shape, beautifully rowed, clear and distinct, little separates them; 3,4, Barnes, former very close up, beauty, 4th full of neat work, A1 col and carriage; vhc, c, Rukin; hc, Hampshire. BROKEN (10): 1, 2, 4, Dewsnap, again both toppers, rattling shape and quality, neat, distinct, and profuse in markings, former best colour; 3, vhc, hc, c, Rukin, smaller, gem for col. and rowing, very shapely, well put down; 4, Hampshire, good shape and size, capital quality, nice rowing. SILVER CL. (10): 1, 2, Hampshire, former eye opener, teeming with quality, slashing work, rowed well down sides, 2nd very close on the heels of his stable mate; 3, Oliver, another of the right stamp, capital col., smooth as glass, splendid work; 4, W. Dewsnap, well worth its place; vhc, Martin; hc, J. Dewsnap. BROKEN (10): 1, 2, 4, J. Dewsnap, trio of gems, first very shapely, A1 colour, grandly rowed back, second, some thought even better, mkd. down sides, and equal in most all respects, 4th smaller, but grand all through; 3, vhc, Hampshire, good shape, A1, grand col., neat work, not quite the substance; hc, Barnes; c, Rukin. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Bailey, cl., true type, smooth as wax, jaunty carriage, wee gem, 2nd mkd. wing, full of character, beautifully clothed, free action; 3, Hadwin, bonny green, shone like satin, capital mover, if anything; 4, Fildes, green, very shapely, nice quality; hc, Leighton; c, Nelson; No. 5, Mrs. R. Harrison, abs. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Bailey, trio of charmers, mkd. wing, superior feather, nicely moulded, works well, 2nd stylish cl., not a feather misplaced, close up, and staged in the pink, 4th cl., grand quality and action; 3, Crossley, cl., all there for quality; vhc, Nelson; hc, Hadwin; c, Mrs. R. Harrison. HEN (9): 1, 2, Bayley, both yells., former wing mkd., waxy in feather, delightful shape and action, a topper, latter very stylish cl., A1 shape and feather, close on heels of her stable companion; 3, hc, Crossley, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, tight as a drum, capital shape; 4, Nelson, cl. choice quality, nice shape; vhc, Leighton; c, Mrs. R. Harrison. A.O.V. (4): 2, 4, vhc, Kelsey, all cl. buff Scotch Fancies, good in substance, former gets into position best, tail well under; No. 1, W. Ridyard, abs. SELL. (12/6) (18): 1, Faley; 2, Massey; 3, Worthington; 4, Knowles; vhc, Lees; hc, Irlam; c, Hampshire. (20/-) (17): 1, Mercer; 2, Kinsey; 3, Durnford; 4, Kelsey; vhc, Irlam; hc, Marlor; c, Knowles. GIFT (2): 1, McCann; 2, hc, Clayton.

British Birds and Mules.

GOLDIE (10): 1, Almond, fine size and shape, lovely square cut blaze, well up in col., rattling bars and buttons, in fine fettle; 2, Holt, very shapely, capital col. of blaze, which is large and well cut, neat bars, distinct buttons, must have pressed; 3, Riley, good shape, nice col., not so expansive in blaze quite, yet a bonny Finch, and well shown; 4, Kinsey, shapely, and of nice size; vhc, Rumblow; hc, Elleby; c, Beard. LINNET (8): 1, Spinks, magnificent nutty col., grand shape and substance, delightfully pencilled, steady as a top; 2, Hughes, even larger, grand shape and markings, nicely polished; 3, Gray, capital col., profusely pencilled, very shapely; 4, Murray, good in substance and shape; vhc, Whittaker; hc, c, Foster. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Almond, Siskin, and Twite, respectively, former delightful col. and quality, beautiful markings, lovely dense cap, gem, latter full of quality, rich col., grand shape and markings, beauty, both shown in masterly fashion; 3, Beaty, Siskin, nice shape and size, not so good in col. or cap, yet very neat specimen; 4, Midgley, bonny Redpoll, good substance and col., nice head character, worth its place; vhc, Brnce. A.O.V. HARDBILL (12): 1, Beaty, charming Bramble, lovely shape, size, and col., superb ticking, in the pink; 2, Almond, Yellowhammer, well up in size, nice shape and col, good in head markings; 3, Potts, Yellowhammer, about equal in most points to 2nd; 4, Cooper, Bullie, very shapely, good size and feather, nice breast col., neatly cut, dense cap; vhc, c, Hulme; hc, Mort. SOFTBILL void. SOFT SMALL (3): 2, Riley, grand Wryneck, in full plumage, shown in capital style; 4, vhc, Beaty, Lesser Whitethroat, and Grey Wagtail, both in lovely feather, and staged finely. MULE (6): 1, vhc, hc, Ridley, yell. dark, Gold.-Can., good size and shape, rich col., nice face; 2, Beaty, buff, dark, same persuasion, shapely, and of nice substance and col., close up; 3, Wilcock, lightly varieg. buff, Gold.-Can., very neat exhibit; 4, Hall, Greenie Can., nice col., and shape.

The Members' Classes.

AMAT.—YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Brennan; 3, McCann; 3, c, Durnford; 4, hc, Atkinson. BUFF (7): 1, Durnford; 2, vhc, Atkinson; 3, McCann; 4, Brennan; hc, c, Jackson. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, McCann. BUFF (6): 1, Atkinson; 2, McCann; 3, hc, Jackson; 4, vhc, Brennan. Classes 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 void. NOVICE.—YORK. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Barton; 2, Whittle; 3, Clayton. No. 2, Barker, abs. BUFF (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Whittle; 3, Clayton; 4, Barker; vhc, Palmer. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Wilson; 3, Whittle; 4, vhc, Gowenlock; hc, c, Parkinson; 2, Barton. BUFF (13): 1, Laverty; 2, Savage; 3, Kink; 4, Brock; vhc, Parkinson; hc, Whittle; c, Palmer. BRED 1909: 1, Savage; 2, Wilson; 3, hc, Gowenlock; 4, Laverty; vhc, Clayton. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Barber; 3, Ditto; 4, Savage; vhc, Clayton; hc, Laverty. BUFF (7): 1, Whittle; 2, Laverty; 3, vhc, Barton; 4, Wilson; hc, Savage; c, Dixon. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, c, Kirk; 2, Espley; 3, Massey; 4, Davies; vhc, Price; hc, Whalley. BUFF (6); 1, 3, Espley; 2, Davies; 4, Whalley; vhc, Massey; hc, Jessop. YELL. HEN. (5): 1, 2, Espley; 3, Davies; 4, Price; vhc, Critchley. BUFF (6): 1, Espley; 2, 3, Critchley; 4, Massey; vhc, Ditto; hc, Price. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, Espley; 3, Critchley; 4, Jessop; vhc, Price; hc, Whalley; c, Davies. A.O.V. (4): 1, Palmer; 2, 3, Massey; 4, Gowenlock. GOLDIE (3): 1, Savage; 2, Thornton; 3, Whalley. LINNET (2): 1, Whalley; 2, Thornton. HARD. (7): 1, 4, Whalley; 2, Savage; 3, hc, Thornton; vhc, Downes; No. 3, Massey, abs. SOFTBILL void. MULE (4): 1, 2, Whalley; 3, Savage; 4, Barton. NAT. COL. (1): 1, Clayton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First members' show of this newly-formed society was held in the Albany Hotel on November 10th. The secretary, Mr. Bescoby, and his committee had the birds nicely staged, and some very fine specimens were shown, especially in the three British bird classes. Mr. A. Spencer, of Doncaster, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 2, H. Tomkinson; 3, Pollard. NOR.: 1, 3, Crundall; 2, Collier. A.V. BRED, 1909: 1, Baxley, Crest; 2, Tomkinson, yell. Yorks.; 3, Rayns, buff Yorks. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Pogmore, Goldfinch; 2, 3, Crundall, 2nd good Linnet; 3rd, another nice Goldfinch. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Crundall, very smart Yellow Bunting; 3rd, nicely mkd. Brambie; 2, Bescoby, again a good Bramble. SOFTBILL: 1, Bescoby, nice Wagtail. MULE: 1, Cooper, Goldie and Can.; 2, Pogmore, Linnet and Can.; 3, Fowler, Gold. and Can. FOR.: 1, Cooper, good pair Yellow Budgerigars. SELL.: 1, 3, Tomkinson; 2, Stocks.—A. SPENCER.

PATHHEAD (Kirkcaldy).

The eleventh annual show of the Pathhead C.B.S. was held in the Public Hall on Nov. 20th. The entries were not up to previous years; this, no doubt, is accounted for by the clashing of show dates. Scotch fancies made a good show, and some grand birds were on view. The bright little Border fancies were all there for type and quality. Mules and British made up the show, and some grand specimens put in an appearance. The winning Yellowhammer was the City of Glasgow winner. It also won special for best Hardbill. Special for best Softbill was won by Mr. Comrie's Mavel Thrush. The hall is most suitable for such an exhibition, being free from draughts, and affording excellent light. Mr. W. R. Gibson makes an ideal secretary, being kind, courteous and obliging, and is quite the right man in the right place. Judging was got through in good time, and the awards all round were well received. The following gentlemen made the awards:— Scotch Fancy, Mr. A. Kerr (Dysart); Norwich and Border, Mr. G. Arnott (Sinclairtown); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. H. Adair (Glasgow).

Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Cairns, nice size, good top end, fine reach, in rare feather; 2, Berwick, fine size, good drive, grand thickness through, fine length of wing, many preferred for first; 3, 4, vhc, Thomson, nice size, fine length of wing and side. BUFF: 1, 2,Nairn; 1, good size and substance, fine length of wing and side, plenty of nerve, in fine order; 2, well staged and placed; 3, Wallace, could do with more top end, perhaps, fine free drive; 4, Thomson, neat and typical. HEN: 1, 3, Thomson; 1, foul, good thickness through, fine drive and reach, good length of wing and side; 3, good all round exhibit, many preferred for second; 2, Cairns, fine reach, good order. CK. A.O.C.: 1, 2, vhc, Thomson; 1, buff pied, grand pose, rare top end, finely set away, grand thickness through, good length of wing; 2, buff green, nice depth, good reach; 3, Wallace, yellow green, good top, free drive; 4, Berwick, buff pied, neat but small; hc, Nairn. HEN: 1, Thomson, good size, fine pose, rare drive, in fine bloom; 2, Berwick, fine stamp, fine order; 3, Nairn, neat and typical, well placed and staged. SELL. (20/-): 1, Thomson; 2, Wallace; 3, Cunmings. COMMON: 1, Bruce, buff Cinn., in grand feather; 2, Brown, buff Cinn., in nice condition; 3, Chalmers, three-pointed yell. Yorks.; 4, Lister Bros., cl. yell. Yorkie; vhc, Neish; hc, Adie. NOR.: 1, Harris, fed buff, well mealed, good Bullfinch type, grand wings and tail, fine condition; 2, McMally, heavy variog. buff, good chest, fine wings and tail; 3, Logan, grand type, fine order; 4, McCabe, wing-mkd. buff; vhc, Howie; hc, Steven. CREST. CK.: 1, Howie, variog. buff, dark crest, of grand formation, fine centre, veiny feather coming well over; 2, Brown, young bird, wing-mkd. buff, dark crest of neat formation; 3, Howie, wing mkd., good order. HEN: 1, Brown, buff green Crest, well known winner, good substance, crest nicely radiated, fine length of feather, good centre. C.-B. CK.: 1, Buchanan, green, plenty of feather, well lashed, grand entrance, clinker; 2, Brown, cl. buff, good stamp, fine substance, good head and entrance; 3, Summers, buff green, good feather, well lashed. BEN: 1, Lindsay, buff green, good entrance, fine skull, grand length of feather; 2, Brown, in fine order. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Lister Bros.; 1, variog. yell., good chest, fine wings and tail; 2, cl. buff, good order; 3, cl. buff, good condition. HEN: 1, Logan, cl. buff, good body; 2, Proctor, neat and typical in fine condition, well placed; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Lister Bros.; 3, in fine order. SELL. (10): 1, Douglas and Fenwick; 2, Logan; 3, Stephen; 4, Lindsay; vhc, hc, Adie. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Berwick, splendid col., type, quality and condition; 2, Thomson grand level col., nicely drawn and well tapered, fine jaunty style, grand condition; 3, Spence, stylish exhibit, fine, silky feather. HEN: 1, Arnott, eye-mkd. yell., well rounded, grand pair of wings and tail, fine order; 2, Thomson, cl., good one, fine wings and tail; 3, Walker, saddleback, well staged. BUFF CK.: 1, Spence, round as a bottle, fine, jaunty carriage, well finished off; 2, Arnott, cl., in fine order; 3, Douglas and Fenwick, nice cl. HEN: 1, Berwick, cl., fine head and neck, good wings and tail, good col.; 2, Douglas and Fenwick, cap mkd., good order; 3, Grubb, cap and wing mkd. SELL. (10/-): 1, Berwick; 2, Walker; 3, Douglas and Fenwick. GOLDFINCH: 1, Howie, Russian, rare blaze of good col., neatly tanned, fine buttons, grand wings; 2, 3, Gray; 2, British, nice all round Goldie, neat type; 3, Russian; 4, Ness, Brit.; vhc, Simpson, Russian, massive head. BULLFINCH: 1, Saunders and Wilson, rare one, fine cap and bars, well staged; 2, Kerr, another good one, good order; 3, Chalmers, fails only in type, well put down. GREENFINCH (NON-FED): 1, 2, White; 1, yell., good substance, rare head and neck, good shoulders, in fine order; 2, another yell., better staged than first, perhaps; 3, Suttie, another nice Finch; 4, Salmond, good col., slight frill in neck, otherwise good one; vhc, Gray; hc, Lister. LINNET: 1, Williams, fine ground col. of the desired shade, nicely pencilled, grand head, good whites; 2, Salmond, fine neat brown col., well placed; 3, Lister; 4, Cairns; vhc, Lister Bros.; hc, Adie. SISKIN: 1, 2, Gray; 1, non-fed buff, good cap, fine bib, in grand order; 2, similar; 3, Ness, fed buff. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 4, hc, Adie, mealy 'Poll, nice col., good bib, in nice order; 2, 3, vhc, Lister Bros.; 2, Twite, nice col., well pencilled, in rare condition; 3, Lesser 'Poll, in good col., nice and jauntyBRIT. SMALL A.O.S.: 1, Kerr, Yellowhammer, City of Glasgow, winner fine size, rare col., grand head mrkgs., in spanking condition; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Lister Bros.; 2, Bramblefinch, good size, fine col.; 3, Saunders and Wilson, Bramblefinch, better mrkg.; LARGE: 1, Cousin, Missel Thrush, good size, well mkd., well staged; 2, Gray, Hawfinch, good size, fine col. MULE: 1, Saunders and Wilson, dark yell. Goldie-Can., fine size, rare flush, in good order; 2, Gray, variog. buff Linnet-Can., in nice feather. FOR. SMALL: 1, Moodie, green singing Finch; 2, Lees, Red-crested Grey Cardinal; 3, Adie, Serin Finches, in nice order.



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KILMARNOCK.

Annual show of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. was held on November 19th and 20th, in the Art Gallery Halls, London-road, when the executive were rewarded with an entry reaching considerably over 500, which compares very favourably with last year's. The hall is one which is admirably suited for such an exhibition, being well lighted from the roof and entirely free from draughts. The temperature is also regulated by hot pipes, with the result that all the exhibits were in the best of condition, and the judges' tasks accordingly made lighter. In Mr. J. B. Y. Murdoch the Society have an ideal Secretary, who seemed to have everything at his finger ends, and carried out his onerous duties as if to the manner born, being ably assisted by an experienced band of well-known fanciers, amongst whom were Mr. J. Noble (president), Messrs. W. Watson and J. Cram (Vice-Presidents), C. F. Adamson, C. Breadon, W. G. Muir, A. Mackie, J. Smillie, G. Blair, H. Train, J. Johnstone, R. McCallum, R. McCaw, J. Calderwood, J. Jamieson, W. Guthrie, W. Strathearn, R. Findlay, G. Alston, R. McDowill, and A. Gardner (Committee). The Scotch Fancy section contained some birds of real merit. The cup for the best young one was won by Mr. J. Kennedy, jun. Crests were not over numerous, but what was lacking in numbers was well made up for in quality. Mr. Noble had a grand team forward, as also had Messrs. McLay, Adamson, and Cram. Mr. C. F. Adamson was awarded the S.C.C. medal. Norwich made a grand show and were of a very high standard of quality. The S.P.C. medal for best cock was captured by J. Sneaton. The medal for best hen went to the clear yellow exhibited by Mr. Hutchison. Mr. Watson also won cup for best young bird in Plainhead or Crest section. Border Fancies were not in great numbers, and the judge had something to do to pick out the winners. Pride of place fell to Mr. J. Craig, who succeeded in annexing the B.F.C.C. medal; the novice medal went to Mr. Murdoch, the Secretary. Yorkshires were also a good all-round lot. The judges were: Scotch Fancy, Messrs. Patterson and Dalgleish (Edinburgh), Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh); Border Fancies, Mr. W. Shearer (Hamilton), Yorkshires, British, and Foreign, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh). Ramsden's special won by A. Cooper, Sandiford's by A. Watson.

Scotch Fancies Crests and Norwich.

SPOT FCY., CL. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Bill, good substance of body, well set up on legs, fine length of side, nice droop; 2, Findlay, fine stamp, stylish action, drives well; 3, Paton, fine length and drive, nice action; 4, Findlay, quite a nice stamp, good action. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Edgar, a youngster of great merit, grand top end and deep chest, splendid drive and action; 2, Findlay, another good youngster, well upon perch, sweet action, rare drive; 3, Hainey, nice size and position, lacking in droop; 4, McGeachie, nice positioned bird, lacking in size and substance; vhc, Craig; hc, Lyon; c, Paton. BUFF (6): 1, Frew, well set up, nice substance of body, long wings, tail well into perch, drives well; 2, Kennedy, fine stamp, grand shoulders, nice deep chest and long reachy neck; 3, vhc, Findlay, sweetly got-up hen, nice action and drive; 4, Craig, quick action; hc, Hardie. YELL. PIED CK. (4) 1, Boreland, nicely proportioned, good position, reaches well; 2, Craig, finely got up, tail close in to perch, fine drive; 3, Mitchell, nice shoulders and droop; 4, Paton, nice size and type. HEN (1): 1, Edgar, good substance of body, rare top end, sweet head and neck, nicely drooped, fine action; 2, Hunter, fine length of side, standing well up on perch, decided drive; 3, no name, sweet action; 4, Pearson, nice stamp, quick action. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Hainey, grand size and quality, deep chest and rare top end, drives well; 2, Kennedy, good position and reach, well up on legs, fine length of wings; 3, Edgar, nice size and style, very free worker; 4, Lyon, nice size and good action; vhc, Boreland. HEN (7): 1, Findlay, splendid size and thickness of body, well set-up shoulders, and well braced wings of rare length, decided droop; 2, McLachlan, stylish hen, works freely, fine drive, lacking in substance to winner; 3, McGeachie, fine position, good top end, drives well; 4, Pearson, finely drawn, sweet head and neck; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Bowie; c, Boreland. DARK, ETC., CK. (5): 1, cup, Kennedy, massive body, thick through, sound top end and rare drive; 2, Hainey, grand top end, fine length of side, nice position and grand worker; 3, Findlay, nicely got up, very stylish, sweet drive; 4, Paton, nice size; vhc, Lyon. HEN (4): 1, Findlay, sweet stamp, very stylish action, splendid drive; 2, Frew, nice substance of body, round shoulders and sweet head and neck; 3, Lyon, stands well on perch; 4, McLachlan. SELL., CK. (15/-) (11): 1, Edgar; 2, Pearson; 3, Paton; 4, Hainey; vhc, c, McLean; hc, no name; c, Bunten. HEN (15/-) (8): 1, Bowie; 2, Paton; 3, McDonald; 4, McLean; vhc, Hill; hc, Pearson; c, Hardie. CREST CK. (6): 1, Noble, green body, dark crest, grand quality of feather, crest of grand formation, well laid and lovely droop, fine centre, will be bad to beat; 2, McLay, cl. body, grizzle crest, wonderful size and substance, grand feather, very dense crest, a bit rough behind, very useful bird; 3, Currah and Son, variegd. dark crest, abundance of feather, crest of good size and shape, nicely drooped, a good one; 4, Adamson, dark crest, not so large as winners, nicely laid crest, fine frontal; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Clark; a grand class. HEN (6): 1, McLay, grand size and substance, broad leafy feather, crest of fine formation and density; 2, 4, Cram, leader beautifully laid crest, splendid frontal and droop, 4th fine crest, a wee bit open in centre; 3, Noble, dark crest, fine texture of feather, nicely drooped; vhc, Adamson; hc, Thornton. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, 3, Noble, leading with a grand Green, wide entrance and nicely cushioned skull, splendid lashing, wins, 3rd splendid size and substance, rare feather, massive skull; 2, McLay, variegd., rare size and fine quality of feather, fine entrance, well lashed; 4, Griffiths, very promising youngster, splendid size; vhc, Cram; hc, McKay. HEN (8): 1, Kirkwood, fine size and feather, nicely domed skull, some thought might have given way to 2, Noble, grand quality hen, rare size and substance, great wealth of feather, wide entrance and grand cushion, hard lines; 3, Cram, hardly the substance of 2nd, but grand quality feather, very neat skull, fine lashing; 4, Adamson, good body, splendid feather, neat head, nicely browed; vhc, Adamson; hc, McLay; c, Griffiths. SELL., CREST OR C.-B. (12) (9): 1, Cram; 2, 3, Adamson; 4, Allan; vhc, Noble; hc, Clark; c, Sanderson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Watson, 1st Glasgow winner in new hands, rare size and substance, nice round head, free from browing, nicely moulded front, well braced wings and tail, lovely quality, 2nd hot colour, fine feather, wins Sandiford's cpl.; 3, Murdoch, nice type, splendid wing carriage; 4, McCall. HEN (5): 1, medal, Hutchison, fine quality hen, neat head, well packed wings and tail, fine front, in rare bloom; 2, Sneaton, best of type, short and chubby body, clean cut away at vent; splendid wings; 3, 4, Watson, rare quality of feather, put down in grand order; vhc, Lakta. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Sneaton, Bullfinch type, short flights and tail, grand head and neck, splendid quality of feather, one of the best; 2, Hutchison, very fine quality and type, splendid wing carriage, in rare bloom; 3, Watson, splendid col. and beautiful quality of feather, nicely rounded front; 4, Cooper, splendid type, round head; vhc, Watson; hc, McNeil; c, Brown. HEN (5): 1, Watson, sweetly moulded head and neck, rare frontal and best of wing carriage, beautifully mealed; 2, Muir, true Norwich type, short and cobby, rare quality feather, grand condition; 3, Brown, grand type, nicely moulded front, well braced wings; 4, Cooper, fine col. and quality. VARIEG YELL. OR GREEN CK. (7): 1, 3, Sneaton, leading with a gem for type, neat head and grand wing carriage, 3rd rare col. and quality, square front; 2, McKay, splendid quality of feather, nice model; 4, Muir, nice type and quality; vhc, Murray; hc, Cooper. HEN (4): 1, Latta, very neat head, nicely rounded body, well finished off, nice wing carriage; 2, 4, Watson, 2nd good stamp, nicely finished at thighs, splendid quality, 4th nice type and quality; 3, Breadon, nice type and hot col. BUFF, ETC., CK. (8): 1, Sneaton, rare size and substance, grand quality feather, splendid wing carriage, grand one, will want a lot of beating; 2, Muir, well up in size, grand type, fine col., lacks the finish of winner; 3, Young, good size and splendid condition; 4, Johnston, foul green, good size and quality; vhc, no name; hc, Murray; c, Garven. HEN (5): 1, Watson, beautifully-rounded chest, well tapered off, sweet head, grand wings and finished to perfection; 2, Latta, sweet head and splendid wing carriage, rare quality of feather, lacks the fulness of winner; 3, Crawford, nice stamp and col; 4, Muir, nicely got up, good quality feather; vhc, McNeil. UNFLIG. CK. (4): 1, Watson, grand substance and col., rare body, shape, clean cut under, nicely rounded head, wins cup for best young bird; 2, Muir, fine size and substance, model for type, splendid finish; 3, Scaife, rare quality bird; 4, Gardiner, nice size and substance; vhc, Sloan; hc, Aitchison; c, Crawford. HEN (10): 1, Watson, cl. buff, grand substance and very shapely, neat head and grand wings, lovely texture of feather, good one; 2, Muir, buff, splendid type and feather, grand expanse of front; 3, Hutchison, yell., nice size and quality, splendid wing carriage; 4, Watson, buff, very neat, lovely feather, well mealed; vhc, Gardner; hc, Miller; c, Young. NON-FED (7): 1, 4, Aitchison, 1st well-known cl. yell., great size and substance for a yell., nice round head, free from browing, splendid feather and colour, hardly at his best yet, 4th variegd. buff, splendid shape and size, only lacking in finish; 2, Watson, cl. buff, expansive front, clean cut under, neat head, lovely quality feather; 3, Sneaton, grand stamp, very typical. NOVICE, CK. (9): 1, Jones, cl. buff, nice size and substance, splendid wing carriage, put down in rare order; 2, no name, variegd. buff, rare col. and condition, very shapely; 3, Brown, cl. yell., fine size and col., nice quality feather; 4, Cauldish, tkd. buff, rare col. and quality, very neat; vhc, Wilson; hc, McBride; c, Lindsay. HEN (7): 1, Baird, cl. yell., best of type, very neat head, grand frontal and teeming with quality; 2, Jones, variegd. yell., nice size and col., rare shape, in rare bloom; 3, Brown, cl. yell., fine substance and quality, very neat head and fine wing carriage; 4, Wilson, variegd. buff, non-fed, well up in size and substance, nice type; vhc, McBride; hc, Cowan. SELL. (15/-) (10): 1, Train; 2, McBride; 3, Calderwood; 4, Alston; vhc, Brown; hc, Muir; c, Young.

The other Canary Classes.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, Currah and Son, very shapely little fellow, teeming with col. and quality; 2, Willison, nice type, feathered like a Java, very nervous, in rare bloom; 3, McCredie, jaunty action, built on graceful lines, nice level col. and splendid feather; 4, Patterson, grand model, rare quality; vhc, Murdoch; hc, Mossie; c, Monaghan. HENS (15): 1, Craig, splendid model, fine style and action, finished to perfection; 2, Richardson, very neat type, nice col.; 3, Willison, very shapely, splendid wing carriage, lovely feather and finish; 4, McCredie, sweet little lady, neat head, and shapely body; vhc, Wilson; hc, Smillie; c, Fisher. BUFF, CK. (16): 1, Craig, a little beauty, very stylish action, best of type and feather, shining like satin, wins; 2, Smillie, another grand model; 3, Currah and Son, nicely got up, very neat and stylish; 4, Mossie, built on stronger lines; vhc, Gillies; hc, Hamilton; c, Buchanan. HEN (15): 1, Hamilton, very taking little lady, full of style and action, lovely quality of feather, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Mossie, presses hard on leader, rare type and very close feather, in rare bloom; 3, Murdoch, grand condition and splendid wing carriage, not so stylish as leaders; 4, Craig, nice type and quality; vhc, Smillie; hc, Taylor; c, Crainie. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, McCredie, eyes and wings, very shapely, splendid col. and finish; 2, Alexander, stoutly built, very fine wing carriage, lacks the finish of leader; 3, Findlay, nice style, very shapely, well packed wings; 4, Patterson, very neat and shapely, lovely quality feather; vhc, Montgomerie; hc, Craig; c, Buchanan. HEN (11): 1, Alexander, grand model, neat head, well packed wings and tail, jaunty action, feather close as wax, in rare bloom; 2, Duncan, slenderly built model of good quality, neat head; 3, Hutchison, compact model, fine action, splendid finish; 4, Cree, splendid stamp, as steady as a rock, very fine feather; vhc, Richardson; hc, Mossie; c, Craig. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Craig, grand colour, very steady looked as if it had been taking the forbidden fruit; 2, Alexander, rare type of Border, neat head and shapely body, very nervous; 3, Patterson, stormer, modelled to perfection, teeming with quality; 4, McGill, small, but very neat, lovely quality; vhc, Clark; hc, Duncan; c, Taylor. HEN (3): 1, Patterson, very taking little lady, well balanced markings, splendid shape, very stylish, put down in spanking condition; 2, Alexander, very little between, beautiful quality feather, very neatly modelled and put down in rare bloom; 3, Hamilton, sweetly rounded front and well finished, full of quality; 4, Cree, very stylish, lovely feather. GREEN OR CINN. (12): 1, Hamilton, buff Cinn. of lovely shade of col, splendid markings and feathered like wax; 2, Smillie, rattling good yell. green, full of work and sound ground col., rare condition; 3, Richardson, buff cinn., fine type and finish; 4, McQuillan, yell. green, rare stamp, tight as a bottle; vhc, Murdoch; hc, Gardner; c, Jones. SELL. (10/-) (11): 1, Guthrie; 2, Murdoch; 3, Buchanan; 4, Barrie; vhc, Duncan; hc, Gillies; c, Citron. YORKS YELL. CK. (10): 1, Paterson, fine long-drawn specimen, standing well up on legs, body nicely tapered, neat head, fine colour and condition; 2, 3, Girvan, pair of typical Yorkshires, nice quality of feather, well staged; 4, Bowman, fine stamp, standing well on legs, neat head; vhc, Syson; hc, Macdougall; c, Braidy. BUFF (12): 1, Macdougall, full of quality, good position, nice head and well braced wings, wins; 2, vhc, Syson, also of good quality, very stylish, nice long flights and tail, hot col.; 3, 4, Paterson, nice position and shape, fine feather, neat narrow shoulders; hc, Bowman; c, Ross. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Paterson, grand length and shape, good position, full of col. and quality; 2, Macdougall, splendid position, neat head and shoulders, fine length of wing, wee bit open in front; 3, Syson, flue type, splendid wing carriage; 4, Bowman, good stamp; vhc, Penman; hc, Gibb; c, Braidy. BUFF (7): 1, Paterson, lovely shape and position, well filled in back, splendid wings and tail, brimming in col. and quality; 2, Macdougall, straight as a rush, grand position and carriage, fine quality; 3, Girvan, rare model, well up on legs, finely drawn, neat head, hot col.; 4, Paterson, not far behind, fine type and quality; vhc, Penman; hc, Syson.

Tae Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

LIGHT MULE: Cancelled. DARK (5): 1, Henry, lovely col., grand head, good size, well staged; 2, McCaw, some preferred, Siskin-Can., in lovely bloom, nice head, grandly laced sides, very steady; 3, Johnston, another nice one; 4, Mason; 5, Jamieson; 6, McQuiston. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (7): 1, Marlin, Goldie-Can., lovely head and face, grand body, in perfect condition, easy win; 2, Roddie, Linnet-Can., grand size and col., very steady; 3, McQuiston, another Goldie-Can., in grand order, good size and col., pressing 2nd hard; 4, Morrison, Linnet-Can., nice col., steady; 5, Mason; 6, Fisher; 7, Henry. HYB. (5): 1, McQuiston, well-known winner, Goldie-Bullie, looking as well as ever, no need for comment; 2, Dale, Goldie-Bullie, nice head and col., good size; 3, McGillivray Bros., another of the same, lovely col., good head, nice round chest; 4, Hunter, Goldie-Bullie, nice col.; 5, Hutchison. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, M'Minn Bros., well-known winner, "Pride of Galloway," enough said; 2, Brown, lovely square blaze, well back over eye, good barred wings, fine size, unlucky to meet winner; 3, Young, nice sized blaze, fine round body; 4, Palmer, good size and col.; 5, Fisher; 6, Richmond; 7, Mason. GOLDFINCH FOR. (10), splendid class, nearly all winners; 1, Johnston, lovely square blaze, grandly mkd. wings, good body mrkgs., grand size; 2, Guthrie, another beauty, same as first, pressing hard; 3, Young, nice blaze, good size; 4, Guthrie, nice blaze and col.; 5, Turner; 6, 7, Buchanan. BULLFINCH BRIT. (7): 1, Turner, beauty, lovely cap and bib, grand breast col., great back and sides, fine size, good win; 2, McGillivray Bros., another good one, fine cap and bib, good-sized body; 3, 4, Guthrie, former nice cap and bib; 5, Dunsmuir; 6, Lindsay; 7, M'Minn Bros. LINNET (13): 1, 2, McQuiston, leader lovely size, grandly mkd. sides and breast, nice level col. throughout; 2, same stamp, pressing; 3, Wason, another good one, nice head, good size and lacings; 4, Palmer, beauty also, and some preferred for 3rd, good size, well laced sides, coming well on chest; 5, Mason; 6, Mackie; 7, Irvine. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 7, McQuiston, grand size and col., well barred wings, showing plenty of yell., well staged, good win; 2, Henry, good head, fine big body; 3, McGavin, poor third; 4, (name missed), some would like to have seen 3rd, good size, nice col.; 5, Brown; 6, Mackie. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Hoyle, Siskin, nice cap and bib, good barred wings, nice level body col.; 2, Martin, Twite, nice head and body, well laced sides and chest, good nutty col.; 3, Turner, Siskin, good cap and bib, nice wings, steady; 4, Muaroe, Redpoll, nice size and mrkgs.; 5, Roddie; 6, McQuiston 7, McGavin. REDPOLL LESSER (5): 1, Turner, wee beauty, nice bib, fine round body, well laced, grand body col; 2, Hoyle, another nice one, same as first, pressing hard; 3, McQuiston, nice bib, fine col.; 4, Mason, lacks size and col. of winners; 5, Richmond. HEN BRIT. (7): 1, Loudoun and Cumming, Robin, in lovely order, very taking exhibit; 2, Hardie, Bullie, nice cap and bib, grand size and body mrkgs.; 3, McQuiston, Reed Bunting, good size and col., very steady; 4, Irvine, Hawfinch; 5, M'Gavin; 6, Mackie; 7, Gardiner. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, Gardiner, Hawfinch, great body size, splendid mrkgs. and col., very steady; 2, McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting, in grand order; 3, Lee, Bramble, good size and body mrkgs.; 4, Martin, Yellowhammer, real beauty and no mistake; 5, Alston; 6, McCaw; 7, Howatt. BRIT. SOFTBILL (4): 1, McQuiston, well-known Bearded Tit, in lovely order, very taking; 2, Morrison, Meadow Pipit, very nice; 3, Loudoun and Cumming, Wren; 4, Lyndsay, Lark. LARGE (4): 1, McQuiston, another known face, Chough, feathers fairly glistening, easy win; 2, Smith, Thrush, grand size, lovely mrkgs., in good order; 3, Lee, Blackbird, well staged; 4, Hardie, Magpie. REDPOLL WILD (7): 1, Roddie, wee beauty, nice bib, red breast and good body mrkgs., steady; 2, Campbell, another nice one, good as first, pressing hard; 3, McGillivray Bros., nice bib, good col., nicely laced; 4, Martin, nice size and col.; 5, Hardie, good one; 6, Alston; 7, Mitchell. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Alston, well-known many col. Parrakeets, looking as well as ever; 2, Sellars, Lovebirds, a pair of beauties, show mrkgs. very distinctly; 4, McGee, mealy Amazon. FOR. SMALL: 1, Sellars, Parrot Finch, lovely shades of col.; 2, Alston, Diamond Finches, pair of beauties; 3, Sellars, Diamond Finch; 4, Morrison, Paradise Whydah. SELL. (16): 1, McGavin, Russian Goldie; 2, McCaw, Siskin-Can.; 3, Gillies, Bullfinch; 4, Hardie; 5, Sanderson; 6, McQuiston. CIFT (12): 1, McCaw; 2, Hutchison; 3, Reid; 4, Guthrie; 5, Watson; 6, Murdoch.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Annual show of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. held in the Amersham Hall, New Cross, on Nov. 18th and 19th. The entry was considerably in excess of last year's, and the quality of the birds staged compared favourably with anything met with at most other shows this season. The staging was well arranged, giving ample room for visitors to move about freely and see the exhibits to advantage. The entry numbered 320. Pot plants and ferns here and there gave colour to the arrangements. Mr. F. W. Hamer, the capable hon. secretary, worked really admirably, and was ably assisted by the chairman, Mr. E. Meades, the vice-chairman, Mr. W. Cook, and the following gentlemen of the committee:—Messrs. W. Allison, S. Pack, W. Pawley, F. Putner, A. Roxburgh, and E. Simants. Specials were numerous, and the competition for them was keen. Norwich and Yorkshires came up well, and the open novice classes in these two varieties alone totalled 68 in 4 classes. Open British, too, were banging classes; and the members' section was well patronised. Altogether the show may be pronounced a decided success. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Critique.

OPEN CHAMP. CLASSES.—NOR. CL., ETC. (5): 1, Kilby, chubby, good head, nice feather, good one all through; 2, Richardson, rattling quality, shows a trifle too much tail, perhaps, but good one; 3, Hodder, rare quality again, nice colour; vhc, Mazzoni, good one; hc, Spriules. BUFF (4): 1, Hodder, lovely feather, good body; 2, Kilby, lovely quality and sweetly pretty; 3, Spriules, good feather; vhc, Barcham. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Hodder, variegd. buff, often noted; 2, Kilby, grand tkd. yell., blaze of col., lovely silky feather, good body; 3, Richardson, variegd. yell., full of col., very silky feather; vhc, Acland; hc, Brandon; c, Harper. HENS (10): 1, 2, Hodder, two good ones, type and quality all there; 3, Kilby, bird of lovely feather, grand shape and carriage; vhc, Spinner; hc, Woolhouse; c, Spruies. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2 spls, Jordan, thick set buff, nicest head, but a bit open at chest; 2, Harper, yell., nice quality; 3, Hodder, good body and col., one broken tail feather when we saw it; vhc, c, Kilby; hc, Mazzoni; spl, Spruies. YORKS. CL., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Easterling, good quality, stands well off perch, nice head, nervy; 2, spl, Edwards, very nice though scarcely so full of breed properties, perhaps, as winner; 3, Buckingham, good feather, nicely shown; vhc, Dykes; hc, c, Edwards. BUFF (6): 1, Dykes, slim, well up, grand quality, a fine exhibit; 2, Easterling, good style, well off perch; 3, Faux, sweet head, loses a wee bit in packing; vhc, Mole; hc, Edwards; c, Harris. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Buckingham, very neat and stylish; 2, Easterling, good Yorkie body, very nice behind leg; 3, Mole, sweet bird, lovely position and quality; vhc, Edwards. HENS (6): 1, Easterling, bonny stylish yell., wins well; 2, Faux, full of go, nice feather; 3, Brooks and Huntley, yell., very neat; vhc, Buckingham, a bird we like; hc, Dykes. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dykes, very smart and stylish, rare feather; 2, 3, Easterling, two very smart Yorkies of promise, both well shown; vhc, Faux; hc, Mole; c, Reed. BORD. (14): 1, spl, hc, Weaver, winner yell., nice carriage, jaunty, and good feather; 2, 3, Hooper, splendid quality buff; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Garrod. OPEN NOVICE.—NOR. CL., ETC. (22): 1, spl, extra 4, Steed, former very typical fine feathered buff; 2, Dibley, grand quality yell., a wee trifle thin in body, good bird; 3, Brumhill, beautiful feather, neat build; 4, spl, Dibley, buff, good type, trifle slack at thighs, nice one, however; vhc, Ward, Bullen, Ingles; hc, Pawley, Campbell; c, Rees. BUFF (16): Hollands, grand quality feather, nice carriage; 2, White, variegd., typical; 3, Steed, variegd. yell., rare col.; vhc, Cowles; hc, Bullen; c, Dibley. YORKS. CY., ETC. (18): 1, spl, Cook, very smart, upstanding and stylish, good feather; 2, Barber, yell., good quality, tride thin in neck; 3, Bullen, grand action, fails a trifle in wing carriage, good one; 4, Eborn, nice pose, good bird; vhc, Forse; hc, Bullen; c, Reed. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Eborn, variegd. yell., stands well, finely drawn; 2, Cook, also very neat, good position; 3, Goodwin, heavy variegd., beautiful tone of feather, nice carriage, well up; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Cook; c, Ingles. GOLDIE (13): 1, spl, Jordan, wide rich col. face, nice neck, shines well, good breast, bars and buttons; 2, Lawrie, very close after winner, fails just a wee bit in face; 3, Herbert, many thought quite as good, all three close together; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Brumhill; c, Vincent. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Brandon, clean cut cap, rare lustre, nice col. on breast, good shape; 2, Gunnell, sweet Finch, not quite so lustrous as winner, perhaps; 3, Vincent, good shape; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Jordan; c, Eastnedge. LINNET (15): 1, spl, very lustrous, rather dark in ground col., well mkd.; 2, Carter, very nicely mkd., good feather; 3, Gunnell, rich sheen; vhc, Wickham; hc, Perkins; c, Pope. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, Herbert, Redpoll, nice in col. and marking; 2, Pankhurst, well mkd., good col. Twite; 3, Gunnell, Redpoll, also in good feather. A.O.S., SEEDEATING (18): 1, spl, Acland, well-known Hawfinch, in grand feather; 2, Carter, lovely Brambling; 3, Cherry, lustrous, well mkd. Chaffinch; 4, Gunnell; extra 4, Wickham, rattling good Greenfinch; vhc, Gunnell, Lugg; hc, Daniel, Cherry; c, Pope. INSECTIV. (4): 1, Acland, Missel Thrush, an old winner; 2, Barber, nicely spotted Song Thrush, well shown; 3, Stevens, same species; vhc, Stevens. FOR. (5): 1, Cushney, Redrump, in fine feather and lustre, nicely shown; 2, Meadows, Long-tailed Grassfinches, very beautiful in feather; 3, Best, Black-cheeked Lovebirds; vhc, Brandon; hc, Eastnedge. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, Leighton, lightly mkd Greenie-Can., rare size and feather; 2, 3, Gunnell, both mkd., Goldie-Can. Mules; 4, Wickham, Redpoll-Greenie; vhc, spl, Miss K. Code; hc, Harper; c, Mortlock. SELL (15/-) (16): 1, c, Chandler; 4, Hollands; vhc, Meades; hc, Mole. (35/-) (12): 1, 2, Hollands; 3, Meades; 4, Gunnell; vhc, Steed; hc, c, Marshall. MEMBERS' CLASSES—CHAMP.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Meades, winner nice type, full of col., good quality; 2, Richardson, little more length of barrel; 3, Jordan, good quality. BUFF (4): 1, Jordan, good shape; 2, Richardson, good feather and shape; 3, vhc, Meades, sweet feather, nice type. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Jordan, good type; 2, vhc, Meades, variegd. yell., we liked; 3, Richardson. HENS (5): 1, vhc, Richardson, tkd., buff, nice type; 2, hc, Meades, lovely quality yell.; 3, Jordan, large and good quality. UNFLIG., CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, hc, Richardson, fine shape and beautiful feather; 2, Jordan, hot col.; 3, vhc, Meades. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Richardson, a tkd. and variegd. yell. respectively, both good; 3, Meades, buff; vhc, Daniell. HENS (6): 1, Jordan, shape, good feather; 2, vhc, hc, Richardson, variegd. buff, trifle coarse in feather, nice type; 3, Meades, variegd., nice feather; c, Daniell. YORKS. HENS (1): 1, Putner, nice all-round. UNFLIG. (1): 1, spl, Putner, stylish yell. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Putner, neat and good feather. NOVICE.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (1), 1, Hamer, nice feather, good shaped. BUFF (4): 1, Pope, full of quality, needs stoutness; 2, Hamer, also fine quality feather; 3, Kent; vhc, Roxburgh. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, 2 spl, Hamer, bonny variegd buff; 2, Allison, nearly green, good shape. HENS (1): 1, Allison, very good yell. UNFLIG., CL., ETC. (3): 1, Pope, buff, very neat; 2, Roxburgh, smart yell.; 3, Hamer, buff. UNFLIG., TKD., ETC.: 1, Hamer, yell., good shape. HENS (3): 1, Hamer, a nice buff; 2, Pope; 3, Kent. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2 spls, Cook, smart stand and quality; 2, Cobley. TKD., ETC.: 1, Simants, stands well up, nice feather. UNFLIG.: 1, Simants, tkd. buff. CRESTS (1): 1, Cork. C.B.: 1, Cook. GOLDIE (3): 1, Jordan, fine wide blaze, rich lustrous and steady; 2, Simants; 3, Allison. BULLIE: 1, Jordan, good size and shape. LINNET (4): 1, Jordan, very nice markings, good shape and col.; 2, 3, Simants, very smart Linnets. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, Allison, Lesser Redpoll, good col. and steady. GREENIE: 1, Pope, good size, shape and col. A.O.V., SEADEATING (3): 1, 2, sols, Simants, a rattling Chaffinch, needs some keeping back; 2, Eckson, Brambling; 3, Kent, Chaffinch, nice mate. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Simants dark Greenie-Can. FOR.: 1, Pope, Goldfinch, small.

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SUNDERLAND.

The Sunderland C.B.S. held their annual show on Nov. 19th and 20th, and entries came up well all over. The Yorkshires were the feature of the show, some really outstanding birds being on view, and many of the classes were keenly contested. The Yorkies were closely followed by Borders, which made a grand show. Here, also, a mere margin separated the winners. British birds, on the whole, were good, and if given even better classification would no doubt prove a success. Goldfinches and Linnets were the best classes, the same winners either winning or turning the scales as has been done since the season commenced.

Taken all over the show was a grand turn-out, and everything was splendidly conducted. The singing was of a grand height, and well arranged. The management was all that could be desired, and was under the careful guidance of Mr. Reid, who makes a really ideal secretary. He was very ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, consisting of the president, Mr. C. E. Thomson; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Hall, C. Grimshaw, G. Bell, J. Cobb, and Dr. O'Neal; the chairman, Mr. J. Farrar; vice-chairman, Mr. W. F. Swan; treasurer, Mr. J. Riseborough; trustees, Messrs. W. Ogleby and R. Armstrong; committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliott, H. Gordon, Dr. O'Neal, C. Waters, H. Fenwick, G. Davidson, J. Copeland and A. Walker, and the assistant secretary, Mr. A. Walker. Everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. Stanger judged all but the Norwich, Crests and C.-B.'s. Cinnamons, and Yorks., and his awards seemed to be well received.

The Norwich, as usual at this show, made a fine display, the quality of the exhibits being of the very best. The section averaged just 10 per class in seven classes, the Open Norwich Plainhead Club competition bringing forth many birds of the highest quality, staged by Messrs. A. H. Waters, Alf. Grey, J. Haigh and Son, and Pickering and Wright. Messrs. T. Irons and J. Wilcock also staged some grand exhibits. The Crest section, although under the patronage of both the Northern Crest Club (who held their club show here), and the Crested Canary Club, was very moderate, as far as numbers were concerned, although, as usual here, the quality was the best in the country, the great attraction being Mr. R. Armstrong's Dark Crest, "King of Kings," the same owner's clear body grey Crest, "Suggested Model," Mr. T. Taylor's variegated Crest, "King Edward," and young Dark Crest, "Emperor," and Mr. R. S. Bewick's green Crest-bred, "Duchess." The Southern exhibitors, although they gave their patronage here, failed to send a single entry, with the result that only the two young bird classes contained more than six entries, the remaining eight classes containing entries of six and less, the whole section averaging under six per class in 10 classes—poor support for any society who are willing to cater so liberally for a section that seldom pays. Cinnamons averaged over eight per class in five classes, birds of superlative excellence, all the champions being present, Mrs. Deacon, the Liverpool lady exhibitor, accounting for three out of the five possible firsts. Mr. R. Armstrong's Dark Crest, "King of Kings," secured the special for best bird in show. Special for most points in open show went to Mr. T. Taylor with a total of 96 points; second most points, E. Godley, 61, and third most points, A. Grey, 46. Other special prize winners were: Northern Crest Club silver challenge cup and gold medal, best young Crest, Mr. T. Taylor; silver challenge cup and gold medal, best young Crest-bred, T. Taylor; silver medal winners are: T. Taylor, R. S. Bewick, R. Armstrong, T. Almond, W. F. Swan, J. G. Hutchinson, and R. W. Mole. The Northern Yorkshire C.C. medal for best novice Yorkshire went to Mr. T. E. Dix, the Border Fancy Canary Club medal being secured by Mr. W. Pennington; while Messrs. Dobson and Son secured the Crested Canary Club 21s. special. Mr. T. Heath judged the Norwich, Crests, Cinnamons and Yorkshires, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Norwich, Crests and Cinnamons.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Waters, red hot, grand front, good quality, neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, W. Hall, good shape, hot col., nice wings and tail, neat head and neck, Newcastle winner, coming back to old form; 3, he, Snowdon, beautiful shape, grand col. and quality, rare front, grand wings and tail; 4, Haigh and Son, another hot one, good head and neck, fine front; vhc, Godley. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Pickering and Wright, nice shape and size, rare head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Holden and Todd, nice type, good size, col. and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Waters, beauty for shape, good size, grand col. and quality, well carried tail; 4, Grey, good type, nice size, grand col. and quality, crosses wings a little; vhc, Hall; he, Humphries; c, Snowdon; w.c., Wilcock. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Waters, lightly varieg., grand col. and quality, good chest, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, clean cut behind; 2, spl, 4, Irons, grand type, rare head and neck, beautiful clean chest, grand wings and tail, beaten just a little in col.; 3, Dormer, mkd. cap and wing, nice shape, grand col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 4, Irons, griz. neck and rump, nice size, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; vhc, Godley; he, Piper; w.c., Wilcock. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, Grey, lightly varieg., grand shape, beautiful head and neck, rare col. and quality, short wings and tail; 2, heavy varieg., great size, rare head and neck, deep, broad chest, grand col. and quality; 3, W. Reid, griz. chest, grand size, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail. HEN (14): 1, spl, 4, A. Grey, apparently cl. yell., good size and shape, grand head and neck, smooth clean front, well carried wings and tail; 4, griz. head buff, rare shape, good col. and quality, grand head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Waters, griz. on back, buff, grand type, good col. and quality, deep, broad chest, nice head, short flights; 3, Godley, apparently cl. yell., grand shape, neat head and neck, nice chest, beautiful wings and tail; vhc, Snowdon; he, Haigh and Son; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, spl, 4, Irons, mkd. left wing, good shape, nice size, red hot in col., good wings and tail; 4, nice size and shape, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck; 2, Wilcock, apparently cl. yell., nice shape and size, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, Dormer, grand col., fine quality, good head and neck, nice size and shape; vhc, Smith; he, Waters; c, Grey, heavily varieg., grand shape, had been washing when judged. BUFF (15): 1, spl, 2, Haigh and Son, grand size and shape, good col. and quality, rare head and neck, grand front, well carried wings and tail; 2, grand type, good front, rare head and neck, short wings and tail, deep chest, rich col. and quality; 3, A. Grey, neat size and shape, good quality, deep chest, good wings and tail; 4, Snowdon, nice shape, grand feather, clean cut away behind, nice wings, good pipe tail: vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; he, c, Irons. DARK CRESTED BUFF CK. (2): 1, spl, spl. best in show, Armstrong, well-known D.C. "King of Kings," exceedingly good; 2, Swan, even wing mkd., grand crest, good quality, fine droop, radiating nicely from neat centre, nice shape. HEN (5): 1, spl, 4, varieg. D.C., grand size and shape, very dense, radiating beautifully from very neat centre, well over end of beak; 4, wing tkd., good size and shape, nice quality, fine droop; 2, Armstrong, wing tkd., grand size, neat shape, best of centres, beautiful formation; 3, T. Taylor, varieg., nice shape, grand formation, drooping nicely from a good centre; vhc, Mole. CREST BRED CK. (6): 1, spl, 2, foul tail green, tremendous size, massive skull, great wealth of head feather, well lashed, grand rise and width of skull; 2, cl., great size, wonderful head, great width of skull, wonderful lush, good rise; 3, 4, J. Taylor, wing mkd., great wide skull, nice rise, beautiful lush; 4, foul tail green, good width of skull, nice rise, good lash; vhc, J. G. Hutchinson; he, Mole. HEN (6): 1, he, Bewick, well-known "Duchess," wonderful head, grand skull, well lashed, rare size, great wealth of head feather; 2, spl, 4, T. Taylor, foul tail green, rare skull, grandly lashed, good wide entrance, nice rise in front, plenty of head feather; 4, varieg., great size, nice rise, well lashed; 3, J. Taylor; varieg., rare size, grand wide skull, well lashed; vhc, Armstrong. CREST YELL. (6): 1, R. Armstrong, self green, grand shape crest of good size and formation, beautiful quality feather, nice droop, radiating nicely from very neat centre; 2, spl, vhc, T. Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., grand quality, neat shape crest, good droop, grand formation, nice radiation; 3, J. G. Hutchinson, varieg. D.C., grand formation and droop, evenly radiated from beautiful centre; 4, he, R. Sanderson, varieg. D.C., very similar to third, nice droop, good shape. C.-B. YELL. (6): 1, spl, T. Taylor, grand size, rare width of skull, finely lashed, beautiful rise, great wealth of feather; 2, T. Almond, varieg., grand size, beautiful quality feather, grand width of skull, well lashed; 3, J. Riseborough, varieg., good skull, well lashed, nice wide entrance; 4, Bewick, wing mkd., good size, well lashed, rare quality of feather; vhc, he, R. Sanderson. PAIRS (for Crest breeding) (4): 1, spl, T. Taylor, varieg. D.C., good size, grand formation and droop, massive, foul tail, green C.B., wonderful skull, plenty of good head feather; 2, Armstrong, foul tail green Crest of great size, splendid shape, beautiful formation, and varieg. C.-B., grand skull, carrying an abundance of good feather, some preferred for 1st; 3, Bewick, foul tail green, beautifully shaped Crest, grand droop and formation, nice size, and heavily varieg. C.-B., good quality feather; 4, Swan, green Crest, beautiful shape, grand formation and droop, and varieg. C.-B., grand size, rare width of skull, clothed with splendid quality feather. CREST, 1909 (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, T. Taylor, "Emperor," leading, now looking in grand condition, foul tail green, wonderful crest, great size and density, radiating beautifully from centre, wonderful exhibit; 3, cl. body, D.C., grand size, beautiful shape, grand droop, evenly radiated from neat centre; 4, foul tail green, crest nice formation, good droop and centre; 2, Dobson and Son, wing mkd. D.C., grand size and shape, beautifully drooping from splendid centre C.-B. (1909) (14): 1, Dobson and Son, varieg., grand size, great width of skull, wonderful lash, good rise and cutrance, abundance of grand quality feather; 2, spl, vhc, T. Taylor, foul tail green, massive skull, grandly lashed, good rise and entrance; 3, Widdowfield, green, nice size, grand skull, well lashed, splendid rise in front, good width of skull, plenty of good, leafy feather; 4, c, T. Almond, nearly green, great size, broad skull, grandly lashed, fine exhibit. A.O.V. CREST (2): 1, spl, Armstrong, cl. body, grey crest, great size, very dense in feather, beautiful shape, wonderful droop, best of centres, "Suggested Model,"; 2, T. Taylor, well known varieg. crest, "King Edward," grand size, beautiful formation, neat centre. CINN. YELL. (12): 1, Mrs. Deacon, grand size, correct shape, beautiful col., very level throughout, well polished; 2, spl, 3, Bladon, even larger than winner, grand col. and quality, correct Nor. type; 3, beautiful shape, grand size and col., rare head, neck and chest; 4, Dormer, good size, grand shape, rich col. and quality; vhc, Roberts; he, Godley; c, Heys. BUFF (19): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Deacon, great size, grand shape, beautiful tone of col., grand quality, well polished; 3, grand size, correct type, good quality; 2, 4, Dormer, grand col., beautiful quality, good shape, very level throughout; 4, good size, beautiful col., grand quality, true type, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, c, Godley; he, Heys. HEN (11): 1, spl, vhc, he, Mrs. Deacon, yell., beautiful shape, grand level col., rare quality, good size, fine polish, a topper; 2, Riding, yell., grand size, rich level tone of col., fine quality feather; 3, Dormer, buff, great size, good type, nice col. and quality; 4, Godley, yell., grand size, nice shape, brimful of col., good quality; c, Fenwick. FOUL (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, Hales, foul tail buff leading, grand size, correct type, beautiful col., rich undercath, grand quality; 3, foul tail buff, good size, nice quality, fine shape; 4, foul tail yell., rich body col., beautiful polish, nice shape; 2, he, Godley, rare col., very level, grand quality, nice shape, beautiful polish; vhc, Dormer; c, Riding. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Dormer, ycll., grand size, fine shape, beautiful col. and quality, rare polish; 2, 3, spl, c, Riding, yell., beautiful col., rare quality of feather, nice size, well polished; 3, buff, grand shape, rich level col., brimful of quality, nice shape; 4, Mrs. F. T. Deacon, yell., rich col., good quality, nice size, well polished; vhc, Godley; he, Fenwick.

The Borders, Yorkshires, Lizards, Etc.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, 2, Armstrong, leader nice feather, good shape, neatly rounded and stylish, 2nd again very neat, nicely drawn, good front, fine positioned bird; 3, Hopper Bros., not in such good trim, good shape, nice size; 4, vhc, Large, shade plainer looking, tight in feather, fine headed; vhc, Hawkins; c, Dr. O'Neal. HEN (6): 1, spl, Voy, nice yell. foul, fine front, grand wing carriage, staged in nice order, grandly drawn, well placed; 2, Hopper Bros., again in A1 bloom; 3, Hawkins, good all round made hen, beaten a wee trifle in finish of feather; 4, Rowell, well made, shade shorter, but neatly drawn; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; he, Large. BUFF CK. (9): 1, spl, Pennington, good feathered one, nice style, well drawn, good bird; 2, Gilchrist, very nicely rounded, fine weight, scarcely so tight in feather as winner perhaps; 3, Hopper Bros., A1 feather, nicely drawn, fails only in front, the winner a check mark; 4, Dr. O'Neal, smaller made, but very fine bird; vhc, Morgan; he, Rowell; c, Large. HEN (11): 1, spl, Pennington, nice position, well drawn, in fine trim; 2, Gilchrist, neatly rounded, better fronted bird, staged in grand bloom, must have pressed closely; 3, Hopper Bros., very typical bird, grand style, rare finish, wee shade on the slim side; 4, Hawkins, in fine order, well placed; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; he, Cubley; c, Voy. UNEVEN. (8): 1, spl, Pennington, neat cinn. tkd. buff, good position, fine size, well up in quality; 2, Johnston, again a buff, fine shape and good position, fails only in finish to winner; 3, Rowell, yell., nice eye, fine wing carriage, not quite so shapely as winners perhaps; 4, Dr. O'Neal, good alround yell. varieg., fine weight, will improve; vhc, Smith; he, Gilchrist; c, Evans. EVENS.: Cancelled. GREEN fine shape, in grand bloom, good in col., very neatly laced, 4th also green, good ground col., neat type, fails a trifle in lacing; 2, Cubley, yell. cinn., good depth of col., well spangled, fine quality throughout; 3, vhc, Harrinson, neat alround green, grand type and finish; he, Morgan; c, Rowell. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, spl, Robertshaw, very typical, grand shape, well drawn, fine length, straight as a die, in grand trim; 2, Bailey, lengthy bird, full of style, grandly shown; 3, Ogden Bros., neck tkd., another good bird, fine length, grandly drawn, showing a bit of frill to-day; 4, Wilcock, very slim, good one; vhc, Hellliwell; he, Beaumont; c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Crabtree, grandly feathered, like a piece of satin, well up in length, neatly drawn; 2, Helliwell, shade stout in build, perhaps, but grand finish, neat headed bird, very nicely tapered, wing tick; 3, Hartley, fine position, very nicely staged, stylish, all-round bird; 4, Towers, good quality feather; vhc, Wilcock; he, Bailey; c, Stebbings. HEN (15): 1, spl, 4, Beaumont, leader cl. yell., in full bloom, lengthy, well drawn bird, splendid carriage and shape, 4th buff tick again, plenty of length, in fine order; 2, Richmond, cinn. mkd., grand quality throughout, neatly got up and stylish; 3, c, Walsh, yell., fine style and finish, well up in length, well placed; vhc, Chippendale; he, Robertshaw. YORKS. YELL. UNFLIG. (Bred 1909) (12): 1, spl, Crabtree, good eye tkd., in lovely bloom, grand length, rare position, staged in A1 bloom; 2, Robertshaw, grand, very hot col. one; 3, Ogden Bros., again teeming with col. and grand quality feather; 4, Walsh, plenty of length and col., good finish, worth its place; vhc, Helliwell; he, Hartley; c, Wilcock. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Bailey, grand bloom, lovely feathered bird, fine shape, very showy, well put down; 2, Atkinson, again A1 feather, and grand wing carriage; 3, Ogden Bros. rather rough in appearance, perhaps, but good shape; 4, Parker, nice alround bird, very nice feather and finish; vhc, Hartley; he, Wilcock; c, Jewett. YORKS., GREEN OR CINN. (14): 1, Brunskill, wins, good yell. green, fine depth of col., well laced, rare shape, grand position, finely drawn, real good one; 2, Stibbings, hot fed cinn., nice length, fine quality feather, good 2nd; 3, Tate, also cinn., foul in tail, nice length; 4, Wilcock, good shape, very nice feather, well placed; vhc, Tate; he, Stevens; c, Metcalfe. NOVICE.—YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Dix, neck tkd., good alround, fine length, grandly finished off, good one; 2, spl, vhc, Johnston, lengthy bird, good side and position; 3, Davison, plenty of size, good quality; 4, Mather, nice length, good shape; he, Curry; c, Carr. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Tindale, A1 length, fine finish, good position, very showy, sweet exhibit, well staged; 2, Curry, close up, fine weight, good quality; 3, Cockburn, forward in condition, nice shape and length; 4, Tindale, stylish bird; vhc, Davison; he, Hutler; c, Atkinson. LIZ., GOLD., CL., ETC., CAP (10): 1 spl, 2, Reid, grandly laced bird, lovely pencilling, regular and distinct, fine cap, grand col., slightly, 2nd cap carried a shade too far back, but clear and distinct, well placed; 3, 4, Hyslop, 3rd neat one, fine shape, 4th slightly broken in front of cap, but well spangled and good in feather; vhc, Barnes; he, Riscborough; c, Jeffrey. SILVER (8): 1, spl, Jeffrey, grand lacing, lovely shape and quality, fine bird all over; 2, Barnes, good capped one, well cut and clear, in fine trim; 3, Riseborongh, neat shape, good col.; 4, c, Reid, grand laced bird, well worth its place; vhc, he, Hyslop. PAIR (breeding; any variety except Crests) (9): 1, spl, 3, Grey, leaders real tip-tip pair, lovely yell. ck., nice substance and size, and a tip-top buff hen, grand quality feather, rare front and head, A1 wing carriage and finish, 3rd varieg. buff cock, and a good quality hen, plenty substance and grand finish; 2, vhc, Godley, nice pair of cinn., yell. cock and buff hen, well laced and pure in col.; 4, Humphries, plainheads, yell. varieg. cock and romping hen, grand feather, nice quality; he, Seely Bros.; c, Stevens. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Greewood and Pickles, even mkd. buff Nor., grand col. and shape, A1 quality feather, neat eye and wing marks, nice exhibit, wins; 2, vhc, Summerhill, varieg. Scotch Fancy, nice length and depth, good action; 3, Riding, real good green Nor., plenty of col., solid, well laced, A1 shape and quality, well worth its place; 4, Grey, yell. Scotch Fancy, nice style; he, Brunskill. NOV. CLASS (8): 1, spl, 3, Richardson; 2, Dixon; 4, Pecl; vhc, Peel; he, c, Machin; omitted to get notes on this class. SELL. (20/-) (14): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Taylor; 3, Mrs. Woodhouse; 4, Middowfield; vhc, Pickering and Wright; he, Godley; c, Richardson. (15/-) (10): 1, Bewick; 2, spl, 4, Godley; 3, Mrs. Woodhouse; vhc, Taylor; he, Pickering and Wright.

The Mules, British and Foreign.

DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (11): 1, Maddison, dark Jonque Linnet, fine col. and markings, in full bloom; 2, 4, he, Wells, neat dark Goldie, fine flush face, well up in size, tanning and quality, neat exhibit, also Goldie; 3, Clark, Linnet Mule, nice col. and markings; vhc, Grieve; c, Barkes. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Maddison, leader lightly tkd. Linnet Mule, nice size, 2nd good fed, dark buff greenie, in grand order; 3, Fawcett and Miller, buff Siskin, nice size and markings. BRIT GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, spl, c, Nicholson and Son, good Goldie, full bloom, grand tannings, fine flush face, and well cut on cheeks and nap, wins easily; 2, Dixon and Son, good Bullfinch, in rare bloom, tight as wax, fine depth of col., neat cap and wing bars, nicely put down; 3, vhc, Maddison, Goldfinch, neat size, forward in blaze; 4, Henry, good Bullie, grand cap and fine front and col.; he, Sokell and Binks; good class, well judged. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Maddison, wins on col., grand even tone, deep wing flights and tail, fine size and quality, well put down, good exhibit; 2, Nicholson and Son, grandly made Finch, nat. col., good tone throughout, rare head and frout, should make a good one, next season; 3, McVay, nice feather and finish, good quality; 4, Riseborough, good feather; vhc, Winter; he, Dixon and Son. BRIT. LINNET (16): 1, Dunn, shapely Linnet, full of bloom and life, good wing flights, nicely pencilled; 2, c, Sheppard and Son, grandly laced Linnet, fine size, good shape, good one; 3, Mrs. Cope, grand shape, a shade paler in col., nice flights; 4, Piper, grand col., rare wing flights, teeming with quality; vhc, Tomlinson; he, Waters; c, Sheppard and Son. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Waters, good conditioned Hawfinch, fine size and markings, nice bib, beat 2, McVay, a good Chaffie, fine size and markings, excellent cap and finish; 3, Tomlinson, very neat Bramble, nice col. and lacing; 4, Bewick, hen Hawfinch, fine size, in good order; vhc, Waters; he, Fawcitt and Miller. BRIT., A.O.S. (6): 1, Nicholson and Son, nice Treecreeper, in good order, well mkd., grandly put down; 2, Boyd, good alround Jay, fine size, very good trim; 3, 4, Fawcitt and Miller, nice Thrush, shade weak in centre lacing, perhaps, but good quality feather, 4th Yellowhammer, well up in size, good shape; vhc, Waters. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, grand lot, leader superb Tanager, nice size and col., some thought lucky to beat 2nd, graud glossy Starling, in full bloom, 4th Golden-Fronted Fruit Sucker, in rare order, all well staged, good team, greatly admired; 3, Taylor, grand Tricolour, Tanager, perfect feather, steady as a rock, a beauty and no mistake; vhc, Hush; c, Dr. Woodhall.

(Members' classes unavoidably held over.)

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

CROOK.

Fifth annual show of the Crook C.B.S. was held in the Temperance Hall on November 20th. The building is very suitable for the purpose, being of good height and well lighted. The secretary and committee were rewarded with a capital entry, and the hall was so packed with visitors all the afternoon that it was difficult at times to move about. The Yorkshire classes, as is now usual at shows in this district, filled well, and some very nice birds were staged. British birds were a very fine collection, and the Foreigners were much admired. Messrs. Wild-smith and Hawkins won cup for most points for members. Messrs. Bird and Siddle carried out the secretarial duties most efficiently and creditably. Mr. A. Brown judged, and appeared to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Burdett, head tkd., good cobby shape, nice level col., full of quality; 2, Slater, close up, cheek tkd., rich col., nice type, good head and chest, neat wings and tail; 3, Messrs. Wake and Carr, red-hot col., not quite so good in head; 4, Miles Bros., good type and quality; vhc, Nicholson; he, Vipond. BUFF (7): 1, Brownson, large shapely bird, good col. and meal, nice head and chest; 2, Jamieson and Barkes, good col. and quality, would not show; 3, Wake and Carr, rich col., A1 quality, good shape, neat wings, good chest; 4, Nicholson, not quite so shapely, but nice col. and quality; vhc, Wilson; he, Hutchinson. HEN (15): 1, Burdett, yell., grand cobby shape, good head and neck, plenty of chest, nice quality; 2, Jamieson and Barkes, buff, good col. and meal, rare shape and quality; 3, Miles Bros., varieg. yell., grand quality, some thought there were several better hens in class, was singing lustily during the afternoon; 4, Miles Bros., unflig. buff, good type and quality; vhc, he, Wake and Carr. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Crosling, yell., good cobby shape, rich col., grand quality, neat head and flights; 2, Wake and Carr, hot col., A1 quality, very thick when we were taking notes; 3, Miles Bros., yell., nice size and col., rich quality; 4, Rutherford, good quality and shape, legs perch a little too much; vhc, Slater, grand cobby varieg. buff; he, J. Cuthbertson. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Woodhead, grand length, good position, neat wings and tail; 2, Rhodes, lovely quality, pale col., good length, well up on leg; 3, 4, G. Cuthbertson, 3rd good col. and quality; 4th, unflig., lengthy, A1 quality, grand position, loose on chest; vhc, Stevens; he, Woodhall. BUFF (9): 1, Stevens, long and slim, good wings, closely-folded tail; 2, G. Cuthbertson, smaller, A1 quality and col., good position, wings and tail; 3, Nattrass, nice style and shape, A1 quality; 4th, we could not find. HEN (15): 1, Rhodes, wing and eye tkd. yell., big raking bird, grand quality, well up on leg; 2, Barker, cl. buff, nice type, good back and wings, A1 quality; 3, Hodgson, yell., good length, neat head, close feather; 4, G. Cuthbertson, eye and wing mkd. buff, big bird, A1 quality; vhc, Elliott; he, J. Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Rhodes, stylish buff, grand quality, well up on leg, good head and wings, well-folded tail; 2, W. Brown, good shapely yell., A1 quality, good legs and col.; 3, E. Woodhead, hot col. buff, A1 quality, spreads tail a wee bit; 4, G. Cuthbertson, yell., grand quality and shape; vhc, Nattrass; he, Holmes. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, J. Cuthbertson, good green Crest, neat centre, well radiated, grand feather; 2, 4, Siddle and Dawson, good pair, rare size, grand feather; 3, he, F. Brown; vhc, J. Brown. BORD. FCY. (4): 1, 2, G. Henderson, neat, natty pair, tight as wax, grand quality and shape; 3, W. Lister, good quality and shape; 4, W. Brown, not quite so shapely, two latter shown in Nor. cages, which handicapped them. A.O.V. (7): 1, Wake and Carr, good green Nor., nice type and size, grand quality; 2, 4, W. Wheeler; 3, J. Brown; vhc, Todd and Son; he, Miss Bennett. SELL. (30/-) (10): 1, H. Todd; 2, M. Hutchinson; 3, F. Brown; 4, J. Cuthbertson; vhc, R. Elliot; he, R. Toward. (20/-) (14): 1, Burdett; 2, Todd; 3, J. Brown; 4, Slack; vhc, Anderson; he, Gibson. (10/-) (19): 1, F. Brown; 2, Wilson; 3, Toward; 4, Barker; vhc, Vipond; he, Miles Bros. GIFT (6): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Elliot; 3, vhc, Siddle and Dawson; he, Nattrass; 4, Elwell and Parnaby. NOVICE A.V. (34): 1, Macgregor, good shapely Nor., rare chest, neat head, nice quality; 2, Lawson, nice Redwing, good size, shape and colour; 3, Nattrass; 4, Richmond, big Nor., nice quality, good col.; vhc, Brown; he, Carter. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Milburn and Hughes, nice square cut blaze, rich col., good bars and buttons; 2, he, F. Brown, good body col. and wings, nice-sized blaze, but a little pale in col.; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good Finch, nice face, rich-coloured blaze, good wings, some thought should have gone up; 4, Siddle and Dawson, nice tanning, good blaze; vhc, Thompson. BULLFINCH (16): 1, Jamieson and Barkes, good shape, plenty of substance, nicely-cut cap, good bars, breast col. rich and carried well down; 2, Lawson, good back and cap, nice col. and condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good breast col., cap and bars, nice condition; 4, c, Turner, close up, rich col., good cap; vhc, F. Brown; he, Forster. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Milburn and Hughes, grand Finch, rich col., A1 condition; 2, Forster, dark col., moderate head, good thick-set body; 3, Todd and Son, grand shapely Finch, good head and col., well staged; 2, 4, W. Brown, grand col. and shape; vhc, Sweeting; he, F. Brown. SISKIN (9): 1, Todd and Son, Siskin, good size, nicely laced, showing bib, good col.; 2, Rutherford, good-sized Redpoll, rich col.; 3, Stewart, Siskin, neat, steady; 4, Thompson, nice Siskin; vhc, Wearmouth; he, Wildsmith and Hawkins. LINNET (14): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, rich nutty-brown, nicely-pencilled, good shape and size; 2, vhc, Milburn and Hughes, nice markings, good shape and col.; 3, Todd and Son, good markings, beaten col.; 4, Miles Bros.; he, Dunn. A.O.V. (12): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, well-known Hawfinch, rare size, good bib, grand col. and condition; 2, Rutherford, Chaffinch, steady, good size, grand col.; 3, Miles Bros., another very nice Hawfinch, shade smaller than winner; 4, W. H. Croft, Bramble, medium size, nice spangling, well staged; vhc, Elwell and Parnaby; he, Sanders and Son. FOR. (6): 1, Siddle and Dawson, grand Crimson-wing, in fine trim; 2, Mrs. W. Marley, Amazon, in grand condition; 3, Naisbett, Amazon; 4, vhc, Siddle and Dawson, nice grey; he, J. Baxter. MEMBERS' NOR. (7): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, F. Brown; 3, Dixon; 4, vhc, Siddle and Dawson; he, W. Brown. YORKS. (13): 1, W. Brown; 2, 3, 4, Nattrass; vhc, Elliot; he, Messenger. CREST (7): J. Cuthbertson; 2, 4, vhc, Siddle and Dawson; 3, F. Brown; he, J. Brown. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, W. Brown; 4, Messenger; vhc, he, Siddle and Dawson. NOVICE (16): 1, 4, vhc, Nattrass; 2, Dixon; 3, Nelson; he, W. Lister.

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HULL.

The Hull C.B.S. held their 15th annual exhibition in the new Corn Exchange, on Nov. 19th and 20th. The hall is a splendid place in every respect, being lofty, well lighted, and entirely free from draught. Entries came up wonderfully well, totalling 645, this number being a record for the society, and over 100 more than they had ever had. And what a magnificent display of birds! The management is excellent. Every little detail receives its due attention. A huge staff of helpers worked splendidly under Mr. E. Ridley's guidance, and not a single hitch occurred. The popular and kindly Mr. G. Harland once again gave valuable help. Others who put in long hours in unpacking and re-packing the exhibits were Messrs. Barwick, Bunby, King, Pepper, Porter Stanford and Stones. In Mr. E. R. Ridley the society possesses a splendid secretary, hard-working, courteous, and most obliging to all, besides having a thorough knowledge of everything one requires to know in running such a large show. There was a capital entry in Norwich. We were struck with the splendid condition of nearly the whole of the exhibits. Cup for champion Nor. was won by Mr. G. Harland's "Queen of Queens," which, we heard, stood in the same position at Blaydon-on-Tyne and Newcastle. The Yorkshires were a grand display, most of the good ones being on view. The British birds were capital, a very fine entry being obtained. The management, staging and care of the birds were all that could be desired.

The show was opened by T. R. Fernes, Esq., M.P. for East Hull, after which the energetic secretary's charming little daughter, Miss Jessie Ridley, presented him, in a most graceful manner, with a beautiful bird and cage, which was suitably acknowledged. Grand weather favoured the event, and we were pleased to see such a large attendance at the opening, the show room (which was nicely decorated) being quite crowded. Mr. W. Vardy judged Norwich and Foreign, and Mr. E. Brunskill the remainder. Specials were won by: (Members' Novice Cup), Mr. Oliff, (Hyde's Special), Mr. Geo. Harland, 'Sandiford's, Mr. W. H. Moore, and others.

The Canary Classes.

CREST OR C.-B. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Calam, leader very smart variog. D.C., capital feather, neat crest; 2, neat green C.B., rare skull, good quality of feather; 3, clear bodied griz. crest, neat head. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Moore, leader magnificent shape and substance, full, deep, nicely rounded chest, splendid head; 2, beautiful hot col., full of quality, grand shape, good head and back, neat wings; 3, Rob. Hall, splendid shape, short body, nice level col., good wing carriage; vhc, Harland; hc, Pepper. BUFF (9): 1, Harland, good shape, lovely col. and quality, nice wide shoulders, neat short tail and wings, A1 form; 2, c, Pepper, good one for size and shape, nice quality, rare substance, lovely back; 3, Moore, nice shape, good col. and quality, well braced wings; vhc, Clayton and Smith, hot col., nice shape; hc, Perkins. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Harland, leader neck tkd., grand shape and substance, rare head, neck and back, level and deep col., grand carriage; 2, variog., beautiful col. and quality, nice shape and carriage; 3, Shorney, neck mkd., capital shape, lovely col., nice form; vhc, Rob. Hall, very stylish, wing mkd., nice shape; hc, Calam; c, Clews. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, 2, Moore, neck mkd. leading, magnificent feather, close, short and of good quality, grand size, capital shape; 2, head mkd., rare shape and substance, short, full neck, again in the pink; 3, Rob. Hall, cl., nice shape, well cut away behind, splendid feather and quality, good head, nice short wings; vhc, Hesp, nice shape, well rounded chest; hc, Harland; c, Shorney. BUFF (12): 1, Woodhall, cl., regular stormer, magnificent shape, beautiful col. and quality, short, well-carried flights and tail, in the pink; 2, Woolhouse, stylish eye and wing mkd., another good one, capital shape and substance, A1 bloom; 3, Moore, eye tkd., lovely quality feather, nice shape, good head and wings; vhc, Harland, variog., well shaped body, level col; hc, Rob. Hall, good shape; c, Pepper. YELL. HEN (8): 1, cup, vhc, Harland, cl., magnificent shape and substance, full, deep, nicely rounded chest, fine level back, good col., lovely style; 2, Clews, griz. on head, good shape, very smart head, wings and tail, looks like Leek winner; 3, Moore, cl., very close in feather, lovely head and neck, grand wings and tail, splendid col.; hc, Calam; c, Pepper. BUFF (12): 1, Pickering and Wright, cl., good size, capital feather, nice col. and quality, well cut away behind, splendid wing carriage; 2, vhc, hc, Harland, leader eye and wing mkd., good shape, lovely col., rare head and neck, latter very stylish cl., well carried wings; 3, Moore, very neat cl., full of col. and quality, grand shape, lovely back, neat wings; c, Pepper. YORKS. YELL. (20): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, e., hot col., good length and position, nice back and flights, stands well on legs, magnificent quality; 2, Emery, cl., very neat and stylish, capital quality, straight as a rush, beautiful wings and tail, full of nerve; 3, Bishop, griz. on wing, well up in position, stands on pair of capital legs, wonderful length and col., very fine; vhc, Richmond, Cinn. mkd., nice col.; hc, Cowley, very neat and stylish; c, Wilcox; very good class for quality and condition. BUFF (19): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, brace of beauties, leader beautifully feathered, rare length, stands to perfection, splendid back and flights, nicely frosted; 3, head mkd., wonderful length, capital col., stands on clever legs, A1 bloom; 2, Watts, cl., very lengthy, slim and upstanding, slashing quality, in perfect condition; vhc, Murgatroyd, stands well, grand quality and col.; c, Messrs. Hartley; hc, Richmond, very lengthy, another good class, splendid quality. HEN (17): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, again two grand exhibits, cl. buff leading, beautifully drawn, fine length and stand, capital quality; 2, cl. yell., stands delightfully, correct carriage of flights and tail, grand length, capital col. and quality; 3, Drake and Sons, stylish, cl. buff, tight as a Java, feathered beautifully, splendid length and position; vhc, Chew and Stokoe, smart cl. yell., very lengthy and upstanding; hc, Richmond, buff, full of col.; c, Meyers and Lamb. UNFLIG. YELL. (19), wonderful class: 1, Woolhouse, cl., neat and narrow, superb quality and col., stands grandly, capital back flights and tail, one of the highest grade; 2, Furniss, wonderful col. and length, straight as a rush, full of style, neatly folded tail; 3, Cuthbertson, good one for length, and position, very neat wings, capital col.; vhc, Richmond, marked eye and wings, very lengthy; hc, Halliday and Chittenden, smooth as glass; c, Stamford. BUFF (18): 1, Chew and Stokoe, cl., very lengthy and stylish, capital feather and col., neat head, wings and tail, stands on grand pair of legs; 2, Meyers and Lamb, cl., unbeatable for position, feathered to perfection, correct carriage; 3, Furniss, very hot col., cl., neat and stylish, tight as a Java; vhc, Murgatroyd, fine, steady specimen, smooth as glass; hc, Lane, capital col.; c, Watts. HEN UNFLIG. (19): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, magnificent cl. buff, grand length and position, feathered to perfection, fine length of size, correct carriage of wings and tail, in the pink; 2, Townsend, cl. yell., feather like glass, shining like satin, best of position, perfect back wings and tail, capital col.; 3, Drake and Sons, cl. buff, hot col., straight as a rush, smooth as wax, stands in perfection; vhc, hc, Meyers and Lamb, two capital specimens; c, Chew and Stokoe. Both Clin. classes cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 3, c, Pepper, leader very stylish yell. Nor. green, grand size, capital head, neck and wings, splendid col. and condition; 3, very stylish cl. buff, Scotch Fancy, grand shape and length, fine read and neck; 2, Hodkson, yell. Belg., nice back wings and tail, lovely head and neck; vhc, Stones, capital even mkd. buff Yorks., good one; hc, Calam. SELL. (12/6) (27), some really good birds for price: 1, Calam; 2, Parkes; 3, Stubbs; vhc, Axe; hc, Clayton and Smith; c, Bray. (20/-) (12): 1, Lindley and Sons; 2, Borwick; 3, Brown and Hunter; vhc, Calam; hc, Frith; c, Stubbs. GIFT (8): 1, Petter; 2, Calam; 3, Limlley and Sons; vhc, Clews; hc, Harland. OPEN NOVICE NOR (£3) (25): 1, Thorpe, cl. buff, full of rich col., very cobby shape, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Mason, two well-shown birds, teeming with quality, great col., very neat head, good neck; vhc, Cowley, very typical buff; hc, Cotterill, stylish buff variog.; c, Oliff. HEN (12): 1, hc, Harding, leader real good one, griz. on head, overflowing with col., magnificent quality feather, capital size and shape; 2, Mason, cl. buff, close as wax in feather, nice colour, capital type, grand head and neck; 3, Smith, variog. buff, hot col., high quality, good size, very typical all over; vhc, Dunkitt, yell., grand type and quality, splendid size; c, Oliff. YORKS (22): 1, Bingham, stylish, cl. buff, straight as a gun barrel, lovely col. and feather, well up on leg, good tail, in grand trim; 2, Campling, also cl. buff of capital col. and quality; 3, Wellock, neck mkd. yell., very slim and upstanding, nice style and position; vhc, Elshaw, lovely col.; hc, Precious, nice style; c, Martin. HEN (19): 1, Martin, cl. yell., grand col., feather and quality, nice length and style, straight as a rush, good flights, neat tail; 2, Furnish, cl. buff, grand quality feather, nice position, lovely back; 3, Wellock, cl. yell., very slim built, well up on leg, nice feather and quality, lovely col.; vhc, Bingham, grand col., nice length; hc, Bottomley, slim build, nice style; c, Holmes. A.V. NOVICE (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Longhorn, capital team, each one grand quality, capital feather and col., well shown; 2, Potter, very nice Cinn., capital shape and col., nice size, grand feather.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE: Cancelled. UNEVENLY MKD. (8): 1, 3, Bond, leader, very fine Sis.-Can., A1 col. and shape, capital feather, nice size, well shown; 3, wing-mkd. Gold.-Cnn., grand size, col. and mkgs., nice bird all over; 2, Maddison, Gold-Can., A1 col., splendid shape and size; vhc, Inman, nice col.; hc, c, Meadowes. DARK (9): 1, Stamford, Can. Goldie, capital size, col., and mrkgs., splendid carriage and condition; 2, Bond, Linnet-Can., good type, mrkgs. and condition, A1 feather and shape; 3, Cuthbertson, Linnet-Can., nice size and shape, grand col., little bit wild; vhc, hc, Shorney, two nice exhibits; c, Wilson. A.O.V. (9): 1, vhc, Bond, well-known Canary-Bullie, looking A1 to-day, capital size, wonderful col., grand mrkgs.; 2, 3, Somerfield, very pretty Green Can., capital col., nice size, one of the best Siskin-Can., grand size, shape and col., splendid mrkgs.; hc, Maddison; c, Clarke. HYB. (7): 1, Maddison, grand type, shape and size, very sound in col., capital feather and mrkgs; 2, Wilson, Gold Bullie, good size and shape, good sheen and polish; 3, vhc, Stamford, another good Gold-Bullie, in grand feather, good size and col.; hc, Riley; c, Jowett. GOLDFINCH (13), fine class: 1, Duncan, charming condition, tight as wax in feather, wonderful blaze, well cut, clear and rich crimson, grand mrkgs. generally; 2, Perkins, grand col. blaze, very square cut, splendid shape and carriage, in grand condition; 3, Towl, correctly cut blaze and rich in col., rare size, lovely stylish Goldie; vhc, Taylor, very fine Finch, grand blaze and condition; hc, Brown; c, Inman. BULLFINCH (11): 1, 2, Woods, perfect gem leading, wonderful size, perfect cap, deep back col., splendid wing bars, put down in lovely trim; 2, another beautiful specimen, grand size and type, very lustrous col., again staged in excellent form; 3, Archer, very sound, rich col. Finch, charmer for style and type, perfect markings; vhc, Boyle, very dense, rich col., finely mkd.; hc, Stamp; c, Lees. LINNET (14): 1, 3, Boyle, leader remarkable col., rich and nutty, nice silky feather, splendid shape and style, in fine trim; 3, another good one, lovely colour size and shape, nice mrkgs; 2, Stamp, grand size, finely moulded, lovely col. and bloom; vhc, Axe, rich and sound in col., nice form; hc, Calam; c, Duncan. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (11): 1, Blackett, Bramble, wonderful size and shape, beautiful quality, grandly mkd. and spangled, wins; 2, Duncan, Chaffinch, another beauty, fine size, splendid shape and carriage, good blue cap full of col.; 3, Brumby, Bramble, good size, col. and mrkgs., splendid shape and condition; vhc, c, Axe, splendid Chaffinch, nice shape and style, capital feather; hc, Taylor; c, Weedy. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Duncan, big bouncing bird, very rich and even in col., lovely quality, bold head, nice wings; 2, Meadows, well built very stylish bird, rich even col., lovely quality, close up; 3, Pogmore, splendid col. and shape, grand substance, rare head; vhc, Simpson, very large and of good quality; hc, Riley; c, Cartwright. REDPOLL, ETC. (16): 1, Stamp, Redpoll of good size, nice cobby shape, very good quality and col.; 2, Inman, Twite, sound col., fine build and shape, should make a good one; 3, hc, Taylor, sweet little siskin, well laced cap, good col. and blaze, in good form; vhc, Bishop, very neat exhibit; c, Blackett. A.O.S. (16): 1, Isherwood, grandly built Hawfinch, very rich, sound col., nice silky plumage, splendid bib and wings; 2, Forster, Meadow Bunting, very steady and well built, nicely marked, in very fit condition; 3, Axe, Yellowhammer, very shapely and stylish, nice col., good mrkgs., shines like satin; vhc, Hollins; hc, Brumby; c, Inman. HEN (6): 1, Foster, very steady Bramble, nice style and mrkgs.; 2, Wilson, grand Bullie, nice size, good cap and form; 3, Inman, neat Chaffinch, splendid condition and col., good size and shape; vhc, hc, Stamford, absent; Hollins. SONG THRUSH (8): 1, Axe, beauty for condition and mrkgs., bold head and neck, fine size, wins easily; 2, Carter, good size and condition, nice and tight in feather; 3, Isherwood, fine chest, capital col. and mrkgs.; vhc, Hollins; hc, Carter; c, Bank. LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (7): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, one of the best Wrynecks, great size, very shapely, A1 condition and col. and mrkgs.; 2, Suddaby, Redstart, grand size and shape, wonderful col. and bloom, nicely shown; 3, hc, Potter, very steady, Blackcap, in perfect condition; vhc, c, Hedley. FOR. BULLIE (6): 1, 2, vhc, c, Stamford, capital team, leader grand size, good col. and condition; 2, charming hen, in good col. and form, splendid shape and size; vhc, another good one; 3, Clews, capital shape and size, not in such col.; hc, Calam. SMALL (7): 1, Chadwick, Paradise Whydah, in the best possible form; 2, vhc, c, Hollins, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, in lovely feather, and well staged; 3, hc, Suddaby, grand pair White Javas, in nice bloom. LARGE (7): 1, 2, 3, c, Hollins, Penuant Parrakeet, leader in capital feather; 2, pair Mountain Lorries; 3, Barnard Parrakeet, all in best possible form; vhc, hc, Suddaby.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Oliff, very stylish cl., capital shape, size and col.; 2, Bray, eye and wing mkd., nice size, good shape and condition; 3, Mason, very stylish cl., good form; vhc, Calvard; hc, c, Potter. BUFF (7): 1, Oliff, capital cl. buff, neat head and neck, grand col.; 2, Longhorn, neat cl., grand shape and size, nice col.; 3, Calvard, very stylish shape, good form; vhc, Frith; hc, Potter; c, Hogg. NOR. HEN. (26): 1, vhc, Oliff, wing mkd. buff, in A1 form, good size, shape and col.; 2, hc, c, Barwick, wing mkd. yell., splendid size and shape, good head and neck, lovely col.; 3, Mason, neck mkd., capital col. and condition. UNFLIG. (22): 1, 2, Oliff, two grand exhibits, good shape and size, full of col.; 3, vhc, c, Mason, very stylish cl. yell.; c, Barwick. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Firth, cl., well up in position, capital length; 2, vhc, Potter, wing mkd., nice length, good col.; 3, Sowden, capital carriage and col.; hc, Atkinson; c, Girling. BUFF (10): 1, Precious, very slim and upstanding cl., nice length; 2, Sowden, cheek mk., well up on leg, good wings; 3, Chapman, very neat and upstanding, A1 form; vhc, Parkes; hc, Potter; c, Briggs. HEN (24): 1, Parkes, cl. yel., nice style and position, level col., well shown; 2, Precious, cl. buff, straight as a rush, splendid legs; 3, Howe, capital yell., neat head; vhc, Worrall; hc, Potter; c, Frith. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Firth, very hot col. cl. buff, A1 bloom; 2, Girling, very neat cl. buff, capital length; 3, Oliver, neat eye and mkd. yell., nice length; vhc, Clayton; hc, Snowden; c, Precious. A.O.V. MEMBERS: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, F. Potter, winner Clin. Bord., good form; 2, Green Yorkie, nice feather; vhc, P. Potter. NOVICE MEMBERS, NOR. (10): 1, Fish, well shown cl. buff; 2, c, Ware, neat wing-mkd. yell.; 3, hc, Belcher, capital cl. buff; vhc, Foster, all in good order. YORKS (20): 1, Hinson, real good cl. buff, good length; 2, 3, Parkes, two grand exhibits, well shown, nice length; vhc, hc, Snowden; c, H. Snowden.

MILLOM.

The sixth annual exhibition of the Millom and Dis. F.A. was held on November 20th and 21st. Out of 24 classes scheduled, no fewer than ten were unfortunately cancelled. The Norwich and Brit. birds suffered most. Doubtless this was owing to the committee cancelling all classes that contained less than six entries, and only undertaking to pay full prize money on classes containing nine entries. We understand from the officials that this was an oversight in schedule, and in the interests of exhibitors will be altered another year, when we trust to see a better entry all round. The Central Hall, in which the show was held, is roomy, well lighted, apparently in every respect exceedingly suitable. The Committee who are all true fanciers, comprise Messrs. W. Park (chairman), F. Coulson, F. W. Bradley, H. Hewitson, T. Stone, W. J. Park, P. Davies, with Mr. W. J. Thomas, an obliging and courteous secretary. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. The members' cup for most points with three nominated birds was won by Mr. P. Davies.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC. (12): 1, spl, Dykes, good col., reachy, upstanding, clean chest, fine quality; 2, Bradley, unflig. finer drawn, upstanding, grand col., well feathered; 3, Wilcock, similar stamp to 1st, well shown; vhc, Park; hc, Cowgill, fine bird; c, Stone. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Shaw Bros., fine feather, good col., well drawn; 2, Dykes, rarer col. and quality, beautifully moulded, beauty all over; 3, Bradley, nice quality and col., fine stand, just a little behind in wing carriage; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Coulson; c, Cowgill. MKD., ETC. (12): 1, spl, Dykes, upstanding, well made, lovely col. and quality, beautifully shown, tkd buff; 2, Shaw Bros., four-pointed buff, excellent quality and col., fine stand, well-drawn out; 3, Cowgill, griz. mark on neck, yell., extra col., fine stand; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Bradley; c, Metters. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Cowgill, cl., fine stand, col., and quality A1, clean cut, nice length; 2, Woods, cl. nat. col., long-sided, fine carriage of wings, will improve; 3, Dykes, shapely, well made, good col.; vhc, hc, Park; c, Johnson. BUFF: Cancelled. SELL. 20/-: 1, spl, Woods; 2, Cowgill; 3, hc, Bradley; vhc, Chapple; c, Park. NOR. YELL AND BUFF: Cancelled. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl, c, Davies, griz. head buff, fine chest, rare col., very good one all over; 2, Bailey, tkd. wing, yell., hot col., good feather, well shown; 3, Wilson, mkd. wing and neck yell., hot col., rather longer than 2nd, perhaps, fine feather; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Vart. HEN (8): 1, spl, Bailey, cl. buff, rare chest, col., fine head, good quality; 2, c, Vart, similar stamp, a little behind in quality; 3, Wilcock, yell., good, level col., nice, short wings, and tail well carried; vhc, hc, Davies. SELL. 20/-: Cancelled. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, Wilson, fine type, rare quality, well carried wings; 2, Poole; 3, Cherry, both nice type, good col., not quite as fine in quality as winner, but a grand bird; vhc, Withington; hc, Hudson; c, Davies. BUFF: Cancelled. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, Davies, four-pointed buff, nice markings and col., good quality (2nd prize winner, 10/6 sell. Whitehaven week previous, fortunate purchase); 2, Poole, tkd. wing buff, fine type, quality and col., some preferred; 3, Park, eye-mark, yell., nice col. and quality; vhc, Wilson, four-mark Cinn.; hc, Dixon; c, Thomas. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, spl, Wilson, cl., lovely little lady, clean cut, typical; 2, Poole, cl., fine col., quality and type; 3, c, Davies, nice type, feather and colour; vhc, Park; hc, Willison, jun. BUFF (7): 1, Poole, mark root of tail, beautiful quality, typical, well shown; 2, spl, hc, Davies, mkd. wings, one eye and head, nice col., good type; 3, Hudson, cl., nice col., quality a wee shade long in wings; vhc, Wilson; c, Willison, jun. SELL. 12/6 (9): 1, Millington; 2, Park; 3, Poole; vhc, Davies; hc, Wilson; c, Hudson. NAT. COL.: Cancelled. HYB. (10): 1, 2, spl, Dixon, cl. buff Greenie-Can. leading, latter uneven buff Goldie-Can, fine size, col. and feather, we liked well at Whitehaven, where it stood vhc; 3, hc, c, Davies, dark yell. Linnet-Can., grand col., beautiful feather and condition, latter Goldie-Bullie, dark Greenie-Can; vhc, Robinson (fine class). GOLDIE, LINNET: Both cancelled; strange to see a show in this district without either Goldies or Linnets. A.O.V. HARDBILL (7): 1, 3, spl, Bell and Fisher, both Brambles, former better col., well mkd., both very steady; 2, Evans, Hawfinch, good stamp, will improve; vhc, hc, Johnson; c, Davies. SOFTBILL AND FOREIGN: Cancelled.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Old Bird show, held November 20th, at Headquarters, the Sycamore Hotel, where Mr. F. King (Leeds) placed the awards, which seemed to give general satisfaction. The number of birds staged totalled 50.

CLASS 1 (5): 1, Dean; 2, Pyrah; 3, Crossley; vhc, hc, Wilson. CLASS 2 (5): 1, Dean; 2, Pyrah; 3, Booth; vhc, Crossley; hc, Wilson. CLASS 3: 1, Booth. CLASS 4: 1, Pyrah. CLASS 5 (6): 1, Pyrah; 2, Dean; 3, Wilson; vhc, hc, Booth; c, Hodgson. CLASS 6 (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Crossley; 3, Dean. CLASS 7 (2): 1, 2, Pyrah. CLASS 8: 1, Wilson. CLASS 9 (4): 1, Wilson; 2, Dean; 3, Pyrah; vhc, Hodgson. CLASS 10 (7): 1, c, Toulman; 2, Booth; 3, Dean; vhc, Pyrah; hc, Crossley. CLASS 11 (5): 1, hc, Dean; 2, 3, Booth; vhc, Crossley. CLASS 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, nil. BRIT.—CLASS 16 (6): 1, c, Gledhill; 2, vhc, hc, Fisher; 3, Pyrah. CLASS 20 (4): 1, 3, Sykes; 2, Crossley; vhc, Booth.—A. GLEDHILL, Hon. Sec.

MONTROSE.

The Montrose C.B.S. held their annual competition and exhibition on 20th November, in the Corn Exchange, Hume Street, one of the best halls for the purpose in the east of Scotland, it being commodious and comfortable, and well lighted from the top and sides, and absolutely free from draughts. All the exhibits could be viewed with comfort, which was to be appreciated. But it was to be regretted the entries were less than last year, there being nearly 200 birds, however. The committee comprise such well-known fanciers as (president) Mr. A. Mitchell, (vice-president) Mr. W. Turnbull, (treasurer) Mr. R. D. Wilkie, and Messrs. J. Dorward, J. Murray, A. Harris, and E. Harris. The secretary, Mr. John Clark, is a model official, whose tact and courtesy earned for him the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with him, and we congratulate the management on the business-like way in which they fulfilled their several tasks. There were 15 classes for Norwich, and there was an average of a little over 8 per class, many noted winners being amongst them. We noticed a well-known winner, a non-colour-fed buff cock, sitting today without a ticket. The judges were Messrs. A. Thomson and A. Steele (Aberdeen), and they had in several classes a very difficult job, but their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. The show was fairly well patronised by the public, and we hope to hear it was a financial success.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Howie, magnificent col., good shape, nice head, full neck, fine quality; 2, 3, Mitchell, good pair for col., fine type, broken tail; 4, spl, Kemlo, nice feather, in right place; 5, Steven; 6, Lyall; 7, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Cable, nice mealy one, lovely head, breast and neck, well-known winner; 2, Howie, grand shape and substance, full of quality, must have been a toss up for 1st and 2nd place; 3, Souter, lovely col., nice shaped body, inclined to cross wings; 4, Hampton, rare head and neck, close; 5, Aitkenhead; 6, Christison; 7, Mitchell. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Howie, fine set up bird, wing and head mkd., put down in the pink of condition, a credit to the exhibitor; 2, Harris, nice feather and col., good head and chest; 3, Cable, good typical bird; 4, Norrie, nice col. and shape, good head and back; 5, Kemlo; 6, Murray. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Howie, good made one, in fine feather, model, shown in rare trim; 2, spl, Kemlo, nice neck and wings, good feather and shape; 3, Steven, nice shape and quality; 4, Kydd, dense markings, good head and back; 5, spl, Jeffray; 6, Harris; 7, Christison. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Howie, beauty for col. and shape, nice head and wing carriage; 2, Grewer, another fine well-made one, fine back, good head and neck; 3, Mitchell, nice type, well filled in back, good wing carriage; 4, Brown, good one, well shown; 5, Skinner; 7, Kemlo. BUFF (10): 1, Howie, rare typical bird, in fine feather; 2, Ritchie, another good one, good head and neck, nice feather, close; 3, Grewer, nice shape and quality, neat head; 4, Steven, grand quality; 5, Aitkenhead; 6, Brown; 7, Cable. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, 3, spl, Harris, 1st rare substance and shape, beautiful quality, rich col., 3rd rare size, well shaped body; 2, Mitchell, grand shape, good col. and quality; 4, Burnett, fine type and quality; 5, Turnbull; 6, Brown; 7, Kemlo. BUFF (10): 1, Grewer, gem for type and quality, nicely shown; 2, Souter, fine warm exhibit, good all through, fine size; 3, Turnbull, well shown; 4, spl, Kerr, nice shape, capital col.; 5, spl, Kemlo; 6, Harris; 7, Mitchell. NON-COL. FED. YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, J. Grewer, grand quality, good shape; 2, W. Grewer, another good cl., well put down; 3, spl, Turnbull, good shape and feather; 4, spl, Mitchell, beautiful quality feather, nice type; 5, Harris; 6, spl, Hampton; 7, Murray. BUFF (7): 1, Skinner, rare lump of a bird, in fine feather; 2, Lyall, full of quality, good head and neck; 3, Piric, good shape and quality; 4, Harris, smart all over; 5, Gove; 6, Jack. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, Steven, grand shape, nice head and wing carriage, well staged; 2, spl, Kemlo, nice wings and tail, good deep chest; 3, Forrest, nice shape, in fine feather; 4, Lyall, another good bird; 5, Marr. BUFF (5): 1, Marr, fine typical bird, smart buff all over; 2, 5, Steven, two grand shaped ones, put down in fine condition; 3, Kerr, another one of fine type and quality; 4, spl, Forrest, capital bird, well staged. UNFLIG. CK. (13): 1, 5, Mitchell, grand one, beauty for col. and shape, neat exhibit; 2, Kerr, clinker and no mistake, put down in rare trim, close; 3, Grewer, fine even col. throughout; 4, 7, spl, Harris, very fine bird, neat; 5, Mitchell; 6, Steven. HEN (10): 1, Grewer, lovely feather, good head and neck, wins; 2, Steven, good head, rich col., magnificent quality; 3, Piric, rare quality, good head, fine even col.; 4, Adamson, nice type; 5, Harris; 6, Taylor; 7, Mitchell. SELL. (15/-) (21): 1, 2, Hampton; 3, Mitchell; 4, spl, Kemlo; 5, Jeffray; 6, Gove; 7, Piric. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, spl, Hendry, two rare birds, 1st Linnet-Bullie, in fine feather, 2nd Bullie-Goldie, a little soft; 3, Fyfe, Can.-Greenie, good exhibit, in fine feather; 4, Watson, Can.-Goldie, put down in rare trim; 5, McCann; 6, spl, Gove; 7, Kemlo. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Jack, grand face, lovely size, well tanned body, nice mooning; 2, Irvine, grand blaze, lovely col. and polish, nicely mkd. breast, good 2nd; 3, Dalling, nice blaze, bars and mooning, fine exhibit; 4, 6, spl, Fiddes, grand blaze, face and tanning; 5, Warden. BULLFINCH (10): 1, 4, spl, Fiddes, 1st grand size, good cap, fine col. and condition; 2, Warden, lovely cap and bars, rare col.; 3, 5, Chalmers, nice size and condition; 6, Clark; 7, Douglas. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Dalling, grand thick-set shape, nice tight feather, good wings, neat head, fine col., wins; 2, Haldane, neat head, tight in feather, nice body; 3, McLean, another good one, well shown; 4, Smith, nice size, well placed; 5, Taylor; 6, Watson; 7, Fyfe. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Muir, well-known winner, rare size and col., in the pink of condition, as steady of a rock; 2, Watson, good col., nice distinct pencilling, in good bloom, close; 3, Smith, good, smaller, fine col.; 4, Warden, wants steadying; 5, Dorward; 6, Clark; 7, Mitchell. SELL. (5/-). ANY VARIETY (11): 1, Jeffray; 2, 3, Halling; 4, Watt; 5, 7, Warden; 6, Smith.

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COVENTRY.

Coventry O.S. held their 29th annual show at their headquarters, the Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, a room acknowledged by fanciers to be one of the best in the kingdom for a cage bird show. The entries came up exceedingly well, being 110 in advance of the previous year's. The quality was also above the average, especially in the Crested section. The classes for Norwich were exceptionally well filled; the entries numbered 427. A challenge cup was competed for between the Coventry O.S. and the Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., which caused a great amount of interest. The cup was competed for at Leicester, where the Leicester fanciers made twenty more points than Coventry, but on the present occasion the Coventry fanciers easily wiped off their deficiency of 20, and won with a good number of points in hand, and therefore hold the cup for 12 months. The president, Mr. Harris, made a short but interesting speech, explaining the nature of the cup competition, and saying how pleased he was that Coventry had won the cup for the first time. Mr. Walton, of Leicester, in handing over the cup, said he hoped it would be the means of creating friendship and rivalry between the two clubs; he was sorry they had lost, but he would do his best to see that it did not occur again. Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) then made a very interesting speech on behalf of the visitors. A letter of apology was received from Alderman A. H. Drinkwater, who was unable to be present to open the show. Mr. J. Corrall won the silver medal given by J. W. Ramsden for the best Norwich bird that has been moulted on Ramsden's pure pepper: J. R. Houghton won silver medal for best fed bird other than Norwich. The whole of the arrangements were well carried out by the energetic secretary, Mr. Geo. Peters, assisted by a committee (all well-known exhibitors) consisting of Messrs. J. Corrall, G. Lawrance, J. Shaddock, A. J. Barratt, W. Davis, T. Chillingsworth, and H. Aston, G. Clarke (hon. treasurer), A. J. Lucas and T. E. Waring (auditors), and the show stewards:—Messrs. J. Tipping, G. Coates, H. Wilkes, J. Hadley, E. Reasby, A. Paddock, J. Calcott, W. J. Rowley, H. Butler, W. Lissaman, F. Swift, W. Lucas, J. Symonds, T. Judd, G. Edwards, T. Symonds, G. Dickenson. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Houghton, good thick-set bird, nice head and neck, fine quality and col.; 2, Hathaway, good type and quality, nice wing carriage, fails only in col. to winner; 3, Davies, good type and col., wins Sandiford's special; vhc, Jeacock; hc, Willoughby; c, Christian. BUFF (15): 1, Lawson, nice type, good head and neck, nice short wings and tail, well shown; 2, Walter and Noakes, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, grand wing carriage; 3, Needham, grand quality, good col., nice head and neck, fine wing carriage; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Hathaway; c, Corrall. TICK., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Houghton, good type and quality, nice head and neck, grand bird all through; 2, Eckersley, tkd. back of head, good type, nice even col., good head and neck, lovely wing carriage; 3, Walton and Noakes, tkd. eye, grand type, good col., nice wing carriage; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hathaway; c, Corrall. BUFF (15): 1, Broadhurst, tkd. back of head, good type and quality, grand head and neck, nice wings; 2, Houghton, splashed neck, good type, graud colour, good head and neck, well placed wings, throws up a twist in throat or might possibly have won; 3, Christian, variegated, well-known Wolverhampton and Leicester winner, looking well for his age; vhc, Lawson; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Corrall. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (20): 1, Houghton, grizzle head, grand quality, lovely col., good type, not one of the largest, but certainly one of the best; 2, 3, Walton and Noakes, nearly even mkd. unflig., grand col. and quality, gem, close up, 3rd grand type and quality, must have given judge pains to separate; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Lawson; c, Wood. BUFF (21): 1, Lawson, good type and quality, grand col., good head and neck, nice wing carriage, wins well; 2, vhc, Walton and Noakes, large bird, grand col., good head and neck, well carried wings; 3, Houghton, variegated, good col., and quality; hc, Gilbert; c, Hale. UNFLIG. YELL. (27): 1, Broadhurst, good size, grand col. and quality, nice shape, good head and neck, fine wing carriage; 2, Bott, nice type, short thick-set bird, red hot in col., shown in A1 condition, must have run winner close; 3, Needham, Leicester challenge cup winner, nice type, good col. and quality, grand head, neat wings; extra 3, Cooper, nice quality; vhc, Jeacock; hc, Hall; c, Hulse. BUFF (18): 1, Walton and Noakes, nice short thick-set bird, grand col. and quality, good head, nice wings; 2, Judd, lovely quality, grand col., very typical specimen, close up; 3, Eckersley, grizzle on head, good type and quality, fails only in col. to winners; vhc, Collier; hc, Gilbert; c, Jeacock. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Notley, variegated, buff, good type, nice wing carriage; 2, vhc, Colloby and Brown, excellent quality; 3, Needham, good col. and quality, hardly so stout as winners, perhaps; hc, Barratt; c, Brooks. CREST, CL. BODY (5): 1, Mrs. Galloway, large well-formed crest, well radiated, nice centre; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Peters, grizzle, nice neat crest, fails only in size to winner, and clear body, dark crest, in order named. CREST, A.O.V. (7): 1, Smith, massive wing mkd., dark crest, lovely droop, good centre, wins easy; 2, vhc, Peters, heavily variegated, nice neat crest, fails only in size to winner, good one; 3, hc, Mrs. Galloway, green, nice formed crest, good centre, well filled in back; c, Harvey. C.B. (7): 1, Smith, monster green, wonderful skull, great length of head feather, well lashed; 2, Edwards, cl. buff, large bird, grand skull, well lashed, not quite so massive as 1st; 3, Harvey, another cl. of good size, good one; vhc, c, Galloway; hc, Peters. CINN., SELF COL. (8): 1, 2, Nason, Jonque and buff respectively, good col. and quality, well laced; 3, Symonds and Son, nicely mkd., falls only in col. to winner, good one; vhc, hc, Wheatley; c, Westley. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, good length, nice quality, fine back, stands well, very stylish; 2, Millincamp, hardly so long, perhaps, but grand col. and quality, wins Ramsden's special for best other than Norwich; 3, Foden, good col., nice quality, well shown, close up; vhc, Paddock; hc, c, Parkes. BUFF (4): 1, Paddock, good length, nice quality, good col., well shown; 2, Peak, fails only in col. and quality, grand bird, looks as though a wash would do him good; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, grand col. and quality, shown in the pink of condition; vhc, Parkes. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Millincamp, yell., good length, nice col. and quality; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, yell., hardly so long, perhaps, but otherwise equal; 3, Brotherhood, buff, lovely col. and quality, again good one; vhc, Richardson; hc, Parkes. HEN (6): 1, Millincamp, grand yell., lovely quality, good length, grand col. for a hen, nice wings and tail; 2, Foden, another yell., again a good exhibit; 3, Paddock, buff, good length, nice quality, good tail; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden; hc, Gamble. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2, Symonds and Son, 1st even mkd. buff Nor., good col. and quality, nicely mkd., 2nd green Yorks., good col.; 3, Shaddock, Dutch frill, nice bird; vhc, Barber; hc, Lawrance; c, Bexon. CAN. MULE, LIGHT (9): 1, 3, Lawrance, 1st lkd. wing buff Goldfinch and Can., in fine condition, grand col., 3rd variegated Linnet and Can., both very well shown; 2, Lees, even mkd. Goldfinch and Can., nicely mkd., again well shown; vhc hc, Edwards; c, Chillingsworth. CAN. MULE, DARK (7): 1, Chillingsworth, Can. Bullfinch, in fine feather, good size and col., nicely mkd., wins well; 2, 3, Lawrance, 2nd another Can.-Bully, grand col. and quality, falls only in size to winner, 3rd Goldfinch and Can., grand col., good quality; vhc, Shaddock; hc, Colloby and Brown; c, Lissiman. A.O.V. MULE (6): 1, Dickenson, Linnet Bullfinch, grand col., good quality, nicely mkd., beautifully shown; 2, c, Gilbert, Goldfinch Greenfinch, good col. and size, one of the finest of its variety; 3, vhc, Lawrance, Linnet-Bullfinch, good col. and quality; hc, Edwards. LINNET (pairs matched for Crest breeding, £3 3s.): 1, Edwards; 2, Smith; 3, Gilbert. (Plainheads, £2 2s.): 1, Hall; 2, Adams; 3, Notley. NOR. YELL. (30/-): 1, Adams; 2, Lucas; 3, Needham. DITTO BUFF (30/-): 1, Lees; 2, Sadler; 3, Gilbert. UNFLIG. NOR. (30/-): 1, Jeacock; 2, Willoughby; 3, Holland. PAIRS (matched for breeding Plainheads) (21): 1, Gilbert; 2, Hall; 3, Busby. (10/6): 1, 2, Corrall; 3, Gilbert. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Marsh, nice size, good col., square cut blaze of grand size, wins well; 2, Towers, nice size, good blaze, not quite the polish of winner, yet will improve; 3, Lawrance, good face, nice bars, good bird. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Harris, wonderful size, nice col., good cap, very steady, well shown; 2, Lawrance, grand col. and quality, good cap, nice breast, quite as good as winner in most respects; 3, Abbott, rather smaller than winner, if anything, but good; vhc, Chambers; hc, Edwards; c, Lucas. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Lawrance, Bramble, good col., nicely mkd.; 2, Christian, well mkd. Chaffinch, very steady; 3, Gilbert, Bramble, good size, well mkd.; vhc, Sparrow; hc, Roff and Strange; c, Bray. GREENFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Marsh, Linnet, well mkd., good col., in A1 condition, well shown; 2, Roff and Strange, Greenfinch, good size, nice col.; 3, Brooks, smaller than winner, perhaps, but nicely laced and in fine condition; vhc, Robinson; hc, Lawrance; c, Millincamp. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Poole, Siskin, nicely mkd., very steady, shown in fine fettle; 2, Roff and Strange, Twite, good size, well mkd., nice col., well shown; 3, Busby, good size, well mkd.; vhc, Pilgrim; hc, Coates; c, Lucas. INSECTIV., SMALL (9): 1, 2, Cocks, Treecreeper, in really fine condition, well shown, 2nd Yellow Wagtail, in grand col. and condition; 3, Poole, Grey Wagtail, good one; vhc, Coates; hc, Westley; c, Busby. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, in nice feather, good bib, well shown; 2, Saunders, nicely mkd. Yellowhammer, again well shown; 3, Shaddock, good Crossbill; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Lawrance; c, Labraham. FOR. (8): 1, hc, Bennett, King Parrot, in fine feather; 2, Baxby, another of the same species, hardly so large, perhaps; 3, hc, Mrs. Galloway, Parrot Finches; c, Oakley. GIFT: 1, Shaddock; 2, Barratt; 3, Dickenson; vhc, Corrall.

WINSFORD (Cheshire).

Fifth annual show, held in the Town Hall, November 20th. The cage bird section was nicely staged on the platform, where every exhibit could be seen without the necessity of handling, a practice, by the way, which is strictly forbidden at this show. As usual, British turned up in strong force, a large number being kept in this district. They were, without doubt, the feature of the show. Goldfinches were a grand lot, and the Linnets were also splendid. The Norwich and Yorks. were a little below the usual standard, both for quality and numbers. Mr. Oliver again held the secretarial reins, and right well did he handle them, having everything in apple-pie order, and being kind and obliging to all. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged.

Critique.

GOLDFINCH (16): 1, spl, Tams and Son, rare size and shape, expansive blaze of brilliant col., best of bars and huttons, rare depth of tan; 2, Davies, nice size and shape, good face; 3, Bowes and Robinson, nice face, good tan and wing bars; res, c, Weedall Bros., good size, nice shape and bars; vhc, Bennett; hc, Gillett. LINNET (25): 1, spl, Tams and Son, nice shape, rich nutty col., good whites, profusely pencilled, in rare bloom, very steady; 2, Joynson, again nice shape and col., good breast markings, well polished; 3, Pitchford, plenty of work on breast, in nice bloom; res, Bowes and Robinson, rare shape, col. and condition, pressed hard; vhc, Latham; hc, Brereton; c, Taylor. A.O.S. HARD-BILL (8): 1, spl, Tams and Son, real good Yellow Bunting, grand size and col., nicely mkd. head, shown in good trim; 2, Davies, fair Hawfinch; 3, vhc, Weedall Bros.; three good Bramblies, nice size, well broken, rare col. and polish, we liked: res, Rogerson, nice nat. col. Siskin; hc, Hopley; c, Buckley. SOFTBILL (6): 1, spl, Brotherhood, grand Yellow Wagtail, splendid col., nice size, exceedingly steady, wants some beating; 2, hc, Brereton, good Song Thrush, well up in size, shape, and markings; 3, res, Bolt, 3rd Blackbird, rattling size and shape, rare depth of body col., for a youngster, res. Song Thrush, rare col. and polish; vhc, Weedall Bros., nice spotted Woodpecker. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Brereton, nice size and breast col., good back; 2, Wigley, real topper, very large and shapely, large, well-cut cap, down a bit when judged; 3, Bower and Robinson, nice breast and back col., well defined bars; res, Bradshaw, nice shape and finish; vhc, Davies; hc, Taylor; c, Weedall Bros. YORKS., CK. (11): 1, Gillett, unflig. yell., nice length and shape, good back; 2, Hopley, cl. buff, nice shape and feather, well braced wings and pipe tail; 3, Perry, buff, rare length; res, Perry, yell., nice length; vhc, c, Brereton; hc, Weedall Bros. HEN (11): 1, spl, hc, Brereton, nice unflig. buff, good length, sweet shape, nice head position and quality, wins; 2, Weedall Bros., yell., nice length and style; 3, res, Perry, 3rd very sweet cheek-mkd. yell., good quality, well drawn, nice bloom, res nice length and position. NOR. CK. (6): 1, spl, Perry, wing mkd. yell., nice size and shape; 2, Brereton, nice quality cl. buff, nicely mealed; 3, McKenzie, variegated, nat. col. yell; res, Davies, cl. buff, splendid quality; vhc, Spilsbury; hc, Astles. HEN (6): 1, 2, Spilsbury, cl. yell., good size, nice type and quality, wins, followed by variegated yell., good col. and quality; 3, McKenzie, cl. nat. col. buff, nice shape and feather; res, Perry; vhc, Astles; hc, Brereton. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Tams and Son, well-known cl. buff Gold-Can., looking as well as ever; 2, Bower and Robinson, dark Gold.-Can, good size, hardly up in col. yet; 3, Pitchford, eye and wing mkd. buff, Gold.-Can., good size and shape; res, Bower and Robinson, uneven mkd. buff Gold.-Can., Manchester winner, out of form to-day; vhc, Buckley; hc, c, Ellison.

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DUNDALK.

The Dundalk C.B.S. achieved a great success with their third annual show, held in the Town Hall on Nov. 17th and 18th. This was a record show in every way, 546 exhibits, close on 200 entries increase on last year's. There was a good "gate" on the first day, and prospects appeared to be high for the balance sheet. With the new secretary, Mr. Gaskin, and Mr. Keating, new life has been infused into this society, with the result that this society so far holds the record for the largest number of entries this season. The president, Mr. Rowe, vice-president, Dr. Lavery, with a hard-working committee, had all ready in good time for the judge. The staging was on the three-tier principle, at a very convenient height, and the room is very cosy and comfortable. The awards were made by Mr. Willcock, and he was well served by a capable lot of stewards, headed by the vice-president, Dr. J. P. Lavery. They were kept fully employed until well into the afternoon. The show was held under the patronage of the Y.C.C., the Y.C.B.S., and the N.P.C.C. of Ireland. The valuable challenge cups, medals and specials were contested for. Yorkshires led the way, and some choice specimens were staged. The winner in Class 4 (Clear Buff Hen) was a ticked bird, and should surely have been wrong classed. Also in Class 2 (clear yellow hen), the winner (No. 19a) delighted us with a beautiful song while we were making our notes. Norwich were a very nice lot, although not quite up to last year's as regards numbers. Mules and Britishers were a grand lot, and the Foreign contained some very interesting specimens.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl, C. A. O'Reilly, neat head and neck, long, slim, upstanding bird, grand shape and wing carriage; 2, Keating, fine length, well drawn, grand carriage of wings; 3, Devins, grand length, well up in position, feeling the cold; vhc, Farrell; hc, Mulligan; c, Tighe. HEN (11): 1, T. F. O'Reilly, singing when we made our notes, nice upstanding bird, we wonder if it really was a hen?; 2, Tighe, good quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Keating, grand shapely hen, unflig., will do better; vhc, Fleming; hc, T. O'Reilly; c, McDonnell. BUFF CK. (15): 1, 2, Coyne; 1, nice over year, grand carriage; 2, hot col., unflig., well up in position, grand shape and carriage, straight up; 3, T. O'Reilly, nice shape and quality; vhc, Devins; hc, Mulligan; c, Birse. HEN (14): 1, spl, T. O'Reilly, tk. buff, grand shoulders, neat head and shape, good wing carriage, claimed; 2, Farrell, grand shape and quality of feather, well up on legs; 3, Devins, grand shape, over year, nice wing carriage, well up in position, some preferred; vhc, Tighe; hc, Hawkins; c, Gillen. TKD., ETC., CK. (19): 1, Farrell, grand length, shape and quality, well up on legs; 2, Keating, typical, nice quality of feather, straight as a gun barrel; 3, C. O'Reilly, shapely, well up on leg, beaten only in length; vhc, McDonnell; hc, Devins; c, Mulligan. HEN (18): 1, Tighe, yell. wing tkd., nice shape and quality; 2, McDonnell, grand shape and feather, well up on leg; 3, Coyne, gem for shape and feather, neat head and wing carriage, will do better; vhc, Devins; hc, Hawkins; c, Birse. NON-FED. CK. (9): 1, Devins, grand shape and carriage; 2, c, Hawkins, nice position and neat head; 3, McDonnell, good head and wiugs; vhc, Fortune; hc, Cardlaw. HEN (7): 1, 2, Fortune, two typical, nice hens; 3, vhc, Hawkins, nice shape and carriage of wings; hc, Coyne; c, Moore. NOVICE, CL. CK. (21): 1, 2, Woods, two nice birds, grand quality; 3, Mulligan, nice shape and position, well shown; vhc, Misses Twibill; hc, McCardle; c, Holly. HEN (12): 1, McKeown, nice feather, grand shape; 2, spl, Mulligan, not quite the length of winner, but good; 3, Gaskin, nice typical hen, good all round; vhc, O'Hara; hc, Hyland; c, McEntegart. TKD., ETC., CK. (12): 1, Mulligan, grand shape, straight, well cut away under; 2, c, Dr. Lavery, gem for shape and feather; 3, O'Hara; vhc, Woods; hc, Holly. HEN (7): 1, Mulligan, grand, quick-actioned bird, wins well; 2, Hyland, nice shape and style, good position; 3, vhc, Dr. Lavery, shape and style good; hc, Holly; c, Dr. O'Byrne. SELL. (21/-): 1, spl, Devins; 2, Fleming; 3, vhc, Dr. Lavery; hc, Miss O. Perrin; c, McDonald. (15/-): (4): 1, Fortune; 2, Miss O. Perrin; 3, Hyland. NOR. CREST.: Cancelled. C.-B.: Cancelled. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Carson; 2, Stewart; 3, vhc, Thompson, all beautiful birds, well staged; hc, Tighe. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (5): 1, spl, Stewart, good shape, hot col., nice head and neck; 2, Barclay, nice type and size, grand shape; 3, hc, Thompson, smaller, good deep chest and wings; vhc, Carson. HEN: Cancelled. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, 2, Stewart, leader grand deep chest; 2, nice wings and tail; 3, Thompson, nice shape and quality of feather; vhc, Sleator; hc, Carson. HEN: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH CAN. MULE CL., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Lavery, leader grand size and shape; 2, beautiful feather; 3, McCaghey, nice shape and style, grand feather; vhc, Owens and Magee; hc, Goodman. DARK (7): 1, Ronaldson, nice size, gem for shape; 2, spl, Birse, grand style and feather; 3, Owens and Magee, nice typical shape, good; vhc, McCaghey; hc, Devins. A.O.V. MULES (9): 1, Barclay, Greenfinch-Can., grand size and shape, of beautiful mrkgs.; 2, O'Hara, Siskin-Can., nice, well-col. bird, gem; 3, Lavery, grand shape, Greenie-Can., hot col.; vhc, T. O'Reilly; hc, Birse; c, Owens and Magee. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, spl, Barclay, well-known winner, often described; 2, 3, vhc, Lavery, grand shape, good square blaze; hc, Tighe; c, Goss. LINNET (15): 1, vhc, O'Neill, grand neat col., and nicely pencilled; 2, Lavery, grand shape and well shown; 3, Tighe, beaten in chest and mrkgs.; hc, Barclay; c, Haste. LARK (10): 1, Miss O. Perrin, grand size, good mrkgs.; 2, McGill, medium size, lovely shape and mrkgs.; 3, Lennon, nice shape, grand col.; vhc, Gaskin; hc, Hoey; c, McKitterick. SMALL (12): 1, Ross, Bullfinch, grand shape, beautiful breast; 2, M'Ardle, fine col. and size, grand head; 3, O'Neill, grand col., shape and chest; vhc, Birse; hc, Tighe; c, McKitterick. FOR. (10): 1, Purcell, Parrakeet, grand col. and feather; 2, 3, c, Miss Perrin, longtail Parrakeet, grand bird; vhc, Mrs. Twibill; hc, M'Ardle; c, Miss Perrin. SELL. (10/-) (10): 1, O'Hara; 2, 3, c, Harvey; vhc, Anderson; hc, Carson.

CONFINED TO CO. LOUTH: YORKS. CK. (10): 1, spl, Gaskin, medium size, nice quality of feather; 2, Miss Smith, nice wing carriage and head; 3, Moore, good head and neck, grand shape, well up on legs, non-fed., otherwise would have gone up; vhc, M'Ardle; hc, McEntegart; c, McKitterick. HEN (13): 1, McKetterick, nice, typical, fails in neck; 2, Gaskin, flat on head, fair position; 3, Duff, fair type and style; vhc, Goodman; hc, M'Ardle; c, Byrne. GOLDIE (10): 1, McGuill, nice shape and moons, good blaze; 2, Bryne, nice feather, fine size; 3, Duff, fails only in moons and blaze; vhc, Goss; hc, Walsh. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Byrne, grand nut-brown, nice size; 2, McCusker, nice col. and mrkgs.; 3, Coyne, grand size, nice colour; vhc, Deane; hc, McGuil. CAN. (working men) (9): 1, 2, McKeown, Yorkie, nice shape and style; 3, Duff, good legs and wings, nice length; vhc, McNamee; hc, Clarke; c, Grimes.

BARNSLEY.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual exhibition on Nov. 20th. The large club room attached to the Clarence Hotel provided nice accommodation for the exhibits, being well lighted and of a very cosy description. The entries turned up surprisingly well, Yorkshires averaging over 20 per class, with a nice show of Norwich and a very fine assortment of British. The staging was neatness itself, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Those responsible are to be highly complimented, as every inch of room was utilised to the very best advantage. We were informed that the Y.S.C.A. had arranged to let the society hold the show in their building, but eight days previous to the function, countermanded the arrangement. The Barnsley officials are at a loss to know why this latch cropped up. Barnsley have, on past occasions, had to tide over rough times, but now, we are fully convinced, right men are at the helm, and the "sailings" will be far more smooth. They pull well together, and the future appears to be of the most rosy character. Every praise is due to the following workers: Messrs. T. Owen, M. E. Hinchcliffe, E. Thorpe, W. Allerton, and R. Jackson. All did their level best to help things along. The result attained must have been very gratifying to them. Mr. E. Carlisle, the worthy secretary, and Mr. J. Taylor (assistant) proved themselves a brace of most competent officials. By the manner in which they controlled the event, they proved they are true sportsmen, and the right men in the right places. The stewards were Messrs. J. Eyre and F. Race, and both executed their duties in a practical and straightforward manner. Instantly the classes were adjudicated upon, prize slips were affixed, and the exhibits carefully returned to the benches. Every detail was attended to quickly, and the show was opened prompt to time. The following are the special winners: Best Yorks., Messrs. Thornton and Bower; best Nor., Mr. A. Lloyd; best Novice York., Mr. W. Hudson; best Novice Nor., Mr. E. Robinson; best Brit., Mr. J. Milne; Ramsden's, Mr. A. Waters; Sandiford's, Mr. A. Haigh. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. YORKS. (22): 1, vhc, spl, Blackburn and Mitchell, mkd. wings and eyes, capital col., straight as a gun barrel, rare back and flights, well on leg; 2, Haigh, marked wing, wonderful length, stands well up on clever legs, nicely filled back; 3, Dyson, marked wing, capital col., richly clothed, A1 back and wing carriage, nice position; hc, Myers and Lamb; c, Tidgwell. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Thornton and Bower, cl., magnificent feather and col., richly frosted, straight as a pencil, perfect back and wing carriage, pipe tail, gem; 2, Myers and Lamb, cl., beautiful position, feathered to perfection; 3, Wilson, lovely salmon tinted cl., fine length, stands well up; vhc, Carlisle; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Wilson. YELL. HEN (19), fine lot: 1, Halliday and Chiltenden, cl., rare col. and quality, full of true character, nice length; 2, 3, Wilson, both cl., former very close up indeed to winner; 3, good length and stand, nice col., well worth place; vhc, hc, Richmond; c, Myers and Lamb. BUFF (23), rare lot: 1, spl, Shaw Bros., very lengthy cl., smooth as box, straight as a gun barrel, perfect wings and tail, staged to the moment; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, cl., shade longer, A1 position, well on leg.; 3, Taylor, mkd. wing and head, rare quality, stands finely, nice length, not very far behind; good 3rd; vhc, Myers and Lamb; hc, Radley; c, Blackburn and Mitchell. UNFLIG. YELL. (25): 1, spl, Thornton and Bower, mkd. wing and eyes, breedy, soft silky texture of feather, perfect position, lengthy and leggy; 2, Hallilday and Chittenden, mkd. wings, red hot, very close up; 3, Lodge, very lengthy cl., capital col., nice position, handles well; vhc, Taylor; hc, Simmons; c, Beard. BUFF (25): 1, spl, Wilson, mkd. wing and neck, wonderful length, lovely col. and feather, straight up on very fine legs, grand back and flights, gem; 2, Charlesworth, thigh tick, full of true character, beautifully clothed, tight and of good length; 3, Dyson, cl., fine quality, very nervy, good length and stand, well on leg; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Richmond. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, spl, Turner, saddle and eye mkd., A1 feather, good substance, shape and col., nicely cut away; 2, Eyre, cl., capital feather, good size and type, not far behind; 3, Mennard, marked eye, fine substance, very shapely and of good col.; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Hinchcliffe; c, Waters. BUFF (11): 1, Waters, cl., short and thick set, full of col. and quality, good size, nicely frosted; 2, c, Townsend, marked wing, A1 quality, and of good substance and col., nice shape and frosting, neat carriage; 3, Mennard, cl., rare feather, capital col. and meal, good size; vhc, Eyre; hc, Markwell. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Waters, fine bold cl., very warm, good size and shape, nicely cut away; 2, spl, vhc, Taylor, cl., 1909 bred, very promising, capital col., feather and shape, time will improve; 3, Hinchcliffe, tkd. head, cobby in build, rare feather; hc, c, Eyre. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Lloyd, mkd. wings and eyes, bouncing damsel, fine shape and substance, jaunty carriage, A1 feather and col.; 2, Turner, cl., equal in merit to winner, only bit down, which held it back somewhat; 3, Waters, cl., very shapely, well clothed; vhc, c, Taylor; h, Eyre. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor, cl., full fronted red bot, rare substance, A1 feather, moves well, should do well; 2, 3, Eyre, both cl., former not depth of chest as 1st, otherwise close up regarding merit; 3, good substance and col., bonny youngster; vhc, Scargill; hc, Markwell. BUFF (8): 1, c, Eyre, mkd. wings and head, very cobby, capital col. feather and frosting, not largest, but smartest; 2, 3, Turner, cl., well up in size, A1 col., rare feather; 3, mkd. neck and eye, shapely and of nice size and col., good feather and carriage; vhc, hc, Taylor. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (23): 1, spl, Hudson, cl., marvellous length, straight as a rush, good col., well on leg.; 2, Mitchell, tkd. head, smooth as wax, stands erect, full of swagger; 3, Hall, cl., tight as a Java, nice feather, stands well up on smart legs; vbc, Dawson; hc, Walker; c, Hinchcliffe. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Dawson, mkd. wings, rich col. and quality, wedge shape, nice length, good legs; 2, Rydal, tkd. neck, fine, long drawn specimen, capital quality, well on leg; 3, Charlesworth, tkd. eye, longest in class, good in col. and position; vhc, Jackson; hc, Barnes; c, Holroyd and Allott. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, spl, Robinson, variegated, good substance and shape, nice quality and col.; 2, Kerry, cl., 1909 bred, cobby, but small, capital feather, col. and carriage; 3, Crosswaite, cl., nice feather, fine size; vhc, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Bailey, griz. tail, rare substance, quality and meal, wee bit too long in barrel; 2, Kerry, variegated, meal, wee bit too long in barrel; capital size, good shape, little too free in feather; 3, Atkinson, cl., A1 col., nice size, good frosting; vhc, Holroyd and Allott; hc, Robinson; c, Crosswaite. LINNET (7): 1, 2, spl, Hunt, brace of gems, both of lovely col., size and shape, steady as tops, shown in fine fettle, close together; 3, hc, Thorpe, good size and shape, nice quality; vhc, Fountain; c, Sherwood. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, vhc, c, spl, Milne, Nightingale, rare size and shape, grand col., not a feather misplaced, gem; 2, 3, Bell, Hawfinch and Waxwing, former nice substance and shape, good col., neat bib, latter little frayed on flights, or might have been higher; hc, Sherwood.

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MAINLY CANARIES continued.

EXCHANGE prize winner Yorkshire hen for large stout yellow Norwich cock, 1909; Yorkshire cocks, 5½ inches, 10/6; yours first, will deposit.—Brown, 22, Almaend., Weymouth.

EXCHANGE for hen Canaries, or anything, 2 new headedge covers, 26 by 1 5-8ths, 6/-; new tube, 3/-; split bamboo fly rod, 5/6.—Potter, 153, Upper Lloyd-st., Moss side, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Borders for Tweed; sell., pairs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, nearly even yellow cock and buff hen, for even marks, 25/-; also some grand buffs.—Scott, Crofts Cottages, Chirnside.

FEW fine Yorkshire Bailey's, also Harrison's prize strains; hens, 5/6 to 8/6, cocks 8/6, 10/6 to 15/6; exchange one pair for good Norwich to value; state wants.—Edgar Kirk, Cowes.

EXCHANGE four grand mule hens for a large clear or marked yellow or buff Norwich cock, or sell 25/; giving up muling.—F. K. Brown, Hairdresser, 81, High-st., Boston.

CLEAR buff heavy crest hen, 25/-; exchange large crested cock, variegated Dark Crest hen, 20/-; exchange broad skull Crest-bred 1909 cock; approval. Welsh, 5, Fretown, Glossop.

TWO large Norwich hens, two cock Goldfinches, one cock Goldfinch mule, £1 the lot; will exchange for prize-bred Yorkshires; yours first.—H. Lucking, Stortford-rd., Dunmow, Essex.

NOTICE. What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for suit lengths, good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; approval. McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH for sale, cocks from 5/6, hens from 3/-, or exchange any for exhibition Hardbills, talking Parrot and cage.—Roberts, 202, Commercial-lee., Ripponden, near Halifax, Yorkshire.

EXHIBITION, dark Goldfinch-Mule, 10/-; long, slim, yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/-; exchange for good cock Goldfinches, Siskins, or Hawfinches. Offers.—Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

TWO prize-bred 1909 clear yellow Border hens, fit to show and win, 7/6 each, or would take clear yellow cock, equal value, or mechanical toys.—Greenboro, 161, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.

GIVING up; chance for beginners in Yorkshires; 3 buff cocks, yellow hens, 3 yellow cocks, buff hens, green hens, odd buff cocks specially made mahogany double breeding cages.—8, Albert-rd., Levenshulme.

EXCHANGE good 1909 Green Crested cock, for good typical Yellow Yorkshire or Roller, schoolmaster, on full song, or sell for 10/- or offers; yours first.—Jones, Stacey's Cottages, Horten-rd., Viewsley, Middlesex.

SIX pairs Norwich Canaries, yellow, variegated, and green, 1908 and 1909 birds, will sell 6/6 pair, or would exchange gent's pneumatic cycle, or Edison Standard phonograph; approval.—Frank Winter, Pinehurst, Jarvis Brook.

SELL or exchange Yorkshire Canaries, bred from six of the best strains in the Fancy; slim, typical, and leggy. Cold room colour fed cocks from 5s. 6d.; hens from 4s. 6d.; will take in exchange Blanket, Boots, (men's 8's, ladies' 5's), copper Kettle, or Gold Albert.—Hatcher, 27, Corporation-st., Barnsley.

Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

HANDSOME White Cockatoo and large square cage, what offers.—4, Greenmount-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.

BI'DGERIGARS. Yellows, 6/6; Greens, 4/6 pair, or exchange.—Davies, pawnbroker, Great Bridge, Tipton.

AVIARY-BRED birds, one pair Cockatiels, 12/6; two pairs of Green Budgerigars, 6/- pair; one yellow cock and green hen, 6/6; or exchange.—Shaw, Derby-rd., Sawley, Derby.

LARGE, handsome, yellow-shouldered taking Amazone, thoroughly acclimatised, in large square cage, 50/-, part exchange pretty coloured smaller foreign birds.—B. Jones, Falkirk-st., Kingsland-rd., London.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

Fox terrier puppy, 6/-, exchange hen Canaries.—7, Emlyn-st., Newport, Mon.

SUIT length grey tweed, for sale, 25/-; exchange Canaries.—W. Berry, Lyme Regis.

GRAND suit length cloth, exchange Canaries, anything.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE, Whiteley's punch-ball, for Roller cock Canary, singing.—Mullock, Foley-st., Fenton.

PURE wire coated fox terrier dog, 8 months, 10/-; exchange.—Barnes, 109, Bath-rd., Kettering.

PAIR oil paintings, sell 4/-; exchange books, fretsaw, tools.—Cooper, Jenner-st., Nottingham.

NINE large and small cages, exchange, man's dark-colour overcoat.—Dixon, Watchmaker, Salisbury.

LARGE rocking horse, also chipping machine, new, sale or exchange.—Whiley, Lingdale, Boosbeck.

LOVELY Angora buck, 4/-; cross-bred buck, lovely fur, 3/-; exchange British.—A. March, Evesham.

GOOD cavalry overcoat; offers hen Canaries.—Bi'ons, 2, Durham-st., Glasshoughton, Castleford.

SETTER puppy, 7/6, exchange Irish Airdale birds.—Woodland, 166, Chesc-l-st., Bedminster, Bristol.

PAIR grand Rosecomb Bantams and chick, exchange anything, offers.—Glaslyn Stores, Portmadoc.

WHAT offers common hen Canaries for gent's bicycle, 25/-?—Smith, 191, Corfield-st., Bethnal Green.

CANARIES, 18ft. by 3ft. 6ins., complete, exchange for Canaries.—Dainty, 110, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE, phone and records, offers Crests, fowls, cartridges, cycle.—Yeomans, Penketh, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE, five-strand chest expanders, Norwich or cages.—Dodds, 5, Catherine Terrace, Annfield Plain.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for poultry or anything useful.—Braithwaite, Trintham, Stoke-on-Trent.

LARGE new hanging cage, 4/-; exchange child's Lot; offers.—Podmore, 18, Commercial-rd., Hanley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE pigeons for air-gun or anything useful. G. Collins, Arms-yard, Haggersgate, Whitby, Yorks.

FINE mandoline, 21/-; camera, 7/6; safety razor, 4/6; stylo, 2/6; want Rollers.—Coward, organist, Stroud.

187 3d. Fretwork designs, exchange Linnets; offers. Proctor, Bindcatcher, Dorset-st., Middleton, Manchester.

PAIR of good clap nets, everything complete, exchange Yorkshires.—Leavy, 62, Charles-st., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE pair floor cramps for Canaries. Crests or Rollers preferred.—Wild, joiner, Bradwell, Sheffield.

PAIR good carvers, silver-mounted buffalo horn handles, for cock Canary. Fletcher.—Broom Close, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, 107 "Cage Birds" and 20 plates, for birds, or anything; offers. Hughes, 83, Stanc- Place, Shotts, N.B.

EXCHANGE 30 numbers of "Flag to Pretoria"; what offers in Canaries?—Barnes, 3, Erlam-rd., South Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth Encyclopaedia for pair Canaries, Yorks preferred.—Pye, 86, Manchester-rd., Ince, Wigan.

SEWING machine, splendid worker, 30/-, or part exchange Canaries or cages. Edgmond, 20, Salop-rd. Newport, Salop.

WILL give fancy mice, all colours, exchange for Watson soap wrappers, or sell; offers.—Gardner, Ilue-st., Boston.

GRAND Angora doe, the Theydon, November 11th, card sent, 6/6; exchange Canaries, cages.—E. Law, High-st., Epping.

GENT'S fawn overcoat, practically new, cost 50/-; exchange Canaries.—Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterboro'.

NEW rifle and strap, Mm. Rifle Club pattern, 25/-; exchange exhibition Norwich.—Meek, Willow House, Snettisham, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE good push-chair, new back tyres, wired, for Linnet Mule, singing; bird first.—Sidwell, Tailor, Fleet, Hants.

THREE Turbits' pigeons, two homers and hand-reared singing Thrush, for clapnets.—W. Gilbert, New-st., Woodbridge.

EXCHANGE 9 brass weights, 4lbs. to ½oz., for good Yorkshire cock; in new condition.—Waller, 53, Ellen st., Rotherham.

SELL or exchange, one cock, two hens, black Rosecomb Bantams, price 21/-.—Harrison, 50, Durham-st., Sherburn Hill, Durham.

FIFTEEN 10in. disc records, for 10/-, or exchange British birds.—Noble, Barberton House, Harcourt-st., East Kirkby, Notts.

TWO variegated Norwich hens; good black dress coat, will exchange for large crested cock.—Perry, Glyn Cottage, Edgware.

EXCHANGE 380 rook rifle, London make, for cage birds, sell 15/- or offers; mutual approval.—Wilkins, Gerrards Cross.

JOINER-MADE Thrush cage, new, fitted up-to-date loose front; exchange Canaries.—Leavy, 62, Charles-st., Peterborough.

TEN flying homers, 3 flown Winchester, exchange birds, foreign preferred.—Apply, S. Smith, Weir-rd., Kibworth, near Leicester.

EXCHANGE half-plate camera outfit for good muff and fur, or anything useful, or sell 20/-.—11, Mill-st., Silverdale, Staffs.

NEW coachman's coats, 3, Linnets, Canary-bred Mules, for Canaries or phonograph.—Day, 14, Ferdinand-st., Chalk Farm.

EXCHANGE two Finch show cages, used once, for good three-compartment breeding cage.—Eaton, 1, Hartley's Villas, Aintree.

WELL-BRED Irish setter bitch, seven months old; sell 30/-; or exchange Canaries.—S. Lindsay, Athboy, co. Meath, Ireland.

EXCHANGE six Homers and basket, hold 20, for three Yorkshire cocks, or sell, 18/-.—Caretaker, 9, Kennington-ter., Kennington.

EXCHANGE violin case, bow, 16/-; also clock; for fretwork, quite new, 5/-, poultry, anything useful.—Pigott, 48, Delph, Brierley Hill.

FOUR Yorkshire show cages and case, exchange clear yellow pink-eyed 1909 cock; good length.—Seeney, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

SMART well-bred Irish terrier, two months, splendid, clean and healthy, 7/6; or exchange Canaries.—Bly, butcher, Tring.

"CAGE BIRDS," 81, consecutive; doubles, coloured plates; clean; part cash; for Canaries.—Ablewhite, 47, Woodsome-rd., Highgate, N.

GRAND Pom bitch, 12 months, exchange good accordian, or sell 10/-; offers.—Barber, 17, Newcomen-st., Deanbank, Ferryhill.

PAIR wire outer covers, also gold medal winning flying homers, wanted Canaries, pullets.—Morrison, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterboro'.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, foreign birds, five tumblers, three homers, two fowls; sell 10/-.—O. Bennett, Ruardean, Gloucestershire.

TWO grey Dutch Does, eight months, 7/6, or exchange cock Canaries, or anything useful.—T. Sharpe, 12, Cecil-rd., Wealdstone.

LADIES' free-wheel cycle, 30/-; gent.'s free-wheel cycle, 25/-; good condition; exchange, offers.—Manning, 19, Hambro'-rd., Streatham.

FIRST 34 sixpenny parts "Japan's Fight for Freedom," for pair Norwiches.—Ferrier, 10, Thirlstane Place, Grangepans-by-Bo'ness.

WHAT offers for electric alarm clock, with silk cord and pear push battery; wants charging; value 16/-.—Holt, 75, Osborne-st., Rochdale.

POWERFUL bull Airedale dog, one of the best guards living, person or property, 12/6, exchange birds.—Aaron, Headlands, Knottingley.

YORKSHIRE cock Canary, 6/-; blue dragon cock, 1908, 7/6; or exchange shooting pigeons or offers.—E. White, 6, St. Mark's-rd., Hanwell.

GRAND pedigree French bull bitch, sell three guineas; exchange black and tan King Charles dog.—Aldridge, 16, Warner-st., Barnsbury.

EXCHANGE champion pedigree young fox terrier bitch, pair good Canaries, anything; offers.—Carr, 4, Nowell-parade, Barchills-lane, Leeds.

WANTED to exchange white bitch ferret, pair gent's brown leather leggings and concertina, for Canaries.—Williams, Brewery-rd., Ilkley.

GUITAR Zither, in splendid tone, cost £2, price 15/-; or exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—Sewell, Newsagent, St. Nicholas, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE pedigree fox terrier bitch, by "Fighting Scout," also pups, wires and smooths, for Canaries, anything.—Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

CINEMATOGRAPH, with magic lantern, Gwyer's patent jet, two 12in. spools, in box; exchange for winning Canaries.—Osborne, John-st., Sligo.

MULE cages, three mahogany 5-inch false bottoms and seed drawers; used one season; sell 10/-.—Johnson, 197, Eversleigh-rd., Lavender Hill.

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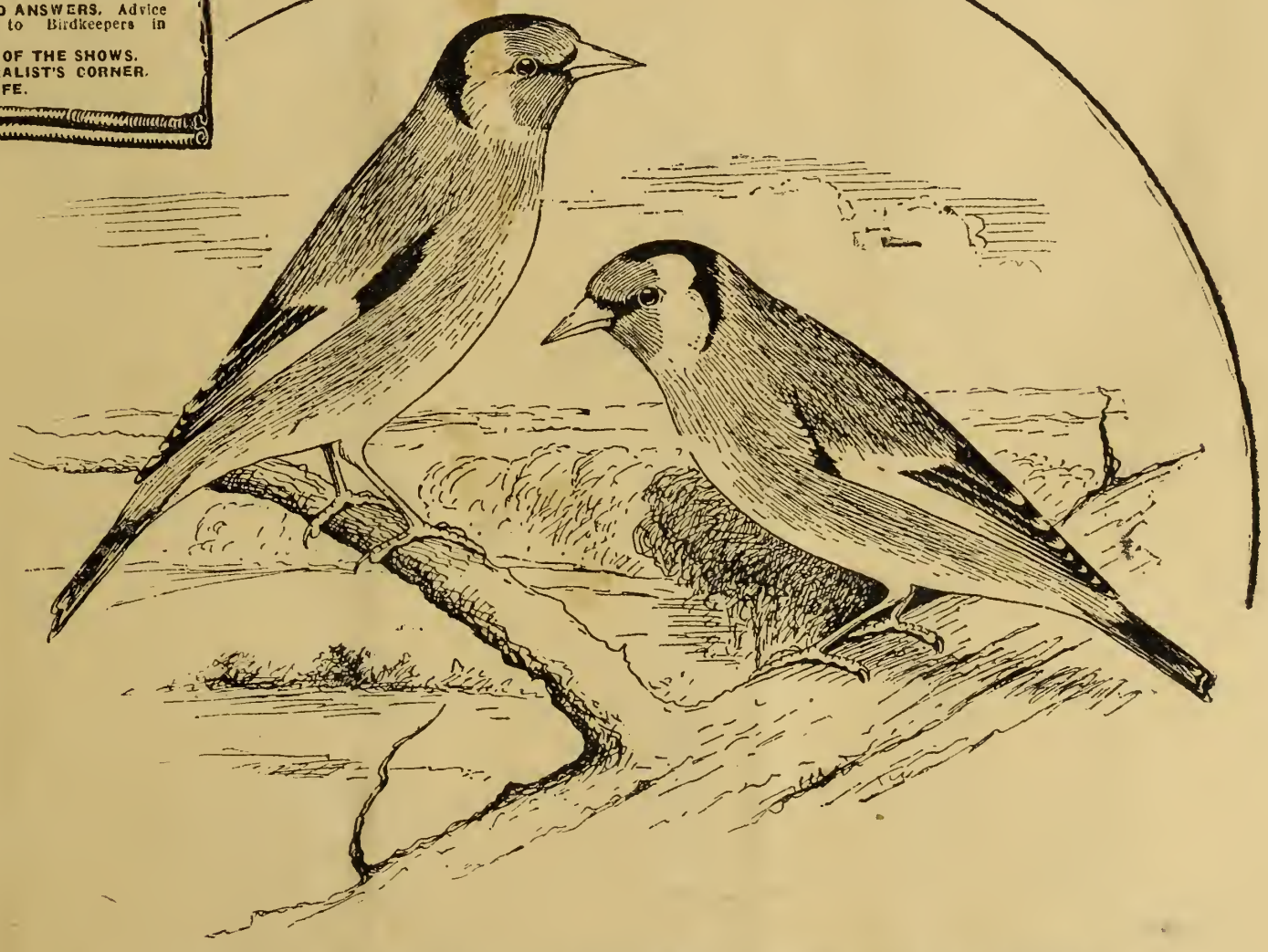
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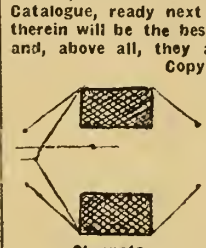
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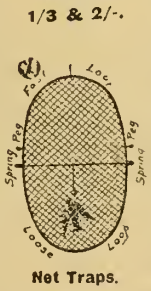




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SPLENDID yellow-beaked Blackbirds and Song Thrushes at the following prices: 5/- per dozen, six 2/6, three 1/6, single 9d. Dealers supplied; or three dozen, 14/-.—Alfred Cubley, Gedney, near Holbeach.

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COCK Linnets, 3/- dozen; cock Skylarks, 2/- doz.; 20 mixed birds, 2/-.—Arthur Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

COCK Linnets, 3/- dozen; Larks, 2/-; 20 well mixed seed birds, 2/-.—William Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 4/- dozen; cock Larks, 3/- dozen; or 3 for 2/6.—J. Biggs, Sunnyside Cottages, Dunstable.

COCK Bullfinches, 13/- doz.; hens, 6/-; cock Linnets, 3/6; cock Larks, 3/-; hens, 1s. 6d.—J. Corcoran, Wholesale Dealer, 36, Devonshire-st., Northampton.

EXHIBITORS.—Cage-moulted and colour-fed, all winners, Thrush, 7/6; Starling, 7/6; Chaffinch, 5/-; Redpoll, 3/6; Twite, 3/6. Cash or deposit.—W. Fairye, 53, Wellington-st., Kettering.

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ACTUAL winners, keenest competition, cards sent, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Chaffinch, Siskin, Yellow, Snow, Corn Buntings, Linnet, Lesser-spotted Woodpecker, Wren, Whitethroat, Blackcap, Robin, Pipit, Blue-throated Warbler, Pine Grosbeaks, Hawfinch hen, etc., mostly colour-fed, with show cages, complete; Frosticks unrivalled insectivorous birds' food, 1/10 free.—John Frostick, British and Foreign Bird Expert, Endlesham-rd., Balham.

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FIVE Borders, hens 2/6 each; feeding hens, 2/-; approval.—R. Pennell, Warminster.

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GREENS, Cinnamons, marks and clears, line-bred pairs, 15/, 2/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-.—Clinch, 370, Edge-la., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, light Goldie Mule, jonque Linnet Mule, 3rd Galashiels; offers.—Brownlee, Cumledge, Duns.

BORDERS.—A few greens and marks for sale; cocks from 5/-, hens 2/-.—Jessop, 439, Spring Vale-rd., Sheffield.

BORDERS. Prize-bred and winners, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/6; see Perth and Sterling reports.—Munro, Strathyre, Perthshire.

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SEVEN pair large bred borders, clears, marks, fouls from 7/6 to 15/- per pair.—Russell, Prenderguist, Ayton, Berwickshire.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Border Fancies obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

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TWO large '08 buff Cinnamon cocks, 12/6, to clear, giving up; approval.—C. Bassett, 196, Shirland-rd., London.

FEW high-class Cinnamon Canaries, also cages and appliances; cheap to clear.—H. Fry, Lucerne, Brighton-rd., Horley.

CINNAMONS, big, buff cock, 15/6; two yellow, unflighted hens, 7/6, 10/6; stamp, deposit.—Milburn, 27, Rye-terrace, Hexham.

CINNAMONS.—Two large Yellow-Green cocks, 7/6 each, Norwich type. Approval.—Smith, 51, Bismarck-rd., Dunstable, Wolverhampton.

CINNAMONS for sale, three pairs, reasonable; also few Norwich; approval, stamp, particulars.—Wilson, Baker, Banchory, Kincardine.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, few cocks, Norwich type; few grand yellow and buff hens, large and good; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

YELLOW Cinnamon cock, 2nd Norwich, 1st Lowestoft, 1908, 30/-; buff cock, 1st Lowestoft, 1908, 25/-; several 1909 buff Cinnamon hens, from 10/- each.—E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

ROBERTS,
Champion Cinnamons for sale, yellow buff cock, yellow buff hen, also Plainhead Norwich, all his own breeding; approval, deposit, stamp reply.—44, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

Crests and Crestbreds.

FEW stock and show birds, low prices to clear.—North, chemist, Reading.

MATCHED pairs, 7/6, 9/-; cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-.—Broadbent, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

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YOUNG Crestbred cocks, 8/6, prize bred.—15, Bowater-pl., Old Dover-rd., Blackheath.

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FOR Sale, three Crests, one Crest-bred, all strong healthy birds; the lot, or separate.—Jas. Gardiner, 68, Moss-st., Keith.

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ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Crests and Crestbreds obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

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1909 LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, 12/6; one green Crest cock, 10/-; two green Crest hens, 7/6 each.—Thomas, Appledore Cottage, Llanesaint, Kidwelly.

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CHAMPION strain Crests and Crest-breds, few good stock birds for sale, mostly cocks, inspection invited.—L. Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

CLEAR Crest-bred cock, 2nd Southampton, 30/-; dark Crested cock, 3rd, 40/-, open classes; approval; others lower prices, selling out.—Oldfield, 58, Alexandra-rd., Southampton.

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FOUR grand Crest-bred buff hens, plenty of feather, well bred, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-; buff green Crest-bred cock, 10/-; marked ditto, 12/6; sweet grey Crest cock, 1909, £6, bred from Crest cost me £12; approval.—Jones and Crest, Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

YOUNG green Crested cock, large and thick, good Crest, from Rochdale and Littleborough winner, £2; big buff, marked Crest-bred hen, 1908, breeder, 30/-; few others; see reports this week; three days' approval.—Henry Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

GIVING up Crests; fine crested Cock, 30/-; ditto, 25/-; crest-bred Hen, dense head feather, 40/-; ditto, 20/-; crest-bred Cock, 20/-; crest-bred Hen, 15/-; the last three 1909 bred; will take £7 10s. for the lot; bargain; or exchange for Toy black or chocolate winning Pom brood bitches to value, or winning Silver Grey Rabbits, or common laying Pullets; approval.—3, Highbury-grove, London, N.

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CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

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EVEN marked dark Crest cock, green Crest-bred hen, price 15/-; even marked dark Crest cock, variegated C.B. hen, 10/6, 1909 bred; yellow dark Crest, even wing marked cock, 10/6, 1909 bred; two grey Crest hens, 10/-, 1909 bred; reasonable offer accepted for the lot; on approval.—M. Welsh, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Crests and Crestbreds, all massive feathery birds, of grand quality, Barnett and Joyce's strains; single birds 10/6 to £1 1s.; matched pairs, properly mated to produce winners, £1 to £1 15s. No better blood. Winnings well known; particulars and approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Greens.

SIX variegated Buff hens, from my noted Norwich Greens; cheap, approval.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, stock, show, or song, 7/6, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-, and 30/- each.—Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

HIGHCLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border Greens, well-matched pairs, show birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, bred from winners; approval anywhere.—Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—8, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

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Lancashires.

A FEW for disposal cheap; stamp, reply.—Adams, 35, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE, young bird from 25/- per pair; yellow and buffs, show or stock.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale; approval.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Lancashires obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

1008 YELLOW Lancashire coppy hen, breeder, 15/-, cheap at double; approval.—E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, show or stock, yellows or buffs, cheap to clear. Whipp, 18, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

GRAND pair of Lancashires, clear yellow coppy cock and buff Plainhead hen, 3rd at Rochdale.—Hughes, tailor, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

If you want genuine Lancashires I have a few grand young birds, cheap, winning strain; approval.—J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.

SALE, good pair Lancashires, properly matched, 40/-; good Buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; approval; good Buff coppy cock, 15/-.—Nadin, 18, Boyds-st., Rochdale.

FOR sale, two splendid young Lancashire Coppy cocks, a double and single breeding cage; the lot, 15/-.—Fitzgerald, 1, Dartrey-rd., Chelsea, London, S.W.

SPLENDID Buff Plainhead cock and Yellow coppy hen, 35/-; Yellow coppy cock and Buff Plainhead hen, 35/-. Approval.—Particulars, Hull, 31, Fountain-st., E. Macclesfield.

CHAMPION Lancashires, from my winners, buff coppy cock, winner; yellow Plainhead cock, winner; yellow coppy cock, buff Plainhead cocks; also yellow and buff coppy hens, and buff Plainhead hens; approval, stamp; inspection invited.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Lizards.

FEW Lizards for disposal, colour fed.—Wrigley, 115, Crompton st., Coldhurst, Oldham.

HIGH CLASS Lizards, 1909, winning strain, cheap; approval, stamp.—Jeffrey, 3, Glenthorne-rd., Roker, Sunderland.

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Norwich.

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F. J. MARTIN, 31, Ingelow-rd., Battersea, S.W.—A number for sale from Irons' and Spillman's noted strains, at half face value, prior to rémoval.

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FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

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ABERDEEN, 17th and 18th. 10 open classes, good prize money, numerous specials.

FIVE pairs Norwich Canaries, 5/6 pair.—Titchett, Leopold st., South Wigston, Leicester.

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A FEW good Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, on song, from 5/6 to 6/6.—Higgins, 40, Pimlott-st., Longsight, Manchester.

UNFLIGHTED and year old cocks, from 6/6 to 16/-; hens, 3/6 to 7/6.—Burdett, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham.

NORWICH Canaries, three cocks, 7/6 each.—Hopcroft, 130, Radcliffe-rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham.

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PAIR of home-bred high-class Norwich for sale, 1909 birds, 8/6, bargain.—Speakman, School-view, Brynn, Wigan.

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TWO large Norwich cocks, in full song, also two hens, 12/-, cash or deposit.—Nuttall, Chipping, Preston, Lancs.

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LARGE, unflighted Norwich cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; approval anywhere, deposit.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

REDUCING stock of prize bred Norwich Plainheads; cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 9/6.—Mapp, 62, Fylde-rd., Preston.

E. HINDLE can spare a few grand Norwich stock birds, all own breeding, overstocked.—340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

H. LUFF, 18, Mantua-st., Battersea, has some good Norwich show and stock pairs, from 15/-; singles from 5/-; approval.

MASSIVE Buff 1909 cock, 2nd Penzance, 8/6. Also the mother, big Buff, 1908, hen, 4/-.—Eddy, Belle-vue, Penzance.

NORWICH, seven cocks, seven hens, 11 1909, three 1908, as bred, healthy, 40/-; or nearest offer.—Hall, Brandesburton, Hull.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; seen any time.—Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

ALL my prize bred Norwich Plainheads for sale; inspection invited, from 12/6 pair.—Lowes, Canning-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

LARGE pair unflighted, grand stock birds, 15/-; also few good cocks, 7/6, 10/-.—Johnsou, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

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DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of healthy Norwich.—Write for prices, G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

GRAND clear buff cock, 12/6; large green hen, 6/6; exchange large yellow cock for stock.—Quince, 69, Melrose-rd., Gainsboro.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, four grand Buff hens, 10/- each to clear; all bred from my winners.—D. Devoy, 23, George-st., Straman.

NORWICH Cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, to 30/-; Hens, 2/6 to 15/-; cold room.—H. Colls, 11, Terminus-pl., Eastbourne.

CHAMPION Norwich, from 15/- pair; 20 large yellow cocks, several winners.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-av., Munster-rd., Fulham.

FEW good Norwich for sale, same strain as my winners; stamp, reply.—R. W. Mercer, 175, St. Hubert's-rd., Gt. Harwood.

FIVE good Norwich hens, 1909, splendid feeding strain, cold-room bred, 12/6; approval.—John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

STRAIN second to none, cocks from 12/6, hens ditto; young and healthy; approval, stamp.—G. Scaife, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

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1909 MARKED buff cock, 2nd, 15/-; yellow cock, 2nd, 12/6; fine quality, cold-room; approval, deposit.—Spriggs, Hairdresser, Stamford.

SIX good, cobby, colour-fed Norwich, 1909, cocks, well bred, 10/- each; approval.—Jones and Crest, Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

FEW typical unflighted Norwich cocks, in song, from Palace winner, 10/6 each; approval.—W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

EXHIBITION buff Norwich cock, £1; few good buff hens, 7/6 each.—Cyril Hirwun, Spalding.

FIVE young pair Norwich, 30/- lot, or nearest offer.—Robertson, 51, West Bothwell-st., Glasgow.

UNFLIGHTED yellow cocks and hens, unflighted buff cocks and hens, approval.—George Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin, Forfarshire.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6, grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

SOME good Norwich for sale, cheap, colour-fed; inspection invited; approval.—W. Land, 23, Linwood Grove, Longsight, Manchester.

HIGH CLASS Norwich cocks, exhibition strain, three Buffs and three Yellows, 7/-, 8/-, and 10/- each.—A. Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

FEW good Norwich Canaries for sale, Yellows and Buff cocks, 7/6, hens 4/6, Buff cocks 6/6, hens 3/6.—Turner, Stamp Office Yard, Norwich.

YELLOW-MARKED cock, buff hen, right sort, 25/-; yellow and buff hens from 5/-; cocks from 10/-.—Booth, 27, Ashley-rd., Sheffield.

SEVERAL pairs of good Norwich Canaries for sale; Mackley's and Miles' strain, 8/0 and 10/6 pair.—Young, Tobacconist, Ainsworth.

SIX high-class Norwich cocks, three Yellows, three Buffs, colour-fed, 7/6 and 8/6 each; approval.—Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

VARIEGATED cock, three hens, splendid breeders, good joiner-made cages, cheap to clear, offers for lot.—24, Cunard-st., Albany-rd., Camberwell.

NORWICH, Greens, Yellows, Variegated, few pairs, to share, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 pair; splendid value; approval.—Warricker, Stationer, Barking.

NORWICH, one yell. cock, first Longton Buff hen, vhc. Leek, and Buff cock and yell. hen, 15/- pair.—Topliss, 17, Broom-st., Hanley, Staffs.

GRAND yellow Norwich, cock and large buff hen, £1, another pair, almost as good, 18/-; approval, deposit.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

PURE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

REMOVING. Champion Norwich, show or stock, 25/- to 60/- pair; approval.—Roberts, Kilmardinlng, Bearsden, near Glasgow, late Thornliebank.

SECOND Horticultural, pair 15/-; vhc, Lambeth, cock, 10/-; another commended, 10/-; unusual competition.—Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6 to £1 each; hens, 2/6 to 10/- each; pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 upwards; approval.—Neal, 37, Ulleswater-st., Leicester.

HAVE some grand Norwich for sale, pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/- up; single for show or stock; prices reasonable; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

GIVING up the Fancy. Grand lot of large birds that can win, also large stock birds, 6/- to 35/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

GRAND large stock birds, variegated yellow, variegated buff, and clear buff, Norwich cocks (1908), 7/- each to clear.—Bent, 113, King Ed. Road, Coventry.

MAGNIFICENT large Norwich, foul greens, variegated, Mackley's strain, grand stock birds, cocks from 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval.—56, Brookfield-rd., N., Liverpool.

UNFLIGHTED Buff Norwich cock and Yellow hen, 12/6; Yellow cock and Buff hen, 12/6; another pair, winners, 1908 birds, 18/-.—Hall, 31, Fountain-st., E. Macclesfield.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval.—T. Gilbert, 37, Cravenst., Coventry.

GRAND yellow clear cock, winner eight 1sts, five 2nds, this year, 18/-; approval willingly on receipt of P.O.—Ford, 2, Little Turnstile, High Holborn, London, W.C.

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TWENTY Norwich, mostly unflighted, some fit to win in good company, a few grand yellow hens from 5/- to 20/-.—Alex. Stables, 36, Holburn-rd., Aberdeen, N.B.

WM. WRIGLEY has birds for sale related to his winners at all leading shows; see last week's report Pendleton and Salford.—8, Church-st., Godley, Hyde. Approval, stamp.

1909 NORWICH cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6, upwards; good stock at low prices to make room; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Daniels, 69, Derby-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool. Champion Norwich matched pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/6; state wants; few show birds cheap; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/3, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-; hens, 1/9, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich.—Some extra large Yellow and Buff cocks to spare, colour-fed to perfection; prices reasonable. Pairs from 20/-.—Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

NORWICH songsters, 1909 cocks, full song, 7/6; hens, champion feeding strain, invaluable to Crest breeders, etc., 3/-; approval.—Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-buildings, Bromley, Kent.

STRONG outdoor aviary, pure bred, clear 1906, Norwich hens, few 1909 Norwich cocks, also green and yellow Crestbred cocks for sale.—Mrs. Chasemore, Ashleigh, Horsham.

CHUBBY Buff cock, unflighted, rare quality, 10/-; very large ditto, 12/-; grand stock birds, from my noted strain winner, 600 prizes; approval.—Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop.

W. FREESTONE, 7, Colegate-st., Norwich, has for disposal—wanting room—four Buff and one Yellow cocks, price 7/6 each. These are good stock birds, bred from winners. Lot 35/-.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; if not satisfied, money returned.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FIVE unflighted yellow Norwich cocks, variegated and ticked, 12/6 to 25/- each; two clear buff hens, 10/- and 20/- each; one clear unflighted yellow hen, 30/-.—Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie.

WANTED, a good pair of Norwich Plainheads; will exchange good pair of Lancashires or Lizards for same; mutual approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

TYPE, Type.—Clear Yellow hen, 1st Loughborough (see report), with grand large Buff variegated cock, 25/-; two Yellow cocks, 10/- each. No odd hens.—W. Watson, Shepbed, Leicestershire.

GRAND unflighted Yellow cock, 1st and special best bird in show Rochdale, 30/-; typical Buff cock, 14/6; others from 6/6; hens from 5/-; real bargains.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

CLEAN-MOULTED Norwich cocks, 5/-, 5/6, upwards; hens, 2/3, 2/6 upwards; mated pairs, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; travelling cages, 3d. extra; Trade supplied.—E. Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, some grand yellow and buff hens, also cocks, large, good type, nice round heads; best blood in the Fancy; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6, hens 4/-, also show birds; cheap unflighted yellow cock, 2nd L.C.B.A., £1 10s.—Lack, hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

SURPLUS Norwich, good type and quality, Wallbank's and Harland's strain; all colours; hens 5/6 to 10/6, cocks 7/6 to 15/-; pairs 12/6 to 21/; approval.—Pallister, 8, Balfour-st., Ormsbro'.

T. GRIMES, being overstock, has about 30 typical Norwich, grand in type and quality, bred from my winners Burnley, Peterborough, Bolton, and Crewe, from 10/-; approval, deposit.—403, West-st., Crewe.

JAMES BROWN, Jeweller, Catrine, has few for sale; breed same as his winners; Buff Cocks from 7/6 to 20/-; few clean and variegated yellow hens, small but good quality, 7/6 each; approval; deposit.

FINEST selection of colour and natural fed cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/6, 6/-, 10/-; for deferred payments, stamp particulars.—Broadbent, decorator, Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

NORWICH buff hens, few left, 12/6 each, same strain winner (see Galashiels Show report); cock Goldfinch Mule, marked head and wing, clear body, 15/-; approval.—J. S. Keddie, Wulkerburn, Scotland.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-; genuine bargain; approval.—Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

NORWICH Plainheads, clinking birds, true to typo, and full of quality, for sale, Harland and Trengove's strains. From 10/- upward, yellows and buffs.—J. T. W. Lowthian, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, Cumberland.

MR. ECKERSLEY will spare some grand unflighted and 1908 cocks, and a few very good hens; unflighted ticked buff, superb type and quality, 45/-; fine large 1908 buff, 40/-.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

CLEAR yellow, 30/-; yellow tick, 20/-; clear buff, 25/; tick buff, 20/-; unflighted buff, 20/-; all winners, few yellow and buff cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/- upwards; approval.—Williams, 186, High-st., Cheltenham.

H. WICKER, 4 good Norwich prize winning cocks, yellow; also 20 pairs of same strain; cocks from 6/- upwards; hens from 3/- upwards; cold room bred; giving up the fancy; approval, deposit.—41, Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

NORWICH prize bred cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/0, 9/-, 10/6 upwards; cage 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval.—8. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, 1908, clear yellow, 1st and 5 2nds open competition; ditto ticked Buff, 1st Gloucester, 70/- each. Also several good Yellow and Buff hens, from 10/- to 25/-; approval.—Wasley, 1, Palace Yard, Gloucester.

STILL supplying healthy, typical Plainheads for exhibition, breeding, or song, at the lowest possible prices; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/- to 40/-; enquiries invited; approval anywhere.—Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MISS GWYN has some champion stock birds, Bullfinch type, good heads, lovely quality, must breed winners; pairs from 15/6, single cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/6; own breeding only.—"Somerville," North-av., Ramsgate.

CHARLES OLIVER can spare few extra large yellow and buff cocks (no hens), own breeding, winnings well known (see Pendleton, Salford report, this week); 15/-, 20/- each, approval anywhere.—44, Daybrook-st., Macclesfield.

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ONE matched pair Norwich, Yellow Green cock, Buff hen, 14/6; two Cinnamon marked Buff hens, one self Yellow Cinnamon, 5/- each; off winning blood; see Stockton Heath and Warrington Shows this week.—Collins, 23, Padgate-lane, Warrington.

J. DONNE has buff Norwich cock, 1 and special Henfield, 1 Brighton, £1 10s.; also yellow Cinnamon cock, 2 Henfield, another 3 Henfield, 12/- and 10/-; can be seen any time; no approval; these birds are worth double.—120, James'-st., Brighton.

GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners (see reports Leicester and Coventry), three 1sts, 2nd, and 3rd, challenge cup and special best in show, Leicester, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-, single birds from 10/-; approval.—Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

FORTY exhibition and stock Norwich birds for disposal, Barnes' and Gibbs' strain; 22 double and single breeding cages; two flight cages, 4ft. long; Egg Mill show cages and cases for sale; pairs from 15/-; cocks and hens from 7/6 each.—Housden, Dodinga, Birchington.

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INSPECTION invited any time. 20 pair of good Norwich at 8/6 and 10/6 per pair; worth double; also good cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; will send on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with editor.—Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London, E.

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BUFF wing-marked cock, 1908, 1st five times, six shows; 2nd Woodside; see this week's report, 25/-; also buff varieg. cock, 4th same class, 15/6; unflig. clear buff cock 15/-; two yellow variegated hens, unflighted, 7/6 each; Canary-reared Greenfinch, 3/-; several other good Norwich; cash or deposit.—Alex. Thomson, 100, Gt. Northern-rd., Aberdeen.

TO breeders. Here I am again this year; real old Norwich, all natural fed, satisfaction guaranteed. Grand stock birds, 12/6, 10/6 pair, also some 7/6, 8/6, matched for breeding; odd cocks, 10/-, 9/-, 7/6, 6/-; odd hens, yellow or buff, 7/6, 5/-, 4/6, 3/6; real stormers; all cold-room bred 1909 birds; approval deposit.—E. Henry, 52, Edinburgh-rd., Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Plainheads, green cock, yellow hen, 12/6; variegated yellow cock, unflighted, prize bird, and buff hen, 15/-; yellow cock, large, unflighted, 3rd prize, Malling show, and variegated buff hen, 25/-; also several pairs at 30/-; healthy; approval; same strain as winners at Tunbridge Wells, Gravesend, Malling and Tonbridge.—T. Smithers, Hadlow, Kent.

MONSTER exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 21/-; honestly worth £2; also grand yellow hen, feathers like silk, winner, only 15/-, cheap at 30/-; also choice buff hen, full of quality, win anywhere, only 15/-, worth double; genuine bargains; also few others, rare type and quality; prices reasonable; approval.—Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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Hens.—Clear Yellow, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All birds on approval.

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NORWICH.—Eight Yellow cocks, four Buff cocks, three Yellow hens, four Buff hens, unflighted, unfed, bred from best of stock, all typical birds, cold-room reared and moulted; prefer to sell by sight. Home all day on Saturday, Monday.—Smith, 4, Doune Quadrant, Kelvinside, Glasgow. One up left.

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Champion Norwich, grand type and quality, cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; all strong healthy birds; on approval; dealers supplied.—24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

E. GODLEY, 29, RISHTON, BLACKBURN has now ready some grand Norwich and Cinnamons. **SHOW OR STOCK BIRDS. Stamp, Approval**

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HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers, British Roller Club rung cocks, 15/- to 40/- each; hens, 5/-; approval.—Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

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During the past three years I won three silver cups, 18 B.R.C.C. medals, and over 100 other prizes, yet I do not pose as the pioneer of the fancy, nor say my Rollers are the highest excellence. One win in open and then such bounce is not my game. I am not showing this year, but I have already sold more winners than these bouncers have had in all their life, I have for sale some of the best hens in the world, birds that I have bred and used for my own breeding, 1907, 1908, and 1909 rung, Birds, from 3/- to 5/6; singing cocks from 8/6; stock cocks from 15/-; contest birds to 50/-. I am not asking fancy prices, and it is impossible to get better blood; send stamp for particulars.—Whittaker, Rose-st., Moses-gate, near Bolton.

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Sir,—I am most pleased with Leipzig Roller cock. He is a real marvel, singing morning till night; I shall be most pleased to recommend anyone wanting a good Roller to you. I must thank you for prompt dispatch. Yours W. Criddeford." "The Station, Fordingbridge, Hants, November 5th. Sir,—Leipzig Roller received safe, and singing beautifully. Many thanks for manner you treated me. Please send following. Yours, P. Bartlett." "44, Loughboro' Park, Brixton, November 8th. Sir,—Have decided to keep bird you kindly sent for trial. I am very pleased with it, and shall certainly order again shortly. Yours, W. Greenwood." "Cwmgarw Road, Brynamman, November 8th. Sir,—Rollers to hand. Thanks for your selection and proper packing. They give me very great satisfaction. I shall send for more shortly. Yours, Johnny Evans." "242, Price Street, Birkenhead, November 6th. Sir,—Received Leipzig Roller in best of condition. It is a marvellous singer; you cannot get such value round here for 9/-, let alone 6/-. Thanking you very much. Yours, C. Ellis." "53, Scolefield Lane, Wigan, November 4th. Sir,—Many thanks for sending such nice bird. The cock sings nicely. I should think you are the man everyone is looking for who wants a bird good and cheap. It is not the first time I have proved your offers to be genuine. Thanking you for favours past and present. Yours J. Simms." "Bermuda Cottage, Warren Road, Guildford, November 3rd. Sir,—Seven Hartz cocks received safely, and am very pleased with them, they sing lovely. Many thanks for sending such good songsters. Yours, T. Moore." I could fill this page with similar letters to above, and all unsolicited. I only ask all intending purchasers to have a Leipzig Roller from me, and a Roller from elsewhere, at any higher price, test them side by side for a week, and keep one which suits the best. 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Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/9 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford.—"The Elms, 18, Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh.—Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and give satisfaction.—N. Turnbull." "Birds arrived—are singing well.—R. M. Lee, 79, Mill-street, Crewe." "Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am very well pleased with such value.—J. Broom." "32, Easson-road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—H. Hutchison." Send all orders to Varney, Stratford, London.

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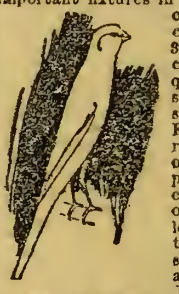
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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

SIX house-moulted 1909 cock Chaffinches, 1/6 each; exchange.—Smith, Drayton, Daventry.

HOUSE-Moulted cock Linnet, oak cage, 6/-, or exchange.—C. Bycroft, Oak-terrace, Doncaster.

ONE dozen cock Greenfinches, sell 2/6, or exchange.—Watson, Ironmonger, Codnor, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE. Winning house-moulted Bully for Green Border Hen.—Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

HAND-REARED Thrush and cage, 6/-; exchange Canaries or Budgerigars.—Phillips, Howden, E. Yorks.

HOUSE-Moulted Greenfinch and hen Canary, 4/-, or exchange Pink-eyed Sib hen.—Jarvis, Dunroyal, Helperby, York.

GREEN Border cock, also house-moulted Siskin, in exchange for Yorkshires.—Ewen, 126, Bain-st., Glasgow.

1909 LARGE nicely-marked full song Goldfinch Canary Mule for trout fishing-rod.—70, Partridge-rd., Cardiff.

PAIRS Goldfinches, Bullfinches; exchange clapnets, inga, teazel seed, caught month.—Busbbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

TEN young Goldfinch-Mules, parents of same, with breeding cage, 27/6, or exchange to 35/-.—Thomas, Saddler, Redruth.

WANTED four British show cages and case, exchange pair Norwich.—Grant, West End Aviaries, Hatton, Aberdeen.

TWO cock Chaffinches and cages, house-moulted, exchange anything useful.—Mrs. Matthews, 23, Holbeach-rd., Catford.

NICE 1909 marked Goldfinch Mule for good Selfert Roller cock, in song; approval.—John Brunt, 1a, Broad-st., Nuneaton.

WILL give 3 dozen of Redpolls for 3 new British show cages; cages first.—J. Davies, No. 6, Prospect-place, Longton, Staffs.

TWO Greenfinch Mules and cock Greenfinch; exchange for two buff Yorkshire hens; sell, 6/-.—J. Walton, Stoney Stanton.

FOR sale, five pairs Bullfinches, 2/3 a pair, or exchange poultry or anything.—John Eaton, Red Row, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

FOR sale, three pairs Doves, 2/- pair, or exchange phonograph records or anything useful.—Pearice, Washington-st., Workington.

HAND-REARED Ring Ousels, fit for showing, cock 10/-, hen 3/-; offers; exchange, approval.—Close, 32, Duffryn-st., Mountain Ash.

EXHIBITION dark cock Greenfinch-Mule; exchange for good British Hardbills to moult.—Messer, 4, Rodney-st., Edinburgh.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch and 4 cock Bullfinches, sell 8s., or exchange anything.—Atkins, Wheatsheaf, Raunds, Wellingboro.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch and hen Canary, their two variegated Mules; exchange exhibition Hawfinch.—George Potter, 29, Broseley, Salop.

STRONG air gun, three grand cock Bullfinches, exchange large Norwich hens, anything.—Redfern, Thorn Tree-lane, Newhall, Burton.

THREE pairs English Owl Pigeons, exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—J. Wallace, Butcher, Mareschal-st., Peterhead, Scotland.

WANTED, a good Yorkshire hen or cock Bullfinch; exchange a good Roller cock.—W. Payne, Spring Valley, Heathhayes, Cannock.

LARGE, well-spangled, hand-reared Starling, cock Bullfinch and Norwich hen, 1909; pair Budgerigars.—Southern, Stankard's Rows.

EXHIBITION Thrush, winner two 1sts, 4th, only times shown, 7/6, or exchange large muling cock Goldfinch.—Johnson, 50, Greetby-hill, Ormskirk.

WANTED exchange English Goldfinches for left-off clothing, provisions, hen Canaries; stamp reply.—Harrison, Catcher, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

TWO year old cock Linnet, contest winner, 20/-; monster cock Bullfinch, can win Palace, 10/-; exchange.—Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

THREE Redstarts, three Greater Whitethroats, Swallow, Jenny Wren, all cocks; sell cheap. Exchange Bullfinch hens.—Fishburn, Silsden, Keighley.

GOLDFINCH and hen canary, suit breeders, cock skylark, good singers, lot, 25/-; exchange good rifle, 4in. boards.—P. Phillips, Kinfiton, Herefordshire.

EXCHANGE pair each Crimson Waxbills, Redbilled Weavers, Nutmeg Finches for winning Hawfinch or Goldfinches.—Wilson, Houston Villa, Dunoon, N.B.

EXCHANGE three pet Doves, good breeders, and house-moulted Moling cock Goldfinch, for two cock Canaries, or offers; your's first.—J. Newbery, Courtney-st., Chard.

NOTICE, for sale or exchange, seven high-class, fine-feathered, and square-blazed Siberian giant cock Goldfinches, only 4/- each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Bethnal Green, London, E.

LINNET Mules, four 1909, full song, 6/- each, £1 lot, cold aviary reared; or exchange for pair Budgerigars and British birds.—Cross, 38, Bolton-rd., Walkden, Manchester.

FOR sale, cock Bullfinch, 2/6; house-moulted hen Greenie, 1/6; cock Linnet, 1/-; green hen Canary, 1/-; or exchange clear buff Norwich hen.—Morrison, Low Palaceeraig, Coatbridge.

EXCHANGE three cock Bullfinches, one house-moulted Linnet, all good birds, for large young Yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hens; or sell 12/-.—Cuthbertson, Kingsmeadow, Peebles.

PAIR Egyptian Quails, sure winners; exchange exhibition Britishers, or sell 10/-. Britishers for exhibition, for disposal; stamped return.—H. J. Hawes, 53, Lansdown-rd., Forest Gate.

COLOUR-FED Cirl Bunting, in pink of condition, well-known winner last season, no time for showing; what offers in British or Canaries, or sell £1.—Allan, 16, Inglefield-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

TWO exhibition Goldfinch-Canary Mules, winners 2nd, 3rd, 8/-, 7/6; large house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/6 each, or exchange large yellow variegated Norwich hens; approval.—Lewis, Holly House, Aughton.

TWO large dark Linnet-Mules, full song, well pencilled, fit for exhibition, 10/- each; or exchange anything useful; approval willingly; two others, 10/- the two.—J. Wheeler, 3, Creede Cottage, Epping.

NOTICE, for sale or exchange, 10 Russian cock Goldfinches, every bird in pink of health and condition, at 3/- each, or will take 10 good Norwich hen Canaries, the lot.—T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Bethnal Green, London, E.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, 3rd at Wymondham, 6/-; cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, laid 15 eggs, pair 10/-, or the lot for pair of Dunlop tyres, or anything useful.—J. Coman, Norwich-rd., Wymondham, Norfolk

CLEARING team of winning British; never out of cards; house-moulted Yellowhammers, Reedbunting, and Goldfinch; see shows. Stocktonheath and Warrington this week; 17/6 the three; exchange large Yellow Norwich hens.—Collins, 23, Padgate-lane, Warrington.

EXCHANGE. Gentlemen, I will exchange any kinds of British Birds for showing, muling, or contest-singing Canaries, any variety; cocks or hens; to be sent on approval both ways, so send at once your stocks, large or small.—State wants to Matthews, Linnet King, 24, Avenue-st, Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

HARRY ALLEN

Will exchange contest Linnets match Birds, catching birds, Linnets for the show bench, and muling Linnets, for any kind of canaries, cock and hen mixed; I have a grand lot in.—Harry Allen, 40, Beckett-st, Leeds.

Mainly Canaries.
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ROLLERS, four cocks, two hens, 27/6; what offers?—Moore, Cherry-st., Halesowen.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire for Hawfinch cock.—M. Grossick, Shotley Hall, Shotley Bridge.

NINE prize bred Yorkshire hens, 20/- lot.—4, Acton-st., Moston-lane, Blackley, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, prize-bred Yorkshires for show cages and case.—Wills, Westend, Wadebridge.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock for pair Budgerigars; yours first.—E. Gibbs, Church House, Ruardean.

EXCHANGE good Norwich or Yorkshire for good Crested.—H. Colls, 11, Terminus-place, Eastbourne.

THREE pairs of grand Yorkshires; exchange winning British, or offers.—C. Newsen, Emgate, Bedale, Yorks.

WILL exchange well-bred Canaries for good cylinder records. Yours first.—Gibson, Sepulchre-lane, Kendal.

SELL or exchange, few Yorkshires; cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6; offers.—Cooper, 63, Hornsey-rd., Anfield, Liverpool.

FOUR variegated Norwich, 1909, cocks, 18/-; or exchange early pullets.—Baldwin, 108, Melton-rd., Wellingboro'.

WANTED, to exchange good Norwich for first-class Rollers; no cards.—Oxley, 16, Gresham-rd., Brixton, London.

GRAND Norwich cock, exchange for dozen cock Linnets; sell, 4/6; offers.—Crowther, Holmes-pl., Hebden Bridge.

1909 Grand Norwich cock, 7/6, commenced singing; cash or deposit.—Holmes, Inhams-rd., Whittlesea, Peterboro'.

BUFF Yorkshire cock, two 2nds only times shown, £1; exchange fishing tackle; approval.—Crossley, 71, Old-rd., Blackley.

WHAT offers in heavily marked Yorkshires or Norwich, for talking Parrot?—Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

GOOD treadle fretwork machine, sell; exchange Norwich cocks, 1909, Hardbills, offers.—272, Conyamore-rd., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE two Crest hens, value £1, for singing Canaries; yours first.—G. Moy, Boot Maker, 18, Staple-rd., Jarrow.

EXCHANGE, pair of high-class Norwich for a gent.'s overcoat; sell 30/-.—Johnson, 2, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

EXCHANGE, prize-bred Yorkshire Canaries for Belgian cock or hen.—Robinson, 44, Cromer-st., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

PAIR high-class Yorkshire; exchange Roller songsters, on approval; no rubbish wanted.—Hulton, 110, Townley-st., Middleton.

XMAS Presents, photo enlargements, 20 by 16, on canvas; exchange Canaries; stamp for reply.—Mullett, 13, Firs-st., Dudley.

BORDER Fancy cock and two hens, £1 10s.; exchange poultry or Scotch Fancy Yellow hen.—20, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh.

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks, vhe and he Penzance, 15/-, 12/6 each, exchange British Mules or hybrids.—Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

BARGAIN, Scotch Fancy cock, 1909, good strain, sell, 21/- exchange pair young Lizards.—McDonald High-st., Girvan, Ayrshire.

ROLLER Canaries, breeding cages, nine good tip pliers; exchange lot for phonograph, poultry, offers.—Wild, 13, Wood-st., Grimsby.

SALE, or exchange for anything useful, six 1909 R.R.C.C. rung cocks, coming nicely on song. Bird, 15, Brook st., Rilston, Staffs.

EXCHANGE for anything useful, six Yorkshire cocks, colour-fed, or sell £2. Approval, deposit.—Burton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

EXCHANGE Canaries or large hanging lamp, cost 18/-, for disc records; approval. Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton.

NORWICH rocks, 8/6; hens, 5/6; exchange for pair of Norwich Greens; approval.—Barlow, Grocer, Tame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

EXCHANGE three pairs of Yorkshires and breeding cages for gent.'s cycle.—E. Houldsworth, 33, Wesley-place, Ingrow, Keighley.

REAL good pair Yorkshires, 10/6, worth double; exchange costume length; yellow cock, 7/6; cheap.—Perry, Chapel House, Winsford.

GRAND white bull terrier, 2 years, champion pedigree, £2; exchange talking Grey, or songsters.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

YOUNG hen Canaries, cross-bred, 2/- each; exchange young cock Goldfinches, hen Bullfinches.—Jones, 56, Rupert-rd., Holloway.

HIGH-CLASS Serfeits, 1909 cocks, 10/6 to £1, hens 3/6 to 7/6, or exchange.—F. Canser, Corporation-st., Railway Side, Wednesbury, Staff.

EXCHANGE three pairs large Norwich Canaries for Toy Pomcrarian; sell 28/-. Offers accepted.—36, Wellfield-rd., Preston, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE, for unflighted Norwich hen, good iron bedstead, spring mattress; sell 12/-; offers; particulars stamp.—35, Belle-vue, Redruth.

LARGE 1908 Norwich cock, breeder, sell 8/6; exchange for good singing cock; yours first.—Buckmaster, 5, Violet-rd., Walthamstow.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, sell or exchange, scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS green Yorkshire, few for sale, exchange Irish terriers; no rubbish wanted; offers.—Hayden, 46, Upper Pilt-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE good class 1909 Yorkshire Canaries for good quarter-plate camera, with accessories.—Goldsmith, 49, Queen-st., Maidenhead.

TWO good Yorkshire hens; exchange for n good cock, or wire fronts or show Yorkshire cages.—J. Russell, 84, Dafford-st., Larkhall, Bath.

FOUR and two compartment baskets, exchange yellow Norwich hen; Crest cock, exchange Siberian cock Goldie.—Turnbull, Lochend, Dunbar.

EXCHANGE grand upstanding Buff Yorkshire cock and hen, 1908, for big stont Yellow Norwich cock, 1909; sell, 15/. Yours first.—Flint, Litton.

EXCHANGE, 40 parts Harmsworth's encyclopaedia for good Roller cock or green or Cinnamon Border cock.—Frearson, 7, Oxford-st., Morecambe.

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich greens for small typical Yorkshire bitch (creet ears); on approval.—A. McMillan, 13, Whitefield-ter., Liverpool.

WINNING Bramble, with cards, wanted; exchange Norwich cocks; approval both ways.—Lakin, 66, Portland-rd., West Bridgeford, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE Buff Lancashire cock for Yellow Scotch Fancy cock or Yellow-green crest-bred cock; approval.—J. Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

EXCHANGE, Green Crested cock (Barnet's strain) for Yellow Norwich hen; mutual approval.—Ireland, 16 Sherdley-rd., Peasley Cross, St. Helen's.

SALE or exchange, five Norwich cocks and ten hens, also two Rollers as breed; 40/- lot; offers, deposit.—Hawkes, 7 Regent-st., Wellingborough.

GOOD Yorkshire Canary fed cocks, from 6/-; hens, from 3/-, or exchange anything useful. Offers?—J. Maude, 8, Larkfield-ter., Thwaites Brow, Keighley.

COCK Linnet and large Norwich hen; has bred Mules, and several large hens for sale or exchange for poultry.—Batty, 165, Skidmore-st., Stepney, E.

RABBITS.—Exhibition English, one Black buck, two does, black and blue, 10/- lot; bargain; exchange Canaries.—Jones, 20, Orchard-st., Worcester.

GREEN Crest-bred hen, also Yellow, dark Crest hen, exchange either for Roller or Yorks cock, full song, or sell 7/6 each.—Phillips, Barracks, Hounslow.

TWO Sib cocks, 7/6 each; three Sib hens, 5/- each; 27/- the lot; exchange typical Norwich; approval; no rubbish wanted; yours first.—Mendham, Tiverton.

BARGAIN, Yorkshire cock, Roller cock, Linnet Mule, five Roller hens; lot, 16/-; useful exchange entertained.—Howarth, 7, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

CHAMPION Yorkshire cock, standard length, 15/-, or exchange for good Yellow Norwich hen or winning British.—Perry, 249, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

ROLLER Canaries, day and gaslight singers, cocks 4/6 and 5/6 each; hens, 7/6 each; will accept useful exchange.—Cotterell, 25, King Edward-st., Darlaston, S. Staffs.

CINNAMON Norwich cock and yellow hen, and two pairs variegated; exchange toy Yorkshire, or small bull terrier.—J. Palmer, 11, Earnest-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE Seifert hens, two yellow, also Yorkshire hen, as bred for Seifert cock, Green or Variegated, good Seifert cocks, 6/-.—Smith, 51, Church-st., Rugeley.

FIVE splendid young Yorkshire cocks, singing, 7/6 each, two young hens 3/6 each; taking the lot, 35/-. Bargain. Must sell; offers.—Boston, 15, Grand Parade, Harringay.

LANCASHIRE and Yorkshire Muling hens, many years inbred, 4/-, 5/- each; exchange ferrets; hen Mules, 1/-; five singing cocks, 7/6 each.—Fursland, Langport, Somerset.

EXCHANGE large Lancashire coppy cock, 12/6, for Norwich or crest-bred hens, large Cinnamon cock, Buff, 12/6, for British.—Mitchell, Mount Pleasant, Riddings, Derbyshire.

FOUR cocks and four hens, Bullfinches, exchange Norwich; Buff variegated Yorkshire cock h.c. Nov. 24th, exchange good Roller.—Meek, Willow House, Snettisham, Norfolk.

FOR Sale, eight good Norwich cocks, Greens, and Clears, will sell 6/- each, or will exchange the lot, or single, for anything useful.—G. Linsey, Wrestlers' Arms, Newmarket-rd., Cambridge.

NORWICH cock, h.c. only time shown, yellow hen, large Crest cock, Crest-bred hen; exchange black spaniel puppy, pedigreed; yellow and green Budgerigars.—Townend, Nelson Lodge, Bogner.

YOUNG St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster by day or gaslight; 1909 buff Yorkshire cock, in song, 16/-; exchange, Yorkshire or Norwich hens.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

EXCHANGE, two Silver Grey, one Silver Brown Rabbits, 2nd and 3rd prize-winners, Sittingbourne; cards sent; for three good clear 1909 Norwich cocks. Birds first.—Millen, Key-st., near Sittingbourne.

MATCHED pair of Borders, fit for show, also odd cock (young) in exchange for best offer in Siberian Goldfinches. Must be large and good colour; or sell. Yours first.—Wm. Jaffrey, Montrose-st., Brechin.

WANTED, Budgerigars (adult, aviary-bred preferred) in exchange for two Yorkshire cocks, three Yorkshire hens, two Border Fancy hens, three large Muling hens.—Lee, 188, Luton-rd., Chatham, Kent.

NORWICH Canaries, 8/6 and 10/6 pair, or exchange for fresh-caught Goldfinches or Siskins; also pair new Clapnets, exchange Goldfinches and Siskins to value of 30/-.—Crossman, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

FOR sale, seven Yorkshire cocks, three hens, 45/-; also Black Retriever and Airedale dog, good guard and companion, 15/-; approval, deposit; part exchange. Crossley, Branch End, Gildersome, Leeds.

EXCHANGE, cap and wing marked unflighted yellow Norwich cock and two Buff hens for extra large marked or variegated Yellow Norwich hen; good type, quality.—Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE Norwich with German Canaries, crossed, well in song, to value for pair of clear yellow Norwich, good type and size; outdoor bred preferred. J. Parr, 2, Pillsbury-st., Wolstanton, Stoke-on Trent.

EXCHANGE, three pairs good Yorkshires, four good show cages, and case, for trained Roller cocks, sewing machine, or good gramophone. Yours first on approval both ways.—Wilkins, 193, Court st., Tonypandy, S. Wales.

TREAT for Christmas.—H. Siddall will give grand parcel cutlery and nickel-silver, 51 pieces, in exchange for six pairs of Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; colour fed; approval both ways; birds first; or fowls for table use. 100, Woodseats rd., Sheffield.

Mainly Foreign.
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GREEN cock Budgerigars, exchange cock (singing) Canary, young.—A. Fryatt, East-st., Braintree.

COCK Nuns, 3/6 each; exchange hen or foreign birds.—Howdle, Market-pl., Howden, Yorkshire.

TWO Yellow Budgerigars, one green, also hen Lovebird; exchange Canaries; offers.—Crudeford, Honiton.

YELLOW Budgerigars, 7/6 to 10/6 pair; Green Budgerigars, 4/6 to 7/6 pair; exchange anything useful.—Jones, 261, Branstone-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, 5/- each; cock Bullfinches, show birds, 3/-; others, 2/-; hen Bullfinches, 1/- and 1/6 each; exchange Foreign Seedeaters or Canaries. Yours first.—Wood, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

FIRST prize Bournemouth, vide F.W., Nov. 20th. Blue-fronted Amazon, in show condition, enormous size, with large cage, 70/-, or exchange lady's furs, or offers.—Evenson, Lansdowne, Bournemouth.

EIGHT Budgerigars, cock, two hens, Cutthroats, pair Redbilled Weavers, 25/- lot; Silver English Lever 20/-; cycle saddle and tool-bag, 4/6; new back wheel, Eadie hub, 13/6; exchange Canaries, anything; offers.—Hastings, 120, Teignmouth-rd., Selly Oak.

MAGNIFICENT talking King Amazon Parrot, very clever talker of about 200 words and many long sentences; laughs, cries, sings, etc.; age three years; perfectly acclimatised. Price £3, or nearest offer. Approval with pleasure if carriage paid. Must sell.—Nicholas, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE pair good Tumblers for good Border cock.—Myles, Millgate Loan, Arbroath.

EXCHANGE 111 "Cage Birds," anything useful.—Mitchell, Ivy Mill Cottage, Godstone.

SMALL black and tan dog, sell 10/-; exchange birds.—57, Melrose-av., Wimbledon Park.

PAIR Dragons, cock winner 1st and special, £3 3s., or exchange.—A. Eve, East-st., Colchester.

EXCHANGE Zither Harp for Yorkshire Canaries.—Walter Nicholson, 42, Binbrook-st., Bradford.

HOMERS, flown 109 miles, 5/- pair; exchange Britishers, cocks.—Percival, Mexboro, Yorks.

WANTED, exchange for Norwich, Pom, cycle; offers.—Toplass, 17, Broom-st., Hanley, Staffs.

FOX terriers, dog and bitch, three months, 10/- and 7/6; exchange anything.—39, Church-st., Tunstall.

FRETWORK, 100 3d. Hobbies' designs; exchange anything useful.—Vince, 5, Rixton-st., Salford.

EXCHANGE, C.P. and smaller aviary for toy Pom. bitch; sell £1.—Parkyn, 18, Southampton-st., W.

WANTED, Canaries or Hardbills; exchange exhibition Homers.—Biskitt, 7, Carlton-st., Bridlington.

EXHIBITION dahlias, 100 "Cage Birds," offers Norwich hens, birds.—Dunn, Stanley-st., Darlington.

BURGLAR-PROOF safe, £5; gent's new cycle, £5; exchange Canaries, etc.—Russon, Oxford-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE 3 good white fantail pigeons for cock Goldfinch or Hawfinch.—F. Miles, Watergate, Wight.

WINDSOR Fretwork Machine, good working order, exchange Canaries.—Herbert Morley, Fryston, Castleford.

LINNET cages, new, exchange pliers, metal watch, offers.—Podmore, maker, 18, Commercial-rd., Hanley, Staffs.

A VERY old violin, what offers in 1909 cock Goldfinches?—Fishwick, Chatburn, nr. Clitheroe, Lancashire.

PAIR nets, 21 x 8, 15 x 6, 5in. mesh; exchange anything useful.—Dickson, Midfield, Lasswade, Midlothian.

SANDOW Developer, one strand short; exchange canaries.—Slarks, 15, Cambridge-rd., Horsham, Sussex.

WHITE pom. dog, lovely coat; exchange birds, harness, Parrot.—R. Brittain, 96, Devonshire-st., Rotherham.

AEOL American Zither, exchange for anything useful, cutlery, lady's hand bag.—L. Crewe, The Lawn, Etenall.

BARGAIN. Grand Sheep Collie Bitch, excellent guard and worker, 7/6; exchange Canaries.—W. Lewin, Oakham.

WILL exchange five white Fantail Pigeons for cock Canary.—Hicksou, Stewart-st., Greenhill-lane, Alfreton, Derby.

GOOD double muzzle gun, with flasks, 12/-; exchange birds, or offers.—Sherwell, 20, Broughton-lane, Attercliffe.

WILL give dozen splendid dormice for Roller Canary, full song; sell 6/-, 1/6 pair.—Charles Spicer, Chesham, Bucks.

ZITHER banjo and case, good tone, £2; exchange for phonograph, anything useful.—F. Palmer, 28, Minny-st., Cardiff.

SELL or exchange, rough-haired Irish terrier dog, 15/-; or anything.—Apply particulars, Oxley, 6, Green-st., Sheffield.

PHONOGRAPH, with 28 records, all perfect; offers in birds or anything useful.—Robertson, 51, Genge-st., Ayr, Ayrshire.

FOR sale or exchange, chocolate Pom. bitch, champion pedigree, 50/-; what offers.—Mrs. Rogers, Bedford-st., Wisbech.

WORKMAN'S cycle, free wheel, 2 brakes, etc., good order, 25/-; exchange.—Egginton, back 25, Brittain-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE lady's 9-carat gold bangle, cost 27/6, for a pair of Yorkshires or Border Fancies.—Canter, 10, Wind-st., Aberdare.

EXCHANGE, three Yorkshire show cages and new travelling case for birds or anything useful.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

30-EGG incubator, by Poultry Appliance Co., exchange for Canarics.—A. Slade, 94, Cambridge Grove-rd., Norbiton, Surrey.

WANTED offers exchange suit lengths, or Yorkshire cocks.—Davies, Tutor, Frankwell, Shrewsbury.

CLEAN wild seed; exchange good British birds or Canaries.—Coward, 22, Fenton st., Barrow in Furness.

EXCHANGE pair good Conference-ring Dragoons for a pair good Canaries or table knives.—Maynard, Redan Hill, Aldershot.

PURE smooth-coated young fox terrier dog, 15/-; exchange mandoline, birds, or cage.—Duxberry, Laburnum st., Taunton.

GOOD heating apparatus for bird room, hot water fittings, complete; cheap, offers; particulars, Nixon, 15, Graham st., Carlisle.

BANTAMS, 1909, pure Chinese trio, 10/6; pair 7/6; exchange young Norwich or Yorkshires.—Wyles, 22, Montague-rd., Ramsgate.

WHAT offers in exchange for two Nannies, served, and Billy? Or sell for £2 10s.—T. Dodds, Linc rd., Harrington, Cumberland.

PAIR thorough good cycle covers, 28 by 1¼, wired, 3/6 pair; beaded, 4/-; great sacrifice.—Cooper, 28, Dawson place, Bayswater.

YOUNG cock Canaries, sale, or exchange wearing apparel, cycle, suit workman's family.—Neath, 16, High-rd., Chadwell Heath.

GOOD second-hand New Hudson for sale, good condition, £2, or exchange any live-stock.—Tye, 25, Smith-st., Goswell rd., E.C.

PRIZE pigeons, many varieties, breeding pairs, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-; exchange anything alive or useful.—Maynard, 335, Bethnal Green-rd.

EXCHANGE, solid brass three-arm gas chandelier; exchange for Canaries; what offers.—Robertson, Newton-lane, Sheffield.

COCK Canary or British Birds wanted; exchange silver-mounted set of carvers and steel, or sell 7/6.—Bond, High-st., Eastleigh.

EXCHANGE, six ivorine-handled knives, six nickel forks, six nickel-silver teaspoons, two cock Canaries.—Hill, 95, Eyre lane, Sheffield.

DOUBLE-BURNER round oil stove, nearly new, sell or exchange birds; offers.—Denton, 57, Grosvenor Park, Tunbridge Wells.

WIRE singing cage and two poultry hampers, as new; exchange canaries.—H. Sanderson, 38, Town End, Wooldale, Thongsbridge.

CYCLE, 50/-; ladies' Dolroan, 10/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 7/6; Norwich wanted.—Goodale, 52, Elm-st., Hightown, Manchester.

FOX terrier bitch, splendid guard and ratter, kennel and chain, 15/-, exchange coucertina.—H. C., 1, Costa-st., Peckham, London.

LARGE Goldfinch shy wing, 22/-; incubator, 8/-; fishing basket, new; exchange winning yellow Mule, British.—4, Roman-rd., Bristol.

GOOD three-quarter hull puppy dog, 4 months, 15/-; or exchange anything useful.—Merrington, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

PHOTOGRAPHERS. Dark-room lamp, gas, almost new, 7/6; exchange Roller songster or British.—Hulton, Townley-st., Middleton.

THREE large single breeders, one new show cage, lot 4/-; exchange good Yellow York hen, little cash.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

GENT'S heavy dark brown Melton overcoat (chest 44ins.); exchange typical Yorkshire hen Canaries.—Barr, 90, Milston-rd, Paisley, N.B.

SELL or exchange pair of fawn leggings, cost 10/6, for double breeder, or 2 Norwich hens.—G. Jones, Stoke Pound, Bromsgrove.

TWO O.E.G. spangle bantams, 12/6, winners members' show; exchange Norwich Canaries.—Wraight, 3, St. John's-rd., Faversham, Kent.

FOX terrier bitch, good guard, quiet with children; exchange birds, or anything.—Brannan, 90, Main-st., Renten, Dumbartonshire.

YARD dog, Irish Terrier setter, 25/-; part exchange Fox Terrier pup or anything useful.—Dudley, 1, Spring-hill, Wellington, Salop.

PHONOGRAPH, £1; recorder, 6/6; 22 records; one cock, six hen Canaries; exchange toy pom, or offers.—Markham, 38, Steynburg-st., Hull.

HAND lockstitch sewing machine, perfect worker, equal new, 30/-, cost £4; exchange birds.—Selby, 416, Portobello-rd., North Kensington.

GOOD-LOOKING young wire-haired Terrier Bitch, exchange 2 house-moulted cock Goldfinches, or sell 10/-.—Wheeldon, Eaton Retford, Notts.

NEW Century Phonograph, 45 records, good condition, 40/-; exchange good Crest or Norwich.—Muscott, 2, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Thornton (F. and K.N.P.C.), Dec. 11th, Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. T. Merrilees, J. McLay, and J. Lonie. 47 open classes: Scot 9, Crest 4, Nor. 11, Bord. 9, Brit. 8, Mule 3, For. 2, Com. Can. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4th to J. MOYES, Belmont House.

Fleckney, Dec. 11th, Large Rooms, Old Crown Inn.—Judge, Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie. 2 classes: 1 Can. or Mule, and 1 Brit. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 6th to MATTOCK BROS., Fleckney, nr. Leicester.

Pateley Bridge, Dec. 18th, Oddfellows' Hall.—9 classes (open to 10-mile radius): Yorks 4, Nor. 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1. Good prizes. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 13th to W. LAWSON, Patelcy Bridge.

Ayr O.S., Dec. 18th, Volunteer Hall, Alloway-st.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 32 open classes; Nor. 2, Crest 2, Yorks 6, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 13th to C. W. PATERSON, Albion House, Carrick-rd.

Kilsyth, Dec. 18th, Drill Halls.—Judges, Messrs. A. Chalmers and J. R. Burnett. 28 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 2, Sell. 3, Bord. 7, Common 1, Gift 1, Brit. 8, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 11th to A. D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth, nr. Glasgow.

Uddingston, Dec. 11th, Public Halls.—Judges, Messrs. J. Watson, A. Malcolmson, and J. Goodfellow. 44 open classes: Scot 8, Crest 4, Nor. 8, Bord. 7, Yorks 2, Local Can. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 10, Local Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4th to A. W. FORRESTER, Tower View.

Ruthin, Dec. 16th, Town and Market Halls.—Judge, Mr. H. Tams. 3 open classes: Can. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 6d. Ent. close Dec. 11th (1st post), to W. E. ROBERTS, Mount-st.

Gateshead (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C., Crest C.C., N.N.P.C., N.C.C., F.B.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C.), Dec. 10th and 11th, Burt-terrace Drill Hall, Bensham-rd.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, J. F. Dewar, T. Taylor, R. Halliday, and J. Dixon. 83 open classes: Nor. 12 (2 novice), Nor. Cinn. 4 (1 novice), Crest 9 (1 pairs), Bord. 11 (2 novice), Yorks 9 (2 novice), Scot 3, Beig. 4, Pairs, A.O.V., 1, Sell. 6, Mule 5 (1 novice), Brit. 14 (2 novice), For. 4, Hyde's 1, and 29 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and very many spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 6th to G. BECK, 135, School-st.

Earlston, Dec. 18th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Tait and W. Bell. 16 open classes: Bord. 10 (1 Sell.), Nor. 4, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 11th to J. BROCKIE, 3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B.

Club Reports.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

We had a very good meeting at Littleborough show, Mr. Naden in the chair. Decided, that the next meeting be held at Rochdale O.C. The L.C.A. points are as follows: Champions, W. Adams, 23; J. Naden, 13; Novlee, E. T. Turner, 19; G. Fitton, 10; F. Fish, 17; H. Woodhead, 4. These points were gained at Littleborough Show. C. WHITEHEAD, sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at Marie Stuart Hall, Langside Road, when the business was mostly relative to our annual show, held Nov. 20th. It was arranged to have a table show for next meeting: One class Nor., 1 Yorks., 1 Goldie, and 1 Linnet. Members please note next meeting Dec. 24th.—GEO. N. THOMSON, sec., 228, Allison Street.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held on Nov. 21st. Mr. O'Reilly took the chair. Present: Messrs. Kenny, Duigenan, Dowling, Lambert, Neal, and Hyland, hon sec., pro tem. A number of names were proposed and accepted for membership. The secretary was instructed to make arrangements to have staging, etc., erected for show. In consequence of the small number of entries received from the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club (Belfast), it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Ireland be withdrawn from the N.P.H. Club's coming show, and the secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Stewart. This concluded the business, and the meeting was adjourned.—J. R. HYLAND, Sec.

BANBRIDGE C.B.S.

Meeting held on Nov. 27th in the Town Hall for the purpose of considering the treasurer's report and statement of accounts in connection with the recent show. Mr. C. Halliday (president) occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance. The treasurer's statement showed receipts arcounting to £57 14s. 9d., and expenditure £55 14s. 6d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £2 0s. 3d., and with balance in hand from previous account a balance of over £5 was recorded. After some discussion, the committee fixed the dates of next year's show as Nov. 12th and 13th. Mr. Albert M'Cagherty, in moving a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary (Mr. R. J. Hamilton) and the hon. treas. (Mr. A. M'Cammon), said the success of the show was decidedly due to the capable management of their secretary, who had displayed great tact and ability in the general arrangements. Mr. J. Woods seconded the motion, which was passed by acclamation. The secretary and treasurer suitably replied, and a voto of thanks having been accorded the gentlemen who had supplied special prizes to the show, the meeting terminated.

KING'S HEATH & MOSELEY F&F.S.

Extraordinary general meeting, held at Red Lion Hotel, on Nov. 24th, to consider the position of the society owing to the necessity occasioned, through lack of support, for cancelling the members' young stock show, and to consider the financial state. By some the paucity of the members' entries was attributed to a general apathy, and by others to a bad breeding season, coupled with bad trade. There is a strong little band, if only small, of real fanciers—made of the right stuff, and supported by so capable a chairman as Mr. A. Baker, who has now held that office for seven years—and they are a long way from showing the "white flag." Regarding the financial state, it was found to be sound, the present trouble being that so many members are backward with their subscriptions; if about 75 per cent. were paid up the balance in hand would be something like £25. Much appreciation and many grateful thanks were expressed to the past president, president, and vice-presidents for the excellent example set, and for their kindly aid. Will those members who are so deplorably backward come up like real fanciers, pay their "subs." or some part of them, or else say they either won't or can't? December 29th there will be a table show, and also a sweepstake show.—H. E. PATTERSON, hon. sec.

Hatherleigh, Dec. 21st.—2 classes: 1, Brit. and 1 Can. Prizes, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 6d. Ent. close Dec. 14th to H. H. HILL, Bridge-st.

Carmarthenshire (C.B.U.), Dec. 16th, Provision Market.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and T. Gamage. 15 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks 4, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1. Local Can. 1, Mule 2, Sell 1, Gift 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 6th to THOMAS AND JENKINS, Plough Hotel, Carmarthen.

West Herts (C.B.U.), Dec. 14th, Clarendon Hall, Watford.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 22 open (20-mile radius) classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Can. Hen 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 10, For. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4th to CLEM WATSON, 77, Paddock-rd., Oxhey, Watford.

Bromsgrove (C.B.U.), Dec. 14, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 8 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 4 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 6 to F. JEFFERY, Stourbridge Road.

Narberth, Dec. 15, Victoria Hall. Judge, Mr. T. Gamage. 8 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1, and 1 local (4 mile rad.). Can. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 4/6, 2/-. Fee 1s. Ent. close Dec. 9 to OWEN and HARRIS, St. James St.

Dumbarton, Dec. 11, Co-operative Soc. Hall, Bank St., Alexandria. Judges, Messrs. W. Webster and H. Moreland. 35 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 2, Yorks. 4, Scot. 4, Bord. 4, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 7 to R. CONELY, 9, Westonlee Ter., Dumbarton.

Douglas, N.B., Dec. 11, Public Schools. Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce. 20 open classes: Bord. 11 (2 sell.), Brit. 6, For. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 6 to W. MCCULLOCH, The Bungalow.

Cardigan. Dec. 8, Market Place. Judge, Mr. O. F. Hodge. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/- in Mule 1, Brit. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/- in Canary classes and 5/- 2/6, 1/-: fee 6d. in remainder Ent. close Dec. 4 to D. MORGAN JONES.

Dudley, Dec. 15 and 16, Public Hall, Netherton. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 9 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 9/-, 4/6, 2/- Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 8 to R. H. DAVIES, Poultry Yards, Netherton, Dudley.

Tideswell. Dec. 11, Bagshaw Hall. Judge, Mr. R. Bowker. 2 (8-mile radius) classes: Yorks. and Nor. 1 each. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/9. Ent. close Dec. 7 to J. E. BROCKELHURST.

Leighton Linslade, Dec. 14, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 10 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1, and 3 10-mile radius classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 7 to PAGE and CHAPMAN, 76, North St., Leighton Buzzard.

The Shows.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Held Nov. 19th and 20th. The magnificent display put up by the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. at the annual fixture broke all the records of the society, and also easily eclipsed all London records for a members' show. The entries totalled 523 (over 100 more than last year), and the quality of the birds in every section showed a distinct advance. The Canaries made a lovely display, and were a very high class lot indeed, the Novice Yellow Yorks., with 17 entries, providing the biggest class in the show. Of the British it can only be said that they were magnificent; you could count on the fingers of one hand all the open shows with any pretensions to beat the collection seen here. Four or five of our best-known fanciers had grand teams out, in an effort to capture the society's handsome cups. The British were the admiration of all visitors. The establishment of price limit British classes (to help the novices) proved a distinct success. We have never seen the handsome hall at headquarters, The Church Institute, Paddington st., W., look better, the officials having made admirable arrangements to cope with the huge entry. An ante-room was engaged to hold the limit classes. We have once again to congratulate Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. sec., on a notable achievement. A better and harder worker is not in the Fancy, and the manner in which he goes from success to greater success at every succeeding venture, is remarkable. And he deserves it all, for he is a most able official, and a "trier" if ever there was one. He received very valuable assistance from Mr. F. Wyse, who did a heap of things in a most efficient manner, and skilfully looked after the birds, the Britishers especially; he is a thorough fancier. Others who rendered yeoman service were Mrs. Wyse, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Shephard, and Messrs. W. Shepherd, A. W. Curtis, A. W. Hart, W. Page, and G. Morrison, with Messrs. J. Burton, W. G. Sanders, F. Curry, W. Prance, H. Davis, E. Offord, and F. Fullenger as members of the Council. Mr. A. C. Burn, the genial chairman, also helped largely to keep matters sailing smoothly along. The chief special winners were Messrs. R. L. Crisp, the Yorks. cup and diploma best bird in show; G. Saytch, the McGruther shield, and Trower's gold medal; F. Knight, the Coronation cup; T. Monger, novice Yorks. cup; H. W. Dickinson, "Prance" cup, best young Crest, and "Wynn" cup, most points novice section; A. W. Curtis, "Lassie's" cup, best hen in show; J. Goodall, "Hybrid" (Miss Joliffe) rose bowl; A. J. Marley, the "Francis" and "Wynn" points cups; R. J. Watts, the "Oartside" cup, best Foreign (which now becomes his own property); Mrs. G. E. Weston, the "Mayfair" challenge cup, and "Trower's" cup best insectivorous bird, also tying with Mr. W. Francis for the "Wyse" cup; medal best Nor. unflighted, J. Warwick; most points in show, C. Prior; two For. specials, Mrs. Maher; Sandilford's special, J. Buchanan; best staged bird in Brit., Mrs. Weston; best first year novice Can., H. Hills; best staged novice Can., T. Monger. The Association's diplomas went to R. L. Crisp (best hird), J. Goodall (best Hybrid), C. Prior (best Brit.), R. J. Watts (best For.), R. L. Crisp (best champion Can.), G. Pile (best amat.), T. Monger (best novice). There was a splendid attendance on both days. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson (Can.), A. Silver (Hyh. and Brit.), and W. T. Page (For.).

The Canary Classes.

CHAMP. SECTION.—NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Buckman, nice body and head, rare quality feather; 2, 3, Marley, both bonny birds of rattling good col. and rich quality of feather, good type; vhc, hc, Curtis; c, Martin. BUFF (11): 1, 2 spls, 2, Curtis, the leader hird of rare size, fine in feather texture, inclined to open out at thigbs, 2nd grand quality, good body and nice in head; 3, Wynn, silky in feather; vhc, spl, hc, Marley, leader grand type of bird, rare undercolour; c, Wynn. HEN (12): 1, spl, 2, Curtis, both very typical, nice in feather, good heads; 3, vhc, Martin, the former a yell., close up to leaders; hc, Marley; c, Buckman. CREST, CL. BODY (2): 1, 2, Lazarus, a clean body, dark, neat, nice centre, leading, followed by a clear crest of good shape. CREST, A.O.V. (2): 1, Radford, variegcrest, neat and long in crest feather; 2, Prance, nice vein and qual. of crest. C.B. (5): 1, spl, Radford, nicely formed skull, good entrance, nice length of head feather on reversal; 2, vhc, spl, hc, Lazarus, also nice-headed birds; 3, Prance, nice one, plenty of length. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, hc, Crisp, good team, winner smart, stylish bird, well proportioned, with free action, stands up well, nice wing carriage, neck and head, good whip, 2nd full of fire, but just a trifle thinner in neck; 3, c, Burton, rare length behind leg, neat head, swift to the call; vhc, Davis, very pretty. BUFF (6): 1, 7 spls, 2, hc, Crisp, truly bonny hird, very close feather, well packed all over, nice at thighs, 2nd very stylish bird, little more length, will develop; 3, c, Burton, also stylish; vhc, Davis. HEN (5): 1, vhc, spl, Burton, leader variegyell., of style and good in quality, with plenty of length; 2, Davis, we liked well, very stylish and nicely moulded; 3, hc, Crisp, neat, nicely modelled. BORD., YELL. (2): 1, 2 spls, Saytch, two natty little Borders, jaunty in carriage, close in feather, very pretty; Mr. Saytch also won all the prizes in buffs, and in Border hens. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, 2, Curtis, two greens of type and quality, just right for the stock room; 3, vhc, Wynn, birds of merit. PURCHASED BIRDS, CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Pickard, both greens, neat crests of nice formation; this in the champ. section, a feat which Mr. Pickard repeated in novice section, with other two nice Crest-breds. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, Tebbs, the former length and Yorkie style, latter very neat; 3, Lloyd, good length, nice quality of feather. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Miss Joliffe. AMAT. SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hart, former variegh. hird of rattling fine quality, full of colour, 2nd stouter and good in col. BUFF (4): 1, spl, 3, Hart, both birds of nice feather; 2, Pile, full of quality, nice type; vhc, spl, hc, Knight, the former a sweetly pretty Norwich, well proportioned, teeming with quality. HEN (2): 1, 2, Hart, shapely and nice quality both of them. CREST, CL. BODY: 1, Offord, a grizzle, very neat crest, nice at centre, good shape. A.O.V. CRESTS (3): 1, 2 spls, 2, Shepherd, two very good ones, hen leading, nice vein, good formation, hardly so massive as 2nd, hut both birds of merit; 3, Offord, nice one. C.B. (4): 1, vhc, spl, Offord, winner fine skulled bird, good entrance, lashing and cushion, turns back well; 2, 3, Shepherd, close up in all points. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Page, fine tone of feather, trifle stiff in action, nice head and packing; 2, 3, Knight, rattling style, stands well, nice feather and well shown; vhc, Menhennett; c, Pile, BUFF (12): 1, 2 spls, Pile, typical, nice heads, rare quality; 2, hc, c, Menhennett, stylish, full of quality, well shown; 3, vhc, spl, Knight, former bird of grand feather, very stylish and breedy. HEN (7): 1, Page, a stately dame of becoming dress; 2, vhc, hc, Menhennett, smaller perhaps, but stylish; 3, Knight, very finely drawn, nice taper, head and quality. BORD.: All entries, prizes and specials to Mr. Pile, with a good team. A.O.V.: 1, Knight. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 2, F. Knight, both birds of quality, the latter losing by a little too much length of shaft; 3, Hart, neat, good quality and colour; vhc, Churchard; hc, Kelly. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Warwick, variegh. of rattling type, and fine tone of feather; 2, vhc, spl, Knight, both very fine quality birds, the former excelling in type and undercol.; 3, hc, Churchard, good shape, little loose at thighs. HEN (12): 1, 2, c, F. Knight, a very nice team for one man to put down in a class; 3, Churchard, very neat, good feathered hen, typical; vhc, Hart; hc, Lathlkiff. CRESTS, CL. BODY (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Dickinson, winner a grizzle with good frontal, density, droop and centre, on a nice body; 2, Saunders, close on winner. A.O.V. CREST (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Dickinson, fine team of birds, good crest and body properties; vhc, Sanders. C.B. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Dickinson, a clean sweep again, a topping team, birds with good heads, nice bodies, and well shown; hc, c, Sanders. YORKS., YELL. (17): Grand class; 1, spl, vhc, spl, hc, c, Monger, winner stylish bird, well proportioned, nice whip, neat and fine in feather; 2, extra 3, Hills, cinn. variegh., grand quality and full of style; 3, vhc, Walker, of the same persuasion, stylish and full of quality. BUFF (16): Another capital class, with competition on a hot scent; 1, hc, King, well built, gets at it finely, good feather; 2, 3, vhc, Monger, all Yorkies by name and by nature; vhc, Hills; c, Brinkworth. HEN (14): 1, Hills, cinn. variegh., a sweetly pretty for true Yorkie, points as good as any in the show; 2, vhc, hc, c, Monger, former buff, neat, nice feather and stylish; 3, Tebbs, good quality. BORD: Two classes, one entry in each, with prizes and specials to Mr. Stevens for neat birds of jaunty carriage. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Miss Jolliffe, Scot. Fancy, and a nice one. NOV. FED.—NOR. (4): 1, 2, vhc, W. Knight, the leader a mkd. hird of rare shape, fine tone of feather, 2nd a cl., typical, grand feather, clean cut; 3, Elgar, good shape. YORKS., A.V. (3): 1, W. Kuight, very typical hen, of lovely feather, stands up well; 2, 3, Walker, greens, good style and feather, very useful in breeding cage.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

HYBRID, LIGHT (2): 1, 2, Goodall, two good, very lightly mkd. birds, nice size and shape. DARK (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, Jonque Linnet-Can.; 2, Mrs. Page, good sized, shapely Greenie-Can., nice col. and feather; 3, hc, Goodall, fine Redpoll-Can., excellent size, shape and col., close up; vhc, Large. PURCHASED (2): 1, 2, Botting, two real smart Goldie-Cans. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, 3 spls, including best ladies' hird, vhc, Mrs. Weston; 2, vhc, spl, Prior, truly a grand Finch, lovely big blaze, splendid col. and markings throughout, the Manchester, etc., winner, runs up against a hot one to-day; 3, Adamthwaite, not quite the same expanse of blaze, hut very square cut, a beautiful Finch, grandly tanned and mkd., in fine order; hc, Taviner; c, Botting; a grand class. BULLFINCH (7): 1, 3, Francis, two charming hirds, rich col. throughout, fine, bold, dense caps, very shapely; 2, Taviner, trifle larger, well made, stylish bird, nice col. and markings, hardly so forward as leader; vhc, spl, Mrs. Weston; hc, Marley; c, Mrs. Maher. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Marley, well-known winner, extra large and well-built, grand head and chest, nice sound col.; 3, Quantrell, another well-known bird, lovely tone of col., very sound and bright, big, shapely, stylish fellow, close up; vhc, c, spl, Prior, two more fine Greenies; hc, Francis. LINNET (11): 1, spl, hc, Prior, real topper for size, shape and markings, carries a nice polish, very sound in col., has one claw missing, but is bad to beat; 2, Marley, a noted winner, big, good-chested, shapely bird, full of work, rich sound colour, very tight race; 3, Mrs. Weston; vhc, Marley, another big winner, lower down than is usual, beaten for colour and bloom; c, Taviner. CHAFFINCH (12): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Prior, splendid trio, all have size, with richness of colour and excellence of markings, in grand form; 3, Botting, very stylish, fine coloured bird, well built; hc, Curry; c, Marley. BRAMBLE (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Prior, hot lot for size, colour and spangling, leader a real beauty; hc, Botting; c, Francis. SISKIN (13): 1, Francis, big one, grand cap, fair bib, hot, sound colour, well laced, not in very tight condition; 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, Mrs. Clark, sweet little chap, excellent shape and style, nicely mkd.; vhc, c, spl, Prior; hc, Marley. REDPOLL (12): 1, hc, Marley, Lesser, with a simply enormous bib, we never saw its like, good in other points also; 2, 3, Prior, couple of fine Leasers, in grand condition; vhc, spl, Mrs. Weston; hc, Marley; c, Mrs. Clark. TWITE (12): 1, hc, Botting, leader a whopper, rare size and colour, very well mkd., big winner, seemed a little "soft" to-day; 2, Quantrell, another grand Twite, great size, rich colour, well pencilled; 3, Prior, good big stylish bird, well mkd.; vhc, Curry; c, Marley. A.O.S. (6): 1, Mrs. Weston, Hawfinch; 2, Grahame, another fine Hawfinch, large, good colour, grand head and bib, nice condition; 3, Marley, very big, bold Hawfinch, well mkd., not quite ready yet; vhc, Prior, fine Crossbill; hc, Botting; c, Mrs. Maher. YELLOWHAMMER (12): 1, c, spl best Brit., Prior, champion natural coloured Hammer, ideal head and cheek mkgs., very clear and rich in yell., and bright in chestnut; 2, Grahame, topper for mkgs., fed a fine col., big, stylish hird; 3, Marley, another lovely fed bird, charming condition, great size, finely mkd.; vhc, Botting; hc, Francis. A.O.S. BUNTING (8): 1, 2, Francis, the best Lapland we remember seeing, and a grand Corn; 3, hc, c, Wynn, real good Cirl, very nicely staged; vhc, spl, Mrs. Weston. HEN BULLIE (5): 1, 2, Francis, two lovely Britishers; 3, hc, Mrs. Weston; vhc, Grahame. A.O.S. FINCH, HEN (9): 1, vhc, Mrs. Weston, Siskin and Bramble; 2, Prior, grand hen Hawfinch, noted winner, big, shapely, well mkd. lady; 3, Goodall, pretty Goldfinch, very fine hen; hc, Marley, lovely Linnet; c, Mrs. Clark. BUNTING, HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Wynn, invincible team, Reed, Snow and Cirl, grand lot, in fine trim; vhc, Mrs. Weston. SMALL INSECTIV. (6): 1, Quantrell, lovely Pipit, in A1 condition; 2, hc, Mrs. Weston, Stonechat; 3, Prior, another grand Pipit; vhc, Grahame, good Yellow Wagtail; c, Miss Shepherd. LARGE (6): 1, cup, three spls, Mrs. Weston, Waxwing; 2, hc, Francis, magnificent Missel Thrush, in grand condition, very steady; 3, Prior, big, fine Blackbird, splendid colour; vhc, Quantrell, grand Magpie; c, Parrington. ALBINO, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Weston, white Goldfinch and silver-coloured Linnet; 3, vhc, Wyse, big, fine pied Linnet, and a curiously-feathered Thrush. FOR., PARROT (2): 1, 2, Watts, Lineolated Parrakeet and Black-cheeked Lovebirds, two very good exhibits. SMALL (8): 1, vhc, spl, Watts, beautifully-staged gold-breasted Waxbills; 2, Mrs. Morrison, pretty Zebra Finch, fine condition; 3, hc, c, spl, Mrs. Maher, excellent Java leading. A.O.S. SEED (1): 1, Mrs. Page, hen Japanese Hawfinch, perfect condition. BULBUL, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Watts, very beautiful Superb Tanager. A.O.S. (5): 1, vhc, cup, three spls, Watts, lovely Archbishop Tanager leading, magnificent condition; 2, 3, spl, Mrs. Maher, Tricolor Tanager and Red-sided Tit, two very attractive birds, in splendid form. LIMIT, BRIT. GOLDIE (20/-) (7): 1, Adamthwaite, 2, 3, Page; vhc, Marley; hc, Francis. BULLIE (12/6) (10): 1, Adamthwaite; 2, c, Page; 3, Goodall; vhc, Marley; hc, Wyse. GREENIE (10/6) (11): 1, Goodall; 2, G. Morrison; 3, Mrs. Morrison; vhc, hc, Page; c, Marley. LINNET (12/6): 1, Goodall; 2, Page; 3, Morrison; vhc, Offord; hc, Marley; c, Farrington. SISKIN, ETC. (10/6) (11): 1, 2, Marley; 3, Francis; vhc, Goodall; hc, Page; c, Offord. A.O.S. FINCH (12/6) (11): 1, Morrison; 2, 3, Page; vhc, Wyse; hc, Francis; c, Adamthwaite. BUNTING (12/6) (5): 1, hc, Marley; 2, Page; 3, Goodall; vhc, Francis. HEN (10/6) (4): 1, Goodall; 2, vhc, Page; 3, Mrs. Morrison. SOFTBILL (20/-) (6): 1, Miss Shepherd; 2, vhc, Francis; 3, Page; hc, Mrs. Maher; c, Mrs. Morrison. SELL. (30/-) (2): 1, Mrs. Morrison; 2, Prior. 15/- (9): 1, 3, c, Buckman; 2, Mrs. Morrison; vhc, Elgar; hc, Davis. PAIRS (30/-) (3): 1, Marley; 2, Pile; 3, Davis. (40/-): 1, Vale. GIFT (8): 1, Elgar; 2, Dickinson; 3, Miss Joliffe; vhc, hc, c, Wyse.

MUIRKIRK.

The Muirkirk O.S. held their annual open show on November 27th. Although the day was very stormy there was a good turn-out of visitors in the afternoon. The cage birds were staged in the small hall at the back, and this was much appreciated. There is a good light in the hall, and the birds were very comfortable. Entries were down on former years, but the bad weather had a lot to do with this. Mr. Mossie placed the awards, which seemed to meet with approval. The Secretary (Mr. R. Thomson) had everything well in hand, and was well assisted by a hard-working committee, consisting of such well-known fanciers as Mr. Smith (President), Mr. Findlay (Vice-President), and Messrs. Cook, Maxwell, Hazel, Hamilton, Thomas, Ree, Brown, Strathearn, Murdoch, Montgomerie, Dempster, Haugh, and Kerr.

BORD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Duncan, very shapely little fellow, neat head, nice wing carriage, teeming with quality; 2, Montgomerie, nice type, feathered like a Java, in rare bloom 3, Findlay, another beauty, lovely round head, neat wing carriage; 4, Millar; 5, Williamson; 6, Willison. HEN (6): 1, Findlay, neatest of head and wing carriage, fine style, perfect model; 2, Montgomerie, nice little lady, fine level col., in good order; 3, Thomas, best of wing carriage, fine round body; 4, Willison, sweet little lady; 5, Dempster; 6, Duncan. BUFF (6): 1, Smillie, wee beauty, shining like satin, neat head, nicely tapered body, good wing carriage; 2, Holden, same type, good one; 3, Duncan, nicely got up, best of wing carriage; 4, Findlay; 5, Mair; 6, Montgomerie. HEN (6): 1, Easton, very taking little lady, lovely quality, feather like wax; 2, Montgomerie, pressing hard, rare type, close feather, in rare bloom; 3, Smillie, good wing carriage, grand condition; 4, Duncan; 5, Dempster; 6, Findlay. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, Smillie, yell. green, grand glossy green ground col., splendid markings, in good condition; 2, 3, Laimhie, must have pressed winner hard, lovely head, well filled back, latter same stamp, not quite so well finished; 4, 5, Findlay; 6, Holden. SELL. (5): 1, Findlay; 2, Duncan; 3, Thomas; 4, Montgomerie; 5, Mair; 6, Smith. GIFT (6): 1, McDougall; 2, Miller; 3, Dempster; 4, Montgomerie; 5, Findlay; 6, Duncan. NOR. CK. (4): 1, Latta, good head, fine chubby body, nice feather; 2, 3, McDougall, pressing hard, lovely head, fine chest, grand filled back, latter same stamp; 4, Holden. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, McQuiston, leader well-known Bearded Tit, in splendid condition, latter Corn Bunting, also looking well; 2, 4, Shankley, Hawfinch, grand size, good markings, very steady; 5, Hills, Goldfinch; 6, Findlay, Bullfinch. LINNET (3): 1, 2, McQuiston, Kilmarnock winners, in the finest of bloom, grand markings and col.; 3, Montgomerie, nice head, good body markings, in grand order. CONFINED TO PARISH (9): 1, Montgomerie; 2, Easton; 3, Millar; 4, Dempster; 5, Duncan; 6, Archibald. VARIEG. CK. (3), poor class for numbers, but made up for in quality: 1, Duncan, buff, neat head, nice round body, splendid wing carriage, grand type, in the pink of condition; 2, Findlay, five-pointed yell., neat head, grand free poise; 3, Smith, another good one, very shapely. HEN (10): 1, Duncan, five-pointed, splendid model, grand close feather, in splendid condition; 2, Millar, same type as winner, in rare bloom; 3, McGill, another really nice one; 4, Shearer; 5, Montgomerie; 6, Holden. EVEN MKD. (7): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, 3, Holden, leader buff, best of eyes and wing marks, feather like wax, splendid wing carriage, latter, yell., typical, both in the pink of condition; 2, no name, same type as winner; 4, Findlay; 5, Mair; 6, Shearer. FOUL (1 or 2 marks) (5): 1, no name, tick on head, lovely hack and wing carriage, splendid position, true type; 2, Miller, griz. wing, splendid position, fine length of wing, carries closely; 3, Findlay, yell. hen, tick on wing, best of wing carriage; 4, Dempster; 5, Woods.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).

A nice little show was that of the Sudbury Society, which was held in the Drill Hall on November 30. Considering the low prize money and the limited classification the entry and quality were both good. All the arrangements were well carried out by the executive under the leadership of Major Annes and Mr. W. J. Longden, while Mr. V. Machin Goodall, the hon. sec., was most obliging and courteous. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (12): 1, 2, sp., Outten, two beautifully shaped yellows of grand quality, winner most even in colour; 3, Williams, another yellow, capital shape and colour, smaller; res, Schofield; vhc, Dawson; hc, Rippon; c, Wilson. A.O.V. (6): 1, Strutt nice shaped, well drooped green breast; 2, Dawson, stylish nicely feathered Buff Yorks; vhc, Mayhew; hc, Wilson, Braithwaite; absent, Mrs. Rippon. MULE (14): 1, 2, sp., Mascoll, very nice coloured, shapely, well feathered Canary-Bullie, and a rich coloured variegated yellow; 3, Laurence, large, rich coloured dark Jonque, in rare form; res, vhc, Lambert; vhc, Schofield, Monk; hc, Brown. BRIT. GOLD. ETC. (11): 1, vhc, French, grandly cut blaze, good cheeks, nice bars and buttons; 2, Laurence, good shaped, nice coloured Bullie, splendid cap and back; 3, Williams, another grand coloured Goldie, in rare form; res., Sayward; hc, Seager, Beer. A.C.N. HARDBILL (7): 1, hc, Sayward grand shaped, well marked, well feathered mealy Redpoll; 2, French, Hawfinch, grand colour, marking and feather; 3, vhc, Laurence, steady, nice coloured, well marked Chaffinch; res., Mascoll. SOFT BILL (4): 1, Sayward, grandly marked, rich coloured Thrush; 2, Row, capital Jay for colour and marking, but rough in feather; res., Smith; hc, Andrews: FOR. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, res., sp., Row, a grand team, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Diamond Sparrow, Parson Finch and Red-headed Gouldian, the leaders excelling in condition: LARGE (4): 1, Row, Violet-naped Lory, good colour, nicely marked, hardly up in feather; 3, Rose, good Lemon-crested Cocatoo; hc, Smith; absent, Hills. SELL. (9): 1, 3, Monk; 2, Mayhew; res., vhc, Wilson; hc, Sayward; absent, Rippon, Andrews.

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MORECAMBE.

Morecambe C.B.S. held their annual show in the Fairfield Hall on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st. The birds were nicely staged, and although the entries did not come up to expectation, the quality was all there, and no wonder, when such exhibitors as Dr. Herd, Fox, Wilkinson, Mrs. Martin and Bailey in the Norwich section, and Messrs. Ambler, Shackleton, Crabtree, Chippendale, and Drake, benched some tip-top Yorkies. The British and Foreign birds turned up well and some real good specimens were shown. Mr. Fox's unflighted yellow Norwich was much admired. We must congratulate Mr. Pickles, the hon. sec., Mr. Ireland, the show manager, and the excellent committee, on the way in which they looked after the exhibits, and the grand arrangements made. Mr. W. Mundell judged.

Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Snowden, hot col., good head and wings, chubby, full of quality, well shown; 2, Dr. Herd, again full of quality, good head, well braced wings, chubby; 3, Mrs. Martin, rich col., lovely quality, good head, clean on chest; 4, Bailey, wing tkd., good head; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, c, Fox. BUFF (8): 1, Dr. Herd, eye and wing mkd., magnificent quality, rich col., typical, good head; 2, Wilkinson, wing tkd. nice quality, good head, wings and tail, short and chubby; 3, Mrs. Martin, grand carriage, good wings and tail, neat head, clean on chest; 4, Dr. Herd, chubby, grand wing and tail, neat head; vhc, Bailey; hc, Snowden; c, Bland. HEN YELL. (8): 1, Snowden, good head, clean on chest, boxy feather, short wings and tail, very chubby; 2, c, Dr. Herd, excellent quality, short compact wings and tail, round head, typical; 3, Mrs. Martin, silky feather, short and chubby, full in neck, clean on breast; 4, hc, Bailey, very typical, lovely feather, good head and neck; vhc, Seed. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Fox, boxy feather, rich col., true to type, good head and chest, a gem, 4th good head, short and chubby; 2, Bailey, grand quality, rich col., good head, short and chubby; 3, Mrs. Martin, good head and chest, well braced wings; vhc, hc, Dr. Herd; c, Snowden. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 2, Fox, 1st wins special for best bird, lovely unflig., teeming with quality, grand carriage, 2nd wing tkd., blaze of col., boxy feather, good head, clean on chest, very stylish; 3, c, Dr. Herd, rich col., full of quality, good head, wings and tail; 4, Wilkinson, grand head, short and chubby; vhc, Bailey; hc, Dr. Herd. NOVICE (5): 1, Miss N. Brown, wing tkd. yell., rich col., boxy feather, good head, clean on chest; 2, Cherry, foul green, good head and chest, short tail and flights, correct type; 3, Crossley, yell., nice type; 4, Walker; vhc, Shaw. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Ambler, very typical, rich col., lovely quality, well up on leg, piped tail, 3rd very stylish, grand wings and tail, magnificent quality, well braced wings, 4th unflig., boxy feather, grand wings, piped tail, neat head; 2, Chippendale, great length, position A1, lovely wings and tail, good one; vhc, Saul; hc, Snowden. BUFF (6): 1, Shackleton, old champion, in the pink of condition, typical, grand wings and tail, boxy feather, rich col., clean on breast, good head; 2, 3, 4, Ambler, cheek tkd., lovely quality, grand wings and tail, well up on leg, typical, 3rd length and position A1, rich col., grand wings and tail, 4th position and feather, fine wings and tail, good head, clean on breast; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Snowden. HENS, YELL. (5): 1, 3, Ambler, 1st rich col., boxy feather, grand wings and tail, unflig, 3rd good head, typical, lovely quality, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Shackleton, well up on leg, clean head and breast; 4, Drake, position and feather, well up on leg, good wings and tail; vhc, Alexandra Bros. HENS, BUFF (5): 1, Chippendale, salmon col., boxy feather, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, Shackleton, neat head, clean on chest, well braced wings, lovely quality and position; 3, vhc, Drake, 3rd cheek tkd., full of quality, fine position, poorly staged; 4, Ambiers, very stylish, full of quality, long flights and tail. UNFLIO. (7): 1, Crabtree, eye tkd., very stylish, full of quality, long flights and tail; 2, Ambler, good head, chest, wings and tail, nice position, little down when we saw it; 3, Shackleton, cheek tkd., lovely quality, grand wings and tail, neat head; 4, c, Chippendale, very typical, lovely quality, rich head, grand wing and tail; vhc, Drake; hc, Bostock; c, Shaw. NOVICE (6): 1, vhc, Harper, 1st yell. cap, well up on leg, rich col., good wings and tail; 2, Bostock, tkd. huff, hoxy feather, typical, again well up on leg, very steady; 3, 4, Shaw, variegh. yell., typical and full of quality, 4th stylish, long flights and tail; hc, Simpson. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, Horsfield, unevenly mkd., lovely quality feather, grand wings, well placed, short tail and very stylish; 2, Saul, uneven, full of quality, very jaunty, grand wing carriage, neat head; 3, Cherry, cl., good head, lovely col., typical, grand wing carriage; 4, vhc, Lea, foul green, rich col., neat head, very stylish, lovely wing carriage. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 3, McMurdo, 1st large square blaze, lovely bars and buttons, grand condition, very steady, 3rd good blaze, bars and buttons, fine condition; 2, Kilner, good blaze, clean on whites, nice bars and buttons, very steady; 4, Almond, wants a little more time, good bars and buttons; vhc, Alexandra Bros.; hc, Wilson; c, Bostock. LINNETS (7): 1, c, Moss, large and in fine condition, very steady, nicely pencilled; 2, 3, Walsh, 2nd nicely pencilled, very steady, wee shade too white on breast, 3rd nicely pencilled, very steady; vhc, Alexandra Bros.; hc, Bostock. HARDBILL A.O.S. (11): 1, 2, Almond, 1st Yellowhammer, lovely col. and marking, good head and cheeks, beautifully laced hack, 2nd Hawfinch, good bib, rich col., in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, Nicholls, 3rd Chaffinch, grandly mkd., again in the pink of condition; 4, c, Fisher, 4th Bramble, rich col. and markings, shown well; hc, Bostock. SOFTBILL (12): 1, Pickles, lovely Waxwing, in the pink of condition, very steady; 2, 3, Walsh, 2nd Hoopoe, in grand condition, lovely crest, 3rd grand Cornish Chough; 4, vhc, Nicholls, 4th Tree-pipit, very steady and in good feather; vhc, Whalley; c, Wilson. GIFT (14): 1, Ambler; 2, c, Dr. Herd; 3, Dixon; 4, Ireland; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Wilson. SELL (16/-) (13): 1, hc, Wilkinson; 2, Walker; 3, c, Dr. Herd; 4, Ambler; vhc, Bailey. FOR., SMALL (8): 1, vhc, hc, c, Watson, 1st superb Tanager, in fine condition, well shown; 2, 3, Walsh; 4, Nichols. LARGE (6): 1, 3, Parrot Aviaries, 1st Blue Mountain Lory, in lovely feather, 3rd Barnard Parrakeet, all shown in the very pink of condition; 2, Miss Barraclough, Grey Parrot, in really grand feather; 4, Pyrah, Grey Parrot; vhc, Beattie; hc, Laycock. NOVICE MEMBERS' (8): 1, Bradford; 2, 4, vhc, Wilson; 3, hc, c, Walker. Winners of specials:—President's cup, Mr. J. M. Walsh; Ireland's cup, Mr. Ambler; Hyde's special, Mr. J. S. Bailey; Sandiford's special, Mr. R. Seed; best hird in show, Mr. Thos. Fox.

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The Gull in Cornwall.

The Gull is in a paradise in Cornish fishing villages, perched upon the boats and the roofs of houses. He is an attentive observer of all that is going on, and is quick to snatch up any unconsidered trifle when no one is looking.

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Ninth Annual Show.

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Also Scottish Hamburg Club Show of P., P., and Cage Birds. **SAT., DEC. 11th.** 6 Challenge Cups, 1 Timepiece, 5 Medals, Gold Watch, and over 100 other special prizes. Judges: Poultry, A. Blackley, Esq., J. S. Hilston, Esq., T. Fullarton, Esq.: Pigeons, A. Anderson, Esq.; Cage Birds, W. Webster, Esq., H. Moreland, Esq. **Entries close last post 7th.** Schedules from **R. CONELY, Sec., 9, Westenlee Terrace, Dumbarton.**

UDDINGSTON 11th DECEMBER.

8 classes Scotch Fancy; 23 Norwich, Borders, &c, 13 British Birds. Judges: Messrs. Watson, Malcolmson and Goodfellow. Entries close **4th Dec.** Schedules from **A. W. FORRESTER, Sec., Tower View, Uddingston, near Glasgow.**

TAMWORTH Open Show, Sat, Dec. 11th Under C.B.U. Rules.

Patronage M.C.Y.C.C., not one entry; please help by entering from the following:—Classes: 1, Nor., cl., tkd. or uneven. mkd. yell.; 2, ditto, buff; 3, ditto, unflig., yell. or buff; 4, ditto, yell or buff hen; 5, ditto, yell or buff nat. col.; 6, Yorks. ditto, ditto; 7, Yorks., cl or tkd., yell ck.; 8, ditto, ditto, buff; 9, ditto, mkd. or varieg., yell or buff ck.; 10, ditto, unflig. yell. or buff cl., tkd. mkd.; 11, ditto, A.V. yell. hen; 12, ditto, buff (the M.Y.C.C. are offering special prizes in classes 7 to 12 for competition among their members); 13, Bord. Fcy., A.V.; 14, Dk. Can. Mule, except Can.-Bullie; 15, A.O.V., Mule or Hyb., includ. Can.-Bullie; 16, Brit. Goldfinch; 17, Brit Bullfinch; 18, Brit. Linnet Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 19, A.O.V. Brit. Hard; 20, Sell. Class, single or pairs, not to exceed 30/-; 21, ditto, ditto, 20/-; 22, ditto, ditto, 10/-. Entries extended **Wed. morning, DEC. 8th.** Entrance fee, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judge, Mr. Roe.—**Sec., SPENCER, 95, Cross Street, Kettlebrook, Tamworth.**

WATFORD DECEMBER 14th.

20-mile radius, and all Herts. Cage Birds, 22 Classes Judge, John Robson. Entries close, **Dec. 4.** Schedules—**CLEM WATSON,** Oxhey, Watford.

PONTYPRIDD PWLLGWAUN & DISTRICT.

C.B.U. rules. Pity., Pgns., Cage Birds and Rab. Judges, Messrs. Proud, Bebb, House, and Godfrey. **Dec. 15th** Entries Close **Dec. 8th. McLUCAS & JAMES,** Hon. Secs., **26, Pantygraigwen Road.**

NARBERTH

Under the Kennel Club rules and C.B.U. rules, 22nd Annual Show of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** Cats, Rabbits, etc., **DECEMBER 15th, 1909;** Carmarthen Show the day following. Judges: L. P. C. Astley, Esq., for Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, etc.; B. R. Rowe, Esq., for Spaniels, Game, and Bantams; Trevor Gamage, Swansea, for **Cage Birds.** 4 Classes Scalyham Terriers. Judge W. Lewis, Haverfordwest. Prize money will be paid within 14 days, excepting Dogs, and Cage Birds. Entries close **December 8th.** Apply for schedules to Messrs. **JAMES OWEN & JOHN HARRIES, Secs., St. James Street,** Narberth. Pens for hire; exhibits will be despatched in time for Carmarthen Show the following day; distance, 20 miles.

KILSYTH

Open Show, **December 18th.** Judges: A. Chalmers, Canaries: J. R. Burnett, British Birds. Entries close **Dec. 11th.** Schedules **ANDREW D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.**

RUTHIN Fur and Feather Show.

Thursday, Dec. 16th. Confined to N. Wales.

Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds** &c. 81 Classes. Entries close Dec. 11th, first post. Judge Mr. Henry Tams. **Schedules from W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary, Preswylfa, Ruthin, N. Wales.**

CARMARTHEN

Dec. 16th. C.B. Union Rules. Held for nearly 70 years and is the Show of Wales. Good Classification. 10/-, 5/-. 2/6. Entry Fee 1/6. Judges: Messrs. C. A. House and T. Gamage. Warmed Room. Entries close **Dec. 8th. THOMAS & JENKINS,** Plough Hotel.

ABERDEEN

O.S. 54th Annual Show, **December 17th and 18th.** In conjunction will be held the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club Show. 52 open classes: Norwich, Crests, Cinnamons, Borders, Yorks, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Under the Patronage of the S.C.C. and the Y.C.C. of S. Judges: W. Watson, J. M'Lay and J. Livingstone. Entries close first post 13th. **J. BRYSON, 8, Broomhill Road.**

HALIFAX O.S.

Entries close **Dec. 14th.** 20th Annual Show, **Dec. 17th & 18th,** Mechanic's Hall. 42 Classes. 16 Open Yorkshire, 6 Norwich, 5 British, 4 Open Novice, 9 Yorkshire Union Novice. 5 Money Prizes each class, and good Specials. Novices specially catered for. Judges: Messrs. Cowgill and Vardy. Schedules ready: **J. F. T ACKRAY, 82 St. Augustines Terrace, Halifax.**

SELKIRKSHIRE Show DEC. 18. Classes: Bdr. Fcy 10, Nor. 4, Brit. 2, For. 2. Judge: J. Thomson, Newton Grange. **Hon. Sec., A. J. BRODIE, Chapel Street.**

EARLSTON, N.B. 18th Dec. 1909.

Pity., Pgn., and C.B. 10 classes for Bdr., 4 Nor., 2 Brit. Birds Judges: Bdr., Jno Tait, Esq. Other classes Walter Bell, Esq. Schedules from Jno Brockie, Sec 3, **Janefield, Earlston, N.B.** Entries close **11th Dec.**

December 8.

Is the Closing Date for Entries at the

EAST PERTHSHIRE SHOW, which will be held on **18th Dec.** in the central and splendidly lit **Public Hall, Blairgowrie,** 14 Classes and 16 Specials, including Silver Medal for best. Judge: J. F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh.—Send for Schedule to the Secretary, **J. B. Murdoch, Blairgowrie.**

AYR 48th Annual Show, Saturday, 18th December.

6 Classes, Yorks; 4 Norwich, 4 Border, 13 British and Foreign Birds, 4 Selling classes. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee **1/6.** No charge for cards Numerous specials Judge: Mr Wm. Mundell, Bradford. Entries close **13th December, Hon. Secretary, COLIN W. PATERSON, Albion House, AYR.**

DON'T FORGET

CROOK and District

Cage Bird Show on **Saturday, Dec. 18.** 23 Classes. Judge—Mr. T. Sandiford, Preston. In the Mechanics Hall, Crook. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance Fee 1/-. Entries close Saturday, Dec. 11. For Schedules apply Hon. Sec., **WM. RUTHERFORD, West Roddymoor, nr. Crook.**

PWLLHELI FANCIERS' SHOW. DEC. 27th

P., Pgn., C.B., and W. (open to Wales) 22 Classes for Cage Birds, 30 Specials. Judge Mr. A. Wenman. Schedules Ready. Entries close **Dec. 18. Rowlands, Maes Apiaries.**

YARM, Eaglescliffe and District C.B.S.

2nd Ann. O. S., **on JAN. 8th, 1910,** in the Central Hall. 28 Open Classes; 17 Members' Classes. Under the Patronage of the Y.C.B.S. & M.C. Prize Money Guaranteed. No Cancelling or Amalgamation of Classes. Specials galore. Judges: T. Hill, Thornaby, and Chas. Houlton, St. Helens, Lancs. Entries close **Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1910.** Schedules from **WILKINSON & DANBY, Hon. Secs., High Street, Yarm-on-Tees.**

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules, and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not appearing in this list, which is published monthly, or at any Show which has not the Union's Show Rules appearing in its Schedule.

Dec. 1/2.—Birmingham, Cardiff, Keynsham Pk., Portsmouth.
2.—Frome.
3.—Falmouth.
3/4.—Cockermouth, Altrincham.
4.—West Auckland, Middleton, Chester.
4/6.—Leicester C.B.S.
8.—Luton.
8/9.—Cambridge O.S., Sutton Coldfield (License), Canterbury (License).
10/11.—Gateshead.
11.—Tamworth.
14.—Bromsgrove (License).
15.—Pontypridd and Pwllgwaun and Dist.
16.—Long Eaton, Felinloel, Dove Holes (License).
27.—Truro.
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Twitterings.

Special No. 128 in our schedule should read: "Open to all comers," writes Mr. R. Conely, secretary of the Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire O.S.

It may interest your readers to know that I have sold my promising young buff green Norwich Canary to Mr. Pyke, of Preston, writes Mr. J. Walker (Liverpool).

Kindly thank all exhibitors for their support at our show held on November 17th and 18th. We also thank you for the report you gave us in CAGE BIRDS.—P. J. GASKIN, hon. secretary, Dundalk C.B.A.

Class 43 in our schedule, writes Mr. G. Buck, hon. secretary of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. Show, should read: "Yorkshire hen, unflighted, bred 1909," the printer having left out the word "hen."

Crystal Palace Bird Show.—All matter for schedule, viz., subscriptions to prize fund, offers of special prizes, advertisements, etc., must reach me by 1st post Monday, December 6th. —J. W. Ramsden, show manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.—(ADVT.)

All schedules of the Long Eaton and Dis C.B.S. annual show on December 18th have been sent out, writes Mr. A. E. Wigginton, the hon. secretary. Anyone who has been overlooked kindly communicate with me at 94, Station Road, Long Eaton.

I have to thank you for your excellent report of our show in CAGE BIRDS; it is enough to increase our membership. Also your plate of Canaries was delightful. I wish your paper even further success.—W. HOLTON, hon. secretary of the Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.

Although the Littlehorough C.B.S. have to report a great financial loss on their open show held on November 27th, writes Mr. H. Smith, the hon. secretary, we were able to pay all prize money and specials by November 29th. The members feel keenly the scanty support allotted to them from their near neighbours, and feel sure if these would only support us as we endeavour to support them, a far better report would be forthcoming.

Being short handed at our show, writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. secretary of the Sale Open O.S., I am sorry to say several cages got wrong award slips put on them, but all prize money will be paid from the judge's slip. Also, the errors which have crept into the catalogue will be rectified in the same way. There are several catalogues gone astray in the post, and I hope fanciers not having received their prize money or cards will let me know at once.

The novelty of the recent Reading Members' Show was a splendid black Bullfinch belonging to Mr. Acton, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, the hon. secretary, the judge remarking that it was the finest he had ever seen. A nice pied Linnet was also a great attraction. Entries were over a hundred, and all prize money was paid out before the show closed. All fanciers present were surprised and delighted at the excellence of the birds, many of them remarking that they did not know such good birds were bred in Reading. Several new members were enrolled during the show.

Twitterings continued over leaf.

TWITTERINGS: Continued.

We learn that all the cage bird classes at Neath Show were cancelled, owing to lack of support.

Stirling report in the Borders old hen class should read: 1st, Munro.—Wm. Munro (Strathyre).

We hear that Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) will judge the cage bird section at Douglas (I.O.M.) Show on New Year's Day.

The dark Canary Mule, placed in the Bristol Show report 2nd, belonged to me and not "Pave," writes Mr. J. Gough (Oxford).

Bristol report should read in the Hardbill A.O.S. Class: 1st Wills, and not Hills, as printed.—F. A. D. Wills (Plymouth).

Sunderland report says "no name" in the Crested Hen Class. We were 1st and spl. and 4th in that class.—Dobson and Son (Blaydon).

Our next annual show is fixed for November 10th, 1910. Will secretaries please note, so as not to clash?—J. Tottle, show manager, of the Frome C.B.S.

I must thank you for the grand plates that have come out with Cage Birds during the last few weeks; they are all worth framing.—F. Miles (Watergate).

Will Mrs. Wild, of Gorton, Manchester, who sent to me recently, please write again, as I have mislaid the address.—E. Vernum (Fulham, London, S.W.).

Our members' show will be held on December 18th, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, hon. secretary of the Bolton and Dis. O.S., when Mr. T. Seed (Rishton) will judge.

A Canary which has been in my possession for over fourteen years, has, writes Mr. A. W. Edwards (London, N.), just died. This is surely a case of unusual longevity.

Bristol report in the Mule A.O.V. Class credits Mr. Pave with second place, whereas it should be given to Mr. Pace, who had C in the Greypate class.—M. D. Barnes (Bristol).

I shall not soon forget Cage Birds. I would walk five miles for it rather than miss it any week. It is a grand paper, and every fancier should get it weekly.—R. T. Gregory (Hayle).

I am sorry that I omitted the following society from our handbook, viz., Eastfield Side, J. Carlin, Beighton Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, writes Mr. J. Raynes, secretary of the Cage Bird Union.

Will Mr. A. R. Young, who sent us an advertisement referring to a pushcar, kindly post us a duplicate copy of the advertisement, as the original has been badly torn and the address obliterated.

At the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show held recently, in a class of 21 yellow cock Yorkshires, I was 1st and 2nd, and not Mr. McRobbie, as reported.—J. Cockburn Dyson, M.D. (Glasgow).

In my letters published last week, writes Mr. G. T. Jones, hon. sec. Welsh C.B.C., the Latin sentence was printed incorrectly. I may say that its meaning is: "Evil does not always come to injure."

A printer's error occurs in the schedule of the Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.: Vice-president John Boaz, East End, Broxburn, instead of James McNamee, one of the committee of management.—David Anthony, secretary.

Our annual club show held on November 20th, turned out to be the best held in Stirling for many years, both in numbers and quality, well over 300 exhibits being staged, writes Mr. Gollan Hislop, hon. secretary of the Stirling and Dis. O.S.

Luton C.B.S. are compelled to extend entries to first post December 5th, as entries only number 14 in 31 open classes, writes Mr. E. Cherry, the hon. secretary. Please send on, and I will classify; big cash specials, and prompt prize money.

The special prize given by Messrs. Hyde and Co., Camberwell, for best bird fed on their food, was won by Mr. J. Smedley, Barker Street, Huthwaite, at the Eastfield Side C.B.I.S., Show, held on November 6th last, writes Mr. J. Carlin, the hon. secretary.

I have sold my variegated yellow Norwich, 1st at Newcastle and at Preston, and winner of Sandiford's Cup, to Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor, of Preston, writes Mr. J. Smeaton (Prestonpans), they having secured gold medal for best bird at Pendleton and Salford since with it.

At Kilmarnock Show, on January 1 and 3 (Mr. John Blane, secretary), the judges appointed are Mr. R. Price (Barrhead), Scots Fancies; Mr. J. Calderwood (Kilmarnock), Norwich; Mr. T. Findlay (Muirkirk), Borders; and Mr. A. A. Manchan (Dumbarton), British and Foreign.

Fanciers, please help us; only 20 entries so far in 30 classes. Send along your entries, we will classify. We have a good classification and several cups and specials. Entries extended to first post, December 5th.—W. J. Edwards, secretary, Six Bells (Abertillery) and Dis. C.B.S.

Dunfermline Show will be held on January 1 and 3, we hear, with Mr. John Templeman still at the secretarial helm. The judges appointed are, Mr. T. Smith (Glasgow), Scots Fancies; Mr. Robt. Lamble (Whitburn), Borders; and Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), British and Foreign.

I have been a reader of Cage Birds for four years now, and I have had better luck since I read it. I have saved many a good bird, thanks to Cage Birds. I cut out all the pieces likely to be of any use to me, and paste them in a book. So if I have a bird sick I always refer to the book. And when anybody buys a pair of birds from me, I always tell them about Cage Birds. I am pleased to say I have got a good many new readers.—A. Thipp (Southampton).

Many thanks for your last splendid Double Number.—A. Jowett (Bradford).

I much admired the Canaries depicted in the last coloured plate, especially the Yorkshire and Crest.—J. W. G. Jones (London, W.C.).

Your last plate was a treat, and really beautiful in detail. It does you honour, and pleases your patrons at the same time.—W. Fortune (Wexford).

I thank you for the splendid plate with last week's Cage Birds, which I think is the best you have turned out for us—I am using the Norwich Plainhead as my model.—R. Booth (Manchester).

Kindly accept my best thanks for the beautiful plates presented at different times with Cage Birds. I have been taking in that grand journal now for over twelve months, and I enjoy reading it very much.—J. W. Hubbard (London, S.E.).

I regret to say I never knew of such a paper dealing with birds as Cage Birds, until a week or so ago, having been given a back number by Mr. J. Brighty. Now I look forward for each week's issue. I thank you for the last pretty plate of birds.—E. Binding (Bristol).

Fanciers are reminded that the annual autumn show of the London and Counties O.A. takes place on December 3rd and 4th, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C. Trains, trams, and 'buses from all parts pass the door. The show opens on December 3 at 3 o'clock.—W. Gilbert, hon. secretary.

At Bristol last week, I won 4th prize with my Bramblefinch; my name should have been Walton, not Halton. This bird is the first I have ever moulted and shown. It has already won me 1st and special Gloucester, and 4th Bristol, and I attribute my success to studying Cage Birds.—W. T. Walton (Upton-on-Severn).

Allow me to thank you for the splendid reproduction in Cage Birds of November 20th of my photograph, along with my birds and prizes. I have had a copy of your splendid paper each week since it was started, and am greatly indebted to it in many ways. I wish it still greater success, if that is possible.—P. McKenzie (Kelso).

I have been a reader of Cage Birds since its first number, and have always recommended the novice to read it, as it is the best paper ever put before the public on birdy matters. I have always done well with my advertisements in Cage Birds. I have several testimonials which I got through advertising in your paper.—H. Siddall (Sheffield).

In consequence of the success of our last two table shows, writes Mr. F. Washbourne, hon. secretary, South Manchester C.B.S., the committee have decided to add two classes at our next table show on December 4th, at Headquarters, Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey-Lane, Hr. Openshaw. Show open at 6 p.m. Fanciers are invited, and admission is free. Mr. Jas. Irlam (Sale) will judge.

My address for the future will be 58, York Street, Norwich, writes Mr. R. Roll, the hon. secretary of the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A. I am leaving Cecil Road this week. I am delighted with your excellent report of our late show, which, although successful from a fancier's point of view, ended in a serious loss financially. But we have paid all prize money in full. We shall probably hold our next show on November 26th and 28th, 1910.

I am very pleased to inform you, writes Mr. H. E. Parrott (Weybridge) that by winning at the Leatherhead Show on November 24th, the Challenge Cup presented by the late Mr. E. W. Britten for the best cage bird in the show, the handsome trophy now becomes my own property, I having won it three years in succession. I have had the great satisfaction of winning it with a Yorkshire in 1907, 1908, and 1909—each year with a different bird and under a fresh judge each time.

I was very pleasantly surprised to see my bird depicted on the front page of Cage Birds of November 6th, which was a grand Double Number, by the way. The bird was bred by me from a model of a variegated buff hen unflighted, and a big yellow stockbird, which I unfortunately lost during the moult. I have been successful in obtaining the brother of the lost father of the young bird by an exchange. I sold the nest sister of this youngster at a fair price; in fact, I have sold a goodly number of show birds this season. This is breeding by pedigree and selection combined.—L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe).

A magnificent almanac, in colours, for 1910, has just been issued by Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd (24 and 25, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.). This superb calendar comprises 12 really charming coloured plates (one for each month), depicting birds, dogs, poultry, etc., and at the back of each picture are given practical notes on the live-stock portrayed. A copy of the almanac, which makes a handsome and useful addition to any room, will be sent post free to any reader who applies for one (a post-card will do) to Messrs. Spratt's, Ltd., at the above address, and mentions Cage Birds when writing.

Kindly explain that the reason our catalogues were not fully marked, writes Mr. J. Bessell, hon. secretary, Ludlow Show, was that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was on a visit to Ludlow on the Wednesday, so the traffic was stopped during the middle portion of the day. The result was that some of the entries were delayed in delivery, and so the judge had not finished till nearly 4 o'clock. I am afraid some exhibitors were dissatisfied with this, and in fairness to ourselves I thought you would publish this explanation. We are much gratified to hear from so many that their birds arrived back promptly, well packed and clean. All prize money is paid in full.

Allow me to thank you for your full and accurate report of our show of November 6th, writes Mr. John Henderson, hon. secretary of the Partick and Dis. C.B.C.; it reflects great credit on your reporter. It was our largest show, and it is through your valuable paper, Cage Birds, we have attained our position, as you are always ready to help. I have been a reader of Cage Birds since I entered the Fancy, 8 years ago, and I find it a great help, and the news, I am sure, must be appreciated by anyone who takes an interest in birds. I wish your paper every success.

We wish to thank most heartily all those ladies and gentlemen who rallied round us on the occasion of our second annual show. It was quite a success. We had 245 entries, and our only regret is, that we were unable to pay full prize money on all the classes. We had some splendid exhibits, and although we were very short of entries at date of closing we were able to carry out our programme with the cancelling of only one entry. Cheques for prize money are being posted at time of writing.—A. W. Ludlow, hon. secretary, Stamford and Dis. F.A.

Kindly thank all applicants for my birds in reply to my advertisement in Cage Birds, writes Mr. E. J. Rippon (Chelmsford). But I have had a serious loss. I had a gas stove in my birdroom and the gas unfortunately failed, so that it went out, and when it came on again 67 of my birds, including most of my winners, were suffocated, so that I have now to make a fresh start. I happened to have three winners out of the room, and six yellow hens, so that I have a little of the strain left. I cannot answer all the kind letters of sympathy I have received except through the medium of your valuable paper, Cage Birds. (This matter will be found dealt with in the correspondence columns.—Editor.)

The attendance was very fair at our recent show, and we anticipate a balance in hand when all ticket money has been paid, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, hon. secretary, Queen's Park C.B.A. Our entries were 40 in excess of last year's number. The Norwich Champion Classes were well patronised, and competition was very keen. A 2nd prize bird won the Norwich Challenge Cup for best unflighted bird, and the Yorkshire Challenge Cup by a novice, who also won with the same bird the Yorks. Novice Subscription Bowl and a Silver Cup for best bird bred by a member who has not won outside this society. Points' specials were won by Mr. P. Easterling (silver teapot), Mr. Battison (special value 10s. 6d.), and Messrs. Hawes Bros. (silver medal).

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 4.—**West Herts.**—C. Watson, 77, Paddock Road, Oxhey, Watford.
Dec. 4.—**Cardigan.**—D. Morgan Jones.
Dec. 4.—**Uddingston.**—A. W. Forrester, Tower View.
Dec. 4.—**Thornton.**—J. Moyes, Belmont House.
Dec. 5.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat.
Dec. 6.—**Bromsgrove.**—F. Jeffery, Stourbridge Road.
Dec. 6.—**Douglas, N.B.**—W. McCulloch, The Bungalow
Dec. 6.—**Fleckney.**—Maltock Bros.
Dec. 6.—**Carmarthen.**—Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel.
Dec. 6.—**Gateshead.**—E. Buck, 135, School Street.
Dec. 7.—**Dumbarton.**—R. Conely, 9, Westonlee Ter.
Dec. 7.—**Tideswell.**—J. E. Brocklehurst.
Dec. 7.—**Leighton.**—Page and Chapman, 76, North Street.
Dec. 8.—**Dudley.**—R. H. Davies, Poultry Yards, Netherton.
Dec. 8.—**Whitburn.**—J. Forrest, 109, West Main St.
Dec. 8.—**Narberth.**—Owen & Harries, St. James' St.
Dec. 8.—**Sligo.**—C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan.
Dec. 8.—**Pontypridd.**—McLucas and James, 26, Pontygraigwen Road.
Dec. 8.—**East Perth.**—J. B. Murdoch, Savings Bank, Blairgowrie.
Dec. 11.—**Kilsyth.**—A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.
Dec. 11.—**Long Eaton.**—A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.
Dec. 11.—**Crook C.B.S.**—W. Rutherford, West Roddymoor.
Dec. 11.—**Earlston, N.B.**—J. Brockie, 3, Janefield.
Dec. 11.—**Ruthin.**—W. E. Roberts, Preswylfa, Ruthin.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 5 (1st post).—**Luton.**—E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street.
Dec. 8 (1st post).—**Tamworth.**—Spencer, 95, Cross Street, Kettlebrook.

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My Experiences with Norwich Canaries.

By G. GWILLIAM (Gloucester).

(*Concluded from page 449*).

I believe in inbreeding, but you want to be careful in this matter, or you will lose size in your birds. Now the best model of a Norwich Plainhead I have seen is the one of the Norwich Plainhead Club standard, and if the novice has not got one, let him get a plate of this beautiful bird from the office of Cage Birds; he will then have something to work from. I also wish that our judges would work more from that standard than they do; there would then be less grumbling than there is to-day.

Feeding and Rearing the Young.

My own method of feeding and rearing the young is as follows:—Egg and bread, with a little castor sugar, and green-food (I prefer chickweed and lettuce). I keep all green-food away till the young are three days old, as I have found that it has proved fatal on more than one occasion. I also supply plenty of hemp and the best German rape, which I mix in the egg-food.

I might say that my better-half does all the feeding, so perhaps I am more fortunate than some fanciers; and I find that if all was left to me there would be trouble in many cases. My wife is as keen a fancier as I am myself. During the show season I have to work during late hours, and if I have entered up my birds for some show or other, when I come home they are packed and gone. So when we fanciers are blessed with having wives who are fanciers, it is a great help.

When the youngsters are 30 days old, I turn them into a large flight, as I find it greatly helps them to develop in size. I also take the water off once or twice a day, as they will oftentimes drink more than is good for them. I further give them a good supply of crushed hemp and Canary seed, scalded rape, mixed with the egg-food. When they are about seven weeks old I wean them from the hemp and egg-food; then they get on to the Canary seed, which should be of the best one can get, as I think the young are soon upset if the seed is a trifle inferior. If I find I have one or two promising youngsters, I cage them off by themselves, as they are apt to get their body feathers plucked or their tail feathers drawn out, and that does not help them on the show bench, at your first feather show.

Staging Your Birds for Show.

Another important point is the staging of your birds for show. I myself am very particular in this, as a bird which is put down in a nice clean cage and which is well trained, stands much chance of success. I don't believe in the handling of show birds when it is not necessary.

I adopt the following method:—Get a Yorkshire show cage, take the door off, as you will not want to use that, then get a stick or cane, about 18ins. long, and try to teach the birds to come in the Yorkshire cage. Then have ready a Norwich cage, with the door open, so that as soon as you get the bird to come in, place the Yorkshire cage close to the Norwich cage and teach the birds to go in it. When you have given a bird a lesson or two, he will know what he has to do; but, mind you, patience is required. You will, however, by this method, find no tail feathers in your hands or any spoilt toilets, and you will never regret your trouble. Let me say in conclusion:—When you run your birds into the show cage, do not start judging the bird at once, but put the cage down; the bird will then have a chance of seeing where it is.

TO READERS.

Despite the provision of the present mammoth issue of 36 pages (and all for one penny), we regret to say that the space at command proves all too small to hold the astounding number of show reports (approaching a record, we believe) which reached us during the past week. Every available inch of space has been given over to an account of the shows, yet we have been unable to find room for quite a number, including Musselburgh, Littleborough, Liverpool B.B.A., Horticultural Hall, Ormskirk, Amble, and Corebridge. These are all in type, and will be published next week.—Editor.



THE REDSTART.

One of the handsomest of our summer migrants and a really charming songster.

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A Warbler sombre in garb but with a golden voice equalled by few other birds.

THE MAROON TANAGER.

A gorgeous fruit-eater from South America, a favourite exhibition bird when obtainable, but not at all common in this country.

Some Notes on Hybrid Breeding.

By J. BARBER.

If I call my subject Mule breeding I shall perhaps be understood better, although a mule is what we see doing the work of a horse and having rather long ears; but it is not these we want to know about; it is the young produced by the crossing of birds, the proper name for which is Hybrid. Some fanciers call these birds Mules when they are produced from a Canary and a British bird, and Hybrids when produced from two different species of British birds. But they are all Hybrids if called by their proper name. However, fanciers call them Mules for short; so we will do the same.

When to Procure Birds.

The fancier who is intending to try his hand and his skill at breeding these birds, cannot be better advised than to procure his British birds in this month (November) for three reasons; first, all wild birds have moulted their nest feathers by now, and the cocks can be picked from the hens when in adult plumage; second, they are all on hard seed in this month (if we delay procuring them until we have prolonged days of hard frosts, birds are more dead than alive when caught, and if caught when we have had a heavy fall of snow and it is thawing away, all wild seeds are soft and wet through so that we have the trouble of getting the birds on hard seed); third, if we have our birds now we have plenty of time to get them steady and used to cage life.

Some fanciers are under the impression that wild birds must be house-moulted before they will breed Mules. This is a very big mistake, for I will guarantee that field-moulted birds, when once they have started, will fill as many eggs and produce more vigorous young than house-moulted birds; in fact, I know some fanciers who could never breed Mules from house-moulted birds, but could breed them with field-moulted ones.

Not an Expensive Hobby.

Mule breeding is not an expensive hobby. We have no need to lay out a large sum for our breeding pairs as we have to do when breeding Canaries, that is, when wanting to breed exhibition birds. British birds are easily caught, and if you should not care to be styled a birdcatcher, they can be bought cheap enough; and if you study economy you can have a good stock of them while they are cheap; and when you have picked out those you require, a small advertisement placed in the exchange columns of CAGE BIRDS will find you plenty of persons who will exchange hen Canaries for your surplus British birds. You will then have your breeding pairs.

Now that you have got all the birds you require, I will try and make your bill for cages a bit less.

How to Make Your Cages.

If you can use a hammer and a saw, buy, beg, or borrow one of each, no matter (to me) which you do. Get some boxes about ten inches deep, half-a-yard wide, and (if it is double breeding cages you want) have them about a yard long; if it is three compartment cages you want, have your boxes from four feet to four feet six inches long. Try and yet your boxes without any joints in them; if there should be any, however, fill all up well with putty, as these are the harbouring places for red mite. If making a double-compartment cage, mark the exact middle of your box; then get four thin strips of wood half-an-inch shorter than the depth of your box; nail or glue these one each side of the mark you have made, leaving space between for your division to slide in and out easily. When this is done, get two pieces of sticks ¼-inch to ⅜-inch square, and as long as your box is wide; these are for dividing the front of the cage. Fasten these in position, leaving room between them for your slide. When this is done, measure the distance between these and the end of your box, and then cut two pieces two and a-half inches wide; these are for the bottom rails of your cage, one for each side. Then cut two more, an inch and half wide; these are for the top of the cage. When you have fastened all these in their position, measure the size of the wire fronts you will require, and if these cannot be bought locally, you will find plenty advertised in the appliance columns of CAGE BIRDS. If you are making a three-compartment cage, do so on the same lines, only dividing box into three.

When Breeding for Song.

When you have your birds and cages, you will no doubt have one object in view—breeding Mules either for singing or for exhibition purposes. If you are going to breed birds for singing or catching purposes, you must not have a mixed lot of birds singing in the same room that you are breeding in, or else your young birds will sing all kinds of song. If breeding for Linnet Mules, have nothing except Linnets singing in the room. If breeding Goldfinch Mules, have nothing but Goldfinch singing in the same room. And if you should have a good singing bird which you have proved is a good catching bird, too, keep this bird in the room for singing alone, so as to enable him to teach the young Mules.

Some prefer these Mules bred off the German hen Canary, as they produce the best singing birds; but I think myself these are capable of breeding a bigger percentage of hens than cocks, and it is cocks we want. The kind of hen Canary I prefer is a cross German and Yorkshire, as this breeds a hardy and good-looking bird. I advise these birds being bred in a cold room, as they can stand the outside weather better than warm-room-bred birds. If you require the birds for catching purposes, when you have caged them off, hang them outside when it is warm enough, for a short time, and gradually increase their stay outside until you think you have hardened them enough to be safely taken out for catching with.

When Breeding for Clear Mules.

If it is your object to breed exhibition Mules, you must have large birds to breed with; you stand a better chance of winning when you exhibit a large bird than with a small bird. It is everybody's ambition to breed a clear or lightly marked bird. There are what are called Sib.-bred Canaries, which are supposed to breed clear or lightly marked Mules. Don't think when you read this that you have nothing to do but buy a Sib.-bred hen Canary and then expect clear and lightly marked Mules galore. Far from it.

A few months ago a correspondent wrote that, to breed light Mules, pick your hen Canary with one eye and your Finch with both eyes. What he meant, I cannot say; I don't remember whether he opened his mind that far. It is hardly safe nowadays it seems for you to open your mind. There are some persons who, if you state anything which may seem a bit extraordinary to them, jump out of their shells and criticise it for all they are worth, and begin to throw personalities at one another. However, I will speak my mind.

You stand as equal a chance of breeding a clear Mule by buying an unknown clear hen Canary as by buying a Sib.-bred hen Canary. A man I knew had been trying to breed a clear Mule all through the season with Sib.-bred hen Canaries and a cock Goldfinch. He worked his Finch rather hard; it looked worn out; so he turned it in a large flight cage for it to moult in company with a hen Canary he had not been breeding with—a cross-bred German and Crest; it was a marked bird, and had a small crest. It paired with the Finch and three young Mules were reared, and these were the lightest Mules he had bred that year. There was no suggestion that the eggs had been changed, as all three had small crests. What was the cause of this? I will give you my opinion. The vitality of the hen Canary was stronger than that of the Finch, and so the young had a tendency to take after her; and I daresay that those who have bred clear or light Mules have not bred them in the first nest off the Finch.

The Lines to go on.

Those who care to try on these lines should have three-compartment breeding cages, and then they should be able to work their Finch with two hens; and if they should not possess many hens suitable for breeding exhibition birds from, they can remove the eggs and place them under foster parents, and so keep their Muling birds at work. But mind and be careful not to let your birds get into too low a condition, or you will be having clear eggs, not clear Mules. If you should be trying on the lines I have suggested, breed first with the hen Canaries you intend breeding dark Mules with, and so save the hens your hopes are resting on to breed you light Mules; then they will be fresh and eager for the fray.

Much has been said on the matter of the feeding, so as to bring the birds into condition, so that it is hardly necessary for me to say anything; but see that both birds are in condition before you start breeding with them or put them together, and when once you have put them together, don't get impatient and start shifting them about, as I find nothing upsets pairs more. When you are expecting your hens to lay and are afraid the act essential to fertilization is not taking place, the best time to watch them is when they first see the light in the morning; and if you are keeping your birds in a room where you use artificial light at night, sit still for a quarter of an hour after you have lighted up, and watch them. But some Finches are very shy.

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By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

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Two Species of Drongos.

The black, forked-tail tropical birds known as Drongos in books, are very seldom imported, though some members of the group are extremely familiar birds in the warm parts of the Old World. That to which practically all imported specimens belong, however, in the racket tailed Drongo (*Dissemurus paradiseus*), or Bhimraj, as it is called in India. This is not a common familiar bird in the wild state, but is the only one commonly kept caged. As I have known some confusion to arise between it and the hair-crested Drongo (*Chibia hottentotta*) I have endeavoured to sketch heads of the two, whereby I have tried to show that the Bhimraj's crest is of many narrow feathers, and comparatively short, while that of the hair-crested, or Kesraj, to use its Indian name, is of a few very long hairs, while its beak is more slender and curved than that of the racket-tailed kind. The Kesraj appears to be but seldom kept in captivity in the East, and I have never seen it over here, though it is on the Zoo list.



Racket-tailed Drongo.

A Victim of Circumstances.

The racket-tailed Drongo sometimes gets spoken about as if it were a very delicate bird. But, when given a fair chance, it is quite the reverse, only, unfortunately, it does not get the fair start in life it is entitled to. Plenty used to be brought down from Assam to Calcutta in my time—young birds, still squeaking for food, though full-fledged; but too close confinement and a diet of insufficient substance and variety soon have their effects, and a cage-moulted Bhimraj, even in Calcutta, sells for four times as much as a brancher, so that few must survive the ordeal of close captivity and the "satoo" (peameal) diet. This Drongo is as big as a Jay, and can have a good deal of raw flesh with benefit, though, of course, lizards—easily got in India—and small birds are better for it than coarser meat. It will also eat a little fruit. The long "racket" tail feathers are not fully developed in the young bird, and are in any case likely to be broken off in the small cages, in which these birds are kept. They really need as much room as a Magpie, a bird which, among ourselves, is too often sadly stinted for space.



Hair-crested Drongo..

A Clever Mimic.

The Bhimraj is one of the best mockers in the world, and nothing seems to be too difficult for him. He can neigh like a horse, sing like a Canary, yelp like an afflicted puppy, and even, in rare cases, learn to talk. Moreover, he is usually a very tame bird, and glad to be noticed and caressed, so that he is difficult to beat as a pet for anyone who can give such a bird attention and an abundant and varied supply of insects. I have never seen the bird kept braced as I described in the case of Bulbuls some time back, but I was told that this was occasionally done, and that the braced bird would fly out from his perch and capture any spider or lizard he found crawling on the wall, such creatures being as common indoors as out, if not more so, in the East. If one had a brace on such a bird as this, one could easily carry him about in the garden at odd times, and allow him to indulge in as much insect-collecting as the length of his tether permitted, to great benefit and to one's entertainment.

The Green Bulbuls Imported.

Another point that came up lately was as to the indentification of the several species of the beautiful *Chloropsis* group, which have been imported. These birds, generally known also as Fruitsuckers, are easily recognisable as a group by their predominant colour of grass-green and slender, slightly-curved bills, but it is not everyone who knows the different kinds on sight, and, as some are very rare, the distinctions are worth pointing out. The commonest is the gold-fronted (*Chloropsis aurifrons*), whose distinguishing marks are not only the golden-orange forehead, but a dense black bib and a rich blue chin, the blue colour running into points at the corners. In this the sexes are alike; it has been very commonly confused with the Malabar Green Bulbul (*C. malabarica*), a bird which, so far as I know, has never been imported. I have never seen it kept even in India, and I believe all references to it in avicultural literature really refer to the gold-fronted. Seen from the side, they are almost identical, but a frontal survey will show that the blue on the throat of the Malabar is confined to two moustache streaks at the sides, the black of the bib running right up to the beak and widely separating these blue patches. In the two others the sexes are different, and they are readily recognisable. In the blue winged, or Hardwicke's (*C. hardwickii*), the abdomen is orange in both sexes, most extensively so in the male, which is distinguished from the hen by his black bib and dark-blue wings. This is the biggest species, and has at times been seen on the show bench as well as the gold fronted. In Jerdon's (*C. jerdoni*), the male is very like the gold-fronted, but has the black bib splitting the blue on the throat as in the Malabar, and the forehead not rich gold, but faint greenish-yellow. The hen is unexpectedly different, having no dark bib, but a small patch of sky-blue on the throat relieving her otherwise green plumage. Of this I have only seen two specimens, and those some time back, a male at the Zoo, and a hen with a dealer.

Variations in the Grey Parrot.

Turning over an old note-book of mine the other day, I came upon a sketch of the tail-feather of a Grey Parrot, which showed a curious variation from the type. The feather was the outside one on the right, and was dark grey instead of the usual scarlet, with a shading of this colour at the base of the outer web, and a bright triangular wedge of it at the top of this web. The rest of the tail, and of the plumage generally, was quite ordinary. I may say that at a dealer's I have at one time or another seen a few Grey Parrots with a more or less brown plumage, the shade being of a light neutral brown like brown paper. This colour did not appear to be due to wear, as the plumage looked tight and fresh. However, all the birds so coloured were young ones, so no doubt these would moult out into the ordinary grey shade so familiar to all.



Female Hooded (or Red) Siskin Feeding the Male.

An incident related last week by Mr. Finn as having been witnessed by him at the London Zoo.

Foreign Cuckoos.

One does not often see any sort of Cuckoo imported, so it is worth mentioning that I saw in a dealer's the other day two of the black males of the Indian Koel (*Endynamis honorata*), so favourite a pet with the natives, and a little while back there was imported a consignment of the Guira Cuckoo from South America (*Guira guira*). This bird is of a buff colour, with darker streaks, and a white tail crossed by a broad band of black, and the sexes are alike. Both birds are about the size of Jays, and are easily kept, but differ much in habits, the Guira being an animal-feeder, and coming much to the ground, while the Koel is a tree bird, and lives on fruit. It is also parasitic, its host being the Crow, while the Guira, like all American Cuckoos, is honest and respectable, and does not palm off its eggs and young on other people, after the manner of many—not all—of the Cuckoos of the Old World.

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Notable Foreign Birds of the Season.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

An interesting account of attractive Birds from Tropical Climes which are new to the Show Bench, or very uncommonly seen.

Hunstein's Magnificent Bird of Paradise

(Diphyllodes magnifica).

Of the many species of Birds of Paradise which have now been imported for various zoos and private aviculturists, this species can hold its own for gorgeous beauty and regal splendour with any member of this marvellous group. This fine specimen, in full feather, made its debut on the show bench last week, where it shared the public attention with the King Bird of Paradise. Its general form and carriage will be seen from Mr. Goodchild's characteristic drawing, but it needs a coloured plate to even faintly indicate the beauty of these marvellous birds, for neither pen can describe nor monochrome suggest the beauty of this glorious bird.

Description: The whole of the plumage is refulgent, and has a beautiful satiny appearance. The top of the head is golden-brown, with the extreme tips of the feathers picked out in dusky or ruddy-bronze; the upper back is scarlet, passing into the brown of the middle and lower back; the mid-back is variegated, with some golden feathers tipped with brown; at the bottom of the nape of the neck a lovely double cape of straw-yellow lies upon the scarlet of the upper back; this cape it has the power of raising when it



HUNSTEIN'S MAGNIFICENT BIRD OF PARADISE.

to the top of a small bush and giving voice to their joy in a little ditty, the attempt at which was most to be admired, for the twittering ended in promise. Their beauty and vivacity evade all description. A photo would convey nothing of their charm. Try to imagine a little feathered sprite, less than 5ins. in length, with a crown of apple-green; cheeks, back, wings, and tail of turquoise-blue, throat and underparts of clear lemon-yellow; with a band of delicate orange across the breast! His mate, who follows him so faithfully, and listens to his pitiful song so admiringly, has the greens and yellows in softened indistinct hues."

Those who have seen this living gem will agree with me that the above eulogy barely does justice to the beauty of the bird; no pen picture ever can, and even the artist will be hard put to, to portray the living beauty of this exquisite species.

This species is very tame, fond of being noticed, and inclined to sulk if he does not receive proper notice. He lives on Canary, white and Indian millet seeds, and about three mealworms a day. His castle is a cage 18ins. square, by 22ins. high, in which he is evidently very happy and contented, judging by the condition in which he has been shown. He would be more beautiful still under the influence of sun and light, in an outdoor aviary during the summer months. He has won for his owner premier honours in its class. "Best bird in the show" is sometimes an invidious distinction when so many gorgeous rare birds appear side by side.

The Great-billed Flycatcher.

Another very rare species, never previously shown. It is of great beauty, being somewhat of a large edition of the Rainbow Bunting, but its colours are not so gay, and its contour also is different. All the Flycatchers are of great interest, being alert active birds, mostly full of character, and many of them, like the one under review, are very beautiful.

This is yet another addition to Mr. C. T. Maxwell's list of rarities and, like all his birds, was very tight and silken. The upper surface is a pleasing soft cobalt-blue, and the under-surface a deep yellow. Diet; a good insectile mixture, a liberal supply of live insects, and fruit if they will take it. A weak or thin specimen would be the better for milk sop containing a little Mellin's Food or Scott's Emulsion, if it will take it; some individuals will not touch it, but most of the insectivora take it readily.

Mrs. K. L. Miller has had also on exhibition a female Verditer Flycatcher, in beautiful condition, but, unfortunately, she did not succeed in moulting out the cock, a very beautiful bird. This species has never previously been exhibited.

LEVAILLANT'S BARBET (*Trachyphonus cafer*).—Another very fine species, which has made its first bow to the show public this season. It is one of two imported by Captain B. R. Horsbrugh and was exhibited by Mr. O. Millsum, taking first honours in its class.

It is a native of the Transvaal, and a striking and beautiful bird, with quaint markings. Excepting the crest, most of the feathers of the head are pale yellow, finely margined with red, and having a small black patch in the centre of each; the crest is black; upper back and wings black, scaled and barred with white; lower back, rump and upper tail-coverts yellow, much mixed blackish, and the tail-coverts tipped with red; tail black, barred and tipped with white; the under-surface is yellow, with a black band across the chest and some red striations on the breast.

It is a bold, confiding and vivacious species, readily becomes tame, and not difficult to keep; it would not be well to subject this species to cold, at any rate, till they are well seasoned to the English climate. Diet: Fruit, soft-food, and live insects, with occasional supplies of a little minced cooked meat.

Of the rare species herein described, any bird-keeper might well be proud, and their respective owners deserve every credit for the condition in which they have been kept.



THE RAINBOW BUNTING.

THE GREAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER.

appears like an out-spread fan growing out of the nape of the neck; the wings are rich brown and golden-orange; the tail, apart from the two wires, is insignificant, the feathers being barely an inch long, the two wires are metallic green and webbed only along the inner edge; they cross each other, curl outwardly and inwardly again, form almost complete circles on either side; the under-surface is purplish-brown, the shield over the throat and breast is metallic green, changing under the influence of light to purplish or bronzy; down the centre of this shield, extending down the throat to top of the breast is a narrow strip of scaled feathers of the richest of peacock-greens, glistening like the scales of a snake; the breast shield is narrowly edged with peacock-blue. Total length, excluding the tail wire, 7½ inches.

The beauty of these birds simply beggars description. The species is a native of the Malay Archipelago. These magnificent birds are not at all fragile, providing you can procure them free from disease. The staple diet must be some good nourishing soft-food mixture, ripe fruit, supplemented with a liberal supply of live insects. Alas! I fear there is a strong probability of their becoming more scarce, rather than more frequently imported, and that but few will be the happy possessors of these gorgeous Crows. Mr. Millsum is to be congratulated on the acquisition of so rare a species.

KING BIRD OF PARADISE (*Cicinnurus regius*). — Before leaving the Birds of Paradise a few words must be said about Mr. Maxwell's grand King; as it has been before the public now for two seasons, a description is not called for, but the glistening and glowing scarlet of the upper surface, and the white of the under-surface, relieved by the orange bill and cobalt legs and feet, attracted for this fine bird universal admiration; food, treatment, etc., same as preceding species. Mr. Maxwell is to be congratulated on the way he has kept and moulted it, placing it once more on the bench in such flawless and spotless condition.

The Rainbow Bunting

(Cyanospiza leclancheri).

The eulogy bestowed upon the Birds of Paradise, would most certainly not be out of place here, even though the bird being described is but a Bunting; but what a Bunting! One can call to mind the deserved eulogies heaped upon the Nonpariel Bunting, when it was first known, a regard that has never lessened, in spite of its losing much of its beauty in captivity, and it is still eagerly sought after on such rare occasions as it comes to hand; but beautiful as it is, it cannot compare with the refined and chaste beauty of its Mexican cousin. Mrs. K. L. Miller is also to be congratulated on a rare and beautiful acquisition.

At this point I had better quote from "Two Bird Lovers in Mexico," C. W. Beebe's description of this lovely species in its native wilds:—"The most beautiful of all the small birds was a Bunting. We christened him the Rainbow Bunting, but the books call him the Leclancha Bunting. These little finches flitter thro' the underbush in pairs, searching for insects and seeds among the leaves, or mounting

Notes from Erin.

THE Y.C.C. held their 6th annual show on November 25th and 26th. The committee made a good move when they decided on the Central Hall, and I think that members of this club, as well as readers of my notes, will join me in tendering to the hon. secretary, Mr. Hyland, our congratulations for the manner in which he performed the duties entrusted to him. The entries only closed on the night of the 22nd. Yet on the following day all exhibitors had their cage labels. In one or two instances the tickets did not arrive until the following morning, Wednesday, and this caused some little anxiety, as it was feared that the exhibits would not arrive in Dublin in time to be inspected by Mr. Mundell. It seems it was our own fault for not having sent in entries early and thus avoided an extension of the date fixed for closing entries. In future let us exhibitors send on our entries early and thus avoid causing our hon. secretaries to work into the early hours of the morning sending out tickets with a rush.

I HAVE just learned that Miss Perrin has lost another of her favourite foreigners, this time one of her little Weaver birds which were so much admired by the visitors at Dundalk Show.

SOME little time ago it was announced that one of our prominent exhibitors intended giving us a paper on "How to Breed Drummond Cup Winners." I am sure we will all come and be thankful for the opportunity, as we expect to learn a few wrinkles in pairing and keeping up our stock.

IT is to be regretted that the Norwich fanciers seem to be dropping away from our ranks. The classes at the shows so far have been very small. It is a pity to see this taking bird on the decrease. The Yorkshire is finding favour rapidly, as can be seen by the increased number of novices in Yorkie circles.

CRESTS and Crestbreds are practically extinct. We have but one or two appearing on the bench. It is to be hoped that the number will be increased. Can the Crest man do nothing? Remember the old proverb, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

"CLOSED RING."

The Art of Net Making.

A Correspondent recently asked for particulars on the making of nets, and one of our readers sends the appended article, which, he states, appeared in "Hobbies" (to which journal we acknowledge our indebtedness), some three or four years ago.

Netting is one of those occupations especially suited to odd moments. It is wonderful how many useful things can be produced without any particular time being devoted to them. A piece of netting can be taken up and thrown down again at a moment's notice without any fear of its coming undone or getting entangled, each stitch being complete in itself. The art of netting is also very easily acquired, requiring little practice or skill, and the cheapness of the implements and materials place it within the reach of most people.

The only essential requisites are three or four different sized wooden meshes and needles, such as are illustrated in Fig 1. This article only deals with perfectly plain netting with string or twine, of which ordinary nets of all sorts are made.

The size of these wooden meshes should range from a quarter of an inch to two inches broad, and the needles to match (also of wood) should be each a size smaller than the mesh used, to allow of its passing easily through the loops of the netting (see Fig. 1). Both mesh and needle only cost about 1d. or 2d. each. To wind the needle, pass the end of the twine through the small hole, knotting it so that it cannot slip out again; then wind lengthways between the prongs at either end. Do not overwind the needle, or the passing through will become a matter of some difficulty.

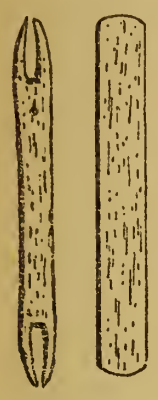


Fig. 1.

The stirrup must next be made. It consists of a piece of coarse string knotted together at the ends. Into this the foot is slipped to hold it firmly to the ground, while the other end, which should be just long enough to reach to the knee, is attached to the work. The object of the stirrup is to give something to pull against in order to draw up the knots tightly. To the top of the stirrup the foundation thread is tied. This is a piece of twine of any length, of the same nature with which you intend to work. Double a portion of it, and knot it to the stirrup above the knee to form a loop (see Fig. 2). Into this loop you will work all the first row of stitches, which will vary in number according to the size of the net required. When the work is finished the foundation thread may be withdrawn, though it is sometimes left in to form an edge, in which case it must be long enough to extend the whole breadth of the net.

To accomplish the netting (or fisherman's knot, as it is called), take the needle and tie the end of the twine wound upon it on to the foundation thread loop in such a manner that it will slip along it. Hold the mesh in the left hand, horizontally, close to the foundation loop and under the twine you have just knotted on. Bring the needle round with the right hand under the mesh, passing it in an upward direction through the foundation loop.

In Fig. 2 the needle is shown passing through one of the loops of the netting instead of the foundation loop. The reason of this is that it is only in the first row that the foundation loop is used, and in our illustration a few rows have been done. Now bring the needle forward until the twine is tight round the mesh, press it between the mesh and left thumb to keep it so, then with the needle throw the twine loosely round from left to right over the back of the left hand, slip the needle up behind the mesh between the stitch you are making and the previous one (see Fig. 3). This done, draw up the knot thus formed tightly with a jerk.

You have now two sliding knots on the foundation and a loop between them round the mesh, and the twine hanging down in front of the mesh ready to begin the next stitch. Repeat till you have as many loops on the mesh as the breadth of the net requires, then slip the mesh out and turn the work over so that the twine hangs on the left instead of the right. For the second row proceed in the same way, but instead of taking up the foundation loop each time, pass the needle into the first loop of the previous row, taking the loops one by one in rotation, making one knot in each. At the end of every row slip out the mesh, turn the work, and begin again. If the loops are very numerous they may be slipped off the end of the mesh as you go on.

To net a hammock you will need coarse string and a two-inch mesh; net a plain piece about 50ins. wide and 7½ft. long, extra strong string should be run down each side and drawn rather tighter than the netting. At each end a bar of wood 20ins. long should be threaded, and having holes at each end through which to pass the side strings, which are then tied together across the length of the bars. This arrangement keeps the hammock extended. It is then slung by ropes attached to each corner, and passed round the branches of trees or poles made for the purpose. Netted seats for folding garden chairs can be made in precisely the same way. Game bags, market bags, and bags for various purposes are also made in plain netting. Net a piece double the length of the required bag, fold it in half, and sew up the sides with string, a stout piece of string being run round the top to draw up. For long-shaped shrimping nets a small mesh is necessary; it should be under half an inch; use fine strong twine.

To net a square of netting, it is necessary to begin at one corner, net one stitch on the foundation, turn, increase at the end of every row by netting two knots into the last loop, continue increasing until the work is the size of half the square required (that is, a diagonal half), do one plain row and then begin decreasing at the end of every row, by taking the last two loops up together, continue

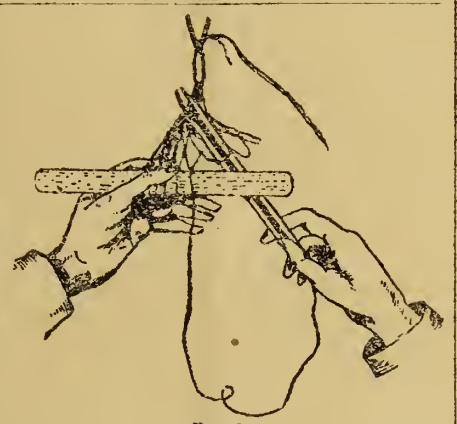


Fig. 2.

until only two loops remain, break off, and knot these together with the end of the twine. Fly nets for horses can be made in this manner with a ¾in. mesh and fine light twine.

An oblong net is begun in the same way as the square, the increasing continuing till one side is the breadth of the net required, then increase at the end of one row and decrease at the end of the next, and so on alternately, till the increasing or longest side is the length of the net required, then decrease at the end of every row, finishing with two loops as before. In this way lawn tennis nets are made, with strong twine and 1½in. mesh; the net should be 27ft. long and 3½ft. broad. Fruit nets (for which special black twine is sold) can be made in oblong netting with a ¾in. mesh.

We come lastly to circular netting, used for all kinds of round nets. Put the required number of stitches on the foundation; at the end of the row, instead of turning over, double the work under, so that the first loop is brought round next to the last loop worked into; you are thus working round and round, instead of in rows backwards and forwards, the mesh being slipped out when necessary. In circular netting, tennis ball bags, butterfly nets, round shrimping nets, landing nets, and many other things are made, increasing or decreasing as the shape requires. For small nets such as these the macramé twines, plain and coloured, coarse and fine, will be found suitable.

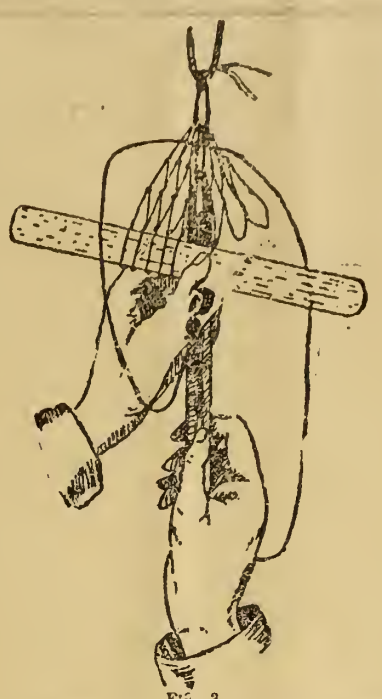


Fig 3.

Nets that are constantly exposed to weather or water should be made waterproof by immersion in the following solution:—Gold size, one part; boiled oil, two parts; stir the nets up in this, then hang up to dry; this will keep them from rotting; or, if preferred, they may be soaked in tar before using.

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**My Lost Friend.

Some time ago when I was out playing, I noticed some small boys who were amusing themselves with something in the garden. It was a Sparrow. I lifted it up and noticed that its wing was broken. I took it home and bandaged its wing with worsted thread, and kept it like this for some time in a cage. One day when I was cleaning its cage I let it out in the kitchen, but could not catch it, and so let it be. One day I went out as usual and left it hopping about the house. Somehow it happened to get into the dining-room, and the window being open, it made its escape. As I was coming from school, I noticed a crowd of children round a grating, and I saw it was my little friend in another plight.—Sent by John Macdougall (age 13), 9, Jarrow Gardens, 3, Kelvinside, Glasgow.

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In the Early Nineteenth Century.

THE ROLLER: The Roller is another beautiful species, though a rare visitor. There are several well authenticated instances of its appearance in this county. The capture of these birds dates back as far as 1817, when one was taken near Yarmouth. Another was recorded in 1824, then again in 1832, and one is reported as taken in immature plumage near Acle in August of 1864. Mr. Rising, of Horsey, a well-known Norfolk collector of rare birds, saw one on a fence in his garden in the following year. At the same time one was brought into Yarmouth, having alighted on the rigging of a vessel, just outside the harbour, but though taken alive it soon died.

Two specimens of the Roller have passed through my hands, both of which were obtained on the borders of Norfolk and Suffolk—one in October, 1883, and the other in September, 1892. These birds were frequenting turnip fields, these being of a moist nature. Caterpillars and suitable foods were here to be found. The last Roller was taken to Norwich to be preserved in 1901.

Another Accidental Visitant.

THE BEE EATER.—This species, equally brilliant in plumage to the Roller, is, like the Roller, a very rare and accidental visitant, although several authenticated specimens have been obtained in Norfolk. Yarrell remarks that no specimen of the common Bee Eater of Africa appears to be recorded as having been killed in England till the summer of 1793, when two were shot at Mattishall out of a flock of about 20. The next recorded instance is one obtained in 1829. The latest reported was a pair shot at Coldham. These birds were described as being fine specimens and of brilliant plumage. The pair passed into the hands of Mr. Stevenson, a well-known Norfolk collector and anthor, whose birds were disposed of in 1887. The last-named pair secured the high price of nineteen guineas.

THE GOLDEN ORIOLE: This rare and beautiful species is said by Norfolk naturalists to have occurred several times in the county. No less than a dozen specimens have been recorded on good authority, the first of which was taken in May, 1847. In the year 1850 it was reported as having nested near Norwich. Specimens were met with in the years 1850, 1851, 1853, 1856, and 1861.

I received one "in the flesh"—a young female—which was taken alive in the year 1879. Also an adult male was sent me, which had been shot on the borders of Norfolk and Suffolk, in 1883. One was reported to me as having been seen at Somerton, and another at Yarmouth, in April, 1901. A pair was sold at the late Mr. Stevens' sale for eleven guineas.

A One-time Regular Migrant.

THE HOOPOE: At one time the Hoopoe was looked upon as a regular migrant, putting in an appearance in the months of April, May, and September. Between thirty and forty specimens are recorded as having been taken or seen since the year 1850. One I received in October, 1882 (taken at Horsey), was a fine male with a crest consisting of 25 feathers. Others I received in 1892 and September, 1896. Previous to that date I received a female which came to grief against the telegraph wires on the Norwich line. One was sent me, too, from Caister, next Yarmouth, on September 17th, 1896.

The last Hoopoe to my knowledge was shot up the river Bure on September 1st, 1903. Several have also been met with in the adjoining county. Probably these were the same as were seen in Norfolk, for the day after a report used to come to hand of a Hoopoe that had been seen, one usually heard of a bird of this species in the adjoining county.

Some 30 years ago an old nurseryman living in the north part of Yarmouth used to tell a tale respecting the capture of the birds which appeared in his gardens in the Spring-time. They settled on a reed fence, so he said, several at one time, and to secure the lot he put the ramrod into the muzzle of the gun, and, taking a steady aim in a line at the top of the fence, with a pull at the trigger he secured the lot all strung on the ramrod. How true this is I cannot say.

A Bird of Eccentric Movements.

THE WAXWING: Of all our occasional Winter visitants none are so eccentric in their movements as the Waxwing. It sometimes appears during two or three successive seasons in more or less good numbers, and at other times the species is entirely absent from our shores for a longer period. Then they will appear in great numbers, creating quite a sensation, generally in sharp winters. They are often absent when most looked for, and present again when least expected.

Some fifty or more specimens have come under my notice during the last twenty-nine years, and I have heard of many others in the hands of taxidermists in other parts of the county.

A Variable List.

I received six birds in December, 1882, two in January, 1883, one in December, 1890, six in January and February, 1893, three in November, 1897, eight in November, 1901, and twenty-five in November and December, 1903. As some five years have now passed since the last were taken, we may not expect to see any more before another winter. Out of the number I have had, only one possessed the wax-like appendages at the end of the tail feathers, which no doubt indicated that the bird was quite an adult specimen. None of these birds obtained in Norfolk would compare with those I have seen on the show bench for size and richness of plumage, which decides at once the nationality of these so-called Britishers. One Waxwing, a few years back, was going the rounds of the shows in the British classes, but it did not meet with much success, and in the end it was shown in a foreign bird class, and met with the same result.

The Shrike Family.

PALLAS'S GREY SHRIKE: The rarest of the Shrike family is the Pallas's Grey Shrike. One was brought into Yarmouth harbour by a fishing smack on the 31st of October, 1901, and it was identified as being one of this species. This bird has a single white bar in the wing, which distinguishes it from the Great Grey Shrike.

THE LESSER GREY SHRIKE: This bird occurred at Yarmouth in the spring of 1869, and again in 1875. Up to that date only two other British specimens were recorded.

THE GREAT GREY SHRIKE: This is the commonest of the Shrike family. With us it may be termed both a Spring and an Autumn migrant. These birds are sometimes netted by the bird catcher, their manner being to pounce down on the call bird like the smaller Hawks—a not uncommon occurrence. The species has occurred twice to my knowledge during the last Autumn.

In confinement this species is very amusing, darting from perch to perch with amazing rapidity; but it is not generally long-lived in captivity, being very much subject to fits, although some fine specimens have been exhibited with success during the recent show season.

I have said that this bird is a spring and an autumn migrant. Some birds have occurred as late as December, as will be seen by the following: I received four in December 1880, four in October and November, 1883, one in 1884, one in December 1889, one in October, 1895, one in October, 1901, one in January, 1908, besides others which have come to hand from the adjoining county.

THE WOODCHAT SHRIKE: The first occurrence of this rare Shrike in Norfolk was one taken at Beechamwell prior to 1829. A second was seen at Swaffham some few years after that date. A third was shot at Yarmouth in April, 1859, and a fourth at the same place in May, 1885. It has occurred several times in Suffolk, once as near to our boundary as Gorleston.

THE GREATER SPOTTED CUCKOO: One of this species in immature plumage was taken on the golf links between Caister and Yarmouth on October 18th, 1896. This bird was minus its tail feathers, with the exception of one or two, the others being scattered to the winds. The specimen found a place in a local collector's museum as the first recorded in Norfolk.

THE ALPINE SWIFT: But two specimens of the White bellied Swift are known to have occurred in Norfolk, one at Old Buckenham, in September, 1831, the second being taken at Yarmouth. The latter passed into the hands of a local collector, whose specimens were disposed of some 26 years ago. The date of its capture I have no note of, but it was reported as being shot up the River Bure.

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When the tide is out exposing miles of sand and mud the Curlew joins the Gulls, Dunlins, Redshanks, and other shore birds seeking for sand worms, crabs, and molluses, on which food it mainly subsists. At high-tide the species repair to the water meadows and marshland, joining the flocks of Plovers ever present upon these open spaces. To continue a study of the habits of the Curlew, one must follow the birds to the moors and upland washes in the spring.

He is not the only species frequenting these solitudes. The Lapwings anxiously beat over the rough ground, Stonechats are plentiful, and the Twite sits on the tallest sprigs of heather, calling its name repeatedly, while a Ring Ouzel pipes his mountain song, recalling the more mellow note of the homely Blackbird. The Curlews are on the watch, and one by one the dark-coloured birds take the air, flying anxiously about uttering their peculiar cry. Although the bird can hardly be classed as gregarious during the breeding season, several pairs may be met with upon the same moor. The nest is slightly made, and generally sheltered by a tuft of rough grass or heather. The four eggs laid are exceptionally large for the size of the bird, rather elongated in shape, and very handsome.

The Wary Rook.

A wild Rook in a garden is quite an uncommon sight, for although he loves the haunts of man, he nevertheless fears him. When one alights in a garden, his fright and wariness are almost comical. He looks as though he expects every minute to have a hand laid on him, and will often fly off, afraid to pick up what he came for.

Wildfowl in Scotland.

The past season appears to have been particularly favourable to the hatching of wild fowl in Scotland; nearly everywhere there have been full nests safely hatched. Plovers are especially numerous, and Curlew, Wild Duck, Widgeons, Teal, etc., are well up to the average. The keepers everywhere are careful to keep away intruders, as disturbers of Wild Fowl are equally disturbing to the beloved Grouse.

A Little Known Bird.

Among the least observed birds that visit us in summer are the Nightjars, locally called "goat-suckers," which name they no doubt obtained through their attention to cattle. A well-known naturalist writes of this bird as follows:—"They beat to and fro, over the open heaths and fern-brakes, under the trees and round about feeding cattle, in quest of the moths, beetles, and other night-flying insects, upon which they subsist."

The Robin and Poets.

It would difficult to say when the most familiar of British birds first acquired the name Robin. Chaucer writes of it as "the tame Rudock." Had it been known in his days as the Robin, he would no doubt have called it by that name in some of his verses. A couple of hundred years later, Spencer wrote "the Ruddock warbling soft." Yet in the same century a dramatist says: "Call for the Robin Redbreast and the Wren."

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I have tried the advertisement columns of "Cage Birds," and have had extra good results. I wish "Cage Birds" every success, which it deserves.—J. H. ELWELL (Shildon).

I had so many applications in reply to my last week's advt. in "Cage Birds" that I could not answer all—only those who enclosed stamp for reply.—B. BULLOUGH (Southport).

Kindly thank the readers of "Cage Birds" who answered my advt. re Bullfinches. I had so many replies that I could not answer all. Wish "Cage Birds" every success.—E. ALLSOPP (Codnor).

Through "Cage Birds" I have been able to dispose of my cinematograph and accessories, and for the money I asked, which speaks well for the circulation of "Cage Birds."—S. J. HOTCHKISS (Birmingham).

I wish to thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds" re Norwich hens and Linnets (writes Mr. T. Hukin, Sheffield). I had so many I could not reply to them all, which speaks well for "Cage Birds."

I sold my three dogs through your paper, "Cage Birds"—one in Scotland, one in Ireland, and one up in the North of England. I must say "Cage Birds" is the best advertising medium I have ever tried.—J. W. ROGERS (Fishguard).

Just a word as regards your advertising columns. Having advertised in many papers, I unhesitatingly say that "Cage Birds" is the finest medium for the sale of stock that one has to spare. I judge by continual results.—F. BECK (Newcastle).

Kindly thank all applicants for my Singing Canaries, in reply to my "Ad." in "Cage Birds," as they were too numerous for me to answer. I had eight offers before I got "Cage Birds" myself, and have had as many more since.—J. WALLACE (Dundee).

I cannot speak too highly of your valuable paper, "Cage Birds." I don't think any paper can beat it for advertising in. It has never failed me yet, and I find it brings fanciers closer together from at home and abroad, and helps us to make new friends.—F. LINO (Oulton Broad)

As a result of last week's advt. in "Cage Birds," I had answers from all parts of England and Scotland. It is truly a grand paper to advertise in. I have induced several friends lately to take it in, and they were pleased I introduced it to them.—H. C. BRYANT (Birmingham).

Kindly thank the many gentlemen who replied to my advt. in "Cage Birds," as I have had shoals of offers from every place in England that has a paper shop, I think, and it is impossible for me to answer all. I made a satisfactory exchange locally.—JAMES SHUTTLEWORTH (Leigh, Lancs.).

As the result of advertising in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," I am pleased to inform you that I have had to employ two extra men this season to cope with the rush of orders for show cages. I consider "Cage Birds" a grand advertising medium.—JOHN MARTIN (Castle Douglas).

The last advertisement I had (about 9 months since) was a great success. In fact, I am in communication to the present day with the man who exchanged with me. So you see, "Cage Birds" not only helps the Hobby on, but it also makes friends. I wish your paper much success.—R. BOOTH (Manchester).

I advertised a Bramblefinch, and in reply was simply showered upon with letters for him. I sent him to a gentleman at Longton, on approval, and I need hardly state he kept the bird. I beg to thank one and all who desired to purchase my bird, and replied to my advertisement. I wish "Cage Birds" continued success. Thanks for the coloured plate of Hawfinches.—A. BOULTON BISHOP.

Through my advts. in "Cage Birds," up to now I have been working till 11 and 12 o'clock every night since the shows commenced. I have letters from New Zealand, South Africa, and I may say, from nearly all over the globe, mentioning my advt. in "Cage Birds." I have, this last fortnight, sent out over 200 show cages to Scotland, England, and Ireland. We have to work nearly day and night to cope with the demand. Please accept my best wishes for "Cage Birds."—R. HOGG (Middlesbrough).

Death to Rats and Mice.

'Liverpool' Virus

In tins. Ready prepared with the Bait. Harmless to all animals except Rats and Mice. No smell from dead bodies.
Virus for Rats, 2/6 and 6/- Virus for Mice, 1/6.
Prepared in England by English Scientists. Of all Chemists.
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Evans, Sons, Lescher & Webb, Ltd.
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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Hinks, jun., 27 West Street, Ferryhill, Co Durham). J.Str., J.Mu.
Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Farnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** Buck & Johnson, 135 School Street) J.R., T.T., J.Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 14—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 14, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.
1910.
*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Go.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Bolckow Row). J.C.B.
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.
Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Boucey and Watt, Bulls Head Hotel), J.R.
*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2², Smith Street),

Scotland.

Dec. 4.—**Milngavie, Bearsden.**—(Maxwell Frame, Woodburn Place, Milngavie.
Dec. 4—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Govan, 7, Union Street).
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Authony, Main Street. Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh,. A.W,W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.
Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)
Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L., R.V.R.

Wales.

*Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W.J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.) J.H.P.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwligwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H. T.D.
*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.So.
Nov. 12 & 13—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton).

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street Toronto Canada.)

In the Courts.

A Brentford Case.

At Brentford Petty Sessions on November 25th (writes a Twickenham correspondent), James King and Edward Brum (both of Chiswick), were summoned for netting wild birds at Hounslow.—Inspector Baulch said that on November 5th he saw the defendants carrying the nets, so he questioned them. King replied: "We've only been catching a few birds along the hedges." On making an examination, witness found three Larks, and ten Thrushes. Brum said: "We must do something for a living." Witness seized the nets and informed the defendants they would be reported. Brum said he was out of work at the time and chose this means of earning a shilling for his five-months-old child's maintenance. The other defendant said he borrowed the nets to try and get something for the children. He did not know they were Larks. The defendants were fined 5s., and the nets were returned to them.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual contest held at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, on November 28th, when 15 birds sung. 1, Thurkill; 2, Green; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Reed and Kipley.

Usual Linnet contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Carbrook, Nov. 28th, when 14 birds were entered; 1, Booker, 85; 2, Cole, 46; 3, Cole, 46. Contest will be held at same hotel, December 5th, when three good prizes will be given; also a Linnet Society is formed at the same hotel, contributions 3d. per week.—A. BROWN, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual quality singing contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, November 21st. Result: 1, 3, Soloman's "Derby Winner"; 2, Madden. Judges. Messrs. A. Lorriman and C. Lorriman. Result of contest held November 28th: 1, 3, Soloman's "Derby Winner"; 2, Madden. Judges, Messrs. J. Clark and A. Lorriman. A Canary contest will be held at above house, December 12th, commence 7.30 p.m.; open to all.—JOE. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., November 27th: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Johnson; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Whittaker. Also on November 28th, judged by Messrs. Jennings and Naylor: 1, Johnson; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

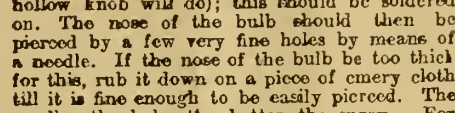
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Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 366.
Novel Bird Spray.
Sent by Mr. J. C. Eagleton, 39, Leicester Street, Norwich.

At that time of the year when our feathered pets are getting their jackets off, a spray is indispensable, and fanciers will find the simple spraying device here depicted of a very superior sort. This spray can be made for a few pence. Get a piece of ¾in. or 1in. brass or copper tubing, 10ins. in length, and at one end have a small bulb of thin copper or brass (a small common brass bedstead or any other



A Novel Sprayer.

hollow knob will do); this should be soldered on. The nose of the bulb should then be pierced by a few very fine holes by means of a needle. If the nose of the bulb be too thick for this, rub it down on a piece of emery cloth till it is fine enough to be easily pierced. The smaller the holes the better the spray. For the piston any ordinary round piece of wood will do with the usual cotton wad attached. One dip of the sprayer in water is sufficient to spray a dozen birds. An old bicycle pump can be made to do the same work if a bulb be fixed to it.—J. C. EAGLETON.

No. 367.
How to Ventilate Without Draught.
Sent by Mr. Nickelson, 34, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

I send you a sketch of an idea I have in use in my bird room. I don't think this has been in use yet. It is a ventilator without draught, and which has a peep hole. You cut with a fine saw a hole the size you require in the panel of your birdroom door, and then tack inside a piece of wire of ½in. mesh, or an old door off a disused bird cage. The piece you cut out you



For the Bird-room Door.

use again. Put two small hinges on to cover up the hole if you care to do so. A is the piece working on the hinges, and B the two small buttons to hold the door up or down as required. The peep hole enables one to see how the birds are pairing up without one's entering the room; also, you can see how your hens feed the young, and when your young cocks are coming on in song, for without this, directly you enter your birds stop singing and feeding, and do not go on with their domestic duties so well. Of course, one can also bore a few holes in top of door.—A. NICKELSON.

CLUB NOTICES: continued.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Dec. 6, headquarters 8. Prize money, purchase coupons, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.
Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Baptist School, 8.—W. Jagger.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Commercial Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition, T. Smith (Cleckheaton).—J. Lewis.
South-West Lond. C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Wind-up of year; suggestions wanted; also see general rule 14.—Lilley.
St. Helen's O.S.—Dec. 6, George Inn, 8.30. Paying members' prize money.—R. Gibbie.
South Lond. Col. and F.A.—Dec. 9, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High-rd., S.E. Nomination of officers for 1910 and notice of motion to add to or alter any rule.—G. A. Jefferys.
Shipley O.S.—Dec. 7, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. 2nd winter show. Entries, Dec. 6, 1909.—J. Robinson.
Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Dec. 11th, at Bull's Head Hotel. Annual show; all entries close Friday night. Judge, C. Pickup, Esq.—A. E. Merton.
Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Dec. 8, Station Hotel, 7.15. Show report, to be followed by a "smoker."—Richardson and Greenwell.
Wimbledon C.B.S.—Dec. 6. The Broadway, 8. Report of annual show; judging competition Nor. and Brit.—H. Smith.
Windhill, Shipley, O.S.—Dec. 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—E. Broadley.
West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.—Duffield and Jennings.
Windsor C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Star and Garter Hotel, 8.15.—E. A. Strickland.
Walkley C.B.S.—Dec. 9, St. Philip's Mission Hall, 8.—W. E. Clarke.
Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show. Judges, W. Cruise and S. Dean. Meeting during judging.—E. W. Johnson.
Yarm Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Town Hall, 7.30. Judging competition for members.—Wilkinson and Danby.
Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Gt. Horton show, 5. Important business.—H. Hill.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—Dec. 9, headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.
Attercliffe C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lantern lecture by Mr. L. Havenhand. Will all members bring or send ticket money?—W. Richinson.
Ardwick C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Onward Hall, 8. Final arrangements for show. Entries taken.—J. Spencer.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Bird judging competition, etc.—Elliott and Wood.
Blackburn Quality Linnet S.S.—Dec. 11, Old Red Lion, Sulg Brook. Motion to alter name of Society to "National Quality Linnet S.A.," enabling any fancier in the country to become a member. Intending members invited.—Slater and Rostron.
Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Victoria Hotel, 8.—M. Skirrow.
Barton C. and B.B.C.—Dec. 7, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for members' show on Dec. 18. Mr. W. Clews (Grimsby), judge.—E. C. Dunn.
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Dec. 4, The Jolly Gardener's, 8. Annual show. Very special business re cage bird section.—A. Lupton.
Bolton O.S.—Dec. 6, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Nomination of officers for 1910.—H. Parkinson.
Brighouse C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Round House Inn, 8.—P. Mitchell.
Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Essay on "Yorkshires," by Mr. F. Gelder, also show business.—H. Hill.
Bramley O.S.—Dec. 4, Carnival Rooms, Bramley, 7. Allotment of specials and other important business.—A. H. Craven.
City and County of Perth O.S.—Dec. 6, City Cafe, Methven-street, 8. Balance sheet, etc.—J. Kerr.
Crewe O.S.—Dec. 7, Burton Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet of show; election of President, etc., etc.—T. L. Hancocks.
Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Chequers Hotel, 8. Mr. J. Symonds will give a washing exhibition; fanciers invited.—W. H. Bray.
Clapham C.B.A.—Dec. 6, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Concert Committee, etc.—A. C. Askew.
City of Bradford.—Dec. 4, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Church Hall, 7.—J. Brown.
Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Half Moon, 8. Show business.—E. Brunskill.
Derby C.B.C.—Dec. 11, Derwent Hotel, 7. Prize money and specials won at members' show.—W. Stevens.
Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Members' show. Will members bring their subscription cards?—J. Holroyd.
Dewsbury C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Saville Hotel, 8. Show business.—N. Rayner.
East Ham F.A.—Dec. 6, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield-st., East Ham, 8. Additional specials for annual show; stewards' arrangements. Members can bring exhibits to hall, 9 p.m., Dec. 8th, to 10 a.m., Dec. 9th.—H. Rutter.
Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Dec. 6, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Annual meeting for election of office-bearers; enrolment of members, etc.—G. R. Smith.
Eastfield Side C.B.F.S. (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Dec. 4, Masons' Arms, 6. Tripe supper; meeting afterwards.—J. Carlin.
Exeter C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Distribution of silver cups, medals, specials, prize money, and convivial evening; bring a friend.—R. H. Folley.
Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Two Brewers, Church-st., Greenwich, 8. Annual general meeting. Reports and election of officers.—F. W. Hamer.
Grimsby O.S.—Dec. 6, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—H. Harding.
Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Crown Inn, 6.30. Show business; special; prizes, etc.—A. J. Nolley.
Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Dec. 9, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—W. Parratt.
Halifax O.S.—Dec. 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray.
Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Cricket Players, 8. Entry night; no entries taken after 10.—W. Cottingham.
Hull C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' prize money and specials won at late open show.—E. R. Ridley.
Hamilton (C.O.) O.S.—Dec. 6, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Handing in of specials for show.—A. Cant.
Kent County C.B.A.—Dec. 8, Barton-rd. Boys' School, Dover, 8. Election of auditors; fix date of annual meeting, etc.—G. Sanderson.
Liverpool B.B.A.—Dec. 11, Oldham Hall, birds staged 7.30. Night show of singles, 2 Yorks, 2 Yorks Greens, 2 Nor., 2 Nor. Greens, and 1 A.O.V. Judge, Mr. Hales.—F. E. Hawkes.
Loughborough C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Charnwood Coffee House, 8. Table show of old Yorks, yell. and buffs. Members please make good entries.—G. Jeffery.
Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Lockhart's, Briggate (next Hope Bros.), 7.30. Nomination of officers for 1910. Classification for Boxing Day Show.—J. Chambers.
Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Dec. 4, Old Boar's Head, Middleton, 6.30. Middleton Show, same day.—J. Rukin.
Longton C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Castle Inn, High-st., 8.30.—E. Tams.
Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 7, White Swan, Market-place, 8.15. Table Show: Nor. cl. or tkd. yell. (old birds), and mkd. or variegated (old birds), stock pairs, open, and same classification for novice members.—J. E. Wood.
Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 4, Railway Hotel, members' show, birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday.—A. Bottomley.
Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Members please bring ticket money.—T. W. Walton.
Lewisham C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Roebuck Hotel, 8.30. Distribution of prize money and specials. Will the committee kindly meet at 8?—G. H. Phillips.
Metropolitan C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. To pay out prize money for last show, also to sell the Canary presented to the club.—E. Box.
Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 4, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet of open show; nomination of officers. Members' show, Dec. 7. Ents., Dec. 6.—W. Holroyd.
Manchester O.S.—Dec. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Jan. show business, election of officers for 1910.—E. H. Jones.
Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Boxing Day show, stewards, etc.—A. Gledhill.
Morpeth C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Voser Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.
Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8 Prize distribution, etc.—F. Steeple.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see last week's 'Cage Birds."

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Only Half Moulted.

J. S. Butler.—If the bird is in good health I should advise you to leave well alone, as there is a certain chance the moult was completed when the bird ceased dropping feathers. The following treatment is the best in any case. Keep him rather warm, but be careful to avoid all draughts, or extreme fluctuations of temperature. Give him a vapour bath as described in detail to another querist in last issue, and after this keep the cage covered over for a few days. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn and a few shreds of saffron two days in every three for a week. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed. Twice a week for a fortnight give a small piece of bread and milk slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one of chlorate of potash, and sprinkled on top with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Drop all other foods for the present. Allow the bird to bathe freely if it desires. Should this not bring about the desired effect in a fortnight, remove the bird to a cold-room—one where no fire is kept—but it must be quite free from draughts and damp—for three or four days; then return it to its present position, and continue the treatment for another week or so. If the desired effect is still lacking, then leave well alone.

Mating Question.

Even-Marked.—In breeding these highly technical markings, it is of the greatest importance to have a good knowledge of the parentage of the birds, and it is by no means an easy matter to suggest the most suitable partners from a description of the birds themselves. This is no better than mating "on sight." An intimate knowledge of the pedigree of the stock is never more important than in breeding for even-marks. Therefore, having only the description of the birds to be mated before me, I can only suggest the following as the matings most likely to achieve your object, or to tend in that direction, making the goal so much the nearer next season. First pair: No. 1, variegated buff cock, and No. 5 clear yellow hen. Second pair: No. 2, wing and eye marked buff cock and No. 7 clear buff hen. If these are of rather fine texture of feather, so much the better. Third pair: No. 3 wing and head marked buff cock, and a large yellow tail-marked hen, or one showing dark blue around the base of tail. This hen should be of an even-marked strain, and, for preference, bred from a first break from green, which was made by mating two variegated yellows. Fourth pair: a large cobby buff cock, with slight ticks on one or both eyes, of even-marked strain, and No. 4 lightly variegated yellow hen. Fifth pair: a buff-green cock, bred from two heavy variegated yellows of even marked strain, and No. 6 clear yellow hen.

Elementary.

H.I.M.—You would be well advised to begin at the bottom; and to begin well, you could not do better than get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our Manager. This will clear up many points raised in your letter, including the question of sexual difference. If the bird were really a cock, and in a fair condition of health, it would be singing lustily by this time, and the fact that it sings very little is rather ominous—either of the bird being a hen, or in real bad health. If your parlour is free from draughts and damp, and not exposed to extreme fluctuations of temperature, the bird should do much better there than in the kitchen. In fact, the "squeaky" condition of the Goldfinch kept in the kitchen is what you would probably soon discover in the Canary if you kept it there. As a staple diet, give a mixture of two parts Canary seed to one part summer rape seed. Twice a week give separately a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, hemp, teazle, gold of pleasure, and maw seeds, and on two other days for the next month give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Three or four times a week give a small spray of watercress, or other green-food, when you can procure it free from any touch of frost, and when this is not obtainable substitute a bit of sweet fruit—ripe banana, apple, pear, orange, or grape, or even a bit of boiled or raw carrot. After the first month give the bread and milk once a week only, and you may then substitute a teaspoonful of egg-food, or the food you name, slightly moistened with water. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. The gritty sand sold in penny bags is better than any sort of rubbishy sand for the cage floor, as it is cleaner. If you could let the bird hear a good singing cock for a week or two it would be infinitely better than the whistles you speak of. Life is too short to blow it, and temper too, into these instruments of torture.

A Bird-room.

E. A. Blake.—Your bird-room appears to be very well designed in the main structure, and should do you very good service. But as far as I can see you have made no arrangements for ventilation, save what you can get by the door and windows. This is an oversight and would strongly advise you to remedy it before it is too late. Make the window, and the skylight too, if you like, with a well fitting sash to open, so that you can keep the place nice and fresh in the hottest summer weather. But in addition to this, fit a proper ventilator in each end near the floor, and others near the highest part of the roof. Let these be fitted with solid sliding shutters, so that you can control the ventilation to suit any prevailing conditions of weather. You will never regret this little extra trouble in the future. The half glass door is rather a superfluity of glass, which will tend to make the place colder and more variable. The skylight and front window should admit plenty of light, and you would do well to omit the half glass door. To answer your questions seriatim: (1) The room will be quite suitable to breed Canaries in. (2) If the structure is in a fairly sheltered spot, and you start with birds not previously accustomed to heated rooms, you should require no heat at all. If you did determine to use heat, however, a hot-water pipe installation, with boiler and furnace outside, is quite the best. (3) Cages would do best on back wall opposite the window. Starting from a staging eighteen inches high, you will just manage to get in a rack for three tiers of breeding cages. A large flight might be made on the front wall beyond the window, at end furthest from door. (4) If you have had no previous experience, Border Fancy, Norwich, or Yorkshire, in the order named, would be best to start with.

Wheezy and Choked-up.

Bob.—There must be something seriously wrong with your management, I am afraid. You should first look well into the question of draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and see if there is not something here which requires attention. You want your room to be well and efficiently ventilated, so that the birds may always have a plentiful supply of fresh pure air, but at the same time they must not be exposed to any cold cutting draughts—neither should they be constantly subject to extreme fluctuations; whilst damp is not a bit less harmful. Attend well to these points. Keep all cages very clean, and strew with gritty sand. Allow the bath only in nice mild weather. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. On the alternate days for the next fortnight give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Twice a week give also half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niga, teazle, and gold of pleasure seeds, and on each of the other days a scrap of green food or sweet fruit. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of syrup of rhubarb daily for three days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, five of ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week. If not quite well by that time omit the medicines altogether for a week, and then repeat for two weeks as above.

Husky Roller.

Anxious.—You might read remarks to "Bob" about the absolute necessity of avoiding draughts and extremes of heat and cold. As your bird is decidedly worse in the morning I am strongly inclined to suspect one of these causes is at work, and most likely the variations of temperature. If you look into this matter you will doubtless find the bird is kept in a position where the heat varies greatly between night and morning; probably it has the benefit of the heat of a fire during the days and evenings, and this is extinguished at night, so that the place where the bird is kept becomes extremely cold in the "wee sma' ayant the twal'." Also, it may hang near, or over, a lamp or gas, which burns during the evenings, which would have the same effect. I have little doubt if you attend to these points, and keep the bird in an equable temperature, and away from draughts, it will soon be all right. Give it a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion upon it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, daily for a week, and in the drinking water give ten drops each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and five of ipecacuanha wine every second day during the same time. You may give a little green food whenever it is obtainable quite free from frost, snow, or dirty fogs, three or four times a week. At other times ripe banana is about the best substitute; but sweet apple, pear, orange, grape (with skin broken), or even a bit of boiled or raw carrot, does very well.

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Clicking Noise and Accuracy.

P. J. R.—(1) I do not suppose the clicking noise your bird makes with its beak is at all significant of any illness. Many birds frequently make such noise when in the best of health. You might see that no draught gets at him when he is roosting, and it can do no harm to give him twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in his water, for two or three days. (2) As regards the quantity of water I refer to when prescribing medicines to be given in the drinking water, I mean, roughly speaking, one ounce of water, or two tablespoonfuls, which is practically the same thing. This is the basis on which all prescriptions are made in these replies. A teaspoonful or so more water will make very little difference, whilst the worst effect likely to accrue from that much less quantity of water would be to prevent the birds drinking so much, or perhaps cause them to reject it altogether. Now, although as you say, drinking troughs vary in size a good deal if you take the trouble to measure the ordinary type of glass, zinc, and china vessels used on canary cages, you will find the difference is more apparent than real, the inner capacity being somewhere about one fluid ounce—sometimes rather more, but rarely, if ever, less. Therefore you see the constant repetition of measurements in all these replies is not really necessary. When circumstances render it necessary measurements are given, as you may have observed in some cases.

Canary Refuses Seed.

F. E. N.—It is not improbable that the bird's hoarseness is merely the result of over-feeding, due to his exclusive diet of soft food. It is certainly rather uncommon to find a canary that refuses to eat seeds, but such cases are known. Indeed, a correspondent writes this week to report the fact that a canary, which, a month ago, was practically the same as yours, now lives almost entirely upon seed. Keep its seed-box regularly supplied with a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed—not soaked, but just the ordinary dry seeds. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of port wine and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a small piece of bread, scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Once or twice a week give a few grains only of a mixture of hemp, teazle, and inga, and three or four times a week a bit of ripe banana or scrap of green food. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue the latter on alternate days for a fortnight. It might be advisable to carefully catch the bird and see if its beak is overgrown at the sides. Drop the soft food by degrees to twice a week when you see the bird beginning to eat seeds again.

Brevities.

Seed Samples (William Gray).—No. 1 sample seems nice and clean, is of very fair size, but rather thin; it is very sweet, and of good average quality, but nothing exceptional. No. 2 is not so clean, and is very small in size, but is quite sweet, and of fair quality, providing the bulk is not too dusty. It is not so good a sample as No. 1, and its small size is decidedly against it.

Cost of Carriage (Foreign Nickel).—Sorry I have not the exact figures of the cost of carriage of birds from Germany at hand. If my memory serves me correctly, however, the amount is within the limit of five shillings for a case of a dozen birds. Half-a-dozen would probably cost just the same as a dozen for carriage, and twenty might not cost much, if anything, more than a dozen. A polite request of any German dealer, accompanied by a 2½d. stamp for reply, would doubtless bring you the exact information.

About the Duns (Peeping Tom, Coventry).—Undoubtedly a self-cinnamon cock (I take it you mean a pure-bred cinnamon) mated with a yellow Norwich hen with no cinnamon blood, would breed hens that would produce self-cinnamons again when paired back to a self-cinnamon cock. It is even possible you might get a self-cinnamon cock from this second mating, but in the first suggested mating which produces these half-bred hens, you will find cinnamon colour only among the hens, if, as you say, your Norwich hen really has no cinnamon blood in her veins, but this blood is so widely distributed now-a-days that it is scarcely possible to say any given bird is not affected by it unless its history is very well-known. The young half-bred cocks paired to Norwich hens with no cinnamon blood in them, might also breed young marked with cinnamon colour, but every such bird would, to a certainty, be a hen. Mated back to pure self-cinnamon hens, these cocks would again produce a certain proportion of self-cinnamons.

Feeding Mealworms.—A handful of bran, with a little flour, sharps, or meal of any kind, or a handful of rolled oats, placed in the box in which the worms are kept is all the feeding they require. Many articles on the care and breeding of this class of bird food have appeared of late in our columns.

Panting at Roost (H.T.).—See replies to "Bob" and "Anxious." It is very probable your birds are too near the kitchen fire, and therefore subject to extremes of temperature. If this is the case put them further away from the fire, but out of reach of draughts, and where there will be the least possible amount of variation. Give both birds six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue the latter for a fortnight in the case of the green cock, and after the end of the first week if the yellow cock has not greatly improved in its breathing give it twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may appear necessary. Feed as advised to "Bob" during this time.

Two Ailing Norwich (Hope).—Thanks for letter. Am pleased to hear birds have improved so much. Thes objection to eucalyptus shown by No. 2 bird is quite a usual experience. You may try the following modified form for another fortnight, by which time the bird should be able to do without further treatment. Twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and one drop of eucalyptus, shaken well together. For No. 1 bird continue the treatment previously advised, but give it only every alternate fortnight for the next two months. That is, give the treatment as advised for a fortnight, then omit treatment altogether for a fortnight. At the end of the first month you may, if you wish, gently remove the scraggy feathers from the tail one or two at a time at intervals of a day or two, when they may probably be reproduced in the normal condition.

Crossing Lancashire (E. Godry).—You make no mention of your object in crossing Lancashire with Norwich, nor which variety you hope or desire to profit by the cross. But the object is of comparatively little importance, because I should say at once that neither variety is in the least likely to benefit by such crossing, and instead of getting good results you will undoubtedly find your object, whatever it may be, as far from being realised as before crossing, and perhaps even more remote. You had better write again and say what your object is in wishing to make this cross, then perhaps I can help you.

Swelling on Throat (No Name).—I cannot venture to guess what the blister you describe really is without seeing it or knowing exactly the position it occupies. If rather to the right side of the neck and a little distance below the beak it is probably a distension of the crop, and any unskilled interference would probably make matters worse than ever. If close up near the beak and apparently full of air or water pierce it with a clean needle and gently press out contents and anoint once or twice afterwards with carbolised vaseline. Before doing this you might try the effect of painting it with a feather dipped in colourless tincture of iodine. Give six drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid in tho water for a few days. If this treatment is not successful write again and enclose a rough sketch showing position of swelling as near as possible.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Birds in Greenhouse Enclosure.

T. J. James.—To keep birds in a greenhouse successfully, damp and draught must be eliminated. Their wildness will be accounted for somewhat by the change of quarters, and the scare of catching up, but this has been accentuated by mixing up large and small in a confined space, in which the smaller ones are in continual fear of their larger companions. It frequently happens that birds which will permit you to walk among them without fear in a roomy aviary, are very wild when put into a confined space. You do not mention your county, but such birds as Budgerigars, Cardinals, and the like, would be better outside if they have a dry shelter to go under when so disposed, and to keep your Waxbills and Ornamental Finches in the greenhouse enclosure. I really am inclined to say that if the Pekins will not live out of doors, they will not in; but as they already have eye trouble, which this species appears subject to, cage them up separately, and treat them to a nourishing diet of soft food, ripe fruit, and half a dozen mealworms or other insects per diem. Bathe the eyes with a rosewater and zinc eye wash, procurable from any chemist. An occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia, say, half a teaspoonful mixed into the soft-food mixture, will fully meet the case. The birds should ultimately settle down, but with fuller details I may be able to help you further.

Grey Parrot with Cold.

Mrs. M.C.M.B.—Give this bird a mild aperient, say one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, but you must cease this on the first indication of the voidings becoming really watery. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts; take a small portion of the mixture, add an equal quantity of water, and let the bird have a few sips three or four times a day. If the bird should develop weakness, a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) will act as a good stimulant. If there should be any running at the nostrils, well cleanse these with diluted glyco-thymoline; will do no harm if a little is swallowed. As soon as the trouble yields to the treatment, gradually discontinue the mixture and put the bird on a course of Parrish's chemical food, but at the same time keep its bowels moving freely without looseness.

Wood Swallows.

Enquirer.—The White-eyebrowed Wood Swallow is usually imported once or twice annually, but the Masked much more rarely so. These beautiful birds are great favourite, and make really excellent cage pets (though they are even more desirable in the aviary), as they readily become tame. Diet: Some good soft food mixture (see our advert. cols.), ripe fruit (if they will take it), and a liberal supply of live insects, mealworms, will have to be the main stay at this season, but during the spring and summer these should be varied with all the beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars, and the like you can capture for them. It should not be difficult to train them for a fly round the room daily; a mealworm thrown into the cage will secure an almost immediate return, and the exercise will add greatly to their well being. They should have opportunities for a daily bath, and this should be given outside the cage if possible.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Brevities.

Treatment for Parrot (W.H.M.).—I can give you no definite reply till you tell me its name or give me a description of the bird sufficient to enable me to recognise its species. In the meantime diet it on a seed mixture of Canary, millet, oats, hemp, dari, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; also ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts.

What Birds (M.A.).—(1) I must ask you to wait till next issue, when there is nothing but a dealer's name to go by, the task is anything but an easy one. (2) This is evidently some species of Rosefinch, very probably Carpodacus mexivanus. Some of these were imported earlier in the season, and possibly a few more have recently come through—the name you quote is merely a fancy one, though it may be appropriate according to the colouration of the bird. Will look the matter up and give you a definite reply next week.

Feather Pulling (R. Clarkson).—I suspect this bird has been treated to a bit of everything; such treatment usually ends in feather pulling. Before giving you a definite reply, please let me know how you have been dieting and treating the bird. I shall then be in a position to help you. In the meanwhile give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water every other day, so long as the voidings are not watery. There is no reason, if properly treated, why it should not live for many more years yet. Spraying with quassia is quite correct, but to effect any permanent improvement you must get at the seat of the trouble and remove the cause of heated blood. If you give me the details asked for, I shall try and reply.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Seed Matters (Bright).—The sample is a wild seed mixture comprising in the bulk those seeds known as "bird rapes" (charlock, etc.). It is very useful as a "tit-bit" for practically all Finches. The Linnet mixture I recommended will do admirably for a Bullfinch and Redpoll, also for a Chaffinch with a little sunflower added. A Yellowhammer eats little but Canary seed.

A Yellowhammer (Yellow Bunting).—(1) I think there is very little likelihood of you obtaining the Yellowhammer—Bullfinch Hybrid. I do not write this, however, with any desire to dissuade you from trying the mating. If none try, it is a certainty, of course, that the cross will never be seen. (2) The most likely bird to mate to a cock Yellowhammer would be a hen Reed Bunting. The cross has never been successfully tried, so far as I know, and any hybrid resulting from it would be valuable, and handsome, too, I should think.

Points About the Linnet (Mr. Finch).—I do not think that anybody could state the "average age" (I presume you mean average span of life) of the Linnet when in captivity. To get into the teens of years is not at all an uncommon feat, however. I always think that when two years old the average Linnet is as good as ever he will be from the show point of view; of course, he is just as good at three, as a rule, and sometimes better (in colour, for instance), but as the years creep on, the pencilling disappears.

A Show Dark Mule (E. H. Smith).—Your question: "What constitutes a Dark Goldfinch Mule fit for show, i.e., size, markings, colour, etc.?" is not at all easy to answer. The best thing is to visit a good show and inspect the winners. Size, of course, is an open question—the bird to be as large as it can possibly be bred. The biggest bird has a useful start over its competitors in the race for prizes. The prevailing Natural colour of a good jonques is a yellowish-orange, deepening to brown on the back. This is by colour-food turned to a deep, rich bronzy-red, especially about the blaze and breast. The wing-bars peculiar to the Goldfinch should be distinctly visible, likewise the black band over the head, and the head itself should be bold and wide. In the buff Mule the area of rich colour on face and breast is more restricted, and the bird is more or less mealy in colour all over. A buff is invariably a bigger and stouter built bird than a jonque.

A Swallow (Lanton).—I do not, and never shall, advocate the caging of an adult Swallow. If you wish to keep one as a pet, obtain a youngster and hand-rear it, then you will have no difficulty in getting it either to feed or settle down to cage-life. They become almost ridiculously tame and confiding.

Brttish Lark (F. Miller).—Only two Larks—the Skylark and the Woodlark—breed in England, and neither builds in a tree, but upon the ground. The Woodlark sometimes builds under a small bush. The Tree and Meadow Pipits are frequently termed "Tit-larks" (though not in reality larks at all), but both of these birds also build their nests upon the ground.

Sex Questions (E. C.).—The hen Yellowhammer lacks the bright yellow seen on the throat, head, cheeks and under-parts of the male bird. She is very heavily mottled all over with brown (or olive-brown), showing practically no clear yellow on the surface. Absence of the bib is no sign of the hen in the Siskin; many cocks exhibit no trace of that marking. As your bird sings freely, it is a cock right enough, and the giver's story about its having bred Mules may be quite true.

A Muling Matter (A. Tripp).—If the black-legged Goldfinch is steady, it may prove a Muler safe enough in due season. It is by no means essential that a Muling Finch should be house-moulted. If steady (or fairly so), I advise you to run him with the hen Canary right through the winter, for he will not be ready to fertilise eggs until about the end of April—when his beak clears and he is in full song. The hen you mention may throw you some good Mules.

A "Crested Norwich Mule" (F. T., Manchester).—The above is rather a curious description to apply to the bird. If it is a cock, it certainly ought to sing. But you cannot expect this whilst moulting, which from your letter I should say it is now doing. You ought not to wash the "pen feathers";

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they are quite natural and will come all right in due course. You must give the bird time to complete its moult. The place on the head should be gently anointed thrice daily for four or five days with just a touch of carbolic ointment.

An Ailing Goldfinch (J. H.).—Am afraid your bird is in a hopeless plight. When so bad and weak as to "fall off the perch," 99 birds out of 100 are already beyond the help of medicines or anything else. To speak candidly, it is no use waiting till a bird is three-parts dead before seeking a remedy; treatment must begin at the very first sign of trouble, or it is seldom of use. I expect your bird will be dead before you read this answer. If alive, give at once a mixture of teazle, maw, niger, and crushed hemp to eat—plenty of the latter, and give in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) for two days a small half a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn. Allow a 24-hours' interval between each dose. Your feeding was at fault; see other replies this week concerning young and fresh-caught Goldfinches.

Feeding a Chaffinch.

Molesey.—Yes; the Finch stock cage which I recommend (all makers supply them), about 16ins. long, will be far better for everyday use than the one you now have, and help to steady the bird. The Chaffinch will sing and thrive well in it. You could improve its food by adopting the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed, half a pint each. To this a half-pint of sunflower could be added. Wild seed mixture (see another reply this week), and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. An occasional mealworm, flies, etc., are relished.

A Magpie and Siskin.

Maggie.—A very simple and economical method of feeding a Magpie is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use brown-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or other dog meal), with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Soak with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), nuts (cracked), of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter, are other things they will eat. Your Siskin should thrive well on the following seed mixture: Canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape and charlock one part each. Give a little hemp, maw and cracked sunflower (or mixed packet seed), now and again, as a change.

A Wild Seed Mixture.

Puzzled.—No; you cannot mix up yourself the seeds which are contained in the average "wild seed mixture." The latter is generally screenings which come from threshing machines. If you want a "conditioner," try my own recipe. I am sure I get good results from using such a mixture in my own stock. I get made up the following: Thistle, dandelion, lettuce, plantain, gold of pleasure, and sesame, half a pound of each, cornflower and wild mustard, a quarter-pound of each. This makes a good quantity, and is somewhat expensive (thistle, dandelion, and cornflower being dear), but there is no waste, and, of course, the quantities of each seed can be reduced. The cost can be greatly reduced, too, by the addition of wild seed mixture (such as is to be bought very cheaply), two parts of this to one of the other. It is greatly relished by the majority of seed-eaters, and grand stuff for getting them into stout song. I sometimes add inga and maw to it, for Goldies, etc.

"Bobbie" in a Cage.

Miss Wilson.—Many Robins make quite nice cage pets, being fine singers and getting very tame. Sentiment, however, is all against caging them. I know people who keep them during the winter and let them free in the spring; perhaps you would care to do this. The best house cage is a box-pattern one about 18 inches long by 14 high by 9 or 10 wide, fitted with food, etc., vessels inside. The Redbreast is an insectivorous bird, like the Nightingale, though it is true he will thrive in captivity on a plainer, "coarser" diet. Try this stock food: Powdered Osborne biscuit, five parts; best ants' egg, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupae, one part; meat meal, one part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. "Bobbie," however, likes a few seeds—canary mostly now and again. You could buy a good stock-food, ready made up, from many advertisers using our columns (possibly at local bird-shops, or bird-food dealers), and add to it grated carrot (sufficient to just damp it), and now and again half a finely minced hard boiled egg. That would make up a very fair dietary. You can add mealworms, and black-beetles when you can get them, and other suitable live-foods. "Bobbie" likes a few ripe berries and a little fruit, too.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Sea and Shore Birds.

F. D. S.—I don't know of any catcher of sea and shore birds, but even if I did, I take it it would be against rules to recommend anyone. Probably some dealers reside in the districts you name, and do their own catching. Best keep an eye on CAGE BIRDS advertisements.

Breeding from Owls.

The Owl's Mistress.—I should think it would be quite possible to mate your Brown owl with a Barn owl, but, so far, I don't know that anyone has tried mule breeding with owls! At any rate, whether you do this or merely mate him with a hen of his own species, it would be best to get one now, as you suggest, and let them fly together in the aviary, keeping a careful watch on their behaviour.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Bullfinch (W. Lett).—Inflammation of liver. There was no food in stomach. These birds do not thrive on millet and canary seed alone.

Canary (M. F. Hurst).—Disease of liver and bowels. No food in stomach. General anæmic condition. Give some Parrish's chemical food in other birds' drinking water. This was a hen. Disinfect its cage.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Photos (H. Lewis).—We hope to use these very shortly now; we are keeping them for a certain issue.

A Suggestion (W. Holton).—We will endeavour to carry out your kindly suggestion, if we can find a willing breeder of the crested variety.

Learning Tricks (Old Fancier).—We don't know of any book dealing with the subject, and have no knowledge, personally, as to how it is accomplished. We will make enquiries, and will publish your letter, as some reader may be able to help you.

A Novel Cage (F. Thomas).—Many thanks for the photograph, which we shall hope to reproduce in our next Double Number, as well as the letter.

A Double Deal (Puzzled).—If you have received no replies to your letter by now, communicate the facts to the London Police, and ask if they know anything of the parties in question.

Feeding Mealworms (A Reader from First No.).—A mixture of bran and sharps in equal parts (or bran and barley meal) is all the "feed" mealworms require. The great point is to keep them in a warm place. If you want full instructions on how to breed them, you will find it given in the article by Mr. Houlton, on "British Birds," which we published some short time ago.

A Card Holder (C. C. T. Giles).—We do not think card holders meet with favour; they are generally held to be dangerous to the bird's feet.

A Leeds Challenge (A Critic).—We think it better to leave the parties to settle matters amongst themselves, so have not published your letter. If the challenge comes to nought, then the matter ends, so far as we are concerned.

Illustrated Ideas (A. Williams).—This food tin is too much like one given before.—(J. Maynard, jun.).—We are afraid few fanciers would have much success catching birds out of an aviary with a net so small as the pocket of a billiard table; further, how would they get the latter?—(P. Watson).—We have several times illustrated these husk nests for small foreign birds.—(W. Pothecary).—We have illustrated a very similar combined seed drawer and sieve.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show held in the Assembly Rooms recently. There were 68 birds in six classes. Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke) judged. Most points for cup (with three birds to count) were gained by R. Wade, making 21 out of a possible 21; second, M. Walton, 18; third, S. Denby, 16.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Wade; 2, Walton; 3, 4, c, Denby; vhc, Livesay; hc, Dean. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Wade; 2, Herd and Simpson; 3, Walton; 4, Longbottom; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Barker; c, Denby. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Walton; 2, Wade; 3, Townley; 4, c, Denby; vhc, Dean; hc, Longhottom. BUFF (10): 1, Dean; 2, 4, Denby; 3, vhc, Livesay; hc c, Barker. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Denby; 2, Wilkinson; 3, c, Dean; 4, Longbottom; hc, Hardacre; vhc, Booth. BUFF (14): 1, Wade; 2, vhc, Barker; 3, Townley; 4, Denby; hc, Walton; c, Longbottom.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, held in the Baptist School on Nov. 27th, when 92 birds faced Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley), who judged.

CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Lumb; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Kirk; 4, Fowle; vhc, Kirkbright Bros.; hc, Grundy. BUFF (12): 1, Joe Thomas; 2, Jowett; 3, Stocks and Fowle; 4, Briggs and Jagger; vhc, Craven; hc, Grundy; c, Kirk. TKD., YELL. (7): 1, Myers; 2, Kirk; 3, Thomas; 4, Hartley; vhc, Briggs and Jagger; hc, Myers; c, Kirkbright Bros. BUFF (4): 1, Lumb; 2, Jowett; 3, Joe Thomas; 4, Alderson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL (12): 1, McDonald; 2, Lumb; 3, Brook; 4, Kirk; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hartley; c, Myers. BUFF (6): 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Joe Thomas; 3, Craven, 4, Grundy. CL. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Kirk; 3, Lumb; 4, Craven; vhc, McDonald; hc, Alderson. BUFF (8): 1, Myers; 2, 3, Kirk; 4, Brook; vhc, Hartley; hc, Myers. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 4, vhc, Joe Thomas; 2, c, Smith; 3, Kirk; hc, Lumb. BUFF (8): 1, Stocks and Fowle; 2, Lumb; 3, Kirk; 4, Kirkbright Bros.; vhc, Fowle; hc, Smith. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Fowle; 2, Lumb; 3, Joe Thomas; 4, McDonald; vhc, Fowle; hc, Grundy; c, Stocks and Fowle. BUFF (7): 1, c, Myers; 2, Craven; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Lumb; hc, Kirk.

WANDSWORTH.

There was a rather small, but select collection of Cage Birds at the fourth annual show of the Wandsworth F.A., held in the Public Baths on November 30th. In the Norwich section Mr. J. Kirby carried off chief honours. The Yorkshires were especially good. A few good Hybrids and British helped to swell the numbers. Mr. F. Easterling judged and gave general satisfaction. The birds were nicely staged and well looked after, reflecting every credit on Mr. A. V. Lane, the Sec.

Critiquo.

NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 2, Kirby, fine typical bird, with good head, capital shoulders and chest; 8, Luff, another good one, very typical, nice front, good wings; vhc, Sprules; hc, Kilby; c, Inch. BUFF. (10): 1, 2, vhc, big bold pointed bird, good head, very typical wedge-shaped body, short wings; 2, good bird, nice head and back, very tight in feather; hc, Luff; c, Sprules; YORK. YELL. CK. (3): 3, Mole, fine long bird, very typical, sweet head, capital wings and tail; vhc, Buckingham. HEN (3): 3, Pound, nice typical lady, beautifully moulded, capital colour and condition. NOVICE.—A.V. CK.: 1, 2, c, Ralph, 1, fine long bird of perfect York. type, nice head, good shoulders and back; 2, grand buff, nice fully moulded bird, good head and neck; 3, Mrs. Gill, good bird, very shapely, nicely moulded; vhc, Owen; hc, Reade. HEN (7): 2, Reade, very smart, nice type, well up in leg, good back and wings; 3, Mrs. Owen, another good one, very typical, nice length of side; vhc, hc, Mrs. Gill; c, Ralph. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, Ralph, rattling good Goldie, with nice size blaze of good colour, richly tanned lovely feather; 3, Quilter, another capital Goldie, good blaze; vhc, Burgess; hc, Quilter; c, Freeman. HYB. (12): 1, Fysh, grand Goldie-Bullie, lovely rich expansive blaze, well tanned, dense black, in lovely condition; 2, Leighton, fine big lightly mkd. Greenie-Can., beautiful shape and feather; 3, Gunnell, grand evenly mkd. Can., lovely feather; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Twiddy; c, Brabbins. SELL.: 3, Brabbins; vhc, Fysh.

PAIGNTON.

The Paignton F.A. held their 19th annual show in the Public Halls, on November 24th. Entries in the cage bird classes were not numerous (being confined to members). Norwich were the strongest and contained some excellent birds, among them some winners in open competition. Winner for best in show fell to one of this variety, a ticked unflig. belonging to Mr. J. Fox. Yorksbires were good, while the same can be said of the winners in the British bird classes. The birds were nicely staged, and were a great attraction, the show being visited by a large number of people, many coming from neighbouring towns. The committee for this section are Messrs. Pack and Green, while the secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. A. B. Battershall. Mr. J. Davies judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

YORKS CK.: 1, Hodge, cl. yell., lovely col. and quality, full of style, straight as a pencil; 2, Hodge, neck mkd. buff, beautiful feather, fine length; 3, Hodge, cl. buff, beauty for shape and position; vhc, hc, J. and W. Elliott. HEN: 1, Elliott, cl. yell., excellent type, good length; 2, Elliott, wing mkd. buff, well up in size, in fine form; 3, Hodge, cinn. mkd. buff, not a feather out of place; vhc, Hodge. UNFLIG.: 1, Elliott, cl. buff, in grand condition, good tail and wings; 2, Hodge, cap mkd. buff, stylish, full of quality; 3, Hodge, slashing wing mkd. yell. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Nicks, wonderful quality and col., good head and neck; 2, Middleton, large one, good col. and condition; 3, Veale, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Jeffery; hc, Stanhury. BUFF: 1, J. N. Jeffery, hot col. and like silk, good wing carriage; 2, Jeffery, fine shape, big one, lovely feather; 3, vhc, Veale, well mealed, good size. HEN: 1, Veale, cl. yell., good col and quality, nice wings, clean cut; 2, 3, vhc, Jeffery, 2nd cl. buff, large unflig., good col., 3rd cl. yell. unflig., good chest; hc, Veale; c, Nicks. UNFLIG.: 1, spl. best in show, vhc, Fox, tkd. yell., lovely condition, grand shape and size; 2, vhc, c, Veale, very hot col.; 3, hc, Jeffery, cl. buff, close feather; vbc, Nicks. A.O.V.: 1, Middleton, Crested, large variey., good crest, fine shape; 2, 3, Elliott, self cinn. Yorks, lovely col. and condition, 3rd cinn. mkd. Yorks, good shape, nice pipe tail. MULE: 1, spl., Fox, light variey. Goldfinch-Can., lovely blaze, good size, in grand condition; 2, Fox, dark Mule of same cross; 3, Badcock, Linnet-Can., fine size and markings, grand bird; vhc, Veale. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Elliott, grand Thrush. SMALL: 1, spl., 2, vhc, Elliott, Great Tit, in lovely condition, well staged; 2nd Nuthatch, very steady, cage-moulted, again well shown; 3, Miss Tozer, cock Bullfinch; vhc, Nicks. FOR.: 1, spl., Middleton, Orange Bishop, in lovely bloom, magnificent col.; 2, Miss Tozer, Rosette Cockatoo, in grand feather. SELL. (10/6): 1, Jeffery; 2, Hodge; 3, Fox; vhc, C. Middleton. JUNIORS. 1, spl., vhc, Williams, good Bramblefinch, very steady; 2, 3, c, Elliott, 2nd yell. Yorks, stands well, non-fed. 3rd Bullfinch, good cap, very steady; vhc, Badcott.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fifth annual show (confined to members) held in the Conservative Hall, Clarendon Road, on Nov. 13, when a total of 230 birds were staged, bespeaking the progress which is being made by the society. Mr. W. Quantrell, the secretary, was responsible for the very able arrangement of things, and he proved himself a capable official. He was assisted by Mrs. T. Wright and Messrs. J. Goodall, J. W. Freeman, and A. T. Sears. Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver judged.

NOR., CHAMP.: 1, c, T. Wright; 2, Goodall; 3, hc, Buckingham. NOVICE: 1, Quantrell; 2, hc, Tucker; 3, Brandon. UNFLIG., CHAMP.: 1, vbc, bc, T. Wright; 2, Buckingham; 3, Freeman. NOVICE: 1, hc, Groves; 2, Fox; 3, c, Swain. NOR. HEN, CHAMP.: 1, bc, Buckingham; 2, T. Wright; 3, Shirley. NOVICE: 1, c, Fox; 2, vhc, Tucker; 3, Groves. YORKS., CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, Buckingham; vhc, c, Perkins; hc, Sears. NOVICE: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Cox; 3, Willis. UNFLIG., CHAMP.: 1, 2, Sears; 3, vhc, Buckingham; hc, c, Perkins. NOVICE: 1, vhc, hc, Cox; 2, 3, F. Wright; c, Willis. HEN, CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Buckingham; vhc, Sears; c, Perkins. NOVICE: 1, Cox; 2, 3, F. Wright. CRESTS, CHAMP.: 1, Goodall. NOVICE: 1, 3, Youens; 2, Miss L. Hewatt; vhc, hc, Campling. C.B., CHAMP.: 1, Goodall; 2, hc, Campling; 3, vhc, Lowe. UNFLIG., NOVICE: 1, Miss L. Hewatt; 2, Campling; 3, vhc, hc, Youens. A.O.V., CHAMP.: Mr. Pretty took all the awards. NOVICE: 1, Lowe. NON-COL. FED: 1, Swain; 2, Buckingham; 3, Willis; vhc, Parrish. HYB., CL., ETC., CAN.: 1, 2, Goodall; 3, Farren. DARK CAN.: 1, Quantrell; 2, vhc, Goodall; 3, Watts; hc, Farren. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Goodall; 2, 3, vhc, c, Quantrell; hc, Dumbleton. BULLFINCH: 1, Brandon; 2, Goodall; 3, hc, Quantrell; vhc, Youens. HEN BULLFINCH: 1, Quantrell; 2, 3, Goodall. LINNET: 1, Perkins; 2, vhc, Goodall; 3, Quantrell; hc, T. Wright. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, vhc, c, Quantrell; 3, Goodall; hc, Watts. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Quantrell; 3, Goodall; vhc, Bridge. REDPOLL: 1, c, Goodall; 2, 3, vhc, Quantrell; hc, Buckingham. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, hc, Goodall; 2, hc, c, Quantrell. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Goodall; 2, Shirley. BRIT. BIRD, HEN, HARDBILL: 1, 2, hc, Goodall; 3, vhc, Quantrell. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, Quantrell; 2 c, Shirley, 3, Goodall. LARGE: 1, 3, vhc, Quantrell, 2, hc, Goodall; c, Perkins. FOR., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Sprow. WARBLLS, ETC.: 1, 3, Watts; 2, Brundon; vhc, Farren. A.O.S.: 1, Frost; 2, hc, Goodall; 3 nc, Watts. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Watts; vhc, Quantrell. SELL. (10/): 1, c, Wombwell; 2, Sears, 3, Watts; vhc, Goodall; hc, Buckingham. (15/-): 1, vhc, Swain; 2, Shirley; 3, Sears; hc, Watts (£1 5s): 1, vhc, Wright; 2, Sears; 3, Shirley; hc, Youens.

LANCASTER PRIMROSE.

The Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. held their 3rd annual show on November 19th and 20th, in the Central Hall, Great John street. The hall is one of the best in the North of England. The entries were not large, and a considerable quantity of the classes had to be cancelled, the reason, we think, being that so many more shows were held on the same date. Norwich and Border were the chief classes, some tip-toppers being staged. Mr. Brown carried away the elaborate tea and coffee service. Although the exhibits were few, the show was taking to the eye, being decorated with evergreens and flowers. Mr. Mundell judged and gave every satisfaction. The arrangements were carried out splendidly by Mr. J. H. Nayler, the Secretary, who lacks nothing in carrying out a show.

YELL NOR. (6): 1, Mrs. Martin, good head and chest, boxy feather, rich col., lovely type; 2, c, Leeming Bros., 2nd variey., lovely feather, good head and chest, short and chubby; 3, Bailey, full of quality, good wings and tail, clean on chest, rich col; vhc, Wilkinson. BUFF, ETC. (7): 1, Mrs. Martin, boxy feather, good head, clear on chest, rich col., grand wings and tail; 2, Wilkinson, wing tkd., lovely quality, rich col. and feather, short wings and tail; 3, Seed, variey., full of quality, good head and chest, short flights and tail; 4, Allen, teeming with quality; vhc, Dixon; hc, Mrs. Martin; c, Bailey. HENS (8): 1, Mrs. Martin, yell. tkd., good head and chest, teeming with quality, well braced wings, short tail; 2, Wilkinson, buff, boxy feather, good head and chest, short wing and tail, correct type; 3, 4, Bailey, 3rd yell., short wings and tail, full of quality, rich col., good head, 4th buff, full of quality, good bead and chest; vhc, hc, Allen; c, Seed. UNFLIG., NOR. (7): 1, 2, Dixon, 1st buff tkd., good head and chest, full of quality, short and chubby, 2nd yell. tkd., rich col., correct type, good wings and tail, full of quality; 3, c, Mrs. Martin, yell. tkd., full of quality, rich col.; 4, Wilkinson, buff, badly staged; vhc, Leeming Bros., hc, Bailey. BORD., YELL., CK. (8): 1, Brown, yell tkd., slim, rich col., good head, wings, and tail, grand type; 2, vhc, Wright and Son, 2nd fine lovely quality, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Hudson, neat head, well braced wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Swarbrick, good head, clean on chest, nice wing carriage; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Salt. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Brown, unev., lovely quality, good head, grand wings and tail, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Walker, cl., good head, nice wings and tail, full of quality; 3, vhc, Hopper Bros., 3rd typical, good head, clean on breast, full of quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Wright and Son, nice, lovely type; hc, Walker; c, Hyslop. HEN (7): 1, Brown, lovely quality, slim, nice head, wings and tail; 2, Hopper Bros., full of quality, grand wing carriage, neat head, clean on breast; 3, 4, Salt, 3rd very stylish, nice col., teeming with quality, 4th neat head, good wings and tail, rich col. and quality; vhc, Swarbrick; hc, c, Houghton. SELL. (29/-) (7): 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Crossley; 4, Leeming Bros.; vhc, Bailey; hc, Mrs. W. Mullins. NOV., NOR (7): 1, Crossley; 2, 4, Walker; 3, c, Mulliner; vhc, hc, Murphey. LOCAL (8): 1, 3, 4, hc, Salt; 2, vhc, Wilkinson; c, Naylor.

EDINBURGH EASTERN DIST. O.S.

The 18th annual show was held in the Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, on Nov. 13th. The entries were similar to last year's in number, but, if anything, the birds were of better quality, and in some cases were difficult to separate. But the judges, Messrs. McLennan and Buchan, gave their decisions in a manner which left no cause for complaint. Mr. J. Morrison won special for best Scotch Fancy in the hall, Mr. J. Dougall being runner up. In the Norwich section, Mr. R. S. Spence won special with a C.-B. cock (which should be heard of later on), Mr. J. Gourlay being runner up. The show was well patronised during the afternoon, and in every way was very successful. At the close the hon. president, Councillor Lorne Macleod, presented the specials, and in his remarks spoke in eulogistic terms of the pleasure to be derived from the breeding and rearing of Canaries. The hon. vice-presidents, Bailie Stewart and Councillor Hunter, were also present, and spoke a few words of encouragement to the members, and promised their support for the ensuing year.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL., ETC., CK. (9): 1, 2, Smith; 3, 4, 5, Malcolm. BUFF, ETC. (5): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Malcolm; 4, Smith. YELL. PIED CK. (9): 1, Morrison; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, 6, Smith; 5, Dalling. BUFF: (11): 1, Morrison; 2, Malcolm; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Dalling; 5, Smith; 6, Sneth. YELL. GREEN CK. (5): 1, 3, Sneth; 2, Jeffrey; 4, Dalling. BUFF cancelled. CL. YELL., ETC., HEN (6): 1, Morrison; 2, Malcolm; 3, Sneth; 4, Dalling. BUFF, ETC. (12): 1, Dougall; 2, Smith; 3, 6, Dodds; 4, 5, Dalling. YELL. PIED (5): 1, Sneth; 2, Morrison; 3, Dodds. BUFF (5): 1, Robertson, jun.; 2, Morrison; 3, Dalling. BUFF GREEN (3): 1, 2, Sneth. CREST CK. (11): 1, 3, 5, Spence; 2, 4, Dougall. HEN (9): 1, Gourlay; 2, M'Ginty; 3, Dongall and Robinson; 5, Spence. C.-B. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Spence; 4, 5, Dougall. HEN (4): 1, 3, Gourlay; 2, 4, Spence. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Spence; 2, Mitchell; 3, Smith; 4, Norrie. BUFF (10): 1, Spence; 2, Mitchell; 3, 4, 6, Smith. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Mitchell; 2, M'Ginty; 3, 5, Smith; 4, Norrie. BUFF (8): 1, Spence; 2, M'Ginty; 3, Mitchell; 4, Norrie. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, M'Ginty; 2, 7, Smith; 3, Norrie; 4, Smith. HEN (5): 1, Norrie; 2, 3, M'Ginty. NON-FED. (10): 1, 2, 3, 5, Wilson; 4, G. R. Smith. BORD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Gourlay; 4, Robertson, jun.; 5, Jeffrey. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Gourlay; 3, Mitchell; 4, Dougall. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, 4, Mitchell; 5, Jeffrey. HEN (10): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Jeffrey; 4, Gourlay; 5, Mitchell. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, Sneth. BRIT. (16): 1, 3, Robinson; 2 4, Jeffrey; 5, Porteous; 6, Spence. —G. R. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

DARTFORD.

The Norwich and Yorkshires were the best classes at this show held in the Assembly Rooms on Nov. 30th. The other classes did not fill, and were therefore cancelled. Mr. A. E. Enfield, J.P., judged. Mr. A. Lambert, the hon secretary, had everything well in hand.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Steward, winner a bonny bird, very level in col., grand shape and size, won easily; 2, Smith, level in col., nice silky feather; 3, Foster and Rogers, very good [illegible] feather; hc, Blackman; vhc, Peck. BUFF: 1, 2, withheld; 3, Martin, mkd. buff, good quality. YORKS. (6): 1, withheld; 2, res, Spiers, winner long, slim, good col. yell.; 3, Nunn, mkd. buff, very straight, stands well; vhc, Foster and Rogers. BRIT.: 1, Wickham, capital Goldfinch; 2, Harris; vhc, Wickham.

(*Shows continued on page 486.*)

Correspondence.

A Goldfinch with a Pure White Head.

SIR,—I sold a pure white, or rather, rich Buff (with the exception of red blaze) Goldfinch to some well-known fanciers.

H. W. BARNARD.

Is it a Record Sing?

SIR,—In answer to A. Brown's letter of November 20th, I beg to state that I consider 104 marks impossible to be done in 4 minutes. Will Mr. Brown kindly inform your readers what bird did the singing mentioned? What did it lay on when singing? What part of the country was the bird caught in? And who heard the singing done? Having been a bird catcher and singer since I was a boy, I think this to be impossible.

H. ROBERTS.

A Skylark's Coming of Age.

SIR,—You will remember my writing you in February last stating that I had a Skylark that had been in a cage for 20 years up to November last. I am pleased to say that he has now attained his majority, and is still as lively as ever. He has just got over his moulting. He has a good appetite, which I should imagine is a sign of good health. I have made inquiries of many persons, but no one seems to know of such a case of longevity, and all say it must be a record.

HARRY FORD.

A Suggested C.B.S. for Brighton

SIR,—In answer to the letters of "Visitor" and Albert Burtenshaw, in reference to the above matter, allow me to say that I think a first-class society could be formed and would be well supported on the South Coast, and that then we should see a first-class cage bird show at the Queen of Watering Places. I feel certain I could secure a room to hold the first meeting in to form same, if some brother fancier would undertake to acquaint cage bird fanciers of the project through the Fancy Press and otherwise. I hope to see a favourable outcome of this correspondence.

A. RIDDLES.

A Curious Case of Blindness.

SIR,—I have an outdoor aviary (5ft. by 3ft. 6ins. by 2ft.), containing 16 birds—Canaries and Britishers. The Canaries were bred by myself this past summer, and are now four months old. Now—just as they have finished their moult or nearly so—some of them have gone quite blind. The curious part is that the eyes, to look at, seem to be quite normal. My method of treatment has been quite the average kind—Capern's and Spratt's mixed seeds being given, and the birds being thoroughly cleaned out weekly, besides giving them a plentiful supply of sand, about ¼in. to 1in. in thickness. The parent birds are not related in the least. The father (a Roller) came direct from Germany three years ago, and the hen was purchased locally. They have been outside for two years, and all the young were hatched and reared outside. Apart from their blindness—and I notice another is going blind at the time of writing—they seem in the pink of condition and quite healthy. Can any of your readers suggest a reason and provide a cure?

PERPLEXED.

How I Breed My Canaries.

SIR,—I consider that the first step to be taken towards the simple breeding of canaries is to obtain perfectly healthy birds. Some fanciers will not breed with hens unless they are two years old, as they say they get much stronger youngsters. The same is said also of the cock bird, a two-year old one being a much better feeder than a year old one. But this is not everybody's opinion. Some prefer a one-year hen and a two-year cock; some like a one-year cock and a two-year hen. Personally I like a double compartment cage, about 35in. long, which anyone ought to be able to make. If my cages have been used before, I thoroughly clean them in the following way: I take them to pieces as far as I can and thoroughly scrub each part with hot soda and soapy water (Sunlight soap is as good as any) until I am certain I have left no red mite existing; then I rinse all the soap off and leave them to dry. When the pieces are thoroughly dry, I well soak the crevices with paraffin and leave them exposed to the air for two or three days, so as to take the smell out. After this I can at my leisure put the cages together, and they are then ready for use. The birds I intend for breeding are separated and put into flight cages about the end of February, and given a few hemp and niger seeds twice a week. A good spacious flight for about two months before the breeding season is most essential to hens, as it gives them strength to withstand the strain of the breeding season, and also prevents them from getting too fat, which often causes egg binding and the laying shell-less eggs. The time to put birds together is a point which has often been disputed, but I think the beginning of April is quite early enough, and that is about the time the birds will be ready. By starting at this time I am much surer of success than if I start earlier, and starting birds early sometimes upsets them for the whole of the season, and so spoils one's chance of rearing good young. When I have put my birds together I give them good sound Spanish Canary, and also two or three teaspoonfuls of egg food each day, and also a few niger seeds every other day before the hen sets. Cuttlefish bone is most essential to birds that are going to breed, as it is this that forms the shell of the egg and the bones of the young; it contains a considerable amount of lime. Green food is another most necessary thing, and this I give fresh each day. I find dandelion or watercress is the best, but if this cannot be obtained, chickweed and groundsel are both good. A frequent supply of greenfood generally encourages a hen to feed her young well. Water I give fresh two or three times a day, as foul or impure water will make birds ill. Egg food is most essential both before and after the young are hatched. The first two eggs I take away with a teaspoon on the morning they are laid, and put into a box containing bran, so as to prevent them from getting broken, and in their place put an imitation china egg. The morning the third egg is laid, I put the other two back, also with a teaspoon, and the hen then sets. If the eggs are fertile they hatch 13 days after I set the hen. Before retiring on the twelth night, I place a clean china vessel full of egg food in the breeding cage, so that if the young are hatched in the early morning (as they generally are), the birds can feed them. It sometimes happens the hen will only feed her young the first few days after they are hatched. If this is so they require hand-feeding. It is not of much use to try and hand feed young birds unless they have reached the age of seven days. To hand-feed, take about a teaspoonful of egg food and add a little warm water, and beat it up so as to make it have the appearance of thick cream; if too much water has been added, add a little more egg food. Then take a match stick and sharpen it at one end and dip it into warm water; now take some egg food on the end of the same and gently put some into each of the mouths of the young. This will want doing about five or six times a day. If the hen forsakes her young, I put one youngster into each nest with other hens, who may have young about the same age. When the young are about a month old they can generally feed themselves, and I put them into a large flight cage at this age and give egg food and crushed hemp, niger and Canary seed; greenfood I also give.

CECIL MASON.

Concerning the Raven.

SIR,—May I ask a few questions about the Raven? (1) Where does it breed, speaking generally (and is there any instance of its breeding in Cornwall)? (2) What is the size of the Raven? Also, has it got red legs and beak? (3) Do they fly in groups or singly? A few remarks in reply by a reader would be greatly appreciated.

TRE, POL, AND PEN.

New Cage Bird Society for Falkirk and District.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on November 27th, for the purpose of naming and making rules for the new society. It was agreed to call the society the Falkirk Good Intent C.B. Association. The weather was greatly against the opening meeting, but we had, nevertheless, a good muster of fanciers. A president (Mr. J. Hunter) and committee, consisting of Messrs. P. Brigden, Jarvie, Muir, Clarkson, Binnie, Penman, Marshall, Leitch, Stivert, Gillespie, Baird, Smart, Taylor, and Johnstone, appointed, and a number of rules were drawn up. The next meeting takes place on December 25th. Will members please note the change of date?

WILLIAM CLUBB, Secretary.
14, Cockburn Street, Falkirk.

Is the Yorkshire Advancing?

SIR,—As an old breeder of the best of all birds, viz., the Yorkie, I can quite agree with all the remarks of your correspondent, Mr. H. E. Parrott, in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 27. It is a fact that there is such a diversity of opinion in judging Yorkshires down South that I have been contemplating changing my variety. Personally I like the best bird to win, whoever the owner may be. I have seen birds winning first and special at one show, and at the next show standing cardless, or perhaps he, in the same company. The only claim for reversing the awards is as far as I can see, that one has more size and is like a Lancashire or Norwich. It is not only at one show that this happens, but at many. I have known birds win up North, but the same judge down South has selected a different type for a winner. I think it time all our judges were compelled to judge by the Yorkshire Club standard; failing this, that societies should select judges who will. Then we should clearly understand what we have to breed for.

J. LASHBROOK.

An Inexpensive Lark Food.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in informing your correspondent, Mr. H. Palmer, how I mix my Lark food. To 2lbs. of peameal and 2lbs. of oatmeal add the dripping got from 4lbs. of beef suet, and mix well. Any fat, bar bacon, left from the table can also be melted and added. No moisture whatever is required. If this does not make a Skylark sing there's no song in it.

REDPOLL.

A Correction.

SIR,—In your excellent report of Bournemouth Show, non-fed Norwich or Yorks., in which class I won first and second, the name is given as Brooks, and as there are at the present time at least four exhibitors of that name, it may lead to some confusion. My name ends with an E. Your report also says: "2nd, "good clear buff Yorks., fine large stock bird," whereas the Yorkie is a yellow, as is also the first prize Norwich, and to which the latter phrase might readily apply, he being a bonny big bird and a good stock bird. The Yorkie is by no means a big stock bird, but typical and fine in feather, winning first in this class last year and also the year previous. I wish your paper all the success it is indeed entitled to.

W. O. BROOKE.

Whose Should the Prize-Cards be?

The latest Conundrum.

SIR,—I should be glad if some of your readers would give me their views on the following matter. A bird is exhibited at a show, awarded a prize, and a prize-card is attached to cage; after which the bird is sold. Whom does the prize-card belong to, the exhibitor or the purchaser? The secretary of one of the largest societies tells me that it is the rule to forward card to the purchaser with the bird, as the card was on the cage when bought; but several other fanciers do not agree with this, as they think the card is the property of the exhibitor. Personally, I think that if a man buys, or breeds, a bird, trains it, and pays entrance fees, he alone should have the credit, if he is lucky enough to win. If the card goes to purchaser he obtains it at the other man's expense, which I think is hardly fair. I should be glad to know what your readers think of it.

S. STEPHENS.

A Canary Fancier's Heavy Loss.

Valuable Stock Asphyxiated.

SIR,—Bird fanciers all over England will regret to hear that an irreparable loss has befallen Mr. E. J. Rippon, the well-known Canary fancier of Chelmsford. All his birds, with the exception of three that were away on approval, were found by his assistant suffocated in their cages, this meaning a loss of quite a hundred pounds. The aviary is heated by a syphon gas stove; this by some means became extinguished, and the fumes quickly killed the birds. On discovering the catastrophe, Mr. Rippon immediately attempted to restore the birds to animation, but his efforts were useless. Eighty birds were killed, including Mrs. Rippon's prize Crested Canary, and winners that had obtained prizes at Peterborough, Southall, Battersea, Eastbourne, Clapham, Bristol, Yarmouth, Braintree, Southend, Chelmsford, and Wimbledon. Some of them Mr. Rippon would not have disposed of for £10 each.

H. IGGLESDEN.

(It is with great regret that we hear of Mr. Rippon's deplorable experience. We trust that he will take heart, and in the near future be rewarded with even greater success than that he has achieved in the past. He will have the sympathy of all bird-lovers.—EDITOR.)

Rebellion in the North.

The Trouble about a Special.

SIR,—Allow me to correct some of the statements made by "Canny Toon" in your last issue, re a special prize. It would have been better had "Canny Toon" signed his name. He says that Mr. Taylor's crest was not brought forward to be judged for this special. If this is so, how can this bird be entitled to a prize if not judged? Then he goes on to say that the same birds competed for the N.C.C. medal. My crest was in competition for the special for best bird in crest or crest-bred classes, and was duly awarded the prize by the judge. How does it come about that if the judge made an error, it was not protested against before he left the show on the Friday evening? Or, why was I led to believe that the special was mine up to 7 p.m. on the Saturday before close of show? I was then informed by the assistant secretary that he had not had time to hand me the special that evening, but would send it on as soon as convenient. Strange, that up to then there had not been a word said about any error having been made by the judge; the first intimation that I got was a week after the show, informing me that the judge had made a mistake, and that they (the committee) were going to give the special to Mr. Taylor's young crest. I then lodged a protest with the C.B.U. against such unfair treatment. The case came before the No. 1 District Committee on March 25th, 1908, and their decision was that I was duly entitled to the prize. But the Newcastle Society would not entertain their decision. The case again came before the District Committee on July 15th, 1908, when it was referred to the C.B.U. Council meeting last year. Their decision was that I had to have the special. The Newcastle Society appealed against this decision, and gave notice to have the case reopened, and the final decision of the C.B.U. Council at their meeting in August last was in my favour also. So that it will be seen that all the delay is not (as "Canny Toon" says) on the part of the C.B.U.

A. LISTER.

Teaching Budgerigars and Cockatiels Tricks.

SIR,—Can any reader give me information on taming and teaching foreign birds, such as Budgerigars and Cockatiels, to do tricks, etc.; for instance, such as one sees with organ grinders and fortune tellers on the streets? I have taken CAGE BIRDS for years, but I do not remember seeing anything on the above subject, which, I am sure, would be appreciated by many fanciers beside myself.

OLD FANCIER.

A Drying Case for which High Claims are Made.

SIR,—I wish to thank the secretary of the Leyton and District C.B.A. for his kind permission in allowing me to show Mr. Reeves' "drying case," also the visitors and fellow members for the appreciation they showed me at the annual show on November 20th. I think all who saw it were pleased, and I did my best to carry out my promise to Mr. Reeves (before leaving this country) to give a detailed explanation of its working and use. I hope our endeavours may prove of some good to fanciers generally. I was very pleased with the judges' remarks. He left nothing unturned in examining it throughout very minutely, and gave us great credit for such a well-thought-out and useful appliance. I am making arrangements with other local societies, where I shall no doubt come in contact with other judges, when I hope to gain the same appreciations, as at Leyton. I shall spare nothing in bringing it before all the fanciers I can.

A. MALLETT.

Even-marked Borders at Biggar Show.

SIR,—Having observed a letter in CAGE BIRDS of this week's issue, re even-marked Borders at Biggar Show, and being asked for my opinion, I hereby give it, and trust it will be properly understood by fanciers. An even-marked bird should be marked round eyes, and there should be no break in it; neither should it reach so high as to go on the crown or top of head. The wings should be marked as near the centre as possible, as they always form the best V. Six-pointed birds should have one dark feather each side of tail, but they nearly always show a darkness at base of tail which certainly counts against them, as it is a foulness and ought not to be there, the same as foul vents and foul thighs in the four-pointed birds.

M. JAMIESON,
Hon. Sec. of the Border Fancy C.C.

SIR,—As a lover of this beautful variety of the Border Fancy Canary, I should just like to give my opinion, as to what constitutes an even mark. I am somewhat surprised to see by the letters of "U.M.J." and "Critique" that Judge Gardner had given premier honours to a bird that certainly by the description given ought to have been wrong-classed. I have always been under the impression that there are only 6 places or points on a bird's body where the variegation or marks can be so placed that it can be called even, viz., both eyes, both wings, and on either side of tail, that is, tail feathers proper and not any of the body feathers at the root of the tail, a place where very few even marks are perfectly clear. I consider any bird that shows dark feathers other than underflue is not an even mark. Now here arises another question: what is it then, if it cannot be called even? Can we call it uneven? Technically speaking, we can't; it must be either 3 pointed or 5 pointed, and if there was a class for uneven marks, I take it that it could also be wrong-classed there if the class were purely uneven. Now, I hope that some abler pen than mine will give an opinion and help us who breed and exhibit this aristocrat—the Border Fancy Canary. There are some fanciers who say that because a bird is marked a little heavier on one eye than on the other, it is not an even mark, but such is not the case. But we try and get them, if we can, and as well-balanced as we can, whether the eye marks are weak or heavy.

JOHN HOCKING.

A New Cage Bird Society for Shirebrook and District.

SIR, A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 4th, at the Institute, Shirebrook, for the purpose of forming a cage bird society. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock, and fanciers in the surrounding district are heartily invited to attend. J. PICKERING,
83, Prospect Drive, Shirebrook, near Mansfield.

Mules as Foster Parents.

SIR, In reply to "Learner," re Mules as foster parents, I may say I had a hen Goldic-Canary Mule two seasons ago, that, with a common cock Canary, successfully incubated and reared a nest of Greenfinches, four in number, and following that they hatched and reared a nest of Mules from the same parents as the hen Mule already mentioned. I may also say I have had cock Mules feed hens when sitting, and feed the young birds when they arrived, just as Canaries would. So I advise "Learner" to pair cock Canary to hen Mule and vice versa, and in nine cases out of ten, he will be successful in getting them to act and do all the duties of foster parents. I wish him every success. A. BRYDEN.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Shows.

SIR,—With your permission I would like to tell the Fancy my experience of two weeks' exhibiting, and to ask show committees how they can reasonably expect entries when neglect is so obvious, and after plausible statements on their schedules that every care is taken to despatch birds in time to arrive home same day as show closes. Well, I exhibited at West Bromwich on November 17th and 18th, and fully expected to receive my birds on the morning of the 19th. Instead the birds arrived at my house at 6.40 p.m. on the 19th. I had attended during the day at Bradford station, but could not hear of the birds, and telegraphed to the secretary of West Bromwich Show, telling him the birds not to hand. I received my prize money during the week, but no word as to the delay. Again, this week I have shown at Sale, and my birds arrived in Bradford station at 3.35 p.m. Sunday, after waiting until midnight on the Saturday, and being kept on the run most of the Sunday awaiting trains. If this is to be the manner shows are to be conducted under the Cage Bird Union, what is the good of such a Union? It is simply a name without any strength. Committees conducting their shows in a careless manner certainly deserve to lack entries. Also we pay 50 per cent. extra in carriage, and we get 150 per cent. less attention than if our case was an ordinary parcel we had despatched. Your influential paper ought to be our means of getting more attention from railway companies, and to bring to show committees a knowledge of their laxity in dispatching the exhibits after such fair promises made to encourage entries. I trust this will do some good.

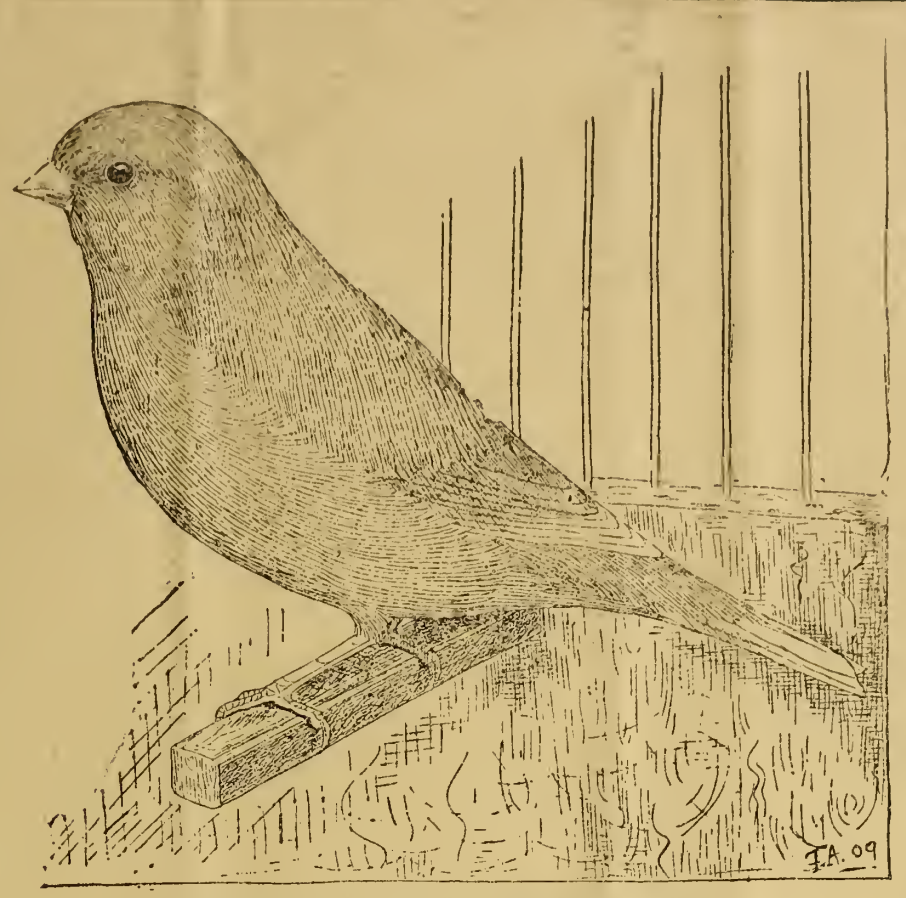
MRS. C. M. SUNDERLAND.

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR.—Kindly allow me a short space in our valued weekly, CAGE BIRDS, to reply to an utterly contemptible contribution which appeared in last week's issue, re the W.C.B.C. patronage and the recent Swansea Show. In my previous letter I briefly detailed the despicable action of the W.C.B.C. in withdrawing their patronage practically at the last moment, doubtless with the hope of materially affecting our entries. Allow me to inform Mr. Jones that my previous letter, which he unjustly quotes as an "unworthy contribution," was written solely to expose to the public view a badly concocted, though ineffectual, attempt to boycott Swansea Show by the W.C.B.C., under the disguise of our supposed non-compliance with their classification. They demanded classes for Scotch Fancy, Crest. Crestbred and Cinnamons, notwithstanding the fact that even our entries had previously closed, and yet their patronage was readily granted us three years since, with only a Scotch Fancy class. I beg to inform Mr. J. that three years previously was 1906, not 1907, as he quotes "for his own advantage," and I furthermore state that he has yet to learn the rudimentary precepts of simple subtraction. I also beg to contradict Mr. J.'s statement that I have previously received several copies of their classification. Certainly, I acknowledge having received a single page leaflet bearing his signature, headed, "Rules and Classification." Although it contains the rules, the classification is missing. I am substantiating my statements by forwarding this leaflet to the Editor, along with our 1906 schedule, and your letter granting us your patronage. In each instance your special classification is conspicuous by its absence, and I trust our worthy Editor will verify what I have written. Considering the fact that I am furnishing absolute proof and no misrepresentation, Mr. J. would be well advised to alter his opinions, "Sabio muda conscio il asscio no." Again, surely he was sarcastically inclined when he affirmed that the W.C.B.C. are one in harmony and action. Why not dispense with abbreviations and characterise it veraciously, "harmony and underaction." I also beg to disprove Mr. J.'s remark that the main objects of the W.C.B.C. are the improvement of the Fancy, and better classification and prize money. Prize money, according to their rules, must of necessity be 17s. 6d., and as they stipulate for Scotch Fancy, Crest, Crestbred and Cinnamon classes, please note what an unbounded success were some of these classes at Treharris and Maesteg Shows recently, both of which were honoured by the patronage of the W.C.B.C. At the recent Treharris Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes were awarded in Scotch Fancy class, which obtained only four entries. Again, at Maesteg Show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were also awarded in Scotch Fancy class containing only three entries, owned by one exhibitor, and 1st prize was awarded to the only entrant in Cinnamons. Perhaps Mr. J. will inform me where are the remaining classes, according to their "clearly written rules and classification"? For proof of foregoing account, see last issue of CAGE BIRDS. Does Mr. J. suppose that any society can tolerate such a truly miserable entry as already quoted? Perhaps he considers point specials before even the financial success of the shows. Undeniably, a truly splendid object. What a contemptible farce to demand a special classification from Swansea, and endeavour to injure the success of our show as previously mentioned, when Treharris and Maestag are taken into comparison! Perhaps Mr. J. will also enlighten me why the W.C.B.C. patronage was practically forced upon a certain society in Wales, irrespective of their compliance with the before-mentioned "clearly written rules and classification." When I applied for the W.C.B.C. patronage it was at the personal requests of several of their most prominent members, and I beg to apologise to these gentlemen for the action of their very considerate officials. Finally, I beg to inform Mr. J. that I can fully substantiate all my foregoing statements and, furthermore, warn him that even the famous and domineering W.C.B.C. cannot attempt to boycott Swansea Society with impunity.

ALF. HITCHINGS (hon. sec.).

(The leaflet sent by Mr. Hitchings details no special list of classes, so far as we can see, and the 1906 catalogue contains one Scots Fancy class, with 7 entries.—EDITOR.)



UNFLIGHTED BUFF NORWICH HEN.

First prize at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show for Mr. Jas. Smeaton (Prestonpans).

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The Modern Norwich Plainhead

SIR,—The advice given by R. E. Worthington to Mr. Jowett is, to my mind, absolutely fatal to the best interests of the Fancy. To advise a breeder to pair his birds not with the idea of breeding a type as near as possible to the model laid down by the N.P.C., but to produce a type to please the individual fancy of any certain judge, is certain to produce in the long run not only a bad type of birds, but chaos in the Fancy. That there is a great deal of truth in what he states regarding judges and judging is apparent, but he is certainly not going the right way to work in giving the advice he does; that will not mend matters. I suggest that the matter is one for consideration at "headquarters." May I suggest that no judge be allowed to officiate until he has received a license from the C.B.U., that license only to be granted upon the applicant satisfying the officials that he is thoroughly acquainted with the various types laid down by the various clubs representing the different breeds of birds? No judge should have a type of his own whilst officiating publicly, whatever his ideas be in his own birdroom; he must forget these when he is accepting the money of a club, who have laid down a certain type and are paying him to select the exhibits most nearly approaching their standard. Fanciers have the remedy of all these evils in their own hands, and they have various clubs representing the various breeds; they have, too, the C.B.U. to keep an eye upon all. Demand that your judges shall prove their ability to judge to standard without fear or favour; then license them.

HARRY MOORE.

SIR,—Mr. Worthington says he was sorry to have to speak so roughly about my birds at Accrington. He also asks, what else could he do? Why, Mr. W., you could mind your own business and not pull a brother fancier's birds to pieces. I notice you advise me to be careful in what I write about other people's birds. Well, Mr. W., you just take that to yourself, and mind what you write about other people's bird in the future. I was not aware, Mr. W., that I had ever written about any one individual's birds. My letters were on the present-day winning Norwich Plainhead. I never mentioned exhibitors' names; I simply wrote, as I thought, to try and improve our present-day Norwich Plainheads, and from what I can see up to the present this season, it has had the desired effect, with the help of others who wrote on the same subject. I am pleased to see a good improvement in the winning birds this season. The judges are, I think, going in more for type than usual. I notice you say my green bird should have been "wrong classed." Mr. W., this is news to me, as I was not aware that I exhibited a green bird at Accrington. It was a very heavily marked bird, almost green, therefore it was in its right class. I think, had it been a green bird, Mr. Booth would have wrong-classed him. I notice you also say Mr. Cook's champion was not there, but only a stock bird. Then they must have been all stock birds in the class except the winner, according to your idea. How funny! You also say the present-day winning Norwich are as good as you have seen for years. Probably so. And you refer me to Mr. Sandiford's variegated bird. Well, I can't say I have seen the bird, but from reports it is a good one. Messrs. Aitchison and Winters' birds you say are a credit to Scotland; probably so. I hope, however, they are not the same type as the picture of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead that appeared in CAGE BIRDS some weeks ago, and which I wrote about, and which you should have answered like a good fancier, instead of criticising my exhibits at Accrington. Yes, I supplied those winners I mentioned, and I also bred them. So you don't wear a hat, Mr. W.? I quite understand it now—got a swelled head and can't get it on, eh? J. BERTIE.

Alleged "Rough Treatment" at Bodmin Show.

SIR,—I thank you for your footnote to Mr. Collins' letter. I fail to see where any "roughness" comes in, as Mr. Collins wrote me, and got an answer saying his bird did not win. Surely Mr. Collins does not want to claim a prize if his bird did not win it honestly? The bird in question was left cardless. I herewith enclose you my judging slip to show you no alteration of any kind has been made by me. I also enclose you the marked catalogue to see how I marked them off. The error was that bird number 784 was wearing No. 785's prize card, and the papers reported on the bird wearing the 1st prize, which was not the winner.

C. E. SILK, judge.

(The slip from the judging book sent by Mr. Silk is quite clear—No. 785 is 1st, and No. 784 unnoticed.—EDITOR.)

The Bristol F.A. Show and the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—in answer to Mr. Maggs' letter, where he states I devote one half of my last letter to irrelevances, I would remind him of the old saying, "There's none so blind as those that won't see." If Mr. Maggs had stated that one half of my letter was in answer to his own irrelevances, he would have been nearer the truth, as anyone who understands plain English can see. Mr. Maggs accuses me of trying to hit him, and asking him not to hit back; another misrepresentation. It seems he dealt the "hit," and it appears by his letter got the "knock out" blow in return, if I might use a pugilistic expression, or why did he avoid the most important questions in my letter with the excuse "that he need only deal with one or two of these complaints," and those one or two, I may say, the least important? I think the words "I want" instead of "I need" would be more applicable in this instance, as he knows it would be detrimental to his case if he answered. In my opinion Mr. Maggs' wild charge of "misrepresentation" only recoils upon himself. As regards the position Mr. Maggs takes up, whether they were affiliated or licensed, is immaterial to me. The question is: Did the C.B.U. give their sanction for their show to be held under C.B.U. rules on the same date as the Gloucester Cage Bird Society's Show, or did they forbid them to hold their show under the said rules? I maintain, had their show been held under C.B.U. rules with their sanction, their fixture would have appeared in the C.B.U. advertised list, which it did not. Now, Mr. Maggs, not so much "around the bush" business; let us have a straightforward answer to this question. I may say my first letter was intended to solicit an answer from the C.B.U. secretary on this particular point, but for some reason he has not seen fit to answer either of my questions in the first or second letter. So I have written him asking him to officially affirm or deny my statements, surely not an unreasonable request under the circumstances? Finally, Mr. Maggs, may I ask you for the second time what you mean when you say the only objection against our date under the new rule giving first choice to purely cage bird societies was withdrawn? Who withdrew it?

A. E. WASLEY.

P.S.—I have just received a reply to my letter from the C.B.U. sec. to the effect that the Bristol Fanciers' Society was refused permission to hold their show on the Gloucester Cage Bird Society's date, viz., October 27th and 28th. He is of the same opinion as myself, that the B.F.A. have defied the Union after being warned that they must alter their date, as they were objected to according to the new rule passed at the Palace Show. So I suppose we shall hear more about it from the Council at a later date. Mr. Maggs, I hope, will agree that I have at last arrived at the point at issue, and not "irrelevances" this time. I may say that any further correspondence on my part after this will, I think, be quite unnecessary.

Several Letters unavoidably held over

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BIRMINGHAM.

City of Birmingham C.B.S. held their annual function on December 1st and 2nd. The schedule issued, being of grand classification, was well responded to. The entries totalled up to 635, this being a record entry. The Masonic Hall, where the show was held, is of a very spacious character, with nice light, being lofty and well ventilated and free from draughts. The President is Mr. J. A. Eckersley, the Vice-Presidents Messrs. W. W. Butler and J. Webb. These three make a trio of capital officials. The Chairman is Mr. A. Broadhurst, and Mr. J. Burke acts as his understudy; both are good and well-known fanciers. The Hon. Treasurer is Mr. J. Harvey, who has the Society's interests at heart, and the Committee consists of a band of most willing helpers, who one and all did their level best; they are: Messrs. Collier, Dipple, Harris, Ingram, Richardson, and Silvers. The Show Stewards were: Messrs. Broadhurst, Caine, Collier, Crowther, Derry, Dipple, Eckersley, Edwards, Harris, Hughes, Ingram, Jones, Paddock, Smith, Wells, Wright, and Mole. Everything went off smoothly and well, and each and every one of the officers are to be highly complimented on their exertions. Special mention might be made as regards Mr. E. Edwards, who worked admirably all night previous to show day. Mr. J. H. de Maillet, the Hon. Secretary, is certainly the right man in the right place—quick, most courteous, and obliging, ever on the go, and nothing is too much for him to do. Much of the success of the show is due to him. The staging had been well thought out, and every bird could be seen at a glance. As each class was adjudicated upon, the prize slips were affixed and the show opened to time.

Norwich Plainheads opened the catalogue, and this being a N.P. Cup show, the cream of the variety was on view, truly a most magnificent collection, and worth many miles' journey to see. Amongst the amateur classes, too, one saw specimens far and away above the ordinary. Borders were a nice lot, and the green-marked Yorkshires were a treat, the best lot we have seen this season. Messrs. Ogden Bros. captured three 1sts here out of a possible four with topping exhibits. The Yorkshires made a very fine display, and included some clinkers. The winning unflighted buff (beating yellows), was a topper, and no mistake. Take care of him, Mr. Price, he will do you good. The best Yorkie in the novice section was the buff hen, successfully staged by Mr. H. Martin. The British added greatly to the attraction of the show. The Goldies, most of them, were not quite fit, but the Bullies were a hot lot. Linnets here we have seen in better condition, but Mr. T. Marsh deserved his win. Greenies we liked, and the Redpoll (Silver King), the property of Mr. A. Tonks, rightly deserved this name. Amongst the insectivorous, Mr. S. L. Cocks stood 1st with a slashing Tree Creeper, the 2nd being a Bearded Tit, in full bloom, the property of Miss E. Saywell. Hybrids, although not over numerous, were a very fine lot. Foreign gave tone to the function and were greatly admired. Special winners: Hyde's, Mr. S. N. Naylor; Ramsden's, F. Race; Sandiford's, Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor; best yell., Mr. J. E. Davies; buff, Mr. T. Sandiford; best C.-B. by a member, Mr. A. J. Smith; best Nor., Mr. F. Derry; best novice Yorks, Mr. J. Hughes. Judges were: Messrs. C. A. House (Walthamstow) and J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). Mr. R. J. Howe, also an appointed judge, wired that he was unable to attend through illness. Mr. House therefore took his place. The awards appeared to be well received.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Davies, wonderful substance, ablaze in col., magnificent type, grand carriage, stormer, well-known winner; 2, 3, Sandiford, with a couple of gems, former red-hot, grand shape, A1 quality, hardly the substance, 3rd well up in size, capital feather and col., rare head, neck and chest, bit coarse behind to-day; 4, Trengove, red-hot, capital quality, very shapely, not quite so cleanly-cut away, still, a beauty; vhc, Seed; hc, Eckersley; c, Broadhurst; No. 9, J. H. de Maillet, absent. BUFF (11): 1, Sandiford, delightful feather, rich col., covered over with neat frosting, wonderful shape, jaunty in carriage, real topper; 2, Marsh, rattling shape, A1 quality, bit patchy in col., nice carriage, close up; 3, Walton and Noakes, fine size, rare quality, col. and meal, grand body, wings and tail, wee bit deficient in head and neck, yet good 3rd; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, very shapely, good quality and col., not so much substance, still, all there otherwise; vhc, Hirst; hc, Weaver; c, Silk. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, former mkd. wings and eyes, ablaze in col., superb feather, true shape, slashing carriage, stood 1st Pendleton and Sale, 3rd mkd. wings and head, red-hot, A1 type, good substance and carriage, not so close in feather, yet fine one; 2, Seed, mkd. wing and head, full of col., teeming with quality, fine head, neck and chest, little longer in body, wings and tail; 4, hc, Wade, lightly varieg., lovely col., short and thick-set, smart carriage, not of the biggest, but of the very best; vhc, Silver; c, Ellison. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Sandiford, varieg. of massive frame, correct type, rattling col. and frosting, fine carriage, will take some stopping, knock-out; 2, Seed, griz. tail and mkd. over beak, slashing substance, rich col. and meal, very shapely, little longer in build; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, mkd. wing and eyes, teeming with quality, superior col., fine substance and shape, gem, stood 1st Sale; 4, Wade, mkd. wing and eyes, well up in size, grand shape, col. and meal; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Silk; c, Collier. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Trengove, noted neck mkd., wonderful substance, all type, feathered to perfection, gem; 2, vhc, Marlor Bros., cl., very shapely, lovely col. and carriage, well clothed, quite a charmer, 1909 bred, will make a name; 3, Cook, cl. of magnificent col. and quality, rare head, neck and chest, clean cut away, very close up; 4, Walton and Noakes, mkd. wings and eyes, true type, full of col., rattling feather, not one of the largest, but a real beauty; hc, Ette; c, Broadhurst. BUFF (14): 1, Cook, well-known, griz. tail, wonderful size, grand shape, clinking feather, nicely mealed; 2, Sandiford, mkd. wing, short and thick-set, capital quality and col., nice, jaunty carriage; 3, Walton and Noakes, mkd. wing, very shapely, grandly clothed, A1 col. and frosting smaller, but awfully neat; 4, Trengove, mkd. neck, sweetly moulded, richly feathered, capital col. and carriage, very bonny, 1909 specimen; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, Collier; c, Eckersley. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Cook, mkd. wings and head, full of fire, rattling quality, clinking shape, clean cut away, will be heard of again; 2, Hopkins, mkd. wing, eye and tail, more substance, A1 col., rattling feather, longer in barrel and tail, real beauty; 3, Davies, very hot varieg., silky feather, good size, nice head, neck and chest; 4, Marsh, varieg., cobby, and of capital col. and feather, nice size and carriage, not far away; Ellison; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Jones. BUFF (11): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, cap mkd., well up in size, grand shape, nice col. and meal, good carriage, a gem; 2, Seed, mkd. wings and head, red-hot, short and thick-set, lovely quality and meal, jaunty carriage, pressed hard; 3, Marsh, lovely feathered cl., rich col., rare substance and shape, bit down, or would have given the winner a hard fight; 4, Davies, lightly varieg., beautiful col. and quality, richly frosted, fine shape, well worth its place; vhc, Silk; hc, Trengove; c, Sandiford. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Hopkins, yell. varieg., well up in size, grand quality, sweetly moulded, well-known winner; 2, Stephenson, cl. buff, true type, rare size, A1 carriage, feathered like glass; 3, Cook, cl. buff, bouncer, lovely quality, rattling head, neck and chest, good carriage, not over neat in flights; 4, c, Colloby and Brown, buff, cap mkd., one of the largest in class, grand feather, good head, neck and chest, longer behind; vhc, Quarman; hc, Fletcher. HEN (7): 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor, with a brace of very typical specimens, cl., yell. and cl buff respectively, both beautifully clothed, nice substance and carriage, either could have won; 3, Davies, cl. yell., fine substance, A1 quality, looks like the Manchester winner, getting too fat on chest, feed sparingly; 4, hc, Butler and Waring, green, very cobby, nice quality; very neat; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp. AMAT., YELL. NOR. (10): 1, 2, Sutton, with a couple of very pleasing exhibits, former very hot cl., lovely shape, well up in size, A1 carriage, good enough for open, 2nd griz. root of tail, more size, capital feather and col., beaten a little in shape; 3, Cundiff, mkd. head, bouncer, ablaze with col., capital feather, bit open in feather and shade longer in build, good 3rd; 4, Hargreaves, varieg., A1 quality and col., rare size, good carriage, longer in barrel and flights; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Fowler; c, Smith. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Hargreaves, mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape and col., A1 quality and frosting, neat wings and tail, clean under, 2nd mkd. wings and neck, larger, finely fed, well frosted, grand head, neck and chest, not quite so good in shape; 3, Cundiff, cl. buff, good size and type, nice carriage, paler in colour, nice meal, clean cut away; 4, Peak, mkd. wings and head, capital feather, col. and meal, good size, of nice shape; vhc, Cowley; hc, Thorpe; c, Fletcher. HEN (18), grand class: 1, Sutton, cl. yell., full of col., teeming with quality, fine shape and carriage, 1909 bred, very promising damsel; 2, Cundiff, nicely moulded cl. buff, tight as a Java, rich col. and mealing, jaunty carriage; 3, Fowler, cl. yell., unbeatable for shape, rich col. and feather, very smart; 4, Smith, cl. buff, well up in size, very shapely, A1 carriage, pale in col., worth its place; vhc, Johnson; hc, Jennings; c, Curry. UNFLIG. (19), good lot: 1, Fowler, cl. yell., lovely col. and shape, grand feather, good size, clean cut away, should make up well another year; 2, Sutton, buff, mkd. wing and eye, very shapely, feather like glass, teeming with col., A1 carriage; 3, Peak, cl., yell., red-hot, soft, silky feather, grand head, neck and chest, very nice wings and tail; 4, c, Cundiff, cl., yell., red-warm col., good shape and size, behind little in quality; vhc, Elliott; hc, Bunting, Clun. yell. and Cinn. buff: Vold. BORD. YELL (11): 1, Hopgood, cl., feathered to perfection, grand shape, free action, real charmer and well put down; 2, 4, Wright and Harrison, both very good coloured greens, former fine shape and quality, moves grandly, 4th not quite the shape, good one, nice quality; 3, Evans, mkd. wings and head, grand shape, free action, bit open on front or would have won; vhc, Kidner; hc, Walton; c, Lawton. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Wright and Harrison, with a brace of bonny, wee gems, 1st mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, shone like a mirror, lovely shape and action, 3rd mkd. head, not a feather misplaced, sweet expression of head, moves beautifully, worth its place; 2, Hopgood, finely clothed cl., grand shape, neat all through, free mover, close up; 4, Evans, cl., sweetly moulded, rattling quality, grand action, looks like a hen, and a good one, too; vhc, Lawton; hc, Edwards; c, Pepperell. YORK., GREEN MKD., YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, red-hot, teeming with quality, straight as a rush, magnificent length, real stormer; 2, 3, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and neck, straight as a pencil, light as a Java, well on leg, just beaten in col. and col. only, 3rd mkd. wings and eyes, capital col. and feather, stands delightfully, not quite so lengthy; 4, Towers, varieg., slim and upstanding, rattling feather and col., grand back and wing carriage, shorter; hc, Clegg; c, Briggs. BUFF (9): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, wonderful length, stands like a guardsman, feather like glass, topper of toppers, better we know not; 2, hc, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, A1 position, very lengthy, not quite so close in feather, very rich in col.; 3, Clegg, mkd. wings and eyes, rare length, slim and upstanding, fine back, flights and tail, draws little thin in neck; 4, Shackleton, mkd. wings and head, capital position and length, neat and narrow, open on front; vhc, Price; c, Clegg. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as a bottle, shone like polished marble, beautiful stand, lengthy and leggy, real stormer; 2, 3, Ogden Bros., with a brace of gems, mkd. wings and cheeks, equal to 1st, and a real topper, 3rd mkd. wing, eye and head, well up in position, tight as a drum, rare col. and quality, good length, bit stronger; 4, Smith, mkd. wings, capital col. and quality, good length, stands finely, when put down goes slack, grand when up in condition; vhc, Briggs; hc, Shackleton; c, Furniss. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Ogden Bros., with a magnificent team, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely salmon-tinted col., delightful position, fine back, flights and tail, clever legs, 2nd mkd. wings and eyes, not quite same col., otherwise quite equal in merit to winner, 3rd mkd. wings and about head, good length and position, nice quality and col., stronger; 4, Mason, mkd. wings, eyes and head, upstanding, superior quality and col., nice back, little shorter, well on leg; vhc, Towers; hc, Briggs; c, Myers and Lamb.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS., YELL (19): 1, Shackleton, sweet head, capital shoulders and back, rare wings and tail, and as smart as a soldier; 2, Myers and Lamb, long and slim, full of nerve, not quite so close in front; 3, Wilson, capital feather and style, good head, wings, and tail; 4, Millincamp, capital body, slack in wings; vhc, Wells; hc, Williams; c, Harris. BUFF (15): 1, Bingham, cheek tkd., wonderful quality and style, grand wings and tail; 2, Walsh, wing tkd., finer drawn, capital feather, wings and tail, does not stand so smartly; 3, Bishop, rare stamp of bird, lovely quality and grand shape, looked overshown; 4, Mole, grand body and feather, smart on leg; vhc, Myers and Lamb; hc, Wilson; c, Crabtree. MKD. (17): 1, Chew and Stokoe, head and wing mkd. yell., long, racy bird, grand style, col., and feather; 2, Armstrong, heavily mkd. buff, magnificent feather, stands like a soldier, a rare stock bird; 3, Wells, eye, head, and wing mkd. yell, splendid length and shape, rare col. and feather, bit open in wings; 4, Drake and Son, eye and wing mkd., neat and stylish; vhc, Hawley; hc, Millincamp; c, Walsh; wrong class, 14, Nason, yell. Cinnamon. UNFLIG. (21): 1 Price, long, shapely buff, beautifully cut away, grand wings and tail, very stylish, and fine in feather; 2, Shackleton, charming yell., neat head, grand wings and tail, either of these could have won; 3, Furniss, cheek mkd. buff, lovely feather and shape, grand wings and tail, shorter leg; 4, Hartley, long, stylish var.; vhc, Millincamp; hc, Myers and Lamb; c, Chew and Stokoe; wrong class, 20, Nason, buff Cinnamon. HEN, YELL. (16): 1, Chew and Stokoe, for shape, carriage, nerve, and feather well ahead, handicapped, however, by being patchy in col.; 2, c, Millincamp, very neat and sweet, beautiful quality and style, hardly so much length; 3, Walsh, very slim, nervy, stylish, neck tkd., grand quality; 4, Bingham, rare body and style, lovely feather, not so neat in wings; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Myers and Lamb. BUFF (19): 1, Rothery, a gem, as tight as wax, rare shape and carriage, very fit; 2, Shackleton, longer, grand shape, splendid carriage, hardly so much sheen on feather; 3, Shaw Bros., very slim and pale, wonderful quality of feather, grand style; 4, hc, Williams, grand style and feather, stouter; vhc, Walsh; c, Drake and Son. STILL 15/- (13): 1, 2, P. Mason; 3, c, Collier; 4, Price; vhc, Casey; hc, Mole. NOVICE, YELL. (15): 1, Johnson, eye and wing mkd., long, slim, racy bird, splendid wings and tail, rare shape and style; 2, Cowley, cl., hardly so much length, but as tight as wax, and as straight as a gun barrel; 3, Wood, varieg., neat and well-shaped body, capital feather, hardly so neat in head; 4, Lawton, nice shaped, heavy mkd. not so well shown; vhc, Chapman; hc, Foster; c, Allen. BUFF (17): 1, Casey, lovely shaped, wing mkd., fine, silky feather, rare style, neat wings and tail; 2, vhc, Evans, cl. more col., grand feather and position, not so much length of leg; 3, Curry, wing mkd., very pale in col., but for shape, carriage, and feather, one of the best; 4, Weeks, good shaped, stylish, neck tkd., not so silky in feather; hc, Foster; c, Caine. UNFLIG. (25): 1, Hughes, lovely shaped yell., neat head, rare wings and tail, splendid quality and carriage; 2, Rothery, cinn. tkd. yell., feathered like wax, nice length and shape, full of quality, not quite so steady; 3, Caine, wing tkd. buff, hardly so much length, rare shape, feather, and style; 4, Hartley, smart yell, good body, bit wide in tail; vhc, hc, Martin; c, Evans; absent, 7, Allen. HEN (17): 1, 2, Martin, cl. buff, and wing tkd. yell., two wonderfully smart lassies, full of grace and style, magnificent feather, won in a common canter; 3, Race, grand bodied buff, splendid feather and style, bit slack in wing; 4, Casey, grand shaped yell, not so fine in feather; vhc, c, Bryan; hc, Cox. CRESTS (5): 1, spl, Smith, grandly centred, splendid radiation and droop, beautifully shown; 2, Miss Thrupp, varieg., nice shape and feather, much smaller; 3, Palmer, shapely, green, well centred, needs droop; 4, March. HEN (5): Smith, clinking, good wing mkd., lovely droop, neat centre, nicely radiated; 2, Jones, also a shapely wing mkd., of nice quality; not so much feather; 3, 4, vhc, Harvey, nice shape, but needs length. C.-B. (7): 1, spl., Smith, massive green, rare shaped skull, well covered with long, broad, silky feather, turns back well; 2, Groves, rare shaped green, nice dome-shaped skull, capital quality, hardly so long or dense in feather; 3, Harvey, cl. of beautiful quality, nice shape of body and skull, loses in front; 4, Memmott, good bodied green; vhc, Place; hc, Wainwright; c, Palmer. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Groves, very nice shaped, varieg. Crest, neat centre, capital radiation and droop, lovely quality; 2, 3, Harvey, very handsome and promising cl. C.B., and a grand quality grey Crest, two very shapely birds, of grand quality and carrying a lot of feather; 4, Wainwright, nice quality, grey Crest, smaller; vhc, Memmott; hc, Smith. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Green, long, shapely, massive coppy, nice headpiece, 3rd yell. Lancs Plainhead, good shape and substance; 2, Raybould, very stylish, close feathered, shapely Yorkshire, green; 4, Smith, neat buff coppy, not so much substance; hc, Harvey. SELL. 40/- (11): 1, Broadhurst; 2, Dipple; 3, Silver; 4, Ekersley; vhc, Memmott; hc, Butler and Waring; c, Viggers Bros. 25/- (23): 1, Silver; 2, 4, Dipple; 3, hc, de Maillet; vhc, Stephenson; c, Miss Gibbons. 10/- (20): 1, Harrold; 2, Uzzell; 3, Quarman; 4, de Maillet; vhc, Fowler; hc, Viggers Bros.; c, Weaver; absent, Bishop. NOVICE MEMBERS', NOR.: Cancelled. YORKS. (5): 1, Wright, nice, neat, stylish yell., shapely and good quality; 2, 4, hc, Ankers, neat tkd., headed yell., smart and slim; 3, Stevenson, big, long-bodied yell. of good style. BRIT. GOLD (10): 1, Harris, grand, rich coloured blaze, splendid chestnut, capital bars and buttons; c, 2, Tams and Son, bold, stylish bird, very rich col., well cut blaze; 3, Tonks, very bright in col., nice shaped blaze, not so tight in feather; 4, Jones, grandly mkd., but small; vhc, Walsh; hc, Taylor; c, Marsh; No. 7, Lawrence, a grand Finch, but where was its birth registered? BULL (14): 1, Harrison, very short and compact, grandly feathered, rich chest, deep, glossy cap, and grand back; 2, Vart, rich col., grand shape, very large, deep, glossy coloured cap; 3, Wright, carries a wealth of col., grand in feather, hardly so chubby; 4, Harris, smaller, but rare col.; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Rose; c, Hirst. LINNET (10): 1, hc, Marsh, very shapely, grand feather, one of the best-mkd. birds we have seen this season; 2, Coffey, brighter and more nutty in colour, not so well mkd.; 3, Jones, very nice shape and feather, hardly so much col.; 4, Tams and Son, neat, showy bird; vhc, Harris; c, Walsh; absent, Hingley. GREEN (12): 1, Tonks, grand shape, beautiful feather, splendid wings and tail, and rare body col.,; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, fine, big bird, beautiful shade of body col., good wings and tail; 3, vhc, Walsh, darker in body col., grand wings and tail, well shown; 4, Coffey, big, shapely, well feathered; hc, Poole; c, Baseley. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Tonks, big, well mkd., nice shaped mealy Redpoll, nice feather; 2, 3, Coffey, rich coloured, well mkd., grandly feathered Twite and Siskin; 4, Sparkes, very pretty Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Poole; hc, c, Walsh. A.O.V., H.B. (12): 1, Walsh, very handsome Chaffinch, rare col. and feather, beautiful markings; 2, Jones, Hawfinch, fine, handsome fellow, grand col., well mkd.; 3, Hakes, well mkd. Bramblefinch, grand feather and shape, rich col.; 4, Coffey, very nicely mkd. yell., Bunting; vhc, Bell; hc, Poole; c, Capewell. SMALL S.B. (7): 1, vhc, Cocks, well-known tree Creeper, and yell. Wagtail, both in grand form; 2, Miss Saywell, very pretty bearded Tit, in grand plumage; 3, Williams, large, shapely, good coloured Nightingale; 4, Walsh, lovely blue-headed Wagtail, had a damaged flight; hc, Souls; absent, Hingley. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3: Williams, very handsome, well-mkd. Magpie, gorgeous coloured Waxwing, and a grand coloured Chough, which hangs his wings; 4, Hakes, well-mkd. Thrush, of good size and feather; vhc, Mrs. Stocker. PIED (5): 1, 3, Hakes, very shapely, pure coloured white Blackbird, and a pied Bramblefinch; 2, Lamb, sweet little Cinnamon Redpoll, in splendid form; 4, Salter, pied Goldfinch; absent, Smelt. MULE, LIGHT (8): 1, hc, Lawrence, shapely, nice quality Linnet-Canary; 2, W. H. Howe, big, bouncing buff Goldie-Canary, almost six-pointed, in lovely form; 3, 4, Callear, two rich coloured, nice quality, wing mkd. buffs, smaller; vhc, Thomas; c, Chillingsworth. DK. GOLD. (5): 1, Hall, fine, big, rich colonred, close feathered mealy; 2, Lawrence, very rich coloured high quality jonque; 3, 4, Gough, mealy, and a jonque, two shapely birds, not so much col.; vhc, Tonks. A.O.V. (10): 1, Chillingsworth, big, shapely Canary-Bullie, rare col. and feather, beautifully mkd.; 2, Marsh, Greenfinch-Canary, large, rare col. and feather; 3, Laurance, another Canary-Bullie, not so large, rare col.; 4, Capewell, very pretty, rich coloured, well-mkd. Siskin-Canary; vhc, c, Haywood; hc, Bliss. BRIT. HYB.: (3): 1, Coffey, very handsome, well-mkd., nice coloured Goldie-Redpoll, in grand form; 2, Livingston and Sharp, large, rich coloured, well-mkd. Goldie-Bullie; absent, Hingley. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Williams, a splendid team, Wood Swallow, Superb Tanager, and the best red-headed Gouldian we have seen for some time, all in rare form; 4, vhc, Mrs. Stocker, Blue and Tricoloured Tanagers, two grand exhibits, well shown; hc, Pearce. LARGE (4): 1, Williams, very handsome, rich plumaged green-billed Toucan; 2, Mrs. Stocker, nicely mkd., rich-coloured Wandering Pie; 3, Rose, well mkd., rich coloured Rosella; 4, Childs, very nice Indian Parrakeet, in grand form.

MELBOURNE (Derby).

Sixteenth annual show held December 1st and 2nd in the Public Hall, a splendid place for a show. Entries came up very poorly, there being but 22 in four classes, but the quality was very good. We were very sorry to see the entries so bad, and we are afraid the Canary class will be "off" another year. The birds were nicely staged, the management good, and judging was, of course, over very early. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, spl, Wall, cl. yell., very slim and upstanding, splendid quality, neat wings, and tail; 2, Wall, long and stylish, neat wings and tail, nice even col.; 3, York, head and wing mkd., nice racy exhibit, capital length; vhc, Dykes; hc, Skow Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, cheek mkd., nice length, capital col. and quality, straight as a rush, good wings, tail and legs; 2, Shaw, good length, well up in position, badly col.-fed; 3, Mear, splendid length and position, very slim and upstanding, we liked for 2nd; vhc, York; hc, c, Wall. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Mear, cl. yell., nice racy specimen, splendid col., length and position, neat head; 2, Dykes, varieg. yell., very hot, good length and position, A1 quality; 3, Andrews, cl. buff, very slim and upstanding, good col., nice wings and tail, A1 bloom; vhc, Pate; hc, York. BRIT. (6): 1, Hexter, Fieldfare, splendid size, col., and markings, A1 condition, wins well; 2nd withheld; 3, Swarbrick, Hawfinch, good size and shape, splendid bib; 4, Barten, sweet Siskin; vhc, Barton; hc, Livesy.

FALKIRK O.S.

Club show held in the Union Hall, Graham's Road, November 6. Judges: For Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. A. Stewart (Glasgow); and for Norwich, Border, British, Mule and Hybrid, Mr. P. McDougall (Edinburgh). The Scotch Fancies were twenty up on last year, and the Norwich twenty down. Mr. Muirhead won cup for best Scotch. Mr. Maxwell had the best hen. Mr. Patterson won the Norwich cup. The judges gave every satisfaction, and there was a fair turnout of visitors. The secretary, Mr. W. Niven, had the arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off well.

SCOTS. FCY., YELL. CK. (5): 1, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 3, Rugby. BUFF (8): 1, Muirhead; 2, M. Smith; 3, Strathearn; 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell. FOUL (5): 1, M. Smith; 2, Simpson; 3, 4, Maxwell; 5, Duncan. YELL. PIED (9): 1, 3, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 4, 6, Wells; 5, Simpson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, P. Maxwell; 3, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 5, Reid; 6, Stirling; 7, Wells. GREEN (12): 1, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 3, Strathearn; 4, P. Maxwell; 5, 6, Rugby. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Simpson; 2, 5, M. Smith; 3, Kirk; 4, 6, J. D. Maxwell. BUFF (9): 1, P. Maxwell; 2, Muirhead; 3, 6, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Duncan; 5, M. Smith. HEN, FOUL (6): 1, Muirhead; 2, 3, 6, J. D. Maxwell; 4, P. Maxwell. YELL. PIED (8): 1, Muirhead; 2, Reid; 3, 7, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Rugby; 5, Simpson; 6, M'Dougall. BUFF (16): 1, Strathearn; 2, M'Gregor; 4, Rugby; 5, Miller; 6, J. D. Maxwell; 7, P. Maxwell. GREEN (13): 1, 3, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Reid; 5, Strathearn; 6, M. Smith. OLD PAIRS (15): 1, M'Gregor; 2, Simpson; 3, 6, Kirk; 4, Miller; 5, M. Smith; 7, Muirhead. NOR. YELL., CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Buchan; 4, Davie; 5, Wright; 6, 7, Hamilton. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Buchan; 4, C. M'Gregor; 5, Wright; 6, Prattis; 7, Miller. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, 3, 4, Buchan; 2, 6, C. M'Gregor; 5, Davie. BUFF (9): 1, Buchan; 2, Hamilton; 3, 4, 5, Davie; 6, McGregor. CREST, CK. (5): 1, Paterson; 2, Davie; 3, 4, Duncan; 5, Dougall. HEN (2): 1, Sharp; 2, Wright; 3, Dougall. C.-B., CK. (6): 1, Sharp; 2, 3, 6, Dick; 5, Duncan; 7, Wright. HEN (7): 1, Sharp; 2, 5, Dick; 3, 4, Paterson; 6, 7, Dougall. OLD PAIR NOR. (7): 1, 3, 4, Buchan; 2, Wright; 5, M'Lauchlin; 6, Patersen. CREST (4): 1, 2, Paterson; 3, 4, Wright. BORD., YELL. CK. (10): 1, M'Laughlin; 2, Aitken; 3, 4, Paterson; 5, 6, Hamilton. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Aitken; 4, M'Laughlin; 5, Hamilton; 6, C. M'Gregor; 7, Buchan. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, 2, Reid; 3, 7, C. M'Gregor; 4, Aitken; 5, Hamilton; 6, Paterson. BUFF (11): 2, M'Gregor; 3, Miller; 4, Paterson; 5, Reid; 6, Aitken; 7, McLaughlin. SMALL BRIT. (20): 1, Mulrhead; 2, 6, Prattis; 3, Paterson; 4, Wells; 5, Buchan; 7, M'Laughlin. MULE (18): 1, Prattis; 2, M'Laughlin; 3, Miller. HYB. PAIRS (2): 1, Prattis; 2, Buchan.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held Nov. 27th, at Victoria Hotel. Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. There was a good entry.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, two spls, Shepherd; 2, Hutton; 3, Dykes. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Broomfield. TKD. YELL.: 1, Shepherd; 2, Hutton; 3, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Shepherd; 2, Dykes; 3, Cooper. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, spl, Skinow; 2, 3, Dykes. FOUL MKD.: 1, 3, Skinow; 2, Dykes. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Shepherd; 2, Hutton; 3, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Cooper. FOUL MKD.: 1, Broomfield; 2, 3, Skinow. The first three in cup competition: L. Dykes, 84 points; E. Shepherd, 63; and J. Hutton, 63. E. Shepherd won specials for best cock and hen and special for best bird in show. Mr. Skinow for best uneven mkd. Buff ck.—M. SKINOW, hon. sec.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual old bird show held in the Fairhaven Institute, Liscard, on Nov. 13th. Mr. M. Broadley judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Goode; 2, 3, hc, Benson; vhc, Holford; c, Young. BUFF: 1, Griffiths; 2, Benson; 3, c, Waring; vhc, Goode; hc, Young. HEN: 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, Waring; vhc, c, Young; hc, Goode. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Benson; 2, Dodd; 3, Holford; vhc, c, Griffiths; hc, Young. BUFF: 1, Thwaite; 2, Robinson; 3, vhc, Benson; hc, Hughes; c, Holford. FOUL BUFF: 1, Hodgkins; 2, Hughes; 3, Benson; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Hadwin. YELL. HEN: 1, Malinson; 2, Benson; 3, Hadwin; vhc, Holford; hc, Robinson; c, Griffiths. BUFF: 1, 3, Hodgkins; 2, vhc, Holford; hc, c, Benson. YELL. 1909: 1, Robinson; 2, Hadwin; 3, Holford; vhc, Hughes; hc, Hodgkins; c, Benson. BUFF: 1, Benson; 2, Hughes; 3, Thwaite; vhc, Robinson; hc, Holford; c, Young. NON-FED: 1, 2, Edwards; 3, Hodgkins; vhc, Dodd. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Goode; 2, Young. BORD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Woodman; 2, hc, Bayley; 3, c, Hadwin. GREEN OR CINN. YELL.: 1, vhc, Woodman; 2, 3, Hadwin; hc, Bayley. BUFF: 1, Bayley; 2, vhc, Hadwin; hc, c, Woodman. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 2, vhc, c, Edwards; 3, Thwaite; hc, Crow. BRIT.: 1, 3, Young; 2, Waring; vhc, Griffiths; hc, c, Woodman. GIFT: 1, Holford; 2, Bayley; 3, Woodman; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Benson; c, Young. COTTAGERS' CLASS: 1, Greenhalgh; 2, Clark; 3, Doughty; vhc, Clements; hc, Winstanley.

CARDIFF.

The 13th annual show of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S. was held on Dec. 1st and 2nd in Andrew's Lesser Hall, a room quite free from draughts. The entries came up well, numbering over 700, an excess of 200 over last year, and the quality all through was first-class; in fact, in many of the classes two sets of winners could have been found. As usual, the British birds were a show in themselves, the competition being exceedingly keen, the winners in many of the classes having all on to get at the top. The exhibits were nicely staged, and as usual at this fixture had the best of attention from a body of genuine fanciers, whose enthusiasm seemed contagious. It would be impossible to speak too highly of the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Sampson. As usual, he went about his duties in that quite methodical manner which has earned for him so much high praise in the past. He is a born secretary and manager, and the embodiment of tact and courtesy, and we think the society are extremely fortunate in having such a capable officer at the helm. Mr. J. H. Payne judged Norwich and even numbers in the other sections, Mr. J. Robson taking the odd numbers and Yorkshires.

Mr. Payne's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Thomas, nice shape and level col., of good depth, neat head, wings and tail, gets well across perch; , Edwards, nice shape, good head and neat tail well packed flights; 3, Dunmett, lovely quality and col., nice wings and tail, neat shape, on the small side; 4, Folwell, nice shape and quality, level col.; vhc, Jones; hc, Ormond; c, Slocombe; No. 7, Harper, best bird in class, but rare neck and chest, we'l packed flight's and neat tail, well up in col. and full of quality; 2, Tristem and Taylor, beautiful col. and quality, nice shape and feather, good back, wings and tail, unfligh.; 3, 4, Slocombe, lovely shape, grand quality, nice undercol., and well mealed, capital wings and tail, 4th grand feather and quality nice wings and tail; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Pole; c, Jones. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, Thomas, neck and back mkd., close feather of good quality, nice shape, level col., good head and well packed flights; 2, vhc, Tedstone, buff. mkd. head check and wings, lovely col. and boxy feather of good quality, nice shape, good flights and tail; 3, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. eyes, wings and neck tkd., lovely col. and quality, good size and shape, but slack at thighs to-day; 4, Jones, thigh tkd yell., nice col. and quality, neat head; hc, Irons; c, Lees. HEN (23): 1, 4, Pritchard, yell., good size and shape, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, well packed flights, 4th buff, magnificent feather, nice quality, good head, wings and tail; 2, c, Folwell, buff, grand shape, fine quality, good head and neck, nice compact flights and tail, fine mealing, and good undercolour; 3, Thomas, unflgh. yell., thick set body of good shape, nice front, short wings and tail, neat head; vhc, Sheldon, grand buff, soft when judged; hc, Slocombe. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Tristem and Taylor, short cobby body, nice flights and tail, magnificent col. and quality, good head and neck, Bristol winner, takes Sandiford's spl; 2, Folwell, good shape and feather, short wings and tail, nice quality and level col.; 3, Thomas, grand quality, level col., nice head and neck, shade longer in body; 4, Pole, nice shape and quality, heaten in wing carriage; vhc, Irons; hc, Pritchard; c, Mortara. BUFF (18): 1, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. head and wings, lovely col. and quality, good shape, nice head and full neck, neat wings and tail; 2, c, Irons, grand shape, nice full front, good head and neck, well up in col. and quality; 3, Sheldon, grand shape, nice head, good feather and quality, another fine one; 4, Thomas, lovely quality of feather, nice col., good back; vhc, Pope; hc, Tedstone. NON-FED (16): 1, Irons, buff, griz. on rump, grand shape, full neck and head, lovely quality feather, well packed flights and tail; 2, 4, Jeremy, variegated, grand type, deep nicely rounded chest, good feather, short wings and tail, 4th good shaped yel., nice feather; 3, Stephenson, cl. buff, good shape and feather, nice wings and tail; vhc, Pole; hc, Davies; c, Pope. NOVICE YELL. (13): 1, Bradford, good shape, col. and quality, nice flights, sound col. and neat head; 2, vhc, Murry, good shape nice flights; 3, Mabbett, nice quality and col.; 4, Powell, good shape; hc, Barnes; c, Brown. BUFF (18): 1, Bennett, right wing tkd., nice shape, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, good head; 2, Murray, cl., grand col. and quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Bradford, nice size, col. and quality, good back; 4, Townsend, grand feather and quality, nice flights and tail; vhc, Slocombe; hc, Owen; c, Hopson. HEN (15): 1, Bradford, nice shaped buff, good head, wings and tail, grand quality; 2, Murry, unflg. yell., nice shape and feather, short wings and tail; 3, Turton, buff, tkd. on neck, nice shape, grandly feathered; 4, Slocombe; vhc, hc, c, Brown. C.-B. (7): 1, Turner, good shaped skull, nice entrance and rise over back dense head feather, good quality; 2, Simmonds, nice skull, good rise, well feathered, nice shaped body; 3, Edwards, cl., well lashed, good length of head feather; 4, Lewis and Dymond, good back, skull and feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Morris. TKD., ETC., SCOTCH FCY. (4): 1, 3, Jones, two yells., winner gets to business quickly, nice depression of head, good neck and drive, 3rd quick actioned piebald; 2, Lewis, buff, nice shoulders; 4, Harrington. TKD., ETC., BORD. FCY. (9): 1, Hammacott and Card tkd. head, lovely feather, nice shape, neat wings and tail, capital carriage, sweet head; 2, 4, Jenkins grandly feather cl., nice shape, neat wings and tail, 4th nice col., good feather and shape; 3, Evans, sweet shape, nice feather, neat wings and tail, good; vhc, Sampson; hc, Bennett; c, Wiseman. CAN. or MULE, SELL. (34): 1, Jenkins, nice yel. Nor; 2, 4, Allen, crest and lightly mkd. buff Goldfinch-Can. Mule; 3, Harber, nice buff Norwich; vhc, Rees; hc, c Melhuish. CAN.-MULE, CL., ETC. (2): 1, Lees, even wing mkd. yell., good col. and feather; 3, Edwards, mkd. eyes and left wing, good size, fine col. and feather. DK. LINNET-SISKIN, ETC (12): 1, Somerfield, Siskin, a beauty, grand size, col. and feather, well mkd., put down in grand form; 2, Scrine, Linnet, lovely quality of feather, well polished nice col.; 3, Shellam, Siskin, well mkd., good size and shape; 4, Edwards, Linnet, good size and shape, nearly the finish of winner; vhc, Gerrey; hc, Wilkins; c, Fox. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, vhc, hc, Richards, grand blaze, square cut and bright col., beautiful buttons, well tanned chest, nice collar and polish; 2, Arnold, expansive square cut blaze, good col., nicely tanned and well barred; 3, Stephenson, nice square cut blaze, capital bars and buttons, well tanned; 4, Hopkins and Allsopp, nice face, good back and tannings, fine bars and buttons; c, Davies. BULLFINCH (13): 1, Jones, a real stormer, grand in shape and col., lovely cap, back and bars, as tight in feather as boxwood, will want some beating; 2, Pole, grand size and shape, well cut expansive cap, nice col. and good wing bars; 3, Longden, grandly feathered, nice shape and col., good cap and bars; 4, Jeffreys, grand col. breast, nice cap and bars; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Gough; c, Brighty. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (8): 1, Longden, beautiful shape and feather, sound col. all through, nicely pencilled, grandly worked back; 2, 4, Lewis and Dymond, beautifully pencilled, nice nutty back, well polished, good shape, nice whites, 4th well pencilled; 3, Miss Bowen, nice pencilling, good col. and feather, capital work on head; vhc, Cook; hc, Gay; c, Payer. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Longden, a real little beauty, wonderful col., grandly mkd. and capital bib, well polished; 2, Cook, lovely col. and feather, nice bib and back, well pencilled; 3, Jones, well mkd., good shape, grand bib; 4, Pole, nice col. and mark ings; vhc, Holbrow; hc, Portman; c, Maggs. BRAMBLE, ETC. (15): 1, 2, 3, Longden, grand Bramble leading, lovely spangling, good col. and beautifully feathered, well polished, 2nd Chaffinch, grand size, good feather, nice head and clear whites; 3rd Bramble, grand spangling, good size and col.; 4, Bancroft, Chaffinch, capital col. and feather, nice shape; vhc, Gerrey; hc, Jones; c, Lewis and Dymond. HARDBILL HEN (19): 1, Pole, Bawfinch, lovely feather grand col. and bloom, nice size, good bib and markings; 2, Bancroft, Cornbunting, nice ground col. and well mkd.; 3, Thorne, Bullfinch, good size, cap, col. and bars; 4, Jones, Yellowbunting, grandly mkd., good size, col. and shape; vhc, hc, Prosser; a grand class. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Lee, Blackbird, dense body col., nice shape and size, good bill and eye cere; 2, 4, Price, nicely spotted and good feathered Songthrush, 4th Blackbird; 3, Stevens, good col. Songthrush, nicely spotted, shown in too small a cage; vhc, Heath. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, Butler, grand col. and feathered Paradise Whydah, in good form; 2, hc, c, Thorne, Troupial, fine feather and capital col.; 3, Miss Thomas, good pair of Diamond Finches, grand feather and col.; 4, Castree, nice pure col. and good feathered White Java Sparrow; vhc, Stevens.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

The Yorkshire section was very strong, both in quality and numbers. They required a good deal of time to correctly place them, the classes being so full of grand specimens. British and Mules made a good show in themselves, the Bullfinch and Goldfinch classes teeming with quality and colour. The rest of the British were also of a high standard, and many well-known winners were seen.

YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Negus, a smart long-sided one, good colour and best of jackets, superb carriage; 2, Banks, full of quality, lovely erect position, as tight feathered as possible, good wings; 3, Dykes, also very stylish, correct in type and style, well carried wings and tail; 4, Wilson, very good specimen; hc, Smith; c, P. Negus. YORKS, BUFF (10): 1, L. Dykes, very neatly shown one, good racy style, beautifully drawn, right for length; 2, Banks, neatly feathered bird of erect position, good legs and well braced wings; 3, Portman, well drawn Yorkie, neatly filled neck and shoulder, best of wing carriage; 4, Ball, we liked, rare quality feather; vhc, hc, c, Smith; hc, Gregory. YELL. MKD. CK. (6): 1, E. J. Banks, neck and wing mkd., very shapely, good wings and tail, and perfect position and carriage, rare quality of feather; 2, Negus, wing mkd., rare col., neat head and neck, best of wings, good pipe tail; 3, Wilson, neatly drawn Yorks, lovely jacket, neat position; 4, Dykes, neatly staged, very typical; vhc, E. J. Banks; hc, Smith; c, Thomson; No. 2 and 8 wrong classed. YELL. HEN (14): 1, G. Gregory, cl., very highly coloured and smartly carried lady, feather like boxwood, perfect for wing and tail carriage, beautifully staged; 2, H. C. Smith, another cl., erect carriage, good head and neck properties, close fitting wings, silky feather; 3, Banks, very taking lady, erect in position, good quality; 4, Taylor; vhc, Mock and Sons; hc, L. Dykes; c, W. Wilson. BUFF HEN (16): 1, L. Dykes, nicely drawn one, good length, neat wings and tail, full of style; 2, Banks, very erect position, nice sided specimen, tightly fitting wings; 3, G. Gregory, neat and shapely, and shows to best advantage; 4, H. Owen; vhc, T. S. Boward; hc, G. Morgan; c, W. F. Phillips. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, L. Dykes, a fine upstanding youngster, good, long-sided one, great col. and quality of feather throughout; 2, 3, hc, Smith, 2, very shapely one, full of good Yorkshire properties, fine length and carriage; 3, neat quality exhibit, correct shape, neat wings and tail; 4, Morgan, very nicely staged; vhc, G. Gregory; hc, W. Negus; c, Phillips. BUFF: 1, G. Gregory, well made bird, good length and position, grandly filled at neck and shoulder; 2, L. Dykes, fine, slim body, best of wings and tail, tightly feathered; 3, W. Wilson, good position on perch, neat head and neck, well drawn; 4, Morgan and Wilcox, variegated, very stylish; vhc, Lovell; c, Negus. UNFLIG. HEN (3): 1, 4, Banks, real little gem for style and finish, good length and carriage, well fitting wings, good tail; 2, Lovell, very neat and well carried specimen, feathered in rare form; 3, H. C. Smith, also close up, correct position, moves prettily; vhc, Howard; hc, G. Gregory; c, Owen. NOVICE YELL. (21): 1, S. Dale, good col., long and slim, neatly drawn, very good wings and tail; 2, Mrs. Gill, well carried specimen, fine length and shape, neatly clothed; 3, Brown, good length, neat head and neck, fights with leaders; 4, name missed, very smart, good position. BUFF: 1, Prichard, upstanding bird, rare carriage, good wing and tail carriage, finished off with silky jacket; 2, Thomson, good length and position, neat-shaped head; 3, no name in catalogue, fine erect position, well clothed, good head; 4, Brown, very shapely; vhc, Barrow. YORKS. NOVICE HENS (18): 1, Barrow, typical, good position, rare length, nicely staged; 2, no name in catalogue, very sweet hen, correct proportions, nicely drawn, good wings and tail; 3, Thomson, fine length, good carriage, neatly clothed; 4, J. Williams, very choice specimen, good quality feather; vhc, Sparey; hc, Merrit; c, Thomas. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Simmonds, 1, very good variegated. Crest, plenty of length of feather, nicely radiated with a cleanly-defined centre, rare size; 2, good massive bird, splendid feather, droops very nicely; 3, big, good frontal, well clothed; 4, A. J. Smith; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Miss Turner; c, Stevens. SCOT. FCY. (5): 1, 3, J. H. Jones, clinking good quality one, fine reach and splendid depression, shown very fit; 3, good one, moves nicely, lovely position; vhc, Harrington, very neatly got up, good, long-sided; 4, Lewis. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Hammacott and Card, 1, neat little Border, essential carriage, well braced wings, neatly folded; 3, gay carriage and properly moulded, good wings and tail; 2, c, Sampson, very sweet, typical, fine wing properties, neat mover; 4, D. Jenkins, true to type, neatly clothed; vhc, E. M. Evans; hc, W. Jenkins. SELL. (£3): 1, E. Thomas, pair good Norwich; 2, A. Allen, Crests; 3, T. H. Melhuish; 4, E. J. Banks. MULES, DK. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Somerfield, clinking good big Greenie, fine polish, good level col., plenty of size; 2, D. A. S. Longden, good Cinn., Greenie, plenty of size and col., well pencilled on back and chest; 3, J. Lewis, another Goldie, rare col. and polish, nice size; 4, D. A. S. Longden, good big one, nice contrast of col; vhc, A. Shellam. A.O.V.: 1, Pole, grand Linnet-Bullie, fine size and col., in perfect form; 2, Shellam, clinking young Goldie-Bullie, fine col., expanse of face, only about five months old, should make a champion; 3, Lees, Canary-Bullie, good col. and size; 4, Edwards. GOLDFINCH (GREYPATE) (22): 1, c, Ford, fine-shaped one, lovely face, and was neatly cut, beautifully tanned, steady as a rock, clear win; 2, Russel, nicely cut and polished face, well up in col., good wings and buttons; 3, no name in catalogue, very smart, well col., lovely cut of face; 4, Gay, very nice one, fine size, good face; vhc, Edwards; hc, Cook. GREENFINCH (12): 1, D. S. Lee, a fell yell., good shape and col., nicely feathered, good bars; 2, White, good big nat. col. one, fine bold head and chest, in perfect feather, very close; 3, E. Wilkins, very good Greenie, nice size and carriage, lovely level col.; 4, Lewis and Dymond, real clinking buff; vhc, E. J. Barnes; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Longden. LINNET (FULL-MOULTED): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, a fine upstanding bird, good nut-brown colour, nicely broken up in facing; 2, Fern, well laced one, nicely finished; 3, Bancroft, neat nutty tone of col., fine shape, and best of facing; vhc, Bobbett; hc, Jeffries; 4, Bowen. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Bancroft, rare big Twite, good shape and col., well laced at sides; 2, D. J. Prosser, very decent mealy Redpoll, splendid bodied one, well mkd. on thighs; 3, C. Sampson, Siskin, good cap and col., neat eye marks; 4, Longden, Twite, nice col. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Bull, Bawfinch, finely polished, good bib, hood and bars, well staged, wins well; 2, Bessell, Yellowhammer, fine col., good head and cheek marks, in rare condition; 3, Dallimore, very good Snow Bunting, fine shape and size, shows plenty of white; 4, J. J. Prosser, Yellowhammer; vhc, F. Ford and Son, F. D. Jones; hc, E. W. Lunt. SOFTBILL SMALL (7): 1, F. D. Jones, clinking good Whinchat, in wonderful col. and plumage, steady as a rock; 2, S. L. Cocks, a really pretty Treecreeper, shown in faultless style, presses leader; 3, Castree, Bearded Tit, good feather, large specimen; 4, Cocks, redstart; vhc, Pearce; G. Sampson. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Phillips, Magpie. FOR. A.O.S. (7): 1, Redstart; vhc, Pearce; hc, c, G. Sampson. A.O.S. head and body col.; 2, Davies and Wilkins, good conditioned Jay Thrush, good crest and frontal; 3, Castree, well col. Toucan; 4, Dummett; vhc, Richards, hc, Williams.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Members' show held at headquarters, Lavender Hill, on Nov. 25th. There was a capital entry, over 100 birds being staged. As usual, Yorkshires were the most numerous, and some grand birds were staged. Mr. F. J. Martin put down a fine lot of Norwich, very typical short birds. The exhibits were well looked after by Miss Hanwood Tibbs and Mrs. McGregor. Mr. H. Norman judged. The secretary is Mr. Box, to whom much credit is due for his able management of affairs.

NOR. YELL.: Martin, all prizes, grand team of Yellows, leader real Nor. type, others close up. BUFF: Martin, all prizes, another good team, very little to choose between them, grand quality. HENS: Martin, all prizes, another fine gathering, leader bonny chubby specimen, all typical. NOVICE YELL: 1, 2, 3, McGregor, bonny lot, 1st grand yell. of good size and quality, 2nd and 3rd again good. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, McGregor, bonny team of Buffs, very typical, good quality. HENS: 1, 2, 3, McGregor, trio of hens of the right stamp, 1st very chubby and short. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Harwood, two grand birds, fine length and position, lovely quality. BUFF: 1, 2, Harwood, couple of very fine Buffs, very breedy and lovely feather. HENS: 1, 2, Harwood, typical ladies, grand length and quality, well staged. NOV. YELL. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Lloyd, two fine birds, leader capital shape, good head and back, nice feather, 3rd another good one, same stamp; 2, Ralph, nice, round-bodied bird, grand wings and tail, sound col.; hc, King; c, Walker. BUFFS (11): 1, spl, c, King, fine long bird, nicely moulded, capital head and back, good wings; 2, 3, Tibbs, 2nd another fine long Buff, rare shape, good full back, 3rd fine quality bird, capital shape; vhc, Walker; hc, Ralph. HEN (11): 1, 3, Tibbs, 1st lovely shapely bird, clean cut, good head, plenty of daylight, in grand condition, 3rd another good one; 2, King, heavily mkd. green, grand type, perfect wings and tail; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Ralph. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Saytch, 1st neat typical bird, head and wing mkd. nicely moulded, good feather, 2nd nice cl. yell., good type, capital wings, 3rd good Cinn., capital type, good feather. BUFF: 1, Mrs. McGregor, grand cl., well rounded, capital head, good wings, stands well; 2, Mrs. McGregor, smart, good length, lovely quality; 3, vhc, hc, Saytch, 3rd another good one, capital type. A1 position. HEN: 1, 3, Saytch, 1st good self Cinn., sound col., very shapely, 3rd very typical specimen; 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. McGregor, 2nd very smart cl., stylish, nice head. NOVICE, BORD.: 1, 2, Harwood, two really good typical birds, nice quality of feather. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Best, 1st grand Goldie, good blaze, well tanned, nice feather, 2nd fine, chubby Bullie, good col., capital condition, 3rd grand Linnet, well made, good one; hc, Everell. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Box, 1st fine Thrush, nice size, good col. well marked 2nd bold Blackbird very shapely, nice depth of col.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Club show, held in City Cafe Hall, on 29th Nov. This was the most successful members' show held for some years, many of the exhibits being of unusual merit, and ought to be heard of in future. Mr. John Adams judged, and gave general satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY., YOUNG: 1, 2, spl, cup, Smith; 3, spl, Sharp. OLD: 1, spl, 5, 6, Smith; 2, 3, spl, 4, Sharp. NOR., BRED 1909, CK.: 1, W. C. Smith; 2, Gillies; 3, Bolt; 4, Borrie. BUFF: 1, 6, W. C. Smith; 2, Kerr; 3, Malloch; 4, spl, Bolt. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Wylie; 2, spl, W. C. Smith; 3, Borrie. BUFF: 1, W. C. Smith; 2, Borrie; 3, Wylie; 4, 5, Roger. NON-FED CK.: 1, spl, cup, for best in section, 4, Dougal; 2, 3, 5, spl, Forrest. HEN: 1, 2, 3, spl, 4, Forrest. OLD BIRDS, CK.: 1, W. C. Smith; 2, Kerr; 3, 5, Malloch; 4, Howie. HEN: 1, spl, W. C. Smith; 2, 3, spl, Wylie; 4, Mallock; 5, Howie; 6, Bolt. CREST, 1909: 1, cup, spl, 3, Campbell; 2, McDonald; 4, Cochrane. C.B., 1909: 1, cup, 5, McDonald; 2, Campbell; 3, spl, Cochrane; 4, Blythe. OLD BIRDS, CREST: 1, spl, 4, McDonald; 2, 3, spl, Cochrane; 5, 6, Campbell. C.B.: 1, 6, Duncan; 2, Blythe; 3, 4, 5, McDonald. BORD. FCY., BRED 1909: 1 spl, 4, Kerr; 2, 3, spl, McDonald. OLD: 1, spl, McDonald; 2, 3, spl, Kerr; 4, 5, Duncan. GOLDFINCH: 1, Brown; 2, spl, Gillies; 3, spl, Borrie. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Wylie; 4, Kerr. LINNET: 1 spl, cup for best Brit., 5 spl, Brown; 2, Kerr; 3, W. C. Smith; 4, Borrie; 6, Wylie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Brown; 2, Kerr; 3, Wylie; 4, spl, Dougal; 5, Gillies; 6, Roger. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Kerr; 2, Brown; 3, spl, Smith; 4, Borrie; 5, Wylie. MULES: 1, spl, 2, Brown. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, Kerr.—J. KERR, Sec.

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PORTSMOUTH.

Held in the Hampshire Fortress Engineers' Drill Hall on December 1st and 2nd. The hall is a well-lighted building, spacious and lofty, and the cage birds arranged along one side of it made a most imposing display. Interest was added to the scene by the presence of Mr. F. G. Foster, late Mayor of Portsmouth, who is also chairman of committee of the society, and who in years gone by played such an important part in the interests of the Crest Fancy. Mr. Foster has long since left the exhibition arena, but his love for the cage bird Fancy is as deep, and his interest as keen, as ever. Many of the principal inhabitants visited the show during the time it was open. The joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. W. T. Hawes and G. Frampton, had no light task set them to manage successfully a mixed show in which there were 1360 odd entries, but they acquitted themselves very satisfactorily, and the committee and stewards lent willing aid. They were Messrs. Bonker, W. J. Coffin, Marshall, Abrahams, Carrier, A. Coffin, Kilbury, Lean, Shott, Woodhouse, Squibb, Shotter. Norwich Plainheads made a splendid show, both in numbers and in quality; Yorkshires were also a nice collection, but Crests and Crest-breds were but a shadow of what we have seen at Portsmouth in past days. Goldfinches were a magnificent collection both in open and members' classes. The British came up grandly, and the Foreign were excellent. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were generally well received.

Critique

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 2, Baker, grand-feathered bird, beautiful body, shape, rich colour, neat head, well closed up at thighs; 3, Kilby, very good shape, rich colour, nice wing carriage, short wings, and tail; vhc, Ellis; hc, Miles; c, Turner. BUFF (14): 1, Schneider, really fine type, not quite so much under-colour as some, but grand head, neck, and back, short wings and tail; 2, 3, Saunders, very similar, typical and good under-colour; vhc, hc, Kilby; c, Barton. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, spl, Baker, tkd. buff, topping quality, rich under-colour, fine chest, head, and neck, wins; 2, Kilby, tkd. yell., body soft feather, rich colour, nice head, a good one; 3, Schneider, very promising tkd. yell., unflig., full of colour and quality; vhc, Lowe; hc, Miles; c, Stevens. HEN (11): 1, spl, Baker, thick-set yell., full of quality, grand size, short wings, tail, and legs; 2, Saunders, buff, rare quality and under-colour, not quite so stout; 3, Miles, smart, good type; vhc, Schneider; hc, c, Kilby, latter a gem, very soft at judging. CRESTS (8): 1, spl, Gale, wing mkd. dark Crest, neat, nice frontal; 2, 3, Bond, former wide head, nice length of crest feather, fails centre; vhc, Fellows; hc, Marshall; c, Gale. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Jackson, cl., rare good length and col., nice back and nervy; 2, 3, Parrott, both quick-actioned birds, stylish, and good quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Learson; c, Baker. BUFF (8): 2, 3, Parrott, both typical, full of fire, nice quality and well shown; vhc, Gibb; hc, Lavis; c, Baker. HENS (14): 1, sp, 3, Matthews, leader grand-positioned variegated. yell., full of quality, straight as a pencil; 2, Baker, very typical, nice feather; vhc, Bond; hc, Joiner; c, Parrott. MULES (6): 2, spl, Miss English, rich, flush-faced dark Goldie-Can., fine glossy feather; 3, Gibb, Greenie-Can., good size and nice col.; vhc, Schneider; hc, King; c, Jackson. MEMBERS, NOR. CL. YELL. OR BUFF (11): 1, spl, 3, Baker, leader grand-shaped yell.; 3rd, buff, lovely quality; 2, Saunders, buff, rare shape, silky feather; vhc, Lowe; hc, Saunders; c, Gale. TKD. ETC. (11): 1, 2, Baker, tkd. yell., beauty, and variegated buff of rare type and feather; 3, Saunders, nice shape, full of quality; vhc, c, Saunders; hc, Lowe. YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, spl, Boxall, sweet tkd. yell., nice taper and quality; 2, Lavis, fine-positioned variegated. yell.; 3, Joiner, yell., full of breed points; vhc, Matthews; hc, c, Jackson. YORKS., A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, Jackson, buff, fine position, well up on leg; 2, Joiner, good one; hc, Boxall; c, Matthews. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Marshall, grizzle Crest, long in frout, good body; 2nd, grand-headed cl. buff C.B.; hc, c, Marshall. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Herbert, gem, wide rich blaze, clean cut, nice bars and buttons, sleek as an Archbishop; 2, Jupe, grand depth of face col., not so wide or so full under, rich chestnut, well shown; 3, Carrier, very similar, little to choose: vhc, hc, Prior; c, Roberts. BULLFINCH (5): 2, spl, Fellows, very lustrous cap, nice shape, good breast col.; 3, Holloway, steady, nice breast col.; vhc, hc, Burr; c, Hinds. LINNET (8): 1, spl, vhc, Prior, leader lovely gloss, steady, rich col., good markings; 2, Smith Bros., nutty col., nice markings and shape; hc, Long; c, Mitchard. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 2, Herbert, rich coloured, well mkd., Mealy Redpoll; 2, Smith Bros., lovely Lesser Redpoll; vhc, hc, Prior; c, Young. A.O.V. FINCH (12): 1, spl, vhc, Prior, leader racy, rich coloured, sheeny Chaffinch, well shown; 2, Lean, grand-shaped, good-sized, fine-coloured Greenfinch; 3, Gibb, lovely Brambling, shone like satin; hc, Lean; c, Heness. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Atkins, very racy, well-spotted Song Thrush; 2, vhc, Lean, grandly-spotted Starling; 3, Prior, deep-coloured, grand-shaped Blackbird; hc, Norris; c, Matthews. A.O.V. SMALL (7): 1, 3, hc, c, Lean, 1st steady, good-coloured, fine-conditioned 'Gale; 2, Tout, gold-crested Wren, very sweet. MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH (13): 1, spl, Jupe, fine wide face, very steady and lustrous; 2, 3, Long, both good Finches; vhc, Warne, Carrier; hc, Long; c, Smith Bros. BULLIE (8): 1, spl, 2, Jupe, leader a grand one; 3, Smith Bros.; vhc, Carrier; hc, Kilbury; c, Young. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, Kilbury, rattling good Magpie; 2, Tout, really nice Blackcap; 3, Jupe, well-mkd., good-coloured Linnet; vhc, hc, Lean. PARROTS, ETC. (6): 2, spl, Welford, shown in form; 3, Harris; vhc, Streten, Welford; c, Gay. A.O.V. LARGE (8): 1, spl, Miss Thomas, fine, long-tailed Whydah; 2, Harris, nice Pintail; 3, Howe; hc, Young; c, Young, Welford. WAXBILLS, ETC. (6): 2, spl, 3, c, Welford; vhc, hc, Howe. SELL. (20/-): 1, Saunders; 2, Osborn; 3, Marshall; vhc, Saunders, Joiner; hc, Barton. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, Marshall; 2, Saunders; 3, Matthews; vhc, Saunders; hc, Fellowe; c, Young.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show, held at the Griffin Hotel on Nov. 29th. Classification, all hens. Entries reached 81 in number, and some real good specimens were exhibited. Messrs. S. Haigh and H. H. Sutcliffe (Halifax) judged, and gave satisfaction. This was Mr. Haigh's maiden attempt, and he undoubtedly came through with credit.

CL., TKD., ETC., YELL., YORKS. (6): 1, Tinkler; 2, vhc, Ross; 3, Townsend; hc, Walsh; c, Dunn. BUFF (10): 1, c, Tinkler; 2, Ross; 3, Dunn; vhc, Townsend; hc, Walsh. CINN. MKD.: 1, Townsend; 2, Ross; 3, Dunn. GREEN, SELF, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, Pilling; vhc, Dunn; hc, c, Blackburn and Mitchell. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, vhc, hc, Staff; 2, Saville; 3, Morrison; c, Womersley. BUFF (12): 1, Greenwood; 2, Lord; 3, Sykes; vhc, Wild; hc, Burdlkin Bros.; c, Clegg. NOVICE.—CINN. MKD. (8): 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Burdlkin Bros.; 3, Morrison; hc, Sykes; c, Saville. GREEN (6): 1, 2, Maude Bros.; 3, Sykes; vhc, Smith; hc, Lord; c, Dewhirst. NOVICE.—YELL. NOR.: 1, Stott. BUFF: 1, 2, Stott.—H. WHITAKER, Assistant Secretary.

DUNDEE.

The City of Dundee C.B.S. held their annual show on November 26th and 27th, and, taken all over, it proved a great success. This year the Society held a two days' show, and the gratifying entry proved that they were correct, as many birds were from a long distance and the night's rest did them good; also all birds were dispatched so as to reach home on the Saturday night, which is a great inducement for fanciers to support such well-conducted shows. Crests and Crest-breds opened the programme, and such an array of champions in this section have seldom been on view at Scotch fixtures. Young Crests and Crest-breds included some real high-class stock, many likely champions being among them. Keen competition prevailed in these classes for the splendid trophies given, and the winners were found in Mr. Adamson's Crest hen, and Mr. Whitton's young Crest-bred. The members' cup was secured by Mr. Paul. Taken all over these were the keenest contested classes in the show, and deserved to be so after the splendid classification given to them. Plainheads followed, and here we have seen larger numbers, but never quality so equal in merit. All classes were keenly contested, and the winner of the cup was found in Mr. Davidson's buff cock bird. We believe this gentleman wins this special outright. The fed classes all over were nice, and some real high-class birds were among the non-feds. Scotch Fancies were a nice collection, some rare exhibits being staged. The cup winners proved to be Mr. Muirhead's well-known buff, and Mr. Rumsay's yellow hen. Borders followed, but here we were sorry to see two classes cancelled. However, what were left were good, some of the classes being exceptionally well contested. The winner of the B.F.C. medal was Mr. Hamilton's uneven buff. Mules and British were a grand collection. Cup for best in section was secured by Mr. Crockett's well-known Waxwing. The British, taken all over, were well up to the best of shows, and some hot ones were on view. The show was held in the gymnasium, an ideal show room, free from draughts and well lighted, while the birds were snugly and carefully staged. The management was perfect, Mr. Miller having everything well in hand and being ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. The show was well patronised, and was one of the best held in Dundee. The judges were:—Mr. Campbell, for Crests and Crest-breds; Mr. Malcolmson, for Plainheads; Messrs. Black and Fulton, for Scotch Fancies; Mr. Hamilton, for Borders; and Mr. Livingstone (of Livingstone and Sharp), for Mules, British, etc.

The Crest and Norwich Classes.

DARK CREST. CK. (13): 1, Noble, good one, a green, immense head feather, grand centre, well carried forward in front, good side and back, beautifully finished off in grand trim; 2, vhc, Currah and Son, even longer ou side feather, grandly centred, leafy, plenty head-gear, close up, good one; 3, Paul, again lengthy and leafy in feather, in fine trim, well placed; 4, Whitton, very nice shapely head, staged to perfection; vhc, Adamson; c, McNaughton. HEN (8) 1, McLay, real good one, grand top-piece, dense, well centred, good formation, in lovely bloom; 2, Noble, dense in feather, well centred and laid on; 3, Mackie, nice fronted bird, good length of feather; 4, vhc, Cram, nice sided bird, good quality feather; vhc, Paul. C.B. CK. (13): 1, 2, Noble, leader hot one, grand entrance, finely lashed, rare nohle head, plenty of feather, good one and no mistake, 2nd good as 1st in entrance, but scarcely eo dense in feather as winner, typical all over; 3, McLay, plenty of lash, some thought should have given way to 4, McNaughton, nice one, fine width of skull, neat in feather properties; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Paul; c, Cairns. HEN (13): 1, Cairns, rare head, fine wide entrance, good in lashing, grandly groomed, full wide skull, in rare trim; 2, Robertson, good lash, plenty of size, well finished; 3, McLay, fine headed one, grand shape, plenty of head-gear, well worth its place; 4, vhc, Adamson, 4th fine substance of body; hc, Sanderson; c, Fox. CL., ETC., CREST (9): 1, Mackie, nice griz. crest, fine length of feather, plenty of it; 2, Shillinglaw, close up for length, good front and side, well put down; 3, McLay, nice side, shade thin in centre; 4, Bruce, fails only in head and length; vhc, Martin Bros.; hc, Noble; c, Mitchell. CREST, LIMIT (£4) (12): 1, Mitchell; 2, Thornton; 3, Mackie; 4, Sanderson; vhc, Love; hc, Cram; c, McNaughton. C.B. (£3) (10): 1, Mackie; 2, Arnott; 3, Bruce; 4, McLay; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Low; c, Buchanan. CREST (£1) (10): 1, Fox; 2, Anderson; 3, Welsh; 4, Allan; vbc, Cairns; hc, Bruce; c, Dryden. C.B. (£1) (11): 1, Mackie; 2, Arnott; 3, Johnstone; 4, Allan; vhc, Douglas and Fenwick; hc, no name; c, McIntosh. CREST CK., BRED 1909 (14): 1, cup, Paul, variegated grand one, grand quality feather, nice side and frontal; 2, Mackie, griz., sweet exhibit all through; 3, Griffiths, good one, fine length of feather, sbould improve yet; 4, Paterson, nice quality all over, well centred; vhc, Low; hc, Whitton; c, Shillinglaw. HEN (12): 1, 2, Adamson, 1st very neat top-ended bird, fine quality of feather and well laid on, grandly centred, 2nd very neat well-groomed, fine quality throughout, pair of nice ones; 3, vhc, Paul, 3rd good one, longest feathered in class, grand side and frontal, and well centred; 4, Robertson, well down at sides and front; hc, Cairns; c, Griffiths. C.B. CK. (10): 1, 3, Griffiths, leader all there, nice head and entrance, good in lash, 3rd romping one, fine width of entrance, well finished in lash, shown in rare trim; 2, Sanderson, neat size and shape, well formed head; 4, Robertson, fine length of feather; vhc, Cairns; hc, Adamson; c, Clark. HEN (7): 1, 4, cup, Whitton, well known (Cynthia), real good one, nice entrance and size of skull, well down in feather, staged to win, 4th plenty of headgear, again in rare bloom; 2, McLay, green, sweet exhibit, grand cushion headed one, well placed; 3, McNaughton, nice cl., fine size and length; vhc, Cairns; hc, Mackie; c, Griffiths. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Mitchell, grand bloom, and nice tone of col., fine shapely bird, well balanced, hotly pursued by 2, Howie, even better in col., grand shape, good wing carriage, and rare cut; 3, Sanderson, large one, soft looking in feather, nice front and style, good col.; 4, Smith, fine quality feather, well staged; vhc, Winter; hc, Henderson; c, Grewar. BUFF (10): 1, cup, Davidson, good shape, well drawn, nice size and substance for a buff cock; 2, Smeaton, hot one, lovely body, grand head, rare front and style, nice warm col., exceedingly well drawn, staged in grand trim; 3, Lumsden, nice bodied bird, full and free, grand quality feather; 4, Peters, nice size and substance, fine style; vhc, Howie; hc, Grewar; c, Dempster. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, Howie, grand size and col., fine fronted bird, good wing carriage, neatly drawn, in good bloom; 2, Grewar, bouncer, plenty size, fine head and neck; 3, McKenzie, good shaped bird, nice one; 4, Davidson, heavily variegated, grand size and shape, teeming with quality, real good one; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Malcolm; c, Forrest. BUFF (7): 1, Howie, again to the front with a romper for size, splendid all-round shape, grandly burnished off, topper for quality; 2, Kydd, good feather, nice size; 3, Clubb, nice front, lovely style and wing carriage; 4, Smeaton, shade longer, perhaps, but splendid substance and finish, real good one; vhc, Davidson; hc, Steven; c, Grewar. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 4, Howie, nice-shaped bird, fine head and front, good wing carriage, 4th splendid finish of feather; 2, Sandison, in grand order, tight as wax, well rounded, lovely front and taper, some thought should have won; 3, Smeaton, again A1 in shape, plenty of substance; vhc, Grewar; hc, Kerr; c, Ritchie. BUFF (14): 1, Gowans, in grand order, nice size and substance, and A1 finish; 2, Howie, lovely feather and a gem for shape, splendidly cut, full of substance; 3, Clubb, topper for size, grand quality throughout, rare front and neck, and beautifully drawn, hard to find fault with; 4, Lyall, good nat. col. one, fine substance throughout; vhc, Wylie; hc, Ritchie; c, Dempster. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (16): 1, Dunn, good all-round, nice size, good quality feather, inclined to cross wings at times, wins; 2, Davidson, must have pressed, grand size and rare finish, well furnished; 3, Rae, falls only in size to winner, well moulded and finished off; 4, Martin, again a gem for shape and finish, lovely front and head; vhc, hc, Howie; c, Mitchell. BUFF (12): 1, Howie, romper, grand substance, splendid shape, well rounded, neatly drawn, good head and wing carriage; 2, Mitchell, again in lovely feather, good in front and taper; 3, Grewar, heavy variegated, plenty of substance, good all-round bird, well worth its place; 4, Kerr, grand size, in tip-top form; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Clubb; c, Soutar. UNEVEN. CK. (17): 1, Kerr, good all-round yell., nice shape, good front and head, demon for col., grandly fed and staged; 2, Howie, variegated buff, good carriage and finish; 3, Mitchell, yell., nice size and quality of feather, shade smaller than winner; 4, c, Clubb, beauty for size and shape, wing tkd., grand head and front, well finished off; vhc, Grewar; hc, Steven; c, Clubb. HEN (9): 1, Martin, real good buff cl., nice head, full in front, grandly tapered off, fine wing carriage, in tip-top form; 2, Howie, yell. variegated., again sweet mould, well up in size, fine quality throughout, nicely staged; 3, Sandison, grand col. yell., full bloom, neat, finely drawn; 4, Smith, yell., nicely put down; vhc, Grewar; hc, Henderson; c, Steven. NON-FED CK. (13): 1, Martin, variegated buff, grand shape, full front and head, perfect taper and wing carriage; 2, Lyall, romping buff, immense eye, grandly drawn, extra good in front; 3, Forrest, variegated. yell., neat one, full bloom, grand stamp all over; 3, Howie, buff, plenty of size, rare finish in feather; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Martin; c, Scaife. HEN (13): 1, Martin, real good all-round buff green, grand size, sweet shape, lovely quality throughout, well put down, wins; 2, Lyall, variegated yell., good body and finish, fine substance; 3, Smeaton, very neat buff, lovely mould and finish, sweet exhibit; 4, Martin, yell., nice feather, good in front, well worth place; vhc, hc, Steven; c, Forrest. SELL. (15/-) (23): 1, Smith; 2, Gillies; 3, Paterson; 4, Hampton; vhc, McRobbie; hc, Steven; c, Lowden.

The Other Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY., ETC., YELL CK. (9): 1, 3, Thomson, leader real good one, fine substance, prominent on top end, good back and length of side, very showy, 3rd smart style, very free, scarcely so prominent on top end as winner, perhaps; 2, Carmylie, good one, grand style, very free in action, lengthy side, good drive; 4, Melville, close up, free bird, good top end and reach; vhc, Knill; vhc, Smith; c, Ross. YELL. PIED, ETC. (10): 1, Low, grand one for style, free in action, A1 top end and reach, fine length, good drive; 2, Hendry, plenty of substance, good depth across, nice reach and top end; 3, Thoms, nice all-round, good depth; 4, Merrilees, real good one, very free in action, good build; vhc, Carmylie; hc, c, Beattie. BUFF, ETC. (8): 1, cup, spl, Melville, real hot one, fine and reachy, plenty of depth throughout, grand shoulders, A1 length and drive, real good all-round Buff; 2, Low, grand depth across, free bird, lengthy; 3, Melville, close up nice taper and style plenty of depth, again in fine bloom; 4, Curtis, very good all-round bird, nice depth across; vhc, Curtis; hc, Kirk; c, Sadler. BUFF, PIED, ETC. (7): 1, McMillan, grand size, rare depth throughout, A1 top end, plenty of drive and side, in tip-top form; 2, 3, Black, 2nd good one, fine shoulders, good back and carriage, scarcely so nice carried as winner, but good 2nd, 3rd close up, neat; 4, Hendersen, good shape, also well up in style; vhc, Merrilees; hc, Beattie; c, Blair. CL. YELL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, cup, Ramsay, tip-top form, nice all-round hen, fine thickness, good top end and reach, neat side, very stylish, rare size; 2, Carmylie, another hot one, very free and stylish; 3, Curtis, also good, nice depth, prominent; 4, Thomson, good depth, well finished off; vhc, hc, Keill; hc, McMillan. YELL. PIED (9): 1, 3, Black, leader grand shape and style, very prominent on top end, lovely reach and drive, staged in grand bloom, 3rd grand depth across, extra good in substance; 2, Ramsay, tip-top style, very free pose, good shoulders and reach; 4, Carmylie, lengthy bird, good across, well placed; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Blair; c, Curtis. BUFF HEN (9): 1, c, Low, lengthy one, free, good in top end, nice depth across, splendid drive; 2, 4, Keill, 2, a shade shorter than winner, but a grand mover, fine depth throughout and prominent on shoulders, claimed, 4th good action and finish; 3, Hendry, nice one, free; vhc, Thoms; hc, Thompson; c, Low. BUFF PIED, ETC. (8): 1, Merrilees, good Green, very stylish, plenty of size, fine depth, grand action; 2, Ramsay, not far behind, grand mover well placed; 3, vhc, McGregor, fine shape, good back and shoulders; 4, Henderson, neat and very stylish; hc, Thoms; c, Low. SELL. CK. (£1) (17): 1, Sharp; 2, Thoms; 3, c, Carmylie; 4, Shanks; vhc, Merrilees; hc, Hamilton. HEN (£1) (8): 1, Dan Merrilees; 2, Thoms; 3, Merrilees; 4, Ramsay; vhc, Beattie; hc, Blair; c, Nicoll. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Craig, grand feather, A1 finish, lovely wing carriage, neatly drawn; 2, Currah and Son, some preferred, real gem, lovely shape, grand head and front, rare taper, staged in fine bloom; 3, Falconer, fine front, well placed; 4, Bell, shade plainer looking, perhaps, but neat head and taper, nicely put down; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Campbell; c, Falmie. BUFF (10): 1, Craig, grandly moulded, splendid feather and wing carriage, staged to win; 2, Hamilton, very neat, A1 eye and shape; 3, Bell, nice front and well drawn, lovely pose, very stylish; 4, Currah and Son, good close feathered one; vhc, Arnott and Jamieson; hc, Aitkenhead; c, Donelly. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (14): 1, Craig, wins, real nice one, fine weight, grand head and wing carriage, very neatly tapered, staged in fine order; 2, Bell, close up, good one; 3, Currah and Son, smart shape and quality, not quite so good in neck as winners; 4, Lumsden, good stamp, well drawn; vhc, Kennedy; hc, Falconer; c, Douglas and Fenwick. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Currah and Son, noted Queenie, undoubtedly best yel. living, splendid eye and wing markings, combined with type, staged to perfection, looking well; 2, Shearer, sweet Cinn. mkd., fine quality feather, grand shape, good headed; 3, Craig, good col. and order, inclined to be long in feather, well placed; 4, McWatt, yell. variegated, good feather, and carriage; vhc, Jolmie; hc, Dargie. BUFF (7): 1, B.I.C. medal, Hamilton, good shapely bird, fine head and front, A1 wing carriage, very nicely drawn, fine weight; 2, Shearer, grand feather and finish; 3, McDonald, good all round, fine shape, well moulded; 4, Stirling, nice feather, good shape, well drawn; vhc, McWatt; hc, Arnott and Jamieson. GREEN (5): 1, Arnott and Jamieson, old warrior to the front, as fresh as ever, grand grass-green, full of bloom; 2, Haddon, very stylish, good col. and lacing; 3, Forrest, smart one, nicely pencilled, good ground col.; 4, Malcolm, fine type; vhc, Sadler. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (14): 1, Rae; 2, Haddow; 3, Campbell; 4, Lumsden; vhc, McWatt; hc, Falmie; c, Forrest. YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Braidy, not fed, very slim got up, grand position and carriage, A1, nicely drawn, free from roughness; 2, McRobbie, head tkd. very nice, fine length of side, grand position; 3, 4, Gerran, 3rd good all-round, nice bird, 4th good position, all in fine bloom; vhc, hc, Paterson; c, Syson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Syson, leader in rare bloom, fine length, good position, very stately, well put down, 2nd rather rough in feather, good length and shape; 3, McDougal, lengthy, fine bloom, rare quality throughout; 4, Paterson, all there for shape and finish, grandly feathered; vhc, McRobbie; hc, Sinclair; c, Paterson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Syson, good one, very well drawn, fine head, well filled in front, well staged; 2, Paterson, not quite so good in front, nice shape and style, good finish; 3, Webster, neat, finely drawn, plenty of length; 4, McRobbie, good shape, very neat in front; vhc, McDougal; hc, Bowman; c, Lister. BUFF (9): 1, Girvan, warm coloured, teeming with quality, good shape, upright, well carried, sweet exhibit; 2, vhc, Paterson, slim got up, very stylish, grand length, lovely wing carriage; 3, Webster, again slim, carriage A1, good head and wings, neat; 4, Bowman, nicely moulded; vhc, McDougal; c, Syson. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, J. Merriless, nice Buff Belg., good top end and droop, plenty of depth throughout, in fine bloom; 2, Strachan, yell. Belg., lengthy in side, good position and droop; 3, Curtis, again a nice yell. Belg.; 4, vhc, Hunter, fine Liz., well spangled, neat cap; vhc, c, Rae.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 4, Jamieson, leader noted variegated Buff, plenty of size, lightly mkd., well staged, in fine bloom, 4th large Goldie-Greenie, plenty of size; 2, Sneddon, good all-round Goldie-Bullie, well up in eye; 3, vhc, Johnstone, Linnet-Bullie, nice eye and good col.; hc, Nicoll. DARK LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Brown, Jonque Linnet, teeming with col., grandly mkd., fine size, staged to win; 2, Storrar, good Jonque Goldie, dense face, splendid bars, well up in size, well put down, real good one; 3, 4, Nicoll, two slashing Buff Goldies leader best in face and markings, both a wee shade rough in feather; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Grewar; c, McIntosh. A.O.V. CAN.-MULE (9): 1, Dalling, slashing Siskin-Mule, great size, very nicely mkd.; 2, McMillan, real gem for col., grand cap and lacing, well put down; 3, Fyfe, another Siskin, fine size and col., staged in very good order; 4, Finnic, yell. Greenfinch, well up in col.; vhc, Storrar; hc, Davidson; c, Reedie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (16): 1, Taylor, grand size, splendid shape, very neatly cut, nice cap, good cheeks and tannings, good blaze, expansive, well cut; 2, Crighton, lovely blaze, deep and large, finely cut, good body and tannings, staged in fine bloom; 3, Anderson, good one, lovely size, very distinct in markings, should make hot one; 4, Muirhead, stylish bird; vhc, Wilson and Campbell; hc, Law; c, Sanderson. BULLFINCH (20): 1, Thomson, undouhtedly the best in class, marvel for polish, grand depth of col., fine size, very quiet, as fresh as ever; 2, Henderson, looks like Glasgow winner in new hands, fine shape, grand bold cap; 3, Bruce, another well-known winner, bold shape, looking as if he could do with a rest; 4, Messer, nice tone of col., well placed; vhc, Hovelround; hc, Wylie; c, Nicoll. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Bald, demon for size and col., nice shape, in lovely order; 2, Smeaton, nice nat. col., good Jonque; 3, Bishop, another well fed one, fine body; 4, Anderson, good all-round bird, well fed; hc, Dryden; c, Brown. LINNET (20): 1, Watson, very fine col. one, grand, nutty brown, showing flights well, nicely laced, well up in size, well put down; 2, Towns, nice shape and size, well laced on side, sweet finish; 3, Muir, again in fine trim, good flights and finish; 4, Brown, large, nicely spangled, plenty of breast work; vhc, Smeaton; hc, c, Dryden. FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (15): 1, Watson, real nice one, fine tone of col., grand size, very steady, well pencilled, claimed; 2, Howie, full of life, grand size, nicely mkd., rare finish; 3, Dryden, sweet all-round, wee shade unsteady; 4, Stewart, good looking, nicely mkd.; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Bishop; c, Davidson. SISKIN (9): 1, Bishop (Rob Roy), good all-round, fine size, lovely quality feather, well spangled, good cap, real good exhibit; 2, McGregor and Boyd, very neat bib, good cap, grand shape, stylish; 3, Dryden, in lovely order, tight as wax, grandly laced; 4, Thomson, very neat well put down; vhc, McGavin; hc, Dickie and Smith; c, Watt. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Law, well fed Twite, nice eye, well laced, shown in grand bloom; 2, Johnstone, mealy 'Poll, well up in size, good bib and lacing, nice tone of col.; 3, Stewart, Twite, nice col., in good trim; 4, Bell and Dewar, nice mealy 'Poll; vhc, Dryden. CHAFFINCH (11) 1, Reid, fine all-round Chaffie, well up in size, nicely mkd., good wings and head, steady; 2, Miller and Eadie, good Bramble, fine eye, neatly laced, nice breast col. and finish, steady and well staged; 3, Johnstone, Bramble, grand size; 4, Henderson, good all-round Chaffie, grand size, rare tone of col.; No. 2, Brown, real good Bramble, fine spanglo and shape, mkd. wet when judged; vhc, Dalling; hc, Law; c, Watson. BUNTING (7): 1, Kerr, good all-round yell. Bunting, fine size and col., grand cl. head, fine nohle front, steady, in fine bloom; 2, Messer, also yell., fine col. and size, good eye mks.; 3, Henderson, romping Cirl, nice one, good col. and markings, well up in size; 4, Dewar, also a yell; vhc, Low; hc, Dryden; c, Irvine. SMALL BRIT. (5): 1, Gilmour, good Wryneck, lovely col. and markings, in rare form, wins easily, grand exhibit; 2, Russel, very nice Bearded Tit, fine size, well mkd., in good trim; 3, Taylor could not find when taking notes; 4, McDiarmid, large pied Wagtail, good markings and shape, fine all round; vhc, Low. LARGE: 1, cup best Brit, Crockatt, well-known Waxwing, fine size, nicely mkd., staged in fine order, good exhibit; 2, 4, Brown, well-known Missel (The Stormer) looking as fresh as ever, great size, grandly spangled, 4th good Fieldfare, well up in size, steady, nicely spangled; 3, Hutchison, nice Missel, good col., well staged; vhc, Miller and Eadie; hc, Low; c, Clark. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (20): 1, 2, Watson; 3, Dalling; 4, Smeaton; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Dewar; c, Bell and Dewar. FOR. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Howie, in grand form, good dense blaze, good size and cut, wins on condition; 2, McLeman, great size, grandly tanned, lovely buttons, romper for size and no mistake; 3, Roy, nice size, good all round; 4, Whitecross, good shaped Finch, well up in size; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Fiddes; c, Ferguson. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Fulton, real good one, fine dense col. and cap, in tip-top form, well put down; 2, Johnstone, nice hen, plenty of size, good deep breast col. and cap, lovely bars; 3, Douglas and Fenwick, plenty of size, good shape and col.; 4, Watson,, nico hen again; vhc, Nicoll. SMALL FOR. (11): 1, Bruce, red-headed Goldian Finch, in grand form, well put down; 2, Henderson, pair of Australian Grass Finches, in very nice order; 3, Gilmour, nice pair of yell. Budgerigars, grand size, good col. and condition; 4, Storrar, neat Pintail Nonpariel, fine col.; vhc, hc, Sellars; c, Peters.

LAUNCESTON.

The annual show of the Launceston F.S., held on November 30th, proved a great success, the entries being over 100 in excess of last year's, and the quality was first-rate all through. Some capital birds were staged in the Norwich and Yorkshire classes. In the latter section exhibitors from the county of broad acres secured all the first prizes, with birds of much merit. The special for best bird in show went to Mr. Collins' six-pointed buff Goldfinch Canary Mule. The exhibits were nicely staged and had the best of attention from a good committee of genuine fanciers. Mr. N. H. Reed, the hon. sec., had everything in thorough working order, and makes a most admirable officer, being tactful, courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., YELL. (9): 1, spl, best Nor., Redwood, splendid shape, grand quality, nice head and neck, good flights and tail; compact feather; 2, Gill and Pethick, nice shape, clean cut, splendid colour, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Collings, lovely feather, nice back, short flights and tail; vhc, Garland; hc, Tottle; c, Jess, Hill. BUFF (8): 1, Gill and Pethick, unflighted, grand cobby shape, good col, nice head and neck, short flights and tail; 2, Collings, good shape, nice col, and splendid quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Strout, grand col and quality, nice head and neck, wings well packed; vhc, Bailey; hc, Spillman; c, Redwood. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Edwards, wing ticked yell, good shape, grand col, and full of quality, nice head, fine flights and tail; 2, Collings, eye and thigh ticked buff, rare shape, plenty of front, full neck, good wings and tail; 3, Spillman, eye ticked yellow, lovely feather and quality, neat head, good back, nice colour; vhc, Redwood; hc, Garland; c, Tottle, Edwards. HEN (7): 1, Collings, grizzled tailed yell, nice shape, good col, and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Tottle, eye and rump tkd. yell., beautiful feather and quality, nice shape, short flights and tail; 3, Spillman, eye and neck mkd. buff, grand shape, nice col. and feather, short wings and tail; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Hill; c, Jess. YORKS, CL., YELL. (7): 1, spl., best Yorkshire, c, Halliday and Chittenden, good length, nice position, grand flights and tail, good back; 2, Thomas, slim built, stands well, good col. and quality; 3, Dykes, unflighted, grand col. and quality, nice position, neat tail and good flights; vhc, Wills and Sons; hc, Boundy, c, Fawkes. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Dykes, unflighted, neck and wing mkd. yell., hot col., well on leg, good feather and position; nice wings and tail; 2, vhc, Halliday and Chittenden, head, check and wing mkd. buff, good length, nice feather, position and quality, long flights and tail; 3, Clarke, variegated, yell., rare length, nice position, slim and stylish; hc, Fox; c, Wills and Sons. BUFF (9): 1, c, Halliday and Chittenden, slim built, well on leg, grand position, lovely feather and quality, pipo tail and well packed flights; 2, Thomas, good length, grand quality, nice position, good tail; 3, Dykes, hot col., good position, nice flights and tail, good back, well up in quality; vhc, Wills and Son; hc, Clark. HEN (11): 1, Dykes, slim built, yell., grand feather, nice col., well on leg and good position; 2, 3, Halliday and Chittenden, buff, grand position, lovely feather and quality, good wings and neat pipe tail, 3rd, thigh ticked yell., good position, grand feather, well on leg, nice pipe tail, well packed flights; vhc, Clarke; hc, Chine Bros.; c, Thomas, Wills and Sons. CREST. (11): 1, c, Davey, mkd. wings, dark crest of good formation, wide frontal, nice droop and radiation; 2, Hobbs, thick frontal, crest, fine droop; 3, c, Raby Bros., clear body, nice leafy feather, good droop, well radiated; vhc, Ryder; hc, Haskell. C.B. (8): 1, Ryder, green, good entrance to well-formed skull, well feathered and lashed, good shaped body; 2, Rowe and Richards, good length and density of head feather, nice quality; 3, Davey, good entrance, long head feather; vhc, Hobbs; hc, Haskell; c, Raby Bros. PAIR (match for breeding) (10): 1, Ryder, wing mkd. dark crest, well formed and nice droop, good green crest bred, good shaped, well feathered skull; 2, c, Bailey, Norwich plain heads, variegated buff cock and clear yell. hen, both good shape, well up in col.; 3, Butts, Belg. yell. cock and buff hen, nice shoulders and position; vhc, Hobbs, hc, Wills and Sons; c, Boundy. LIGHT, ETC., CAN. MULE (9): 1, spl, best bird in show, Collins, six pointed buff Goldfinch, magnificent col. and feather; good size and shape, put down in the pink; 2, Browning, four-pointed, nice shape and feather; 3, c, Rowe, yell. goldie, mkd. eyes, wings and breast, grand col. and feather, nice shape; vhc, Edwards; hc, Spillman. DARK (5): 1, Edwards, jonque greenfinch, wonderful colour, good size, shape and feather; 2, 3, Collins, Redpoll, grand feather and well marked, grandly polished; 3rd, Linnet, grand feather, good col., size, and shape; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Thomas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Herbert, square cut blaze, good col., grandly tanned chest, nice bars and buttons, good collar; 2, Pescorla, nice blaze, capital bars and buttons, nice tanning, in the best of feather; 3, Rowe and Richards, nice bright blaze, well tanned chest, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Edwards; hc, Polkinghorne; c, Ferrill. BRIT. HARDBILL (12): 1, Webber, Hawfinch, good size, grand feather, nice col. and markings, well defined bib; 2, Wills, Yell. Bunting, grand col. and feather, nice size, capital head markings, in good trim; 3, Tozer, Bullfinch, good col. on breast, nice back, cap and bars; vhc, Chudleigh; hc, Evans; c, Browning. FOR. (6): 1, spl, second best bird in show, Davies, well-known King Parrakeet, nice col. and feather, grand form; 2, vhc, Miss Thomas, superb Tanager, grand colour and feather, in nice condition, good one; 3, Sloman, nice Port Lincoln Parrakeet, in good feather, nice col.; hc, Cooper; c, Burnard. SELL. 20/-: 1, Strot; 2, Horrill; 3, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Bayley; c, Parish, Thomas; 10/-: 1, Kemp; 2, Raby Bros.; 3, Wills and Sons; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Redwood; c, Edwards. LOCAL A.V. CAN. (13): 1, Rattenbury, mkd. buff Norwich, nice shape, beautifully feathered, good col., flights and tail well packed; 2, vhc, Sargent, good shaped yell. Norwich, good col., nice head and neck; 3, Pincombe, yell Yorkshire, mkd. cheeks and wings, good length and position; hc, Adams, Stapleton; c, Sargent. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Bailey, square cut blaze, good col., well tanned chest, nice bars and buttons; 2, 3, Hocking, two nice Finches, good blazes and well buttoned; vhc, Ruse; hc, Stapleton; c, Cottle Bros. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, best local, Higman, variegated buff Goldfinch Canary, lovely feather, nice col., in grand condition; 2, Cottle Bros., Jonque, nice col. and feather; 3, vhc, c, Stapleton; hc, Harris. A.O.S., BRIT. OR FOR. (6): 1, Lewis, good col. Orange Bishop, nice feather; 2, Avery, good col. Bullfinch, nice cap and bars; 3, Body, nicely spotted Long Thrush; vhc, hc, c, Lewis.

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WOODSIDE (N.B.).

Annual exhibition of the Woodside O.S. took place in the Burgh Hall on Nov. 20th. The show turned out a record for this society. The entries numbered 450, compared with 340 last year. All the classes were well filled, especially in the natural coloured classes. The committee thought it fit to open two extra mulighted classes, which were well patronized, viz., buff cocks and buff hens; also two Border classes. The Society is undoubtedly most flourishing and are well served by a hard working, honest set of fanciers. The Norwich were the great feature of the show, and birds of grand type and quality were on view. The Mule class was also particularly good. Hyde's special was won by Mr. C. Thomson, Mr. A. Thomson being runner up. The special for best Cinnamon was won by Mr. Wm. Kay, and that for the most points in wild birds by Messrs. Ewen and Anderson, while the £1 1s. challenge prize was gained by Mr. A. Paterson, Ramsden's special was won by Mr. C. Thomson. The stewards were Messrs. Lyon and Jamieson; president, Mr. P. Stewart; vice-president, Mr. F. Scott; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Thomson, and these gentlemen carried out their respective duties in a very efficient, satisfactory and obliging manner. They were also well backed up by a large committee: Messrs. C. Campbell (Glasgow), and D. Ross ceived.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (10): 1, 5, Sandison, 1st gem, one of the right type, nice deep broad front, red bot col., grand head and neck, wings and tail nicely braced; 2, Garden, good col. and quality; 3, Cassie, fine body substance; 4, Yeats, good col.; 6, Baker and Gow. HEN (12): 1, 4, Sanderson, 1st grand stamp, rare good col. and quality, 4th another good hen, A1 col.; 2, Dunn, best of col. and quality; 3, Garden, good size, tip-top col.; 5, Thomson; 6, Strachan. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Cassie, good size and quality; 2, Thomson, very sweet exhibit, nicely turned ont; 3, Sandison, rare type, col. and quality, wings and tail perfect; 4, Rae, grand substance, well staged; 5, Duffus; 6, Duncan. HENS (9): 1, Rae, well up in size, tkd. on head, good front, lovely tapered body, in grand condition; 2, Sandison, rare type, lovely col. and quality; 3, Strachan, nice size and shape; 4, Garden; 5, Duffus; 6, Campbell. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Sandison, heavily varieg., rare good col. and quality, nice flights and tail; 2, Scott, old winner, looking as well as ever; 3, 5, Dunn, 3rd best of col., grand quality feather; 4, Sandison; 6, Cassie. HENS (12): 1, Dunn, lovely shape, beautiful quality feather, good wing carriage; 2, Sandison, another good one, grand typical Nor., must have run winner close; 3, Will, good substance, short and thick-set; 4, Garden; 5, A. Thomson; 6, Scott. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Strachan, bird of lovely quality, dark tail and back; 2, C. Thomson, well up in size, tkd. neck and wing; 3, 5, Sandison; 4, Hay, hot col., rattling shape, good quality feather, nice head and wings; 6, Baker and Gow. HENS (16): 1, Scott, mkd. cap and back, good size and shape, grand col. and quality; 2, A. Thomson, varieg., A1 substance and quality; 3, Ross, also a varieg., grand col., feather like wax; 4, Garden; 5, Forsyth; 6, Strachan. PAIRS (4): 1, Garden, well balanced, to produce winners; 2, Sandison, grand stock pair; 3, F. Garden; 4, Cassie. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Garden, varieg., grand col. and size, good quality and type; 2, A. Thomson, well up in size, tip-top col., nice quality of feather; 3, 6, Strachan, 3rd grand quality all over, lovely shape; 4, Sandison; 5, Ross. HENS (9): 1, McPherson, nice size and col.; 2, Sandison, best of type and quality, good wings; 3, Forsyth, grand col.; 4, 6, Garden; 5, Cassie. BUFF, CK. (23): 1, C. Thomson, lovely quality, red hot colour; 2, Cassie, short thick-set bird, lovely head and neck; 3, A. Strachan, varieg., good rich col. and quality; 4, Garden; 5, Sandison; 6, Silver. HEN (12): 1, 4, A. Thomson, winner best of type, good head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, C. Thomson, sweet quality, A1 col.; 3, McPherson, mkd. eyes and wings, silky feather; 5, Wilson; 6, Garden. NAT. COL., YELL., CK. (12): 1, Paterson, good shape, rich col. and quality; 2, Mackercher, good type; 3, Mutch, another typical one; 4, Taylor, open in feather; 5, Hay, nicely staged; 6, Towler. HEN (16): 1, Hay, gem for type and quality, grand head and neck, lovely wing and tail carriage; 2, 4, Mackie, 2nd grand size and shape, fine silky feather; 3, Laidlaw, nice body and rich col.; 5, Towler; 6, C. Thomson. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Howarth, good shape, grand head and neck, best of quality; 2, Mackie, excels in quality, good size; 3, Stewart and Milne, good substance, well rounded chest, wing and tail carried to perfection; 4, Tough; 5, Fyfe; 6, Towler. HEN (12): 1, 3, Mackie, both well up in size and col., neat head and neck, A1 quality; 2, Steele; 4, Tough; 6, Collie. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 4, Steele, 1st varieg. of immense col. and quality; 2, J. C. Allan, mkd. both eyes, good shape, broad deep chest, beautiful quality, nice wings and tail; 3, A. Thomson, one wing mark, short thick-set bird, grand head; 5, R. Campbell; 6, Mackie. HEN (7): 1, Duncan, good size and quality; 2, McPherson, also varieg., grand type, rare head and neck; 3, Paterson, nicely moulded one; 4, Steele; 5, Will; 6, Taylor. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Mackie, two grand exhibits, lovely turned out, well up in size and quality; 2, 4, Thomson, two varieg., grand substance, rare head and neck, lovely rounded body; 5, 6, A. Thomson. HEN (16): Good class; 1, Mackie, nice type and size, grand col. and quality, fine head and neck, wings and tail; 2, A. Thomson, buff varieg., beautiful shape, teems with quality; 3, 5, Campbell, 3rd an old winner, still looking well; 4, Sandison; 6, Tough. SELL. (8): 1, Scott; 2, Taylor; 3, C. Thomson; 4, Stewart and Milne; 5, A. Thomson; 6, Will. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, Allan and Mackie, sweetly moulded, grand col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, Silver, rare col. and quality, grand shape, well braced wings and tail; 3, 4, Rae, two beautiful shaped Bords., rare quality feather; 5, Dunn; 6, Strachan. BUFF (6): 1, Silver, nice shape, A1 quality and col.; 2, 3, Rae; 2nd excels in quality, feather like wax, jaunty, nice little mover; 4, Dorward; 5, Dunn; 6, Mackie. CREST.: 1, F. G. Young. C.B. (2): 1, Young; 2, Jamieson. GREEN, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Duncan, wins in col; 2, Ewen and Anderson, buff, lovely rounded chest, short wings and tail; 3, J. C. Allan, best of type, grand quality feather; 4, Rae; 5, Dorward. HEN (12): 1, Stephens, well up in size, nice col. and A1 quality; 2, McKenzie; 3, Ewen and Anderson, best of type; 4, Allan; 5, Cummings; 6, Scott. CINN. CK. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Rae, two lovely exhibits, well staged, teeming with quality and col; 3, Garden; 4, Ewen and Anderson. HEN (5): 1, Garden, grand size, lovely col.; 2, Ewen and Anderson, rare rich col., teeming with quality; 3, Wilson; 4, Mackie; 5, Simpson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Rae, grand substance, nicely fed, good head and neck; 2, Garden, good size and shape, rich col; 3, Ewen and Anderson; 4, Strachan; 5, Gardeu. HEN (2): 1, Strachan, big bouncing hen, grand col. and quality; 2, Ewen and Anderson, grand stock hen, plenty size and col. A.O.V.: 1, Steele, even mark; 2, Jamieson, cinn. varieg. NOVICE CLASS.—CK. (14): 1, Innes, good type, grand head and neck, short flights and tail; 2, Dorward, grand shape and substance, good front and col.; 3, Allison, fine quality feather; 4, Simpson, typical, trending with quality; 5, Lewis; 6, Christie. HEN (13): 1, Innes, yell. varieg. of good Nor. properties, nicely moulded body, grand head and neck; 2, 4, Allison, 2nd buff, grand substance, nice silky feather, best of type, lovely turned out; 3, McKenzie, yell. varieg., good col. and quality; 5, Forbes; 6, Bettie. MULE (11): 1, Ewen and Anderson, Greenie Cin., well up in size and col., staged to perfection; 2, 5, Stewart and Milne, 2nd dark yell. Linnet Mule, rare col.; 3, Thompson, Siskin Cin., showing cross well, rich col. and markings; 6, Garden. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, A. Strachan, grand blaze of deep, rich col., nice shape, good wings, very steady; 2, Stewart and Milne, large blaze, grand col., in lovely form; 3, Jackson, grand body col., rich wing markings; 4, 5, Sargeant, deep rich col., grand wings and tail; 6, Ewen and Anderson. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Christie, beauty, grand body col., nice size, dense black cap, clean cut, grand back and wings, staged in lovely form; 2, Ewen and Anderson, another good one, grand wing bars, lovely head and back; 3, Johnston, will look better a little later; 4, Whyte. LINNET (15): 1, Stewart and Milne, good size, nice shape, rich col., beautifully pencilled, very steady; 2, Ewen and Anderson, another lovely pencilled specimen, in rare bloom, nicely staged; 3, Jackson, good col. and markings; 4, R. Campbell, nice size; 5, Anderson; 6. W. Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 5, Rae, 1st splendid col., grand cap, lovely back and wing bars, nicely laced; 2, A. Thomson, good size, nice cap; 3, Steele, Redpoll, good col; 4, Stewart and Milne; 6, Allison. BRIT., SMALL (6): 1, Steele, Yell. Bunting, well mkd. and rich in col.; 2, 6, Ewen and Anderson, 2nd Chaffinch, good size, pale in col., very steady; 3, Jackson, Bramblefinch, grand col. and markings; 4, Thomson; 5, Johnston. LARGE (4): 1, Law and Brown, grand Jay, in perfect feather, an easy win, and quickly claimed. £1/10/6; 2, 3, Ewen and Anderson, Blackbird, in lovely bloom and good col.; 4, Sargeant. FOR.: 1, Law and Brown, Red-Crested Cardinal. SELL., CK. (7): 1, Tough; 2, Dunn; 3, 6, Cumming; 4, 5, Thomson. HEN (11): 1, Center; 2, Tough; 3, Thomson; 4, 5, Cassie; 6, Milne.

AVONBRIDGE.

The sixth annual show of the Avonbridge O.S. was held on November 20th, in the Public School. The entries were an improvement on last year's, especially in the Border Fancy and British Bird sections. The S.B.B. and M.C.'s handsome shield trophy no doubt accounted for the large entry in the British bird classes. The judges officiating were, for Norwich and Borders, Mr. John Holmes, and for British birds and Mules, Mr. Alex. Cockrane (Edinburgh). The hon. secretary is Mr. P. Gentleman, who carried through the arrangements in really capital style. Cup for most points over the whole show was won by Mr. J. Shields, and the jelly dish for second most points by Mr. R. Gentleman, who also won the pipe and case for most points in British. A Linnet shown by Mr. P. Waugh was disqualified for alleged staining. (Owing to our representative missing his train connection, we regret we are unable to give a detailed criticism of this show.—Editor).

The Awards.

NOR. CL., YELL., CK.: 1, 6, Fleming; 2, Bell and Dewar; 3, spl, Gentleman; 4, Hamilton and Wallace; 5, Shields. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Fleming; 3, 5, Shields; 4, 6, Gentleman; 7, Bell and Dewar. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Shields; 4, Gentleman; 5, Kilpatrick. A.O.V., P.H.: 1, Shields; 2, 3, 6, Gentleman; 4, Kemp; 5, Fullerton. HEN: 1, 7, Reid; 2, Conder Bros.; 3, Shields; 4, Kemp; 5, 6, Lambie. CREST: 1, spl, Kirkwood; 2, Paterson; 3, Gentleman. C.B.: 1, 5, spl, Gentleman; 2, Kirkwood; 2, Dunsmore; 5, Bell and Dewar. SELL., CK.: 1, Johnstone; 2, Martin Bros.; 3, Paterson; 4, M'Lean; 5, Gentleman. HEN: 1, 5, Gentleman; 2, Clubb; 3, Johnstons; 4, Kilpatrick; 6, Martin Bros. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Gentleman; 2, 7, Dunsmore; 3, 5, 6; Shields; 4, Peel. HEN: 1, Patterson; 2, 3, 4, Shields; 5, Dunsmore; 6, Peel; 7, Crichton. BUFF, CK.: 1, 2, 3, Shields; 4 spl, Patterson; 5, 6, spl, Gentleman; 7, Jamieson. HEN: 1, 4, 7, spl, Shields; 2, Patterson; 3, 5, spl, Gentleman; 6, Forrest. GREEN OR CINN. CK.: 1, Jamieson; 2, Taylor; 3, Dunsmore; 4, Shields; 5, Gentleman; 6, 7, Lambie. HEN: 1, Forrest; 2, Gentleman; 3, Duncan; 4, Shields; 5, Ramsay; 6, Lambie; 7, Jamieson. FOUL GREEN. OR CINN.: 1, Forrest; 2, Lambie; 3, Gentleman; 4, Arnott; 5, Newbiggin; 6, Dunsmore. A.O.V., CK.: 1, spl, Patterson; 2, Dunsmore; 3, 4, 7, Shields; 5, 6, M'Watt. HEN: 1, M'Watt; 2, Dunsmore; 3, Aiken; 4, 5, 6, Shields; 7, Patterson. SELL. CK.: 1, Lambie; 2, M'Watt; 3, 4, Shields; 5, Crichton; 6, Forrest; 7, Gentleman. HEN: 1, M'Watt; 2, Forrest; 3, 5, 6, Shields; 4, Dunsmore; 7, Jamieson. MULES—LIGHT, ETC.: 1, 2, spl, Douglas; 3, 4, Jamieson; 5, Borthwich; 6, Gentleman; 7, M'Lean. DK.: 1, 4, spl, Douglas; 2, Bold; 3, Duncan; 5, M'Watt; 6, Aitken; 7, Gentleman. HYB.: 1, spl, Douglas; 2, 3, Jamieson; 4, Taylor. SELL., MULE OR HYB: 1, Cowie; 2, Strachan; 3, Bell and Dewar; 4, Livingstone and Sharp; 5, Peel; 6, Jamieson; 7, Livingstone. BRIT.—GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Jamieson; 2, Taylor; 3, Kirkwood; 4, Smart; 5, Harkins; 6, Clark; 7, Gentleman. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Bruce; 2, Henderson; 3, Workman; 4, Patterson; 5 Gentleman; 6, Jamieson; 7, M'Naught. BULLFINCH, HEN: 1, 3, Storrie; 2, Bold; 4, Livingstone and Sharp; 5, Clark; 6, Shields; 7, Calder. SISKIN: 1, Shields; 2, Clark; 3, Duncan; 4, Gentleman. LINNET: 1, spl, Strachan; 2, 3, Cowie; 4, 7, Greenborn; 5, 6, Shields. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, Bell and Dewar; 2, Johnstone; 3, Cain. LESSER: 1, 2, spl, Gentleman; 3, Jamieson; 4, Shields; 5, Clark; 6, Haldane; 7, Fullarton. CHAFFIE, ETC.: 1, spl, Henderson; 2, Sharp; 3, 7, Gentleman; 4, Livingstone and Sharp; 5, Jamieson; 6, Bold. GREENFINCH (FED): 1, spl, Bold; 2, Peel; 3, Strachan; 4, M'Watt; 5, 7, Aiken; 6, Calder. NON-FED: 1, 2, spl, Bold; 3, Taylor; 4, Livingstone and Sharp; 5, Telfer Bros.; 6, Shields; 7, Henderson. BUNTING: 1, Kirkwood; 2, Bruce; 3, 5, Henderson; 4, Shields; 6, Workman; 7, Millar. BRIT., HEN, A.O.S.: 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Millar; 3, Gentleman; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Laing; 6, 7, Strachan. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, Shields; 2, Calder; 3, Henderson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Henderson; 2, Taylor; 3, Pollock. SELL., BRIT.: 1, 6, 7, Gentleman; 2, Livingstone and Sharp; 3, Calder; 4, Shields; 5, Kirkwood. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (FOR.): 1, spl, Peel; 2, Gentleman; 3, Marshall.

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BLACKWOOD (N.B.).

Sixth annual show, held in St. John's School, Nov. 20th. The room of the school was kindly lent, and the society are to be congratulated upon having such liberally inclined gentlemen amongst their patrons. The school is a nice place for a show, very comfortable and free from draught. We found the officials all lanciers of true grit, in Mr. J. Hamilton, as secretary, the society have the right man in the right place. He is young, but has a rare command of tenson for his years, and had every thing in the pink of order. The entry was up upon that of all previous shows, and the quality high class. The best Scotch Fancy was a real good one. The Border section was the feature of the show, special for best cock, also cup for best Border, going to a splendid buff green. A really tip top clear buff won special for best hen. Norwich, Crests and British, were a nice lot, a very fine Crest and Crest-bred leading, and capturing the specials. A very nice Redstart was the pick of the British. We noticed an Albino Lark which has the making of a good one, but not bring well staged, did not command the eye of the judge. Judges: Messrs. Allardice (Scotch Fancy), J. Patterson (Borders and common), and J. Mc Lay (remainder); their awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (9): 1, vhc, Jackson, grand size, prominent shoulder, nice depth, splendid reach and action; 2, Higgins, nice drive and action; 3, 4, vhc, L. Jackson, very nervy, good position and drive, 4th nice foul; he, J. Jackson; c, Reid. BUFF (5): 1, Burnside, grand size, nice long reach, well filled shoulder, nice wing; 2, Chalmers, wee thinner, nice position and drive; 3, Jackson, takes nice stand, very free and ready; 4, L. Jackson; vhc, Watson. YELL., GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Higgins, yell. pied, grand top, length of body and neck, well filled shoulder; 2, Murdoch, another one similar; 3, Reid, nearly green, nice size, good substance and drive; 4, (name missed), shade slower. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Higgins, grand green, great size, nice substance, shoulders and drive; 2, he, Chalmers, pied, nice back, good one; 3, spl, Roddie, green, ready to respond; 4, Jackson, pied, nice one; vhc, Reid. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, spl, Burnside, 1st nice one all over, good length of drive, 2nd large, takes nice position, head always in right place; 3, Jackson, large one, fine shoulders. BUFF (6): 1, spl, cup, Burnside, nice one, lovely head, drive, shoulders, and action, handles well; 2, Roddie, takes nice position, fine neck and shoulder; 3, Watson, nice size, good shoulder and drive; 4, spl, Chalmers, smaller, but very nervy; vhe, he, Jackson. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Burnside, pied, nice shoulder, long drive, takes rare position; 2, Jackson, green, follows close, lengthy drive, good action. BUFF (5): 1, Higgins, good size, prominent shoulder, nervy and free below; 2, Jackson, nice substance; 3, spl, L. Jackson, green, nice size; 4, Watson; vhc, Burnside. SELL. (20/-): 1, Higgins; 2. Chalmers; 3, Burnside; 4, vhe, Jackson: he, Roddie. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Craig, leading with real good one for col., type and quality; 2, McGhie, another good one, splendid quality, col. and type; 3, Thomson, nice type and position; 4, Smith, nice type; vhe, e, J. Walker; he, A. Walker. BUFF CK. (22): 1, Sandilands, grand col., beautiful feather, nice head, rare front, well finished; 2, 3, spl, A. Walker, 2nd fine col., quality and position, 3rd nice one, not quite so well filled in back; 4, spl, Craig, nice col., full front, round head; vhc, J. Walker; he, c, Scott. YELL. VARIEG. (7): 1 Thomson, grand bird, mkd. eyes and one wing, col., quality and feather a treat; 2, 3, A. Walker, five-pointed, rare graceful carriage, teeming with quality; 4, Smith, varieg., rare type and quality; vhe, he, Haddow; c, Scott. BUFF (10): 1, A. Walker, wins on condition and type, very jaunty in carriage, fine action; 2, Sommerville, lovely mkd., good col. and quality; 3, Allardice, splendid type and markings; 4, he, Scott, very similar in type; vhe, McClennan; c, Small. CL. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Craig, rare good one, splendid col., quality and type; 2, he, A. Walker, fine head and neck, well laid on wings, col. and quality all there; 3, spl, Hamilton, real gem, real lady in manners; 4, vhe, Scott, fine quality and condition, flat on head; c, Sommerville. BUFF (16): Grand class; 1, spl, Sommerville, rare wee gem of the first water, feather like wax, beautiful style and type; 2, spl, Craig, another charmer, splendid col., well modelled back and front; 3, Thomson, all there for col. and quality; 4, A. Walker, nice one; vhe, J. Walker; c, Small. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Killey, buff, good wings, nice col., quality and condition; 2, Allardice, yell., very stylish, fine markings; 3, McFaden, small eyes, fine condition and quality; 4, Jackson, not ready yet. GREEN CINN. (17): 1, cup, spls (2),, Thomson, charming buff green, splendid type, grand head, well rounded back and front, wonderful pencilling; 2, 3, Haddow, 2nd cinn., splendid col., nice type, quality and condition, 3rd yell. green cock, nice one if the other charmer had been away, fine col., good quality; 4, spl, Smith, yell. cinn., hen, real model; vhe, Kelly; he, Smith; c, McGhie. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, A. Walker, grizzle neck, nice col., type and quality; 2, J. Walker, tkd. on wing, nice type, good style; 3, Kelly, head tkd., good one; 4, Scott, nice type. BUFF (9): 1, 4, A. Walker, grand head tick, lovely quality, graceful action; 2, Watson, rock, fine col. and quality; 3, J. Walker, very round in head, back, etc; vhe, he, Haddow. SELL. (7/6) (7): 1, Hamilton; 2, Wright; 3, Walker; 4, J. Walker: vhe, he, c, Savage. COMMON (12): 1, 2, c, Sandilands; 3, Millar; 4, Johnstone; vhe, Walker. CREST: 1, spl, Roy, grand head feather, well radiated, nice centre and frontal; 2, Innes, griz. crest, fine size, nice lengthy head feather; 3, vhe, Arnott, green, nice frontal; 4, McInnes; he, Cringle. C.B.: 1, 4, spl, McInnes, cl. body, dark cap, well lashed head, fine entrance; 2, Page, varieg., nice size, fine head, well browed; 3, Cringle, nice green; vhe, Roy; he, c, Arnott. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Owens, varieg., bold head and frontal, well braced wings, fine col.; 2, spl, Johnstone, cl., nice col., quality and condition; 3, Roddie, mnfed, fine stamp, well modelled; 4, vhe, Barr, 4th cl., wee shade smaller; he, Rindell; c, Stewart. BUFF: 1, Sorbie, varieg., splendid head, nice full back, grand col. and quality; 2, McFadyen, cl., good col., quality, and condition; 3, Scobbie, cl., good col.; 4, McAlpine, nice clear; vhe, Stewart; he, Owens; e, Blackley. YELL. HEN: 1, Owens, grand one, short in wing, nice head and front; 2, Blackley, nice substance, fine col., shape and quality; 3, Sorbie, nice substance, good head; 4, he, Scobbie, fine substance; vhe, Rindell. BUFF: 1, Barr, cl., rare useful stamp, bold taking style, fine col. and feather; 2, Arnott, mnfed varieg., fine size and shape; 3, Page, griz. head, short and stylish; 4, Abbott, varieg., nice stamp; vhe, Hamilton; he, Scobbie; c, Owens. MULE: 1, Swan, Greenie-Bullie hen, large and shows cross well, in fine trim; 2, 4, Sommerville, Greenie Mule, fine size, lovely shape, 2nd good col.; 3, vhe, Johnstone, Linnet-Bullie, nice one, splendid markings, steady; he, Hamilton; e, McClellan Bros. BULLFINCH: 1, Roddie, rare size, splendid col., nice cap and wing bars; 2, Dickson, fine front, nice size; 3, 4, Telfer, 3rd grand hen, plenty of size and markings, 4th nice cap and col.; vhe, Shaukley; he, Forrest; c, Abbott. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhe, Sandar, fine size, rare tanning, nice buttons and yellows; 2, , Stevenson, similar all over; 3, Sloan, nice size and col.; 4, McCall, shade smaller; he, Brown. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, McAlpine, grand head, plenty of col., teeming with quality; 2, Morrison, fine shape and condition; 3, Smith, topper, fine full frame; 4, Scobbie, nice size; vhe, Sorbie; he, Johnstone; c, Swan. LINNET: 1, Swift, beauty, lovely nut brown back, pencilling a treat, 2, McCall, nice size and markings; 3, Johnstone, grand one all over; 4, Brown; vhe, Owens; he, Telfer Bros.; c, Chalmers. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Telfer Bros., charming Redstart, shown in beautiful order, greatly admired; 2, Shaudley, Hawfinch, good size and col; 3, McAlpine, Yellowhammer, full col., nice markings and condition; 4, Good, Brambletinch, grand one; vhe, Johnstone, he, Hannay; c, McCall.

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The Members' Classes.

Members' entries came up well, some 200 exhibits facing the judges. Silver cup for most points in members' classes went to Mr. H. Fenwick, silver cup for best bird to Mr. T. Taylor, the silver cup for most points with live nominated birds also going to the same exhibitor. Special for best Finch went to Mr. C. Waters, and Hyde's Special and Sandiford's were both secured by Mr. W. Reid. Mr. Heath judged Nor., Crests, Cinnamons and Yorks., and Mr. Stanger the remainder, and their awards were well received.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (10): 1, spl, 2, J. Snowball; 3, 4, Riseborough; vhe, he, c, Fenwick. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, 4, Hall; 3, Fenwick; vhe, Riseborough; he, c, W. Reid. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, 2, spl, c, Snowball; 3, Hall; 4, Fenwick; vhe, he, Riseborough. PAIRS (13): 1, Fenwick; 2, W. Reid; 3, he, Snowball; 4, spl, vhe, c, Hall. D.C. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, T. Taylor; 4, vhe, Swan. C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, vhe, T. Taylor; 3, 4, Swan. CREST, A.O.V. (1): 1, spl, Swan. PAIRS (4): 1, spl, T. Taylor; 2, Armstrong; 3, Swan; 4, Dr. O'Neal. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, spl, 2, Fenwick. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, Fenwick; 3, Clark. BORD. YELL. CL., ETC. (13): 1, spl, 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, Riseborough; 4, vhe, c, Walker; he, Swan. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 2, 4, Dr. O'Neal; 3, c, Walker; vhe, Copeland; he, Swan. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, spl, 2, 3, c, Dr. O'Neal; 4, vhe, Walker; he, Swan. PAIRS (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Dr. O'Neal; 4, Cockerill; vhe, Swan; he, Riseborough; c, Copeland. YORKS. CL., ETC. (7): 1, J. M. Walker; 2, he, Fenwick; 3, spl, 4, H. Taylor; vhe, Gordon; c, Gray. BUFF (8): 1, he, Fenwick; 2, 3, spl, vhe, c, J. M. Walker; 4, H. Taylor. YORKS., A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, J. M. Walker; vhe, Newcombe. PAIRS (8): 1, spl, 2, Fenwick; 3, vhe, he, J. M. Walker; 4, H. Taylor; c, Riseborough. LIZ., GOLD., CL., CAP (3): 1, spl, 2, W. Reid; 3, J. Jeffrey. SILVER (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, W. Reid. BROKEN (6): 1, spl, 2, he, Jellreys; 3, 4, vhe, W. Reid. LINNET, H.M. (13): 1, Waters; 2, spl, 3, he, Machin; 4, vhe, Fenwick; c, Dr. O'Neal. FINCH, H.M. (11): 1, Waters; 2, spl, 4, c, Riseborough; 3, Dr. O'Neal; vhe, he, Fenwick. SOFTBILL, H.M. (1): 1, spl, Waters. HARDBILL, H.M. (2): 1, spl, H. Taylor; 2, Fenwick. GOLDIE, ETC., CAN. MULE (9): 1, spl, 3, c, Riseborough; 2, vhe, Clark; 4, Newcombe; he, Waters. MULE, A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, 3, Waters; 2, Armstrong. PAIRS (for breeding, not mentioned) (6): 1, spl, 3, he, Riseborough; 2, 4, Fenwick; vhe, Gray. CAN. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, 2, 4, Fenwick; 3, Riseborough; vhe, Armstrong. HYDES'S (7): 1, Fenwick; 2, spl, 3, W. Reid; 4, vhe, Snowball; he, Copeland; c, H. Taylor.

LOWESTOFT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third annual show held in the Hall, Mill Road, South Lowestoft, by kind permission of Mr. A. A. Kirk, on Nov. 25th, when a first-class lot of birds faced the judge, Mr. W. E. Greaves. During the past three years great improvement has been made by the Lowestoft breeders in the Norwich, Crests, and Cinnamons, most noticeably in the Norwich Plainhead; with broader heads and a bit thicker in the neck they would be about perfect, the type, quality and colour, being of the best. Mr. Hart's clear yellow has, we hear, been out twice, winning 2 firsts and 2 specials, and on the last occasion there were 18 in the class. Mr. F. Rackham's winning clear buff is a bonny bird, and was well shown; this also has been out six times, winning six firsts and three specials. The hen classes brought out some good specimens, the winners being typical and of rare quality. The Crests of Mr. Corke and H. Hart have previously been commented on, and again were shown in excellent form: the same may be said of the Cinnamons of Messrs. Lang, junr., and Hart. Mr. Rackham again won the challenge cup, for the 2nd time in succession, presented by Mr. R. Leach, a very handsome piece of silver under a huge glass shade. Our old friend Hart said he was unable to compete for it, as he had no room large enough to stand it in. Mr. W. Lang, junr., carried out the secretarial duties in the best possible manner, and with Messrs. Hart in charge, assisted by Mr. Kirk, Hatch, Rackham, and others, everything passed off without a hitch.

CL. YELL., CHAMP.: 1, 2, Hunt; 3 extra 3, Hatch. BUFF: 1, 3, Rackham; 2, Hart. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hatch; 2, Rackham; 3, Castleton; extra 3, Kirk. BUFF: 1, Parke; 2, Rackham; 3, Hatch. YELL. HEN: 1, Rackham; 2, Hart; 3, Kirk. BUFF: 1, 2, Hatch; 3, Rackham. NAT. COL. YELL.: 1, Kirk; 2, Rackham; 3, Hart. NAT. COL. BUFF: 1, Rackham; 2, 3, Kirk. YELL. CINN.: 1, Lang, junr.; 2, Hart. BUFF: 1, spl, Hart. PAIRS, PLAINHEADS: 1, Rackham; 2, Parke; 3, Hart. MULES: 1, 2, Kemp; 3, Blackburn. NOVICE. CL. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Smith. TKD., YELL.: 1, Smith. HEN: 1, Clarke; 2, Fitt. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Fitt. NAT. COL. YELL.: 1, Mumford; 2, Gooch; 3, Clarke. BUFF: 1, Mumford; 2, Money; 3, Gooch. PAIR PLAINHEADS: 1, Money; 2, Clarke. CRESTS: 1, Corke; 2, Hart; 3, Linder. C.B. CK.: 1, Hart; 2, Corke; 3, Linden. HEN: 1, Linder; 2, 3, Bagshaw. PAIRS OF CRESTS: 1, 2, Wigg; 3, Bagshaw. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Mumford; 2, Blackburn. SELL.: 1, Parke; 2, Blackburn; 3, Hatch. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, 3, Catchpole.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD.

Members' show held at Crown and Anchor Hotel, on Nov. 26th; judge, Mr. F. King (Leeds), who gave every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, he, c, Parkes; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, vhe, Parker. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Talbot; 3, Parker. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Taylor; 2, 4, vhe, he, c, Parkes; 3, Parker. BUFF (4): 1, 2, absent, Talbot; 2, Parker. PAIR (for breeding): 1, 2, 3, Parkes. UNFLIG. CK. 1, Taylor; 2, Parkes. HEN (9): 1, vhe, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, he, c, Parkes. NOR. CK. 1, Parkes. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, c, Taylor; 2, Parkes; vhe, he, Atkinson. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, 4, vhe, he, c, Atkinson; 2, Taylor; 3, and 1 absent, Talbot. HEN: 1, Parkes. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Parkes. LINNET: 1, 3, Isherwood; 2, Netherwood. GOLDFINCH: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Netherwood. A.O.S.: 1, 3, 4, Isherwood; 2, Netherwood.—PARKER and PARKES, Secretaries.

DENNY AND DUNIPACE.

Denny and Dunipace P.P. and C.B.A. held their annual show on 27th November, in the Foresters' Hall, Denny. Office bearers.—President, R. Waddell, Esq.; vice president, J. Marshall, Esq.; committee: Messrs. J. Herd, W. Blair, T. Lowrie, D. Robertson, H. Parker, A. Parker, R. Anderson, senr., T. L. Henderson, R. Anderson, junr., Gavin M. Murdo; treasurer, J. M. Murdo; secretary, Mr. A. France. The entries all over were much in excess of last year's. This was specially noticeable in the C.B. section. Several of the classes were small, but the quality was very nice. This is the first occasion the show has been held in the Foresters' Hall, which is well adapted for the purpose. There was a large turn out of visitors and fanciers. Secretary France and President R. Waddell, backed up by an able committee, had everything in thorough working order. The principal honour in this section was Provost silver cup for most points over all the show, won by Mr. R. Esson, the runners up for points being Messrs. A. and H. Parker. Mr. Esson also won silver medal for the best bird confined to members. Mr. J. McLay judged cage birds. In the yellow clear or tick Plainhead cocks, the bird placed second and special was wrong classed, being a Crest bred bird, and must have escaped the judge's eye. With this exception the awards throughout were well received. Plainheads and Borders were a creditable lot, also the British classes. The show was a great success in every way.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (1): 1, spl, Bennie, nice size and depth through. HEN (1): 1, Simpson, nice droop and feather, good top end and reach. CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Esson, first good bird and dense good droop, nice size and shape, 2nd more leafy feather and crest, grand exhibit; 4, McIntosh, nice evenly radiated crest. HEN (4): 1, Paterson, dense, and good droop, nice size; 2, Mogeland, well radiated crest, good droop, nice size; 3, 4, Esson, 3rd good crest, of nice size and droop, 4th like size and shape, good radiation. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Bennie, gem, grand size and shape, nice skull, head feather dense, and good length; 2, 4, 5, Esson, 2nd eye and wing mkd., nice bold skull, good head feather, nice length and leafy, 4th good shape and finish, head feather dense; 3, Webster, nice feather and skull. HEN (4): 1, 3, Esson, 1st cl. hen, nice wide skull, good rise, feather dense, of nice leafy texture, 3rd variegs. hen., really good exhibit, nice rise in skull, fine lash and feather; 2, Davie, nice quality; 4, McIntosh, nice rise in skull, good lash, dense feather. YELL., ETC., NOR. (7): 1, King, rare size and quality, nice rich feather; 2, spl, Martin, Crest bred, wrong classed, would have been in the tickets in its own class, good one; 3, A. and H. Parker, nicely filled in back, fine and deep through; 4, 5, 6, Esson, 4th nice size and feather. HEN (6): 1, Bishop, cl., nice size and quality, nice back and bold head, in capital condition; 2, 4, Esson, 2nd another cl., plenty of quality and substance, 4th cl.; 3, Mitchell, grand size, neat wing carriage, plenty of substance; 5, Paterson; 6, Bennie. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Martin, cl., grand nat. col., good size, very nice shape and carriage; 2, McKee, another cl., lovely quality of feather; 3, Davie, tkd. bird of neat compact shape, and plenty of quality; 4, Donaldson, cl., nice style and shape; 5, Herd; 6, Paterson. HEN (2): 1, spl, Martin, cl. hen, staged in the pink of condition; 2, Bennie. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, spl, Bishop, variegs. cock, nice level quality and build, in rare condition; 2, Esson, grand substance and feather, staged in very nice condition; 3, Burnett, very nice shape; 4, Rennie, nice col. BUFF VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Bishop, 1st nice col. and bloom, nicely filled neck, 2nd nice size and clean cut wings, 3rd grand col., sweet head; 4, Hamilton and Wallace, grand shape, full of substance, nice clean cut shape; 5, Burnett; 6, Esson. HEN (2): 1, Esson, grand one, fine front, rare quality feather, nicely braced up, grand shape and style; 2, Anderson, good neat shape, fine chest and quality of feather, good wings and tail. BORD. FCY. CK., YELL., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Love, model Border, grand shape, nice carriage, neat wings and tail; 2, Sharp, sweet clear, nice shape and quality, very jaunty carriage; 3, Craig, sweet and shapely, nice quality of feather, in grand condition; 4, 6, McIntosh, 4th another cl., good shape and col.; 5, King. HEN (4): 1, Love, smart cl., good shape, lovely feather, in grand condition; 2, McIntosh, smart model; 3, Irvine, grand shape and quality, feather as close as wax; 4, Ayton, splendid carriage, neat wings and tail. CK. YELL., A.O.V. (3): 1, Munnoch, eye and wing mkd. cock, sweet finish, very jaunty, close feather; 2, Wardrop, another mkd. cock, good quality all-round; 3, King, very smart, good shape and stylish. HEN (1): 1, Anderson, very nice cinn., neat and shapely, good all-round. CK. BUFF (7): 1, Love, excellent shape and carriage, neat wings and tail, very jaunty and stylish; 2, Ayton, similar size, shape and quality; 3, McIntosh, grand shape and quality; 4, McKee, rare shape and close fitting feather; 5, Marshall; 6, Craig. HEN: 1, Love, grand shape and carriage, sweet head, very active and jaunty, feather like wax; 2, 4, Irvine, 2nd well balanced bird of even merit; 3, Wardrop, good shape and quality, nice carriage; 5, Craig; 6, Marshall. CK., A.O.V. (1): 1, Wardrop, very nice style of Border, capital feather, in good condition; HEN (4): 1, spl, Munnock, cinn., good shape, nice even tone of col., in good condition; 2, McIntosh, splendid shape and quality; 3, Mackay, lightly tkd. Border, of all-round merit, in nice condition; 4, Wardrop, sweetly modelled hen, in grand condition. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, Kirkwood, junr., nice large, rich col. Twite, nice tone of col. on breast; 2, Siskin, good size and shape, rich col., nice cap and lacing; 3, Lawson, Twite, another fine Twite; 4, 5, A. and H. Parker, another Twite; 6, Mitchell. BULLIE, ETC. (9): 1, spl, Gauld, Goldfinch, real gem of good size, rich col., grand bold clean cut face, well polished, good rich breast marks, head bars and moons, in grand condition; 2, 4, 6, A. and H. Parker, 2nd another Goldfinch, nice rich col., clean cut face, 4th in the pink of condition, nicely staged; 3, Cooper, very similar to second in good condition; 5, Stevenson. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Stevenson, rare size and shape, rich col., in splendid feather; 2, 3, A. and H. Parker, quite a nice pair; 4, Rennie, nice all-round Finch, quite a model; 5, Donaldson; 6, Cooper. LINNET (4): 1, Bislop, charming Linnet for shape, nice nutty brown shade of col.; 2, 3, A. and H. Parker, 2nd another real good Linnet, rich even tone of col., 3rd nice chubby shapely bird, good col.; 4, McIntosh, grand shape, sound breast col. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, spl, Martin, lovely Yellowhammer, well mkd., good feathered bird, steady, in perfect condition, rich tone of col., wins; 2, Kirkwood, Cornbunting, good Bunting, in perfect condition; 3, Bishop, Yellowhammer, well mkd., rich col. bird; 4, Miller and Eadie, Waxbill, nice size, rich tone of col.; 5, A. and H. Parker; 6, Herd. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Wands, lovely Thrush for size, shape, evenness of breast marking and richness of col.; 2, Kirkwood, junr., Shore Lark, well-mkd., rich col., in perfect feather; 3, Moreland, Nuthatch, grand col., perfect feather; 4, Miller and Eadie (unable to find this number). FOR. (2): 1, Marshall, Grey Parrot, lovely close feather, shown in splendid condition; 2, Hamilton and Wallace, Blue Starling, lovely exhibit and sheen, in perfect condition, taking exhibit; 3, Moreland, Cernerake, rare exhibit, in perfect condition. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, Moreland; 2, Clubb; 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Herd; 5, 6, Esson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Stevenson, Greenie, grand size, head and col., shade dull in col.; 2, Borthwick, fine quality and col.; 3, A. H. Parker, Linnet Mule, in superb condition; 4, Herd, another nice exhibit.

LUDLOW.

The Ludlow C.B.S. held its second annual show in the Town Hall on Nov. 24th and 25th. The hall is admirably adapted for the purpose, having excellent light, and being very spacious, without being draughty. The exhibits, too, were seen to every advantage. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was in Ludlow on the opening day, and doubtless the show profited by the big influx of people into the town. Entries, although in excess of last year's, were not perhaps so good in quality, but some fine specimens were on view, notably Mrs. Cotton's Hawfinch, Mr. Poole's Greenfinch, Mr. Bessell's Yellowbunting, and the Hybrids of Messrs. Edwards and Callear, winners in their respective classes. The secretary (Mr. J. Bessell) and his committee had matters well in hand, and are to be congratulated on their able management. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Smith, nice shape and col., good front, head and wings; 2, Jones, large, good head and wings nice quality, shade long; 3, Edwards, very short and thick, nice shape; vhc, Muscott; hc, Tedstone. BUFF (2): 1, Viles, very fine quality feather, good head and neck; 2, Williams, good size and shape, not quite the quality, perhaps. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Edwards, wing mkd. yell., nice shape and quality, would doubtless improve with washing; 2, Tedstone, mkd. buff on neck and eye, nice meal, large feather; 3, Lees, yell., saddle mkd. rare quality and col.; vhc, Dipple; hc, Jones; c, Groom. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Williams, grand quality and shape, nice front, back and wings; 2, Dipple, good quality, nice type, again wants washing; absent, Cook. BUFF (6): 1, Smith, lovely feather, grand type, good bird; 2, Edwards, right type and quality, a wee bit off col. when we saw it; 3, Jones, shade smaller, but all there otherwise, grand shape and quality; vhc, Howe; absent, Cook. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Russell, yell., grand type, lovely quality, wins well; 2, Tedstone, eye and wing mkd. yell., nice quality, a good fight; 3, Dipple, nice cobby buff, rare shape and quality, a wee bit wild or would probably have gone up; vhc, Edwards; hc, Jones; c, Lohr. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Wells, cl., very typical, grand stand, nicely drawn, and very stylish, with a bit more polish will take some beating; 2, 3, Negus, 2nd nice back, wings and tail, lovely quality, fails only in head, 3rd grand quality, well up on leg; vhc, Dykes; hc, Jeffreys; c, Banks. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Dykes, tkd. on cheek, magnificent quality, sometimes inclined to open tail, good bird; 2, Wells, tkd. head and back, nice stand, lovely quality; 3, Corie, good stand and quality, well mealed; hc, Jones; c, Banks. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Wells, yell., almost even mkd., very stylish; 2, Negus, heavily mkd., grand length and position, nice back and wings, very close up; 3, Jones, varieg. yell., nice length, not quite the finish of leaders; vhc, Evans; hc, c, Jeffreys. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Cook, thigh tkd., grand position and length, well braced wings; 2, Dykes, a wee shade shorter, but teeming with quality and style; 3, Corie, gem for style and quality, good exhibit; vhc, Banks; hc, Pigott; c, Negus. BUFF (12): 1, Evans, grand length and position, nice quality, fine exhibit, well placed; 2, 3, Dykes, gem for quality, nicely drawn, very typical, 3rd very similar, but a wee shade shorter; vhc, Williams; hc, Wells; c, Banks. CREST (5): 1, Muscott, nice D.C., wee shade short in frontal, good bird; 2, 3, Edwards, large Crest, might be staged to better advantage, 3rd had been washing; vhc, Cotton; c, Teale. C.-B. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Edwards, cl., fine substance, nice entrance, good lash and length of head feather, 2nd almost green, good skull and head feather; 3, almost green, good size. A.O.V. (3): 1, Lohr, Belg., small, perhaps, but very stylish, grand reach; 2, Jeffreys, Green Yorks., very typical, well drawn; 3, Chatwin. MULES, LIGHT CAN. (8): 1, 3, Callear, both wing mkd. Goldie-Can., wanted some sorting, both good size and col. and in nice bloom; 2, Lees, even mkd., shade larger, but not quite the polish, perhaps; vhc, hc, c, Edwards. DARK CAN. (6): 1, 2, 3, Edwards Greenfinch-Goldfinch and Linnet-Can., two leaders grand col. and quality, all very well staged, nice birds; vhc, Gabe; hc, Hall; c, Bessell. HYB. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Edwards, Linnet-Bullfinch and Goldfinch-Bullfinch, leader not well at time we saw it, but evidently good one, 2nd nice youngster, should make up well with another moult; 3, Lees, Linnet-Bullie, lovely quality and col., nice exhibit. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Marsh, not one of the largest, perhaps, but lovely body col., good square blaze, grand bird; 2, Morgau, large, nice blaze and buttons, wee bit wild, will improve; 3, Edwards, nice Finch, good col.; vhc, Potter; hc, Jones; c, Castle. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Jones, grand breast col., good cap, the right shape, well shown; 2, Anderson, in faultless col., grand cap, nice back, scarcely so cobby perhaps; 3, Baseley, fine bird, nice col.; vhc, Edwords; hc, Cook; c, Poulton. LINNET (4): 1, Marsh, beautiful ground col. and pencillings, easy win, good one; 2, Edwards, nice col., not quite so good in pencilling; 3, Jones, nice pencilling and col.; vhc, Oakes. GREENFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Poole, Greenfinch, good size, lovely col., nice shape, very steady; 2, Baseley, another Greenfinch, not quite the col., perhaps, but grand bird; 3, Bessell, Redpoll, nice col., good bib; vhc, Edwards; hc, Potter; c, Hunt. HAWFINCH, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Cotton, real good exhibit, grand body col. and bib, well shown; 2, Bessell, lovely Yellowhunting, in faultless feather and condition; 3, Hunt, well mkd. Bramble, well placed; vhc, hc, Oakes; c, Shakespeare. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Hopwood, nice Blackcap, absent, Baseley. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Williams, Waxwing and Chough, both shown in faultless condition, grand birds. FOR. (3): 1, Williams, Green-billed Toucan; 2, Bennett, King Parrot; 3, Prosser, Indian Rock Parrot, all were shown in capital form. SELL. (20s.) (7): 1, Hall; 2, Mascott; 3, Edwards; vhc, Potter; hc, Dipple; c, Russell. (15s.): 1, Jones; 2, Dipple; 3, vhc, Edwards; hc, Brotherhood. (10s.): 1, Edwards; 2, Jones; 3, Tedstone; vhc, Poole; hc, Viles; c, Brotherhood. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (13): 1, Bessell; 2, 3, hc, c, Woolf; vhc, Tomkins. YORKS. (9): 1, Tomkins; 2, 3, c, Banks; vhc, Hughes; hc, Bridges. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, hc, Curtis; 2, Oakes; 3, Symonds; vhc, Sheldon; c, Banks. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Bridges; 2, Bessell; 3, Banks; vhc, Tomkins; hc, Morgan; c, Banks. MULES (9): 1, Tomkins; 2, Davis; 3, Williams; vhc, Oakes; hc, Flattery; c, Banks. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, James; 2, Hughes; 3, hc, Bridges; vhc, Oakes; c, Gettings. FOR. (2): 1, Green; 2, Allan.

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BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

Third annual show, held on November 25, and the cage birds proved to be the attraction. Scotch Fancies were rather down in numbers, but the quality was good, and the Norwich Plainheads taken all over were a fine collection, some splendid birds being staged. The A.O.V. class included a varied lot, and the judge was happy in his awarding first to a grand clear cap Gold Lizard. Mr. Anthony Hay judged these classes, and his awards were well received. Borders, Mules, and British birds, however, were the feature of this section. Some gems of the first water were staged, and all the classes were keenly contested. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged these classes, and he drew a really first-class entry, his awards being well received. The hall is an ideal place for a show, being well lighted, and the cage birds were comfortably staged. The committee are composed of genuine fanciers, and were ably assisted by their secretary, Mr. Smart, who had everything in apple-pie order, and his colleague, Mr. Gray, was a grand second. The show was well patronised by fanciers.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Lugton, a cl. yell., fine action, high-strung bird, good in top end and reach, good one; 2, Newbiggen, a Piebald, all there for style, very fine exhibit; 3, Allan, free in movements, good one. HEN, BUFF (6): 1, Newbiggen, leads in fine bloom, grand size and rare depth throughout, massive, shoulders and length of side in rare trim, looks like Duns Cup winner; 2, members' cup, Thomsen Bros., stylish, clear, perfect model, grand, top end and reach, well packed on shoulders and top end; 3, Russell, nice style and finish; 4, Lugton, green marked, nice shape; vhc, Russell; hc, Gardiner. HEN (5): 1, Thomson Bros., good shape and rare style, nice top end and reach; 2, 4, Newbiggen, romping fluff, good when worked up, nice shape; 3, Allan, nice all round; vhc, Gardiner. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, 4, Cowling, rare trio, leader in full bloom, fed to perfection, and lovely quality, nice front, A1 shape and carriage, well put down; 2, good shape, heard he was wet when judged; 4, stylish bird; 3, Cameron, again has one well-known winner, in nice trim, good shape, grand wing carriage; vhc, Diekson Bros.; hc, c, Dixon. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Cowling, leader dark in tail, grand head and chest, good in feather, sweetly made, hotly followed by 2, Dixon, gem for shape, grand body and quality of feather; 3 and 4, Cameron, nice typical bird, good quality feather, sweet shape; 4, shade drawn in front; vhc, Seely Bros.; hc, Diekson Bros. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Cowling, again to the front with a nice variety, lovely headed, noble front, good depth of col. and finish, nicely staged; 2, 3, Cameron, neatly feathered, A1 style, good in head and wing carriage; 3, bouncing size and quality, nice shape; 4, Dixon, wing marked, good quality feather, nicely finished; vhc, Jounger Bros.; c, Seely Bros. BUFF HEN (6): 1, 4, Cameron, leader topper, real gem for a hen, rare size, fine full head, grand front and wing carriage, neatly drawn; 4, again sweet in feather and finish; 3, Dixon, nice var., good size and shape; 2, vhc, Makins, cl., nice quality feather, neatly drawn, well staged; hc, Moreland. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (18): 1, McKenzie, head tek., grand quality feather, tip-top wing carriage, very showy, nicely drawn; 2, Walker, very upright in position, and strong, well drawn, good wing carriage; 3, Duncan and Logan, topping cl., splendid style, lovely pose; 4, Gilchrist, well-known winner, fine weight and carriage, good form; vhc, Smart; hc, Young; c, Lambie. YELL. HEN (12): 1, sp, best in cl. classes, Gilchrist, the Newcastle winner, beauty for position, lovely wing carriage, very neatly drawn; 2, Young, again A1 size and shape, grand head shape, grand trim; 3, Walker, nice wing carriage, good pose; 4, Smart, grand feather; vhc, Voy; hc, Watson; c, Duncan and Logan. BUFF CK. (13): 1, McKenzie, marvel for feather, grand shape, lovely head and wing carriage, very neatly drawn, tip-top style; 2, Gilchrist, very fine tone of col., good head, well drawn, in first-rate bloom; 3, Smart, Wallsend winner, nice free positioned bird, graceful carriage and style; 4, Marshall, grand shape, round as possible; vhc, Voy; hc, Middlemiss; c, Schooler Bros. HEN (18): 1, Master H. Gilchrist, wins, hot one for shape, grand head and wing carriage, very finely drawn, correct size, very stylish; 2, Smart, good front and wing carriage, teeming with quality; 3, Smart, fine stylish hen, grand head, free pose; 4, Voy, also good one, nice finish and taper; 4, vhc, Blackhall hc, Walker; c, Wakenshaw. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, McKenzie, old champion Buff, level and even in eye and wing mkgs.; 2, Purves, nice yell., even; 3, Cowe, very nice cin., even, good balanced mkgs.; 4, Mole, typical yell., good stamp and shape. UNEVEN YELL. (9): 1, Duncan and Logan, hot one for colour, very graceful in carriage, stylish and well drawn, lovely mkgs.; 2, McKenzie, grand order, lovely feather, fine wing carriage; 3, Gilchrist, noted champion, stylish as ever; 4, Blackhall, nice bird; vhc, Smart; hc, Voy; c, Schooler Bros. BUFFS (10): 1, sp, 2nd best Bord. in show, Young, lovely one, grand head and front, beautifully tapered, correct weight, staged in A1 bloom; 2, Duncan and Logan, well-known cin. tk.; 3, Smart, nice one all through; 4, Cormack, good one, lovely bloom and finish; vhc, hc, Younger Bros.; c, Lambie. GREEN or CIN. (6): 1, Murray, real tip-top green, lovely shade, perfect lacing, pure in wing and tail flight, model for shape and finish, one of the best out; 2, Gilchrist, real tip-top Jonque cin., grand col. and lacing; 3, vhc, Lambie, 3, good green, pure in col. and lacing; 4, Cormack, also green, nice quality feather. A.O.V. (9): 1, Newbiggen, real good Jonque Lizard, splendid shape, pure in spangle, lovely cl. cap, well cut; 2, Donaldson, neat crest, nice top-piece, plenty of feather, good shape and finish; 3, Makins, green crest, nice size; 4, Allan, close up, well placed; vhc, hc, c, Cairns. MULE or HYB. (11): 1, 2, Master W. Duncan, leader cl. buff Greenfinch, fine size, showing cross distinctly; 2, romping var. Buff Golden, plenty size, in very good colour; 3, Donaldson, large Buff Linnet Mule, fine markings, good tone and size, should make grand one; 4, Rennison, Jonque Linnet, fine tone of colour; vhc, hc, Brownlie; c, Schooler Bros. SELL 10/- (6): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Blackhall; 3, Rennison; 4, Marshall; vhc, Ford; hc, Craggs. 7/6 (6): 1, Hay; 2, Cormack; 3, Russell; 4, Seely Bros.; 5, Miller; hc, Craggs. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Smith, large Goldie, fine flush face, good tannings, lovely moons, wants some tightening up yet, good all round; 2, Haggard, gem for quality, real little topper, well forward in colour; 3, Hill, nice Bullie, good breast colour and cap; 4, Morland, good shaped Bullie. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, Walker, Linnet, real good one, fine size and lacing, good flights, splendid front and shape, in grand order; 2, c, Armstrong, romping natural col. siskin, fine bib, grandly laced on flanks, good wing bars, neat cap, nice tone of col., well staged; 3, Morland, Linnet, nice shape, distinct in mkgs., good flights; 4, Ford, hot fed siskin, good cap, neat bill, and staged in this exhibitor's faultless order; vhc, Roper; hc, Frizzle. SMALL BRIT. (7): 1, Ford, noted Bearded Tit, looking as well as ever, staged in grand trim; 2, Aikman, real tip-top, nat. col. Greenfinch, grand shape, lovely finished bird, good col, rare head; 3, Donaldson, nice all round Bramble, fine col., size, and lacing; 4, vhc, Grey, real good Jonque Greenie, fine size, rare flights; hc, c, Thompson. LARGE (10): 1, Bates Bros., charming song Thrush, splendidly laced, in very fine order, good all-round exhibit; 2, Schooler, neat Hawfinch, good col., and steady; 3, Roper, grand spangled Thrush, splendid size, lovely col.; 4, Kinghorn, romping Missel Thrush, immense size, grand colour; vhc, Thompsen; hc, Stevenson; c, Purves. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, sp, best in British or Foreign Class, Ford, sweet black-headed Gouldian Finch, in rare trim, well staged; 2, Sidey, pair of Java Sparrows, in nice order; 3, Donaldson, very nice Goldfinch, grand size; 4, Short, neat Jacarina Finch, in very good order; an interesting class. LARGE: Cancelled. MEMBERS.—SCOT. FCY. CK. and HEN: 1, 2, each class, Thompson Bros. NOR. CK. and HEN: 1, 2, 3, each class, Makins. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Walker; 2, 4, Smart; 3, McDonald; vhc, hc, Hay. BUFF (3): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Smart. HEN (6): 1, sp, best Bord. in show, Walker; 2, hc, Hay; 3, McDonald; 4, vhc, Smart. BRIT. (6): 1, Schooler; 2, 3, vhc, Grey; 4, Roper; hc, Turnbull. FOR. (1): 1, Turnbull. NOVICE CL. (3): 1, 3, Miss Harrison, leader sweet, eye tk. buff border, and cl. buff Nor. hen; 2, Grey, nice English Goldfinch in fine bloom.

CIRENCESTER.

This show was held on Nov. 25th in the Bingham Hall. The cage birds were staged in a separate room, which was most comfortable, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. The quality was excellent, several grand birds being staged. They had the best of attention from the stewards, Messrs. Habgood and Mead. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. H. Davies's well-known King Parrakeet. Mr. W. G. Poole captured special for best Britisher, with a lovely grey Wagtail, in grand feather and very steady. Mr. W. G. Inward, the popular and energetic hon. secretary, had everything in capital order, and as usual, was most courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. (4): 2, Houghton, good shape and size, nice level col., good head, neck and back; 4, Lewin, nice shape and col., good quality, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Crump; hc, Miss Wearing. TKD., ETC. (4): 2, Houghton, thigh tkd. yell., grand shape, nice col., full neck and head, good back; 4, Lewin, varieg. yellow, good shape and col., nice head, back and chest; vhc, Bennett; hc, Griffin. CL., ETC., HEN (6): 2, Duggan, head and neck mkd. buff, good shape and feather, nice round chest, good head and level back, well packed flights; 3, Lewin, neck tkd. yell., nice shape, col. and quality, short flights and tail, good carriage; vhc, Houghton; hc, Carter; c, Hawes Bros.; c, Ireland. UNFLIG. (6): 2, Miss Gibbons, cl. buff, grand shape, short thick-set body, good col. and feather, nice wide back, short flights and tail; 3, Houghton, varieg. yell., nice shape and col., good wings and tail; vhc, Greenwood and Burson; hc, Lewin; c, Fleetwood, Carter. YORKS., CL. (8): 1, Telling, yell., good length, grand position, straight as a dart, well drawn out, nice col. and quality, takes special best Yorks.; 2, Carter, yell., well drawn out, long flights and tail, nice feather; 3, vhc, Palmer, buff, nice feather, well packed flights and tail; hc, Gardner; c, Pace. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Carter, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, rare length, slim, good feather, long flights and tail, well packed; 2, 3, vhc, Cuff, head tkd. buff, grand feather, nice back and wings, good stand; hc, Palmer; c, Smith. A.O.V. (6): 2, Greenwood and Burson, green Crest-bred, good entrance to a well-made skull, nice rise over beak; 3, Bennett, buff Border, splendid shape and feather, good wings and tail, neat head and capital carriage; vhc, c, Ireland; hc, Mrs. Holliday. MULE OR HYB. (4): 2, 3, Lees, Canary-Bullfinch, good col. and size, nice back and head, 3rd lightly wing mkd. yell. Goldfinch-Canary, good col. and feather, nice shape; vhc, Mrs. Holliday; hc, Ireland. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Taviner, good blaze of rare depth of col., nice bars and buttons, well tanned chest, nice collar; 2, Fleetwood, nice bars and buttons, square cut blaze, nice cheeks and tanning; 3, Strange, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Hussey; hc, c, Ireland. BULLFINCH (5): 2, Russell, beautiful shape, grand cap and bars, lovely shade of col. on back, nice breast, in grand feather; 3, Taviner, nice breast col., good cap and wing bars; vhc, Poole; hc, Hussey; c Strange. LINNET, ETC. (5): 2, Russell, Siskin, grandly laced cap, well mkd. sides, beautiful col. and feather, in grand order; 3, hc, Poole, Linnet, good shape, nice col., well pencilled, good whites and in capital feather; vhc, c, Taviner. A.O.S. SMALL (1): 3, spl, Poole, Grey Wagtail, grand feather and condition, good size, well mkd. and as steady as a rock, takes special for best Brit. LARGE (4): 2, Poole, Hawfinch, grand feather, nice col., well defined bib and markings; 4, Strange, nicely spotted and capital col. Song Thrush. FOR. (7): 1, spl, Davies, King Parrot, real beauty, lovely col. and feather, rare size, in grand condition, takes special for best bird in show; 2, Miss Gibbons, Paradise Whydah, another well-known winner, grand col. and feather; 3, Kittow, Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, grand col., feather and markings; vhc, Inward; hc, Hon. W. Bathurst; c, Smith, Brunsdon. SELL. (15/-) (7): 1, Duggan; 2, Miss Gibbons; 3, Greenwood and Burson; vhc, hc, c, Palmer. MEMBERS'.—CAN., A.V. (10): 1, vhc, Miss Munn; 2, Habgood; 3, Smith; extra 3, Ireland; hc, Smith; c, Inward.

WINCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Winchester and Dist. held their annual members' show in St. John's Rooms, Winchester, on November 18th. The entry was good, and the weather everything that could be desired. We found Mr. Cross, the secretary, at his post and everything in good order. Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Schneider, two good Nor., true to type, and well shown; 2, hc, Mortara, good birds; vhc, Runsaph; c, Cox. BUFF: 1, vhc, Schneider, winner topper, good head, beautiful type, short wings and tail, takes spl for best bird in show; 2, 3, Mortara, typical specimens, both good Nor. TKD., ETC.: 1, vhc, Mortara, grand yell. leading, tail not quite down, or might have run for spl; 2, 3, Schneider, rather long in body perhaps, otherwise good; 3rd, smart saddle mkd. buff. YORKS. YELL.: All the prizes went to Mr. Gamble, grand team, takes spl for best bird bred previous to 1909. BUFF: Again all the prizes went to Mr. Gamble. BRIT.: 1, spl, Phair, a grand Bramble, not a feather out of place, steady as a rock; 2, Mortara, nice Goldfinch; 3, Miss Esmo Scott, fine house-moulted Bullfinch; vhc, Phair; vhc, hc, c, Gamble; vhc, c, Cropp. HYB.: 1, spl, Schneider, nicely mkd. Goldie Mule, good size, well shown; 2, Mortara, another Goldie Mule, heavily mkd.; 3, Russell, Goldie Mule; 4, 2, vhc, hc, Huntley, nice Greenfinch Goldies. FOR.: A good lot; 1, spl, 2, 3, Phair, grand Nonpareil, well shown; 2nd, pair of Cardinals; 3rd, Weaver; vhc, Phair; hc, Mortara; hc, Scott. SELL.: 1, Mortara; 2, Schneider; 3, Huntley.

HETTON-LE-HOLE.

Second annual show of the Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. was held (in conjunction with their 13th annual members' show) on Nov. 27th in the Miners' Hall. The hall is very large and roomy, and heated to a suitable temperature, and with a little more top light would be really an ideal place for the holding of a cage bird show. Entries came up splendidly, totalling about 350, an increase of nearly 200 over last year, which speaks volumes for the management. Mr. A. Brown was engaged to judge the whole of the show, but owing to the large entry the committee thought it advisable to engage another judge, and Mr. W. Reid, of Sunderland, was sent for to officiate upon the members' section. The arrangements for the show were splendid, everything being in first-class order, with all birds staged at a correct height. In Mr. A. J. Notley the society possess a really first-class secretary, who thoroughly understands the running up of a cage bird show, and the manner in which he performs his duties is really an eye-opener; he is hard-working, energetic, yet withal most courteous and obliging. He was ably supported by the assistant-secretary (Mr. R. Allen), whom we always found working hard, and both were well supported by a most enthusiastic band of funciers, headed by the chairman, Mr. H. Wilson. The show was opened by the president (Mr. Fred Piper), who, in a very happy speech, said that this was his first visit to a cage bird show, but after what he had seen it would certainly not be his last. He said he was charmed with the beautiful birds he had seen, and the splendid manner in which they were looked after. He was glad to note the presence of so many ladies, which most surely proved to him that the hobby of keeping cage birds was one of the very best. He offered to present to the society a cup or bowl for next year. (Loud applause.) Mr. A. J. Notley, in a racy little speech, thanked the president for his attendance, and on behalf of the society presented him with a beautiful bird and cage, and Mr. Piper returned thanks. We regret to record another case of alleged Linnet staining, Mr. Reid's suspicions falling on a bird while judging the members' Linnet class. As the bird was also entered in the open class, Mr. Reid decided to obtain the opinion of Mr. Brown before testing the bird. He also thought the bird was stained, and the two judges thereupon tested the bird in the presence of witnesses (including the owner), and an alleged stain was taken from both back and breast. Prize money was paid out during the afternoon to the successful exhibitors present, and all birds were packed and sent off in good time to reach home same night. We are pleased to record a splendid attendance of visitors. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) judged all the open classes, and Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) all members', and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 2, r, E. Cowling, tkd. both eyes, beautiful shape, hot col., grand silky feather, neat head and neck, 2nd cl., grand shape, good front, good col. and quality, thick head and neck; 3, Lackey, tkd. back of head, rare front, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality; vhc, c, Papple; hc, Rutherford. BUFF (16): 1, T. Dixon, cl., rare type, grand deep chest, good head and neck, hot col., nice quality, beautifully cut away; 2, Wake and Carr, large, grand col. and quality, fine shape, thick head and neck; 3, G. Gowland, cl., grand type, rare front, good col. and quality, clean cut away; r, G. Vipond; vhc, c, Cowling; hc, W. Scott. HEN (14): 1, Lackey, cl. buff, grand shape, rare size, good broad deep chest, rare head and neck; 2, Wake and Carr, yell., lovely shape, rare front, beautiful head and neck, well cut away; 3, Miles Bros., heavy variegated, nice shape, good deep chest, nice wings and tail; r, W. Dover; vhc, Dixon; hc, Snowball; c, Lawson. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Miles Bros., cl. yell., rare size, grand shape, hot col., beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, Wake and Carr, grand shape, nice size, good full chest, neat head and neck; 3, J. Snowball, mkd. head, short and cobby, good quality, neat head and neck, grand tail; r, vhc, Cowling; hc, H. Wilson; c, H. Kilner. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, E. Fenwick, rare shape, nice size, grand level col., rare quality, well polished; 2, L. Winter, grand size, good rich tone of col., rare head and neck; 3, vhc, Widdowfield, grand size, good shape, nice wings and tail; r, Scely Bros.; hc, Morrison. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, E. Fenwick, grand size, correct shape, rich col. and quality, nice head and neck, grand polish, wins Hyde's special in members'; 2, John Gray, rare size, good col. and quality; 3, Sokell and Binks, good size, nice level col., fine quality; r, Scely Bros.; hc, Brown. C.B. (6): 1, Widdowfield, variegated. green, great size, grand skull, nice rise in front; good entrance, well lashed; 2, R. Wood, variegated, good size, nice skull, good rise, well lashed; 3, Heslop, variegated, grand size, rare headpiece, grandly lashed, nice rise and width; r, Green, vhc, Davison; hc, Eastop. CREST (7): 1, R. Wood, wing tkd. buff D.C., good size, fine shape and droop, neat centre, good quality of feather, looks like Sunderland 2nd in new hands; 2, 3, T. Davison, cl. body D.C., fine size, nice shape, well drooped, 3rd foul tail green, good size, nice shape, fine centre, crest; r, Heslop; vhc, Green; hc, Eastop; c, Parnaby. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, E. Woodhead, cl., grand length, fine shoulders, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, finely drawn; 2, 3, Bright, tkd. right eye, grand length, well tapered body, nice shoulders, good wings and tail, 3rd extra length, grand shape, good length of wing, neat head and neck; r, Wigglesworth; vhc, Stevens; hc, Eastop. BUFF (5): 1, Stevens, long slim bird, fine position, good col. and quality, rare wings and tail, grandly drawn; 2, Woodhead, grand wings and tail, neat head and neck, very erect on perch, well drawn; 3, r, Bright, grand length, nice shape, rare wings and tail; vhc, Wigglesworth. HEN: Cancelled. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Bright, buff leading, fine length, grand shape, good position, neatest of head and neck, gets well up on perch, grand wings, 2nd yell., tkd. left wing, grand shape, good style, nice wings and tail; 3, E. Woodhead, yell., hot col., good length, fine wings and tail; r, Hall; vhc, Stevens; hc, Fenwick. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Ross, mkd. head and back, beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, good wings, close tight feather; 2, 3, Gardiner, 2nd cl., another gem for shape, clean cut, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, good col. and quality, close up, 3rd cl., grand shape, good col. and quality, fine head and neck, well up; r, Stables and Passmoor; vhc, Henderson; hc, Pape; c, Dippie. BUFF (13): 1, J. Ross, variegated, nice shape, very neat, good head and neck, fine quality, nice wings; 2, r, Gill, three-pointed, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, fine wings and tail; 3, vhc, Gardiner, cl., good shape, fine style, good col., nice wings and tail; hc, c, Henderson. A.O.V. (12): 1, c, W. Reid, Gold Lizard, fine size and shape, evenly rowed back, nice spangling, wins; 2, Rowell, Cinn. Border, grand shape, close feather, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality, good wings; 3, Wake and Carr, foul tail, green Norwich, good size and col., grand shape, rare head and neck, worth its place; r, vhc, Ilkeborough, Lancashire P.-H.; good variety class. SELL. (20/-) (14): 1, Widdowfield; 2, 3, W. Reid; vhc, Miles Bros; r, Stevens; hc, Secly Bros.; c, Ross. (10/-) (15): 1, John Gray, 2, Allen; 3, A. Widdowfield; r, Appleby; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Winter; c, D. Hann. LINNET (17): 1, 2, J. Muddison, leader grand col., nice size and shape, grandly laced, well pencilled down flanks, very steady, staged to perfection, 2nd good size, fine shape, rich nut brown col., well pencilled, in faultless condition; 3, Boyd, good size, fine shape, grand col., good wings and tail; r, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Davidson; hc, c, Cope and Machin; grand class; disqualified, Kilner. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, vhc, J. Maddison, Goldie leading, nice size, grand blaze, beautiful shape, good wings and tail, rich tamnings; 2, Boyd, Bullie, grand body col., good size and shape, dense black cap, clean cut, fine polish, grand condition; 3, Milburn and Hughes, Goldie, nice size and shape, rich col. blaze, good wings; r, Davidson; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Wilson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, J. Maddison, rare size and shape, grand col., fine quality, grand wings and tail, very steady; 2, Davidson, non-fed, good size, grand shape, perfect feather, nice col; 3, Milburn and Hughes, col.-fed., grand shape, rich col., extra condition; r, Kilner; vhc, Ilkeborough; hc, Thompson. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Widdowfield, Lesser Redpoll, grand rich col., beautifully laced, nice size and condition, very steady; 2, Maddison, Siskin, nice size, good col., nice wing and tail; 3, W. Rutherford, Lesser Redpoll, good size and shape, grand condition; r, Sokell and Binks; vhc, Riseborough; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Boyd. BRIT., A.O.S. (13): 1, Boyd, Chough, grand size, very dense in col., grand beak and legs, extra plumage, beautiful condition; 2, Miles Bros., Hawfinch, grand size, rich col., grand wings and tail, fine shaped bib, in grand condition; 3, Davidson, Bramble, good size, grandly laced back, rich body col., very steady; r, Dippie; vhc, Rutherford; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, R. H. Dixon. FOR (6): 1, 3, vhc, Thos. Rowell, pair of Silverbills leading, beautiful plumage, staged to perfection, 3rd Combassou, in full col., grand condition, put down in fine style; 2, r, Dr. Woodhall, pair of Waxbills, staged in fine condition, rich col. and plumage, very charming exhibits; hc, D. Hann. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Wilson; 2, G. Vipond; 3, Lawson; W.C., A. Cross. BUFF (3): 1, G. Gowland; 2, Wilson; 3, Lawson. YELL., TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Cross; 2, Gowland; 3, Appleby; vhc, Kilner. BUFF (3): 1, Lawson 2, Vipond; 3, Gowland. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Mrs. E. Fenwick; 2, Notley; 3, Brown; vhc, Gowland; hc, Rowell. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Allen; 2, Wilson; 3, Notley; vhc, Appleby; hc, Lawson; W.C., Gowland. BUFF (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Vipond; 3, Lawson; vhc, Appleby; hc, Gowland; c, Kilner. PAIRS (8): 1, Lawson; 2, Mrs. E. Fenwick; 3, Kilner; vhc, Gowland; hc, Appleby; c, Allen. UNFLIG., YELL. (4): 1, Lawson; 2, Allen; 3, Wilson; vhc, Gowland. BUFF (6): 1, Cross; 2, Wilson; 3, Lawson; vhc, Vipond; hc, Gowland; c, Kilner. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Gowland; 2, Vipond; 3, Mrs. E. Fenwick; vhc, Lawson; hc, Dover; c, Kilner. BUFF (6): 1, Vipond; 2, Mrs. E. Fenwick; 3, Gowland; vhc, Lawson; hc, Kilner; c, Cross. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, Kilner; 2, Mrs. E. Fenwick; absent, Dover. PAIRS, 1909: 1, Lawson; 2, Wilson; 3, Mrs. E. Fenwick; vhc, Vipond. CINN. YELL. AND BUFF: Both cancelled. CINN HEN (4): 1, Mrs. E. Fenwick; 2, Notley; 3, Allen; vhc, Brown; CINN. UNFLIG.: Cancelled. A.O.V., A.O.V. PAIRS: Both cancelled. MULE, ETC. (6): 1, Kilner; 2, Appleby; 3, Dover; vhc, Brown; hc, Lawson; c, Rowell. LINNET (10): 1, Dover; 2, Wilson; 3, Hicks; vhc, Brown; hc, Appleby; c, Gowland; disqualified, Kilner. BRIT., A.O.S. (6): 1, Mrs. E. Fenwick; 2, Brown; 3, Dover; vhc, Appleby; hc, Cross; c, Gowland. FOR.: Cancelled. SELL. (7/6) (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Dover; 3, Kilner; vhc, Cross; hc, Mrs. E. Fenwick; c, Lawson. HYDE'S (4): 1, Mrs. E. Fenwick; 2, Vipond; 3, Brown; vhc, Lawson.

DUNBAR.

Fifth annual show of the Dunbar and Dis. F.S. took place on November 24th, in the Assembly Rooms. We regret to say that the entries showed a considerable falling off on last year's. The whole of the Scotch Fancy classes were cancelled, the reason no doubt being the cold weather. Mr. J. Patterson's even mark "Perfection," though not yet quite up in bloom, some thought should have been 1st. Mr. Wm. Hamilton, of Hamilton, officiated as judge. Mr. A. Spence, the hon. secretary is deserving of every praise for his able management of affairs.

BORD. FCY., YELL. CK.: Cancelled. HEN (5): 1, Brown, foul on head, nicely rounded head and front, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Gilchrist, grand head well braced wings; 3, 5, Patterson, lovely bloom, nice front and back; 4, Young, check mark, fine type. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Patterson, hot one for type and quality, grandly rounded head and body, nice taper; 2, Glass, good head and front, well packed wings and tail; 3, Robertson, nice head and neck, well rounded on front; 4, 7, Young, nice type; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Burns. HEN (10): 1, 3, Robertson; 1st fine type and quality, wants tuhbing, 3rd some thought might have gone up, well-filled back; 2, Hamilton, good col. and quality, finely rounded head; 4, Gilchrist, grand one all over, easy 2nd; 5, 7, Patterson; 6, Barrie. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Shearer, good one, very heavy eye markings; 2, 3, 4, Patterson, 2nd yell., grand markings, shown in grand order, 3rd nicely balanced eyes and wings, fine type, 4th champion "Perfection," looking well, must have been overlooked; 5, Glass. UNEVEN MKD. (10): 1, 3, Shearer, 1st yell. hen, fine type and quality, would be better for a wash, 3rd buff, variegated, same stamp; 2, Glass, nice yell. variegated head and neck, shown in rare bloom; 4, 5, Patterson, fine type and col.; 6, Burns. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Hamilton, good Cinn., nice col., grandly pencilled, fine type; 2, Barrie, yell. green, good sound col. and pencilling; 3, 5, Lambie, 3rd grand type and quality, lovely col.; 4, Patterson, good one. SELL. (9): 1, Shearer; 2, Heugh; 3, Barrie; 4, Brown; 5, Turnbull; 6, Patterson; 7, Burns. CREST, CK. (10): 1, Black, nicely radiated Crest, grand, leafy feather; 2, J. Black, light body, D.C., of good formation, nicely shaped body; 3, Turnbull, good headpiece, well-rounded; 4, Burns, wing mkd.; 5, J. Burns; 6, Gilhooly; 7, Forsyth. HEN: Cancelled. C.B., CK. (7): 1, Crearer, green, fine, substance and quality of feather, narrow entrance; 2, Duns, nicely domed skull, finely lashed; 3, R. Burns, grand wide entrance, finely cushioned head; 4, Burns, nice quality green; 5, 6, J. Burns. HEN (6): 1, 5, Turnbull, 1st fine, wide skull, nicely cushioned, grand body feather; 2, 3, Burns, 2nd massive skull, finely lashed, good, rich feather, 3rd eye and wing mkd., capital feather; 4, Gilhooly.

FAREHAM.

Seventeenth annual show of the Fareham F.S., held November 10th and 11th, in the Connaught Drill Hall. Mr. G. A. Goodall, the hon. secretary, carried out the arrangements well, and Mr. P. Jupe judged the cage bird section.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Smith. NOR.: 1, spl, Smith. CREST-BRED: 1 spl, Smith; 2, 3, Hinds. CREST: 1, 2, spl, hc, Hinds; 3, vhc, Bastin; c, Smith. BRIT., HARDBILL: 1, 2, spl, Hinds. FOR.: 1, spl, Hinds. SELL. (10/-): 1, spl, Hinds; 2, 3, Smith. (5/-): 1, spl, Hinds.

ECCLESHILL.

Eccleshill B.F.A. held their fifteenth annual open show on November 26 and 27, in the Mechanics' Institute, under the rules of the Y.F., and the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.C.M.Y.C.C., and the O.N.F.C. A liberal schedule and a good special list had been issued, but the response from the fancy was not altogether satisfactory, there being only the moderate entry of 388 in the 31 classes, an average of 12 per class. Mr. J. Greaves officiated as judge, his awards being well received. Messrs. Ogden Bros. secured special for most points in champion classes, also that for most points in first 6 classes, and that for most points in classes 7 to 13, which apparently constitutes the "bat trick." In Nor. the principal scorers were Messrs. Haigh and Son, who secured spl. for that section. In Novice Cin. mkd. classes, Mr. W. Richmond secured premier honours in both classes, and also spl. for most points gained by a novice, Mr. E. Dinsdale taking 2nd place. Sandiford's medal for best fed bird fell to Mr. J. W. Holmes. Mr. T. Elsegood is an efficient secretary, and had everything in shipshape order, he being ably assisted on the judging day by Messrs. F. Gelder and J. Chippendale as stewards, the cards being up in good time.

The Critique.

CL. ETC. YELL. YKS. (20): 1, 2, spl, Bailey, leader wonderful type and position, neat wings and tail, full of quality and col.; 2, very lengthy, well drawn out, good back, nice quality; 3, Cruise, grand length, very typical, leggy, nice position, good long wings and tail, neat feather, tkd. check; 4, Beaumont, extra good position, leggy, nice shoulders, smart feather; vhc, Chippendale; hc, White; c, Stebbings. BUFF (15): 1, Stebbings, lengthy, good shape and position, grand quality and col., beautifully mealed; 2, c, Bailey, tkd check, excellent type, good position, feathered to perfection; 3, 4, spl, Shackleton, 3, grand type and position, leggy, good quality; 4, tkd. head, good type and style, plenty of leg; vhc, Waterworth; hc, Hellwell. MKD. YELL. (11): 1, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., grand length, good shape, leggy, lovely quality, a good big one, nice marks; 4, good shape, well in legs, grand quality and col.; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, neat type, lovely position and style, grand head, full of quality; 3, Walsh, slim, straight, good shape, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Towers; hc, Drake and Son; c, Chippendale. BUFF (9): 1, hc, spl, Smith, grand shape, leggy, and good position, smart feather and col.; 2, Ogden Bros., extra col. and quality, nice length, good back, wings and tail; 3, Price, not quite as long, grand type and position, nice quality; 4, Dyson, good shape, stylish, excellent col.; vhc, Shackleton; c, Clegg. YELL HEN (11): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, very typical, grand position, feathered to perfection, neat mkgs.; 2, c, Ogden Bros., grand shape, well on leg, neat wing carriage, good quality; 3, Murgatroyd, good length, typical, good round back, nice quality; 4, Shackleton, lengthy, grand shape, leggy, nice position, good quality again good; vhc, Smith; hc, Middleton Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Mason, very typical and good position, leggy, lovely quality; 2, Bailey, grand feather, neat type, leggy, very clean made; 3, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., extra position, good shape, nice quality and col.; 4, lengthy, good shape and position, nice qual; vhc, Dyson; hc, Hersey; c, Chippendale. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (17): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., good shape, straight, leggy, good back, nice col. and feather; 2, Bailey, good type, extra well up, nice shoulders, neat wings and tail, rich col. and quality, close up; 3, Shackleton, grand shape, leggy, stylish, nice feather; 4, Stebbings, lengthy, straight, leggy, well up in position, nice quality; vhc, White; hc, c, Walsh. BUFF (10): 1, Drake and Son, good shape and position, nice back, lengthy, smart quality; 2, Cundall, tkd. wing, lovely shape, leggy, extra col. and quality, not a feather out of place; 3, hc, Shackleton, grand type, neat shoulders, well cut away, leggy, nice quality; 4, Bailey, smart type and position, good legs, lovely quality; vhc, Wood; c, Beaumont. UNFLTD. (17): 1, spl., Shackleton, yell., tkd. neck, very straight, grand type, leggy, grand quality and col.; 2, Bailey, huff, tkd. head, lovely quality, nice shape and position, smart; 3, Lodge, lengthy yell., good shape, leggy, and nice position, smart feather, and plenty of col.; 4, Chippendale, yell., nice length, typical, good back, leggy, neat quality; vhc, Hellwell; hc, Robertshaw; c, White. CIN TK. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, 3, spl, Ogden Bros., winner grand length, extra position, good shape, lovely quality; 3, very straight, leggy, typical, and grand quality; 2, Drake and Son, excellent quality and col., good shape, leggy, and nice position, good back and wings; 4, vhc, Towers, nice length, leggy, good back, nice feather; hc, c, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Cooper, marked wings and eye, grand shape, well up on legs, grand colour, very smooth in feather; 2, vhc, c, spl, Ogden Bros., grand length, well drawn out, very leggy, lovely feather; 3, Towers, nice length, good type and leggy, neat wings and tail, good quality; 4, Bentley, lengthy, well braced wings and tail, good shape and nice quality. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, spl, Jowett, leader good shape, nice front, extra smart quality and col., neat head and back; 2, very typical, straight cut, leggy, and good quality; 3, hc, Towers, slim, leggy, nice shape and position, good feather; 4, Bentley, good shape and style, neat shoulders, nice feather, pipe tail; vhc, Cooper; c, Wilcock. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., grand type, leggy, nice position, lovely quality and col.; 2, Towers, lengthy, good position, grand shape and quality, shows well; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, marvellous feather, grand shape and position, good col.; 4, Jowett, stronger, grand quality and col., nicely mealed, good shape; hc, c, Cooper. CIN. TK. ETC. CK., NOVICE (16): 1, vhc, spl, Richmond, huff, mkd. one wing and eyes, excellent tyne, grand position, lovely col. and quality; 2, Jowett, yell., very straight, leggy, nice type, good quality and col.; 3, Langford, lengthy buff, good shape and position, nice feather; 4, hc, Bollard, yell., nice size, good legs, shapely, round back, nice quality; c, Clegg. HEN (12): 1, 3, spl, Richmond, winner buff, mkd. wings, good type, leggy and nice position, lovely col. and quality; 3, yell., well up in position, nice type, full of quality; 2, Clegg, buff, grand type, well up in front, leggy, exceptionally neat in feather, rather on small side; 4, Tillotson, buff, lengthy, good shape and style, nice quality; vhc, hc, Gelder. YELL NOR. (7): 1, J. Haigh and Son, grand size and sub., good head, extra col. and quality; 2, c, Waters, mkd., grand size, nice chest, rich quality and col.; 3, vhc, spl, Snowden, grand head, all there for quality, nice chest, and shapely; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, nice size, good shape, fine head, nice col. and quality; hc, Wilcock. BUFF (11): 1, Waters, short, cobby, very chesty, lovely col. and feather, good head; 2, vhc, spl, Wilcock, grand shape, plenty of size, grand col. and quality; 3, Snowden, good sub., neat shape, good col. and nice quality; 4, Haigh and Son, extra good body, very cobby, nice colour and very smart feather; hc, Markwell; c, Greenwood and Pickles. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Snowden, good shape, plenty of body, neatly feathered, nice hot col.; 2, Waters, short, cobby bird, good sub., nice quality; 3, Haigh and Son, extra smart feather, good shape, nice head, very short wings and tail; 4, vhc, hc, spl, Wilcock, good size and sub., nice quality, very neat shape, c, Mitchell. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Waters, grand size and sub., nice chest, well held neck, lovely col. and quality; 2, Markwell, var., good shape, nice head, lovely quality; 3, Hirst, short cobby body, grand feather, splashed back; 4, Hammond, pale col., good shape, cheeky, smart feather; vhc, Holmes; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Greenwood and Pickles. NOR. UNFLTD. (13): 1, 2, spl, Haigh and Son, leader yell., grand cobby build, good size, lovely col. and quality, looks well; 2, buff, extra good col. and feather, very chesty and cobby, very smartly made; 3, Waters, yell., good size and sub., nice chest, neat feather and nice col.; 4, vhc, Greenwood and Pickles, bull, lovely shape, plenty of sub., neat feather; hc, Snowden; c, Wilcock. HENS (9): 1, 2, 3, spl, Haigh and Son, grand trio, leader mkd. yell., very typical, plenty of sub. and chest, grand quality; 2, yell., cobby, compact, lovely quality and col.; 3, buff, grand shape, short, well put together, extra quality and nice col.; 4, variegated, lovely quality, nice type and sub., good bird; vhc, Waters; hc, Jones; c, Wilcock. SELL 15/- (14): 1, spl., Gelder; 2, Ackroyd Bros.; 3, Chippendale; 4, Ellis; vhc, Ellis; hc, Richmond; c, B. Wood. HEN 12/6 (7): 1, spl., Beaumont; 2, Chippendale; 3, Nettleton; 4, Northrop; vhc, Hadwin; hc, S. Wilcock; c, J. Wilcock. Y.U. NOVICE CL.—YELL. YKS. (15): 1, spl, Crowther, grand type, leggy and good position, lovely back, wings and tail, smart feathered; 2, Haigh, lengthy, well drawn out, neat wing carriage, nice quality; 3, Sell, straight, nice shape, leggy, grand position, neat feather, very good head; 4, Bennett, lengthy, nice shape, good back and wings, rich quality; vhc, Hall; hc, Thomas; c, Brayshaw. BUFF (21): 1, spl, Dinsdale, tkd., grand shape, good shoulders and well drawn, neat wings and tail, lovely quality, like wax; 2, Moore, good shape and position, leggy, full of quality; 3, Hatton, very typical, well drawn, good position, nice quality; 4, Swales, shapely, grand position, nice feather; vhc, Studd; hc, Gelder; c, Batty. UNFLTD. YELL. (16): 1, hc, spl, Elsegood, very lengthy, straight as a rush, well on legs, grand quality; 2, Batty, nice length, good position, leggy, round back, neat feather; 3, Shepherd, good shape, well on legs, full of quality; 4, Casey, slim, neat shape and stylish; vhc, Dinsdale; c, Swales. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Dinsdale, tk. wing, slim, grand shape, plenty of leg, good position, lovely quality; 2, Jowett, grand quality and col., nice shape, leggy, and well up in position; 3, Northrop, lengthy, neat head, nice shoulders, lovely back, all there for quality; 4, Turton, full of col. and quality, typical, good legs; vhc, Tillotson; hc, Shepherd; c, Elsegood. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Hall, nice length, good shape and style, grand back and wings, lovely feather; 2, Turton, lengthy, very straight, nice back, wings, and tail, neat feathered; 3, Dyson, good position, leggy, nice type, full of quality, neat head; 4, Dinsdale, grand shape, leggy, good back, nice quality; vhc, Whitely; hc, Stables; c, Rigg. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Studd, extra good type and position, grand quality, very clean front; 2, Bennett, uneven mkd., grand type, position and leggy, shows well, lovely quality; 3, Brown, uneven mkr., very neat shape, well on legs, feather like wax; 4, Rhodes, tk. wing, good length, shapely, and lovely feather; vhc, Rothery; hc, Northrop; c, Rigg. NOR. CK. (14): 1, spl., Horsfield, buff, plenty of size and sub., good chest, extra quality and col.; 2, Hudson, huff, grand sub., full of quality and colour, good head, not as neat in wing carriage; 3, Naylor, yell., good sub., good head and neck, plenty of quality and col.; 4, Plowright, yell., cobby build, nice shape and quality; vhc, c, Bull; hc, Brown and Son. HEN (15): 1, 3, spl, Thomas, leader mkd. wings, buff short body, nice size, good quality; 3, buff, cobby shape, nice chest, smart feather; 2, Plowright, mkd. buff, grand size and sub., chesty, neat wings, lovely quality; 4, hc, Naylor, yell., good shape, well filled neck, grand quality and col.; vhc, Bali; c, Horsfield.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Very successful members' show, held on November 13th at St. George's Schools. The total entries numbered 266 in the 32 classes. The room is a grand one for a bird show, and was well patronised by visitors. Owing to the heavy entry, we were obliged to call in the assistance of our old friend, Mr. Fred King, to help Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, of Stocksbridge, to judge. Mr. King judged open Yorks., A.O.V., and British; and Mr. Wilkinson, open Norwich, novice Yorks, and novice Norwich, and right stiff classes these novice classes were. The judging was over by 5 o'clock, and the show opened. The awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Chew and Stokoe. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Chew and Stokoe; 4, c, Farrar; hc, Duncan. YELL. HEN (10): 1, McDade; 2, 4, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Farrar; vhc, hc, Fowler; c, Duncan. CL. BUFF (7): 1, Farrar; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe. TKD. (8): 1, Hall; 2, 3, 4, hc, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, c, Hy. Smith. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Farrar; hc, Duncan; c, McDade. YELL., 1909 (8): 1, 3, 4, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrar; vhc, Hall. BUFF (7): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, Farrar. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Mennard; 2, Woof; 3, Guest; vhc, Hornby. TKD. (4): 1, Mennard; 2, Chambers; 3, Stead; 4, Woof. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Chambers; 2, Wilson; 3, Johnson; vhc, c, Brusby; hc, Wain. BUFF CL. (6): 1, 3, Mennard; 2, Hall; 4, Wilson; vhc, Hornby; hc, Triffitt. TKD. (5): 1, Mennard; 2, Johnson; 3, Woof; 4, Wilson; vhc, Woof. HEN (11): 1, Guest; 2, hc, Chambers; 3, c, Woof; 4, Johnson; vhc, Wilson. YELL. 1909 (8): 1, Johnson; 2, Triffitt; 3, Hall; 4, Stead; vhc, hc, Mennard. BUFF (8): 1, Stead; 2, Chambers; 3, Johnson; 4, Hall; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mennard; c, Guest. BORD. FCY. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Medley. GREEN (7): 1, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Guest; 3, Brushy; 4, c, Hornby; vhc, G. Bennett. CREST OR C.-B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Smith, Leo. LINNET (8): 1, 2, 3, J. Owen; 4, c, Duncan; vhc, Hy. Smith; hc, Whiteley. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, Duncan; 2, Benge; 3, Hy. Smith; 4, c, Owen; vhc, Dews; hc, J. T. Bennett. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Duncan; 2, R. Owen. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 4, Duncan; 2, 3, vhc, J. Owen; hc, R. Owen. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Duncan; 2, vhc, Tose; 3, Whiteley; 4, Henaghan. NOVICE.—YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, W. H. Norton; 2, vhc, hc, Buckley; 3, c, Fowler; 4, McDade. YELL. 1909 (14): 1, 4, Fowler; 2, W. H. Norton; 3, G. Bennett; vhc, T. J. Bennett; hc, Greaves; c, Whiteley. BUFF (6): 1, W. H. Norton; 2, 3, hc, Fowler; 4, Buckley; vhc, Whiteley. 1909 (19): 1, Fowler, 2, 3, 4, Buckley; vhc, Harland; hc, G. Bennett; c, T. J. Bennett. NOR YELL. (7): 1, 3, McMillan; 2, Wilson; 4, Tose; vhc, Stairmers; hc, Robbins; c, Henaghan. 1909 (15): 1, 2, McMillan; 3, Wilson; 4, Brushy; vhc, hc, Tose; c, Medley. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Medley; 2, Benge; 3, vhc, Tose; hc, Harland; c, Wilson. 1909 (18): 1, 2, Harland; 3, McMillan; 4, Wilson; vhc, Moir; hc, Benge; c, Wain.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

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INVERNESS.

The Inverness O.A. held their 29th annual show in the Music Hall, on November 24th. The hall is an admirable one for the purpose, although somewhat cold in the forenoon. If the staging were placed lengthwise it would be a great improvement both in comfort to the exhibits and in light. The total showed a slight increase on last year's entries, 304 being staged—an average of about 7 per class. Although there was only a slight increase in entries the quality of the birds showed a great improvement on any previous fixture; especially was this apparent in the Border and British bird sections, where two sets of winners could have been found in almost every class. The Border Fancies showed far and away the greatest improvement, and some real gems were staged. The Britishers came next in order of merit, and some "tough nuts" were to be found here, notably the Bearded Tit and Linnet shown by Mr. E. Todd, also the Goldfinch exhibited by Mr. D. McMillan. A slight sensation was caused by the judge leaving out of the cards Mr. T. Mackie's Crest, which appeared to be an easy first; this, however, was no doubt owing to the bird's being defective in eyesight. The Roller Canaries, although only provided with one class, contained some birds of the first water. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged all but Rollers, which were taken by Mr. W. R. Christie; both gentlemen got through their work in a methodical manner.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (6): 1, Denoon, very reachy green, all there for quality; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Todd, grand team, former cl. buff of magnificent quality, not large, but a stormer for a hen; 3, grand sided buff, plenty of reach and top end, gets tail close in a good third. YORKS. CK., NAT. COL. (4): 1, 2, 4, Mackenzie, yell., leading very slim and long, some thought had had a dip in the pepper pot; 2, buff of good length, cronches sometimes; 3, Brodie, really good Yorkie, finely drawn, stands well up, another some thought had had a smell in the pepper pot. HEN (4): 1, Brodie, good Yorkie, slim and leggy, stands well, close in feather; 2, Todd, good length, close in feather; 3, Mackenzie, bronzy-green, very leggy bird, wants handling; 4, Cumming. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Macleod Bros., neat Border of required type, travels well, nice colour; 2, 3, 5, Connochie, almost even mark, leading, very typical and neat; 3, cl., beautiful colour and condition, Border all over; 4, Cumming. BUFF (7): 1, Craig, typical, feather like wax, well put down; 2, 6, Connachie, former close up; 3, Swanney, another good one, nicely feathered, travels beautifully; 4, Maclean; 5, Heapgood. N.O.C. (9): 1, 4, Connochie, former real stormer, best Border in show to-day, wonderful col., even marked, correct size and type, really hard to find fault with; 2, 5, Craig, former another nice gem, similarly marked; 3, Anderson Bros., tail mkd. green, typical and neat; 6, Macleod. NOR., BRED '09 (12): 1, Stanford, yell. chubby one, nice size, even in colour, well filled in back; 2, Lumsden, Buff, good substance and type, might be better shown perhaps; 3, Petrie, another buff, wee bit rough to-day; 4, Strachan, yell., wonderful col., chubby, hardly finished in head or would be further up; 5, Mackenzie; 6, Todd. CREST CK. (11): 1, Smith, tail mkd. green, very neat crest of nice texture, feather rather sweet in skull; 2, Grant, well groomed and neat, good texture; 3, Todd, yell. of beautiful texture, well placed centre; 4, Ross; 5, Mackenzie; 6, Macnaughton. HEN (4): 1, Mackie, grand hen, very round crest, comes well to beak end, beautifully placed centre, splendid texture of feather, clear win; 2, Traut, clear crest, nicely placed centre and feather; 3, Macnaughton, green, nice texture feather, and shape; 4, Smith. C.B. CK. (9): 1, Mackie, variegated, grand skull, wide entrance, well lashed, clear win; 2, Macdonald, nice one all through; 3, Mackenzie, very similar exhibit; 4, Grant; 5, Gibb; 6, Ross. HEN (2): 1, Mackie, cap. mkd., varie., grand size, dome skull, well lashed; 2, Smith, wing mkd. green, another big one. NOR. CL. YELL., ETC., CK., NAT. COL. (6): 1, Macdonald, chubby one, medium size, grand bird; 2, Petrie, close up, chubby and compact, good col.; 3, 5, Garden, former nice one, well shown; 4, Shearer; No. 6, wrong, classed a buff. HEN (9): 1, Petrie, medium size, nice col.; 2, George, similar in size and type; 3, Hutchison, grand type, nicely tapered away behind, some thought might be further up; 4, Shearer; 5, Wattie; 6, Stanford. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Petrie, former very chubby, gets well over perch, good size; 2, Fraser, good head, correct type; 4, Chisholm; 5, Campbell; 6, Duff. HEN (6): 1, Hutchison, medium size, good type, soft in feather when we saw it; 2, Fraser, required type, good head, fails only in wings; 3, 4, Garden, very similar to second; 5, Fraser. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Macdonald, bouncing yell., well up in col., good type, closely feathered, wins; 2, Mennie, big buff; 3, Petrie, neat yell., well balanced; 4, Rosie; 5, Wattie; 6, Duncan. HEN (8): 1, Mackenzie, buff, well up in size, correct type, easy win; 2, Stanford, smaller, but very good all over otherwise; 3, Chisholm, real Nor., chubby, good chest, well cut away, some thought might have gone higher; 4, Campbell; 5, 6, Duff. YORKS. COL. FED. (7): 1, 3, Mackenzie, former, long one, stands well up; 3, slim, not quite in good feather to-day; 2, Todd, very typical, stands like a soldier; 4, 5, Macdougall; 6, Mackenzie. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. FED YELL. (9): 1, 4, Hutchison, former, red hot, chubby, short flights; 2, Lumsden, another chubby one, gets well over perch; 3, Campbell, teeming with colour, beautiful quality, close up; 5, Mackie. HEN (2): 1, Lumsden, medium size, good quality; 2, Hutchison, close in feather. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 4, Hutchison, 1st, big one, very thick, good quality; 2, Garden, some preferred, chubby, gets well over perch, good head; 3, Stanford, similar to first. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Stanford, good type and col., well over perch, grand head; 2, Strachan, chubby, grand head, beautiful quality; 3, Macdougall, very neat and typical, good; 3, 4, Hutchison; 5, Lumsden. HEN (5): 1, Hutchison, good col. and size, required type, well balanced; 2, Mackenzie, nice bird, good 2nd; 3, Maclean, very similar, fails only in wing carriage; 4, 5, Todd. HEN (6): 1, Strachan, typical Nor., grandly feathered, good head; 2, Lumsden, very similar, if on smaller scale; 3, Maclean, another well balanced; 4, Mackie; 5, Wattie; 6, Mackenzie. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Todd, Gold Lizard, in grand trim, hard luck, no competition. CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (2): 1, Mennie, big variegBuff Goldie Mule; 2, Hutchison, dark Goldie marked on neck, nice size. DARK (12): 1, Nicholson, good sized Goldie, fine blaze and body col., beauty; 2, Todd, grand yell., Siskin Mule, teeming with col., well marked, good second; 3, Duncan, Yell. Greenie, fine size and col.; 4, Macmillan; 5, Maclean; 6, Mackenzie. HYB. (3): 1, 3, Duncan, formed, good sized yell. Goldie-Greenie, grand blaze, well feathered; latter Buff, larger, but not quite so high in col.; 3, Mennie, Linnet-Bullie hen, nicely feathered and marked, well put down. SELL. 10s. (8): 1, Hutchison; 2, Smith; 3, Todd; 4, Brodie, 5, 6, Stanford. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Macmillan, good size, well tanned, square cut blaze, in full bloom, wins; 2, Stanford, close up, grand shape, steady as a rock; 3, Macdougall, another good one, well buttoned; 4, Ramsay; 5, Mackenzie; 6, Macdonald. BELLFINCH CK. (11): 1, Main, good size and shape, well cut cap and whites; 2, Anderson Bros., smaller, but good all over, lovely breast col.; 3, Watt, not quite so even in breast col., but good all the same; 4, Campbell; 5, 6, Ross Bros. HEN (6): 1, Ross Bros., nice hen, good cap and col., fine exhibit; 2, Moir, close up, very pure in col., in grand condition; 3, 4, Anderson Bros., former, nice one, well placed; 5, Todd. SISKIN (15): 1, Hoyle, hot fed, grand size and col., nicely laced cap, neat bib, well laced, good one; 2, Smith, fed, fine size, well up in col., nicely laced, well put down; 3, Macdougall, grand bird, good cap; 4, Lumsden; 5, Maclennan; 6, Innes. LINNET (7): 1, Todd, fine size, well marked, distinct in pencilling, steady as a rock, good one; 2, Jackson, nicely pencilled, rather unsteady; 3, Ramsay, very similar, good whites; 4, Fraser; 5, E. Mackenzie; 6, G. Mackenzie. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Hoyle, good sized, Mealy Redpole, rare bib, will improve in colour; 2, Simpson, Twite, grand size and pencilling, good second; 3, Anderson Bros., Lesser Redpole, nice size and col.; 4, Moir; 5, Watt; 6, Grant. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Macmillan, wonderful sized yell., well fed, in grand trim; 2, Mackenzie, another big one, nat. col.; 3, Ross Bros., smaller, but a real good one, excellent; 3, 4, Ramsay; 5, Anderson Bros.; 6, Smith. LARGE BRIT. (4): 1, Simpson, good sized Hawfinch, hot fed, in AI condition, well cut bib; 2, Law and Brown, real good Missel Thrush, wonderful size, steady as a rock, closely followed by 3, Todd, Hawfinch, equal to others in all, perhaps, but col., hard to separate; 4, Duncan, nice Hawfinch. SMALL (7): 1, 6, Todd, former magnificent Bearded Tit, in really faultless condition, well defined moustaches, easy win; 2, Ross Bros., Cinn. col. Chaffinch, apparently a hen, in good condition, a little unsteady; 3, 4, Nicholson, former Yell. Wagtail, taking exhibit, not in condition today; 4, Woodpecker, shown to perfection, good exhibit; 5, George, partly Albino Chaffinch. BRIT., SELL. 5s. (6): 1, Anderson Bros.; 2, 4, Smith; 5, Ramsay; 3, 6, Todd. LARGE FOR. (4): 1, 4, Grant, former large well coloured African grey Parrot, shown in perfect condition; 2, Chisholm, Leadbeater Cockatoo in perfect feather; 3, Todd, pair Cockatiels not quite in feather yet. SMALL (8): 1, Hoyle, Diamond Sparrow, in faultless condition, well shown; 2, 3, 6, Todd, former pair of Nonpariels in grand condition, well worth their place; 3, Zebrafinches in grand condition; 6, Bearded Tit; 4, Law and Brown, Red-crested Cardinal; 5, Grant, White Java. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (2): 1, Jackson, good size, well tanned, square cut blaze, well buttoned, fine collar; 2, Mackenzie, close up, similar to first, not quite up in blaze. AVIARIES (2): 1, Grant, magnificent collection of canaries, British and foreign, staged a treat; 2, Martin, another good collection. CAN., SINGING (11): 1, 2, 4, 6, Todd, real good team very fine bird leading, clear in tone and delivery, with many changes, including deep hollow roll, hollow bell notes, water bubble, and dow pipe, closely followed by 2nd, possessing great number of changes, hollow bell and bass rolls, piccolo trill, and grand gluck notes; 3, 5, Netherwood, former does not possess same range of tones nor delivery of winners. GIFT (6): 1, Hutchison; 2, Mackenzie; 3, McMillan; 4, Todd; 5, Anderson Bros.; 6, Smith.

WINDSOR & DIS. C.B.A.

Annual members' show held recently in the Guildhall, in a room beautifully warmed and quite free from draughts. The Mayoress of Windsor kindly opened the show. The Mayor was also present, and showed considerable interest in the exhibits. The society is strong in Yorkshires. Mr. Montgomery won special for best Yorkie in show. The British bird special went to Mr. W. R. Temple, who exhibited a lovely bearded Tit. The show was well attended by visitors. Mr. E. A. Stickland makes a good secretary, being ably assisted by Messrs. Simms, Turner, Green, and Collyer. Mr. H. Norman judged.

YORKS. YELL., CK.: 1, spl, 2, Dryer, 1st long, raking bird, good wings and tail, grand condition; 2nd another big one, good length of side, nice feather; 3, Simms, neat, stylish bird, capital head; vhc, Baldwin; hc, Montgomery; c, Simms. YELL. HEN: 1, Montgomery, very neat, long, stylish bird, shows plenty of daylight, lovely feather; 2, Drye, very smart bird, nice wings and tail; 3, Simms, long, stylish bird, good, full back, nice feather; vhc, Hutson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, c, Simms, 1st very smart, stylish buff, nice boxy feather, well up on leg; 2nd a good mkd. bird, good back, nice pipe tail; 3, Wilkins, another long one, neat wing, nice quality of feather; vhc, hc, Montgomery. HEN: 1, 2, Montgomery, 1st smart bird, nice run, good wings, capital feather, 2nd very smart non-fed bird, nicely rounded, good head; 3, Hutson, stylish, well up on leg, good length of side; vhc, Simms; hc, Drye; c, Wilkins. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, spl, Montgomery, grand bird, beautifully rounded, capital wings, in A1 condition, wins special for best Yorkie, 2nd rattling good yell., good length, capital condition; 3, hc, Baldwin, another breedy specimen, good head and back; vhc, Turner; c, Simms. NOR., CK.: 1, spl, 2, Griffiths, 1st very shapely, griz. cap, yell., good head, nice, full front, 2nd bonny buff, rare size, lovely quality;, 3, Wilkins, very shapely bird, good head and feather; vhc, hc, Kearley. HEN: Griffiths, rattling good yell., capital type, good head and chest. NOR.: 1, Stickland, bonny little Border, very shapely and free, good head and wings; 2, Hutson, very fine Crest, nice size; 3, Doe, nice Nor., good feather. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Morris, good, bold Nor., capital front, good, rich feather; 2, hc, c, Kearley, fine big bird, rare head, nice body; 3, Owen, typical specimen, very shapely, lovely condition; hc, Griffiths. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, spl, Stickland, capital hen Bullie, good shape and col.; 2, Wilkins, smart Goldie, good blaze, nicely tanned; 3, c, Collyer, fine Bullie, capital col., very shapely; vhc, Dryc; hc, Doc. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Lambert, smart Greenfinch, very shapely, in grand condition; 2, Collyer, good sized Linnet, nicely pencilled, very sound col.; 3, vhc, Drye, capital Yellow Bunting, mealy mkd.; hc, Stickland; c, Simms. HYB.: 1, Montgomery, good, dark Goldie-Can., nice size and shape; 2, Turner, another smart Mule, very shapely. SELL.: 1, Montgomery; 2, Wilkins; 3, Simms; vhc, hc, Turner; c, Baker. A.V. OPEN: 1, Montgomery, good cap mkd. bird, nice position, good back and wings; 2, c, Simms, very good Nor., lovely col. and feather, good front; 3, Kins, very neat yell., good wings and tail; vhc, Barwood; hc, Bulteel. BRIT.: 1, Lung, very fine Goldie, grand face, beautifully tanned, wants conditioning; 2, Miss Baldwin, good, bold Greenie, very shapely, capital feather; 3, Lund, big Bullie, sound col.; vhc, Simms; hc, Mrs. Peters; c, Mitchell. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, 2, Temple, 1st good specimen of Bearded Tit, very healthy, in lovely plumage, 2nd nice Gold Crest, shapely little bird; 3, vhc, Lund, fine, bold Thrush, well spotted, good col.

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BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE.

Blackpool and Fylde O.S. held their open show on Nov. 26th and 27th, in the Alexandra Cafe, Victoria Street. The room is an excellent one for a C.B. show, and is very convenient for the station. Considering the prize-money and specials offered, we were disappointed at the support accorded, and think more fanciers might have sent birds, and given the management more encouragement for another year. We trust, however, that matters will turn out better than we at first anticipated, and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing a big show at Blackpool next year. Although not strong in numbers, the quality of the exhibits was all there, grand birds being staged in every section. Hyde's special was won by Mr. Bevan, and Sandiford's by Mr. J. E. Davies. The special of £1 1s., generously given by Mr. W. Binns for most points in show, was won by Mr. T. Sandiford, and the 10/6 special given by the society, by Mr. J. E. Davies. Of the management we cannot speak too highly. Mr. A. J. Winterbottom makes an ideal secretary, and under his able management everything passed off in AI order. He was ably supported by the chairman, Mr. G. Young, the vice-chairman, Mr. W. Binns, and the treasurer, Mr. S. Morrison. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Sandiford, leader grand size and col., good head, neck and chest, grand quality, 2nd red hot col., rare quality and shape, grand size and substance; 3, Braybrook, good col., rattling quality, nice shape and size, hardly so bold in head; 4, Davies, well-known Pendleton and Preston winner; vhc, Bevan; hc, Dickinson and Goodall. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Sandiford, 1st grand size and shape, good head, splendid quality and carriage, 2nd nice size, rare col. and the best of shape; 3, Davies, good size and shape, grand col. and quality; 4, Turner, plenty of size, grand colour, good head and neck; vhc, Bevan; hc, Marsh; c, Proctor. TKD., ETC., YELL (5): 1, Davies, mkd. side of head, fine size, magnificent shape and quality, red hot col., real good one; 2, vhc, Leeming Bros., head, neck, wings and tail mkd., capital type and quality, nice col. and size; 3, Godley, mkd. head and wings, grand col. and quality; 4, Marsh, mkd. head, neck and wings, nice type and col., good quality and carriage. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Sandiford, the well-known Manchester, etc., winner leading, wonderful size and shape, magnificent quality, 3rd thigh tkd., grand col. and quality, good head and size; 2, Bevan, head, neck and wings mkd., good size and substance, fine head, neck and chest, grand quality, well shown; 4, Turner, head, neck and wing mkd., rare front, capital size and quality; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Davies; c, Huggins. YELL. HEN (9): 1, c, Seed, well known cl., grand shape, size and quality; 2, Davies, cap and wing mkd., Preston winner, grand bird, often described; 3, Marsh, cl., unflighted, really good hen, grand quality and shape; 4, Godley, another cl. unflighted, nice type and size; vhc, Curwen; hc, Bevan. BUFF (12): 1, Lightbown, cl., nice size and shape, lovely quality and col.; 2, Sandiford, griz. wing, grand shape, rare front, nice quality, close up; 3, Lloyd, marked head, wings, and root of tail, fine substance and type, full of quality; 4, Bevan, neat typical cl., lovely quality; vhc, Curwen; hc, Godley; c, Mercer. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Davies, mkd. head, breast and wings, well known winner; 2, vhc, Seed, leader mkd. eye and wing, nice size and quality, good col. and head; 3, Braybrook, cl., grand shape and quality, nice type and size; 4, Huggins, good head and neck, grand colour and quality; hc, Leeming Bros.; c, Marsh. BUFF (16): 1, Turner, cl., short and thick-set, fine substance and col., grand head and type; 2, Sandiford, griz. cap, rare size and substance, grand type and quality; 3, Marsh, cl. Preston winner, grand shape and size, rich under-colour and meal; 4, Mercer, head and wings mkd., good col. and quality, short and chubby; vhc, Lightbown; Braybrook; c, Seed. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Wilson, grand length, fine shape, good back, wings and tail, nice position and style; 2, Binns, very slim and leggy, full of style, nice length and carriage; 3, Bailey, plenty of length, grand type, very straight and stylish; 4, Lane, stands well up, grand length and quality, nice type; vhc, Binns; hc, Young; c, Proctor. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Thornton and Bower, leader smooth as glass, fine length and col., grand position, 2nd wonderful length, long well-carried flights and tail, nice narrow back, grand quality; 3, Bailey, very similar, extra quality and type; 4, Atkinson, good length, grand quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Lane; hc, Proctor; c, Binns. TKD., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Binns, leader thigh tkd., grand length, always at attention, very leggy, wonderful type and quality, 2nd well known, mkd. head and wings, grand Yorks. all through; 3, Bailey, griz. neck, stands on clever legs, fine length, grand type and quality; 4, Walsh, wing tkd., grand length and quality, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Atkinson. BUFF (8): 1, c, Hodgson, eyes and wing mkd., grand length, wonderful position, tight as box, good type and quality; 2, Binns, griz. cheek, rare type and position, good length, fine quality; 3, Bailey, slight griz. on wing, beautiful col., capital length and carriago; 4, Fisher, varieg., good length, nice type, hardly quality of leaders; vhc, Walsh; hc, Lane. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Binns, griz. wing, well drawn and stylish, good position, rattling type and feather, grand hen; 2, Lane, cl., well up on leg, good length, beautiful type and quality; 3, Walsh, cheek mkd., another long, smart and stylish hen, teeming with quality and nice col.; 4, Richmond, cl., grand length, nice type, well packed wings and tail; vhc, Fisher; hc, Richmond; c, Townsend. BUFF (14): 1, Binns, cl., feather like a Java, not a feather out of place, extra fine type, a real charmer; 2, Armstrong, another gem of a cl., magnificent quality, very well drawn and stylish; 3, Lane, cl., grand length and quality, beautiful wings and tail; 4, Proctor, cap mkd., grand long raking hen, good type and quality; vhc, Richmond; hc, Proctor; c, Thornton and Bower. UNFLIG. (21): 1, 2, Thornton and Bower, with a brace of gems, leader yell. mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, beautiful quality and shape, splendid carriage, stands like a guardsman, wins, 2nd Manchester winner, buff, superior quality and style, rare length and type, grand position; 3, Binns, long, stylish, cl. yell., beautiful quality, rare position and type; 4, vhc, Bailey, 4th long hot-col. cl. buff, grand type and magnificent quality, vhc long raking cl. yellow of nice type and quality; hc, Binns; c, Wilson. A.O.V. (9): 1, 4, Godley, couple of good yell. cinnamons; 2, Hales, buff Scotch Fancy; 3, Walnsley, cap mkd. yell. Belgian; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hales; c, Massey. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Kilner, really first-class Goldfinch, good size, rare tan, splendid blaze; 2, Hirst, exceedingly fine Bullfinch, capital size and shape; 3, Marsh, Goldfinch, good size and tan; 4, Archer, Bullfinch, superior type and col; vhc, Crossley; hc, Dickinson and Goodall; c, Ball. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Young, Bramblefinch, nice size and col., splendid feather, well shown; 2, Kilner, gem of a Redpoll, exquisite quality and col.; 3, 4, Watt, Chaffinch and Yellowhammer respectively, two very good exhibits; vhc, Bevan. SELL. (20/-) (13): 1, Leeming Bros.; 2, Young; 3, Davies; 4, Marsh; vhc, Binns; hc, Bevan; c, Meadowcroft. (12/6) (16): 1, Young; 2, Cunliffe; 3, Binns; 4, Dickinson and Goodall; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Durnford; c, Metcalf. GIFT (3): 1, 3, Bevan; 2, Binns. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Thomson, cl., capital size and shape, rich col. and nice feather; 2, Coupe, better quality, hot col., beautiful type, close up; 3, Nickson, plenty of size, good broad deep chest, nice col; 4, Massey, nice all-round exhibit; vhc, Winders; hc, Smalley; c, Moss. BUFF (8): 1, Knight, cl., good head, neck and chest, fine quality and col.; 2, Morrison, good substance and quality, nice col.; 3, Morrison, cl., grand carriage, correct type, rich col., well worth its place; 4, Winder, cl., short and cobby, full of quality and col.; vhc, Barton; hc, Moss; c, Cunliffe. NOR. HEN (11): 1, Coupe, cl. buff, good one, all front, good head, rare quality and col; 2, Cunliffe, very stout cl. yell., good 2nd; 2, Mrs. Knight, eye tkd. buff, very good type and quality; 4, Mrs. Knight, face and wings mkd. yell., nice type and quality; vhc, Cunliffe; hc, Meadowcroft; c, Metcalf. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Brennan, cl., grand length, beautiful col., nice quality, good position; 2, Bailey, wing tkd., rare col. and length, good quality; 3, Crossley, mkd. head and neck, grand length and quality, paler col.; 4, Ball, cl., very leggy and stylish; vhc, Pallison; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Riley. BUFF (8): 1, Sutcliffe, griz. neck and wing, fine long upstanding Yorks.; 2, Bailey, tkd. on head, real good one, fine type and quality, nice length, close up; 3, Durnford, capital length and quality, stronger; 4, Ball, cinnamon, mkd. face and wings, good quality and type, smaller; vhc, Crossley; hc, Ball. YORKS. HEN (6): 1, Crossley, very smart cl. yell.; 2, Ball, cinn., head and wing mkd. buff, very slim and leggy, full of quality; 3, Pallison, cl. buff, nice length and quality; 4, Ball, cinn. face and wing mkd. yell., nice size, beaten quality; hc, Pallison; c, Burgess.

CREWE.

Held November 26th and 27th, in the Co-operative Hall. The cage bird section was staged in the anteroom, which has nice light, and is suitably heated. Entries were not quite so numerous as they might have been, considering the half-prize money system so much in vogue was not resorted to here—a fact we should have thought exhibitors would have appreciated. Several classes of Norwich and Yorks unfortunately had the pen put through them. The British birds were a grand lot, both for number and quality. Some big winners turned up in this section. The hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Dutton, was here, there and everywhere. A better man to fill the post it would be very hard to find; he is a thorough worker, very methodical and obliging. The cage bird stewards were Messrs. Measures and Hancocks, who gave the exhibits every attention, having everything in order. Cards were put up as each class was judged. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Crimes, mkd. head, grand type and quality, well cleaned out, short wings and tail, grand substance, takes spl for best Nor.; 2, Rathbone, eye and wing mkd., splendid shape, nice substance and quality, good size; 3, V. Williams, uneven mkd., splendid type and quality, good head, nice frosting; res, Dixon, nice quality cl.; vhc, Owen; hc, Williams; c, Turner. UNFLIG. BUFF (8): 1, Turner, tkd. on head, splendid type, nice head, well cut away, grand quality and condition; 2, Rathbone, varieg., beautiful type, short wings and tail, grand col. and quality, nice condition, stiff claw on left foot; 3, Crimes, cl., nice shape and quality, good head, close up; res, Dixon, wing mkd., nice shape; vhc, V. Williams; hc, J. M. Williams; c, Turner. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, V. Williams, wing mkd., nice length, well-filled back, good shape, position and quality, wins; 2, Gillett, cl., well drawn, nice shapely bird; 3, J. M. Williams, tkd., grand length and shape, good back; r, Perry, nice length; vhc, Weedall Bros; c, Simpson; absent, Hawley. BORD., GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hancocks, smart quartette, buff green, yell. green, cinn. respectively, all nice shape, feather and carriage, little to choose between them; r, Brown, very nice buff green; absent, Wagstaff. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Tams and Son, well-known cl. buff, Gold.-Can., in good fettle, needs a wash; 2, 3, two very nice Gold.-Bullies, good condition, fine size, former trifle the largest and best in col.; r, Bowers and Robinson, dark Goldie-Can., nice size and condition; vhc, Dishart; hc, Lashman; c, J. H. Williams. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Tams and Son, grand size and shape, splendid face, beautifully burnished, very rich tan and bars, very steady, wins nicely; 2, Joncs, well-cut blaze, of rare width, equal to winner in size and shape, but hardly so rich in flush or tan, still very nice Finch; 3, Bower and Robinson, rare depth of tan and bars, nice polish; r, V. Williams, nice size and shape, good body col.; vhc, c, Roberts and Parry; hc, Davies. LINNET (9): 1, Jones, excellent shape, rich, nutty col., nicely pencilled breast, with centre well filled in, nice work on head, steady, grandly polished, good whites; 2, Joynson, fine size and shape, very nice col., good lacing, in rattling good condition; 3, Tams and Son, wee shade smaller, rich col., well pencilled, and steady; r, Bower and Robinson, nice shape and col., not far behind; vhc, Morgan; hc, Monlton; c, Oare. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, spl, Jones, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, lovely col., splendid bars, perfect shape bib, cleanly cut, very steady, shown in faultless trim, takes spl for best Brit.; 2, Tams and Son, very fine Yellow Bunting, rare size, very rich col., well laced; 3, Bower and Robinson, fine Bullie, good size and shape, splendid bars, breast and back col., well cut cap; r, Cherry, good Hawfinch, loses size and col. to winner; vhc, Weedall Bros.; hc, Sutton; c, Davies, good class. Somewhat of a novelty in the shape of a pure white House Sparrow was shown in this class, but was in poor feather, and did not seem much at home. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Hancocks, very fine blue-fronted Amazon, grand size, in nice feather; 2, 3, V. Williams, leader magnificent red-headed Gouldian, charming col., in excellent condition, pressed hard, 3rd pair Wood Swallows, cock bird beauty, splendid feather, hen out of feather and faulty feet, which spoiled their chance for 1st; r, vhc, hc, Measures. SELL. 15/- (11): 1, Owen; 2, Rathbone; 3, Cherry; r, Hancocks; vhc, Windsor; hc, Spilsbury; c, Windsor; absent (2), Dishart.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, held on Nov. 20th, at the Holme Lane Hotel. There were 80 birds staged. Mr. Chittenden (Bolton Woods), judged. Mr. H. H. Clarke won special on points.

CL. YELL. CK: 1, Mitchell; 2, Hodgson; 3, Clarke; 4, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, 4, Clarke; 3, Gledhill. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 3, Tidswell; 4, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Hodgson; 3, Sharp; 4, W. Worsman. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Clarke; 2, Hodgson; 3, 4, F. Worsman. BUFF: 1, Worsman; 2, Mitchell; 3, Hodgson. CINN. CK.: 1, Clarke; 2, Mellor; 3, F. Worsman. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Gledhill; 3, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, 3, Clarke; 2, Walker; 4, Hodgson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Worsman; 3, Atkinson; 4, Worsman. CINN. HEN: 1, Worsman; 2, Tidswell; 3, Atkinson; 4, Walker.

DUBLIN (Y.C.C. of Ireland.)

The Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland held their sixth annual show in the Central Hall, Westmoreland-street, Dublin, on November 25th and 26th. The chairman of the club is Mr. C. A. O'Reilly, the hon. secretary, Mr. J. R. Hyland, hon. treasurer, Mr. R. F. Dnigenan, and the following gentlemen comprise the committee: Messrs. Kenny, McKenzie, Lambert, Dowling, Thompson, Dr. Lavery, Hawkins, Neale, South, Keatinge, and W. C. Sholedice, who all worked hard amongst the exhibits, and did all they knew to make the show a success. We must congratulate Mr. J. R. Hyland, the capable hon. secretary on the way the birds were staged; every one could be seen. The prize cards, too, were placed as soon as handed in by the judge, Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford), whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction. The Yorkshires were a fine lot, and Mr. Fleming staged a beautiful Cinnamon-marked buff hen, which took special for best Yorkshire in show, his yellow hen won 3rd, but looked a little soft, and we should advise him to give this bird a rest. Messrs. C. O'Reilly, Hawkins, and Devins staged some fine birds, and Dr. Lavery staged a nice clear buff, which won 1st and special in its section. The Norwich were a fine lot, and the Belfast exhibitors, Messrs. Thompson and Stewart, won most of the prizes. British turned up well, and keen was the competition in the Linnet and Goldfinch classes. The attendance during the day was good, and we wish the club every success.

The Critique.

YORKS. CINN. TKD. CK. (6): 1, 2, Hawkins, 1st wing mkd., grand position, rich col., full of quality, neat, round head, long flights, piped tail, should make a good stock bird, 2nd unevenly mkd., boxy feather, well up on leg, long flights, piped tail; 3, T. F. O'Reilly, uneven mkd., fine quality feather, good wing carriage, piped tail, neat head, clean on chest; vhc, Morris; he, Mrs. W. S. Taylor; c, Stitt. CINN. MKD. HEN (3): 1, Fleming, buff eye and wing, rich col., long wings and tail, grand position, lovely quality, wins spl for best Yorks. in show; 2, Hawkins, variegated, yell., full of quality, rich col., well braced wings, piped tail, position; 3, T. F. O'Reilly, buff, uneven, boxy feather, rich col., nice type, good head. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Devins, noted unflig., well up on leg, long flights and tail, rich col., grand position, rare length, full of quality; 2, Birse, rich col., full of quality, good head, well braced wings and tail, typical; 3, T. F. O'Reilly, very stylish, full of quality, good head, clean on chest, well braced wings; vhc, C. A. O'Reilly, grand position, full of quality; he, Farrell; c, Hawkins. CL. YELL. HEN (9): 1, McDonnell, full of quality, well up on leg, good head, well braced wings and tail, rich col., grand position; 2, T. F. O'Reilly, very breedy, stands well, good wings and tail, boxy feather, shows a little frill at times; 3, Fleming, noted winner, grand hen, full of quality, long flights and tail, good head, rich col., looking soft; vhc, Keatinge; he, C. A. O'Reilly; c, Cloke. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Coyne, very stylish, full of quality, round head, well braced wings, piped tail, rich col.; 2, Devins, face col., boxy feather, typical, long flights and tail, good head, round chest; 3, C. A. O'Reilly, rich col., boxy feather, typical, good head and chest, long flights and tail; vhc, Hawkins; he, Birse; c, Keatinge. HENS (10): 1, he, Hawkins, full of quality, good head, well braced wings, rich col; 2, Farrel, rich col. and full of quality, typical, good head, wings and tail; 3, Cloke, full of quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, crosses wings at times; vhc, Fortune; c, Devins. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, McDonnell, cheek mkd., pale col., full of quality, long flights and tail, typical; 2, Farrell, cheek mkd., very boxy feather, stands well, good wings and tail, clean on chest; 3, Hawkins, wing tkd., lovely quality, good head, clean on breast, very stylish; vhc, C. A. O'Reilly; he, Fleming; c, Cloke. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, McDonnell, 1st wing tkd., rich col., full of quality, very stylish, well braced wings, piped tail, good head, 2nd variegated, rich col., lovely quality, long flights and tail, grand position; 3, Cloke, cheek tkd., boxy feather, nice quality feather, fine position, good head; vhc, Fleming; he, C. A. O'Reilly; c, Hawkins. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Devins, neck mkd., rich col., boxy feather, stands well, good head, wings and tail; 2, T. F. O'Reilly, cap mkd., rich col., nice quality, grand type, long flights and tail; 3, Cloke, cap mkd., boxy feather, very stylish, good head, clean on chest; vhc, Keatinge; he, Meehan. HEN (11): 1, Hawkins, mkd. on shoulder, lovely quality feather, nice, even col., well up on leg, and grand position, good flights and tail; 2, Coyne, thigh tkd., boxy feather, neat, round head, well braced wings, piped tail; 3, McDonnell, thigh tkd., long flights and tail, rich col. and quality, grand position; vhc, Fleming; he, Birse; c, Devins. NOR. COL. FED. YELL CK. (1): 1, Hawkins. HEN (1): 1, Hawkins. CL. BUFF CK. (2): 1, T. F. O'Reilly; 2, Hawkins, both good ones. HEN (3): 1, Hawkins, very typical, boxy feather, long flights and tail; 2, Fortune, stylish, good head, wings and tail; 3, T. F. O'Reilly. TKD., ETC., BUFF CK. (5): 1, 2, Hawkins, buff, variegated, full of quality, grand wing carriage, rich col., well up on leg, 2nd yell tkd., leggy, good head, lovely quality rich col., nice position; 3, vhc, Kenny, 3rd buff variegated, boxy feather, again well up on leg, good head, wings and tail. HEN (4): 1, McDonnell, buff tkd., magnificent quality, rich col., typical, neat head, nicely placed wings; 2, Holly, tkd. head buff, good wing carriage, lovely quality and col, very stylish; 3, Hawkins, variegated, yell. cinn. mkd., silky feather, rich col., very stylish; vhc, Kenny, NOV., CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Keogh, grand position and quality, neat head, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Woods, very stylish, long flights and tail, lovely quality; 3, Gaskin, neat and full of quality, fine position; vhc, Stewart; he, McArdle; c, Dr. Lavery. HEN (5): 1, Holly, teeming with quality, rich col., neat head, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Gaskin, grand type and quality; 3, Hyland, very stylish and full of quality; vhc, O'Hara; he, Dr. Lavery. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Dr. Lavery, gem, teeming with quality, stands well, well braced wings, piped tail, grand position, wins; 2, Hyland, very stylish, good head, long flights and tail; 3, Gaskin, lovely feather, grand position, piped tail; vhc, Loane; he, c, Holly. HEN (7): 1, Gaskin, neat head, clean on breast, lovely quality, rich col., fine position; 2, Loane, nice type and quality, long flights, pipe tail; 3, Dr. Lavery, very stylish, well braced wings, piped tail, full of quality; vhc, Lea; he, Stewart; c, McArdle. TKD., ETC., CK. (8): 1, Lea, yell. tkd., lovely feather, rich col., well up on leg, grand position, piped tail; 2, 3, Dr. Lavery, buff tkd., full of quality and style, good head, wings and tail, 3rd yell, rich col. and feather, very typical, neat head, nicely braced wings, neat tail; vhc, Keogh; he, McEntagart; c, Holly. HEN (9): 1, McEntagart, buff tkd., lovely quality of feather, rich col., grand position; 2, Keogh, yell., nice type, slim, very rich col., boxy feather, well braced wings, neat tail; 3, Dr. Lavery, cinn. tkd. buff, silky feather, neat wings and tail, grand position; vhc, Dr. Lavery; he, Mrs. W. S. Taylor; c, Hyland. SELL. YORKS. CK. 21/- (17): 1, Kenny; 2, Hawkins; 3, Dowling; vhc, Woods; he, O'Hara; c, Cloke. HENS, 21/- (10): 1, Fleming; 2, C. A. O'Reilly; 3, Fortune; vhc, c, Kenny; he, Dnigenan. A.O.V. 21/- (2): 1, 2, Stitt. YORKS. CK., 15/- (14): 1, Hawkins; 2, he, Cloke; 3, Hyland; vhc, C. A. O'Reilly; c, Miss O. W. Perrin. HEN 15/- (9): 1, Hawkins; 2, 3, Cloke; vhc, C. A. O'Reilly; he, c, Kenny. A.O.V., 15/- (4): 1, O'Hara; 2, Downing; 3, vhc, Stitt. CREST, CK. (1): 1, Birse, good centre and droop, plenty of feather. HEN (1): 1, Birse, grand droop and centre and feather. C.B. (2): 1, Birse, well lashed, plenty of substance and feather; 2, Geddis, feather and substance. NOR., CL., YELL. (3): 1, Carson, mulig., blaze of col., full of quality, good head and chest, correct type, short and chubby; 2, Thompson, rich col., boxy feather, good head and neck and chest, short; 3, Stewart, rich col., good head and chest, full of quality, nice shade long. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Thompson, good head, neck and chest, rich col., full of quality, grand type, 2nd again full of quality, nice col., good head, nice wing carriage; 3, Carson, very typical, boxy feather, short and chubby; 4, Stewart, wee bit down when we saw it; vhc, Meehan. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Stewart, variegated, buff, lovely shape, magnificent quality, rich col., good head and neck, 2nd cap mkd. yell., nice quality and wing carriage, rich col., good head; 3, Thompson, variegated, yell., rich col. and quality, grand type. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Thompson, good head and neck, full of quality, rich col., short and chubby; 2, Stewart, very fine feather, rich col., short and chubby. 3, Owens and Magee, very short and chubby, full of quality. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Thompson, 1st full of quality, rich col., good head and neck, grand wings and tail, 2nd tkd. on head, boxy feather, rich col., grand wings and tail, short and chubby; 3, Stewart, teeming with quality, a wee shade small; 4, Owens and Magee. VARIEG., HEN (2): 1, Meehan, variegated, full of quality; 2, Thompson, variegated, boxy feather, good head, grand wings and tail. SCOT. FCY. HEN (1): 1, Birch. SCOT. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Birch. MULES—GOLDIE-CAN, LIGHT, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Mulcahy, yell., even mkd., lovely type and feather, 3rd variegated buff, plenty of size, boxy feather; 2, vhc, Lavery, 2nd buff, even mkd., full of quality, grand type; he, Birse; c, McKenna. DARK (5): 1, Owens and Magee, buff, good size, lovely quality, rich col, well shown; 2, vhc, McCaldin, yell., rich col., magnificent quality, grand type; 3, Birse, yell, rich col., lovely quality, good size and very typical; he, McKenna. LINNET-CAN. LIGHT (2): 1, Lavery; 2, Birse, both good. DARK (6): 1, Mulcahy, good size, lovely quality, shown well, good bird; 2, Birse, close up, full of quality, in the pink of condition; 3, Geddis; vhc, Miss O. W. Perrin; he, McComas; c, Lavery. A.O. CAN. MULE (6): 1, Owens and Magee, Greenie-Can, good size and condition, lovely col., well shown; 2, Gilchrist, Siskin-Can, lovely quality, nice type, staged in the pink; 3, Lavery, good Greenie-Can.; vhc, O'Hara; he, Downing; c, McComas. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, he, c, Mulcahy, lovely square blaze, tan and buttons, in the pink of condition, good size; 2, 3, vhc, Lavery, 2nd good blaze and buttons, shown in the pink, 3rd rich col., blaze, nice bars and buttons. LINNET (17): 1, Miss Wall, rich, nut-brown, nicely pencilled, grand type, very steady; 2, Hathe, grandly pencilled, very steady, good one; 3, O'Neile, steady, nicely pencilled, fine col.; vhc, he, c, Mulcahy. SISKIN, ETC. (13): Miss Wall, yell. Siskin, fine bib, well pencilled, very steady, in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, Mulcahy; 2, Redpoll grand feather, rich col., very showy; 3, he, Cloke; 3rd Siskin, nice bib, rich col.; c, Birse. SKYLARK (7): 1, 2, Birse, 1st rich col., nicely barred, very steady, grandly staged, 2nd rich col. and bars, leggy; 3, vhc, Mulcahy, 3rd good chest, nice wings, rich col., nicely pencilled; he, Miss O. W. Perrin; c, Harford. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Birse; 1, Starling, in lovely condition, 2nd Thrush, nicely pencilled, lovely col., very steady; 3, Mulcahy; vhc, Curley. BULLFINCH CK. (8): 1, Ross, good head, cap, rich col., grand type, in the pink; 2, Birse, good cap, rich col., well shown; 3, Owens and Magee, nice cap, rich col.; vhc, Mulcahy; he, McArdle; c, Payne. HENS (7): 1, 2, 3, Mulcahy; vhc, Miss O. Perrin; he, c, Birse, all good ones. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Lavery, 1st Goldie-Bullie; 2, Greenie-Bullie. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD (12): 1, Miss Wall, Hawfinch, nice bib, rich col., good head, staged well; 2, vhc, Mulcahy, Bramble; 3, Birse. SOFTBILL (4): 1, vhc, Mulcahy, Magpie, in lovely feather; 2, 3, Birse, 2nd Missel Thrush, 3rd Blackbird. GIFT (6): 1, C. A. O'Reilly; 2, Hawkins; 3, Dnigenan; vhc, Hyland; he, Kenny; c, Cloke. FOR. GOLDIE (1): 1, Wright and Co., good, big one. PARROT, ETC. (1): 1, Cloke. LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (1): 1, Miss K. F. Perrin. SMALL SEEDEATERS (4): 1, Wilson, Weaver; 2, 3, Doran, Orange Bishop and Weaver; vhc, Miss K. F. Perrin, a really grand lot, admirably shown. WAXBILLS (2): 1, Wilson, Zebra Waxbills; 2, Miss K. F. Perrin, Mannikins, both exhibits in the pink of health and condition.

BRANDON COLLIERY.

Second exhibition held on Nov. 20th. The cage birds were most comfortably staged by an able committee. Treasurer, Mr. C. Criston; hon. sec., Mr. G. Reed. Judge, Mr. R. S. Bewick, who gave every satisfaction. Cage birds had three classes.

CAN. AV. (14): 1, 4, and spl. for best in show, Atess, the noted Crest-bred, third at last Crystal Palace show; 4, grey Crest; 2, c, Rutherford, yell. Nor.; 3, vhc, Watson, variegated Crest; he, Rowell. LINNET (19): 1, 2, he, Watson, two grand birds, well on perch, good pencilling, one equally as good as the other; 3, Davison, larger, fails only in breast, otherwise good one; vhc, Bails; c, Cameron. BRIT. (23): 1, Davison, Brambleinch, very large one, grand pencilling, wins well; 2, Bambridge, Yellowhammer; 3, Atess, Thrush; vhc, Rutherford; he, Atess; c, Jones.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

Fifth annual show held at the Kursaal, on Nov. 23rd and 24th. The President is his Worship the Mayor, Mr. G. Larman is chairman, and Mr. O. M. Howard, vice. Mr. B. P. T. Jones and Mr. G. Darbon are hon. secretaries, and made most excellent arrangements for the success of the show, the only drawback to which, so far as we could see, being the unfortunate coldness of the building, there being no means of obtaining anything like a sufficiency of artificial heat. This may also have had something to do with the failure of entries in this section, no fewer than half the classes having to be cancelled. What few cage birds were on show, however, were of splendid quality. Cup for best bird was won by Mr. L. Parish, with a beautiful buff Yorkshire. Mr. Wheat won special for best Mule, with a rattling specimen of the Cinn. Greenie-Can. cross. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

YORKS., BUFF, ETC. (5): 1, cup, 2, 3, r, vhc, Parish, splendid team, leader topping bird, rare quality, well up on leg, 2nd very close up, well up on leg, sweet head. YELL. HEN (5): All prizes to Mr. Parish, winner tkd. bird, grand size and feather. BUFF (5): Again all to Mr. Parish. The fifteen birds in the three classes were a grand team, and did the owner credit. MULES (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, r, vhc, he, c, Wheat, another grand team, put down by one fancier, leader beautiful glossy feathered bird, cross apparently between the Greenfinch and yell. Cinn. Can.; there were also some fine dark Linnet-Can. Mules in the team.

ILKESTON.

Ninth annual open show held on Nov. 27th and 28th in the Victoria Hall, Bath Street. There proved to be a record entry. A very liberal classification is always given here for Norwich, Yorkshires and Crests, and a good number of Hybrid, British, and Foreign classes filled up the rear. Norwich came up in very good force; so did the Yorkshires. Crests and Crest-breds came up well for quality, but we would like to see more birds per class where seven classes and a specialist judge to boot are provided. Hybrids, British, and Foreign came up splendidly, and the committee were highly pleased with the excellent entry. Some of the best birds in the kingdom were staged. What a fine list of patrons who subscribe from 1s. up to 10s. 6d. each there are—some 80 odd, far too many to enumerate here. It speaks volumes for the workers; no wonder they make the show a success. The committee is composed of Mr. H. Hunt (chairman), Mr. E. Beardsley (vice-chairman), and Messrs. J. H. Booth, W. Henshaw, J. Straw, W. Cliffe, W. Eaton, R. Pender, W. Brocklesby, J. Gregory, G. E. Shaw, Chas. Martin, A. Thompson, J. Martin, R. Smith, and S. Keightley. Mr. M. Marriott is treasurer and Mr. Thos. Smith secretary. The latter gentleman works in an efficient manner, and leaves nothing to chance. A good three-tier staging give plenty of room for the birds. A fine stall of cages and all accessories and appliances and foods was fixed up at one end of the show by the secretary, Mr. Smith. The birds were all staged in good time, and the three judges got through their work well, so that catalogues with awards were on sale in good time in the afternoon. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged the Norwich and Yorkshires, Mr. M. Norwood (of Norwood Bros.) the Crests, and Mr. C. Houlton the Hybrids, British, and Foreigners.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Christian, well up in substance, very shapely, good quality and col., clean cut, jaunty carriage; 2, Barwise and Hymas, rich col., nice feather, grand shaped body; 3, 4, Vardy, very hot, shapely and of good size, 4th ablaze with col., fine substance, nice type; vhc, Tow; he, Hunt; c, Twine. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Wagg, both gems, well up in size lovely feather and col., covered over with neat frosting, former shade shortest in build; 3, 4, Vardy, capital quality, nice shape and carriage, neatly mealed, beaten in head and neck character; 4th fine feather and col., good shape; vhc, he, Pickering; c, Tow. TKD. (13): 1, Fox, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, full of col., teeming with quality, rare shape, size and carriage, well known winner; 2, Christian, Buff, lightly variegated, short and thick set, red hot, A1 quality and meal, clean cut away, Wolverhampton winner; 3, 4, Adnitt and Driver yell., mkd. neck, well up in size, rich feather and col., good shape to-day, 4th Buff, mkd. neck and eyes, cobby and of lovely quality, well mealed, nice type; vhc, Vardy; he, Tow; c, Greaves. HEN (17): Grand lot. 1, vhc, Adnitt and Driver, cl. yell., model for type, lovely quality and col., rare size, jaunty carriage, gem; 2, 4, Fox, cl. Buff of magnificent shape and substance, tight as a Java, rich col. and frosting, 4th yell., thigh tkd., very warm, A1 feather, good size and shape, well cut away; 3, Hunt, massively built cl. Buff, wonderful body, nice feather and meal, good carriage; he, Gill; c, C. and H. Twine. UNFLIG. (24): Lovely class: 1, vhc, c, Vardy, Buff, mkd. eyes and rump, short and thick set, slashing col., quality and frosting, clean cut away, jaunty carriage, gem; 2, Whetstone, red hot cl. yell., rattling substance, good shape and quality, nice wings and tail, very promising; 3, Woolhouse, Buff, mkd. wings and eyes, similar to 1st as regards col. and quality; 4, Hunt, yell., tkd. head, A1 col., silky feather, grand body, wings and tail; he, Winterbottam. NAT. COL. (6): 1, C. and H. Twine, Buff, cap mkd., rare substance, grand shape, well frosted, capital carriage, wins; 2, Martin, cl. yell., very shapely and of capital feather nice size, clean cut, good one, well across perch; 3, Keightley, Buff, cap mkd., all shape, well feathered, very neat; 4, Booth, yell., mkd. wing, good in feather and substance; vhc, Richards; No. 4, Bagnall, w.c. PAIRS (20s.) (14): 1, Daleman and Sons; 2, Greaves; 3, Adnitt and Driver; 4, Smith; vhc, Fox; he, Bagnall; c, England. SELL. (10s.) (14): 1, Greaves; 2, 4, Fox; 3, Hunt; vhc, Mason; he, Shaw; c, Daleman and Sons. CREST (7): 1, Burrows, buff variegated, D.C., abundance of feather, rare substance, crest of immense size and radiation, lovely droop, perfect centre, topper; 2, 4, Colledge, Buff, cl. body, grizz. crest, grand shape and size crest large and as round as a rim, capital droop and centre, gem, 4th Buff, mkd. D.C. lovely quality, crest of very neat shape and droop; 3, Brown, buff mkd. wings D.C., plenty of rich quality feather, rattling substance, crest of good size and shape; vhc, Woolley; he, Seagrave and Miller; c, Osborne. HEN (9): 1, Barker, Buff, mkd. wings and tail, D.C., wonderful feather, large veiny crest of great size, round as a florin, delightful droop and centre, topper all over; 2, Holmes, buff green pied tail, D.C., well up in size, abundance of feather, leafy crest of grand formation, droop and centre, gem; 3, he, Burrows, buff variegated, D.C., capital quality, good size, lovely frontal crest, covering bill well, neat centre; 4, Colledge, buff variegated, D.C., fine substance of feather, very shapely crest, bonny bird when up in condition; vhc, Brown; c, Osborne. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Colledge, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., abundance of rich quality feather, rare substance, crest of excellent feather, promising; 2, Sheldon, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., wealth of feather, fine sized frame, crest neat formation; 3, White, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., capital feather, crest neat. C. B. (9): 1, Richards, buff, variegated, wonderful substance, heaps of feather, fine width of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, Osborne, almost green, monster, rattling feather, finely browed one, we like well; 3, Burrows, buff variegated, fine substance and of A1 quality feather, broad skull, nice lash, well worth its place; 4, Seagrave and Miller, cl. yell., lovely quality, grand shaped body, bonny; vhc, Barker; he, Colledge; c, White. HEN (6): 1, Colledge, buff, mkd. wings and head, wealth of rich feather, A1 shape and substance, capital width of skull, grandly lashed; 2, Brown, buff variegated, plenty of feather, neat head character well browed; 3, he, Wigginton, almost green, abundance of feather, nice body; 4, White, cl. yell. heaps of feather rare length of head feather; vhc, Woolley. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 3, Barker, buff variegated, lots of feather, wonderful substance and quality, lovely skull and lash, bird with a future, 3rd buff variegated, possessing wealth of feather, grand body substance, flat in skull, rather nice brow; 2, Colledge, buff variegated, very shapely, A1 feather, nice skull properties very bonny; 4, White, buff, mkd. wings and eyes nice body, good turnover of head feather, neat lash; vhc, C. and H. Twine. LINNET (25s.) (6): 1, Holmes, buff, almost green D.C., very cheap; 2, Mason; 3, Woolley; 4, Wigginton; vhc, Twine; he, Osborne. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, mkd. wings, red hot, takes Sandiford's spl, straight as a rush, good length, rare quality, well up on leg; 2, Drabble, very lengthy cl., stands beautifully, a beauty; 3, 4, White, cl. yell., good length, full of style, capital feather good legs, 4th yell. green, rich colour and feather, lengthy and leggy, nice back flights and tail; vhc, Kn[illegible] Geo and Wilson; c, Athey. BUFF (6): 1, W[illegible] mkd., magnificent feather, rare col. and [illegible] fine length and position, clever legs; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, very stylish cl., teeming with col. and quality, stands erect; 3, Knowles, cl., capital feather and position, good length, nice back and wing carriage; 4, Chambers fine long drawn cl. well up in position, full of style; vhc, Athey; he, Barwise, Hymas. HENS (10): 1, Smith, very lengthy cl. yell., neat and narrow, A1 quality, beautiful back, flights and tail, gem (get a more suitable top perch, Mr. S., one broader); 2, Halliday and Chittenden, very nervy cl. Buff, beautifully feathered, always there, nice length of legs, close up; 3, Drabble, shooty cl. Buff, nicely clothed, good length, nice back and wing carriage, close up; 4, vhc, Thorpe, fine long drawn cl. yell., stands well, full of col. and quality; he, Mason; c, Knowles. UNFLIG. (16): Nice class: 1, Smith, cl. yell., feathered to perfection, rare col., stands like a guardsman, one of the very best; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, cl. buff, lovely salmon tint, beautiful position, good length, well filled back, A1 wing carriage; 3, c, Thorpe, cl. yell., near on longest in class stands well; 4, Woolhouse, cl. yell., very lengthy good feather and col., requires more training; vhc, Mason; he, White. LIMIT (20s.) (10): 1, Knowles; 2, c, Mason; 3, Eaton; 4, vhc, Drabble; he, Seedings. CINN.: Void. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Naylor, buff Bord., mkd. wing, smooth as wax, lovely shape, full of action very bonny, 3rd cl. yell. Bord., A1 quality, good head, neck and body, bit too long in tail, free mover; 2, T. Smith, buff, tour-pointed Nor., capital size and shape, good col. and quality, worth its place; 4, he, Pickering, Silver Lizard, cl. cap, nice col. and quality, neat spangling; vhc, Bexon; c, R. Smith; No. 4, Adnitt and Driver, w.c.; No. 8, W. Vardy, w.c., former buff Nor., mkd. wings and eyes and left side of rump, latter yell. Nor., mkd. wings, eyes and right side of root of tail; should have been in Class 3.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, vhc, R. Bond, old champion cl. Goldie-Can., in the pink of form; 2, 3, Colton and Dawn, noted Green Bullie and buff Goldie-Can., both in fine feather; 4, he, Vardy, pair of four-pointed Goldie-Can., former largest. (Here, the judge informs us, a fine Goldie-Bullie was meant to be 4th, but through a slip of the pencil in getting the numbers, it was left out of the awards, and the slip was not seen until too late to alter it); c, Naylor. DARK CAN. (9): 1, 4, R. Bond, very large Can.-Bullie and a fine yell. Linnet-Can., both in fine condition; 2, Longden, well-known Cinn. Green Can., in fine feather and condition; 3, T. Smith, very smart, well mkd. yell. Siskin-Can., in tight glossy condition; vhc, Naylor, nice feather; he, Alton and Thompson; c, Barwise and Hymas, Siskin-Can. BRIT GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Alton and Thompson, rich cl. cut blaze, nice moons and bars, good tail; 2, P. Walsh, broad set bird, nice moons, bars and tail, just gives way a bit in face only to-day; 3, Hurst, very deep col., fine quality; 4, Barwise and Hymas, good big old bird; vhc, Coy[illegible]; he, P. Walsh; c, Beardsley; No. 5, good bird, had lost wing flights, which kept it back. BULLFINCH (15): Very warm lot: 1, P. Walsh, real good cage-moulted one, splendid cap, back wings, tail and breast, good col., level as possible.; 2, Hexter, fine col., good chest and back, runs very close for 1st; 3, Hurst, very tight run with other two, in grand order; 4, Tarlton, in splendid condition; vhc, Robinson, very fine bold bird, bit sneezy; he, c, Caunt, he the finest in class, but has right wing amiss somehow. GREENFINCH (16): 1, 2, P. Walsh, pair of beauties, former shows best, both in grand feather, fine cobby shape; 3, he, W. Henshaw, hard run for honours, fine bold bird, shows A1, in grand feather; 4, Robinson, natural col., in champion condition; vhc, Wagg; c, Hurst. LINNET (17): Really good class of merit: 1, Longden, looking very smart and level in feather all over, fine head, well coned body, good col., markings, and condition; 2, Henshaw, equal in practically all points, and hard to separate from winner; 3, vhc, Tams and Son, really good pair, well mkd., grand col. and bloom; 4, Vardy, large cobby shape, fine bold chest; he, Hurst; c, P. Walsh, all good. SISKIN (10): 1, Christian, large broad set, natural col. bird, in fine feather, good cap, markings and condition; 2, Hurst, very smart, deep col. bird, pretty cap and markings in glossy condition; 3, Poole, good bird all over; 4, Goode, pretty hen, in A1 condition; vhc, P. Walsh; he, Henshaw; c, Howard. TWITE, ETC. (7): 1, Caunt, beautifully mkd. Twite, fine shape body, in rare glossy condition; 2, P. Walsh, good mealy Redpoll; 3, Bishop, good Twite; 4, Hadley, Lesser Redpoll, A1 bib, etc.; vhc, c, Henshaw; he, Booth. BRAMBLE, ETC. (16): 1, Longden, tip-top Brambie, well-known winner, in splendid condition; 2, P. Walsh, very cobby Chaffinch, fine sheen, rare breast, etc.; 3, 4, Hurst, capital Bramble, runs very hard on winner; 4, Conger, fine-headed Chaffinch; 2, vhc, Alton and Thompson, rare good Bramble, in very fine condition; he, Hexter, also fine Bramble; c, Goode, nice Bramble. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, Wagg, very smart, large, well-conditioned Nightingale, in grand form; 2, Hexter, really fine Thrush, grandly spotted, in A1 form; 3, Hardy, fine Hawfinch, in A1 condition; 4, Alton and Thompson, long raking Blackbird, in nice feather and condition; vhc, c, Caunt, rare good Cornbunting and a Cirl Bunting; he, Ford and Son, neat yell. Bunting. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, 2, Baxby, really fine Pennant leading, and a fine pair of Alexandrines in good form; 3, Hadley, good pair of many-coloured Parrakeets; 4, Storer, nice Alexandrine. SMALL (9): 1, Howe, grand Crimson Finch in very tight condition; 2, 3, Mrs. M. Galloway, lovely pair of Red-headed Gouldian Finches and a pretty Parrot Finch in delightful feather and condition; 4, Naylor, very neat pair of Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, in A1 feather; vhc, Buxey; he, Bexon; c, Pollard. MEMBERS.—A.V. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, Hunt and Brentnall; 2, Gregory; 3, T. Smith; 4, J. H. Booth. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Henshall, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Bramble and Greenfinch; vhc, Martin, Linnet; he, T. Smith, Goldfinch; c, Keighley, Redpoll.

WOOLWICH.

The few classes provided at the 36th annual show of the Woolwich F.S. were not as well supported as could have been expected, exhibitors probably objecting to the curtailment of prizes according to entries. The exhibits were comfortably staged in the Windsor Assembly Rooms. Mr. Kirk makes an ideal secretary, and is to be complimented upon his successful management. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

YORKS (4): 1, r, Pittis, winner nice long slim yell., good wing carriage, r straight stylish buff; vhc, Golding. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, r, Harris, Crest, and a C.B., former large crest with good centre and droop. NOR. (4): 1 spl, vhc, Marshall, lovely quality yell., tight as wax; r, Golding, typical buff, nice silky feather. NOR., MEMBERS': 1, Marshall, very good shape and quality; 2, Worth, good chested bird; 3, Pittis, fails only in col. and quality of feather. BRIT. (4): 1, r, vhc, Marshall, very steady feather. BRIT. (4): 1, r, vhc, Marshall, very steady feather. BRIT. (4): 1, r, vhc, Marshall, very steady feather, won easily, followed by a Greentinch, in Linnet, rare form. SELL. (20/-): 1, r, Marshall; vhc, Worth; vhc, Harris.

SALE.

C.S. held their second annual exhibition on Nov. 26th and 27th at the Technical School. A finer room for a carnival of this description would be almost impossible to locate. It is unsurpassable for light (electric by night), spacious, lofty, absolutely void of draughts, nicely warmed by patent heating apparatus, and correctly ventilated. To sum up in a nutshell, the "ideal." The chairman is Mr. J. Walker, who acts with good judgment and courtesy. The Show Committee consists of a band of most willing workers, viz.: Messrs. J. Leigh, J. Hurst, J. Gray, W. McCormack, E. Morgan, G. Whitney, F. Fields, C. Fields, T. Critchley, and J. D. Dunkley, with Treasurer W. Fields. Very valuable assistance was rendered as regards unpacking and re packing of exhibits, stage fixing, and general show management by Messrs. F. Fields, C. R. Fields, W. McCormack, T. Fielding (who gave special help to the secretary), and J. Grey. Great credit is due to one and all for the manner in which they got through their task. Mr. Jas. Irlam, the hon. sec., assisted by Mr. H. Whitney as his "understudy," proved themselves experts in directing operations so as to ensure success, nothing being too much for them to do, whilst they were always smiling and courteous—a bruce of the "right straln." One must not omit a word for Mrs. J. Irlam, who acted as assistant for her "worst-half" in no mean manner. She worked hard (so "Jim" said). The staging of the specimens had been well thought out; every bird could be seen at a glance, and those responsible are to be complimented. The stewards were Messrs. G. Alcock, T. Critchley, and A. Holt, a trio of excellent fanciers, who got through the tremendous amount of work that an entry of upwards of 500 birds entails. Mr. Wm. Whalley attended to the feeding and watering of the exhibits, also rendered capital assistance to the secretary. All long-distanced birds were despatched on the Saturday at 7.10 p.m., so as to arrive at their destinations the same evening. Everything went off smoothly as "marriage bells." Special for best-conditioned bird in show went to Mr. J. W. Walsh, his Cornish Chough being in perfect bloom. Carter's special fell to Mr. F. F. Field; best Norwich to Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor; best Yorkie, Mr. W. Broughton; best open Novice Nor., Mr. F. Hargreaves; Hyde's, Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor; Sandiford's medal, Mr. J. Irlam. For the members' cup and gold medal, Mr. W. Fieldes and Mr. F. Field tied with same number of points and same amount of prize money. To bring about an amicable arrangement, Mr. W. Fieldes decided to accept the medal, presented by T. Shield, Esq., president, and the cup went to Mr. F. Field, this latter trophy being given by W. P. Pearson, Esq., one of the vice-presidents. Members who won honours were Messrs. G. Hickson, E. Jones, R. Griffiths, E. Morgan, C. R. Feild, W. McCormack, and J. Spencer. The judges were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and A. Wellings (Prescot), and their awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

YELL. YORKS (12): 1, spl, Broughton, very lengthy cl., straight as a pencil, lovely feather, finely filled back, A1 wing carriage, gem; 2, hc, Blackburn and Mitchell, mkd. wings and eyes, capital col. and feather, rattling position, well carried flights and tail, Barnsley winner; 3, Shaw Bros., mkd. wing, good length, stands nicely, rare quality, one we liked; 4, Wilkinson, mkd. neck and wing, red hot, fine lengthy specimen, rattling feather; vhc, Knowles; c, Mrs. Sunderland. HEN (5): 1, Broughton, cl., wonderful length, tight as a Java, stands like a rush, perfect back flights and tail, beauty; 2, 4, Baxter, with a brace of good ones, tkd. neck, lengthy and leggy, full of breed, 1909 bred, very promising, 4th mkd. wing and neck, straight as a rush, beautifully clothed, nervy and of good col.; 3, Jones and Chester, very stylish cl., but all there tor col., quality and position; vhc, Knowles. BUFF (9): 1, c, Broughton, cl., marvellous length, smooth as a bottle, capital position, delightful back and wing carriage; 2, Knowles, mkd. wing, feathered to perfection, great length, A1 position, very close up indeed, gem; 3, Wilkinson, thigh tkd., rich col. and quality, fine long drawn bird, erect, capital wings and tail; 4, vhc, Jones, and Chester, cl., very lengthy and leggy, superb quality; hc, Shaw Bros. HEN (8): 1, Dewhurst, cl., tight as wax, shooty, and of capital length, in full bloom, 1909 bred; 2, Shaw Bros., cl., rattling quality and col., good length, very bonny; 3, he, Broughton, cl. straight as a reed finely feathered, good length; 4, Knowles, mkd. neck, capital col., richly frosted, very lengthy and of good stand; vhc, Wilkinson; No. 8, Astles and Howard, w.c., cl yell. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, spl, Cleminson and Taylor, brace of toppers, former mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, magnificent quality, sweetly moulded, good substance, 2nd mkd. wings and head, full of col., teeming with quality, good shape, not far away; 3, Unwin, cl., very shapely and of A1 carriage, deep-chested, clean cut under; 4, Critchley, mkd. wings, fine size, nice col. and quality; vhc, Irlam, former very neat all-round specimen; hc, Worthington; No. 3, Allen, w.c., cl. Buff. HEN (7) 1, Cook, cl., magnificent shape, well up in substance, capital feather, grand jaunty carriage, would look better after an introduction to Sunlight; 2, vhc, Wrigley, bonny unflg. cl., short and thick set, A1 col., good size, capital wing carriage, close up; 3, 4, Worthington, cl., good substance, nice feather, 4th lovely quality and col., very smart shape, 1909 bred; hc, Jones and Chester; c, Unwin. BUFF (7): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, mkd. wing and eyes, slashing shape, delightful feather col. and mealing, appearing bit soft, when right an eye opener, still wins; 2, Wrigley, cl., ablaze with col., A1 type, good feather and carriage, clean cut, quite a charmer; 3, Coulson, finely built cl., nice shape, col. and frosting, clean cut, good 3rd; 4, Unwin, very cobby cl. feathered to perfection, rattling col., hurt one foot and could not show to best advantage; vhc, Critchley; hc, Jones and Chester; No. 2, Allen, w.c., Yel. HEN (7): 1, Cook, griz. tail, marvellous size, wonderful head, neck and chest, superior feather, nice col. and meal, qualifying for "old age pension," been a topper; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, cl., unbeatable for shape, rattling feather, good col. and carriage, very bonny; 3, Royle, cl., good quality, nice size, better col. than 2nd, but not so neat in head and neck character; 4, c, Unwin, cl., full of col., teeming with quality, rattling substance, worth her place; vhc, Critchley; hc, Allen. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Cook, mkd. wings and head, grand shape, all quality, lovely col. and carriage, rare front, bird with a future; 2, Critchley, very ruddy cl., sweet shape, certainly very promising, shown in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, Unwin, cl., capital quality, grand shaped body, clean cut, far from a bad one; 4 Worthington, cl., ablaze with col., A1 quality, beautiful head and neck; hc, Coulson. BUFF: Void. YORKS. OR NOR., NAT. COL.: Void. YORKS. GREEN, SELF., ETC. (6): 1, Hartley, yell., self, fine depth of correct col., neat and narrow, stands finely, very lengthy and well on leg, topper; 2, Butterworth, yell., self, A1 col., rich feather, shade longer, good legs; 3, 4, Drinkwater, selfs, yell. and buff respectively, former not one of the longest but all there otherwise, 4th good in col. and feather; vhc, Irlam. HEN (5): 1, 2, Drinkwater, yell. and buff, both selfs, former slashing col., slim and upstanding, magnificent quality, gem, latter straight as a rush, grand back, flights and tail, well on leg; 3, vhc, Irlam, yell., foul, very lengthy, nice col. and feather, good legs; 4, Butterworth buff self, good in col. and feather, take care of her. OPEN NOVICE, YELL. NOR. (13): 1, Beswick, cl., wonderful shape, full of col., teeming with quality, lovely carriage, could win in open, easy 1st; 2, Hargreaves, mkd. wings, eyes, and tail, red hot, rare substance, good head, neck and front; 3, Walton, mkd. head superior quality, nice shape and substance, worth its place; 4, Dakin, mkd. head, good size, shape and feather, rightly placed; vhc, Wilson; hc, Smith; c, Bexter. BUFF (13): 1, 2, spl, Hargreaves, both mkd. wings and eyes, magnificent col. and quality, very shapely, and of capital carriage, winner lends a little in substance; 3, no name in catalogue, cl., smooth as a bottle, rattling shape, good col. and richly frosted, very close up; 4, Davies, variegs., tight as a Java, A1 type, good substance, well cut away; vhc, Espley; hc, Wilkinson; No. 14, no name, grand bird, down in condition. HEN (11): 1, Davies, cl., yell., round as a ball, rare substance, lovely col. and carriage, very bonny young damsel; 2, hc, Espley, cl., yell, rich col. and quality, good substance, nice shape, wee bit soft, otherwise equal to winner; 3, Walker, cl. buff, short and thick set, capital quality, col. and meal; 4, Smith, griz. wing, good size and col., nice mealing, neat shape; vhc, Wilkinson; c, Walton. YELL. UNFLIG. (21): Rare class: 1, Kenny, cl. yell., short and thick set, full of col., beautifully clothed, well up in substance, A1 carriage; 2, Bexter, variegs., magnificent feather, smooth as wax, grand shape, clean cut, not far behind; 3, Norman, hot cl. soft silky feather, good substance, well worth its place; 4, Beswick, mkd. head, very chubby superior col. and quality; vhc, Platt; hc, Espley; No. 12, Worthington, w.c., variegs. buff; No. 1, Rev. Gnul, absent. BUFF (18): Good lot: 1, 4, Platt, bouncing cl., beautiful shape, capital quality, col. and frosting, gem, 4th mkd. head and tail; tight as a Java, rattling col., covered over with rich frosting; 2, c, Hargreaves, mkd. wings and head, feathered to perfection, full of col., all type, A1 carriage; 3, Smith, bouncing variegs., good quality, should make up well another year; vhc, Wilson; hc, no name. YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, Pike, fine, lengthy cl., straight as a gun barrel, not a feather misplaced, well on leg, good enough for any show; 2, Hartley, cl., stands delightfully, feather like glass, great length, both this and the winner are 1909 bred, and exceedingly promising; 3, vhc, Cassin, thigh-tkd., capital quality, stands nicely, good length, A1 back and flights, hardly so sweet in expression of head; 4, Jones, unflg. cl., wonderful length, A1 feather and col.; hc, Longworth; c, Astles. BUFF (13): 1, Jones, fine long-drawn cl., rich quality and col., well filled back, capital flights and tail, good legs; 2, Hartley, cl., full of swagger nice quality and length, well on leg, in the pink; 3, Potts, cl., good stand, nice quality and length fine wing carriage; 4, Hickson, thigh tkd., all there for quality, length and position; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Cassin; c, Pike. HEN (13): 1, Pike, yell., cinn. mkd. wings and head, real model, feathered like glass, rich col., very lengthy, well put down; 2, Atkinson, yell., cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, again one of the very best, equal to above; 3, Potts, richly fed cl. yell., stands nicely, good length and feather, well on leg, good back and wings; 4, Cassin, cl. yell., just about longest in class; vhc, Longworth; hc, Hopley; c, Radford. AMAT. MEMBERS.—In these classes one could have selected many quite capable of running well in the "upper circles."—YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Worrall; 2, Hickson; No. 5, Worrall, absent. HEN (2): 1, Worrall; 2, Hickson. BUFF (2): 1, Hickson; 2, Worrall. HEN (2): 1, Hickson; 2, Worrall. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, F. J. Fields; 2, Spencer; 3, 4, F. Fields. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, F. Fields; 2, Spencer; 3, Hickson; hc, W. Fildes. BUFF (4): 1, E. Fields; 2, 4, W. Fildes; 3, Spencer. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, F. Fields; 3, Spencer; vhc, Whitney and Son. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Spencer; 2, Fildes; 3, Hickson. BUFF (4): 1, F. Fields; 2, 4, W. Fildes; 3, Hickson. YORKS. GREEN: 1, Hickson. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Critchley; 2, 3, 4, Irlam. NOVICE.—NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, C. R. Field; 2, Land; 3, no name; No. 1, Jones, w.c., Buff. HEN (2): 1, Field; 2, Land. BUFF CK.: 1, Field. HEN: 1, Field; 2, Land. UNFLIG.: 1, Taylor; 2, Field; 3, Land. HEN: 1, 2, Taylor. NOR. GREEN: 1, 3, Green; 2, no name. HEN: 1, 2, Jones; 3, no name. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Swindells; 2, McCormack; 3, Griffiths. HEN: 1, vhc, Griffiths; 2, Swindells; 3, Morgan; 4, McCormack. BUFF CK.: 1, Morgan; 2, McCormack; 3, w.s., yell., Swindells. HEN: 1, Morgan; 2, McCormack; w.c., Griffiths, yell. GREEN: 1, McCormack.

Mr. A. Welling's Classes.

YELL. BORD. (10): 1, 4, hc, Bayley, cl., tight as a Java, lovely quality sweetly moulded, fine action, gem, 4th mkd. wing, A1 quality, charming mover; 2, Wilkinson, cl., full of quality, nice head expression, nervy and stylish; 3, Mrs. Harrison, thigh tkd., good in feather, nice shaped body, neat wings and tail; vhc, Swarbrick. HEN (12): 1, 3, Bayley, with a neat trio, cl. of capital shape and feather, full of go, pretty as paint, 3rd mkd. wing, good shape and action, neat carriage of flights and tail; 2, vhc, Wardleworth and Wadsworth, nicely modelled cl., not a feather out of place, very close on the heels of winner; 4, Swarbrick, variegs., capital quality feather, good shape, worth its place; hc, Royle; c, Blackshaw. BUFF (11): 1, 4, vhc, c, Bayley, choice quartette, mkd. right wing, magnificent feather, grand shape, full of action, gem, 4th cl., all there for quality, capital head and neck, nice body; 2, Harrison, finely clothed cl., nice mover, lovely expression, close up; 3, Royle, mkd. head, A1 shape and carriage, one we liked; hc, Mrs. P. Drinkwater. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Swarbrick, cl., regular model, feathered like glass, shone like a mirror, beautiful shape; 2, 4, hc, Bayley, both cl., former of rich quality, shapely and stylish, 4th good in quality and shape, very bonny damsel; 3, Wilkinson, cl., lovely feather, neat head character; c, Bancroft. SELF, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Nelson, self, magnificent col. smartly moulded, lovely quality and carriage, gem; 2, 3, Mrs. W. Fields, self and foul respectively, both capital shape, A1 quality, good action, 2nd leads a little in col.; 4, Mrs. P. Drinkwater, self, full of nerve and style, very shapely, nice feather, very close up; hc, Mrs. Harrison; c, Bayley. HEN (6): 1, Mrs. P. Drinkwater, self, wonderful quality, delightful shape, free in action, gem of gems; 2, Worthy, self, very good shape, nice action, 3, 4, Bayley, both selfs, slashing quality, nice col., former not so good in carriage, latter fails in shape slightly; vhc, Nelson; hc, Mrs. W. Fildes; c, no name. CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Middleton, yell., buff, yell., yell. in the order named, all of nice shape and action, winner best in col.; vhc, Royle. HEN (7): 1, Mrs. W. Fieldes, yell., slashing type, rattling quality, full of col., neat in movement, very bonny wins; 2, 3, hc, No. 5, absent, Middleton, all yells, 2 and 3 both of lovely col. and shape; 4, vhc, Mrs. Harrison, good col., not quite so typical, yet neat yell. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Massey, buff mkd., D.C., good shape and size, crest round and of nice droop and centre, 3rd buff mkd. C.-B., good substance and feather, nice width of skull, well lashed; 2, 4, vhc, Kelsey, both buff Scotch Fancies, nice quality, good shoulders and circle, 2nd has it in substance and length. SELL. (30s.) (7): 1, Royle; 2, Pitchford; 3, c, Jenkins; 4, Mrs. C. Sunderland; vhc, hc, Hickson. (15s.) (8): 1, Espley; 2, Smith; 3, Foley; 4, Harding; vhc, Hickson; hc, Worthy; c, Oliver. GOLDIE (11): 1, 4, Holt, capital size and shape, large square cut blaze of rich col., clear and distinct in bars and buttons, gem, 4th very shapely and of nice quality, not quite so well up in col.; 2, Almond, good substance and shape, capital face, beautiful buttons, nice bars, must have pressed; 3, McMurdo, good shape and size, A1 quality, neat blaze and bars; vhc, Riley; hc, Beaty; c, Kensey. BULLIE (7): 1, no name, well up in size, grand shape, magnificent breast col., rich dense and highly polished cap, a charmer; 2, Walsh, another of the right stamp, close on the heels of the winner, very little between them; 3, Whitney and Son, nice shape and size, paler in breast col., good carriage; 4, Spinks, good quality, taking specimen; vhc, Austin; hc, Hughes; c, Hulme. BRAMBLE, ETC.: Void. LINNET (14): Good lot: 1, 4, Walsh, gem for col. and markings, fine size and shape, steady as a top, well put down, 4th good col. and quality, nice shape, good one; 2, Holt, good in quality, nice col., neat and distinct in pencilling, fine carriage; 3, Spinks, magnificently pencilled, lovely col., shape and quality, shows well, we liked immensely; vhc, Kensey; hc, McMurdo; c, Taylor. GREENIE (6): 1, Hulme, rare substance, very shapely, rich col., tight as a Java, moves well, cheap at catalogue price (20s.); 2, McMurdo, good shape and size, capital quality; 3, Whitney and Sons, nice shape and feather, good col.; 4, Beaty, very good quality, nice tone of col., neat shape; hc, Lambert; No. 4, Fairhurst, absent. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, c, Walsh, slashing col. Twite, rare size and shape, delightfully tkd., in the pink; 2, 3, Almond, Siskin and Twite, former very shapely, capital size and col., beautifully mkd., neatly cut cap, latter good in shape, col. and markings; 4, Blackburn, very shapely, nice markings, A1 quality; vhc, Whitney and Sons; hc, Beaty. A.O.S. HARD: Void. SOFT, SMALL: 1, c, Walsh, sweetly-modelled Gale, in fine shape and col., not a feather out of place, staged to the moment; 2, 3, Beaty, Redstart and Whitethroat respectively, both of lovely quality, well up in size, shown in a masterly fashion, gems; 4, Riley, Wryneck, in capital trim, and put down for all it was worth; vhc, hc, no names. LARGE (6): 1, 2, 3, Walsh, with a lovely trio, Chough leading, wonderful size, shone like a mirror, beautiful beak and legs, takes special for best conditioned throughout the show, a treat to observe; 4, Middleton, shown in faultless trim, worth its place; vhc, Jones; hc, Mrs. Grey. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, Walsh, buff, Goldie-Can., mkd. wings and eyes, rare size, clothed to perfection, grand shape, col. and carriage, 2nd same persuasion, only much smaller, shown in absolutely best possible form; 3, Lambert, buff variegs. Goldie-Can., capital quality, good shape; 4, Wilcock, variegs. buff Goldie-Can., neat throughout; vhc, Cole; w.c., Dunkley. DARK (15): 1, 2, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, magnificent col., nice size, good shape, in the pink, 2nd Goldie-Bullie very shapely, nice substance, rich col., shows parentage distinctly; 3, no name, Goldie-Siskin, nice shape and size, capital quality, worth its place; 4, no name, Linnet-Bullie, good col. and shape, nice quality and carriage; vhc, Lane; hc, Ridley; c, Beaty. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, vhc, Walsh, Golden Fruitsucker, in full bloom and staged delightfully; 2, 3, Riley, both Tanagers, in capital form greatly admired; 4, no name, Gouldian Finch, looking at his best. LARGE (5): 1, Walsh, Blue and Buff Macaw, well-known specimen, very striking exhibit; 2, Beaty, Toucan, in rattling feather, shown in rare fashion; 3, 4, Riley, Brazilian Hangnest and Jay both in lovely bloom; vhc, Royle. MEMBERS.—YORKS. GREEN: 1, W. McCormack. CLASSES 85 to 89: Void. BORD. GREEN: 1, 2, Worthy. HEN: 1, 2, Worthy. CLASSES 92 to 95: Void. GOLDIE: 1, Morgan; 2, Taylor; 3, no name; 4, hc, Dunkley; vhc, Whalley. BULLIE: 1, Dunkley; 2, Taylor; 3, Wood. LINNET: 1, 3, vhc, Allcock; 2, Holt; 4, Whalley; hc, Dunkley; c, Wood. REDPOLL: 1, vhc, Wood; 2, Taylor; 3, Allcock; 4, Morgan; hc, Holt; c, Dunkley. SISKIN: 1, Whalley; 2, Morgan; No. 2, Morgan, absent. BRAMBLE: 1, Dunkley; 2, Allcock. CHAFFINCH: 1, Dunkley; 2, Grey; 3, 4, Allcock; vhc, Morgan. GREENIE: 1, 3, Allcock; 2, Whalley; 4, Morgan; vhc, Dunkley; c, Holt. A.O.S.: 1, Whalley; 2, Morgan. CLASS 105: Void. SOFTBILL: 1, Holt; 2, Allcock. CLASS 107: Void. DARK MULE: 1, 2, Whalley. JAVA: 1, Irlam. BUDGERIGAR: 1, Irlam. CLASS 111: Void. BRIT. HARD: 1, Mowatt; 2, Stone; 3, Drinkwater; 4, Marsland. A.O.V. CAN: 1, Stone; 2, 3, Mowatt.

BEDALE.

The Bedale F.S. held their annual open show on November 25th, in the Drill Hall, a most suitable place, it being well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. W. J. Merrin makes an ideal secretary. He had all his work well in hand, and was assisted by a lot of hard-working fanciers. The show was a real success, and some very fine birds were on view. Mr. Merrin had a team of really good birds down, a credit for any man to possess. He took the majority of the prizes, including a splendid cup presented by Mr. Kay-Pearson for the member gaining most points throughout show, this becoming his own property. Mr. J. W. Barrett (Harrogate) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Barfe, grand bird, splendid size, stands well, lovely quality, A1 condition; 2, Merrin, good quality, red-hot col., worth its place, wee bit smaller than leader; 3, Iveson, another big, racy bird, splendid back and position, a trifle loose underneath; vhc, Merrin; hc, Cuthberton; c, Merrin. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Merrin, 1st real good bird, stands like a guardsman, lovely quality, one of the right sort; 2, Cuthberton, nice bird, wee bit shorter than leader, good one; vhc, Gillbank; hc, Peacock. TKD. (6): 1, c, Merrin, wing and eye mkd., staged to perfection, good size and col., A1 quality, feather like box, takes spl for best in show; 2, Barfe, big, racy bird, splendid quality, good position, worth its place; 3, Cuthbertson, all there for quality, loses only in size to leaders; vhc, Robson; hc, Iveson. HEN (7): 1, 2, vhc, c, Merrin, leader lovely damsel, wins easily, nice drawn hen, good col., fine position, splendid length, 2nd mkd. yell., good position and carriage; 3, Cuthbertson, mkd. buff, lovely quality; hc, Iveson. A.V. (4 miles radius) (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Merrin, very nice lot, some of them will do justice to their owner in the open. BRIT. (10): 1, Merrin, Bearded Tit, in tip-top form, an easy winner; 2, 3, Watson, leader Bramble, capital size, good bloom, very steady, 3rd Goldie, all there for size, good blaze, buttons and bars, in splendid condition; vhc, hc, c, Foster. SELL. 10/- (15): 1, hc, c, Merrin; 2, Barfe; 3, vhc, Mason.

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SOUTHALL AND DIS. F.S.

Southall and Dis. F.S. annual open show held in the Mission Hall, Harlington Road, on Nov. 25th. Mr. A. Smith, hon. secretary, fulfilled the duties of his office with courtesy and complete success, and received the assistance of Mr. Percy Evans (chairman), together with an energetic committee consisting of Messrs. J. Timberlake, G. Brant, H. W. Allwork, J. R. Higgins, A. E. Argyle, A. Allwork, T. Hocken, and F. J. Brooks. The hall is a capital one, and the arrangements were well carried out. The entry was by no means a large one, the glut of shows on that date militating against the entry at Southall. Quality was excellent, if numbers were somewhat meagre. Special for best members' exhibit was won by Mr. A. E. Argyle, with a topping Linnet, very stout, close as boxwood in feather, and rattling size, with nice markings. Norwich were few, but nice; and the same remark applies to the Yorkshires. Goldfinches were good. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were up and catalogues out promptly.

YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., plenty of length, good quality, nice whip, stands well up, and full of fire; 2, hc, Jeffery, former tkd. bird, rare mover, just a trifle open at chest, else a nice one; vhc, Pankhurst. BUFF (3): 1, Hawes Bros., spanking bird, lovely feather, just a trifle heavy at shoulders, perhaps, grand back, whip and wing carriage; 2, Potter, very pretty, good second; 3, Pankhurst, very shapely, fails a wee trifle in quality. HENS (5): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., yell. and buff respectively, both of fine character, feather and pose, leader very nice colour, level back, nice taper and wing carriage; 3, spl, vhc, Jeffery, 3rd very smart Yorkie, needs a little more finish in toilet, etc., good one; hc, Potter. NOR., CK. (4): 1, 2, Kilby, former bonny tkd. yell., lovely feather and col., in very high condition, 2 smart cl., very chubby, rich quality. HEN (3): 1, 2, Kilby, both buffs, former a perfect Nor. model, has splendid feather, uniform shape and grand wing carriage, 2nd very sweet bird, well put down; 3, Tebbutt, good bodied variegs., nice head and carriage. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Lloyd. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (7): 1, 2, 3, Hireson, topping team, winner fine wide blaze, rich in tint and well polished, good breast, whites, bars and buttons, 2nd good one all through, well placed; vhc, Tebbutt; hc, Lloyd; c, Jeffrey. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 2 spls, Argyle, beauty, hard as nails, and rare shape; 2, Hireson, lovely col., nice size, well mkd.; 3, Timberlake, a nice Siskin, lovely markings, col., cap and bib; vhc, Carter; hc, Chilton; c, Lloyd. MULE (3): 1, spl, Argyle, good sized, nice col. Siskin-Can., good all over; 2, Lloyd, dark Goldie-Can.; 3, Tebbutt Linnet-Can. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Hireson; grand sized and col. Chaffinch, and a rattling good Brambling; 3, spl, Timberlake, Chaffinch, nice breast col.; hc, Carter; c, Tebbutt. FOR. (1): 1, Timberlake, Goldfinch. SELL. (10/-): 1, Fellows.

SIDMOUTH.

Sidmouth 14th annual show held November 25th at the Drill Hall. The cage birds were nicely staged in a well-lighted room, and made a first-class show, some of the exhibits coming from as far as Bradford. The cup winner was Mr. Dykes, of that city, with a splendid Yorkie. There was also a good show of Crests and C.-B. Although this show clashed with Bristol and Bideford there was a good entry. A few classes were cancelled, but no classes were amalgamated, and full prize money was paid. Mr. A. R. Tremlett makes a very capable and a capital hon. sec. and is to be congratulated on the results of the venture. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CREST (10): 1, spl, vhc, Rev. Joyce, variegs. dark Crest, massive body and a splendid crest; 2, Hobbs, similar bird to 1st, must have pressed winner; 3, Davey, another good dark crest, even mkd.; res, Adams; vhc, Barton. C.-B. (9): 1, Hobbs, massive Green, good head, well lashed; 2, Bale, large variegs., fails only in head to winner; 3 name missed, good tkd. buff, all three birds close up, and must have given the judge some trouble; res, Adams; vhc, Davey; hc, Bale. CLASSES 89 to 91, cancelled. NOR. UNFLIG. (8): 1, spl, Rowden, buff, real Nor. type, not one of the largest, perhaps, but very neat head and short neck; 2, 3, vhc, Turner, 2nd yell., not quite so nicely feathered as winner, but equal otherwise, 3rd similar type; res, Pope; vhc, hc, Bragg. YORKS. CL., ETC. (6): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., splendid type and quality, good length, very fine feather; 2, Thomas, another good yell., stands well; 3, Tremlett, tkd., good one; r, Mrs. Lang, non-fed; vhc, Lashbrook and Sons. BUFF (7): 1, Wills and Son, cl., good length, nice wings and tail; 2, Dykes, another good one, must have pressed winner; 3, Guppy, nice one; vhc, Thomas; hc, Lashbrook and Son. NON-FLIG. (12): 1, spl, cup for best tkd. yell. bird in show, full of quality, well up on legs, very typical, good win; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., nice neck and head, will improve; 3, Wills and Sons, well placed; r, Stone and Elston; vhc, hc, Mitter. HEN: 1, Wills and Son, yell., nice legs and position, stands well; 2, 3, Mitter, former siuging beautifully, suffragette like; r, Thomas; vhc, Dykes; hc, Stone and Elston; hc, German. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, two spls, Herbert, good blaze and size; 2, Scribbins, real Britisher, in fine feather, very steady; 3, Evans, square cut blaze good bars; vhc, Bowring; hc, Scribbins; hc, Jordan. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Norman, very large, splendid colour; 2, Hindes, good col.; 3, Jordan, fails only in col.; r, Browning; vhc, Smith; hc, Norman. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, spl, Webber lovely Hawfinch, large, very steady, shown in faultless condition; 2, Wills yell. Wagtail, well placed; 3, Lean and Son, Blackbird, beautiful legs and beak; r, Bell, another good Hawfinch; vhc, Arthurs. SELL. (£1): 1, Thomas; 2, Hobbs; 3, Mrs. Elsmore; vhc, Redwood. (10s.): 1, Jones; 2, Adams; 3, Lashbrook and Son; r, Pope; vhc, Houghton; hc, Mitchell. LOCAL, NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, r, Lashbrook; 2, Tremlett; 3, vhc, Collier. BUFF (8): 1, Collier; 2, Lashbrook and Son; 3, vhc, West; r, Rowland. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Lashbrook and Son; r, Tremlett; vhc, Reed; hc, Baker. BUFF: 1, Rodd; 2, 3, Houghton; r, Tremlett; vhc, Lashbrook and Sons. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Lashbrook and Son. Can.-Bullfinch; 2, Lashbrook and Son, Can.-Goldfinch; 3, r, Tucker. CINN.: vhc, Rodd. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Lashbrook and Sons; 2, Houghton; 3, Langdon; r, Burgoyne; vhc, Barton. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Tremlett, Bramble; 2, Miss Lashbrook, Lark; 3, Miss Datton, Linnet; r, Start; vhc, Flew; hc, Langdon. NOVICE, A.V. (12): 1, Rowland, good Crest; 2, Falconer, Yorkie; 3, Field, Crest; r, Street; vhc, Pullen, Grindley; hc, Gibbs, Rowland. PARROTS (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Freeman; 3, Berwick; r, Rev. James.

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DARLINGTON.

The Darlington C.B.S. held their fifth grand exhibition in the Corn xchange, Feethams, on November 27th. The entries did not reach last year's total, but the society closed with a grand entry of 520. The open section increased in number, but the members' section was not so well filled, on account of the disastrous breeding season in the North, also of the depression in trade generally. The Yorkshire in the six classes numbered 59, and were well represented. The Norwich (6 classes) had a good entry of 66. The Borders were a good lot, in the two classes; 27 birds made their appearance here. Mr. Brunskill, the secretary, is hard working, courteous and obliging. He was assisted by the hon. assistant secretary, Mr. Underwood, and the way in which they handled the business reflects every credit on them. The committee and stewards were busy in good time; they soon had the birds in good order. The judging did not commence until 10 o'clock on account of the dull morning, but the cards were placed on the birds as they were judged. The Lord Mayor opened the exhibition at 2 o'clock, with a good company present. Visitors rushed the door, and the place was packed in a very little time. It is to be hoped the society may have a balance to carry forward for another year. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham), judged the Canaries, and Mr. Maddison (Newcastle) the remainder, and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

Mr. Barnes's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Rhodes, grand type and shape, good head, neck and body, extra rich soft tone of col., lovely quality feather; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, 2nd rare shape and type, good quality feather and position, little soft in feather, 3rd extra length and type, grand col. and shape, soft texture of feather; 4, Merrin, very typical bird, good shape and style; vhc, Stewart; hc, c, King. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Cuthbertson, 1st grand type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, coat like satin, in the pink of condition; 2, Cook, grand stamp for type, shape and length, soon in position, short in leg; 3, Merrin, similar in shape and length; 4, Stewart, good Yorkie for shape and type, lovely col. and quality; hc, Walker. TKD., ETC., YELL CK. (7): 1, Dixon, tkd. thigh, one of the best for shape and type, well up on leg, extra stand, lovely col. and quality of feather; 2, hc, Cuthbertson, griz. cap, grand shape and type, soon in position, plenty of length, nice col. and quality of feather; 3, Stewart, good exhibit for type and shape, sound, even col. and quality; 4, Middleton Bros., beautiful type and shape, of rich col.; vhc, Woodhall; c, Colling and Turnbull. BUFF (11): 1, Cook, tkd. both eyes, perfect gem for shape and type, grand head, neck and body, clean underneath, nice col. and quality of feather; 2, Woodhead, tick nape and right wing, another good shape and type, grand body, clean waist, nice col. and quality of feather; 3, 4, c, Cuthbertson, 3rd large, good length, nice col. and quality, 4th griz. on head, useful bird, good col.; vhc, Stewart; hc, Walker. HEN, CL., ETC. (15): 1, Rhodes, cl., grand type and shape, medium length, nice stand and position, good col. and quality; 2, Cuthberteon, cl. buff, good shape and type, nice style and position, good even col. and quality; 3, Barker, rare length and style, good shape and col.; 4, Hindson Hood, eye and right wing mkd. yell., good type and shape; vhc, Mattrass; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Stewart. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Brown, tkd. neck, yell., gem for shape and type, good even col., beautiful quality feather, grand head, neck and body, nice length and position; 2, Woodhall, cl. buff, grand shape, type and style, very steady, in splendid feather, even col., full of quality; 3, Cook, cl. yell., grand type and shape, nice head and body, well up on leg; 4, Hood, varieg., yell., good shape and size; vhc, Stewart; hc, Merrin; c, Mattrass. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Dixon, excellent col., nice quality, broad chest, good front; 2, Hall, not quite the quality of feather, grand bird, shown in the pink; 3, Hesp, nice Nor. type in shape, good col. and quality of feather; 4, Pepper, stout, broad head, thick neck, sound col.; vhc, French; hc, Freeman; c, Humphries. BUFF (9): 1, Greenfield, good Nor. for shape and type, nice even col., extra quality of feather, neat head, neck and chest; 2, Grey, beautiful type and shape, the best head in class, nice col. and quality; 3, Pepper, good one for type and shape; 4, Hall, largest in class, plenty of size, good col. and feather; vhc, Humphries; hc, Hall; c, Freeman. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, 2, Grey, 1st buff varieg. excellent type and shape, good head, neck and body, grand front, short flights and tail, 2nd cl. buff, nice type and shape, good col., lovely quality feather; 3, Mason, tick on neck, yell., shown in beautiful bloom, nice type and shape, extra col. and quality of feather, runs winner up; 4, Dixon, tick yell. on left wing, beautiful bird; r, Rev. B. Wilton; hc, Burdett; c, Freeman. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Grey, varieg. yell., lovely type and shape, good Nor. properties throughout, nice, short flights and tail, good col. and quality of feather; 2, Fletcher, cl. yell., good type and shape, nice col. and quality; 3, 4, vhc, Humphries, 3rd cl. yell., beauty for share and type, good col. and quality of feather, even col. throughout, 4th cl. yell., another Nor. all over; hc, Forster. BUFF (13): 1, Grey, cl. buff, grand type and shape, good col. and quality, nice, short flights and tail; 2, Wake and Carr, cl. buff, good type and shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Mason, varieg. buff, fine type and shape, rare col. and feather; 4, Wake and Carr, cl. buff, large bird, of nice type and shape; vhc, Freeman; hc, Humphries; c, Chambers. NOR., HENS (12): 1, 2, 3, Grey, 1st varieg. buff, good type and shape, lovely even col., and quality of feather, wins easy, 2nd cl. buff, extra type and shape, even col. throughout, lovely quality feather, 3rd, varieg., yell., extra type, col. and shape, nice quality of feather; 4, Chambers, cl. yell., beautiful type and shape, rich col., and quality of feather; vhc, Humphries; hc, Crosling; c, Burdett. BORD., YELL. (15): 1, French, cl. yell., gem of a Border, nice shape and type, good col., free action, grand quality, neat carriage; 2, Forster, cl. yell., neat type and shape, very jaunty, in the pink; 3, D.C., O'Neal, varieg., beautiful col. and shape, neat, compact wing and tail; 4, Whitaker, saddle mark, beautiful col. and shape, neat carriage; vhc, Pennington; hc, Jenkinson; c, Whitaker. BUFF (14): 1, Lindsay, even-marked buff, grand eyes and wings, tight as boxwood, very free action; 2, Rev. B. Wilton, varieg. buff, dark cap and wings, excellent type and shape, lovely feather; 3, Forster, cl. buff, grand quality and carriage; 4, hc, Whitaker, cl. buff, nice feather and even col., neat carriage; vhc, c, Pennington. CINN. (5): 1, Todd and Son, jonque, beautiful for sound, rich, level col. throughout, grand size and shape, wins; 2, 3, French, 2nd large, nice shape, nice quality feather, 3rd nice size and shape, rich col. and quality; 4, Parnaby and Ellwell, beautiful col. and shape, rich quality feather; hc, Todd and Son. A.O.V. CAN. (14): 1, Taylor, green Crest, beauty for size and shape, good leafy Crest, nice droop, from well-filled-in centre; 2, Taylor, C.B., grand headpiece, domed-shape skull, short beak, grand turnover; 3, Summerhill, varieg. buff Scotch Fcy., very free action well filled pinions, nice reach and feather; 4, Brunskill, green foul Yorks., grand shape and feather; vhc, Taylor; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Dixon. PAIRS (for breeding purposes) (15): 1, Taylor, pair Crest and C.B., well matched pair, Crest beautiful drooping Crest, and Crest-bred could hold his own in open class; 2, Grey, pair of Norwich, yell. cock and buff hen, lovely type and shape, good col.; 3, c, Pickering and Wright, pair of Cinnamon, buff cock and yell. hen, of sound col. and shape, grand pair; 4, Cook, Yorks., varieg. buff cock and yell hen, very typical; vhc, Summerhill; hc, Cuthbertson. SELL. 20/- (14): 1, Richardson; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Brown; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Humphries; hc, Gibson; c, Lindsey and Son. 15/- (13): 1, French; 2, Livesey; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Lindsey; vhc, Rev. B. Wilton; hc, Stephenson; c, Butler. 10/- (cage included): 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, Lindsey and Son; 3, Carter; 4, Pickering and Wright; 4, Cook; vhc, Summerhill; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Pickering and Wright.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LIGHT MULE (5): 1, Hill, almost cl., slight tick on right eye and rumps, Goldfinch and Can., gem, wins hands down, lovely col., shape and size; 2, Wake and Carr, Linnet-Bullfinch, large bird, grand col. and markings, hard lines to meet winner; 3, 4, Todd and Sons, 3rd Linnet-Bullfinch, grand bird, in excellent condition, 4th Linnet-Bullfinch, equal in col. and feather; vhc, Meadows. DARK: 1, 2, Somerfield, 1st Greenfinch Mule, extra shape and size, such size and one of the best col. seen out for a long time, 2nd Siskin-Can., beauty for size and col., jonque, in A1 condition; 3, McLean, buff Goldfinch and Can., rare size, col., and quality of feather; 4, Cuthbertson, Linnet and Can., very little to choose from; vhc, Sokell and Binks; hc, Wells; c, Todd and Son. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, Nicholson and Son, true British Finch, rare col., grand blaze, good head, back and bars, very distinct moons; 2, Thompson, grand square-cut blaze, well tanned breast, grand back and bars, perfection; 3, Bousfield, good bird, rich coloured blaze, good back and bars; 4, Brunskill, not up yet, but markings distinct; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Brown; c, Hanson and Lancaster. BULLFINCH (23): It is believed that this class is the best this season in the North, taking number with quality of exhibits: 1, Woods, grand shape and size, lovely coloured breast, rich cap and bars, splendid back, excellent feather; 2, Forster, equal in points as regards col. and shape, grand head; 3, McVay, good size and shape, neat head and body, good back; 4, Vart, good bird, not quite ready; vhc, Newbould; hc, Lawson; c, Nicholson and Son. LINNET, BRIT. (19): 1, Dunn, an old winner, grand size and shape, lovely level col., well pencilled, good whites, grand back; 2, 3, Stamp, 2nd good col. and lacing, very steady, 3rd nice size and shape, good col. and quality of feather; 4, vhc, Owen, 4th fine col. and feather, grand head and body; hc, Handley; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. GREENFINCH (17): 1, Haldane, very fine shape and col., grand quality feather, very rich col., bars, cl. and distinct, in excellent form; 2, Nicholson and Son, large, if anything better quality of feather; 3, Forster, beautiful Finch, good body, rich col. and quality of feather; 4, Todd and Son, plenty of size in body, good col., well deserves place; vhc, Hunter; hc, McVay; c, Blackett. BRAMBLEFINCH (12): 1, Brumby, good col. Finch, rich col. head and back, well spangled, clean-cut crest, nice quality feather; 2, Blackett, lovely col. on head and back; 3, Bell and Fisher, col. fed, we believe, very rich col., steady, nice shape and size; 4, Bell and Fisher, deep chestnut breast, good head and back; vhc, Sharp, hc, c, Forster. CHAFFINCH (16): 1, 3, McVay, 1st wonderful size and shape, grand col., rich head and breast feather, like a bit of silk, 3rd large bird, markings distinct, good shape and size; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good col. and feather, nice head and back, distinct whites, in excellent condition; 4, Owen, rare shape and size, rich in col., good quality feather; vhc, Hill; hc, Woods; c, Messenger. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Todd and Son, Siskin, rich col. can, clean-cut bib, grand back and bars, well laced thighs; 2, Stamp, Redpoll, of rich col., neat feather, excellent bloom, in the pink; 3, Haldane, Twite, in grand form, grand shape and size, rich col., well mkd.; 4, Todd and Son, Siskin, good col. cap and back, nice quality of feather, minus bib; vhc, Forster; hc, Haldane; c, McVay. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Axe, Yellow Bunting, noted winner, in good order, needs no description; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, in perfect bloom, very distinct markings, good head, clean-cut bib, grand wings, in excellent feather, close up; 3, Forster, Meadow Bunting, in good form, grand feather, well mkd., a neat exhibit; 4, Weedy, Snow Bunting, grand size and shape; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Brumby; c, Parnaby and Ellwell. SMALL SOFT-BILLS (9): 1, Nicholson and Son, Tree Creeper, shown to perfection, grand feather and condition; 2, 3, 4, Wilkinson and Danby; 2nd common Redstart, in the pink of perfection, lovely col. and bloom, runs winner close, 3rd Wryneck, in grand form, very rich col., well mkd., very steady, 4th grey Wagtail, in faultless condition, very free action; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Mrs. Hawkins; c, Merrin. LARGE (9): 1, 4, Wilkinson and Danby, Magpie, rich, defined markings, grand size and shape, shown at its best, 4th Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, in grand form, we notice at night he likes to be quiet; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Thrush, good, rich spangling, fine size and shape, lovely quality feather; 3, Lawsen, Redwing, such a gem, it would be difficult to find fault with; vhc, hc, c, Tait. HEN, BRIT. SEED-EATER: 1, Axe, Cornbunting, well known, needs no comments; 2, Forster, Hawfinch, in spotless order; 3, McVay, Bramblefinch, wonderful size and shape, grand feather; 4, Wake and Carr, Bullfinch, grand size and shape, rich col., cap and crest; vhc, Forster; hc, Taylor; c, Woods. SELL. 10/- (18): 1, Wilson; 2, 4, Todd and Son; 3, Dunn; vhc, Carter; hc, Rutherford; c, Somerfield. FOR.: 1, 2, 4, Nicholson and Son, Honeysucker, in beautiful blood, 2nd Superb Tanager, splendid col. and feather, 4th Green Glossy Starling, grand exhibit, with lovely sheen; 3, Reeks, Adelaide Lorrikeet, good in size, excellent col.; vhc, hc, Reeks; c, Siddle and Dawson. MEMBERS—YORKS (5): 1, 2, 3, Cuthbertson; 4, Stephenson; hc, Wilson. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Stephenson; 2, 3, 4, Cuthbertson; vhc, Paterson. NOR (3): 1, 2, Crosling; 3, Holland. UNFLIG. 1909 (6): 1, 2, Holland; 3, hc, Crosling; 4, Reynolds; vhc, Carroll. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 3, Cuthbertson; 2, vhc, hc, Todd and Son; 4, c, Brunskill. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Todd and Son; 2, 4, Cuthbertson; hc, Brunskill; c, Forster. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, hc, Hilton; 2, 4, Forster; 3, Brunskill; vhc, Todd and Son; c, Lumley. GREENFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Forster; 3, Todd and Son; hc, Moss. LINNET, BRIT. (7): 1, Lumley; 2, Holland; 3, Forster; 4, hc, Todd and Son; vhc, Gregory; c, Forster. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 3, 4, Todd and Son; 2, Forster; vhc, Hilton; c, Wade. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 4, Forster; 3, Todd and Son. YORKS. (4): 1, Underwood; 2, Wilson; 3, Stephenson; 4, Paterson. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Underwood; 2, Stephenson; 3, 4, c, Paterson; vhc, hc, Lumley. A.O.S., BRIT. (10): 1, 4, hc, Hildon; 2, Lumley; 3, Gregory; vhc, Wade; c, Moss.

Our Xmas Number
Will Beat All Records.

STAMFORD.

The Stamford and Dis. F.A. held their second annual exhibition in the Oddfellows' Hall on Nov. 25th. The hall far supersedes last year's, and is capable of holding quite 500 birds, being also very spacious, with plenty of good light. Entries were a record—a total of 250 birds were staged; but they not only excel in number but in quality too. The Yorks., Nor., and Mule or Hyb. classes were exceptional. The most sensational class was that for Goldfinches, with an entry of 17; some noted winners had to take a back seat here, the winner being a good all-round bird. That able and hard-working secretary, Mr. Ludlow, was at the helm, and with such practical fanciers as Messrs. Harrison, Grimes Bros., Clitherow, Halford, Locke, Scholes, Sendall, Swanson, Woods, and Spriggs, who one and all did their best to make their show a success everything passed off well. It was an encouragement to them to have 90 more entries than last year, and with a more liberal classification they will, we feel sure, double the number of entries another year. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged the Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and Foreign birds, and Mr. S. H. Mays (Winsford) the remainder and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Irons, cl., grand type and shape, good head, neck and body, well over perch, nice col.; 2, Moore and Son, cl., extra type and shape, good col. and quality feather; 3, Reech, grand type and shape, good head and body, broad chest; res, Watts, lovely type and shape, fine quality feather; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Dykes; c, Popple. BUFF (9): 1, Reech, cl., one of the best for shape and type, good head, neck and body, extra col. and quality, shown to perfection; 2, Watts, cl., nice type and shape, good body, grand col. and quality feather; 3, Popple, cl., good type and shape, lovely col. and quality; res, Irons, cl., plenty of size, good col. and quality; vhc, Dykes; hc, G. Grimes; c, B. T. Grimes; No. 2 had been bathing before judging. NOR., CL., ETC., CK. (15): 1, Mrs. Cyril Brown, tkd. buff on left wing, extra type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, stands out prominently; 2, Dykes, yell. head and left wing tkd., good Nor. properties, grand shape, col. and quality of feather, in good order; 3, Pedder, largest in class, extra col. and quality of feather, but would not get up when judged; res, Howe, cl., extra type and shape, soft when judged; vhc, Watts; hc, c, Moore and Son. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Moore and Son, varieg. yell., extra type and shape, good head and body, well over perch, rich soft tone of col., grand quality of feather, good short flights and tail; 2, Allen, yell., mkd. on head, grand shape and type; 3, Watts, cl., nice type and shape, of medium col.; res, Dawson, cl. yell., good col. and feather; vhc, Sindell; hc, Dykes; c, Willerton. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Harrison, cl., rare length, good type and shape, grand position lovely col. and quality of feather, very showy; 2, Richmond, all there for type, shape and quality of feather, very erect, good exhibit; 3, Murrell, tkd yell., rare length and shape, good type, nice quality; res, Halliday and Chittenden, tkd. neck yell, grand type and shape, lovely even col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ballard; c, White. BUFF (7): 1, Redworth, cl., rare shape and type, plenty of length, good col. and quality of feather, in fine form; 2, Auton, cl., nice type and shape, good position; 3, King, cl., good col. and type, nice position; res, Harrison, varieg., good length and type, nice col. and quality of feather; vhc, Blades; hc, Richmond; c, Dykes. HEN (10): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, cl., grand shape and type, good neat head and shape, grand even col. and quality of feather; 2, Dykes, mkd. on nape, yell., equal in length and colour, but not quite the shape; 3, Richmond, cl. buff, good type and shape, nice compact feather; res, hc, White, cl. yell., good type and shape, grand col. and feather; vhc, Harrison; c, Auton. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Harriman, cl. buff, grand length, shape and type, good sound even col., extra quality feather, rare stand, little short on legs; 2, Richmond, tkd. yell., good col. and quality of feather, nice shape; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, cl. yell., good type and shape, deserves position; res, King, cl. buff, good shape and type, sound col. and quality of feather; vhc, Auton; hc, Ballard; c, Linsey. CREST OR C.-B. (10): 1, J. Harrison, varieg. buff C.B., one of the best seen in this district, wonderful top piece, grand dome-shaped head, well lashed; 2, Holmes, almost green crest, grand leafy feather, lovely radiation and droop, well filled in at centre; 3, Rose, C.-B., grand Nor. type, good head, well lashed, extra short; res, Smith, varieg. buff, D.C., extra size of crest, grand fronted bird; vhc, Holmes; hc, Peters; c, Wigginton. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, King, 1st Gold.-Liz. hen, lovely cl. cap, nice broad skull, well defined spangling, 2nd broken cap Silver, grand shape and size, lovely col., extra good in spangling; 3, Westley, buff Cinn., sound col., good type and shape; res, Linsey, tkd. yell. Bord., nice shape and type; vhc, hc, Bosworth; c, Grimes. SELL. (12s. 6d.): (15): 1, c, Harrison; 2, Woods; 3, Murrell; res, Wigginton; vhc, Holmes; hc, Allen. (25s.) (11): 1, Holmes; 2, Thornton; 3, Brown; res, Linsey; vhc, Dawson; hc, Wigginton; c Peters. MULE OR HYB. (11): Grand class; some good birds without a card: 1, Belcher, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand bird, of excellent col. and markings, shows parentage well; 2, Howe, varieg. Goldfinch and Can., grand bird, plenty of size, good col. and markings, excellent feather; 3, Andrews, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand bird, good shape, col., and feather; res, Cocks, Linnet-Bullfinch, in excellent condition; vhc, Shaddock; hc, Lambert; c, Hedworth. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, 3, Howe, pair of Diamond Sparrows in excellent feather and bloom, wins, 3rd tricoloured Tanager, did not look well when judged; 2, Cocks, Shaft-tailed Whydah, in grand form, shown to perfection; res, Woods, Zebra Finch; vhc, Ludlow. LARGE (4): 1, Edinborough, mealy Rosella, in the best of feather and condition, very talkative; 2, Woolston, Australian Grey, well shown; 3, Barnett, Amazon; vhc, Laughton, Ring-necked Alexandrine. GIFT (6): 1, King; 2, Woods; 3, Spriggs. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, Andrews, true Britisher, grand shape and size, extra square cut blaze, good back, bars and moons; 2, Rouse, grand Finch, very rich blaze, good broad head; 3, Harris, plenty of size, good shape, rich blaze, well tanned breast, very brilliant bars; res, hc, Prior, bonny Finch good col., well mkd.; vhc, Belcher; c, Wilmot. BULLFINCH: 1, Harris, excellent shape and size, very steady, grand cap, lovely breast col., rich bars, easy win; 2, Rouse, grand Finch, good head neck and breast col.; 3, Belcher, unfortunately, soft when judged, grand bird, plenty of size, rich col.; res, Brown, neat Finch, rich col.; vhc, Tupholme; hc, Reeeb; c, Wright. GREENFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, c, Andrews, Bramblefinch, extra for shape and size, grand col., well spangled head and back, clear cut breast, in fine order; 2, hc, Prior, Chaffinch, grand exhibit very steady, fine col., well defined cap, rich and distinct whites; 3, res, Roff and Strange, 3rd Greenfinch, grand shape and size, rich col. and quality of feather, res Bramblefinch, very steady; vhc, Belcher. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Hunt, Linnet, fine size and shape, nice col., well mkd. extra quality feather; 2, 3, Prior, 2nd Twite, grand bird fine col. and quality, pure white bars, well laced, 3rd Siskin, nice col. and quality, rich col.; res, Harris, Linnet, grand col. and shape; hc, Spreckley; c, Roff and Strange. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, Lowne, Bearded Titmouse, in excellent form, grand feather, tight as box wood, well shown; 2, 3, res, Cocks, 2nd Tree-creeper, noted winner, in A1 form, must have run winner close, 3rd Common Redstart, bird of perfection, res Yell. Wagtail, in faultless condition; vhc, Baseeby and Hunt; hc, Smaddock; c, Labraham. A.O.S., LARGE: 1, vhc, Underwood, Cornish Chough, good col. and feather, 2, 3, Cocks, 2nd Ring Thrush, grand size and shape, nice compact feather, 3rd Blackbird, good size and shape, fine beak and eye cere; res, Barlow, Magpie in good feather. MEMBERS.—NOR. (4): 1, Grimes; 2, Spriggs; 3, Woods; res, Halford. 1909 (6): 1, 3, Woods; 2, vhc, Spriggs; res, Clitherow; vhc, Halford. YORKS. (4): 1, Harrison; 2, 3, King; res, Scholes. 1909 (9): 1, c, Harrison; 2, 3, King; res, Scholes; vhc, hc, Ludlow. FIELD MOULTED, BRIT.: 1, Sendall; 2, Ludlow. CAGE-MOULTED, (4): 1, 3, Harrison; 2, Clitherow; res, F. Harrison.

GOOLE.

Goole F.S. held their fourth annual show on Nov. 25th. The Market Hall was the venue, in which the exhibits were staged. President, Councillor R. G. Bickerton; chairman, Mr. G. Houldridge; treasurer, Mr. W. Maw, a trio of capital and generous officials. The committee consist of a band of willing workers, viz., Messrs. F. Roberts, W. Hilton, T. Blearsdale, C. Harrison, C. Greensides, S. Weatherall, J. Peters, and T. Duckles, all of whom are to be complimented on the exertions they have put forth. Mr. A. Roberts, the hon. secretary, is a genuine trier, courteous and obliging, and controls capitally. This is a mixed show, and the cage birds (£5 limit) were staged at the top end of the room, as far away from the doors as possible. The C.B.U. rules were in evidence. Staging was of a neat description, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The stewards were Messrs. J. Wheldrake and Harrison. Members' specials were won as follows: Best Yorks. and best Nor., J. Wheldrake; Goldie Mule, R. Sutton; Linnet-Mule, Harrison Bros.; best Brit., R. Sutton. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. BUFF (8): 1, withheld; 2, Robinson, mkd. wings, wedge shaped, good col. and feather, nice length; 3, H. Whitaker, cl., good col. and quality; 4, 5, Wheldrake, tkd. neck, lengthy and leggy, capital feather, 5th Cinn-mkd. wings and head; vhc, Booth; Nos. 3 (Thompson) and 7 (Skinner) absent. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, Lunn, yell., thigh tkd., very warm, rattling feather, good length and position, nice back and flights, 3rd cl. buff, tight as a Java, rich col., A1 stand, smart; 2, c, Campling, finely clothed cl. buff, full of style, grand back and wing carriage, well up on legs; 4, vhc, Stamford, buff, tkd. eyes, lovely salmon tinted col., fine length and stand; 5, spl, Wheldrake, extra long cl. yell.; hc, Dunn. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, withheld; 2, 5, Axe, former well-known griz. cap, looking in fine fettle, 5th red hot cl., very cobby, jaunty carriage; 3, Oliver, smartly built cl., rare col., good size, nice head, neck and chest; 4, Turner, var., well up in substance, nice col.; vhc, Mennard; hc, Clew; c, Duckles. BUFF (6): 1, withheld; 2, Mennard, cl., bouncer, short and thick set, full of col. and quality richly frosted; 3, 5, Axe, varieg., fine shape, teeming with quality, rare col. and meal, 5th tkd. head, rare substance; 4, Townsend, mkd. wing, very shapely, good size and carriage; vhc, Turner; hc, Savage. UNFLIG. (7): 1, withheld; 2, Axe, buff, tkd. head, teeming with col. and quality, grand shape, moves well; 3, 5, spl, Wheldrake, var. yell., A1 feather and substance, nice head, neck and chest, 5th cl. yell., full of col.; 4, Savage, yell., mkd. wing and neck, red hot, rare size; vhc, Turner; hc, Smith. SELL. (15s.) (17): 1, Oliver; 2, Baxby; 3, vhc, Axe; 4, 5, Brown; hc, Booth; c, Wheldrake. MULE (5): 1, withheld; 2, Tomlinson, buff Gold.-Can., 4th pointed, very shapely, nice size, lovely feather; 3, 4, Stamford, Goldie-Bullfic, nice shape and quality, shows parentage distinctly, 4th yell., dark Goldie-Can., sweet shape, A1 col. and feather, nice face; vhc, spl, Harrison Bros.; hc, spl, Sutton. GOLDIE, ETC (11): 1, Milne, Bullfic, rattling size, lovely carriage and shape, nice breast col., capital cap, well polished; 2, Hill, Godlic, nice shape and size, good col., well cut blaze; 3, Axe, Bullfic, grand breast col.; 4, Woodhouse, Bullfic, very shapely, good size, nice col. of breast; 5, no name, Goldie, good shape and size; vhc, Brown; hc, spl, Sutton; c, no name, bonny Goldie, but one side of inner flights gone, all in cage bottom, hard lines. FOR. (8): 1, withheld; 2, Baxby, Parrakeet in magnificent bloom; 3, Rutter, Amazon in cluking form; 4, Short, Amazon in good order; 5, vhc, Harrison Bros., pair nice Budgerigars; c, Lambert.

RUGBY.

The Rugby and Dis. C.B.S. held their first 10-mile radius show at the Town Hall Buildings, on Nov. 27th. Entries came up well, especially the novices and British. Mr. J. A. Tyler (Leicester) kindly judged and gave every satisfaction. A similar show will be held on Boxing-Day, Dec. 27th, when a still larger entry is hoped for.

NOR. YELL.: 1, special for best Can., Brooks, wins easily; 2, 3, Ling, green, good head and neck, 3rd cl., good wing carriage, nicely staged; vhc, Savage. BUFF.: 1, Ling, cl., nice head and neck; 2, Savage, nat. col., very nice hen; 3, Labrakam. BUFF, 1909: 1, 2, Ling, cl., nice head, neck and good wing carriage, 2nd mkd. wing; 3, Ward, wing broken or would have won; vhc, Savage; hc, Brooks. YELL., 1909: 1, Ward, cl., wins easily; 2, Savage, a trifle down in col. NAT. COL.: 1, Grant, tkd. on eye, good head, neck and wing carriage; 2, 3, Savage; vhc, Brooks; hc, Greatrex. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Westley, very nice buff cin., wins well, runs very close for special; 2, Hubbard, Belg., good shoulders and position; 3, Ling, Crest; hc, Brooks; c, Mardling. CAN., NOVICE: Good class divided into yellows and buffs.—YELLS: 1, Labraham, tkd., good head and wing carriage; 2, 3, Veasey, nat. col.; vhc, hc, W. Ward; c, Matthews. BUFFS: 1, Labraham, cl. hardly ready; 2, Veasey, griz. head, nat. col.; 3, Grant, good stamp; vhc, hc, James; c, Bond; special for most points, Veasey. MULE: 1, Scaresbrook, varieg., good size and col.; 3, Labraham; vhc, Matthews; hc, Skipworth. HYB.: 1, Skipworth, Goldie-Bullie; 2, Matthews, Linnet-Bullie, two good ones, should be heard of later. BRIT., SMALL: 1, spl, Brooks, Linnet, hen, good markings and col; 2, Bond, Bullfinch, good cap and size; 3, Westley; Nuthatch, nice size and col., well shown; vhc, Grant; hc, Skipworth; c, Goddard. LARGE: 1, Garlick, Magpie. FOR.: 1, Hubbard, Paradise Whydah, interesting exhibit; 2, Labraham, Ribbon Finch, in good condition, well shown; 3, Grant, Parrakeet, not through moult; vhc, c, Westley; hc, Barrett.—E. WESTLEY, Hon. Sec.

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PEDIGREE Scotch Terrier bitch, winner Breeders' Cup, 30/-; exchange Canaries, poultry, anything.—Tom Clark, 5, Pittodrie-place, Aberdeen.

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EXCHANGE Gent's cycle, Sturmey gears, splendid condition, for Rollers and cash, or sell £5 10/-.—Greaves, 2a, Neville-st., Shaw, Lancs.

PAIR of Bantams, winners, exhibition hampers, etc., value 35/-; offers wanted in Canaries.—Round, 23, Windsor-rd., Maindee, Newport, Mon.

FOUR sheets ornamental glass, 20 by 16 (Verre-sur-Verre), 5/- each; exchange to value 30/-; approval.—Watkinson, Kendrick Cottage, Flixton.

MUZZLE-LOADING gun, two flasks, sell 10/6, or exchange birds or anything useful.—Mr. C. Gurmin, Cemetery-rd., Dukestown, Tredegar, Mon.

EXCHANGE 21/- worth Bovril coupons for six good Linnets or three Goldfinches.—Lithgow, 4, Drumother Mansions, Parkhead, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE bonny Field Spaniel pups; dogs, 20/-; bitches, 12/6; or would exchange high-class Norwich.—Richards, 27, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

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EXCHANGE black Pom. pup, four months, slightly marked, for Mules or Hybrids to value 15/-; approval.—Watson, 25, Main-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

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EXCHANGE pair of Sandow's spring grip dumbells for Canaries, also black retriever pup, for Canaries, or offers.—Wm. Meek, 48, Portland-st., Abertillery, Mon.

SALE, Whippet dog pup, two months, make champion, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, hand-reared, 3/6, exchange Yorkshire preferred.—Woods, 96, St. James, Shaftesbury.

PAIR racing Homers, excellent pedigree, 15/-; approval; would exchange for genuine singing Roller; no rubbish either way.—Kilbey, 128, Clarendon-rd., Luton.

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WANTED offers in 1909 Yorkshire Canaries for new suit cloths, made to order, cost £3 10-6, fit man 5ft. 8in.—Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid. Calder, Midlothian.

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SMOOTH fox terrier bitch, full registered pedigree, 25/-; or exchange Norwich Canaries; birds first; pedigree sent.—Barlow, Common-rd., Huthwaite, Notts.

SMOOTH fox terrier bitch, full pedigree, registered, 25/-, or exchange Norwich Canaries; birds first; pedigree sent.—Barlow, Common-rd., Huthwaite, Notts.

FINE Staffordshire china tea service, 40 pieces complete, 30/-; exchange Canaries or Parrot; approval; birds first.—Gribbin, York-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

CRESTS. Wanted good Crested cock or pair, or good talking Grey Parrot, in exchange for genuine old violin, or sell £4; mutual approval.—176, London-rd., Sheffield.

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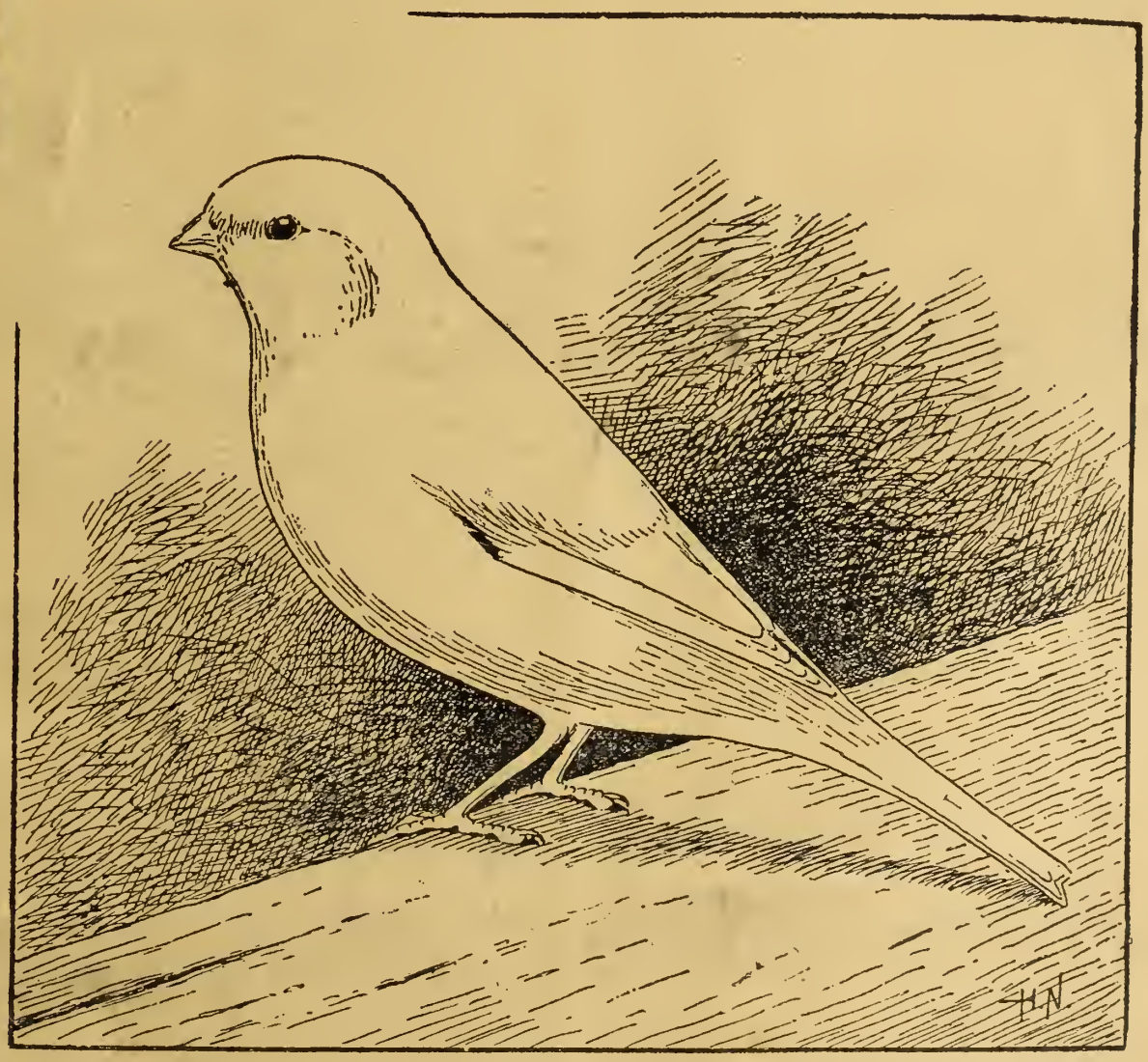
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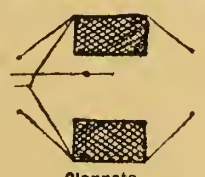
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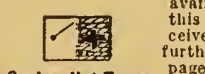
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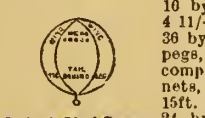
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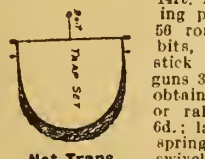


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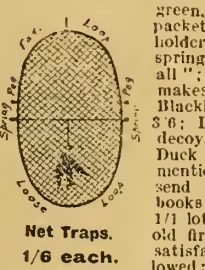




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HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6, grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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YELLOW-MARKED cock, buff hen, right sort, 25/-; yellow and buff hens from 5/-; cocks from 10/-.—Booth, 27, Ashley-rd., Sheffield.

PURE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed. —Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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MUST clear, about 25 high-class Norwich. Cannot spare time; some grand birds, from 5/- upwards; approval deposit.—O'Connor, 44, Eassen-rd., Darlington.

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GRANDEST selection of Norwich cock Canaries, day and gaslight singing; cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; or 7/6 pair; bargains.—H. Cox, 69, Hope-st., Birmingham.

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1909 NORWICH cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6, upwards; good stock at low prices to make room; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Dauiels, 69, Derby-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.

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RETIRING from fancy, Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 10/6; Yorkshires, same price, several winners included; approval, cash or deposit.—Wright, 4, Panton-pl., Hoole, Chester.

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FIVE unflighted yellow Norwich cocks, variegated and ticked, 12/6 to 25/- each; two clear buff hens, 10/- and 20/- each; one clear unflighted yellow hen, 30/-.—Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie.

1909 Norwich cocks and hens from 5/-, good stock, at low prices to clear, all bred from my winners; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—J. W. Papple, 89, Durham-st., West Hartlepool.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6 upwards; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/-, 4/ upwards; pairs, matched, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; cages, 3d. Trade supplied.—Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

FOR sale, 3 pairs of Norwich Canaries, 1908, and 13 pairs 1909, as bred, natural colour, 6/6 a pair, or what offers for lot? cash or deposit.—H. English, Manor Farm, Fleet, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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YELLOW cock, 1st and special; Buff hen, 4th members' show, 20/-; cock, in full song, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/3, 2/6; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; bred from winners. Dealers supplied.—Turner, Stamp Office Yard, Norwich.

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MAGNIFICENT pair correctly-matched Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 25/-, genuine bargain, approval.—Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Hcigham-st., Norwich.

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FEW good Norwich cock and hens, all bred from Mr. Ferguson's strain, from 7/6; cold room reared and moulted; seen any evening, or sent on approval. —Smith, 4, Dounc-quadrant, Kelvinside, Glasgow; home Saturday afternoon.

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FOR sale, seven high-class Norwich, four buff cocks, one buff hen, and two yellow cocks, self coloured, for stock or show, winner amongst them of the best strains possible, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval. J. Wilson, 78, James-st., Great Harwood.

MUST clear. High-class Norwich, Goldfinch, Mule and show cage, highly commended, 5/-; selected cock Goldfinch, 2/6; cock Linnet, 1/6; first-class breeding and show cages, very cheap; approval, deposit.—F. C. Hackney, Thrapston, Northants.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Norwich, cocks 6/6 to 10/6; hens, 4/6 to 6/6; matched pairs, properly mated to produce winners, 10/- to 15/-; winnings well known; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners (see reports Leicester and Coventry), three 1sts, 2nd, and 3rd, challenge cup and special best in show, Leicester, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-, single birds from 10/-; approval.—Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

FORTY exhibition and stock Norwich birds for disposal, Barnes' and Gibbs' strain; 22 double and single breeding cages; two flight cages, 4ft. long; Egg Mill show cages and cases for sale; pairs from 15/-; cocks and hens from 7/6 each.—Housden, Dodinga, Birchington.

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MULES, all kinds in stock; send for list.—B. Hollins, George-st., Hull.

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CANARY-GOLDFINCH Mule (1908), grand songster, 7/-; hen canaries 2/- each.—Arnold, 49, Worcester-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

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DARK Linnet Mule 50/-, Goldfinch Redpoll Hybrid 20/-; both perfect specimens and can win in keen competition; approval. — Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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GRAND house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, guaranteed breeder; Scotch Bullfinch hen, good size; four Muling Norwich hens, various cages; offers, lot. Jas. Patterson, Braeside, Riccarton, Kilmarnock, N.B.

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DARK cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, yellow Norwich hen, parents of above, 8/6; yellow Norwich cock, 5/6; cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, caged since August, two 4/6; offers lot.—Hill, Blenheim, West-st., Newport, I. of W.

LIGHT Linnet Mule, hen, winner 2nd Glasgow and West of Scotland and 3rd Milngavie, 15/-; yellow Greenfinch Mule cock, 4th Avonbridge, 2nd Glasgow and West of Scotland, 37/6 (see reports); sure winners.—Chas. Douglas, Tarbert, Lochfyne.

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Indian Shama, perfect, grand singer, 40/-. List of all my rare Foreign birds, post free on application.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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LARGE Linnet-Mule, songster, 2nd South Manchester last Saturday, strong class; offers invited; cash or exchange.—W. Fairhurst, 66, Nellie-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

EXHIBITION; three dark cocks, Linnet Mules, winners 1st and 4th, 2nd and c, and one 3rd, 15/-, 22/-, and 7/6; or exchange a pair of good stock Norwich.—J. Large, 20, Arthur-st., Goose Green, nr. Wigan.

CATCHERS.—Large cock Goldfinch, also hen, both house-moulted; cock Finch-Mule, pure notes; house-moulted cock Linnet; pair clap-nets, 15ft. by 4ft., and cages, 22s. 6d. lot. Approval.—Evans, Ash Tree, Rogerstone, Newport, Mon.

WILL exchange eight splendid cock Goldfinches, also nine pair Bullfinches, and cash to value, for gent's free wheel bicycle in good order, or sell separately; no rubbish offered; none wanted.—T. Lovell, Church-st., Long Buckby.

TWO Linnet cock Mules, 5/- each; three large Siberian Goldfinches, 5/- each; two nestling, song Thrushes and cages, 5/- each; four brancher Larks and cages, singing, 3/ each; exchange common fowls.—Kemble, 21, Bridge-st., Hemerton.

EXHIBITION.—Cocks, Bullfinches, v.h.c. at Cambridge, 15/-; h.c., 10/-; another 2/6; hens, 1/6; Chaffinches, 10/-, 2/6; Greenfinches, 1/-, hens 6d.; Goldfinch-Mule, 5/6; Reed Bunting, 5/-; exchange exhibition Siskin or others. Yours first.—Strange, Chesterton-rd., Cambridge.

MATTHEWS BIRD SPECIALIST,
will exchange any kind of British birds, either for showing, Mule breeding, or contest singing, for Canaries, cocks or hens, any variety, to be sent on approval both ways; so send at once your stock, large or small; state wants to—Matthews, Linnet King, 24, Avenue-st., Portwood, Stockport, Cheshire.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires; sell or exchange anything useful.—Rand, Wicklow-st., Middlesboro.'

EXCHANGE one Border cock and two hens for Siberian cock Goldfinch.—G. Stanners, Avonbridge.

CANARIES, Norwich and Yorkshire, for sale or exchange for groceries.—Wood, 22, Grove-st., Nelson.

EXCHANGE pair good Canaries for pair Budgerigars.—W. Gane, 66, St. Mark's-lane, Easton, Bristol.

WHITE, 202, Barnby-gate, Newark, will exchange Norwich cocks, hens, or pairs, for anything useful.

FEW good Scotch Fancies, from 20/-, or exchange for surplus Norwich.—F. McNair, 10, New-st., Paisley.

ONE cock, three hen Yorkshires, 12/6; exchange silver albert, offers.—Turton, 36, Thomson-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire cocks, one hen, for Rollers; offers.—Goodwin, Cawdry Buildings, Leek, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 15 good flying Homers for a pair of young Canaries.—John Chapman, First Yard, Church Hill, Filey.

THREE Norwich cocks, two hens, 45/-; exchange phonograph and records.—James, 81, Jersey-rd., Abergwynfi.

EXCHANGE five pairs of Border Fancies for phonograph.—J. Butterworth, 54, Knightly-st., Queen's-rd., Manchester.

FOUR Border one Yorkshire cocks, 1909, full song, 20/- lot, offers, pictures, anything.—Day, 14, Evans-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE common cock and hen, small, for two Norwich hens; offers, yours first.—Lawrie, Roslin, Mid-Lothian.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for Yorkshire Terrier pup; approval.—15, Grosvenor-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

WHITE Wyandotte Pullets and Black Leghorn cockerel for pair Norwich.—E. Blake, 24, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.

WILL exchange good 1909 Yorkshire Canaries for good postcard size camera.—Goldsmith, 49, Queen-st., Maidenhead.

EXCHANGE good Norwich for English or Welsh Goldfinches, no rubbish wanted.—Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

TWO buff variegated Norwich hen canaries, sell 3/- each, or exchange Norwich cock.—W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

EXCHANGE pair Lizards, broken capped, for pair long slim Yorkshires; yours first.—R. Potter, 84, Maldon-rd., Colchester.

EXCHANGE grand Norwich cock and hen (1908) for rook and rabbit rifle; little cash for good one.—A. T. Selvey, Tredegar.

CANARIES, good songsters, outdoor bred, 5/- upwards; exchange anything useful, no rubbish.—B, 88, Fant-la., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE unflighted Norwich marked Bull cock for unflighted Yellow cock, or sell £1.—Nosworthy, Albion Hill, Newton Abbot.

WILL exchange good Sib-bred hens for house-moulted cock Goldfinches.—B. Atkins, 10, Dornfell-st., West Hampstead, N.W.

WANTED, exhibition Norwich; exchange talking Parrot and good cage; sell, 45/-.—Wagg, Poplar-terrace, Snettisham, Norfolk.

GENUINE Sib, large yellow cock, 10/-; exchange for extra good field moulted cock Goldies.—Waldock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green.

WANTED, roller skates, 8/-, or other exchange, for Roller Canaries; approval.—Howard Jukes, 140, Watling-st., Bridgtown, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs high-class Seifert Rollers for overcoat to measure, or sell 40/-; offers entertained.—A. Maden, South-st., Bacup.

NORWICH cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/6; exchange for pair of Norwich Greens; approval. — Barlow, Grocer, Tame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; wanted Roller songsters or Bull bitch.—Middleton, No. 1, Rydall-st., Holbeck, Leeds.

NORWICH cocks, 3/6; hens, 2/-; 1909, outdoor bred in bushes; exchanges entertained; no livestock. Bazaar reference.—Lemiox, Barcombe.

EXCHANGE three Borders, hens, and Bullfinch, cock, hand-reared, piping, for Lancashire cock Plainhead.—Clasper, 3, Hotspur-st., Alnwick.

TWO pairs high-class Yorkshires, 15/- a pair; or exchange one pair for gent.'s boots, size 9's. Approval.—Luther Jebson, Shelmanthorpe.

LOVELY Angora buck, 3/6; cross-bred, 2/6; beautiful pair Norwich, 12/6; Yorkshire hen, 3/6; exchange good Crests.—A. March, Evesham.

EXCHANGE good double crested, green marked cock, not grey, for long slim Yorkshire hen; sell 20/-.—Clixby, 151, Central drive, Blackpool.

NUMBER of Norwich, winning strain, 15/- cocks, 5/- hens; or exchange Edison Home phonograph, etc.—Hurding, Wensleydale, Southend-on-Sea.

EXHIBITION Border Fancy Canaries, young birds, sell or exchange British or foreign Seedeaters; mutual approval.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

EXCHANGE high-class Seifert Roller Schoolmasters, for pair of gent.'s boots; sell, 15/6; bargain.—Johnson, 2, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

YORKSHIRES.—Few pairs, cold room, strong, healthy birds, from 9/- upwards; useful exchange entertained.—Bobby, Queen-st., Redcar, Yorkshire.

16ft. pocket fishing rod, reel, and line, sell 7/6, or exchange large clear yellow Norwich hen, or offers; mutual approval.—Pickles, National School, Bingley.

WILL exchange unflighted colour-fed Norwich cock for two unflighted cobby Norwich hens, one Yellow, one Buff.—Patterson, 14½, Airton-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

WANTED, good unflighted Clear Yellow Norwich cock, large bird, exchange variegated cock and buff hen, Norwich; yours first.—Harland, Bagdale, Whitby.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, also pairs, cheap, or exchange British Hardbills, exhibition mules, or Hybrids; approval.—Gill, Saddler, Douglas, I.O.M.

LARGE Flemish buck, steel grey, Vince's direct, 20/-; exchange Yellow or Green typleal Norwich cock Canaries.—Stockwell, 131, Sladefield-rd., Ward End, Birmingham.

FOUR good Norwich cocks, 1909 outside bred; warranted 21/-; also exchange one Norwich cock for two Siberians, Goldfinches.—W. Sherriff, Old Humberstone, Leicester.

CANARIES.—Norwich for sale, or exchange. A good whole-plate camera, complete, wanted, up-to-date; approval both ways.—G. H. Gould, 11, Little South-st., Coventry.

FEW high-class Yorkshires, feathered to perfection; hens from 4/6, cocks from 6/-; sale or exchange floor matting, or anything useful.—Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley.

NORWICH Yellow cock, 1909, 10/-, or exchange Yellow variegated hen, 1909 preferred; pairs 12/6 and 15/-; cold room bred.—Prentice, West Grange, East Grange, Dunfermline, Fife.

MUST sell.—Three cocks and two hens, Norwich, house-moulted Siberian, cock Goldfinch-Mule, all healthy; three single, one double breeding cages; £2 lot.—Craggs, Sun House, Richmond, Yorks.

THREE young Norwich hens and two cock Canaries in splendid condition, 1909 birds; will exchange for crockery and cutlery, or sell for 23/-.—G. Hart, East Hall, Wennington, Rainham, Essex.

EXCHANGE, a long, slim pair of typical Yorkshires for a large Yellow Norwich cock or two large Norwich hens, clear or marked; or sell 30/-.—F. R. Brown, Hairdresser, 54, High-st., Boston.

EIGHT Norwich hens, last year's, two this year's, hens, variegated, and one Yellow, one Green, Norwich cock; cold-room bred, for cash; or exchange anything useful.—Mrs. Blogg, 34, Willingdon-rd., Eastbourne.

FEW high-class Yorkshires for disposal; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/6; approval. Will exchange for pair large Clear Yellow Norwich or Gold Lizard cock.—Bricrley, 15, Cromer-avenue, Tonge Moor, Bolton, Lancs.

WANTED, a pair of Norwich, good, matched for breeding, or good Clear Yellow cock, in exchange for pair Sandow's five-grip dumb bells, four volumes "Practical Grocer," or few 1909 half-bred Norwich.—Fox, 137, Darnley-rd., Gravesend.

T. FITTON, Lower Bare Tree Farm, Claremont-st., Burnley-la., Chadderton, Oldham: 8 pair Norwich Plainhead, Davis's Topper strain, and Pethechs, from 12/- per pair; on approval; or exchange pure-bred poultry, and Great Dane pup.

TREAT for Christmas.—H. Siddall will give grand parcel cutlery and nickel-silver, 51 pieces, in exchange for six pairs of Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; colour-fed; approval both ways; birds first; or fowls for table use.—100, Woodseats-rd., Sheffield.

GIVING up Crests.—Good large crested cock, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; two Crestbreds, 1909 bred, 15/- each; lot, £3; bargains; or exchange for pedigree Toy Pom. bitch, exhibition British birds, or laying pullets.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

TO be sold to the highest bidder, the following Canaries, own breeding as bred, none sold: Sixteen Cinnamon-Norwich, nine Yorkshire Greens, nine other Yorkshires, all in good health. Or offers in exchange.—Wm. Alderson, Greenfield View, Skipton, Yorkshire.

LANCASHIRES, buff coppy cock, rung, grand head, 30/-; yellow coppy cock, 1909, 15/-; two buff Plainhead hens, 14/- each; 1909 Crestbred hen, extra large, 15/-; on approval; will exchange any above for common singing cocks to value.—Charles Hoyle, Wardle, Rochdale.

WILL give in exchange three 1908 hen Canaries, one buff, one variegated, one even marked yellow, for a good house moulted white legged Cheveral cock Goldfinch, one that has bred Mules preferred, or sell for 13/-, on approval both ways.—T. Brown, 2, Lydia-st., Willington, Durham.

EIGHT feeding hens, mostly Germans, also house-moulted Bramblefinch hen, for good Norwich hen, yellow preferred, must have short wings and tail; yours first.—G. Cumpbell, Lord Hill, Dawley, Salop.

HAVING decided to give up Yorkshires, have ten pairs for disposal; will exchange for good large Norwich, or sell from 12/6 pair. None but good birds entertained in exchange. Above are properly mated to produce winners. Good chance for novices to start where I leave off.—Edwin Lloyd, Bridge-st., Chester.

EXTRA large buff Norwich cocks, 12/6 each; Yellow hens, 7/6; also Lizards, pairs, 12/6; Yellow Yorkshires, cocks, 10/-; Yellow hens, 5/-; two house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 7/6 and 5/-; card sent. Exchange any above for good Hawfinch cock, Yellow Norwich cocks, or anything useful. Yours first on approval.—W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

ROSE breasted Parrot and cage, also Irish Terrier bitch pup; offers.—F. Shinton, 38, Stanley-st., Burslem.

FOR sale, Parrot, Green Amazon, big bird; also large new cage, £2; exchange.—John Purvis, Airdrie. Approval.

BEAUTIFUL large white tame Cockatoo and cage, what offers? exchange anything.—Laing, 46, Willoughby Mount, Leeds.

COCK Cordon Bleu 5/-, two cock Zebrafinches 2/6 each, hen 3/-, aviary bred; exchange canaries.—MacPherson, Erskine, Bishopton.

EXCHANGE pair (young) Black-billed Alexandrine Parrakeets for pair yellow Budgerigars.—W. Stripp, Wouldham Hall, Rochester, Kent.

PAIR Cockatiels, good breeders, 12/6; approval; exchange Borders, Rollers, or Muling hens; offers first.—Harrison, Ellenboro'-pl., Maryport.

EXCHANGE exhibition Foreign Finches, one Black-headed, one Nutmeg, one Combassou, and one Wax-bill for British show cages and case.—Durnford, High-st., Midsomer Norton.

GOOD grey talking Parrot and new cage for sale, price £4 4/-; list of words sent; splendid whistler; on approval, with "Cage Birds" deposit, or exchange Yorkshire Canaries, on approval.—S. Lambon, 54, Aston-rd., Birmingham.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE physical culture books, for Rollers.—Morris, 6, Hill-st., Greenock.

ELEVEN satinette pigeons, 20/- or exchange.—King, 14, Bruce-st., Lowestoft.

WORKING Homers, well sell 5/6 pair; exchange Canaries.—32, King-st., Dudley.

TICKA Watch pocket camera, cost 10/-; what bird in exchange?—McCallum, Kingussie.

WHAT offers Germans for Whippet, three months' old? or sell 15/-.—Price, St. Asaph.

SEVEN phonograph records, Lark cages, exchange anything.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE Spaniel dog, or sell 30/-; Norwich Canaries.—Whitbrook, East Wemyss, Fife.

SALE or exchange, Greyhound, 5 months old.—Whiley, Bells Huts, Carlinghow, Saltburn.

PHONOGRAPH and 36 records, 25/-; exchange Norwich Canaries.—Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

FIVE pairs grand flying Homers, 20/-, or exchange cage birds.—Gilson, Montrose-st., Dansom-la., Hull.

NICE Cocker Spaniel bitch, 18 months; black, tan feet, 15/-, offers, exchange.—Blayney, Machynlleth.

EXCHANGE set fishing tackle, good condition, for pair good Yorkshires.—Waller, 53, Ellen-st., Rotherham.

WILL give clean healthy Ferret for cage birds, seedeaters.—Culshaw, Damfield-la., Maghull, Liverpool.

NORWICH cock and two hens, 8/6; phonograph, 39 records, 6/-.—Griffiths, 14, Rudolph-rd., Kilburn West.

CANE mailcart, 15/-, exchange carpeting; offers, anything useful.—Jebsen, Common End, Shelmanthorpe.

WANTED, pair second-hand outer covers, exchange tools.—Thompson, 33, Edensor-st., Beswick, Manchester.

CONCERT flute, eight keys, lip plate, 15/-; exchange drapery; offers.—Crowson, 346, Meadow-lane, Nottingham.

FOR Sale or exchange, Black Retriever dog, 7 months, grand bone; Bullfinches or Siskins.—John Purvis, Airdrie.

EXCHANGE good cycle lamp, gas, cost 5/-, for Siberian cock Goldfinch.—Mr. J. Young, West Pinkerton, Dunbar.

EXCHANGE gun metal watch, splendid timekeeper, for pair good Yorkshires.—Waller, 53, Ellen-st., Rotherham.

EXCHANGE old violin and bow for pair Yorkshires or Rollers, approval.—31, Blackleach, Walkden, Manchester.

SALE or exchange pair Magpie Pigeons for cock Canary or Bullfinches; approval.—Lovell, 5, Bitton-st., Teignmouth.

EXCHANGE 200 "Cage Birds" and 30 coloured plates, for birds, or sell cheap.—Black, Wilson-st., Girvan, Ayrshire.

THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, 2 cock Canaries, 3 hen Canaries, sale or exchange.—Farren, 24, Estcourt-rd., Watford.

THREE pair of Fantail Pigeons for sale, 8/-, or exchange for Siberian cock Goldfinch.—Drye, 45, Arthur rd., Windsor.

THREE Yorkshire show cages and case, exchange large Yorkshire hen, or sell; offers.—C. Nevison, Emgate, Bedale, Yorks.

TWENTY-FOUR 7in. disc records, for 12/-, nr exchange for British or Canaries.—Chanter, Cook's Cross, South Molton.

EIGHTY wild birds' eggs (side blown, one hole), 6/6; two new Canary show cages, 4/6 pair.—Milne, Starkholmes, Matlock.

PRIMUS stove, No. 5, and Bowden front stop brake, in good order, for birds.—Roberts, 96, High-st., Aylesbury, Bucks.

EXCHANGE Skye Terrier dog for Roller Canary cock, or sell 10/-; offers.—Peaver, 42, Parker-st., Bradford, Manchester.

NANNY goat, good milker, sell 25/-, or exchange Canaries or anything useful.—Perrins, Brucke Lodge, Poulton, Warrington.

EXCHANGE lady's cycle, good condition, for one pair Norwich, or offers; sell, £2 cash.—Priest, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

EXCHANGE 21/- film camera, nearly new condition, for pair good Yorkshires.—Aynsley, 61, Westdale-lane, Carlton, Notts.

PAIR 1909 Black Pouters, sell or exchange canaries or Goldfinches; approval; no room.—John Shepherd, Park-st., Galashiels.

EXCHANGE violin, 15/-; watch, sound, 12/-; for good Yorkshires or Norwich; offers.—Ellis, 49, Thomas-st., South Halifax.

SMALL powerful electric motor, exchange Buff Yorkshire Cock, Roller, or Borders; bird first.—Rogers, Afonwen, Flintshire.

WHAT offers in exchange lady's silver watch and silver albert and gent.'s silver English lever?—Brown, 20, Carlton Hill, Brighton.

GUITAR Zither, little used, cost £2, take 15/-, or exchange Canaries, Norwich or Rollers.—Pepper, Cutts-st., Pinxton, Alfreton.

LEWIS and CO., 37, King-st., Ramsgate, are open to exchange stock you don't want for what you do want, or will purchase same.

GENT'S gold plated albert and ring, new razor in case; exchange Canaries, or cock Goldfinches.—Robinson, Ketton, Stamford.

EXCHANGE English grey buck, vhc, club show, for pair winning Yorks; sell £1; approval.—Fothergill, Pleknp-st., Nelson, Lancs.

EXCHANGE splendid silver-handle ladies' umbrella, cost 12/6, for pair Bullfinches and 5/-.—Durose, 32, Argyle-st., Swansea.

GENT'S grey worsted shooting coat, chest 39, nearly new; exchange canaries; approval.—Millner, 16, Shire-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

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Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, December 5th, when some good singing was heard. 1, 3, Ward; 2, Thurkill. Judges, Messrs. J. Renford and T. Galley.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, December 4th. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Stead; 3, Sellers. Judges, Messrs. J. Naylor and W. Naylor. Also on December 5th. 1 and 3, Sissons; 2, Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and A. Jennings.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

Usual quality singing contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, North-st., December 5th. Result: Soloman's birds performed the hat trick in Linnet singing, winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Judges: Messrs. J. C. Clark and A. Lorriman. Canary contest will be held December 12th, commence 7.30; open to all.—J. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Usual Linnet contest (3 minutes' sing) held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Carbrook, December 5th, when 17 birds were entered. 1 and 2, Wilson, 77, 59; Fenn's and Cole's birds dead heat for 3rd prize. They sang off, Fenn beating Cole by two seconds. Contest will be held at same hotel on December 12th; also on Christmas Day, when some specials will be given. Entrance fee, 6d.; open to all England.—A. BROWN, Sec.

DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE.

Lockhurst and Brady are open to sing anyone (Linnets) in the county of Durham for £5 a side, one bird, 3, 5, or 7 heats, 3 minutes up and 5 down, same bird to sing all heats; or will sing any 4 birds, 3 minutes up, 5 down, one bird one heat. Meet, Mrs. Burrells, Colliery Inn, Brandon, Saturday first, December 11th, from 6 until 9. Business meant.—Signed, A. LOCKHURST, Willington, Durham.—ADVT.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest on December 6th, when 21 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Smith and G. Towers. 1, Butler; 2, Sellers; 3, Chippindale. Also a roller contest on December 6th, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, E. Wood; 2, G. Atkinson; 3, D. Foster. Judges, J. Smith, and A. Binns.—W. DEAN, secretary.

YORK.

Second contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, on December 4th, when 16 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Massheder; 2, Kirby; 3, Gurden: 4, Harrison. Judge, Mr. Berry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

First Linnet singing contest of the year held at Crown Inn on November 27th, when 14 birds competed. Result: 1, Kirby, 2, 3, Cole; 4, Gurden. Judge, Mr. Berry; timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

Club Reports.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful table show of Redpolls was held at headquarters, the Railway Hotel, on Dec. 1st, Mr. Ordish being judge. The awards were as follows: 1. Hart; 2, Slater; 3, Charlson.—P. Hart, secretary.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

The society held a team competition on Nov. 27th, at headquarters, Horton Church Schools. The exhibits were a very nice lot and a credit to their owners. Mr. Alf. Hartley (Great Horton) judged to everybody's satisfaction. Result: D. Bartle, first, leading by one point, with S. Briggs and A. Holden tieing for second place, followed closely by Messrs. G. Riley, H. Schofield, and H. Worshop, who were only two points behind winner.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

BONNYRIGG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual financial meeting held in the Foresters' Arms, on November 27th, Mr. Edward Weighly in the chair. The Secretary read the balance-sheet, which the members considered grand for a start. After paying 6s. per class, we have left a balance of £4 2s. to be carried over for next season. The secretary was re-elected. We finished our evening with songs by Mr. Thomas (Bickerstaff and Mr. Alexander Jardine, which they rendered in their best style.—GEO. HARPER.

LEEDS O.B.S.

Monthly meeting held December 4th, Mr Farrar in the chair. The classification for our members' show on Boxing Day, at St. George's Schools, was arranged on somewhat similar lines to that of our November 13th show, with these exceptions: All clear classes and Border Fancy class withdrawn, and two hen classes for each Novice Section (Yorks and Nor.), and three pair classes (York, Nor, A.O.V.) added. Mr. F. King will judge all classes. Birds to be staged by 9.30 a.m., show opens at 1.30, and closes at 7. The following names are those nominated for various positions for our society for 1910 for election at our annual meeting on January 8th, not January 1st as stated in syllabus. For chairman, Mr. P. Whiteley; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Moir; hon. sec., J. Chambers; assistant secretary, Mr. J. W. Medley. This brought a very enthusiastic and well attended meeting to a close.—J. CHAMBERS, hon. secretary.

BLAYDON-ON TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting there was a large turnout of members. The report of the last show was given, and considered very satisfactory. We also decided to have our next annual show on Nov. 4th and 5th. There were four new members proposed.—GEO. HAYNE, secretary.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Special meeting held on November 30th, at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, Mr. Crane presiding. There was a good attendance. The secretary reported a capital entry for the annual show. An impromptu discussion on the Norwich Canary was entered into with much interest. It proved that we have some pastmasters in the art of Norwich breeding. J. SWINDLEY, hon. secretary.

LANCASTER PRIMROSE C.B.A.

The association spent a very enjoyable evening on December 1st, when they invited the workers of the show to a rabbit pie supper. The rest of the evening was spent in singing and card playing. The balance-sheet was read and approved; it shows a satisfactory balance in hand. It was agreed that we hold a show much earlier in the season next year, as so many shows clash later. We hope fanciers will help us then to make the show even a greater success than our last.—J. H. NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

ENGLISH AND WELSH B.F.C.C.

Result of the Border Fancy International Contest at Altrincham, on December 3rd and 4th. Class 19, Eng. 13, Scot. nil. Class 20, Eng. 13, Scot. 5. Class 21, Eng. 11, Scot. 10. Class 22, Eng. 13, Scot. nil. Class 23, Eng. 5, Scot. 13. Class 24, Eng. 13, Scot. 4. Class 25, Eng. 11, Scot. 9. Class 26, Eng. 8, Scot. 13. Class 27, Eng. 9, Scot. 12. Class 28, Eng. 13, Scot. 4. Class 29, Eng. 13, Scot. 7. Class 30, Eng. 11, Scot. 1. Class 31, Eng. 7, Scot. 12. Class 32, Eng. 9, Scot. 13. Class 33, Eng. 3, Scot. 11. Class 34, Eng. 13, Scot. 6. English total, 145; and Scottish total, 120. England therefore wins for the first time.—S. HADWIN.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held in Gothenburgh on November 30th, a large number of fanciers being present, Mr. J. Fotheringham, vice-president, taking the chair. The financial statement for the year showed a balance of £12 12s. 7d., and after the secretary and treasurer had been rewarded for their services it was agreed to bank £9, and keep £1 in treasurer's hands. The following officials were elected: Mr. J. Stenhouse, president; Mr. J. Fotheringham, vice-president; Mr. D. McConville, treasurer; Mr. J. Ford, secretary, with a strong committee of working fanciers. It was also agreed to hold open show on same date as this year, viz., October 22nd, 1910. This closed a very interesting meeting.—JOHN FORD, Secretary, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.

MARYHILL AND DISTRICT O.C.

Annual general meeting held in the side room of the Conservative Hall. The president (Mr. T. Ferguson) presided over a large attendance. The Secretary gave particulars of the show, and the treasurer submitted his balance-sheet, which showed the club was in a very satisfactory condition. The following office bearers were duly elected for next year: President, Mr. T. Ferguson; vice-president, Mr. T. Stirling; secretary, Mr. G. Blackstock; treasurer, Mr. A. Hannah; auditors, Messrs. J. N. Anderson and J. Wilson; trustees, Messrs. Ferguson, G. G. Aitkenhead, and A. Jardine; committee, Messrs. A. Martin, A. Nairn, A. Jardine, G. G. Aitkenhead, R. Taylor, and R. Baird. Prize money was paid to the successful exhibitors. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. Next meeting in Conservative Hall last Monday of January, 1910.

SCOTCH F.C. (Nat. Derby) O.A.

Annual meeting held at Grand National Hall, Glasgow, on November 30th, with Mr. Wright (president) in the chair. The balance-sheet was submitted and adopted. It was agreed to have next show on September 17th, 1910. The following office-bearers were appointed for 1910: Hon. President, Mr. W. Hart (Paisley); president, Mr. R. Wright (Greenock); vice-president, Councillor J. Hogg (Oakley); secretary and treasurer, Mr. Thomas Smith, 56, Minard Road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow; auditors, Messrs. Bullions and Porteous; committee, Messrs. G. G. Aitkhead, J. W. Anderson, E. B. Bullions, C. Bell, J. Begg, W. B. Cobb, H. R. Caldwell, R. Carmylie, H. Crawford, J. Dalgleish, J. Donnelly, R. H. D. Fernie, T. Ferguson, J. Fleming, G. Fulton, A. Galston, W. Gibb, W. Gray, J. Hannay, J. Hart, W. D. Hogg, D. Holden, W. Hutchison, William Hunter, A. Jardine, R. Johnstone, J. Kennedy, sen., J. Lawery, W. Lees, W. McClure, R. McQuillan, P. McDougall, J. McLennan, J. D. Maxwell, J. Y. Miller, W. Mitchell, J. Morrison, A. McDonald, J. Muir, R. Neil, W. Niven, Neil O. Donnell, J. Park, A. Porteous, J. Price, J. Raine, J. F. Renwick, J. A. Stewart, R. Thoms, W. Thornton, F. Strathearn, and J. Ward. A sharp discussion arose on a proposal to refuse entries from every member who fails to fill up the schedule correctly in every detail, particularly in reference to price of exhibits, or, alternately, to withdraw the clause giving the privilege of stating price to have a sale on show day. Ultimately the secretary undertook to return, where time admits, all incomplete schedules for completion by the member. A vote of thanks to chairman terminated the meeting.—T. SMITH, secretary.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, on December 6th, when Mr. W. H. Stoakley, the chairman, presided over a large muster of members. Before the ordinary business, the chairman said he thought they should tender their hearty congratulations to the members of the society who had done so splendidly at the Horticultural Hall show the previous week. Mr. Randall had won for the third year in succession—indeed, outright—the champion silver cup, and many other prizes in the classes for Rollers; Mr. Smith, their secretary, had won cup for best unflig. Yorks, in the champion classes, Mr. Dixon silver cup in the Norwich amat. section, and Messrs. Reade and Whittome had taken diplomas, besides which many other members—both ladies and gentlemen—had taken first and other prizes. Mr. H. Smith, the hon. secretary, presented a most satisfactory report of the recent show. Its success was achieved, he pointed out, in spite of several adverse conditions, and he thought they might well congratulate themselves. In point of numbers it was the largest by a long way of any cage bird show held in Wimbledon, while as regards quality, he referred his hearers to the Fancy Press. He was pleased to be able to report that he had not received a single complaint, but he had had a number of letters thanking those who had looked after and packed up the birds. The show closed at 8.45 and by 10.30 all the birds had been sent to the stations, and the hall was practically cleared. The total number of exhibitors was 135, as compared with 120 last year, while the number of entries was 642, against 525, and the entries in members' classes 184, against 165. The interim balance sheet showed the total expenses to have been £67 6s. 1d., and the receipts £67 14s. 9d., which left a balance of 8s. 8d. in hand. The Chairman said that, taking everything into consideration, he thought the statement extremely satisfactory. They had had the satisfaction of having a very fine show splendidly managed by their assiduous and indefatigable secretary. He thought under these circumstances, although they would have liked a larger balance—and it might be larger when the final balance-sheet was made out—they could be well satisfied that they had come out of it so well. (Applause.) A somewhat lengthy discussion took place as to whether the Society was to continue its membership of the London Federation of C.B.S., and in the end it was decided by a small majority—many not voting—to continue for the present. Judging competition, Messrs. E. J. Whittome and A. H. Dyke acting as final judges respectively. Points gained: G. W. Baker, 21; Miss N. Cooper and Mrs. Owen, 17 each; L. G. W. Owen, 16; F. W. Owen, 14; A. W. Reade, 11; A. J. Shipton, 10; E. W. Dell, 9; A. Hare, A. L. Priest, and G. Griffiths, 8 each; J. Cross, R. Birch, W. Wallis, and Mrs. A. M. Collins, 6 each; F. P. Found, 4; Mrs. L. M. Thynne, 3; E. B. Skinner and S. Wright, 1 each; Mrs. Griffiths, F. Whiting, H. Dixon, C. Taylor, and E. J. Whittome, 0. It was decided to hold annual show next year in November on the dates corresponding to those of this year's show, and to hold a judging competition for Yorks at the January meeting.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Washing exhibition was given by Mr. J. Wilkinson on December 1st, at the Railway Hotel. A good number turned up. Mr. Wilkinson put the birds through in a masterly manner, explaining all the good points in washing. No doubt many fanciers learned something they never knew before. Many questions were asked and answered. A vote of thanks to him brought a very instructive evening to a close.—A. BOTTOMLEY, secretary.

FALKIRK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall, President Robert Dickson presiding. Balance-sheet was adopted, and we considered the hall in which to hold our next annual show and club meetings. We had a table show of Norwich Plainheads. 1, 4, Simpson; 2, 3, Hamilton and Wallace. Mr. Hugh Moreland, hon. president, judged, and gave the members the opportunity of asking questions, which proved educational to all.—R. HAMILTON, secretary.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The Council of the Yorks. Union held a meeting at Great Horton Show on December 4th, when the following business was transacted by the delegates present. Bradford East O.S. made application to the Council for a day's extension in closing entries for their annual show, as Boxing Day falling on the Monday the postal arrangements will be interfered with; it was unanimously passed that the society be allowed to close their entries on Wednesday, December 29th. The Brighouse Society again made application to consider the position they are placed in with regard to their annual show, and arising from this application arose the question as to whether a society shall retain its position by paying its equal share of judges' fees, although not holding an open show, or whether they should remain stationary, so long as they don't hold an open show, taking up the position where they left, when resuming their annual shows. Many opinions were expressed, and in order to get a fair understanding of the feelings of different societies in the matter, the President (Mr. R. Halliday) recommended that the question be thoroughly thrashed out by the societies in the Union, who should instruct their delegates how to vote in the matter, and that the question should be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting. This arrangement was agreed to, and it is hoped societies will give the question every consideration, so that the Council can come to a satisfactory conclusion on this question. It was unanimously decided that we again have an annual prize distribution on the same lines as previous years, and the following sub-committee was elected from the Union to act along with the other specialist clubs, in making the necessary arrangements:—Mr. R. Halliday, Mr. H. Hill, and Mr. E. W. Johnson. A few show irregularities were notified to the Council, and in each of the cases where exhibitors were using other than the Union's uniform watertin, the secretary was instructed to write the said exhibitors, and warn them that unless they conformed to the rules of the Union serious steps would be taken in all future cases reported to them. In respect to a case reported from the Great Horton Show Committee, it was decided by the Council that the secretary of the Union should write the said exhibitor, and ask for an explanation in regard to the matter. Another question referred to the various societies was in regard to the annual ballot, whether a Union member who is in membership with two or three societies should receive a ballot paper for each of them, or whether he should only receive one. The business was then brought to a close, the President thanking the delegates for their attendance.—H. HILL, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

A Successful Bohemian Concert.

Annual Bohemian concert held on December 2nd in the spacious hall attached to our headquarters, the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham. In spite of the wretched weather some 50 members and friends, including many ladies, were present, presided over by the ever-popular chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham. The concert arrangements had been entrusted to Mr. W. Hodson, and Mr. H. W. Tomsett, who provided a programme that will not easily be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to be present, some 20 artistes contributing to the evening's enjoyment. Mr. H. Reader Grey, who was at the piano, opened the proceedings with a brilliant pianoforte solo, Mr. D. Reeks following with a song, "Roger Rough, the Plowman." Mr. Reeks also sang "Asleep in the Deep." Mr. L. J. Richardson, a very sweet tenor, sang "Anchored" and "Yeomen of England." Our old friend Mr. J. W. Norris, of Roller fame, sang "The Flight of Ages" and the "Last Watch." Mr. Arthur Bolton sang "Love, if I only knew," and Mr. Joe Lee, a baritone, always a favourite, sang "Thora." The humorous element was provided by Mr. Harry Symonds, in "Down where the Breezes Blow" and "John Willie, Come On," and by Mr. Fred Putner, in "Bertie in Love." Mr. Will Putner sang "Tax the Bachelors," causing much merriment. About the middle of the evening a rare treat was provided by Mr. Stephen Morecroft and Mr. Stephen Mason, who very kindly came down and sang for us. I am sure all present were highly delighted, and much indebted to these gentlemen. The Cameos Operatic Concert Party (some 10 in number), who kindly provided the second half of the programme, came down with all their costumes and paraphernalia. They provided a large number of individual and concerted items. Miss Ruby Helene, in her coon songs, was very fine indeed. Miss Almens Courtneridge, Mr. Geo. Cole, Mr. J. Sheffield, Mr. Cliffor Travers, and Mr. Frank Dickeson contributed to a most enjoyable time. The D. and P.C.B.S. are very fortunate in having such friends ready and willing to help entertain them. Before leaving, the Cameos very kindly promised to provide an evening's entertainment early in the New Year at the Central Hall, Peckham, the proceeds to go to the funds of the society. Fanciers should make a note of this. The Chairman, after reading letters of apology from many well-known fanciers, reluctantly had to bring the evening to a close. He proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes. Mr. Cole supported, and it was carried with much acclamation. The singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne" closed the most memorable evening in the long history of the society.—W. HUDSON, hon. secretary.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

A washing exhibition was given by Mr. J. Symonds on December 6th, at the Chequers Hotel, and it proved very interesting to members and other fanciers. After Mr. Symonds washed about half-a-dozen birds, Mr. Busby also washed one or two, after which several of our members were invited to try; and they made a very good show of it, considering it was their first time. We spent an enjoyable evening, all being satisfied with the way the birds came out of the ordeal.—W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec.

WOOD GREEN AND DIS F. & F.A

First annual show held on Dec. 4th at Alexandra School. The entries, which numbered 220 all over, were very good specimens of the different varieties. The principal winners in the cage bird section were: Messrs. Penney, Brooks, Pledger, Johnson, Griffin, Ayling, Green, Boston, and Cobden, and many splendid specimens were staged. We had a great crowd of visitors, and all were delighted with the show. We hope to considerably increase our membership in consequence.—T. CALLEGARI, Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters on December 1. The chair was occupied by Mr. Robinson. Mr. B. Evans gave us a washing exhibition, he being watched with great interest. Mr. Evans explained how essential it was to use three bowls of warm water, also the way in which he used the soap. Birds were washed by Messrs. Woodhead, Robinson, and Ronald in very good style, and while the birds were drying some very interesting discussions took place. The meeting proved very interesting. A vote of thanks to Mr. Evans brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—J. W. PAPPLE, hon. secretary.



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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Caerau (C.B.U.), Dec. 28th, Morgan's Hall, Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden. 11 open classes: York. 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec 14th to JNO. LEWIS, 138, Caerau-rd., Caerau, nr. Bridgend.

Ely (C.B.U.), Dec. 27th, Market House. Judge, Mr. S. Tickell. 23 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Yorks 4, Scot 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit 5, Sell. 2. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 15th to J. TIPPETT, Alverton terrace.

Selkirkshire, Dec. 14th, Victoria Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Thomson. 16 open classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 8 (1 Sell.), Brit. 2, For. 1, Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- Fee, 1/3. Ent. close Dec. 11th to A. J. BROWN, Chapel-st., Selkirk.

Bowhill, Dec. 18th, Gothenburg Hall. Judges, Messrs. A. Kerr and J. Paterson. 49 open classes: Scot 8, Bord. 6, Crest 4, Nor. 10, Yorks 2, Common 2 (1 local), Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 11th to W. DODDS, Jamphlars, Cardenden.

Broxburn (B.F.C.C., S.B.B., & M.C.).—Dec. 18, Public Halls.—Judges: Messrs. G. Hislop, J. Whiter, J. Brown, and W. Sharp. 55 open classes: Scots. 7 (1 Sell.), Crests 5 (1 Sell.), Nor. 9 (1 Sell.), Bord. 10 (2 Sell.), Mule 4, Brit. 16, For. 2, Com. Can. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and very many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 11, to D. ANTHONY, Main-street, Uphall.

Halifax (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.B.B. & M.C.).—Dec. 17 and 18, Mechanics' Hall, Crossley-street.—Judges: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Vardy. 42 open classes: Yorks 23 (2 open novice, 7 Y.U. novice), Yorks Greens 4 (2 open novice), Nor. 8 (2 Y.U. novice), Brit. 4, Mule 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 14, to J. F. THACKRAY, 82, St. Augustine's-terrace.

Dove Holes (£10 Limit, C.B.U.).—Dec. 18, Cement Works.—Judge: Mr. J. N. Harrison. 7 open (12 mile radius) classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Gift 1, and 1 members. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 11, to F. J. HICK, Claremont, Dove Holes, Buxton.

Peterhead.—Dec. 24 and 25, Music Hall.—Judge: Mr. W. Hampton. 29 classes and 51 specials. Entries close Dec. 18 to A. CLARK, 79, King Street.

Aberdeen (S.N.P.C., S.C.C., Y.C.C. of S.).Dec. 17 and 18, Ball Room, Music Hall, Union-street.—Judges: Messrs. W. Watson, J. M'Lay, and J. Livingstone. 58 open classes: Nor. 22 (6 unflig., conf. to S.N.P.C. members; 2 novice, 1 limit), Crests 5, Cinn 3, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2 (open to Scot. only), Belg. 1, Pair 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For 3, Sell 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 11, to J. BRYSON, 8, Broomhill-road.

Mountsorrel.—Dec. 27, Drill Hall.—Judge: Mr. J. N. Harrison. 4 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, and 1 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 20, to J. PANNELL, Mountsorrel, Loughborough.

Tamworth F.A.—Dec. 27, Assembly Rooms.—Judge: Mr. C. Ward. 2 open classes: Can. and Brit. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 19, to T. S. BISHOP, Church-lane.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 11.—**Kilsyth.**—A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office,
Dec. 11.—**Crook C.B.S.**—W. Rutherford, West Roddymoor.
Dec. 11.—**Earlston, N.B.**—J. Brockie, 3, Jancfield.
Dec. 11.—**Ruthin.**—W. E. Roberts, Preswylfa, Ruthin.
Dec. 11.—**Selkirk.**—J. Brodie, Chapel Street.
Dec. 11.—**Gowhill.**—W. Dodds, Jamphlars, Cardenden.
Dec. 11.—**Broxburn.**—D. Anthony, Main Street.
Dec. 11.—**Dove Holes.**—F. J. Hick, Claremont.
Dec. 13 (1st post).—**Aberdeen.**—J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill Road.
Dec. 13.—**Pately Bridge.**—W. Lawson.
Dec. 13.—**Ayr O.S.**—C. W. Paterson, Albion House, Carrick Road.
Dec. 14.—**Caerau.**—J. Lewis, 138, Caerau Road.
Dec. 14.—**Netherleigh.**—H. H. Hill, Bridge Street.
Dec. 14.—**Halifax.**—J. F. Thackray, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace.
Dec. 17.—**High Wycombe.**—S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford Road.
Dec. 18.—**Truro.**—J. Tippett, 6, Alverton Terrace, Truro.
Dec. 18.—**Pwllheli.**—J. Rowlands, Macs Apiaries.
Dec. 18.—**Peterhead.**—A. Clark, 79, King Street.
Dec. 19.—**Tamworth.**—T. S. Bishop, Church Lane.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 12 (1st post).—**Narberth.**—Owen and Harries, St, James' Street.
Dec. 13.—**Long Eaton.**—A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.
Dec. 13 (1st post).—**Carmarthen.**—Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel.
Dec. 13 (1st post).—**Pontypridd.**—McLucas and James, 25, Pantygraigwen Road.
Dec. 16.—**Felinfoel.**—T. J. Davies, Park View.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

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LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Final show of the medal competition held at the Railway Hotel on December 4th, when Mr. R. Halliday judged. Six valuable prizes for novice competition, six for open, and two medals for Cinnamon marked competition (one given by Mr. W. Richmond) were competed for. It has been a very keen competition—an average of 80 birds at each show. Six shows have been held. Mr. F. Oddy, 1st gold medal, 92 points; E. Padgett, 2nd silver medal, 91; H. Shoesmith, 3rd, 59; T. Parker, 4th, 58, H. Coates, 5th, 55; W. B. Swaine, 6th, 53. Cinnamon marked competition—1st gold medal, T. Parker, 53 points; W. B. Swaine, 2nd medal, 45. Novice competition—1st gold medal, Danby, 84; R. Taylor, 2nd silver medal, 76; E. Shackleton, 3rd, 72; W. Webster, 4th, 66; F. Studd, 5th, 48; J. Marshall, 6th, 38.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, c, Padgett; 3, 4, Coates; vhc, Oddy; he, Swaine. BUFF: 1, he, Swaine; 2, Oddy; 3, 4, Padgett; vhc, Craven. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Oddy; 4, Tetley; vhc, Parker; he, Coates; c, Shoesmith. BUFF: 1, Tetley; 2, c, Oddy; 3, Parker; 4, Padgett; vhc, Craven; c, Coates. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, he, Parker; 2, vhc, Swaine; 3, 4, Shoesmith. HEN: 1, Shoesmith; 2, vhc, Parker; 3, Oddy; 4, he, Swaine. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Craven. NOVICE. CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Shackleton; 2, 4, vhc, Danby; he, Taylor; c, Webster. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Webster; 3, Taylor; 4, Pyrah; vhc, Danby; he, Brown. UNEV. MKD.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, 4, Pyrah; vhc, Danby; he, Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, Shackleton; 2, Webster; 3, Taylor; 4, Pyrah; vhc, Danby; he, Broadbent. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, 4, Broadbent; 3, Brown; vhc, he, Webster; spl for best bird in show, Padgett; Sandiford's spl., Coates.—A. BOTTOMLEY, Sec.

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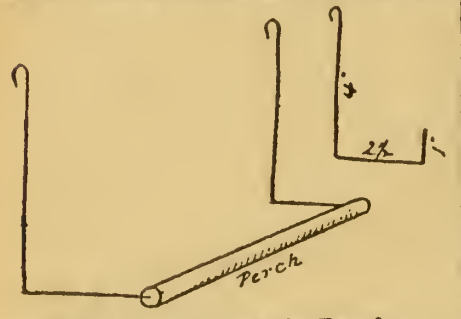
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No. 368.

Perch for Flights and Aviaries.

Sent by Mr. James Lisle, 25, Ridley Street, Cramlington.

Enclosed is a sketch of a very useful perch for flights and aviaries. It consists of a piece of cage wire about 8 inches long, bent at a right angle at both ends, with a hook at one end and about an inch at the other end; the latter is to



A Handy Moveable Perch.

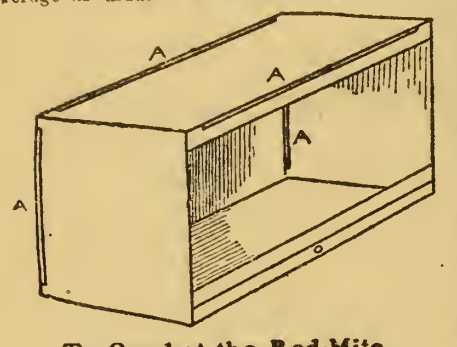
go into the perch. The perch can be made any length to suit the fancier, and can be hung any way—in the flight, on the wire netting, or punch bars, as the case may be. It also prevents red mite, and can be easily taken out and cleaned.—JAMES LISLE.

No. 369.

To Frustrate Red-mite.

Sent by Mr. A. Stockton, 20, Baden Street, Chester-le-Street, near Durham

Here is an idea for the making of cages with a view to preventing red mite getting so much refuge as usual in the backs of same. I cut



To Combat the Red-Mite.

A: Open Spaces. The wires at front are not shown.

away ¼in. ("A") from the sides and top and also front the top of front, and I use three-ply wooden backs, which are all of one piece. The idea of cutting the pieces away is, it will be seen, to do away with the joints, where red-mite mostly congregate. The wires of the cage are not drawn, so that the idea will be the better illustrated.—A. STOCKTON.

The Artful Rooks.

When Rooks are really hungry or want some food they are especially fond of, they are very persistent and daring. At present they are busy rifling the walnut trees in the gardens and parks. In the severe weather they will visit the stocks close to the farmhouse, cleverly pulling the straws out to obtain the ears. This they will generally accomplish in the early morning before anyone is about.

Magpies in Cheshire.

The beautiful Magpie still manages to exist in spite of constant persecution. In the eastern part of Cheshire the species is very abundant, but in the west hardly a bird can be seen. In some parts of Essex and Cambridgeshire it is plentiful. The Magpie and Jay are seldom found in the same wood. The latter bird is scarcely so hardy as the 'Pie.

Shore and Marsh Birds in Norfolk

An order was made for the protection of shore and marsh birds in Norfolk to prohibit the taking of any eggs on a number of the broads, rivers, and foreshore, until 1912. If this order is enforced, many birds of great interest will probably establish themselves along the shingle, sandhills, and creeks which make up the Norfolk coast. The county is already very rich in bird life, but many birds are prevented from nesting, through the greed of the egg collector.

Jackdaws at Home.

Jackdaws evidently pair for life, as two birds will remain together all the winter, seldom straying far from the nesting sight for many days. These birds are evidently peculiarly attached to a district, and a hand-reared nestling will frequently remain where reared if allowed its liberty.

The Adult House Sparrow.

The common House Sparrow does not attain its full adult plumage until its third year. Young cock birds of this season are quite devoid of the black throat and other distinguishing marks. The black will appear in the spring, but not of the same density as in the following season.

The Shows.

SIX BELLS (Abertillery).

This show was held on December 8th in the Alexandra Hall, and proved a success, entries in most of the classes being good. The quality all round, too, was most excellent. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were quite out of the way of any draughts. They were thoroughly well looked after by competent stewards, Messrs. Parfitt, Mortimer, Carter, and Hill being most assiduous in their attention. The special for best bird in the show, a silver cup presented by that well-known old-time fancier, Mr. J. R. Leech, went to a grand King Parrakeet. Mr. W. J. Edwards, the hon. sec., had everything well in hand, and was most courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Edwards, nice shape, level col., capital head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Dunmott, lovely col. and quality, nice shape, not quite so full in front; 3, Bradford, nice quality of feather, good head; 4, Kirby, good col., bit longer in barrel; vhc, Pritchard; hc, G. T. Jones; c, Hill. BUFF (6): 1, spl best Nor., 4, Sheldon, grand quality, nice rich under-colour, good size and shape, well-packed flights and tail; 4th, grand shape and col.; 2, Pritchard, grand shape and quality, nice tight jacket, good wings and tail; 3, G. T. Jones, splendid col. and quality, good back; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hill. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, Thomas, neck and back mkd., rattling shape, grand quality and tight feather, short wings and tail, Swansea winner; 2, Tedstone, head, neck and wing mkd. huff, good shape, magnificent feather and col., good head, wings and tail; 3, Edwards, wing tkd. yell., nice shape, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 4, G. T. Jones, yell., mkd. on rump, grand col.; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Hill; c, Kirby. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Pritchard, yell., good shape, size, colour, and quality, nice head neck and back; 2, Sheldon, rare size and shape, good head and neck; 3, Hill, mkd. head, breast and wings, nice shape and col., neat tail; 4, Tedstone, unflig., nice shape and quality, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Harber; c, Kirby. BUFF (10): 1, Pritchard, lovely quality of feather, good shape, grand back and head, nice wings and tail, grandly mealed, in good form; 2, Sheldon, grand size and shape, full chest, head and neck; 3, G. T. Jones, nice, short, cobby body, good chest, neat wings and tail; 4, spl, Cleaves, even wing mkd., nice feather and col., neat shape, well-packed flights and tail; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Edwards; c, Bevan. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Thomas, cl. yell., good shape, nice size, well up in col., good head and neck; 2, Sheldon, huff, grand col. and quality, nice shape, neat head and wings; 3, Tedstone, huff, neat shape, good feather and quality, well-packed flights and short tail; 4, vhc, G. T. Jones, good-shaped yell., neat wings and tail; hc, Cleaves; c, Hill. NOVICE (17): 1, spl, Carter, buff hen, grand quality of feather, nice shape, short wings, and neat tail, well mealed; 2, Collier, buff, mkd. eyes and neck, good shape and feather; 3, Bevan, head and wing mkd., nice shape and col., close up; 4, vhc, A. E. Brown, neck tkd. buff, good shape, nice, short, well-folded tail; hc, c, Owens. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Shearn, grand quality, lovely col., tight as boxwood, good length, position, and style; 2, 4, Negus, fine drawn, good col. and quality, nice stand; 4th, good position, nice pipe tail, pale col.; 3, Bevan, nice position, good quality feather, capital wings and tail; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Richards. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Parfitt, grand length and beautiful position, well on leg, close feather, well packed flights and pipe tail; 3rd, slim built, grand position, well up, nice back, wings and tail, takes members' cup; 2, Shearn, hot col., capital stand, nice feather, good back, wings and tail, not quite so long; 4, Prichard. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Gregory, cl., magnificent feather, stands beautifully, well drawn out, nice narrow shoulders, good flights and tail, well shown; 2, 4, Cook, thigh tkd., good length, nice stand and feather, well on leg, not quite so slim built; 4th, slim built, nice back, flights and tail; 3, hc, Parfitt, capital position, slim built, good wings, nicely-folded tail; vhc, c, Mortimer. BUFF (6): 1, Gregory, cl., beautiful position, well up on leg, grand feather and quality, nice back, neat tail; 2, 4, Cook, grand feather, straight as a dart, nice wings and tail; 4th, good length and col., nice stand; 3, Newell, nice position, capital wings and tail, good feather; vhc, Bevan; hc, Mortimer. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Wilson, neck tkd. huff, good length, grand position and full of style, well packed flights and tail, nice feather; 2, 3, buff, mkd. right eye and wing, grand position, nice head and back, capital feather, well-packed flights and neat tail, 3rd cl. huff, well on leg capital position, neat wings; 4, Parfitt, good position, straight as a pencil; vhc, Gregory; hc, Negus; c, Taylor. NOVICE (17): 1, 3, Cahill, buff, good length, well on leg, stands like a guardsman, good feather and quality, nice exhibit, 3rd yell., full of quality, slim built, nice wings and tail; 2, 4, Pritchard, good length, well on leg, capital position, nicely folded tail and good flights, 4th buff, good stand, nice col.; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Griffiths; c, Bevan. SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, spl, 2, Jones, leader good shouldered buff, nice depression of head, good drive, 2nd tkd. yell., nervy, gets head well down, neat head and good neck. CAN. MULE, DARK (7): No names in catalogue; 1, buff, grand feather and rich col. face, nice body col.; 2, good shaped Jonque, nice feather; 3, 4, good huffs, all of the Goldfinch cross. A.O.V., MULE OR HYBRID (8): 1, Parfitt, ycll. Goldie Can., mkd. wings and eyes, exqulsite feather, good shape and colour; 2, Shearn, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good feather, col. and markings; 3, no name, Greenfinch-Bullie, good shape and col.; 4, ycll. Goldfinch Can., mkd. head and left wing, good size. GOLDFINCH, GREY PATE (5): No names in catalogue; 1, grand square cut blaze of good col., nice buttons and wing bars; 2, rich col. blaze, nicely tanned chest, neat buttons; 3, good col. blaze, nice size, well tanned. HOUSE MOULTED (6): 1, 2, Richards, two gems, winner excels in feather and polish, good blazes, well tanned chests and nice buttons and bars; 3, York, well tanned chest, grand back, good col. blaze; 4, Williams; vhc, Newell; hc, Castle. BULLFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Lee, grand Greenie, beautiful feather, lovely col., grand wing bars, in capital form; 2, Morgan, Bullfinch, rich deep col. breast, nice cap and bars, good col. back; 3, Thomas, good col. and well spangled Bramble; 4, Turton, nice hen Bullie, good shape and feather, nice cap and bars. FOR. (6): 1, cup, Edwards, King Parrakeet, splendid col., grand feather and condition, well shown; 2, 3, Butler, grand Red-headed Cardinal, lovely feather and col., 3rd nice pair of Yellow Budgerigars, good feather; 4, Castree, Green-billed Toucan, nice one, well up.

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HENFIELD.

First annual show, held November 24th, in the Assembly Rooms. The show was opened by the Mayor of Hove (Alderman Capt. A. B. S. Fraser, J.P.), and proved a great success, it being the first held by the Henfield and District F. and F.S. The entries numbered 400 in all. The cage bird section was comfortably staged by an able committee, and Mr. J. A. Betchley, hon. secretary, being a cage bird man, had an eye to their wants, and will he well supported, we should say, at their second attempt. Mr. W. Swaysland judged.

YORKS.: 1, 4, Brooks, leader very smart; 2, 3, Mrs. Newman; vhc, hc, Rogers; c, Plummer. NOR.: 1, spl, 4, Donne, 1st well up in substance, very shapely, good quality; 2, Rev. Miller; 3, Gebb; vhc, Morcy. CREST: 1, Betchley, variegated, rare substance, nice drop; 2, Donne, variegated, nice round crest; 3, vhc, Gravett; hc, Betchley. C.B.: 2, vhc, Betchley, 2nd almost green, well up in size, plenty of feather. SELL: 1, 3, Brooks, two very nice Yorks.; 2, Gibb; 4, vhc, Newman; hc, c, Morcy. A.O.V.: 2, 3, Donne, two nice large clun.; 4, Gibb; vhc, hc, Musson. BRIT.: 2, Plummer; 3, 4, Cadman; vhc, Gibb.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Members' show held on November 20th at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, when 88 birds were staged. Mr. A. Hartley (Great Horton) judged.

OPEN SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 1, 4, Lingley; 2, 3, vhc, Ludbrook; hc, Helliwell; c, Clark. BUFF: 1, 3, Helliwell; 2, Ludbrook; 4, Lingley; vhc, Clark. UNEV., ETC.: 1, Morement. BUFF: 1, Clark. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Lingley; 3, vhc, Helliwell; 4, Ludbrook. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, Ludbrook; 2, Lingley; 3, c, Helliwell; hc, Clark. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, West; 2, 3, Bateman; 4, vhc, Greenwood; hc, Birbeck; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, 3, Greenwood; 2, Hunter; 4, Bateman; vhc, hc, Fawcett; c, Brown. UN., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Fawcett; 4, Birbeck. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, Bromham. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Greenwood; 2, Brown; 3, Bateman; 4, Bromham; vhc, c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, c, Brown; 3, Fawcett; 4, hc, West; vhc, Bromham. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, 4, Clark. HEN: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, 4, Clark. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Clark.

BRADFORD EAST.

The 5th Members' Show of the present year was held in Park Chapel Schools, on November 16th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill officiating as judge, with a total entry in all three sections of 171 birds. Some grand birds were staged, and the quality throughout was of an excellent character. The winners of most points in the champion section were: Messrs. H. Hill 23 points, J. Northrop 23, G. White 23; in the novice section, Messrs. F. Gelder 25, C. Walker 22, E. Dinsdale 21; and in the extra novice section, Messrs. Wilman and Barker 23, W. Walker 18, J. Nichol 7. The judge gave every satisfaction.

CHAMPION SECTION—CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, c, White; 2, Northrop; 3, hc, Cruise; 4, Laycock; vhc, Farrar. BUFF (10): 1, Hill; 2, vhc, Northrop; 3, Laycock; 4, Stables; hc, Farrar; c, Cruise. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Cruise; 2, White; 3, 4, Laycock; hc, Farrar; c, Briggs. BUFF (7): 1, White; 2, c, Northrop; 3, Briggs; 4, Farrar; vhc, Stables; hc, Laycock. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Laycock; 2, Farrar; 3, Hill; 4, Briggs. BUFF (1): 1, Stables. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Cruise; 2, 4, Hill, hc, Stables; vhc, White; c, Laycock. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Laycock; 2, Hill; 3, Northrop; vhc, Stables; hc, Farrar; c, Briggs. CINN. MKD., AND HEN: Both void. NOVICE SECTION—CL., YELL. (11): 1, Walker; 2, c, Dinsdale; 3, Hudson; 4, Stobart; vhc, Lightowler; hc, Warner. BUFF (9): 1, Gelder; 2, Walker; 3, Warner; 4, Dinsdale; vhc, Lightowler; hc, Brooke; c, Busfield. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Brooke; 2, Hudson; 3, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, Walker; vhc, Warner. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Dinsdale; 2, c, Baldwin Bros.; 3, Wilkinson Bros.; vhc, Gelder; hc, Warner. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Walker; 2, c, Dinsdale; 3, Busfield; 4, Warner. BUFF (4): 1, Brooke; 2, Hudson; 3, Greenwood; 4, Walker. YELL. HEN (18): 1, vhc, Greenwood; 2, Wilkinson Bros.; 3, Priestley; 4, Brooke; hc, Hudson; c, Lightowler. BUFF (18): 1, Priestley; 2, Brooke; 3, Stobart; 4, Walker; vhc, hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Gelder. CINN. MKD. (1): 1, Brooke. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gelder; 4, hc, c, Walker. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION—YORKS. (7): 1, 4, W. Walker; 2, Nichol; 3, vhc, hc, c, Wilman and Barker. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Wilman and Barker; 4, vhc, W. Walker; c, Nichol. OPEN TO ALL SECTIONS—STOCK BIRD: Void. SELL. 12/6 (1): 1, Priestley. 10/6: Void.—H. HILL, Sec.

LLANELLY.

The classification provided at the first show of the Llanelly and County Fanciers' Association was hardly of the character to draw a big entry, whilst the entry fee, 1s. 6d., was heavy for the prize-money, 14s. Some nice birds were staged, and competition was good. The arrangements were most creditably carried out by the committee, and Messrs. Gascoign and John, the hon. secs., did everything they possibly could for the welfare of exhibits and exhibitors. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (11): 1, 3, sp, E. H. Williams, very sweet shapely yell., lovely quality and shape, 3rd beautiful shape and feather, but not so steady; 2, hc, T. Williams, neatly feathered stylish buff of nice shape; vhc, Harry; c, Saunders. NOR. (8): 1, vhc, spl, Jones, neat headed buff, lovely quality and col.; 2, Sullivan, little stouter, grand col., but not so fine in feather; 3, E. H. Williams, grand bodied buff, lovely col. and feather, thin head and neck; hc, Auckland; c, Jones and Evans. BORD. (11): 1, spl, c, Sampson, charming little buff, full of quality and style; 2, vhc, Royle, nice racy yell., grand feather, shape and style; 3, hc, Harry, beautifully feathered buff, grand shape and style. BRIT. GOLD (13): 1, spl, hc, c, Ray, deep col. blaze, lovely back and bars, neat buttons, lovely feather and style; 2, Thomas, brighter in blaze and body col., but smaller in blaze; 3, Sullivan, very neat and smart throughout, smaller in body; vhc, Reynolds. BULLFINCH (10): 1, 2, spl, Jones and Evans, very deep-capped, rich breasted ck. and a charming hen of rare marking and feather; 3, Teague, grand shape and col., nice feather, not so steady; vhc, hc, Williams; c, Lewis. LINNET (15): 1, c, sp, Jones and Evans, lovely col., shape and markings, grand quality of feather; 2, Bowen and Poyer, big shapely bird, well mkd., not so nutty in col.; 3, Jones, capital shape, size, col., and feather, not so steady; vhc, Gregory; hc, Thomas. GREYPATE (5): 1, spl, Ray, a real topper, big square cut blaze of rare col., lovely marking and col. of body; 2, hc, Lewis, very smart and clean cut in markings, smaller blaze, rare col.; 3, vhc, Jones and Evans, grand blaze, collar, and checks, not so rich in body col. BLACKBIRD, ETC., AND MULE: Cancelled. A.O.V. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Lewis, very rich col. Bramble, lovely spangle, large and shapely; 2, vhc, Jenkins, one of the best hen Yellowbuntings we have seen; 3, Ray, well mkd., nice col. Hawfinch; absent, Webster. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Hurly, grandly mkd., full feathered Alexandrine Parrakeet; 2, hc, Williams, large, rich col. well mkd. Yellow-front Amazon; 3, Thomas, another good Alexandrine; vhc, Auckland; c, Miss Thomas.

EDMONTON F.A.

Held in the Town Hall, December 2nd. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. Burgess, did his utmost to get an entry together, but failed to succeed, mainly owing to other shows clashing, and members of the society being also members of others. Only three classes stood—Norwich, Crests, and Brit. Cup for best cage bird was awarded to a nice Crest shown by Mr. F. Richer, while Mr. J. Irving won special for second best, with a good Crest-bred, and Mr. E. A. Terry, jun., special for third best, with a yellow Norwich.

NOR. (6): 1, spl, 3, E. A. Terry, jun.; 2, r, vhc, hc, J. A. White. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, cup, r, vhc, F. Richer; 2, 3, hc, J. Irving. BRIT., A.V.: 3, E. A. Terry, jun., nice Yellow Bunting, in good feather.

FRAMLINGHAM.

Annual show of the Framlingham and Dis. F.S. was held on Dec. 2nd in the Castle Hall, where a grand lot of cage birds were brought together. Messrs. F. D. Nicholson, M.D., and J. Tongeman, the hon. secs., had everything in perfect order. Mr. Augustin De Winton (Cambridge) judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Schofield; 2, hc, Miss Cook; 3, res, vhc, Gostling. BUFF (7): 1, Beeson; 2, spl, 3, res, vhc, Gostling; hc, c, Rose. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Beeson; 2, Schofield; 3, spl, vhc, Rose; res, hc, Gostling. CREST: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrs. Roser; res, Mrs. Starkie; vhc, Elgic. BUFF: Cancelled. SEED-EATER, BRIT. (8): 1, vhc, Miss Abbey; 2, vhc (2): Miss Cook; 3, res, Read. SELL (10s.) (8): 1, 2, 3, Gostling; res, hc, Beeson; vhc (2), Rose. MEMBERS' NOR. (6): 1, Miss Cook; 2, 3, fes, vhc, hc, Dickerson. Three remaining classes cancelled.

CARLUKE.

Annual show of the Carluke P.P., etc., Association held December 4th, in the Rankin Memorial Hall, which is admirably suited for the purpose. The cage bird section, though confined, contained some topping exhibits. Mr. John Pettigrew judged and appeared to give every satisfaction.

GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (7): 1, spl., Master Walker; 2, hc, McNeil; 3, 4, c, Aitken; vhc, Harper. BULLIE HEN (7): 1, spl., c, Aitken; 2, vhc, hc, Harper; 3, 4, McNeil. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, spl., Kennedy; 2, 3, vhc, McNeil; 4, hc, Aitken. LINNET (9): 1, Brownlie; 2, vhc, Walker; 3, 4, Aitken; hc, Harper; c, J. and R. Ross. CHAFFIE, ETC. (5): 1, spl, McNeil; 2, 4, Aitken; 3, Thomson; vhc, Harvie. GREENIE, ETC. (4): 1, 4, McNeil; 2, 3, Aitken. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. OR FOR. (1): Thomson. MULE (4): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Harper; 4, McNeil. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Harper; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Harvey; vhc, Nelson Lew; hc, McNeil. HEN (4): 1, spl. and spl. best cage bird, Harvie; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Harper. BORD. FCY. (3): 1, 2, 3, Walker.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The fifth annual show (eight-mile radius) was held in the Assembly Rooms on November 27th. The show-room, which is a good one for the occasion, was fitted with a new stage, this being a step in the right direction, giving one a better view of the birds. The entry was not quite so good as last year's, but the quality was much improved, many birds having won in open amateur competition. The opening ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. W. Frost. Mr. R. Brown presided, and was supported by Councillor and Mrs. W. Frost, Mrs. R. Brown, Miss J. Galloway, Councillor W. Thompson, and Mr. F. Broadhurst (secretary). There was a good attendance. As on previous occasions the opener of the exhibition was presented by a pretty bird and cage. The judges were Messrs. W. Bowyer (Leek) and J. Garner (Hazel Grove).

LANCS. YELL. COPPY (5): 1, spl, Postlewaite; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, hc, Hall; vhc, Dr. McConaghy. BUFF (4): 1, Dr. McConaghy; 2, Cross; 3, vhc, Broadhead. YELL. P.H. TKD. ETC. (3): 1, spl, Bracegirdle; 2, Broadhead; 3, Cross. BUFF (5): 1, Broadhead; 2, Cross; 3, hc, Hall; vhc, Postlewaite. COPPY HEN (3): 1, spl, Dr. McConaghy; 2, Cross; 3, Broadhead. P.H. (5): 1, Dr. McConaghy; 2, vhc, Hall; 3, Bracegirdle; hc, Broadhead. GOLD LIZ. C.C. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Holland. SILVER (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Holland. B.C. GOLD (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hall. SILVER (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hall. GOLD HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Holland; vhc, Broadhead. SILVER (4): 1, 2, vhc, Hall; 3, Broadhead. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Lee; 2, Hall; 3, Freeman. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Broadhurst; 2, Hall; 3, Lee; vhc, W. Smith; hc, Dr. McConaghy; c, Broadhead. YELL. TKD. ETC. (3): 1, Dr. McConaghy; 2, Broadhurst; 3, Hall. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Dr. McConaghy; 2, Lee; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Hall. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Broadhurst; 2, W. Smith; 3, Cross; vhc, Freeman; hc, Hall. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Freeman; 3, c, Bracegirdle; vhc, Hall; hc, Broadhurst. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Freeman; 2, Cross; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Broadhead; hc, c, Broadhurst. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Cross; 2, Lee; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Wallworth; hc, Freeman; c, Broadhead. UNFLIG. HEN (8): 1, Broadhurst; 2, hc, Freeman; 3, Lee; vhc, Wallworth; c, Cross. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Bradley. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Bradley. HEN (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Bradley; 3, Wright. UNFLIG. HEN (3): 1, spl, 2, Bradley; 3, Wright. CREST (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Broadhead. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Broadhead. GREENIE, ETC. (4): 1, spl; 3, vhc, Cross; 2, Kay. CHAFFIE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Cross. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, 3, Kay; 2, vhc, Cross; absent, Cross. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Cross; vhc, Wright. NOVICE SECTION—LANCS. COPPY (4): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Postlewaite; 3, Gosling. P.H. (3): 1, spl, Steel; 2, 3, Postlewaite. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Leighton; 2, Lunt; 3, Gosling; hc, Collis; w.c., Paul. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Badham; 2, Dr. McConaghy; 3, Goodwin; vhc, Hunt; hc, Kay; c, Swaine; absent, Leighton. HEN, CL. ETC. (9): 1, spl, Hunt; 2, 3, Lunt; vhc, spl, Hough; hc, Leighton; c, Kay. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Leighton; absent, Leighton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 3, Collis; 2, vhc, Goodwin; hc, Gosling; absent, Barrett; w.c., Swaine. HEN UNFLIG. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Hunt; 2, Swaine; 3, Lunt; hc, Gosling; c, Kay. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Swaine; 2, Leighton. BRIT. (9): 1, spl, Swaine; 2, 3, Kay; vhc, hc, c, Steel. NOR. NON-FED (4): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Cross; 3, Broadhurst.

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NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 13th at St. Stephen's, Harpurhey, judged by Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot), who gave every satisfaction. The show was well patronised during the day. Specials were won by Messrs. Norris, Dalzell and Clarke in Yorkshires, Messrs. Slater, Craighill, Deaklu in Norwich; Messrs. Pike, J. Slater, Hall in Novice Yorkshires; and Messrs. Woods, Vint, Annison in Novice Norwich. Best Yorks., best in show and most points in show, Mr. Pike; second best in show and Sandiford's medal, Mr. C. A. Slater. Mr. J. Davey, the hon. Sec., was responsible for the excellent arrangements made.

AMATEUR SECTION: YORKS. CL. YELL (8): 1, 2, sp, Dalzell; 3, Deaklu; 4, hc, Clarke; vhc, c W. Jones. BUFF (6): 1, Norris; 2, Dunn; 3, 4, Dalzell; vhc, Clarke; hc, Deaklu. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Dunn; 2, Stirrup; 3, Clarke; 4, vhc, Dalzell; hc, Norris; c, Collinson. BUFF (8): 2, Collinson; 3, Dalzell; 4, Stirrup; vhc, Clarke; hc, W. Jones YELL. HEN (9): 1, Norris; 2, 4, Dalzell; 3, Deaklu vhc, Clarke; hc, Stirrup; c, W. Jones. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Norris; 3, Collinson; 4, Stirrup; vhc, Deaklu hc, Dunn. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Slater; 2, Craighill. BUFF (2): 1, sp, Slater; 2, Craighill. YELL. HEN (1): 1, sp, Slater. BUFF (2): 1, sp, 2, Craighill' BUFF 1900 (3): 1, Slater; 2, sp, Deaklu; 3, Craighill. HEN YELL. (1): Deaklu. BUFF (1): Craighill. BORD. YELL. (1): Davey. BUFF (1): Davey. BUFF A.O.V. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Colley. YELL (1): Colley. BUFF HEN (2): 1, 2, Colley. SELL. (30/) (2): 1, Piko; 2, Collinson. (12/6) (24): 1, 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, hc, Craighill; 4, c, Collinson. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, Craighill; 2, Ball and Halliday; 3, Firth. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Firth; 2, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Craighill; 2, Todhunter. BRAMBLE, ETC. (2): 1, Chorlton; 2, Craighill. MULE OR HYB. (1): Hopley. COTTAGE (2): 1, Hesketh; 2, Allan. NOVICE SECTION: YORKS. CL. YELL (11): 1, sp, 2, c, Pike; 3, Crowther; 4, Kenyon; vhc, Rev. Appleyard; hc, Hall. BUFF (5): 1, Stirrup; 2, Slater; 3, Rev. Appleyard; 4, Hall; vhc, Firth. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Pike; 2, Williams; 3, Hopley; 4, Ball and Halliday; vhc, Chorlton; hc, Kenyon. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Hall; 2, vhc, Slater; 4, Hulbert; hc, Stirrup. CL. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 3, Pike; 2, Slater; 4, Hulbert; vhc, Todhunter; hc, Rev. Appleyard; c, Firth. BUFF (9): 1, Stirrup; 2, Hopley; 3, Kenyon; 4, Hall; vhc, Ball and Halliday; hc, Chorlton; c, Crowther. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Pike; 2, Slater; 3, vhc, sp, Chorlton; 4, Todhunter. BUFF (8): 1, Ball and Halliday; 2, Stirrup; 3, Crowther; 4, Hopley; vhc, Chorlton; hc, c, Hulbert. YORKS. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, Pike; 2, Todhunter; 3, Firth; 4, Chorlton; vhc, Hall; hc, Williams; c, Jackson. NOR. YELL. (3): 1 sp, Woods; 2, sp, Vint; 3, sp, Annison. YELL. HEN (1): Chorlton. BUFF (1): Vint. YELL., 1909 (1): Woods. BUFF (4): 1, Woods; 2, 4, Annison; 3, Jackson. BUFF HEN (1): Woods. NOR. NAT. COL. (1): Vint. A.O.V. (1): Firth.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

The 20th annual show of the West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A. was held in the Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on November 27th. Birds of magnificent quality were staged, and the show all through was admirably carried through, reflecting much credit on the officials. Mr. C. Hunter (president), Messrs. W. Hutcheson and J. Lawrie (vice-presidents) and Mr. G. Smart, the capable hon. secretary and treasurer, are to be congratulated on the good results achieved. Mr. C. Douglas (Tarbert) won the flower vase for best team of 1909 Mules and Hybrids with a grand team, well staged. Messrs. C. Campbell, Jas. Smillie, and R. V. Raine judged, and their awards appeared to give satisfaction to all.

The Awards.

YOUNG BIRDS.—NOR., CL. YELL., CK. (8): 1, 2, Hutcheson; 3, McNaughton; 4, 6, Hunter; 5, 7, Scaife. HEN (11): 1, 5, Scaife; 2, Rennie; 3, Hutcheson; 4, Hunter; 6, Young; 7, McAulay. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Hutcheson; 2, 3, Scaife; 4, Hunter; 5, McNaughton; 6, Young; 7, McAulay. HEN (11): 1, Rennie; 2, 4, Hutcheson; 3, McAulay; 5, Scaife; 6, Hunter; 7, McNaughton. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 4, Scaife; 2, 3, Hutcheson. HEN (9): 1, Hutcheson; 2, 3, Hunter; 4, Scaife; 5, McAulay; 6, McNanghton. BUFF CK. (9): 1, spl, Strawbridge; 2, Scaife; 3, Hutchcson; 4, McAulay; 5, Gentles; 6, Hutcheson; 7, McAulay. HEN (6): 1, 4, Scaife; 2, 5, Hutchcson; 3, Young; 6, McNaughton. CREST CK. (10): 1, 2, Young; 3, Montgomery; 4, Henderson; 5, 6, McInnes. HEN (7): 1, Smart; 2, 6, McInnes; 3, Montgomery; 4, Sharp; 5, Hutcheson. C.-B. CK. (11): 1, 2, Young; 3, 4, McInnes; 5, Montgomery; 6, Smart. HEN (9): 1, McInnes; 2, Sharp; 3, Dick; 4, 5, Montgomery 6, McInnes. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, 5, Lappin; 2, Lawrie; 3, 4, Hutcheson. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Hutcheson; 3, 4, Lappin. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hutcheson; 3, 5, Lappin; 4, Lawrie. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Hutchcson; 3, 4, Smart. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Hutcheson; 3, Lawrie; 4, 5, Lappin. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Hutcheson; 2, 3, Lappin; 5, Lawrie. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Young; 2, 4, Lappin; 5, Lawrie. MULE, LIGHT (3): 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Hunter. DARK (9): 1, Douglas; 2, Morrison; 3, 5, Rennie; 4, Haddon. AMAT.—NOR. (17): 1, 3, spl, c, Gentles; 2, spl, Rennie; 4, Lennie; 5, Glass. CREST OR C.-B. (2): 1, 2, Lennie. BORD. (2): 1, 2, Cougan. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Haddon. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, 5, Couper; 3, Henderson; 4, Lennie. HEN (3): 1, Couper; 2, 3, Henderson. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. CL. (10): 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Gentles; 4, McAulay; 5, Scott. VARIEG. (10): 1, 4, Gentles; 4, McAulay; 5, Rennie. CREST (5): 1, Dick; 2, Sharp; 3, McInnes; 4, Lappin; 5, Scott. C.-B.: 1, spl, McInnes; 2, Lappin; 3, Dick; 4, Smart. BORD., CL. (4): 1, 3, Hutcheson; 2, Lappin. VARIEGATED: 1, Lappin; 2, spl, Lawrie; 3, 5, Hutcheson; 4, Lawrie. A.O.V. (1): 1, Smart. MULE, LIGHT, OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Scott; 4, 5, 6, Hutcheson. DARK (8): 1, Morrison; 2, Douglas; 3, Lawrie; 4, Dick; 5, Lennie. BRIT. LINNET (12): 1, Muir; 2, Hunter; 3, Hutcheson; 4, 5, Rennie. SISKIN (4): 1, Muir; 2, 3, Hunter; 4, McGregor. TWITE, ETC. (9): 1, Hutcheson; 2, Muir; 3, Couper; 4, Scott; 5, Lawrie. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Lawrie; 2, Haddon; 3, 6, Muir; 4, Young; 5, Rennie. BULLFINCH, HEN (13): 1, Morrison; 2, Couper; 3, Quail; 4, Hutcheson; 5, Muir; 6, Hunter. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Morrison; 2, 5, Muir; 3, 6, Hunter; 4, McGregor. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, spl, Muir; 3, Morrison, Bramble; 4, Lennie; 5, Lawrie; 6, Douglas. SMALL (7): 1, 5, Muir; 2, Morrison; 3, Rennie; 4, 6, Lawrie. LARGE (4): 1, 4, Morrison; 2, 3, Lennie. FOR., GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 2, Hutcheson; 3, Morrison; 4, Scott. SMALL (1): 1, Morrison. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Morrison. SELL. (15s.): 1, Rennie; 2, Hunter; 3, Young. (7s. 6d.): 1, Hunter; 2, Young; 3, Smart.

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ALB BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood, Judge of all varieties of cage birds; over 20 years' experience; terms moderate.

S. W. BIRCHLEY, "Ivydene," Marsland Road, Brooklands, Cheshire. Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

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C. A. HOUSE, 32, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

ROBERT LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy; 20 years' experience.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varietica.

J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road. Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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KILSYTH Open Show, **December 18th.** Judges: A. Chalmers, Canaries; J. R. Burnett, British Birds. Entries close **Dec. 11th.** Schedules **ANDREW D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office. Kilsyth.**

EARLSTON, N.B. 18th Dec. 1909.
Ply., Pgn., and O.B. 10 classes for Bdr., 4 Nor 2 Brit. Birds Judges: Bdr., Jno Tait, Esq. Other classes Walter Bell Esq. Schedules from Jno Brockie, Sec 3, Janefield, Earlston, N B. Entries close **11th Dec.**

AYR 48th Annual Show, Saturday, 18th December.
6 Classes, Yorks; 4 Norwich, 4 Border, 13 British and Foreign Birds, 4 Selling classes. Prizes **10/-, 5/-. 2/6.** Entry fee **1/6.** No charge for cards Numerous specials Judge: Mr. Wm. Mundell, Bradford. Entries close **13th December, Hon. Secretary, COLIN W. PATERSON, Albion House, AYR.**

DON'T FORGET
CROOK and District Cage Bird Show on **Saturday, Dec. 18.** 23 Classes. Judge—Mr. T. Sandiford, Preston. In the Mechanics Hall, Crook. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance Fee 1/-. Entries close Saturday, Dec. 11. For Schedules apply Hon. Sec., **WM. RUTHERFORD, West Roddymoor, nr. Crook.**

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WAUNARLWYDD SHOW, Jan. 6, 1910
Cage Bird Judge—T. Prend, jun. No prizes withheld. No cancelling Schedules ready from **J WALTERS, Mynydd Bach y Glo near Gowerton.**

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JANUARY 6th and 7th, 1910.

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LINGFIELD
(Surrey). and District 15th Annual Show, open to the Counties of Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hampshire, of Ply., Pigns., Cats, Cavies and CAGE BIRDS, will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 1910.** Two Challenge Cups for O.E. Game, and numerous other Specials, over 100 Classes. Judges, C. A. House, Esq., and W. H. Cook, Esq. Entries Close, **Jan. 10th,** to **John Stone, Sec., Lingfield.**

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Twitterings.

Bristol Show report gives h.c. Rutherington instead of Etherington.—A. Etherington (Chippenham).

Entries for Pontypridd are extended to 1st post Monday, December 13th. Send along your entries at once.—(Advt.)

Entries for Broxburn close December 11th. Splendid classification. Send along your entries without delay.—(Advt.)

Hull Show report credits F. Potter with first in class 53 A.O.V. I claim that honour with my cinnamon Border hen.—A. Hinsom (Hessle).

In the members' unflighted Yorkshire Class, the Hull report credits Girling with second, whereas I won that prize.—J. Precious (Hull).

At the recent Cirencester Show, I won third prize in the Goldfinch class, writes Mr. W. Hussey (Bath), and not Mr. Strange, as reported.

I was h.c. in the Redpoll, Siskin, and Twite class at Bristol Show, writes Mr. J. Brighty (Bristol). The bird (one of mine) was a Lesser Redpoll.

All birds were in the railway company's hands by 7, and the room cleared by 7.30 o'clock.—G. Hy Barnwell, hon. secretary, Harrogate C.B.S.

At the Blackpool Open Show held recently, in Class 25, clear yellow Norwich, I was first and special, and not Thomson, as reported.—S. Morrison (Blackpool).

City of Dundee report in the clean or foul buff cock class should read: first, special, and cup, Muirhead, and not Mr. Melville.—William Muirhead (Bonnybridge).

The Rochdale O.C. Club Show will be held on Saturday, December 11th, when Mr. L. Butterworth will judge, writes Mr. J. Butterwerth, the hon. secretary.

The Perfect Drying Cage (patent applied for) is having a good sale. It is different from all others, and can be had from And. Wilson, 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow.—(Advt.)

Birmingham Show report credits Mr. Eckersley with v.h.c. in Open Norwich Ticked or Variegated Buff Class; this should have been credited to me.—S. Silver (Birmingham).

In Cardiff Show report, in class 13, I won 3rd prize, and not Wilson. Mr. Wilson won 1st prize in this class. And in class 18 I won v.h.c. and not Mr. Howard.— G. Thomson (Cardiff).

Sidmouth Show report should read in the Yorkshire hen class, second and third, also in unflighted class v.h.c., h.c., J. C. Miller, and not Mitter, as printed.—J. C. Miller (Exeter).

Allow me to wish Cage Birds and its staff every success. Many thanks for the grand report of our show in your ever ready journal.—T. Smith, secretary of the Ilkeston and Dis. O.S.

We are pleased to say we have made rapid strides since putting our notices in your paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. Wm. Cottingham, secretary of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.

I have read Cage Birds for four years, and find it a great help to me in the breeding and showing of Canaries. I wish it every success. The plates which I get are beautiful.—J. C. Miller (Exeter).

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their last members' show for this year on December 11th, Montgomery Hall. We have three cups and specials to be competed for.—Lindsay and Bingham, secretaries.

At Cardiff Show report in the Yorkshire novice buff, I won 3rd prize; also in novice hens the 2nd prize was mine. The omission was caused by a careless mistake of my own. Mrs. M. Gill (London, S.W.).

We have another special for the foreign section—5s. cash, given by Mrs. J. M. Duncan for the best pair of Budgerigars in the show, writes Mr. A. E. Wigginton, hon. secretary of the Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop) is engaged to judge the cage birds at the annual show of the Manx Canine Society, to be held in the Derby Castle, Douglas, on St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day).

All exhibits were dispatched in good time from our show; in fact, the showroom was completely cleared of birds by 9 p.m. This, I think, speaks exceedingly well for our stewards.— Jos. Oldham, secretary of the Middleton C.B.S.

We have decided to hold our 14th annual show on the 1st Saturday in November, 1910, and have engaged the Parish Church Schools as before. We have also secured the services of Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Hardy (Oldham). It is hoped other societies will avoid clashing with the above date.—Wm. Adams, hon. secretary of the Rochdale "Good Intent" C.B.S.

I was very proud of the honour I received per last week's Cage Birds, by having my Goldfinch depicted on your front page, writes Mr. Frank Jones, sen. (Wrexham). My thanks are due to your artist, Mr. Norman, for such a good portrait.

At Market Rasen Show, in the British Goldfinch class, "no name" refers to me, it being a late entry. My name has been misprinted in the report of several shows recently. It should be Hillier and not Biller, or Hillian.—James Hilaire (Paisley).

Mr. Gavin Alston (Darvel), is reading a paper to the members of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.S. on December 13th at 7.30 p.m., in the Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, to which meeting all fanciers are invited, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the secretary.

I have sold my unflighted buff Yorkshire cock, 1st Rochdale and Tideswell, to Mr. A. Price, of Thackley, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Foden (Ashton-under-Lyne). It added another first to its list of winnings at Birmingham last week for its new owner.

Please state that the Watford and Dis. Cage Bird Society held their show on November 12th and 13th, writes Mr. W. Quantrell, the secretary. The show now being advertised as Watford, is the West Herts. Fanciers' Association, so this is somewhat misleading.

The first annual members' exhibition of the Lincoln and Dis. C.B.S. is being held this Saturday, December 11, in the Central Hall, with Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham), as judge. Eighteen classes are provided, and visitors are invited to go and see the exhibits.

Kindly note that Mr. R. Edmunds has resigned the secreteryship of the King's Lynn C.C., and I have been elected to that office. All communications therefore are to be addressed in future to me.—A. R. Kent, hon. secretary, 15, North Everard Street, King's Lynn.

In the Border Fancy section of the late Avonbridge Show, instead of being first with a green hen, I was first and special, and special for best Border and B.F.C.C. medal. And in cock selling class I was second, instead of Mr. Watt, as reported.—A. Forrest (Whitburn).

Catalogues for the late Manchester Show (which were sold out) may now, writes Mr. E. Jones, be obtained at 6d. each, as we have had a new lot printed to oblige exhibitors. Applications to be made to Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

OBITUARY.

MASTER OLIVER (Ashton).

I deeply regret having to announce that one of our members, Mr. Joel Oliver, has suffered a great loss in the death of his only son, age 8 years, writes Mr. H. Foden, hon. secretary of the Ashton-under-Lyne O.S. All fanciers, I feel sure, will sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver in their sad bereavement.

Walkley and Dis. C.B.S. is throwing its society open to a twenty-mile radius. Will all fanciers wishing to join attend the special meeting, December 16th at 8 o'clock, at the St. Philip Mission Hall, Westmoreland Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield?—W. E. Clarke, secretary.

At Ferryhill Show, my birds had been entered under the impression that it was a Union fixture, writes Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland), and as soon as I found out my mistake I telegraphed for my birds to be sent home at once; therefore, all my entries were absent from the show.

Mr. Wm. Lewthwaite, hon. secretary of the Egremont (Cumberland) P.P. and Cage Bird Society, writes: I desire to thank the many fanciers who have written expressing their gratification at the promptness with which they received their prize money, all accounts having been settled within the week.

The members' annual show of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. will be held this Saturday, December 11th, at "The Cricket Player," Lindsay Street, Radford Road, when Messrs. R. Rhodes and J. Bertie will judge. The schedule comprises 39 classes, and the show will open at twelve o'clock noon.

Kindly accept my best thanks for the grand report you gave in Cage Birds of our show (at Banbridge). The critique was splendid. My name, I notice, is misprinted Laith; it is Faith. But I don't mind what he calls me so long as he does not call me too early in the morning. —C. J. Faith (Banbridge, Co. Down).

I have had the pleasure of securing 47 cards in three years, writes Mr. G. Mitchell (Topsham), which I don't think is bad. I sent six birds to Exmouth Show last Wednesday, and gained 1 first and special, 3 seconds, and 1 third; all birds of my own breeding. I have, too, only been a breeder three or four years.

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Cardiff Show report credits Mr. Barrow with winning first in Class 21 open novice hens. I had that honour, and special in a class of 18, also in Class 19, open novice yellow, I gained 3rd, v.h.c., and c. in a class of 21—not mentioned; also special for most points in Classes 19, 20, and 21. I wish your valuable paper, Cage Birds, every success.—R. Brown (Cardiff).

Mr. Walter Bayley won president's prize, and not Mr. F. Fields, at the recent Sale Open Show. Also Mr. Bayley won special for best Border shown by a member. Mrs. Fildes and not Fields gave way for the cup to go to Mr. F. Fields, and Mrs. W. Fildes to take gold medal for runner up.—Jas. Irlam, hon. secretary, Sale Open O.S.

Two years ago I started bird breeding with Norwich Plainheads, and had fairly good luck. I think the following is very good for a novice of two years' experience. I sent to Gloucester Show this year and secured 4th in a novice class of twenty; I won 3rd and 4th at Cirencester, and 1st and h.c. at Cardiff in a class of 18. I owe my success to the valuable information given in your paper, Cage Birds.—H. Bennett (Gloucester).

We have received a copy of the price-list of Mr. B. Hollins (9, George Street, Hull). All kinds of birds, animals, fish, etc., are quoted in it at prices very favourable to purchasers. A sample of Mr. Hollins' "Sea grit" also comes to hand—a splendid article, quite free from dust and all deleterious matters. His new food, "Dryko," customers say is an article "long been wanted," and Mr. Hollins has laid down a special plant for making it.

Notwithstanding, write Messrs. McLucas and James, secretaries of Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and Dis. Society, advertising our show widely and sending out over 1,000 schedules, we have received up to writing not one entry per class. We urgently appeal to fanciers to come to our aid and give us a good entry. Prize money was promptly paid last year, and the same is intended this year. Entries extended until first post Monday morning next (December 13th).

The officials of the Boston Show Association have turned over to us the entire management of the cage bird department of the forthcoming show, writes Mr. Chas. A. Murray, secretary, New England (U.S.A.) C.B.A. We are getting out a separate premium list, which will be mailed to every breeder or fancier of cage birds in the New England States, and some even in N. York. I have been searching for names ever since we organised nearly a year ago.

I am compelled to extend the date of entries closing, writes Mr. Fred King, hon. secretary of Carmarthenshire Christmas Show. If entries are posted on December 11 they will be in time. At time of writing there are only 9 entries in the cage bird section. This kind of thing is enough to make a secretary go bald-headed. So I hope fanciers will give us their support. If this year's show does not prove a success, it will be the last, and this after nearly seventy years.

The handbook of the Cage Bird Union, a copy of which reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Raynes, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, comprises not only the rules of the Union and the last balance-sheet, but also a list of the societies affiliated (together with the names and addresses of the secretaries of same), the compensation scheme rules, the conditions of the medal competition, etc. This useful little production reflects credit on Mr. Raynes.

Kindly allow me through the columns of Cage Birds to thank those exhibitors who responded to our appeal. Previous to your issue of November 27th, we had only about 300 entries, but we finished up with 635, and had a grand show, the same being well patronised by visitors despite the wet weather. In the award slips, fourth prize in class 2 should be No. 1, not No. 4, the latter being commended. I regret to say that Mr. Coffey's Goldie Redpoll (winner of Messrs. Trowers' gold medal for best bird) arrived home with a damaged wing and died two hours later. The bird was in grand condition while at our show, and the damage must have been done in transit. It is naturally a great loss to Mr. Coffey. Mr. Hingley, of Brierley Hill, had the misfortune to have his team delayed in transit by rail, and same did not arrive until after 12 p.m., being too late for judging.—J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary.

Lost and Found.

An old friend of mine "found" me after a number of years by means of the advertisement columns of Cage Birds. He said he looked there to see if my name appeared. I did not know before that Cage Birds was a paper for "lost friends."—W. Nichols (Twickenham, late of Norwich).

To Readers.

Despite the issue this week of another huge 36 page number of Cage Birds, the reports of the shows have once again proved so extraordinarily heavy that we find it impossible to print them all, even in the amount of space such a number of pages enables us to utilise solely for them. The whole, we hope, will appear next week.

The Migratory Robin.

The familiar Robin is much more of a migratory species than most people suppose. It has even been met with as far north as the Faeroe Islands, and swarms pass through certain districts in Southern and Eastern Europe during the autumn. The majority of Robins evidently seek warmer quarters in winter. The birds that stay with us are possibly more Northern bred, and simply take the place of the Southern birds which migrate further south.

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Results.

The results of my advertisement re Scotch Fancies in "Cage Birds," have been very good. I have sold the whole of my stock.—Arthur Lang (Rutherglen).

I am pleased to say that we are so busy that we are "making overtime"—all due to our advertising in "Cage Birds."—E. E. Pass (Hucknall Torkard).

I had one advert. appearing in "Cage Birds" for Border Fancies, and had replies from all over England, Scotland, and Wales, and have sold all my birds. So anyone who has birds for sale should not miss using your columns. I used no others.—Jas. B. Y. Murdoch (Kilmarnock).

The last advert. I had in your paper, "Cage Birds," I had twelve replies to, from different places (for Goldfinch). I could only answer one or two, but to the others I tender my thanks.—W. Ratcliff (Grantham).

Allow me to thank you for the good results I had from my advertisement in "Cage Birds" re Yorkshires.—H. Foden (Ashton-under-Lyne).

To Know a Falcon.

The true Falcons have the outer toe of each foot longer than the inner one—a characteristic which is doubtless useful to the Peregrine or Merlin in striking a quarry.

Robin and Centipede.

It is said that a Robin does not eat a centipede directly it catches one, but injures it so that it cannot escape, and leisurely devours it afterwards.

Where the Chough Once Dwelt.

Many years ago the bold Chough nested on the cliffs near the Selway Firth, but it has disappeared, like other interesting species, never to return.

The Thrush Family.

In ornithology Thrushes are separated from the Flycatchers and Warblers by the spotted plumage of the young, a peculiar feature by which we learn that the Nightingale, Robin, and the Chats are all Thrushes.

Birds in Southern Seas.

In the account of his journey in search of the South Pole, Lieutenant Shackleton refers to the extraordinary tameness of the birds, especially the penguins. They had no fear of human beings; never probably having seen them before, and consequently they had no cause to fear them.

Range of the Gold-crest.

The little Gold-crest, our smallest bird, is resident throughout Europe, actually reaching as far north as the Arctic circle, where to obtain sufficient bodily heat he must be exceptionally active. Its range also extends right away to Japan, although the Eastern birds vary slightly in plumage, but hardly enough to be recognised as distinct species. The Japanese bird is only distinguished from ours by a greyish nape.

Ramblings in the Garden.

The Bramblefinch is one of the last birds to visit gardens and to take advantage of refuse thrown to the feathered flock. He is only when he is almost starved that he will venture near, and then he does so in a shy and humble manner, picking up a crumb here and there, as though thankful for small mercies. But as soon as he has fed for a day or two and has got his strength back again he becomes quarrelsome, and will only give way to larger and more powerful birds.

The Shows.

LEICESTER.

Magnificent Show in the Midlands

The Leicester C.B.S. held their annual exhibition on December 4th and 6th. The County Rooms (old Free Library), in which the exhibits were housed, is of a very spacious character, lofty, and free from draughts, centrally situated, nicely heated, and with excellent light (electric by night). The schedule offered a more extended classification than in past years, and brought together a most capital entry; in fact, a finer show has never been experienced in the city. Mr. W. Stevens is the genial Chairman, with Messrs. E. B. Hunt and H. Chrishan as "understudies," a trio of very enthusiastic and hard-working officials, fanciers to the core. The committee consists of a band of well-known and highly esteemed fanciers, in Messrs. G. Wheatley, J. Heighton, T. H. Ride, J. W. Hartshorn, J. Wood, T. Claypole, and F. Harrison; each and every one did his level best to help things along in the way they should go, and deserve high praise for their untiring exertions. Mr. J. A. Tyler, the worthy secretary and treasurer, is the right man in the right place, always most courteous and obliging, and everything appeared to go smoothly and well. Much of the credit for the success certainly falls to his share, and for getting together so fine a show he is to be very warmly complimented. The staging of the exhibits had been well thought out, those responsible deserving all the good things which were said about them, as every bird could be seen at a glance. Messrs. How, Blastock and Co., and Draper and Hubbard (local seed and accessory factors), had nicely arranged stalls in the showroom.

The catalogue opened with the Norwich Plainheads, which were voted a choice lot. The Var. Buff, owned by Mr. T. Sandiford, is an eye-opener, and the marked yellow cock, the property of Mr. E. Fox, is also a real charmer. Mr. J. Needham (local) won well in the buff cocks, and Messrs. Walton and Noakes (local) took premier honours in the unlighted buff cocks, both birds being gems of the first water. Yorkshires were nice, the pick being the yell. tick, owned by Messrs. Halliday and Chittenden, and the buff tick shown by Mr. J. W. White. The Borders were a neat lot, Mr. J. A. Tyler (the sec.) taking the bulk of honours with some lovely "wee gems." Cinnamons were grand, the "cream" being present, staged by Messrs. W. Dormer, W. Yates, and Mrs. F. E. Deacon. British and Hybrids were truly a magnificent lot, and far and away the best sections of the show, a real treat to observe. Those who swear by our national songsters and their hybrids, could not have wished for a more choice collection. Once again Mr. R. Bond got in with his unbeatable clear buff Goldie-Can., looking as well as ever (how he wears). Mr. A. Shellam staged a magnificent yell. dark Siskin-Can., which was greatly admired, while the yell. Greenie-Can., successfully shown by Mr. A. Coffey, is a real "knock-out," and the best that has been seen for a very lengthy period. In the British, Mr. S. H. May's Goldie, Mr. G. Lawrence's Bullie, and the Linnet shown by Mr. A. J. Marley, are "toppers," without a doubt. Mr. R. J. Howe's Greenie, of wonderful size, and Mr. H. Christian's (local) Siskin, fully deserved their wins. Messrs. Seal and Jones stood 1st and 2nd respectively, with very choice Hawfinches, which must have took some separating. The Black Redstart, which won for Mr. W. Lowne, Mr. W. Howe's Great Grey Shrike, and Mr. T. Judkins' White Blackbird, were much admired. The Foreign were good, and a great attraction. Lovely specimens were shown by Mrs. W. M. G. Stocker, Mrs. E. Galloway, and Messrs. W. H. Raven, W. Oakey, S. Beaty, and W. Howe.

Specials went to the following:—Hyde's, Mr. J. A. Tyler, with a hot-coloured yell. Nor., the same exhibit capturing Sandiford's medal. Ramsden's cruet went to Mr. W. Stevens, a grand coloured yell. nunlight, answering to the call. Trower's, Mr. W. H. Howe; best vhc Cinnamon, Mr. H. Riding.

The stewards were: Messrs. Harrison, Wood, Claypole, Moore, Christian, Turner, and Stevens, who all worked with a will, promptly affixing prize slips immediately each class was adjudicated upon, and attending to all the many other items in a very fine manner. The judges were Messrs. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), Hybrids, Brit. and For., and J. H. Roe, the remainder.

The Norwich, Crests and Cinnamons.

NOR. NAT. COL. YELL. (7): In this class we think Mr. Roe committed an unfortunate error of judgment, awarding 2nd prize to a bird we consider a clear buff, and which should have been "wrong classed." This incident created no little stir amongst the fanciers present, and on one occasion quite a heated debate took place over the matter. 1, Christian, green, good body shape, but weak in head and neck, with superfluous feather around thighs; 2, Howe, clear buff, without a doubt; 3, Claypole, cl, grand shape and colour, rare feather and carriage, short wings and tail, far best in class; 4, Brooks, mkd wings, head and tail, tight as wax, good head neck and chest, wee shade long in tail, but easy second; vhc, Dyson; he, Hales; c, Herbert. BUFF (15): 1, gold medal, 2, Howe, leader cl, rare substance, good shape and carriage, A1 feather; 2nd, varieg., lovely feather, very shapely, nice head, neck, and chest, clean cut; 3, Beardall and Walker, cl, magnificent quality, short and thick-set, nice size and carriage, true Norwich, the choice of many to win; 4, he Collohy aud Brown, mkd head, A1 quality, good head and neck, bold front; vhc, Notley; c, Needham. HEN (12): 1, Howe, yell. green, rich quality, fine substance and shape, jaunty carriage, gem all over; 2, Brooks, cl buff, short and thick set, capital substance, close feather, not far behind, in the pink; 3, Elliott, cl yell, good col, tight as wax, grand substance and body shape, neat carriage; 4, Hales, var buff, cobby, and as tight as a Java, round as a ball, true type, easy action, could have been higher; vhc, Dormer; he, Burchnall; c, Herbert. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Sandiford, brace of gems, former cl, red hot, beautifully feathered, real model, well-known winner; 3rd, very warm fed cl, short and thick-set, A1 quality and substance, we preferred to second; 2, Moore, cl., good in col. and feather, very nice body, will improve in head and neck; 4, Fox, cl, lovely texture of feather, rare size, grand head, neck, and front; vhc, Hollis; he, Vardy; c, Tyler. BUFF (11): 1, Needham, very shapely cl, shone like satin, richly frosted, good substance and carriage; 2, Seed, cl, hotter than winner, magnificent quality, grand shape, beaten, perhaps, in substance; 3, Walton and Noakes, cl, well up in size, capital type, A1 quality, richly frosted; 4, spl, Houghton, bouncer, grand head, neck, and front; vhc, Drakeley; he, Christian; c, Wagg, could have been higher up. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Fox, mkd wiugs and eyes, true type, full of fire, clothed to perfection, beautiful mover, well known winner; 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd wings, eyes and head, well up in size, nice shape, rare col and quality, very bonny; 3, Tyler, mkd wings and head, very nice, wonderful substance, rattling fine feather and carriage, takes Hyde's and Sandiford's specials; 4, Dormer, mkd wing and head, beautifully feathered full of col; vhc, Beardall and Walker; he, Stevens; c, Drakeley. BUFF (11): 1, Sandiford, well known varieg., Pendleton, Birmingham, winner, real knock-out, will take some stopping; 2, Houghton, mkd wing and neck, teeming with quality and col, richly mealed, rare head, neck, and chest; 3, Vardy, mkd wings, eyes, and neck, rich col and quality, short and thick-set, A1 carriage, nice meal; 4, Christian, lightly varieg, rattling col and feather, nice size; vhc, Beardall and Walker; he, Nutt; c, Shore. YELL. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Dormer, richly fed cl, unbeatable for shape and quality, lovely carriage of flights, clean cut away, topper; 2, Needham, red hot cl, shade more substance, capital feather, most promising youngster; 3, Roberts, mkd tail, very shapely, capital feather and carriage, not the col, still well worth its place; 4, Clews, mkd head, cobby, and of rattling fine col and quality; vhc, Rathbone, we much liked; he, Seed; c, spl, Stevens. BUFF (17): Good lot; 1, Walton and Noakes, cl, teeming with col, richly frosted, lovely shape, rare size; 2, Seed, mkd wings and head, full of fire, wonderful substance, neat carriage, a beauty; 3, Nutt, mkd over beak, good size and shape, in moult and bit lucky, some thought; 4, Vardy, mkd eyes, very shapely, good size and carriage, nice mealing; vhc, Beardall and Walker, very bonny cl, worthy of one of the money prizes; he, Rathbone; c, Judd. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Houghton, cap mkd, shone like polished marble, lovely shape, col, and carriage, well up in size, fine exhibit; 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd wings and eyes, magnificent quality and col, A1 shape, one of the very best; 4th, cl, well up in substance, good feather; 3, Clews, mkd head, fine col and of excellent type, all front, clean cut away, could have gone up one; vhc, Fox; he, Seed; c, Christian. No. 2, Stevens (cardless), magnificent quality, well worthy of mention. BUFF (18): 1, Fox, well-known winning cl, in grand trim, true Nor.; 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd wing, fine quality col and meal, good shape; 3, Beardall and Walker, mkd wings, eyes and tail, rare substance, capital quality, col and frosting, very shapely, has a slip claw; 4, c, Stevens, very warm fed cl, A1 quality, good substance, not quite so deep fronted, but might have gone up one; vhc, Sandiford, well known wing mkd, very low down in the list. HY. MKD. (10): 1, Bertie, yell, almost green, pied wings and tail, grand substance and shape, full of quality, very bonny specimen; 2, Walton and Noakes, yell, pied wings and tail, shorter and thicker set, rare head, neck and chest; 3, Stevens, almost green, cobby, lovely feather, very neat; 4, Howe, almost green, pied tail, rare substance, and shape; vhc, Freestone; he, Tyler. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Harrison, cl, capitally fed, well up in size, grand shape and quality, clean cut; 2, Miss E. M. Flemons, thigh tick, fine shape and feather, good size and carriage; 3, members' unflig. cup winner, 4, Adams, both clears, former very shapely, nice size; 4th, red-hot, good size; vhc, Wood; he, Dyson; c, Peherdy. BUFF (15): 1, Peberdy, very shapely, well fed cl, capital substance, tight as a Java, gem; 2, Moore, cl, well up in size, ablaze with col, A1 shape, and richly mealed; 3, Harrison, red hot cl, nice one; 4, Adams, mkd neck, well up in substance, good shape, col and meal; vhc, he, Curtis; c, Bayliss. No. 10, Barrett, bouncing cl, capital shape, should have been in money. CREST (6): 1, Barker, buff, mkd wings, D.C., fine substance and shape, abundance of feather, crest large, and as round as a rim, veiny; 2, Twine, buff, mkd wing, D.C., wealth of feather, slashing quality, rare size, crest large, neat droop and centre; 3, Peters, green, pied tail, D.C., magnificent quality, crest dense and of capital shape, droop and centre; 4, vhc, he, Mrs. E. Galloway, cl buff, lovely feather, good substance, crest of grand frontal. C.B. (4): 1, Barker, buff varieg, rattling size, wonderful amount of rich quality feather, fine width of skull, grandly lashed; 2, 4, Mrs. E. Galloway, buff var, very shapely, A1 feather, not quite so broad in skull, neatly browed; 4th, buff, almost green, pied tail, plenty of feather; 3, Twine, cl buff, heaps of feather, richly clothed, good body. CINN. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Dormer, both of grand ciuny col, beautifully burnished, well up in size, winner has it in depth of chest; 2, Yates, equal in col, lovely feather, good size, very bonny; 4, Heys, good in quality, nice substance and shape, good 4th; vhc, he, Godley; c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. BUFF (15): 1, Yates, lovely shape, rare size and carriage, tight as a Java, full of quality, teeming with col; 2, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, grand tone of col, A1 quality, very close up; 3, Dormer, slashing quality and shape, delightful col, shone like satin; 4, he, Godley, well up in size, good in feather, neat shape; vhc, spl, Riding. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, Mrs. Deacon, brace of very promising youngsters, former yell., latter buff, both well up in frame, lovely quality and col, very shapely, very little separates them; 3, Wheatley, yell, fine substance, nice shape; 4, Dormer, bouncing buff, rattling head, neck, and chest, unsurpassable for col and quality, should have been higher up; vhc, Riding; he, Godley; c, Riding. HEN (13): 1, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, magnificently feathered yell, rare size and shape, rich col and beautifully burnished, charming; 2, Dormer, very shapely buff, well up in size, A1 col and quality, another gem, and close on heels of winner; 3, he, Riding, capital col yell, lovely quality, cobby, A1 carriage, very stylish; 4, vhc, Godley, yell, all there for quality, nice build.

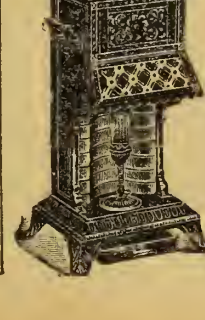
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YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, C. and C. T. Parkes, cl, richly clothed, well up in position, lengthy and leggy, in the pink; 2, White, cl, full of quality, nice col, grand wing carriage, neatly folded tail; 3, Green, cl, neat and narrow, stands finely, well on leg, requires more length; 4, Halliday and Chittenden, very lengthy, straight as a rush, capital back and wings, easy first many connoisseurs thought; vhc, he, Foster; c, Freer. BUFF (8): 1, Hedworth, cl, straight as a pencil, fine quality and col, very lengthy, grand legs, good all over; 2, Paddock, fine long drawn cl, A1 col and quality, nice back, flights and tail; 3, Halliday and Chittenden, cl, stands like a guardsman, smooth as a bottle, well filled back, neatly carried wings, leggy; 4, Williams, cl, good length, crosses wings, which holds it back; vhc, King; he, Green; c, Athey. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Halliday and Chittenden, mkd neck, magnificent quality, straight as a gun-barrel, lovely wings and tail, very bonny; 2, Parkes, mkd cheek, beautifully feathered, well up in position, good length, hardly so nice on back; 3, Williams, mkd head and breast, nice col and feather, good length, will improve in position; 4, Edwards, mkd wing, warm col, slim and upstanding; vhc, he, Foster; c, Jeffreys. BUFF (5): 1, White, mkd head, wonderful length, A1 col and feather, richly frosted, stands finely, leggy, likeston winner; 2, Halliday and Chittenden, mkd wings, eyes and head, very lengthy, capital stand, good quality; 3, Green, cinu. mkd wings and head, straight as a rush, lovely feather, good length; 4, White, mkd wing, shooty and of nice quality, neat hack; vhc, Foster. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, Lloyd, cl, delightful feather, beautiful body, shape, full of action; 2, Barber, mkd root of tail, feathered to perfection, true type, jaunty carriage; 3, 4, vhc, he, Tyler, both clears, 3rd, good shape, nice mover; 4th, nice quality. BUFF (7): 1, 2, c, No. 5, nb., Tyler, brace of bonny "wee gems," 1st, real model cl, feather like glass, clever action, a treat; 2nd, mkd head, very taking; 3, vhc, Lloyd, cl, smooth as wax, jaunty carriage; 4, Barber, mkd wing, lovely action, grand shape, could have gone up one, some thought. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Tyler, grand, and very choice team, yell, mkd wing, smooth as a bottle, magnificent shape, free action; 2nd, ticked eye, A1 shape, neat mover, grand one, 3rd, cl buff, nice shape, good feather, would look much smarter in open wire cage; 4, Dyson, yell, lkd neck, tight as wax, nice body; vhc, Barber. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, Symonds and Son, buff, 4-pointed Nor, nice col, quality and shape, neat in markings, good substance; 3rd, yell. green Yorkie, capital feather and col, good 3rd; 2, 4, vhc, Green, buff, cl body, grizzled coppy, rare substance, good length, nice spread of coppy, neat exhibit; 4th, cl. cap, Gold-Liz., rich ground col, nice shape and size, neat spangling; he, King. No. 1, 2, Hales, w.c. SELL. (30/-) (14): 1, Adams; 2, Jennings; 3, Bertie; 4, Beardall and Walker; vhc, Fox; he, Christian; c, Miss E. M. Flemons. (£3) (16): 1, Dickens; 2, Morris; 3, Walton and Noakes; 4, Green; vhc, Dormer; he, Tyler; c, Godley. (20/-) (20): 1, Ford; 2, Adams; 3, Peters; 4, Christian; vhc, Riding; he, Stevens; c, Moore. (12/6) (21): 1, Moore; 2, Bertie; 3, Wheatley; 4, Colton and Dawn; vhc, Gray; he, Christian; c, Claypole. A.V. MEMBERS (17): 1, best member's, Nichols, buff mkd Nor., red hot, capital shape and size, grand carriage, splendid exhibit; 2, 4, Harrison, almost green Nor., rich col and quality, nice head, neck and front; 4th, buff varieg Nor., very cobby, full of col, nicely feathered; 3, Freer, buff, ciun mkd wings and eyes, straight as a rush, grand back, flights and tail; vhc, Adams; he, Dent; c, Dyson.

Hybrid British and Foreign Classes.

CL., ETC., MULE (7): 1, Bond, well known cl buff Goldie-Can, real wonder, looking at his best, delightfully staged; 2, Lawrence, buff, mkd wings, Goldie-Can, capital col, grand shape, tight as wax, A1 carriage, and in full bloom; 3, Goodall, buff, Goldie-Can, mkd wings and eyes, rare quality and shape, again smaller, one we liked; 4, vhc, Vardy, the old buff 4-pointed, fine shape and size, nice feather, begins to show signs of age; he, Colton and Dawn; c, Hart. UNEVEN (11): 1, 2, Bond, good brace, both yell, Goldie-Can, winner mkd wings and eye, slashing col, fine size and quality, real topper; 2nd, mkd wings and eye; 3, Lees, buff, Lin-Can, mkd wings and head, rare size, A1 quality, col and shape, very bonny; 4, Howe, buff, Goldie-Can, bordering on a six-pointed, well up in substance; vhc, Colton and Dawn; he, Lambert; c, Walsh. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Shellam, yell dark Siskin-Can, magnificent col and quality, fine size and shape, showing parentage distinctly; 2, Goodall, buff, dark, Redpoll-Can, rattling substance and col, very shapely, tight as a Java, in fine form; 3, Bond, buff, mkd neck and wing, Sis-Can, nice quality, good shape and col; 4, Smith, buff, dark, Twite-Can, rare size, full of col and quality, grand shape, one of the best; vhc, Coffey; he, Lander; c, Livingstone and Sharp. DARK HYB. (23): Lovely lot: 1, Coffey, yell, Greenie-Can, a stormer, wonderful substance and shape, fine depth of col, beautifully clothed, most magnificent specimen we have ever seen; 2, Lawrence, yell dark, Goldie-Can, well up in size, richly col, fine shape, delightful face, in the pink of condition; 3, c, Bond, dark, Lin-Can, slashing col, good size and shape, shone like a mirror, well shown; 4, Somerfield, yell Greenie-Can, well-known winner; vhc, he, Longden; vhc, Dring and Morton; he, McLean; c, Lander. BULLIE, HYB. (9): 1, vhc, Colton and Dawn, Greenie-Bullie, fine substance, lovely col, quality and shape, put down in fine fettle; 2, Bond, Can-Bullie, capital col and quality, nice substance and shape, in full bloom, very close up; 3, Shellam, Goldie-Bullie, well up in size, capital quality and shape, lovely face; 4, Lawrence, Greenie-Bullie, nice quality and col, good shape, tight as wax; he, Matthews; c, Walsh. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, Walsh, Goldie-Redpoll, beautiful col and feather, good size, nicely pencilled thighs, rich col of blaze, gem; 2, Gilbert, Goldie-Greenie, rare substance, rich col, smooth as glass, very shapely, very taking; 3, Coffey, Bramble-Chaffinch, well up in size, shapely, and of nice col and markings, capital feather; 4, Cocks, yell, Goldie-Greenie, lovely shape and quality; vhc, Lawrence. No. 2, Coffey, ab. GOLDIE (15): 1, Mays, slashing quality and col, grand shape, beautiful large square cut blaze, rich in col, lovely buttons and bars; 2, Goodall, very shapely, well up in blaze and col, good substance and quality, neat bars and buttons, close up; 3, Alton and Thompson, fine col and quality, grand shape and substance, very bonny; 4, Judd, good shape, capital bars and buttons, neat face character; vhc, Lawrence; he, Trowers; c, Athey. No. 11, Marsh, absent. BULLIE (19): 1, Lawrence, well up in substance, fine shape, rattling breast col, neatly cut cap, dense and richly polished, tight as a drum, gem; 2, Woods, even shade better in breast col, capital quality, much admired; 3, Longden, very shapely, nice on breast and back, neat cap, well worth its place; 4, R. J. Howe, capital col and shape; vhc, Walsh, Axe; he, Judd; ex. he, Hester; c, Howe, Abbott. LINNET (20): 1, Marley, unbeatable for col and quality, magnificently pencilled, well down sides, clear and defined, grand substance and shape; 2, Longden, lovely col and quality, grandly marked, good size and shape; 3, Mays, shade smaller, lovely ticking, A1 feather and col; 4, Walsh, rich col, grand shape, prettily pencilled; vhc, Alton and Thompson; he, Spinks; c, Vardy. GREENIE (15): 1, 3, R. J. Howe, with a couple of right sorts, winner fine shape and size, marvellous col; 3rd, rare substance and shape, rattling fine quality; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, very shapely and rich col and quality, good size, very close on heels of 1st; 4, Haldane, rattling col, shape, and feather; vhc, Hales; he, Jones; c, Wagg. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Marley, wonderful col and quality, delightfully mkd, beautiful cap, real topper, shown in rare style; 2, Dickenson, good one, very meritorious; 3, Longden, good shape and size, very neat pencilling; 4, Hoyle, nice substance and quality; vhc, Coffey; he, Mays; c, Haldane. SISKIN (12): 1, Christian, beautifully fed Siskin, rare shape and size, delightfully mkd, grand cap, topper; 2, Hoyle, very shapely Redpoll, well up in size, clinking col and markings, staged for all it was worth; 3, Caunt, fine-coloured Twite, good substance and shape, lovely tickling; 4, Seal, Sis, neat markings, nice quality and well cut cap, handsome; vhc, Howe; he, Towne; c, Walsh. CHAFFIE, ETC. (15): 1, Colley, profusely spangled Bramble, lovely col, shape and size, in absolutely best possible condition; 2, Mays, Chaff, grand shape and size, splendid col; 3, R. J. Howe, Bramble, capital shape, size and col, real beauty, well staged; 4, Marley, Chaffie, good substance, very shapely, very bonny; vhc, Longden; he, Christian; c, Alton and Thompson. BUNT. (15): 1, Turner, Yellowhammer, well up in size, rattling col and shape, grandly mkd head, very choice; 2, Beaty, finely mooned Corn Bunting, good substance, A1 col and condition, close up; 3, Axe, another handsome Yellow Buntiug, capital shape, size and quality; 4, he, Lowne, Snowbunting, in grand order; vhc, Ride; c, Caunt. HAWFINCH (8): 1, Seal, Hawfinch, good shape and quality, A1 col., grand bib; 2, Jones, Hawfinch, good one, some preferred; 3, Simpson, Hawfinch, rare col. and shape, smaller, a good winner; 4, Shaddock, Crossbill, in nice feather, and shown neatly, good 4; vhc, Raven; he, Beaty; c, Vardy; No. 3, Miss E. Saywell, absent. HEN (17): 1, 3, Howe, Bullie and yell. Bunting respectively, both of good size, shape and col., in lovely trim, staged in a masterly fashion; 2, Axe, Corn Bunting, good shape and size, well mkd., nice col. in the pink; 4, Marley, Linnet, capital col. and shape, nice size, well pencilled, steady as a top; vhc, Alton and Thompson; c, Dickenson. INSECTIV. (7): 1, Lowne, magnificent Black Red-tart, in delightful condition, a treat to observe; 2, Mays, very pretty gold-crested Wren, in grand order and finely staged; 3, Cocks, very fine Treecreeper, in the pink, and shown in a fine manner; 4, Draper, Gale, well up in size, capital shape and col., worth its place; vhc, Raven; he, Wagg; c, Beaty. LARGE (5): 1, W. Howe, sweet Grey Shrike, in fine feather; 2, Mays, Blackbird, good size and shape, capital eye cere and bill; 3, Raven, Ring Ouzel, not a feather misplaced, beauty; 4, Dexter, Thrush, good col. and size, well mooned, nice shape; vhc, Heighton. ALBINOS (3). 1, Judkins, White Blackbird, in capital form, drew many observers; 2, Smith, Cinn-Greenie, tight as wax, shown in rare fettle; 3, Colton and Dawn, Pied Linnet, in neat order. FOR. SMALL (11): 1, Stocker, Necklace Tanager, in full dress of a very gorgeous nature; 2, Raven, superb Tanager, well up in col., and nut down in grand form; 3, 4, Mrs. E. Galloway, pair of Crimson Finches and Black-faced Serin in grand form; vhc, he, Howe; c, Groocock. LARGE (7): 1, Beaty, Hawk-headed Parrot, looking at his best; 2, Oakey, beautiful Crimson-wing Parrakeet, in full dress; 3, Howe, well-known Green-billed Toucan, looking all serene; 4, Oakey, Pennant Parrakeet, in best possible trim; vhc, Ballington; No. 5, 6, Stocker, absent.

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SOUTHAMPTON.

The Southampton F. and F.F.A. 21st annual show, held at the Carlton Drill Hall, on November 24th and 25th. This old society has been in low water for several years having to be content with a members' or local show annually. This year they ventured to a 12-mile radius, and success attended their venture. They have succeeded in getting a really good hon. secretary in the person of Mr. J. S. Finmore, who, in the course of less than a year has been the means of putting new life into the society, and bringing lost members again into the fold. Cage birds turned up very well, the quality being exceptionally good—the best that has been seen here for many years. Norwich and Yorkshires were, perhaps, the best, and Bullies among the Britishers. Mr. Haysom, unfortunately through indisposition, was unable to send his fine team of Crests and Crest-breds. Mr. G. T. Webb judged.

NOR. (8): 1, Mortara, good bodied yell., nicely fed, good quality feather; 2, 3, r, Schneider, 2nd another good one, close up, perhaps not quite so good in feather; vhc, Roberts; he, Mortara. YELL. 1909 (8): 1, 2, Mortara, nicely, well fed buff, excellent feather, 2nd nice, cobby bird; 3, r, Schneider, 3rd good head, nice type of bird; vhc, Fellowes; he, Roberts, Miss Turner. BUFF (11): 1, Roberts, cl. buff, fine, typical bird, right stamp; 2, Miss Turner, another good one; 3, r, Schneider, very close up; vhc, Fellowes; Mortara; he, Roberts. CREST (12): 1, 2, Fellowes, 1st nice, even Crest, good body, shape, 2nd plenty of feather, will be better in a week or two; 3, Oldfield, nice bodied bird; he, Mrs. Spooner (2); absent, Haysom. C.B. (6): 1, Fellowes, big, heavily-feathered green, good wide skull; 2, Oldfield, good, silky feather; 3, Holloway, nice bodied bird, nicely shown; vhc, Mrs. Spooner; he, Lawrence and Fellowes. YORKS.: 1, 3, Gamble, 1st fine length, well up on leg, good one, 3rd another good one, fine, even tail; 2, White, unfed buff, good length, stands well; he, White. 1909: 1, 2, Gamble, two nicely shown youngsters, even in col., good length and style; 3, Knight; vhc, Hollday; he, Knight. A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Fellowes, nice sized and steady Goldie, even blaze; 2, White, another nice bird, very steady; 3, Hallett, as good as either, but very unsteady; he, White. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Fellowes; 2, Holloway; 3, Flintoft, little to choose between them, leading bird much steadier than his confreres. r, Roberts; he, Holloway and Roberts. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hallett, nice col., steady Linnet, well shown; 2, Mrs. Griffin, another good Linnet; 3, White, nicely mkd. Siskin; vhc, Ballem. MULES, LIGHT: Cancelled. DARK: 1, Roberts, nicely col. Siskin Mule; 2, Fellowes; 3, Mrs. Eburn. FOR.: 1, Slade, nicely shown Tanager; 2, Harvey, long-tailed Whydah; 3, Flintoff, Weaver; vhc, Miss Smith; he, Harris, Pennants. SELL. 20/- (7): 1, 3, Schneider; 2, Fellowes; vhc, White. 10/- (5): 1, 2, Schneider; 3, Fellowes. NOV. Can. (5): 1, Knight; 2, Trodd; 3, Dart. A.O.V. (5): 1, Tuttle, nicely variegated Goldie Mule; 2, Findge, steady, nice-sized Goldie; 3, Mrs. Prankerd; he, Slade.

BLYTH.

Third annual show of the Blyth C.B.S. was held on Nov. 13th, in the Central Hall. The entries totalled 170, and both as to numbers and quality were in advance of the preceding shows. Mr. T. Rowell judged.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Turnbull; 3, French. BUFF: 1, Turnbull; 2, Povey; 3, French. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, Marshall; 2, French; 3, Marshall. BUFF: 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Povey. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL.: 1, Turnbull; 2, 3, French. BUFF: 1, 2, Turnbull; 3, French. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, Younger; 2, Turnbull; 3, Rowell. BUFF: 1, 2, Younger Bros.; 3, Rowell. CREST-BRED: 1, Soulsby; 2, Hudspith; 3, French. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 2, Turnbull; 3, Soulsby. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Soulsby; 3, Marshall. BUFF: 1, 2, Turnbull; 3, Soulsby. A.V.: 1, 3, French; 2, Rowell. LINNETS: 1, Turnbull; 2, Povey; 3, French. NOR. AND CRESTS: 1, Marshall; 2, French; 3, Watts.—(Will the secretary kindly communicate his address to us?—Editor.)

FROME.

Frome and Dis. F.A. held their 11th annual show in Mechanics' Hall on December 2nd. The association is one of the most popular in this part of England, and has a patronage second to none, and an able chairman in Dr. Cockey, and a hard-working hon. secretary, Mr. C. I. Young, backed up by an able cage bird committee, consisting of Messrs. Austin, Hodge, Edwards, Hillier, King, Needs, Pickford, Pinnell, Sheppard, Singer, Wells, and D. and J. Yeo. The hall is nicely situated for a show of this description, and is well suited for the purpose. The birds were comfortably staged and free from draught. Again, we have not seen shows so well patronised by the children as the Frome shows; they take a great interest in the exhibits. The show was held under the patronage of the Lanes. C.A and the S.Y.C.C., members of both of which put down some grand specimens. Mr. J. Robson judged. The other sections of the show necessarily cramped the cage bird section for staging room; nevertheless, the committee did exceptionally well in the space available.

The Critique.

CREST: 1, 3, Rev. Joyce, 1st large buff variegated, well radiated, drooping crest, best of feather; 3rd, another variegated, close up to 2nd; 2, Greenwood and Burson, another grand bird, not quite so good in radiation, nice bird; 4, Ind; vhc, Hobbs. C.B.: 1, Greenwood and Burson, buff variegated, grand bundle of feathers, nice and browy, one of the best; 2, 4, Rev. Joyce, 2nd another splendid bird; 3, Hobbs, clinking good green, but looking ragged; vhc, he, Ind. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Rennie, grand bird, hot col., good head flights and tail, well proportioned throughout; 2, Edwards, another splendid bird, hard to choose between these; 3, Brown, lovely feather, good quality; 4, Pickford. BUFF (6): 1, Rennie, we could not find; 2, 3, 4, Brown, 2nd nice salmon buff, good bird; 3rd, lovely feather, fine short flights and tail; 4th, another grand bird, a really good trio. VARIEG.: 1, Rennie, even mkd. buff, beautiful frosting, showing that rich salmon tinge, we liked. HEN: 1, 4, Turner, 1st grand little lady, good head, nice short flights and tail, fine Bullfinch type; 2, James, good specimen all through; 3, Rennie, good bird, fails only in head; vhc, Brown. NOR. 1909 YELL.: 1, Pope, grand yell., variegated, well fed, beautiful gloss, best of feather; 2, Brown, another good bird, fails only in feather and col. to winner, good bird; 3, Pickford, another hot yell., good breast, splendid feather, not quite so nice in tail; 4, Miss Bulter, fine bird, nice substance; vhc, Roff and Strange; he, Bragg; No. 7, Turner, wrong class. BUFF: 1, Pope, grand feather, good head, worth being in a larger class in the same position; 2, Pickford, good wing carriage, and nice feather, fails only in size; 3, Brown, again a good bird. NOR. NOVICE CK.: 1, Trigg, well done novice, splendid yell., good head and wing carriage; 2, Master Pool, really fine bird, but fails a wee trifle in wings to winner; 3, 4, vhc, Master Pool, 3rd eye tkd. buff, will do better later on; he, West; c, Pinnell. HEN: 1, Master Pool, grand hen, plenty of substance, good head and neck, in A1 condition; 2, Pickford, fails just a wee trifle in body properties, nice one otherwise; 3, West, really good hen. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Rennie, fine long-sided bird, sweet head, well-filled back, good pipe tail; 2, Rogers, another good lengthy bird, well shown; 3, Gappy, again grand exhibit; 4, Bousfield. BUFF: 1, Pool, very nice position and lengthy, well shown; 2, Elsmore, straight as a pencil, good feather, stands like a guardsman; 3, Lang, not quite so good in position perhaps, but a grand bird; 4, Rennie, good bird, well placed; vhc, Lovell; he, Poole; c, Gappy. TKD. ETC.: 1, Lang, well mkd., variegated, very steady, grandly put down; 2, Lovell, neck-mkd. buff, grand neck, well-filled back, fine carriage; 3, Rennie, good bird, unfortunately has rather heavy thighs; 4, Holliday, nice bird, a wee bit smaller; vhc, Poole. YELL. HEN: 1, Rennie, grand hen, lovely feather, perfect flights and tail, nice carriage, very steady; 2, Lang, good long-sided hen, beaten to-day; 3, Conant, another good hen, well shown; 4, Rogers; vhc, Boyes. BUFF: 1, Holliday, lovely hen, rather small perhaps for a buff, but sweet head and good quality of feather; 2, Rennie, topping bird, well up to first; 3, Poole, heavy mkd. perhaps, but most useful stock bird; 4, Hill. YORKS. CK. 1909: 1, Rennie, proper leggy show bird, good back and position, pulls himself together grandly; 2, Elsmore, grand buff, rather shorter perhaps, but good head and neck, well cleaned out; 3, Rogers, neck-tkd. yell., grand bird; 4, Conant; vhc, Holliday; he, c, Pinnell. HEN, 1909: 1, Rennie, lovely specimen, we liked much; 2, Elsmore, better if anything in head but not quite the length of winner; 3, Conant; 4, Mrs. Stepheus. YORKS. NOVICE CK.: 1, spl, Cooper, very nice exhibit, leggy, well-filled back, grandly put down; 2, Cooper, excellent feather, well shown; 3, Boyes, nice bird all through; 4, Richards; he, Payne, bird of good position; c, Bousfield. HEN 1, Boyes, nicely mkd. hen, sweet head, well shown; 2, Cooper, clean, and straight as a pencil; 3, Stephens, good cinn. mkd. buff; 4, Turner; vhc, Boyes; he, Knight; c, Durnford, a nice class altogether. LANCS. COPPY YELL.: 1, spl, Adams, grand bird, good frontal and col., well staged; 2, spl, Edwards, nice size, not quite so good perhaps in head properties; 3, 4, Edwards. PLAINHEAD: 1, Ind, good head and feather, worth its position; 2, Adams, nice size and substance, good bird; 3, Edwards, grand exhibit all through, good 3rd; 4, Edwards. LANCS. 1909: 1, 2, 3, Ind, a grand team, 1st Yell. Plainhead, good bird, nice substance and head well browed; 2nd, good buff coppy; 3rd, better spread perhaps than 2nd; 4, Edwards. BORD. CK.: 1, Rennie, rich solid green, nice chubby, good head, nicely proportioned; 2, c, Dodge, another splendid little bird, hard to choose between these; 3, Weaver, grand little yell., but not quite so perky as previous two; 4, Weaver; vhc, King; he, Hooper. HEN: 1, Weaver, a fine bird, but some thought should have given way to next; 2, Dodge, really good bird, but somewhat badly staged, might perhaps have won; 3, King, again a good bird, nice head; vhc, Dodge; he, Hopgood; c, Hooper. BORD. NOVICE: 1, Edwards, perfect and perky little specimen, best of feather, very steady, no fault to find; 2, King, four-pointed buff, nice exhibit; 3, Hooper, grand bird. DUTCH FRILLS: 1, 2, 3, Young, really good team, 1st variegated, good feather; a claw gone; 2nd, buff, nice head frills, well wrapped, not quite the feather of winner; 4, Brooks; vhc, he, Young. A.O.V.: 1, Dart, Belg., nice bird, good feather; 2, Dart, another grand Belg., better drive than winner if anything, good 2nd; 3, Miss Price, nice Lizard, broken cap, lovely markings. SELL. (20/-): 1, Rennie,; 2, Elsmore; 3, Edwards; 4, Pickford; vhc, Rollinson. (10/-): 1, Bancroft; 2, Quarman; 3, Greenwood and Burson; vhc, Edwards; he, Bousfield. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, little stud of Yorks. on their own, the property of Mr. Rollinson. LIGHT MULE: 1, Edwards, very beautiful specimen; 2, Lees, also good one; 3, Mrs. Bull, another nice bird; 4, Mrs. Williams. DARK: 1, Edwards; 2, Mrs. Bull, both of splendid feather; 3, H. Yeo; 4, Mrs. Williams; vhc, Farler; he, Kelly. HYB.: 1, Lees; 2, Pinnell; 3, Edwards; 4, Thomas, all well staged, and a credit to their owners. GOLDFINCH: 1, Herbert, good blaze, splendid bars and buttons, steady as a rock; 2, Tavener, good tannings and excellent condition; 3, Edwards, nice bird, hardly so good in blaze perhaps; 4, Evans, lovely quality; vhc, Fleetwood; he, Rees; c, Hillyer. BULLFINCH: 1, Price, very steady, grand bird all over; 2, Tavener, nice cap and bib, lovely gloss; 3, Norman, again good bird; 4, Bobbett, grand col. and feather, some thought might have been higher up; vhc, Pickford; he, Levett; c, Rees; very fine class indeed. GREENFINCH: 1, Bancroft, nice size and quality, rich under-colour; 2, Roff and Strange, not quite the size of winner, well up; 3, Price, nice Green,e, a wee bit smaller; 4, Dodge; vhc, Bancroft; he, Booker; c, Hillyer. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Bancroft, well-pencilled Linnet, good col. and condition, wins well; 2, vhc, Tavener, Redpoll and Linnet, former lovely feather and markings; 3, Roff and Strange; 4, Bancroft; he, Rees; c, Lovell. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Thomas, well-tkd. Brambling of good feather; 2, Mrs. Ball, grand Hawfinch, in excellent condition, steady as a tower; 3, Hooper, Crossbill, in really good condition; 4, Mrs. Ball. FOR., LARGE AND SMALL: 1, Porter; 2, Snelgrove.

MEMBERS', YORKS.: 1, Pinnell; 2, Payne; 3, vhc, Pinnell; 4, Shepherd; he, Singer. BORD.: 1, 3, Dodge; 2, King. NOR.: 1, Young; 2, Lock; 3, Pickford; 4, vhc, Young; c, Lock. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Young. BRIT.: 1, Blewitt; 2, Pickford; 3, Shepherd; vhc, he, Wells. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Yeo; 2, King; 3, Pickford; 4, Blewitt; vhc, Kelly. NOVICE (who has never won a prize in open or club competition): 1, G. Lock, Nor., well done novice; 2 (missing); 3, Robbins, nice variegated; 4, vhc, Singer; he, Shepherd; c, Hillier. The members' challenge cup was won by Mr. C. I. Young, with a Dutch Frill, and the novice bowl by Mr. G. H. Pickford with a Norwich. Other specials were won by the Rev. G. W. Joyce, Messrs. Rennie, Pope, Cooper, Adams, Edwards, Hocking, Young, Stephens, and Pickford. CAGE BIRDS' special was won by Mr. Adams. The children's show of drawings of cage birds was a great attraction during the day.

NEW STEVENSTON.

Second annual show of the New Stevenston C.B.S. held in Masonic Hall, Dec. 4. Entries were about the same as last year's, but quality was good, which speaks well for local breeders. Cups were won as follows: For Scotch Fancies, by Mr. Murdoch, for Norwich Mr. Clarke, and for Borders by Mr. Wood. The President, and the Secretary, Mr. Lamb, had every detail well arranged, and to these gentlemen the credit of the event is due. The judges were Messrs. Marlin (Falkirk) and Hailstones (Wishaw).

Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Murdoch, erect, decided drive, grand solid back, clean front. HEN: 1, Murdoch, smart, neat model. BUFF CK.: 1, Murdoch, well set up, nice droop, solid back, good body; 2, 3, Douglas, 2, erect decided reach, fine back; 3, good all over. HEN: 1, 2, Murdoch, good pair, erect, decided reach, solid back, fine body and wings; 3, Douglas, very neat model, quick, but steady. OLD CK.: 1, 3, Buchan; 1, erect, neat head, long neck, solid back, rare body and wing; 3, well set on perch, good style; 2, 4, 5, Douglas; 2, erect, fine head and reach, solid back, long body and wing; 4, 5, smart pair; 6, Waugh. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 5, Douglas, had nearly all his own way; 1, grand solid bird, erect, decided drive, prominent shoulder, fine body and wing; 2, 3, 5, very good all over types; 4, Buchan; 6, Waugh. NOR. YELL. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Davidson, superior pair, shapely, nice size, good quality feather, fit for open competition. HEN: 1, 4, Harper; 1, superior type, well put down, fine shape and feather; 4, good stamp; 2, 3, Kennedy, grand pair for stock, good quality. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Kennedy, grand size and shape, splendid carriage, rare fitting wings; 3, Davidson, fine size and style, well staged. HEN: 1, 4, Kennedy; 1, well built, good size and style, worthy of place; 4, smart and stylish; 2, Harper, smart and stylish, lovely plumage; 3, Miller, good size and style. OLD CK.: 1, Kennedy, lovely exhibit, rare size and shape, splendid shape and carriage; 2, 3, Lamb, grand pair, worthy of position; 4, 5, Harper; 6, Miller. HEN: 1, Hussy, superior in size and style, an easy win; 2, Davidson, grand size, good quality all through; 3, 4, Lamb, fine pair, good quality; 5, 6, Miller. YOUNG CREST: 1, Clark, fine Crest, well radiated, grand shape and body; 2, 3, Reid; 2, follows hard after, both of fine properties; 4, Clark, good size and type. HEN: 1, Clarke, lovely crest, good size and shape, well staged. C.-B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Clark; 1, neat, well groomed, fine quality, nicely centred; 2, 3, grand pair, good quality all through; 4, Millar. HEN: 1, Davidson, sweet exhibit, grand quality feather, nice side and frontal; 2, 3, 4, Clark, grand trio, lovely quality; 5, Miller; 6, Reed. BORD. FCY. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, Harper, a gem, feather like wax, lovely carriage, perfect wings; 2, Reid, another beauty, nice style and carriage; 3, 6, McVicar; 3, pressed hard, on second, fine quality, very shapely; 4, Wood, good stamp; 5, Waugh. HEN: 1, Wood, well-groomed, grand type, full of quality and style; 2, Harper, nice size and type, fine carriage; 3, 6, Davidson; 3, beautiful feather, nice shape; 4, Reid, good quality; 5, Miller. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Waugh, superior pair in shape and quality, well staged; 3, Harper, fine shape, in the pink of condition, shapely; 4, 5, Reid, 6, Davidson. HEN: 1, McVicar, grand shape, lovely feather, wins easily; 2, 4, Reid, good pair, grand size and carriage; 3, Waugh, typical border, lovely carriage. OLD BORD.: 1, Harper, beauty, grand shape, size and carriage, wins easily; 2, Waugh, another beauty, fine type, good quality; 3, Reid, grand condition, fine quality feather; 4, Wood, good type; 5, Miller; 6, Davidson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wood, excellent team, fine quality and carriage, well staged; 5, Harper; 6, Miller. COMMON: 1, 2, Davidson, grand pair, in the pink of condition. GIFT: 1, 6, Lamb, good size and type; 2, Douglas, fine quality; 3, Darroch, in good feather; 4, Waugh; 5, Harper. BRIT.: 1, Davidson, lovely Greenfinch, nice sheen, good size and shape; 2, 3, Millar, Goldfinch, not quite forward yet in colouring, nicely mkd.; 3, 6, Lamb, 3, charming Redpoll, beautifully laced; 4, Davidson, smart Linnet, well laced. YOUNG C.-B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Clarke, trio of gems, grand size and shape all of first-rate qualities. HEN: 1, Clarke, beauty, nice size and shape, good quality; 2, 8, Reid, very fine pair, rare style.

NEWARK AND DISTRICT F.A.

The 24th annual show of cage birds was held at the Corn Exchange on November 25th. There were some grand exhibits on view, better in quality than in number, owing no doubt to the several other fixtures clashing with this. The judge's steward was Mr. W. G. Clarke, and the penning stewards Messrs. W. Ellis, W. Lidgett, T. Pulford.

NOR., CL.: 1, 2, Butler; 3, Brailsford; r, Hollis: vhc, Lawson. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, sp, vhc, he, Marshall; 2, 3, Butler; r, Brailsford; he, Lawson CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Osborne; 3, r, vhc, Snapson; he, Smith. YORKS.: 1, sp, r, Simpson; 2, 3, Smith CAN. A.V. NOT COL.-FED (radius two miles): 1, Wells; 2, sp, r, Smith; 3, he, Toymbec; vhc, Dolman. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 3, Smithson; 2, Fenton; r, Clipsham; vhc, he, Simpson. FOR.: 1, Ballington; 2, Bryan; 3, sp, vhc, Lidgett; r, Whitby BRIT. SMALL: 1, Butler; 2, he, Simpson; 3 Broadberry; r, Smithson; vhc, Lidgett. LARGE: Cancelled.—W. LIDGETT.

STONEHOUSE, N.B.

Stonehouse C.B.S. second annual show was held in the Public Hall on December 4th. The weather was excessively cold, and the cage birds, which were staged in the main hall, suffered by the journey to the show. The competition was not as keen as might have been expected, perhaps, but this was owing to so many shows being held on the same day. But the total entry of 300 in the cage bird section was satisfactory. Scotch Fancies, unfortunately, had six classes cancelled, but the remaining three classes contained some very typical specimens. Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk) judged this section, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction to all. Borders were a select little lot, and were ably handled by Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton). Norwich averaged seven per class, and the quality all-round was good, and gave Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh) little trouble to sort out. The feature of the show was undoubtedly the British bird section, and Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton) had his hands full picking out the winners. The office bearers were a very capable lot, led by Mr. John Whitelaw (president), and Mr. Alston (vice-president), while the secretary (Mr. J. Govan), assisted by Mr. W. Melvin, had everything in apple pie order, everything passing off without a hitch. In the afternoon the show was well patronised by the public, and we trust this, the society's second, attempt will turn out successful financially.

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCYS., CL., ETC., YELL. AND BUFF CK.: Cancelled. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Higgins, pied of great substance and depth, grand topend, seemed to be feeling the effect of the cold journey; 2, Reid, Green, fine stamp, well up on legs, rare length of side, nice droop; 3, Wallace, fine nervy bird, grand wings; 4, Murdoch, good position; vhc, Dunlop. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Higgins, Green, splendid size and thickness, grand shoulders, drives well; 2, Rodie, fine stamp, well set up, fine wings, grand droop, close up; 3, Allerdice, rare length of side, splendid droop. Next four classes cancelled. SELL., S.F. (15s.) (7): 1, Higgins; 2, 4, Park; 3, Allerdice. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Walker, nice model, rare col, A1 quality, in grand order; 2, McLennan Bros., nice quality of feather; 3, Johnstone, fine type and quality, well put down; 4, Inglis, follows well. HEN (5): 1, spl, Hamilton, very neat and shapely, sweetly tapered, very close feather; 2, Shearer, lightly built hen, fine wing carriage; 3, Walker, rare quality bird, very shapely; 4, Bulloch, nice round head, neat wing carriage; vhc, Johnstone. BUFF CK (7): 1, spl, Shields, rare jaunty action, nicely moulded, beautiful quality feather; 2, Hamilton, very neat head, grand wings and tail, good model; 3, Walker, lovely quality, very shapely, carries wings a wee bit slackly; 4, Allan, very trig little Bord., nice quality; vhc, Bulloch; he, Craig. HEN: Cancelled. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Hamilton, eyes and wings mkd., buff, topper for type and finish, feathered like a Java; 2, Shearer, yell., mkd., very stylish action, lovely quality feather; 3, 4, Allerdice, 3rd a sweetly moulded buff, well finished, 4th nice yell.; 5, Allen; he, McLellan Bros. EVENLY MKD.: Cancelled. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, Haddow, leading with a yell. green, lovely texture of feather, grand col., well pencilled, 2nd rare col. Jonque-Cinn., neat head, nicely braced wings, very close feather; 3, no name, very nice and shapely Green; 4, Hood, nice Cinn. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (6): 1, Shearer; 2, Hamilton; 3, Haddow; 4, Allerdice; vhc, Murdoch; he, Thomson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, Morrison, grand size and substance for a yell., rare front, nice col. and quality, wins; 2, Ferguson, good quality bird, nice size and even col.; 3, Crawford, well up in size, nicely moulded front, shows hollow at back of neck; 4, Braidwood, fine type; vhc, Dorman. HEN (4): 1, Braidwood, fine stamp of hen, could do with a tubbing, well placed; 2, Thomson, nice type, fine quality feather; 3, Taylor, nice size, well up to 2nd. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Crawford, nice size and quality, in very fine condition; 2, Duncan, grand size, very shapely, well up; 3, Donnon, nice col. and quality, nicely shown; 4, Taylor, well placed. HEN (4): 1, Crawford, rare quality bird, neat head and wings, in best of condition; 2, Ferguson, very shapely, neat head; 3, Mather, nice type and quality. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (7): 1, Paterson, yell. variegated, neatly moulded, fine short flights and tail, grand quality feather; 2, Morrison, buff variegated, very shapely body, neat head, grand quality feather; 3, Tannock, buff, rare size and substance, good third; 4, Donnon, buff, nice type; vhc, Cuthbertson; he, Braidwood; c, Duncan. HEN (8): 1, Paterson, very neat model, nice round head, grand wing carriage, nicely rounded front, wins; 2, Crawford, buff, nice size, good head, well braced wings; 3, Cuthbertson, yell., nicely rounded, clean cut under, a wee trifle weak on head; 4, McAlpine, grand condition, not quite so shapely, perhaps. CREST OR C.-B. CK. (7): 1, Roy, variegated body, dark crest, neatly proportioned, well laid, fine texture of feather; 2, c, Stirling, Green C.-B., fine size, good quality feather, wide entrance and nicely lashed; 3, he, Kirkwood, dark crest, rare quality feather, dense crest; 4, Renicks, C.-B., nice entrance, well lashed. HEN (7): 1, Roy, Green C.-B., wide at entrance, splendid lashing, rare quality feather; 2, 3, Kirkwood, 2nd D.C., nicely centred, good droop, 3rd C.-B., fine entrance and width of skull, nicely domed, feeling the cold journey, or might have been placed differently; 4, he, Renicks, D.C., nice formation, well centred; vhc, Arnott; c, Thomson. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, Morrison, Buff-Green, splendid type, nicely tapered, fine quality feather; 2, Rodie, yell. variegated, rich nat. col., grand condition; 3, Nisbet, buff variegated, nice size. HEN (5): 1, Ferguson, yell. variegated, grand size and substance, fine quality feather, in really grand bloom; 2, 3, Arnott, el. yell., fine substance of body, short wings flat on head, 3rd variegated, buff, nice type, good condition; 4, Duncan, buff, lovely type and quality. SELL. NOR (12s. 6d.) (16): 1, Brannigan; 2, Ferguson; 3, Arnott; 4, Thomson; 5, Buchanan; he, Rodie; c, Easton. COMMON (7): 1, Barr; 2, Miller; 3, 4, Sandilands; vhc, Elder; he, Buchanan; c, Smith, all birds of the Bord. persuasion.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Raine, fine stamp, fine big face of sound col., grand wing bars and moons, in faultless condition; 2, McQuiston, expansive blaze, clean cut, lovely tanning, splendid wings, well staged, presses hard; 3, Hiller, nice conditioned Finch, good col. of blaze; 4, Perrie, shapely little Goldie, not yet quite ready; vhc, Renicks; he, Stevenson; c, Murray and Bell. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, spl, Jack, excels in col. and quality, clean cut face, splendidly tanned and buttoned, in best of condition; 2, Arnott, large square cut face, nicely tanned; 3, Ward, fine size, splendid condition, grand blaze and bars; 4, he, Porteous, well up in size, well defined blaze, rare whites and moons; vhc, Smith; c, Dunlop Bros., a hint class to divide. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, McQuiston, fine model, sound head, with well defined cap, grand wing bars, nice shade of body col.; 2, Raine, fine size, broad jet cap, grand back, little between; 3, Falconer, good size and col., a trifle rough at thighs; 4, Nisbet, good Bullie; vhc, Tannock; he, Hardie; c, Gilmour. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (10): 1, vhc, Ward, fine stamp, rich col., nicely pencilled, in rare bloom; 2, 3, McQuiston, rare conditioned pair, grand col., full of work; 4, Williams, fine back and wings; he, Watson; c, Douglas. FIELD-MOULTED (11): 1, Wilson, grand type, lovely rounded front, nicely tapered, sound body col., splendid wings, grand one; 2, vhc, Jamieson, grand pencilling, fails only in breast col. a trifle, still, a good one; 3, Houston, nice stamp, nicely pencilled; 4, Ward, good type; he, Smith; c, McLuggage. SISKIN (7): 1, McGregor and Boyd, nicely fed, well defined bib and cap, grand lacing; 2, no name, very sweet little fellow, grand col. and condition; 3, Leggot, non-fed, dense cap and fine lacing; 4, Bishop, but fed one, rare lacing, splendid cap; vhc, McGillivray; he, Alexander; c, Smith. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Williams, grand bib, rare markings, good col., in the best of condition; 2, McQuiston, fine col. and markings, nice bib, presses hard; 3, Dick, well mkd. 'Poll, fails only in finish; 4, McGillivray, nice col. and markings; vhc, he, Johnstone; c, McAlpine. DITTO FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1 Gibb, good, sound col. 'Poll; 2, Brownlie and Sons, shapely little fellow, very heavily laced; 3, Rodie, grand col., cap and bib, splendid lacing, some actually made the winner; 4, Eldon, good stamp, fine col. and lacing; vhc, McGillivray; he, Swan; c, McAlpine. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Martin, full crested Twite, rare col., finely pencilled; 2, Dick, Mealy, lovely size and markings, in splendid condition; 3, McQuiston, rare col. Twite, grand wings, full of work; 4, Ward, fine Twite, in rare bloom; vhc, Dunlop. GREENFINCH (10): 1, McQuiston, splendid size, very shapely, blaze of col.; 2, Bishop, rare type, lovely quality feather, good sound col.; 3, McLean, unsteady, will improve; 4, McAlpine, nice conditioned Greenie, very steady; vhc, Sorbie; he, Swan; c, Morrison. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 4, Ward, leading with a very nice col. Bramble, grandly spangled; 2, Reid, really fine Chaffinch, excellent head, beautiful shade of col., splendid wing bars; 3, Johnstone, capital Bramble, pure breast col., very rich spangling, in spanking condition; vhc, Sharp; he, Anderson; c, Dick. BULLFINCH HEN (14): 1, Ward, very shapely, nice shade of breast col., good cap; 2, Owens, nice round head, fine wing bars; 3, McGavin, grand size, rare front and back; 4, Perrie, good quality bird; vhc, Watson; he, Lawson; c, Melvin; No. 2, Stone, seemed to have been evidently missed. BRIT. A.O.S. LARGE (3): 1, Shields, Hawfinch, well up in size, splendid col. and condition; 2, Sorbie, Missel Thrush, in really good order; 3, Nisbet, Hawfinch, grand col. and variegated, fails only in size to leader. A.O.S. HEN FINCH (6): 1, Ward, Mealy Redpoll in nice condition and markings; 2, Irvine, Hawfinch, in rare bloom; 3, Sinclair, Siskin, full of work, in rare condition; 4, Burns, Greenfinch; vhc, McQuiston; he, Elder. FOR., LARGE: 1, Hamilton, grand specimen of the King Parrot, in beautiful plumage, well placed; 2, Morrison, Blue and Yell. Macaw, will improve in condition; 3, Morrison, Rosella Parrakeet, in grand feather; 4, Smith, Grey Parrot, talks all day; vhc, Smith. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Burns, sweet little Goldie-Siskin, non-fed; 2, McNicol, four-pointed Buff Goldie-Can., rare size, splendid condition; 3, Swan, Greenie-Bullie hen, in nice condition; 4, Orr, variegated, Goldie-Can., fine size; vhc, Mclellan Bros.; he, Dunlop Bros. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (9): 1, McQuiston, Jonque-Goldie, grand col., rare quality; 2, Rodie, very fine Linnet-Mule, well up in size, in rare condition; 3, McCallum, large buff Goldie, well defined blaze; 4, nice Linnet-Mule; vhc, Whitelaw; he, Morrison; c, Dunlop Bros. A.O.V. MULE (4): 1, Johnstone, Greenfinch-Can., nice size, good col.; 2, Nisbet, Twite-Can., fine markings, in lovely condition; 3, Brannigan, good Greenfinch-Can.; 4, Alexander, Greenfinch-Can. MEMBERS', COMMON CAN. (6): 1, Gray; 2, Johnstone; 3, Murdoch: 4, Wallace; vhc, Whitelaw; he, Sorbie. A.O.V. (7): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, no name; 3, Cunningham; 4, Gray; vhc, c, Smith; he, McAlpine.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Third table show held at headquarters, Dec. 4th, when a grand lot of birds were staged, and the show proved a great success. Mr. Jas. Irlam (Sale) placed the awards, and gave great satisfaction.

CL. BUFF NOR. (7): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Myers; 3, he, c, Lester; 4, Wilson. YELL. (5): 1, sp, 4, Boden; 2, Garbutt; 3, vhc, Lester. DK. MULE OR HYB.: (6): 1, sp, he, Handley; 2, 3, Fairhurst; 4, Lester; vhc, Salway. A.V. NAT. COL. (11): 1, sp, 4, c, Garbutt; 2, Walton; 3, Boden; vhc, Lester; he, Handley. LIZ. (2): 1, 2, Salway. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Lester; 3, 4, he, Garbutt. GREEN CAN. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Myers; 4, Handley; vhc, he, Salway.—FRED WASHBOURNE, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Second table show of the season held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle, when a nice array of birds was set out for Mr. T. C. Crawhall, who acted as judge.

CKS.: 1, 2, Wigglesworth, a large Buff leading, good wings and position, followed by a neat yell.; 3, 4, Tomlinson, 3rd undoubtedly best for size, shape and position, but feathers had been spoiled in washing, 4th uneven buff; vhc, Atkinson, nice buff. TWO HENS: 1, Tindale, nice yell., good feather and position; 2, Wigglesworth, cinn. mkd. yell.; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Atkinson; vhc, he, J. Curry. UNFLIG.: 1, J. Curry, nice, well-drawn yell., good length and position; 2, Atkinson, grand buff, good feather and position; 3, Wigglesworth, nice all round bird; 4, vhc, Parker; he, Atkinson; c, Tomlinson. Next table show Dec. 22nd. Mr. J. Davison (Blaydon) will judge.—T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec.

CRAMLINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

First show held in the Co-operative Hall, on Nov. 27th, and was successfully carried out by Mr. J. R. Chestney, the secretary, and a strong working committee. The hall, which is well lighted, and heated by pipes, makes an ideal place in which to hold a show. The entries numbered 110, which was fairly satisfactory, seeing it was a club show, and the membership is under 30. After the show the members arranged for a dance, and a large patronage was the result. Through the financial success of this show it is probable that next year open classes may be arranged for. Mr. J. Gray (Bedlington Station) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Jaques; 2, Clark; 3, vhc, Allan; he, Gardner; c, Ellison. BUFF: 1 spl, 3, he, Clark; 2, Hutchins; vhc, Allan; c, Jaques. HEN: 1, 2, 3, he, Clark; vhc, Hutchins; c, Jaques. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, Warren; 2, Miller. BORD. FCY. YEL.: 1, spl, vhc, Irving; 2, he, Graham; 3, Wilson; c, Hart. BUFF: 1, spl, Irving; 2, 3, Graham; vhc, Hart; he, Ellison; c, Miller. HEN: 1, spl, vhc, he, Graham; 2, Irving; 3, Wilson; c, Ellison. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Thurston. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Thurston; 3, Warren. A.O.V.: 1, Graham; 2, Irving. BRIT. LINNET: 1, spl, Lisle; 2, Douglas; 3, Hutchins; vhc, Mason. A.O.S.: 1, Gardner; 2, Jaques; 3, Gaskill; vhc, Wilson; he, Clark; c, Lisle. NOR. BUFF, OLD BIRDS: 1, spl, best bird in show, vhc, he, Clark; 2, Ducker; 3, Jaques. HEN: 1, spl, Clark; 2, Jaques; 3, Allan; vhc, Gardner; he, Allan; c, Hutchins. YORKS. BUFF: 1, spl, Thurston; 2, Douglas. HEN: 1, spl, Thurston; 2, 3, Warren; vhc, Douglas; he, c, Thurston. BORD. FCY.: 1, spl, Irving; 2, Graham; 3, Jaques; vhc, Graham; he, c, Ellison; c, Wilson. HEN: 1, spl, Graham; 2, Irving; 3, Graham. A.O.V.: 1, Lukey.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Great Horton O.S. annual open show held on December 4th, in the large room of the Congregational Schools, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.C.M.Y.C.C. The room is one of the very best, with plenty of space and light. A good schedule had been issued, with 28 classes and a grand list of specials, which resulted in a total entry of 515, an average per class of over 18—truly a good response. In the champion section, Messrs. Ogden Bros. secured special for most points, Mr. J. Bailey being second, Mr. W. H. Shackleton third, and Messrs. Thornton and Bower fourth. Mr. W. Richmond secured special for most points in novice cinn. mkd. classes, and in selling classes Messrs. Jennings and Robinson and Sharp tied for most entries. Messrs. Thomas, Ball, and Swales were placed first, second, and third respectively in the novice section, the medal for best bird in this section being secured by Mr. Fowle. The management is in capable hands, with the Secretary (Mr. J. Holroyd) at their head, ably assisted by Messrs. Mann (President), Barraclough, Jennings, Dean, Ormonroyd, Hainsworth, Simonett, Benn, Morley, Stansfield, and others. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) was the judge elected by the Union, and he officiated on all open Yorkshire classes and the Norwich novice classes, Mr. W. Cruise taking the Yorkshire novice classes and the two selling classes.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS (15): 1, spl., Cruise, good length, lovely type, plenty of shoulder, nice position, grand quality and col.; 2, Bailey, nice length, good round back, leggy, typical and grand quality; 3, Ambler, grand shape, well up in position, leggy, good feather; 4, White, nice shape and position, well cut away, good quality; vhc, Halliday and Chitteuden; hc, Beaumont; c, Hartley. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Shackleton, old winner in good form, grand length, shape, and position, good wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Helliwell, good shape, nice position, grand back, extra quality; 3, c, Thornton and Bower, lovely sloape, stands well, grand col. and quality; 4, Lister, good type and style, neat head; vhc, Bailey; hc, Murgatroyd. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, spl., Cruise, grand type, straight, good legs and position, lovely quality; 2, Dyson, neat type and style, very rich col. and quality; 3, Lane, grand position, plenty of leg, good shape, good quality and col.; 4, c, Bailey, grand shape, extra quality and col.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, White. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Bailey, noted tkd. check bird, magnificent feather, typical, stands like a soldier, good; 2, Ambler, grand shape and style, stands cleverly, all there for quality and col.; 3, Peel, typical and good position, grand quality and nice col.; 4, Crabtree, shapely, good shoulders and well cut away; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Shackletou; c, Hartley. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, spl., Crabtree, tkd. wing, slim, grand type, leggy, good clean made, lovely quality; 2, Cruise, lengthy, well drawn out, grand quality, stands well; 3, Hartley, grand shape, leggy, very smart; 4, Dewhirst, good shape, straigbt, nice position; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Beaumout; c, Holden. BUFF (18): 1, Thornton and Bower, very good type ,nice position, grand quality; 2, vhc, spl., Bailey, tkd. bead, length, good shape, excellent quality; 3, Fortnam, good shape, leggy, well up in position, neat feather; 4, Waterworth, extra type, clean cut, good feather; hc, Lane; c, Self. YELL., HEN (16): 1, spl., Bailey, grand shoulders and well cut away, straight, nice position, lovely feather; 2, Beaumont, good shape, nice back, well up in position, neat feather; 3, Hill, slim, typical, plenty of leg, grand quality; 4, Walsh, good length, typical, nice back; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Cruise. BUFF (17): 1, Laycock, grand type and position, stands well, smart quality; 2, 4, spl., Shackletou, brace of good hens, lengthy, well up in position, grand quality; 3, Wilson, extra good position, very typical; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Hill; c, Beanmont. MKD. YELL. (16): 1, 2, spl., Thornton and Bower, graud brace, leader mkd. one wing and eyes, grand shape, lovely position, leggy, full of quality and col., 2nd mkd. wings and eye, lovely shape, nice position, rich col, nice quality; 3, Clegg, slim, lovely type, position, good quality; 4, Robertshaw, slim, neat shape; vhc, Walsh; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Robertshaw, 4-pointed, good shape and position, extra good quality; 2, Cooper, good type, nice back, very rich quality and col.; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, good marks, very typical, well up in position; 4, Ogden Bros., grand type, slim, lovely col; vhc, Armstrong; hc, c, Smith. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, 4-pointed, grand shape and position, leggy, neat wings and tail, very clean feathered; 2, 3, spl., Ogden Bros., 2nd slim, typical, well on legs, grand quality, 3rd all there for type, nice position, smart feather; 4, Halliday and Chittenden, good shape, leggy, nice quality; vhc, Holden; hc, Briggs; c, Murgatroyd. BUFF (8): 1, 3, spl., Ogden Bros., good type, very straight, grand position, rich quality, 3rd grand quality and col., shapely, stands well; 2, Bailey, grand type and position, lovely feather; 4, Townsend, very stylish, shapely, and neat quality; vhc, Hersey; hc, Dewhirst; c, Dyson. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Drake and Son, mkd. head and chest, grand shape, leugthy, fine position, very smart quality; 2, 4, vhc, Towers, 2nd slim, good type, well up, grand col. and quality, 4th nice marks, very leggy, good position, neat feather; 3, Shackleton, lengthy, grand position, smart quality; hc, Cooper; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, spl., Ogden Bros., grand length, well up, straight, lovely quality; 2, Bentley, good type leggy, nice style ,neat feather, 4-pointed; 3, Towers, very stylish, good position, grand quality; 4, Hodgson, neat type, leggy, good position, smart feather; hc, Cooper; c, Drake and Son. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, spl., Jowett, leader marvellous quality, well up, trifle strong, still a good one, 3rd lovely shape, slim, nice position, smart quality; 2, Ambler, slim, nice type, good position, very close feathered; 4, Towers, slim, neat shape, extra good position; vhc, Cooper; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Hardaker and Sample. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, spl., Cooper, grand shape, stands well, full of quality; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, good type, extra quality, grand position; 3, Hodgson, neat head, extra col. and quality, fine shape, on small side; 4, Bentley, grand shape and style, good back; hc, Towers; c, Ogden Bros. CINN. TKD., TKD. NOVICE (15): 1, Brown and Son, yell., slim, good type, leggy, nice feather; 2, 3, vhc, c, spl., Richmond, 2nd buff, grand shape, straight, nice position, lovely col. and quality, 3rd yell., grand type, good legs and positlon, neat feather; 4, Clegg, yell., slim, neat type, nice position; hc, Pollard. HEN (18): 1, Tinkler, buff, good shape and position, nice head and neck, smart feather; 2, c, Gelder, yell., slim, smart type, good position, nice feather; 3, Smith, good shape, nice position, well cut away, good quality; 4, Hillas, yell., nice type, leggy, good feather; vhc, Clegg; hc, Richmond. SELL. (15/-) (41): 1, spl., Simonett; 2, Hartley; 3, Wood; 4, Peel; vhc, Lingley; hc, Robinson and Sharp; c, Hersey. HEN (12/6) (35): 1, spl., Jennings; 2, Horsfield; 3, Gelder; 4, Barraclough; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Pratt; c, Denton. Y.U. NOVICE CLASSES—CL. YELL. (21): 1, spl., Swales, grand type, leggy, very correct in position, good quality, red-hot col.; 2, Wade, slim, grand shape, nice position, lovely back, smart quality; 3, Crabtree, lengthy, good shoulders, well cut away, grand wings and tail, nice position and quality; 4, Thomas, good type and cut, nice quality; vhc, Hall; hc, Gibson; c, Fowle. BUFF (24): 1, spl., Fowle, lengthy, grand position, good shape, very smooth in feather; 2, Whittley, nice shape, extra quality, nice back, very stylish; 3, Southrop, slim, neat type, leggy, very nervy, smart feather; 4, Elsegood, good shape, straight cut, nice position, lovely feather; vhc, Hird and Simoson; hc, Sager; c, Moore. TKD., ETC., YELL. (26): 1, spl., Crabtree, tkd. wing, grand length, shapely, good legs, full of quality, smart Yorkie; 2, Haigh, very typical, nice cut, leggy, lovely quality; 3, Womersley, variog., slim, grand shape and position, nice feather; 4, Bennett, typical, well up; vhc, Hall; hc, Wood; c, Battye. BUFF (23): 1, spl., Dinsdale, tkd. checks, marvellous shape, grandly drawn, leggy, good position, feathered to perfection, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 2, Whitwham, mkd., grand type, position, and style, nice feather; 3, Swales, lengthy, nice type and position, smart quality; 4, Graham, mkd., grand length, well up, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Firth; hc, Haigh; c, Casey. YELL. HEN (29): 1, spl., Lodge, narrow, grand type, good wings and tail, stylish, lovely quality; 2, Turton, very nice build, good shape and position, nice quality; 3, Firth, neat shape, straight, leggy, smart feather; 4, Graham, good type, well up, nice quality; vhc, Stables; hc, Firth; c, Brown. BUFF (25): 1, spl., Bennett, unev. mkd., good shape, nicely cut away, round back, lovely quality; 2, Firth, nice shape, good position, shows well, smart feather; 3, Turton, very typical, nice position, good quality; 4, Whitwham, well up, good shape, well drawn out; vhc, Morrison; hc, Thomas; c, Stables. NOR. CK. (15): 1, 2, spl., Ball, leader buff, good substance and shape, excellent col. and quality, 2nd yell., grand size and type, full of col. and quality; 3, Thomas, yell., good size and type, nice body, neat quality and nice col.; 4, Hudson, buff, shapely, and good substance, nice col. and quality; vhc, Plowright; hc, Horsfield; c, Naylor. HEN (13): 1, c, Horsfield, buff, grand shape, plenty of substanec, very rich quality and col.; 2, vhc, spl., Naylor, yell., grand shape, well filled at neck, nice col. and feather, like wax; 3, Thomas, buff, mkd. wings, nice quality, cobby build; 4, Sykes, buff, good type, nice chest, smart quality; hc, Ball.

AMBLE.

The Amble and Dist. C.B.S. held their 2nd annual show in the Church Schools, Queen Street, on November 27th. Here we were introdnced to a young novice society, and the management deserve great praise for the way they conducted their show. They had a grand hall tastefully decorated with evergreens and chrysanthemums etc., which gave the hall a very attractive appearance; there were also many nice pot plants on view, and many open shows would look much nicer by taking a pattern from this one. At intervals during the afternoon we were entertained by Mr. A. Ashton to gramaphone selections. Mr. Cracket, the secretary, had everything well in band, while in Mr. Whittle they have a good treasurer. The committee aro a friendly, homely lot of fanciers. Mr. Anthony Hay (Berwick) judged, and we heard no criticism.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Cracket, cl., grand head, very hot in col.; 2, Inglis, nat. col,, nice chest and wings; 3, Darling, red hot col.; vhc, Hume; hc, Luke; c, Whittle. BUFF (12): 1, Cracket, very taking, well moulded; 2, vhc, Whittle, leader grand cl., presses winner hard; 3, Anderson; hc, Teggie; c, Darling. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Whittle, mkd. yell., grand quality, easy winner; 2, Luke, nice clear; 3, Anderson, another nice one; vhc, Lidgate, hc, Cracket; c, Penrose. BUFF (7): 1, 2 spls, c, Morgan, cl. Buff, grand head and chest, well tapered off behind, takes spl. for best Nor. in show, and best hen in show; 2, 3, Luke, leading with a grand cl.; vhc, Connell; hc, Inglis. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Luke, cl. leading, best of back and wings, nice Bullie chest, wins well; 3, Whittle, inclines to cross feathers on chest; hc, Morgan; c, Luke. BUFF (15)! Grand class: 1, 3, Anderson, leader being cl., lovely skull, grand type and quality; 2, c, Whittle, good cl., close on winner; vhc, Anderson; hc, Luke. HEN (14): 1, spl., vhc, Luke, wing ticked Buff, nicely moulded, best of condition, takes spl. for best unflig. in show; 2, Anderson. cl.; 3, hc, Whittle; 3, grand cl. yell.; c, Lightly. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, spl. for best Yorkie, 2, Anderson, grand cl., rare length, in excellent condition; 2, yell. varg.; 3, Penrose, clear Buff. HEN (3): 1, Anderson, varg. Buff, gets well up, slim, plenty of length; 2, 3, Morgan, both clear yell. and buff, not quite so good in condition. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, Lidgate, clear Buff, grand position, nice wings and tail, well staged, 2, 3, vhc, Anderson, fine team, close up, hc, Morgan; c, Penrose. HEN (2): 1, Lidgate, clear Buff, hot col., very shapely, easy win; 2, Morgan, ticked yell. BORD. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, Cracket, ticked yell., nice head, grand wings and tail; 2, Lidgate, clear, wants dressiug up; 3, Richardson and Dand; vhc, Lightly; he, c, Glass. BUFF (4): 1, Lightly, cl. Buff, grand feather, nice wing carriage; 2, Richardson and Dand, close up; 3, Cracket, cl.; vhc, Glass, nice, saddle marked. HEN (8): 1, spl., Richardson and Dand, cl. Buff, best of head and wings; 2, Paxton, cl, Buff; 3, Connel, almost even yell., not shown in the best condition; vhc, Lightly; hc, Cracket; c, Morgan. CREST OR CB. (7): 1, Morgan, varg. Buff, dark crest, well formed, in grand condition, wins well; 2, Gair, very similar to 1st, hut not quite so dense in crest; 3, vhc, Penrose, leading with another of the same; hc, Darling; c, Inglis. CINN. (6): 1, 2 spls., Paxton, grand yell., hot col., tho best we have seen this season at any show, well placed, takes spls. for best bird and best cock in show; 2, c, Paxton, 2nd a nice Buff; 3, vhc, he, Luke, all yellows. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Robson, var. Buff leading, shows Goldie well, staged in best of order, very taking exhibit; 2, Gair, almost clear Goldie Canary; hc, c, Paxton. LINNET (6): 1, he, c, Cracket, 1st grand size, well pencilled, fine nut brown col. throughout; 2, Connel, tamest we have handled for some time, but fails a trifle in size and col.; 3, Glass, close up; vhc, Teggie. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, spl., Robson, Goldie, one of the best seen out this year, enormous blaze, staged in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, c, Gair, well Spangled Bramble; 3, Lightly, Goldfinch; hc, Connel. SELL 7s. 6d. (7): 1, Inglis; 2, Morgan; 3, Robson; vhc, Glass; hc, Luke; c, Paxton.

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HASLAND (nr. Chesterfield)

The second annual show of the Hasland, Grassmoor, and Dis. C.B.F.S. was held on December 4th in the Assembly Rooms. This proved a much better show than the society has ever before had. A very liberal classification was given for Norwich and Yorkshires. The latter did not come up quite as they were expected, but the Norwich were a splendid lot for both numbers and quality. The unflighted buff class was extra strong, many good birds having to stand down to cards only. The Hardbill class was one of the best in the show; and what a fine show of Bullfinches there was in this class. The winner was a really good one, as well as the second Hawfinch, this being shown in perfect feather. We think this society hardly gets the support it is worthy of, as the management is all that could be desired. The birds were grandly staged, and all could be seen at a glance. The officials, we hear, are now applying for a Cage Bird Union licence, and we hope in future they will have a much larger entry. The room is a splendid place for a show of the kind, and that ideal secretary, Mr. C. H. Naylor, had everything well in hand and cards up as soon as the slips were handed in. The committee is a small one of true fanciers in Messrs. L. Goucher (chairman), W. G. Naylor, G. Wilson, G. Gee, F. Gill, C. H. Baker, E. Dowson. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Judging was over early, and catalogues with awards were on sale in good time. Mr. Gee won special best Yorkshire.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Fox, variog., red-hot col., splendid quality, shape and size, neat all through; 2 Smedley, rattling cl., wonderful head, lovely col., nice quality, shape and size, in grand trim; 3, Fox, another good cl., grand size, shape and col., grand chest, neat wings; 4, Hunt, fine shape, nice col. and quality; vhc, G. and A. Dodd, very neat, all-round specimen; hc, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, Smedley, very stylish cl., grand shape and substance, fine size, good col. and quality; 2, Hunt, cl., slashing shape, well up in substance, capital feather and quality, good head; 3, Barber, largest bird in class, good col., splendid head, neat wings; 4, Gill, head mkd., very cobby, nicely frosted; vhc, Greaves, stylish variog., lovely col. and quality; hc, Dowson. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Fox, mkd. left wing, grand shape and size, lovely col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, Fox, again grand specimen, cl., good size and shape, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Nutt, mkd. left wing, capital col., nice-shaped body, very cobby; 4, Hunt, mkd. wing., nice size, good col. and quality; vhc, Nutt, ablaze with col.; hc, Butler, good one; c, Wilson. BUFF (14): 1, Nutt, mkd. left wings, marvellous size, wonderful head, nice shape, splendid wings and tail, A1 col.; 2, Butler, cl., hot col., neat head, wings and tail, splendid shapo and substance; 3, Longstone, head and wing mkd., splendid shape, grand quality, nice head and neck; 4, Smedley, nice shape, clean cut, splendid col.; vhc, Fox, grand shape, nice col.; hc, Bescoby and Righton; c, Brailsford; very good class for col. and quality. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Smith, very neat and compact cl., capital col., good shape and size, grand head and neck, lovely quality; 2, Hunt, mkd. left wing, good shape, grand col., full of quality; 3, Butler, cl., lovely feather and quality, grand shape, nice short wings and tail; 4, Smith, head mkd., rare shape, plenty of front; vhc, Gill, very neat; hc, Hunt; c, Dowson. BUFF (7): 1, Smedley, check mkd., nice shape and level col., neat head, wings and tail, A1 quality and form; 2, Fox, nice shape, lovely col. and quality, good head, neat tail; 3, Hunt, cl., grand shape and substance, lovely col. and quality, good head and neck; 4, Longstone, lovely shape, grand quality and col.; vhc, Gill, fine feather and quality; hc, Barber; c, Smedley, looking ill. YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, Simpson, cl., lovely col. and quality, nice head, splendid length and position, good wings, back and tail; 2, Gee, very racy cl., straight as a rush, lovely col., good legs; 3, Cooper, cl., grand length and position, lovely col. and quality; 4, Gunn, very nice length; vhc, Drabble. BUFF (7): 1, Simpson, cl., good racy style, beautifully drawn, splendid length, col., and position, neat wings and tail; 2, C. Smith, cl., very slim and upstanding, nice length and position; 3, Gee, good length and position; 3, Gee, good length, neat cad, full neck, nice position; 4, Cooper, nice col., capital length and position; vhc, Drabble, non-fed. nice style; hc, Goucher; absent, No. 4, Beard. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Gee, very smart, thigh mkd., stylish bird, stands up well, nice wings and tail carriage, takes spl for best Yorkie; 2, Smith, cl., very neat and close feather, good length and position, grand col., neat head; 3, Gunn, smart varieg., grand length and position, splendid length; 4, Burdett, typical cl., racy specimen; vhc, Cooper, capital cl., nice length; hc, Pearson, rare length; c, Gee. BUFF (4): 1, Green, very good cl., fine length and position, looks though a good tub would do good to all in this class; 2, Goucher; 3, Baker; absent, No. 4, Beard. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Smith, cl., good specimen, splendid length and position, nice head and neck, lovely col.; 2, Green, cl., very stylish, neat head, good wings and tail, stands on good legs. BUFF HEN: Cancelled. BORD. FCY. (4): 1, 2, 3, C. H. Naylor, 1st wing mkd. buff, grandly moulded, nice front, well drawn, very neat all through; 2nd, cl. yell., real nice one, grand head and wing carriage, staged to perfection; 3rd, head and wing mkd. buff, smart shape; 4, Stevens, stylish variog., well drawn. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Nuttall Bros., leader very fine Green C.B., splendid size and substance, very typical; latter, varieg. Dark Crest, real good one, fine crest, grand bloom; 2, Smith, very typical buff Lancs. P.H., lovely col., good size, nice quality, well shown. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 3, C. H. Naylor, leader capital col. Greenie Canary, in lovely feather, fine size and shape; 3rd, yell. Can.-Goldie, perfect feather and condition; 2, Simpson, buff Goldie-Can., good size, lovely shape, in splendid form; 4, Dowson, nice Linnet-Canary, fine size; vhc, c, Wild; hc, Stone. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Henshaw, Linnet, looking very smart, perfect feather, fine head, good col., markings, and condition; 2, 3, Poole, leader sweet little Siskin, in fine feather, splendid cap markings and condition; 3rd, Linnet, grand col. and bloom, nicely pencilled, close up; 4, Elkes, Linnet, very neat, nice markings; vhc, Goucher, Redpoll, neat; hc, Fern. HARDBILL (18): 1, Milne, Bullfinch, real good one, splendid cap, nice wings and bars, grand breast, lovely col.; 2, Poole, wonderful Hawfinch, splendid size, best possible col. and condition, grand bib; 3, Gunn, again a Bullfinch, splendid col., good cap and bars, must have run winner close; vhc, Henshaw, Chaffinch, lovely specimen; hc, Robinson, stylish Bullfinch; c, Burdett, ill at time of taking notes; some very good birds in this class cardless; we think it would be wise to separato Hardbills another year. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Pool, very smart, good col. Grey Wagtail, in lovely form, wins easily; 2, Milne, Nightingale, very stylish, good col. and conditiou; 3, Woodhouse, well mkd. Thrush, must be a very old one, very scaly legs, nice feather. FOR. (6): 1, 2, Busby, leader one of the best Pennant Parrakeets we have seen, most lovely col. and condition; 2nd, pair Parrots, lovely col. and feather, nicely staged; 3, C. H. Naylor, sweet pair Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, in best possible condition; 4, vhc, Marriott, nice Pennant; hc, Drabble.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate C.B.S. held their annual open show in the Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall. The birds were well staged and looked after by a fine lot of stewards, and the society are fortunate in having such capable men as Mr. Duncan (chairman) and Mr. Barnwell (secretary), who look after arrangements wonderfully well in hand, and were most obliging. The society had the patronage of the Y.C.B.H. and M.C., whose members' birds made quite a show in themselves, which was greatly admired by the visitors, who turned up well in the afternoon. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged, and his awards were well received. The show was in every way well arranged, and the society deserves to prosper. Mr. W. H. Shackleton won spl for most points; Mr. H. Robinson, Hyde's and spl for best novice's bird; Mr. W. Ascough, Sandiford's and the Barnwell challenge cup for most points gained by three nominated birds. All birds were in the hands of the railway company by seven o'clock, and prize money was paid to the successful exhibitors attending the show.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.. 1, Fawcett, cl., nice col., narrow shoulders, good back, well up on legs; 2, Long, tkd. wing, poor col., correct type; 3, Shaw Bros., tkd. wing, hot col., good position; 4, Hodgson, cl., well drawn out, stands well; vhc, Cowgill; hc, Shackleton, c, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, Wilson, very hot col., rare quality, good type, well shown; 2, Chew and Stokoe, cl., lot of style, rare position; 3, Shackleton, tkd. head and wing, grand col., well placed; 4, Cowgill, cl., fine bird, well drawn; vhc, Brown; hc, Hodgson; c, Long. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Shackleton, leader green, mkd. head and wings, rare quality and col., grand position, 3rd cinn., mkd. eyes and wings, nice col. and feather, both buffs; 2, Chew and Stokoe, yell., mkd. head and wings, nice head and neck, good position; 4, Cowgill, buff variog. cinn., nice feather, plenty of size; vhc, Barnwell; hc, Shaw Bros. CL. ETC., UNFLIG. (8): 1, Shackleton, yell., neck mkd., nice col. and quality, long and narrow, well up on legs, gem; 2, Cowgill, cl. yell., rare length, well up on legs, nice col.; 3, hc, Wilson, buff tkd. wing, hot col., fine quality; 4, Barnwell, again nice quality, rare length; vhc, Brown. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, Shackleton, cl., long and slim, stylish, good col., well shown; 2, Long, rare col., nice feather, good position, well up; 3, Townsend, thigh tkd., stands well up, plenty of length; 4, Cowgill, cl., long raking hen, good position; vhc, L. Hodgson; hc, Fawcett; c, G. Hodgson. TKD., ETC., BUFF (8): 1, 3, Shackleton, leader thigh tkd., rare position, grand hen, 3rd lovely col., rare type, close up; 2, Fawcett, nice position, grand quality; 4, F. Townsend, grand col., lovely feather; vhc, Cowgill; hc, Armstrong; c, Shaw Bros. NOVICE, YELL. (14): 1, Greenwood, nice head, good back, rare quality, beautifully shown; 2, Head, grand col., rare type, well up to first; 3, Foster, rare length, good back wings and tail, a wee bit open in front; 4, Wellock, tkd. head, hot col., rare length; vhc, Farnish; hc, Ireland; c, Fowler. BUFF (7): 1, H. Robinson, cl., rare length, silky feather, nice col., wins Hyde's spl., good first; 2, Gill, cl., well up on legs, rare type, lovely quality; 3, Campling, nice feather, well drawn out, fine position; 4, J. Robinson, wing tkd., rare position, hot col., stands well, bit soft when judged; vhc, Hudson and Dawson; hc, Greenwood; c, Richmond. NOVICE, UNFLIG. (24): 1, Walker, yell., cinn. tkd. eyes and head, plenty of col., nice quality and shape; 2, 4, Campling, both good buffs, nice quality, rare length; 3, Fergussou, yell., cinn. mkd. head and wings, nice feather; vhc, Cockeroft; hc, Baldwinson; c, Ingleson. HEN, YELL. (23): 1, Wellock, cl., well up on legs, good back, rare size, nicely staged; 2, Burdekin Bros., cinn. mkd. head and wings, nice feather and shape; 3, Foster, green, mkd. eye and wings, stands well, nice quality; 4, Walker, cl., good length and position; vhc, Gill; hc, Fergusson; c, Langhey. BUFF (15): 1, Greenwood, cl., pale col., well up on legs, rare length, good 1st; 2, Burdekin Bros., hot col., tkd. wing, good head, back wings; 3, Fergusson, cinn. variog., nice shape and feather, good 3rd; 4, Farnish, cl., nice feather, good position; vhc, Laughey; hc, H. Robinson; c, Foster. NOVICE COCK. (11): 1, 3, Ascough, leader cl. yellow, good col., nice quality, wins Sandiford's special, 3rd cl. buff, nice shape, good feather; 2, Palmer, buff, rare head, plenty of substance, well filled neck, good col., very soft or might have won; 4, Mrs. Owen, variog. yell., nice head, good neck, rare depth of chest; vhc, hc, Barnwell; c, Myers. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Barnwell, grand trio, leader buff, green tail, good head and neck, rare chest, 2 cl. yell., rare featner and shape, 3rd cl. buff, good col. and shape, very cobby; 4, hc, Ascough, buff, nice shape, well up; vhc, Fawcett; c, Mason. SELL (15/-) (17): 1, Fawcett; 2, Hewson; 3, Gill; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Head; hc, Fergusson; c, C. and C. T. Parkes. (10/-) (19): 1, Fawcett; 2, Palmer; 3, Barfe; 4, Mason; vhc, Lealman; hc, Hewson; c, Wellock. GIFT (12): 1, Head; 2, Ascough; 3, vhc, Hewson; 4, Duncan, junr.; hc, Ireland; c, Winterburn. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Wilson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice size, good col. and condition, well staged; 2, H. Walsh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, shows cross well, nice col., good shape, shows off well; 3, Meadows, five-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can., nice blaze, rare col.; 4, Boyle, dark yell. Greenfinch-Can., rich bronze, rare form; vhc, Lane; hc, Inman; c, Wilson. BRIT. GOLDIE (18): 1, Veitch, rich blaze, nice tan breast, very steady, shown well; 2, Duncan, rich, deep-cut face, nice col., hard to part; 3, Kilner, bonny Finch, in full bloom, close up; 4, Raper, grand face, good wing bars and huttons; really fine class; vhc, Bell; hc, Inman; c, Myers. BRIT. GREENIE, ETC. (17): 1, Lee, Bullfinch, rich deep col. breast, nice cap, very steady, well shown; 2, Milhurn and Hughes, Greenfinch, rare col. and condition, good 2nd; 3, Stamp, Bullfinch, rare shape, very steady, large; 4, hc, Duncan, fine Greenfinch, in full bloom; vhc, Archer; c, Hartley Bros. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Boyle, really grand, rich col., well laced, and hurnished to perfection; 3, Duneau, again good col., well shown, worth its place, could win at most shows; 4, vhc, c, Jenkins, nice lot, in really grand form; hc, Stamp. A.O.S. HARDBILL (14): 1, Inman, good Hawfinch, nice col. and condition, well shown; 2, 3, vhc, Duncan, really good Yellow Bunting, well placed, and a rich col. Bramblefinch, well spangled; 4, Isherwood, Hawfinch, in spleudid feather and condition; hc, Shirley; c, Lane. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 3, Wilkinson and Danby, Redstart, in full col., rare size, and in splendid form, 3rd Wryneck, fine condition, well laced, good bird; 2, hc, Bousfield, lovely Wagtail, well shown and well placed; 4, Isherwood, nice Thrush; vhc, Wilson; c, Duncan, junr.

ELLESMERE.

Eighth annual show held Nov. 11 in the Market Hall, when the cage bird section proved not the least attractive. Mr. F. Roberts, the secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, and was ably assisted by genuine fanciers. Mr. Ledwith judged.

YORKS.: 1, P. V. Williams; 2, 3, Brotherhood. NOR.: 1, 2, P. V. Williams; 3, Giles. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Castle; 2, r. Hughes; 3, P. V. Williams. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, P. V. Williams; 2, Brotherhood; 3, Mrs. Cotton.

COCKERMOUTH.

Fifth exhibition of the Cockermouth and Dis. F.S. took place on December 3rd and 4th. The tweed mill in which the show was held is in everyway suitable for a show of this description, being roomy, well lighted, and within a few minutes' walk from the railway station. The officials consist of Messrs. H. Oglethorpe (chairman), T. Crowe, W. P. Dearon, J. Ellwood, J. Fulcon, W. Gorley, H. Rennicks, J. Jackson, R. Jennings, J. Lindsay, R. Litt, H. Harrison, A. J. Rea, F. Wright, J. Simon, J. Henderson, Jos. Jackson, W. M. Walker, J. J. Lennox, S. Barnes, J. Wilkinson, R. Crozier, J. Little, and J. Millington, and Mr. E. Limb, the capital secretary. No detail, either for the comfort of exhibits, the benefit of exhibitors, or the visiting public (who turned up well) appeared to be too small to escape the eyes of the officials, who one and all worked well. Most courteous and obliging in every way possible, we trust their efforts met with the success they well deserved. A new scale of prize-money was adopted here, viz., classes of from 4 to 6 entries, 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d.; from 7 to 9, 8s., 4s., 2s.; of 10 or over, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. Judging from opinions expressed by exhibitors we talked with, this appeared to meet with approval. Borders, a favourite variety here, were well represented, all the principal local exhibitors having teams forward. Several exhibits in the Green class were, we understood, passed as having been colour fed. We think, however, that Cinnamon blood is largely responsible for the colour of these specimens. Such are the ups and downs of natural colour classes. Yorks. were grand in quality, and the British were a nice show. The Foreign were the best and most attractive class seen round this district this season. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), whose awards were well received.

The Critique.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl, Pearson, bonny quality, good type and col., well shown; 2, Hopper Bros., similar type, not quite so nicely rounded on head, perhaps; 3, Moore and Son, fine col.; 4, Simpson, tkd. on eye, fine qualities; vhc, Dixon; hc, McGhie; c, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Moore and Son, cl., fine stamp, well rounded, good quality; 2, Hopper Bros., tkd. cheek, good quality, col., and type; 3, Pennington, well made, nicely rounded, good quality; 4, Wilson, nice col., quality; vhc, Brown; hc, Ellwood; c, Oglethorpe. UNEVEN YELL. (5): 1, spl, Pennington, five-pointed, well-known, good bird; 2, Moore and Son, lightly mkd., good col. and quality, in fine condition; 3, Wilson, mkd. both wings and one eye, nice type, quality and col.; 4, Litt, wing and shoulder mkd., close up; vhc, Simpson. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Hopper Bros., eyes, head, one wing mkd., fine type, grand quality, col. good; 2, Gill, three-pointed, fine quality, well drawn, in fine order; 3, Wilson, four-pointed, grand quality, clean cut, good bird; 4, Pennington, three-pointed, good quality; vhc, Dixon, fine bird, Cinn mkd.; hc, Pearson. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Walker, cl., nice wee bird; 2, sp, hc, Wilson, tkd. on head, fine col. and quality, good type, some preferred; 3, Henderson, mkd. back of neck, fine quality, level col.; 4, Rea, tkd. on cheek, similar to 3rd; vhc, Ellwood, bonny Cinn. mkd.; c, Younghusband. BUFF (13): 1, 2, spl, Pennington, brace of good ones, cl., good type and quality, nicely rounded, well shown; 3, Henderson, mkd. head, well made, good feather; 1, Wilson, mkd. head, very similar; vhc, Brown; hc, Simpson; c, Hopper Bros. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Gill, yell., well balanced mkd., nice type, good quality; 2, 4, spl, Davies, Buff, nice markings, 4th nice feather; 3, Hopper Bros., Buff, well shown. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Millington, leader self yell. green, good col., right shade, well pencilled, nice type and quality, 3rd good bird, yell. green; 2, 4, Thompson, both greens, leader fails just a little in pencilling to winner, 4th close up. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (9): 1, 3, Walker; 2, hc, Rea; 4, McGhie; vhc, Dixon; c, Oglethorpe. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL CK. (6): 1, 3, spl, Stewart, thigh tkd. leading, long upstanding, well drawn, good col. and quality, latter paler col., nicely drawn; 2, Douglas, tkd. head, rare col. and quality, stylish; 4, Cuthbertson, good col.; vhc, Rennicks; hc, Davison. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, spl, Stewart, fine trio, thigh tkd. leading, rare type, col. and quality, wings well braced, wins, 2nd paler col., 3rd well-known thigh tkd., rare length of side, grand carriage; 4, Miers, tkd. on neck, good col. and quality, will improve; vhc, Cuthbertsou; hc, Rennicks; c, Brown. UNEVEN, ETC.: Cancelled. HEN., YELL. (8): 1, Stewart, splendid quality and col., very stylish, well shown; 2, Cuthbertson, griz. capped; 3, Brown, cl., very similar stamp, clean and stylish, good position; 4, Ferguson, long, well drawn; vhc, he, Douglas; c, Rennicks. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, spl, Stewart, beautifully made, well drawn, rare style; 2, Cuthbertson, nice position; 3, 4, Douglas, leader grand col. and quality, well balanced, 4th paler col., wings neatly braced, nicely drawn; hc, Brown; c, Rennicks. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Ellwood, cl. buff, well braced wings and tail, grand boxy feathers, very stylish; 2, 3, spl, Stewart, leader wing mkd. yell., rare col. and quality, nicely drawn, 3rd griz. neck buff, neat compact, fine col.; 4, Rennicks, cl. yell., splendid col. and quality; vhc, Rydiard. NOR. CK. (8): 1, Davies, buff, good stamp and col., full chest; 2, vhc, spl, Martin (Mrs.), yell., nice col., good quality; 3, Sumpton Bros.-tkd. buff, good bold front, fine stamp; 4, Wilson, yell., red hot col.; hc, c, Younghusband. HEN AND UNFLIG.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, 4, Ellwood, Piebald Scots, fine size, well circled, nice action, 4th Buff Scots; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Hands, Green Crests, good Lirds, very little divides them; vhc, McMaster. HYB. (5): 1, 2, 4, spl, Dixon, leader cl. buff Greenie-Can., 2nd six-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., hot col., 4th uneven buff Goldie-Can., fine size and feather; 3, Davies, Goldie-Bullie, nicely mkd., well-defined parentage; vhc, Leggatt; hc, Cuthbertson. SELL. (20s.) (10): 1, Douglas; 2, Ellwood; 3, Fearon; 4, Dixon; vhc, Davies; hc, Thompson; c, Wilson. (10s. 6d.) (12): 1, Davies; 2, Ellwood; 3, Moore and Son; 4, Gaskill; vhc, Simon; hc, Ellwood (G. S.); c, Thompson. BRIT. AND FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Young, Goldie, fine face, nicely tanned, well buttoned, very steady; 2, Baines and Davis, Bullie, well defined markings, nice size, imported; 3, Wilson (J.), Goldie, bright face, well mkd., good tanning; 4, vhc, Thompson, Goldie, fine col.; hc, Deacon; c, Wright. GREENIE (6): 1, Ellwood (J.), fine, good col. yell., lovely feather, very steady; 2, 3, spl, Wilson (G.), brace of good bright coloured ones; 4, Wilson (J.); vhc, Patterson; hc, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson. LINNET (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Wilson (G.), quartette fine birds, 1st and 2nd best bird, fine size, lacings and col., very little divides the others; vhc, Wilson (J.); hc, Trohear. TWITE, ETC. (6): 1, Bell and Fisher, Redpoll, bright col., well mkd., nice bib; 2, 3, spl, Kearton, Redpoll and Siskin, former nice size, in good condition, Siskin nicely mkd., good col.; 4, Wilson (J.), Redpoll, ill when we were noting and died soon after; vhc, Baine and Davis; hc, Glaister and Lucas, Twite. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 4, Wilson (G.), Bramble leading, fine size and spangling, well feathered, 2nd Chaffie, good size and feather, cl. whites, steady, 4th Bramble; 3, hc, Bell and Fisher, Bramble, good feather and spangling; vhc, Wilson (J.), fine Chaffinch; c, Robson and Murray; a white Sparrow was shown in this class. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (9): 1, 4, spl, Wilson (J.), Yellowhammer, leader the better mkd., fine bodied, neat col., latter wee bit behind in head marks; 2, Ellwood (J.), Hawfinch, finely feathered, good size, fine bib, nice hood and bars; 3, hc, Evans and Wood, Cornbunting, good bodied and well mkd., will improve; vhc, Watters Bros; c, Wilson (G.). INSECTIV.: 1, Lewis, Cornish Chough, fine bird, in rare order, well known winner; 2, 3, spl, Watters Bros., Blackbird, very steady, good one, 3rd Waterrail, rather uncommon cage bird, well shown, very steady. PARROT, ETC.: 1, 3, spl, Parrot Aviaries, Morecambe, Blue Mountain Lory leading, 3rd Barnard's Parrakeet, both in wonderful order, rare brilliant col.; 2, vhc, Mrs. Wilson, 2nd Senegal, wonderfully docile, beautifully feathered, charming exhibit, latter fine double fronted Amazon, not quite ready yet; 4, Bassett, Grey, in good condition; hc, Bowe; c, Lewis. DOVES (17): 1, Irvine; 2, vhc, Stephenson; 3, Bowness; 4, Jackson; hc, Gorley; c, Walsh. GIFT (10): 1, Deacon; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Rennicks; 5, Ellwood; 6, Strong; 7, Steele. MEMBERS' (two classes) contained some very creditable exhibits, well shown. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, Walker; 2, Oglethorpe; 3, c, Deacon; 4, Thompson; vhc, Millington; hc, Simon. BRIT. OR FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, Oglethorpe, clean sweep; 4, 5, Walker; 6, Ellwood; absent, Limb.

MILNGAVIE, N.B.

Milngavie, Bearsden and Dis. O.S. held their annual open show in the Burgh Hall on 4th December. President, Mr. P. Fenwick; treasurer, Mr. G. Henderson, committee of management, Messrs. R. Ogg, J. Lillie, R. Michie, W. Brown, T. Blair, A. Lillie, D. McNicoll, and J. Stewart; secretary, Mr. Maxwell Frame. Cage birds in numbers were much in excess of last year's, but some expected an even larger entry considering the generous classification. What was there certainly made a very nice display indeed, the birds being of excellent quality. Norwich were a good lot, the Borders nice, and the Mules, light and dark, and Hybrids, included some very fine birds. The hall has splendid light, and was well warmed. The show proved a success, and a source of great pleasure and interest to the large crowd of visitors who patronised the show during the afternoon. Secretary Maxwell Frame had everything in really capital order, backed up by an able committee, courteous and obliging, and ready to do anything for visitors and fanciers alike. The awards, about which very little grumbling was heard, were placed by Messrs. J. McLay and T. McCreadie.

The Canary Section.

CREST (5): 1, Thompson, variegated, good large crest, nice leafy feather, good centre, well radiated; 2, Duncan, nice sized yell., dark crest, fails only in formation of crest, split on side; 3, Crawford, neat dark crest, good centre, nice radiation, good quality; 4, McFarlane, wee shade small in crest, even centre, nice quality; 5, J. and R. Ritchie. C.B. (6): 1, Forsyth, good, large, wing mkd., well feathered bird, nice shaped skull, good entrance; 2, Thompson, green, nice size, shape and length of feather, all-round nice bird; 3, Bell and Dewar, variegated, good size, nicely staged; 4, McLean, good shaped skull, fine entrance, nicely cushioned; 5, A. and N. McPhearson; 6, Ritchie. NOR. CK. (8): 1, Martin, grand cl., fine head, chest and col. real beauty, in lovely condition; 2, Sloan, nice substance and col., neatly moulded, fine feather; 3, Henderson, good, some fancied equally as well as winner; 4, Gardiner, another good one, wee shade small, nice type and quality; 5, Mitchell; 6, J. and J. Ritchie; 7, Deunan. HEN (8): 1, spl, 3, Martin, 1st head mkd., first-class quality, nice shoulders, tapers off neatly, grand col., 3rd nice type and col.; 2, Maxwell, cl., nice type, quality and col.; 4, Latta, mkd. bird of good quality, not looking its best; 5, Gardiner; 6, Ferguson. NOR., YOUNG BIRD (11): 1, spl, Latta, lovely cl. yell., grand head and chest, real beauty, feather like wax, wins; 2, Martin, shapely, nice substance and quality, good bird; 3, Gardiner, wing tkd. bird of all-round good quality; 4, Maxwell, another nice one; 5, Barr; 6, Sloan. HEN (7): 1, Martin, good hen, fine head and substance, lovely feather, in rare condition; 2, Mitchell, another fine bird, well up in every point, presses on winner, grand feather; 3, Maxwell, wee shade small, grand type, neat head, lovely condition; 4, Gardiner, grand quality, was not looking its best; 5, Ferguson; 6, Barr; 7, Sloan. YORKS. (4): 1, spl, 4, McRobie, 1st very nice cl., good col. and quality, nicely staged, 4th grand typical bird, in fine feather and condition; 2, Braidy, grand pose, neat head and wing, lovely feather, presses on winner; 3, Sinclair, another nice bird, barely so typical perhaps, but grand. UNFLIG. YELL. (continued to members Y.C.C.S.): 1, McRobie, grand yell., well up on leg, lovely feather and style, wins well; 2, Gill, splendid length and pose, wings and tail nicely packed, perfect feather and col., close up; 3, Braidy, good length and style, grand feather and col. BUFF (4): 1, spl, McRobie, 1st nicely mkd. bird of all-round merit, looking well to-day; 2, Ireland, neat head and neck, stands well up, nice tight feather, in rare condition; 3, Penman, in grand condition, stands well up, nice feather; 4, Braidy, not in as good condition as usual. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Lambie, sweetly moulded Bord., lovely shape and feather, fit to win anywhere. BUFF (3): 1, Tierney, another gem, full of style, nice silky feather, good condition and pose, wins well; 2, McAulay, neat shape, grand quality, neat wings, very stylish, presses, nice cl. HEN (2) 1, spl, McGreachan, very nice shapely bird, grand wings, back and front, splendid carriage, fit to win in any company. GREEN (2): 1, McAulay, smart and stylish, very quick and jaunty, in rare condition, feather like wax; 2, Lambie, wee shade longer, but very stylish, and in grand condition. NOR., SELL (15/-): 1, Ferguson; 2, Ritchie.

The Remaining Sections.

DK. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, 2, Douglas, Linnet-Bullie hybrid, nice marking, good quality feather, nice shape, pressed by same owner's Can.-Bullfinch, of nice col. and quality; 3, Jamieson, junr., nice Linnet-Can., good quality and feather, in fine condition; 4, McRobie, very fine Greenfinch Siskin, in rare condition; 5, Cowan; 6, Stewart. LIGHT (4): 1, Douglas, cl. Linnet Mule, of nice all-round merit, in the pink of condition; 2, Begg, Goldfinch-Can., noted winner, had been feeling the cold of journey a bit or would have pressed on winner; 3, Arthurs, Goldfinch-Can., nice all-round bird, of even merit. SELL, MULES OR HYBDS (10/-) (3): 1, Cowan; 2, Bell and Dewar; 3, Douglas. SISKIN (2): 1, Cockran, neat good Siskin, fine size, very steady, nice cap; 2, Hope, presses hard on winner, fails a wee shade only in col., quite as good in other points. LINNET (House-Moulted): (4): 1, McLean, splendid size and col., grand shape, feather like wax, nice distinct lacing; 2, 3, A. and M. McPhearson, capital pair, 2nd fine head and neck, both very nicely mkd.; 4, Cochran, nicely pencilled, good nut brown col. FIELD-MOULTED (3): 1, Bibby, fine shape, nice nutty brown shade of col., very even and rich, grand back work, well finished; 2, Cochran, another grand Linnet, rich even tone of col., good Linnet; 3, Begg, nice clubby, shapely bird, good col., excellent breast. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Crawford, rare size, good shape, rich col., in splendid feather; 2, Cowan, another of similar size and shape, in perfect feather, rich even tone of col., presses; 3, Christie, very shapely, warm col., in perfect feather. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, Arthur, Redpoll, nice, rather pale, grand shape, col. and lacing, wins; 2, Bell and Dewar, rich col., nice style and lacing, fine size; 3, McPhearson, another rich col. 'poll, very nicely mkd., in splendid condition. HARDBILL, A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Gardiner, very fine Hawfinch, nicely mkd., in rare condition of feather; 2, Martin, Yellowhammer, grand rich col., splendid shape and markings; 3, Gray, another nice one; good in all points. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, Henderson, pair of Bishops, in lovely condition of feather, nice even bibs; 2, Michie, pair of Green Budgerigars, in lovely feather, quite at home on the show bench; 3, Stewart, another pair of Bishops, not quite so large as winners perhaps, but very attractive.

CONFINED CLASSES.—NOR. (3): 1, spl, Lillie, grand size and shape, good carriage; 2, 3, no name. BORD. FCY. (2): 1, spl, Tierney, nice head and wing mkd. Bord., very jaunty and quick; 2, Henderson, neat model, cl., excellent feather and condition. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Lillie, very nice lot, 1st rare shape and length, stands well up, fine carriage, 2nd stylish, well up, 3rd another good bird.

CONFINED CLASSES.—REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, spl, Ogg, Redpoll, grand type, very nice feather, plenty of lacing, wins; 2, Henderson, another good one, staged in the pink of condition, good one. BRIT., A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, 5, Henderson, 1st Bullfinch, grand size, shape and col., splendid cap, 2nd col.-fed Yellowhammer, in lovely condition of feather and col., rich markings, 3rd very fine type of Hawfinch, in rare condition, 4th grand Goldfinch, lovely blaze, neat tanning.

MIDDLETON.

The old town of Middleton, in close proximity to Manchester, Rochdale, and Oldham, was again honoured by the cage bird fanciers connected with the Middleton Society, holding their tenth annual exhibition in the Assembly Room at the Co-op Hall. The room is an improvement on their last venture, being nicely heated and ventilated, and free from draughts. A long list of specials was allotted, and the extra ones were won by:—Messrs. Turner (two) for best Lancs., and L.C.A. medal for best vhc; Hampshire, for best Liz. Mr. Rukin won "R.P."; Sharples, medal for best coloured (Sandiford's). The cup was won by Mr. Adams, with his fine team of Lancashires. The officials were ever busy attending to the various wants, ably led by Messrs. Oldham (secretary), Thomas, Wagstaffe, and Taylor. The judges, Messrs. Croft (Bradford), and Hardy (Oldham), were set very hard tasks in some of the varieties, as the quality was very good.

The Critique.

LANCS. COPPY, YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, vhc, 2 spls, E. T. Turner, very good model, almost faultless, often described; 2, Fish, does not fall quite so deep at front, but coppy is of perfect formation, good body; 3, Lowe, griz., nicely formed coppy, fine length; 4, Fitton, good head properties, nice formation; hc, Hordern. BUFF (8): 1, Adams, griz., coppy well formed, nice centre, grand position and carriage, typical, good col. and size; 2, Turner, cl., young, full of promise, nice erect position, good quality feather, coppy well formed; 3, vhc, spl, Fish, good head properties, lengthy body; 4, Hordern, nice length and shape; hc, Fitton; c, Lowe. P.H. YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, vhc, spl, Fitton, well-known winner, very nice, all-round points, well staged; 2, hc, Hordern, Horticultural Hall winner, well up; 3, Adams, well lashed, good opening, plenty of length and col.; 4, Lowe, good col. and carriage; c, Turner. BUFF; Cancelled. LIZ., GOLD., C.C. (8): 1, Dewsnap, nice cap, good eye, good legs and beak, back "always there," full of quality; 2, 3, spl, Rukin, 2nd formation of cap, good centre rowings, 3rd good head, nice col. spangling, plenty of work; 4, W. Dewsnap, good col., fine size; vhc, Lee; hc, c, Barnes. SILVER (6): 1, 4, spl, Hampshire, 1st plenty of size, good, broad, round back, which sets spangling off, 4th nice col., neat cap, rowing very distinct; 2, vhc, Dewsnap, spangling bold and distinct, nice cap, plenty of work, very taking; 3, W. Dewsnap, nice shape, rowing runs well down and clear; hc, Barnes. GOLD., BKN. (8): 1, vhc, spl, Dewsnap, breaks over eye, good col., legs and beak black, rowing very fine and distinct; 2, hc, Lee, cap broken over left eye, and good rich spangling, well down back; 3, 4, Rukin, 3rd almost without cap, very choice, 4th good size and col., plenty spangling; c, Hampshire. SILVER (9): 1, Hampshire, only slightly broken, good size and col., spangling very bold; 2, vhc, hc, spl, Dewsnap, break in middle of cap, bold spangling, which runs well down back, very taking; 3, Rukin, gem, spangling superb, full of quality; 4, W. Dewsnap, nice size and shape, spangling bold. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Schofield, Rochdale, etc., winner, very sweet and taking, well up on leg, good head, back and wings, fine quality feather; 2, Smith and Sellars, Littleborough winner, very good head, rich quality feather, nice shape and position; 3, Wilcock, A1 position, good flights and tail; 4, Lane, nice head, plenty of length, fine feather; vhc, Baxter; hc, Smith; c, Cundall. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Schofield, nice round head, good shape, nice quality feather, well balanced; 2, Howarth, long, slim, nice type, good col. and frosting, clean cut; 3, Smith and Sellars, good head and back, nice carriage; 4, Wilcock, tkd. on head, full of essential points; vhc, Cundall; hc, Wagstaffe; c, Lane. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Baxter, tight as a Java, perfect model, stands well, nice short flights; 2, 3, spl, Lane, 2nd mkd., rich col., plenty of size, neat flights and tail, erect position, 3rd extra good back; 4, c, Wilcock, very neat head, flights and tail; vhc, Garnet; hc, Meadowcroft. NOR. YELL. Cancelled. BUFF (10): 1, Turner, massive, nice head, slight horny, very low on leg, well filled neck, good carriage, typical; 2, Schofield, good round head, size and col. prominent, neat carriage; 3, vhc, spl, Proctor, good type, rich quality feather; 4, Haslam, well shown, moderate head, good type; hc, Massey; c, Woodall. UNFLIG. (11): 1, spl, Wilcock, good, cobby, nice opening, broad round skull, fine shape; 2, Woodall, broad round head, good col., fine feather and condition; 3, Proctor, shape, col. and carriage very neat; 4, Turner, good head and body, griz. on head; vhc, c, Sharples; hc, Schofield. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, 3, spl, Blincoe, 1st Wagtail, Littleborough winner, in nice condition, 2nd Crossbill, well shown, 3rd Bullfinch, good head, colourings, all that can be desired; 4, c, Gostling, brown Linnet, fine size and condition; vhc, Welsh; hc, Adams. SELL (15/-) (13): 1, vhc, spl, Swalwell, Lancs, yell. P.H.; 2, Proctor, cinn. Nor.; 3, Steeple, Crest; 4, Welsh; hc, Cundall; c, Hampshire. MEMBERS'.—LANCS. COPPY (6): 1, 4, vhc, hc, spl, Adams; 2, 3, Oldham. P.H. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Oldham; 2, 3, 4, hc, Adams. LIZ., GOLD. (2): 1, 2, spl, Hampshire. SILVER (2): 1, 2, spl, Hampshire. YORKS. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Bescoby; 2, Wagstaffe. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Wagstaffe. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Bescoby; 2, Wagstaffe. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Bescoby; 2, Wagstaffe. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Wagstaffe; 2, Craighill. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Craighill. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, spl, Craighill; 2, Wagstaffe. BUFF (2): 1, 2, spl, Craighill. NOVICE.—A.V. (2): 1, 2, spl, Whipp. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, spl, Wagstaffe; 2, Craighill. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, spl, Wagstaffe; 3, Craighill; 4, vhc, Hampshire. BRIT. (3): 1, 3, hc, spl, Craighill; 2, 4, Wagstaffe. NAT. COL. A.V. (4): 1, 2, Thomas; 3, Hampshire; 4, Wagstaffe.

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*Dec. 1—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. H. Wigginton, 91, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road, T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Bolckow Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Darby High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Boucey and Watt, Bulls Head Hotel), J.R.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7, & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2, Smith Street),

Nov. 5—**Rochdale "Good Intent"**—(W. Adams, 95, Bedford St.). J.H.R. and W.H.

Scotland.

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Authony, Main Street. Uphall), T.S., J.B., C.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bb., A.W., W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.C.w., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L. R.V.R.

Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—W. Foster, College St.).

Wales.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd. C.A.H.

*Dec. 16—**Carmarthen** (Thomas and Jenkins, Plough Hotel). C.A.H. T.D.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballygeegan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and —**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

Nov. 12 & 13—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton).

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

Under the White Rose.

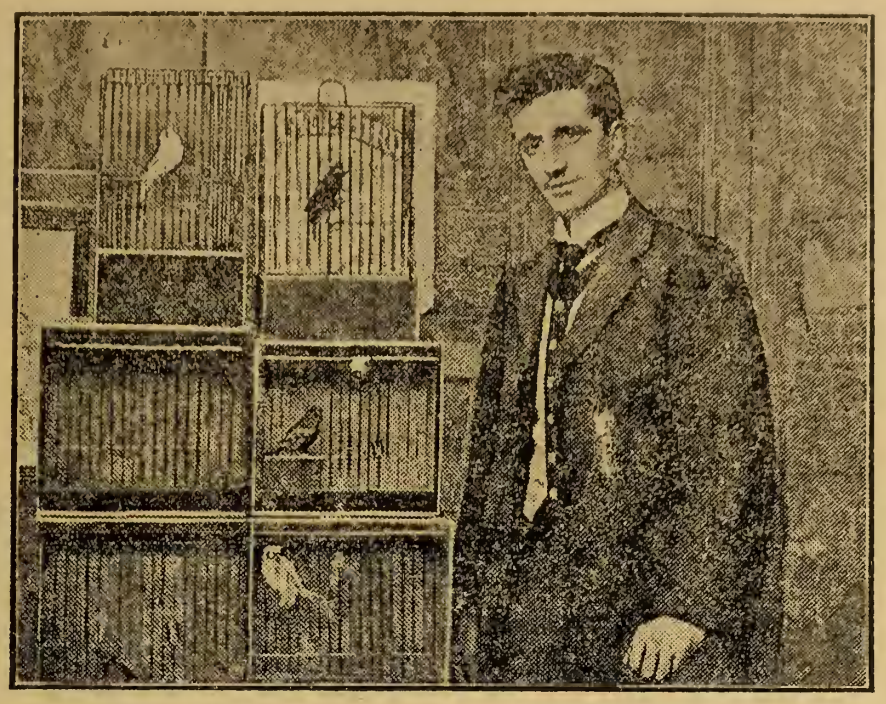
SHOW of the Great Horton O.S. held on Saturday last, was a decided success. The entries came up exceedingly well, totalling 515 in the 28 classes provided, averaging over 18 per class, and this for a show in December and the 10th in the season, must be taken as highly satisfactory, and the financial side should come out all right. Practically all classes came up well (with the exception of green-marked buff hens, which only contained 8 birds), with the two selling classes an easy first in regard to numbers, no less than 76 birds being entered therein, with novice Yorkshires in close attendance—148 entries for 6 classes, an average of over 24 per class.

HARROGATE Show, held on Saturday last, did not come up anywhere near expectations. Twenty-two classes were provided, and the entries only reached the total of 296, slightly over 13 per class, and where 24s. 6d. per class prize money is provided this cannot be called exactly good, and it is hoped that another year better support will be given this enterprising society, who always take good care that birds from a distance are off in time to reach home on the Saturday night. British were the feature of the show, the entries being good in this section, and some grand birds on view, providing visitors, especially non-fanciers, with something to really interest them; and the fact that the show was held under the patronage of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. probably had much to do with the entries received, the members having exhibited no less than 47 birds in the 6 classes.

MANY fanciers have been enquiring this last week or two if the half-time score for the competitions of the various clubs were again to be published in this column; but having got into hot water with societies who have to hold their shows after half-time, I don't know whether to risk it or not. I don't like hot water, an' I don't like cold water being thrown on me; I like it just "aired" sufficient to feel just nice and pleasant. But, as I have before me the points of the Y.C.C. up to and including Huddersfield, I will risk it, and I hope no society will think my doing so will cause any fancier not to send entries, but that it will cause some to enter more birds. "Bailey Trophy": Thornton and Bower 73, Messrs. Hartley 71, J. Bailey 68, E. Radley 52, J. Wilcock and P. Mason 49. "Ramsden Cup, Specials, etc.": Ogden Bros. 66, H. W. Walsh 51, J. Helliwell 46, H. H. Towers 45, J. Robertshaw, 40. "Shaving Cabinet, etc.": H. W. Walsh 51, J. Helliwell 46, H. H. Towers 45, J. Robertshaw 40. "Novice Competition": W. Beaumont 27, H. Kaye 12, J. Wright and Son and Fortman 4 each. "CAGE BIRDS' Amateur Prizes": J. Helliwell 57, J. Chippindale 38, W. Beaumont 37, Drake and Son 32.

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Notes from Erin.

THE Y.C.C. at a recent committee meeting declined to grant their patronage to the N.P. Club's forthcoming show. The reason given is the lack of support by Norwich fanciers at the recent Y.C.C. Show. But will such action help to further the progress of our hobby?

I AM informed that the Great Northern Railway Company have charged usual rates for birds returning from the two recent Dublin Shows, although the usual indemnity forms were stamped and duly signed by exhibitors, and submitted to the secretaries. I think I heard it mentioned that a similar thing occurred at Banbridge. Perhaps the secretaries concerned will take the necessary steps to have the matter cleared up on behalf of their members, and thus put a stop to the risk of having birds "held" by railway companies until their demands are paid.

ULSTER O.A. held a very successful Show on Friday and Saturday last. It is a pity that some other days cannot be arranged, as Friday and Saturday will not suit fanciers at a distance in consequence of their exhibits having to remain away for four days. They cannot get their birds returned until Monday. If shows were fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, I believe the entries would be well increased.

GREAT trouble and inconvenience have been caused by the mismanagement in dispatching birds from some of the shows held recently. Although one show closed at 10 p.m. on Friday evening, the birds were not dispatched until next evening, and birds arrived at their destination much the worse for their journey. At another show, although it was distinctly stated in schedule that birds would be dispatched by 5 o'clock on Saturday evening, so as to arrive at their destination by last train, some were not dispatched until the 10 p.m. train, and I know one or two fanciers who had to get out of their warm beds and meet the train arriving at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning in order to avoid having their birds locked up in their cases on the railway company's premises until Monday morning. At another show I know of birds being packed for an evening train, but the carter did not turn up to bring them to railway in time, hence the birds had to remain until next morning. All these little things prove that somewhat better management is essential if committees wish to obtain good support from fanciers at a distance. Avoid causing all this trouble, anxiety and inconvenience to exhibitors. I know at least one man who will not be in a hurry to rise out of a comfortable bed and proceed a couple of miles on a cold frosty night so as to meet his cases at 3 a.m.

A RUMOUR is in circulation that Mr. Birse, of Dublin, lost a Yorkshire at Dundalk recent show. This is not correct. Mr. Birse did not lose a bird, and the originator of this erroneous statement would do well to carefully investigate such matters before he gives them publicity.

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But there's One who cares for me.

Though my meal is sometimes scanty,
Close picking makes it sweet;
I have only a Sparrow's portion,
And life is more than meat."

Copied and sent by Mildred Hacking (age 9), 102, Bold Street, Accrington.

* Bird's Nest in a Church.

A bird built its nest immediately above the hymn board on one of the pillars in the church at Lumsden, and during worship the congregation could see the mother endeavouring to teach the young how to fly. The young birds were hatched out in the church. The nest was not disturbed, and the bird never seemed frightened during the services.—Sent by Nettie Sharpe (age 10), Cora Linn, Union Street, Motherwell.

A Nest in a Bucket.

One day two brothers were shown a family of young Pied Wagtails inside an inverted cattle-feeding bucket, which had been worn out and thrown away. The parent birds entered and left by the hole in the bottom of the upturned utensil. A few days afterwards they happened to pass that way with the camera and were just in the nick of time to get the whole family of five chicks sitting outside waiting for their parents to bring them a supply of flies.—Sent by D. T. Dyer (age 14), Mountain Hare, Penceed, near Bridgend.

** A Frightened Sparrow.

One morning when my neighbour had come downstairs to light her fire, she noticed a little Sparrow in the corner of the fireplace. It must have come down the chimney, for it was covered with soot. She was frightened, and came and asked me to catch it, which I did. The Sparrow was afraid I was going to hurt it, and it quickly flew away when I took it to the door.—Sent by Fred Hewitt (age 10), 12, Knowsley Road, Norwich.

CLUB NOTICES; continued.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Dec. 14, Victoria Hall, 8. Business important.—B. Buckle.

Swindon C.B.A.—Dec. 15, Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. To arrange for annual meeting; members' show, judging competition.—W. Dale.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—Dec. 18, Music Hall, Aberdeen, 8.—J. Brown.

Shields C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Cregg's Cafe, Laygate, 7.30. —W. J. Howden.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Boilermakers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, 8. Special annual show business.—F. Washbourne.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Dec. 14, headquarters, 8. Nomination of officers for coming year.—E. G. Rhodes.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Special. Allocation of specials for Boxing Day show.—J. Smith.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—Dec. 14, Brook Hall, Mayes Road, 8.30. Lantern lecture; fanciers and friends invited; admission free.—T. Callegarl.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet of open show.—J. Gibbons.

Wigan C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Fleece Hotel, 8. Pair show; Roller show.—W. Ridge.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 13, All Saints' Schoolroom, 7.30. Annual meeting and distribution of prizes. election of officers, etc.—A. Waud.

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Altrincham C.B.S.—Dec. 14, headquarters, 8. Ordinary; prize money, members.—T. Harrison.

Ayr C.B.C.—Dec. 13, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Gavin Alston; fanciers invited.—C. C. Irvine.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Members' show, December 11, Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road; Mr. A. G Davis (Manchester), judge.—J. Spencer.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 11, 8.30. Election of officers for 1910, etc.—J. W. Telford.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Dec. 14, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30 New Year Show business.—W. Massey.

British Roller C.C.—Dec. 14, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8.—J. W. Norris

Bramley O.S.—Dec. 18, Carnival Rooms, Bramley. Members' Old Bird Show; birds staged 2.—A H. Craven.

Bury C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Textile Hall, 7.30. Taking entries for members' classes for Roller contest, Dec. 17 and 18.—H. Jamieson.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Members' Show (Judge, Mr. L. Dykes); will remain open until 8.—F. Gelder.

Bingley O.S.—Dec. 14, Co-operative Rooms, 8.—A. Livesey.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Settlement of show accounts. Arrangements for Members' Show.—W. Sampson.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Dec. 15, Select Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Special business, presentation of cups and medals; all fanciers invited. Intending members please attend.—Bird and Biddle.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 11, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8.—Parker and Parkes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Judging competition in Crests and Crest birds; silver medal and half-peck of canary seed for most entries. Judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke. Payment of prize money and presentation of special prizes. Visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Table Show at Little Saddle Inn, Dec. 11, birds to be staged by 2.30. Judge, Mr W. Richmond. Also monthly meeting, 8.—G. G. Stafford.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Dec. 15, George Hotel, 8. Discussion on matters connected with welfare of the Association.—R. S. Black.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 11, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Classification and judges for 1910, etc.—L. Booth.

Falkirk C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, Grahamston, 7.30. Table show of Borders.—R. Hamilton.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 11, Butchers' Arms, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Dec. 11, Church School, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilson (Allerton); meeting during judging.—H. Schofield.

Green C.A.—Dec. 16, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. Novices' night show; classification on cards; silver medal best Yorks., silver medal best Nor., 2s. 6d. most points A.O.V., 5s., 3s., 2s., most points. Birds to be staged at 7.30. Judges, Messrs. Rowlands and J. Walker.—S. Hadwin.

Jarrow Hebburn C B S.—Dec. 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Members will receive prize money.—R. Blore.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 11, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 11, Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, 7. Election of committees, enrolment of new members.—G. Brown.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Auditing hooks and annual report, electing new officers, etc.—P. Hart.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 18, Miners' Hall, 6. Table show; Field Moulted, Redpolls, Linnets, Greenfinches, and Goldfinches; silver medal for most points. Judge, J. Roddie.—J. Pollock.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Subscriptions to be paid at this meeting. Fanciers wishing to join (radius of six miles) may do so at this meeting, or by writing me; subscriptions 2 'd. and 6d. entry; last meeting for joining show, Jan. 8. —J. A. Turnbull.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Co-operative Classroom, 7.30. Important business.—A. Wigginton.

Liverpool O.S.—Dec. 14, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Open show balance-sheet. Mr. J. Raynes will open discussion on Cinnamon versus Green blood for colour producing.—J. W. Metcalfe.

Musselburgh O.S.—Dec. 11, Brown's Hall, 7.—W. Nisbet.

Midland Roller C.C.—Dec. 16, headquarters, 8. Mr. Max Jacquemin will read a translation from the German papers. Last meeting of the year.—J. H. Willows.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 14, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

North London C.B.A.—Dec. 15, headquarters, 8. Payment of prize money and distribution of specials, etc.—R. P. Harper.

Otley O.S.—Dec. 13, Queen's Head, 8. Winter members' show, etc.—C. Thornton.

Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Hopkinstown Schools, 8. Final arrangements for show held Dec. 15.—McLucas and James.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 13, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Surprise meeting; nomination of officers, 1910.—H. Clayton.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Trinity Schools, 8. General show business.—H Newnham.

Pelton Fell C B.S.—Dec. 13, Colliery Inn, 7.30 Final arrangements for members' annual show. Subscriptions due for year; bring cards, please.—L. Hall.

Poplar C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Schoolroom, Newby Place, 1. Second annual show.—H. W. Cook.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Dec. 16, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Nomination of officers, notice of alteration of rules, and arrange schedule of matched pairs.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Club, 7.30. Table show, Buff birds only; Lancs., Silver Liz., Crests, Nor., Yorks.; extra specials added.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Dec. 11, St. George's Hall, 8. —G. Oakes.

Reigate F.A. (C.B. Section).—Dec. 13, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Business for annual show.—Baldock and Weller.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Montgomery Hall. Last members' show for this year.—Lindsay and Bingham.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Dec. 15, Institute, 81, Jeffreys Road, Clapham, 8. Election of officers for 1910 and revision of rules.—G. W. Milledge.

Southport C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Old Castle, Nerd Street, 3. Members' show.—B. Bullough.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Dietetics.

Canariensis.—(1) For Hartz Mountain Canaries, or any other variety of German under other names, give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape seed as a staple. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful per bird of mixed seed. The elaborate mixtures put up in packets do well enough for this purpose, or you may make a mixture of one part each of hemp and inga and a half part each of teazle, maw, gold of pleasure, and millet, with the lenst sprinkling of linseed among the bulk. Once a week give a little bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, which may be varied with a small teaspoonful of egg food, crushed sponge cake, or crushed plain biscuit, from time to time. Three or four times a week give a little green food, or sweet fruit when green stuff is not in a fit condition for use. (2) Yorkshires kept as song birds may also be treated as above, with the single exception that the staple mixture is altered to three parts of Canary to one of summer rape. Probably the seed mixture you use contains too large a quantity of linseed, which is responsible for the diarrhoea. Give the birds a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days, and after that give six drops of tincture of gentian and two of tincture of opium in the water until the looseness is stopped.

All Astray.

A Novice.—Even though only a novice, had you read CAGE BIRDS carefully for only a very short period you must have discovered that you have gone very far wrong in the management of your birds. The feeding is of the worst description for the season, and it is certainly a rather late date to ask when you should separate the pair. The birds ought to have been separated about four months ago, and kept separate all through the moult, and right on until next March or April, when they should have been ready to mate again for next season. Separate them at once. As regards the diet, put them on plain canary seed only as a staple, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape to each bird. This may be given in the egg drawer. On one other day each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp, maw, inga, and millet, in about equal parts, and once a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or its equivalent in bread and milk. It would be best to avoid egg food altogether for the remainder of the winter, seeing the birds have had such a liberal dosing with it already. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of buckthorn and syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. You would perhaps be well advised to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager. Give green food when available, free from frost, three or four times a week.

Norwich Hen Wrong.

D. Hope, Tollcross.—The hen is probably exposed to too great variations in the kitchen. Keep the cage well away from the fire and burning lights in the evenings, where the temperature will be as equable as possible. At the same time, see that it is quite out of reach of draughts. See that the cage is quite free from red mites; and keep it nicely strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on plain canary seed only as a staple, and give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Twice a week give a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, and gold of pleasure, and three or four times a week a spray of watercress, or, if this is not to be had free from frost, give daily a ripe grape with the skin broken, or a bit of banana. Continue this feeding for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubard and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week. After this give six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for three or four days, and finally give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Loss of Voice.

W.W.—You have probably exposed the bird to draughts or a severe chill during the moult. Now your first step is to see that it is placed in a cosy position; not overheated, nor yet on the cold side; where it will be as free as possible from variations of temperature, and perfectly free from all draughts. At the same time you must see that the position is well ventilated, so that the bird has plenty of fresh pure air to breathe. Feed it as advised to another querist for Rollers, under "Dietetics." In addition give a mealworm daily for a time if the bird will eat them; otherwise stick a bit of fat boiled bacon between the wires for it to peck at. Also make a little paste by well mixing as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling in a teaspoonful of honey, add five or six drops of salad oil, and reduce all to a soft paste with a little finely powered biscuit. Give a piece the size of a pea each day stuck on the wire at the end of a perch. In the drinking water give five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and two drops of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. If the voice is not considerably better by that time write again and refer to this reply.

Which is the Way, etc.

A. J. W.—(1) I doubt whether either sex possesses peculiar advantages in reproducing singing powers in the progeny. Certain it is that hens of a really good singing strain are quite as essential as the best class of cocks for producing the best songsters. But in your own case, were you to wish to cross Rollers with Norwich, the best way is to mate Roller cocks with Norwich hens. The advantage, as you must see at once when pointed out, lies not so much in the sex of the breeds as in the fact that the young cocks will hear only the Roller's song from their earliest days, and thus escape corruption by hearing Norwich cocks singing whilst they are being reared. (2) This bird is probably an extremely high-strung, nervous specimen, and its strange behaviour when you do anything about its cage is due to excessive fright. It may die almost instantaneously in any one of these attacks. The only thing you can do with it is to gradually teach it that your presence near its cage is solely concerned with its own benefit—tame it, in fact. Be very quiet, methodical, and gentle in all your movements about, or near it, frequently "tweeting" to it until you have got it to respond to your challenge; offering a tiny tit-bit of some dainty every time you go near, such as a grain or two of hemp or inga, or a bit of green food or sweet fruit. Once the ice is broken you will find it soon becomes quite tame, and in no way afraid of your visits. Keeping it in a smaller cage—a singing cage—will help towards attaining this object. Medicines are useless in such cases, but you might see that it does not become constipated.

Norwich Cock Unwell.

G.P.M.—I suspect the bird is suffering from digestive trouble as well as chronic diarrhœa. Friar's Balsam is practically useless when added to water. Keep the cage and perches quite clean, and it would be a useful aid in this direction to cover the floor with pine sawdust, which you should remove daily and burn at once while the diarrhœa lasts. Give a supply of gritty sand in a small tin or saucer. See that all your seeds are above suspicion, and if your water supply has not the same desirable reputation well boil all before using. Feed on plain canary seed only as staple, and give separately every second day a small teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and a small piece of ripe banana. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a few grains of hemp, or a pinch of maw. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight, and give no green food during the time. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian, four of aromatic sulphuric acid, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a split pea for a few days until looseness is stopped. Stir the latter until gum is dissolved. If this does not stop diarrhœa in two or three days omit the acid from the last mixture, and substitute four drops of tincture of opium for one day.

Various.

P.I.C.A.—(1) Although you do not state the cause of the bad plumage, as you say you discovered it when you took the newly acquired cage in pieces, I suspect it was red mites. Secondhand cages are always to be looked upon with suspicion unless you are fully acquainted with their history. Keep an eye on this cage now, and take immediate steps to thoroughly clear it of mites as soon as any reappear. To get the hen in condition feed on plain canary seed as staple, and give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day; once a week a pinch of a mixture of hemp and niger, and a scrap of green food when in fit condition, or a bit of ripe sweet fruit two or three times a week. Every second day for the next fortnight, on days when you are not giving rape, give a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. After this period reduce it to once a week, and omit the oil and sugar. Twice a week for a month give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water. (2) This bird is either exposed to draught or great fluctuation. Remedy these defects. Keep it comfortably warm, but do not overdo it. Feed same as above for a fortnight. In the water give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week. Stop the Friar's Balsam, which is of little use in water. (3) As this bird seems in such good health and spirits I certainly would not trouble about its not moulting. By no means try to force such a bird to moult. (4) By all means stick closely to your friend's advice and do not give egg food as long as you can do well without it. If the birds were really reared upon dried flies, ants' eggs, and biscuit, they should be quite able to rear their young in turn upon similar pabulum, and will be quite familiar with this class of food. If it serves you equally well do not let anyone persuade you to forsake it for the orthodox egg food with all its risks and dangers.

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Difficulty in Breathing.

S.O.H. (Bramstone).—It is difficult to understand the cause of the one hen having this difficulty in breathing, and constantly sneezing if, as you say, she is really out of all draughts. The fact that another hen in the same cage seems quite healthy does not, of necessity, prove the non-existence of draughts. She may be a younger bird, or not naturally so susceptible to cold as the other one. Being in a warm kitchen, where there are probably very great fluctuations of heat, is also a highly predisposing cause of such an affection. You must either place the birds well away from the fire, where the temperature will be the most equable, or remove them to another room, where they will not be so much exposed to variations. Do not, however, place them in a very cold room all at once, after being in the warm kitchen. Be quite sure that draughts and chills are quite avoided, and do not allow this bird to bathe, save in quite mild weather, until the return of spring. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of summer rape between the two birds, and on two other days each week a few grains only of a mixture of hemp and niger, and once a week give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Three or four times a week give a scrap of green food (when safe to use) or a bit of ripe banana. You may feed both birds alike, but it would be as well to separate them for the medical treatment, and give the ailing bird in its drinking water twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may appear necessary.

Brevities.

Mating Query (N. T. C.).—It is quite impossible to give a definite answer to your query as it stands. It depends not only upon the way Cinnamon and Green hens have been bred, but also upon the object you have in view, and what you wish to produce. If you will write again, and tell me what is your object, and also, if known, what was the colour of the parents and grandparents of these hens, I shall be pleased to do all I can to help you.

Seed Sample (J. R. Afonwen).—The only good quality of the seed sent is that it is quite sweet and free from mustiness. It is very small, and judging from the appearance of sample I should expect the bulk to contain an unusual quantity of foreign matter, and damaged grains, and perhaps the latter may indicate the work of mice. On the whole, it is not a very desirable sample, especially at the price named.

Stray Feathers (Boyer).—See that your bird which continues to cast a stray feather now and again is not subject to extremes of heat and cold. It is not necessary to keep it very warm, but it must be fairly equable, and quite free from draughts. In addition to the present diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a few grains only of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give five drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

Clicking Noise (Spiviuix).—If the bird appears quite healthy in other respects, I think you have no need whatever to worry about this clicking noise. Many perfectly healthy birds make it. You might give it an extra supply of green food if it is at all constipated, or failing that, a saline aperient for a day or two. If there should appear any signs of slight catarrh, you might swab out the mouth with

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a little glyco-thymoline, if this preparation is handy, or otherwise give twenty drops of whisky and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in the drinking water, for a day or two.

Breed to Take Up (Stockaree).—Before you could hope to turn out really good trained singers, if you take up Rollers you would certain require a good schoolmaster—one is absolutely essential, but at least two are advisable, to provide against the possibility of one going out of song for moulting when his services were most necessary to teach the young. A bird organ is very useful for helping in the course of tuition, but it is not really essential, if you possess two or three really good singing cocks to act as schoolmasters. It is a base slander upon the birds to say that Lizards will never rear their own young. They are no worse in this respect than most fancy varieties, and not nearly so bad as some of them. As a matter of fact, I have known breeders of some highly-bred varieties use Lizards as foster parents, thus running two fancy varieties at once, instead of one fancy and a few commons. Of course, you might expect to find some bad feeders among Lizards, just as you will in every breed, but all are not bad.

Canaries for Palace Aviary (Nancy).—It would be most inadvisable to introduce pairs of Canaries in your Palace aviary to keep simply as pets. They might agree well for a few weeks, but when spring begins to turn their fancies to thoughts of love, then the troubles will arise thick and fast, and no good would probably come of their attempts at perpetuating the species. By having all bachelors they will agree better upon the whole, though they will doubtless have an occasional "scrum" in the spring, which, however, will be no more serious than using threatening language to one another. Instead of having two each of Norwich and Yorkshire, you might have a greater variety by making it one each of Norwich, Yorkshire, and Lizards, and either a Crest, Cinnamon, or Green.

Unflighted (Laurence).—This is the term used to indicate that a bird of the year has not had its flights—i.e., the long quill feathers in its wings—forcibly extracted at its first moult. Canaries do not naturally drop these feathers, nor the tail feathers, until the second moult, and it used to be customary to extract them at the first moult in colour fed varieties, in order that they might be reproduced in a colour to match the rest of the plumage. This was termed tailing and flighting. Now, happily, the custom is much less common, and birds not treated in this way are termed unflighted.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Parrot with Deformed Quills.

Booth.—If you will give me further particulars, I can possibly give you definite help. As it is, I can only advise you to put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of its drinking water every third day, till, say, four doses have been given, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this indefinitely. If the bird is very weak, a few sips of weak brandy and water (chilled) at intervals during the day will be a good stimulant. The diet should be—seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, little plain biscuit, grit in cage tray, and a piece of clean cuttle-fish continually hanging in the cage. There are two possible causes—improper diet and your cages possibly infected by other birds which have died; give me full particulars, and I will try and suggest a definite remedy. From the distorted quills I take it your birds are Greys.

Importing Grey Parrots.

Joyce.—Most certainly I should say it was possible for you to bring a cage or cages of Grey Parrots over, whenever your nephew is visiting this country; the difficulty is in getting them in decent condition from the natives, providing you obtain such, do not overcrowd the cages; keep them in a sanitary condition, and given regular attention as to food, etc., with reasonable protection from inclement weather during the voyage; they ought to arrive here in good condition. I cannot give you the name of a dealer over there; your nephew should be best able to do that on the spot. His best method would be to get some native to catch them for him, and have them under his own care for a few weeks before they are shipped over. You should then have a good prospect of receiving the consignment in decent condition. The freight varies, being biggest on mail boats and the like, on some of which it is as much as 20s. per cage, though you can bring over a good sized cage for this amount, containing a number of birds. The various shipping offices would give you freight and size of cage permitted for a given rate on application.

Show Cage, etc., for Cardinals.

Reynard.—As regards style of cage—as you wish to make it yourself, and being, I take it, an amateur—I should advise your having it quite plain, finishing the case off very smoothly, purchasing a wire front from one of our advertisers (wires ½in. apart), and enamelling the outside black and the interior pale sage-green; and the result should be a really handsome and neat cage. Size of cage, 16in. long, 11in. deep by 12in. high, with the usual

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perches, so placed as to prevent the bird damaging its head plumes against top, or its tail feathers against bottom of cage. Diet: Canary, white millet, and a few sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, few mealworms or other insects, and a little, providing it will take it, of some good soft food mixture, several of which are advertised in our columns. From your description I should say you have an exceptionally good specimen, the purity of the white of the undersurface most certainly being in its favour.

Breeding Foreigners in Cages.

Enquirer.—(1) It should be possible to breed all those you name in cages, but excepting the Bengalese and Zebra Finches, it is doubtful if you will have much success with ordinary size breeding cages. Wild species are not like the domesticated Canary, and need more space for exercise to bring them into breeding condition and to give them the inclination to do so—in confined quarters, even if they lay and hatch out, they but seldom trouble to fully rear the young. (2) As you will see from the above, I can only recommend you 20in. cages for the Bengalese and Zebra Finches; your flights would do for the White Javas, but the cages I advise you to prepare would be 2½ft. long, 1½ft. deep, by 1½ft. high. Such will give you ample space for twigy branches and screened nesting sites—all that is required is just plain boxes with netting fronts—in such, given acclimatised birds, you should have a good measure of success, not merely with those you name, but also with Grassfinches, such as Long and Rufous-tailed. Under such conditions the birds should thrive, many young may be successfully reared, and the birds a source of continual pleasure and interest.

Parrot with Cold.

Fairburn.—You give me but little chance to give you definite advice. Spray or cleanse the nostrils twice daily with diluted glyco-thymoline; also get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. For use take a teaspoonful of the mixture and two of water, well mix, and see that the bird gets a few sips three or four times a day until the cold yields. While giving the above remove water from cage, only letting it have a drink as required, or it may refuse the mixture. Soak a piece of biscuit, or, rather, soak into a piece of biscuit, one teaspoonful Dinneford's magnesia; let it become partly dry, and then supply to the bird. This can be given as often as may be necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to continue watery. If you will inform me what kind of Parrot it is, how you have been dieting, and where you keep it, I can possibly be more definite.

Brevity.

Parrot with Overgrown Beak (Grantham).—Yes, the beak must be clipped, but do not cut so far back as to make it bleed—the nail scissors should answer for the purpose. Keep a piece or pieces of wood, cotton reels, etc., in its cage, for it to chew up; also a hard lump of mortar rubbish; it will then keep its beak ground down without aid from you in the future, but in its present state it must be cut back, and the above provision should prevent a recurrence. It is an Amazon, very probably the Yellow-fronted.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Treatment, etc., of Crossbill.

D. R. Gibson and Phœnix.—Crossbills seem quite plentiful and popular this year. Your bird may be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and canary-seed and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other live insects you can get, according to season. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crossbill has no standard show-cage. A box pattern one, about 16ins. long by 14 high, by 8 wide, would answer admirably, enamelled inside, and wires cream colour, or a very pale blue. The food and water vessels should be inside, and the wires should be one inch wide. Any up-to-date cage maker (see our advertisement columns) would supply you with a cage in every way suitable.

Keeping a Thrush.

Novice, T.C.—Apparently you did not read last week's Cage Birds thoroughly, for in it I told a querist how his Magpie should he fed. Could you look this up? As regards your Thrush, the very cheapest satisfactory way of feeding Thrushes, Blackbirds, etc., is to get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, soften this with hot water, then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be made fresh daily), and find it very cheap, too. You will, of course, also be using the dog-meal for the Magpie; he can have all the largest pieces. Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Blackbeetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush tribe. Such a varied menu will keep any Thrush or Blackbird and the like, in grand health and song, provided it has a good, large cage, hung in a suitable position, and kept thoroughly clean.

A Pet Chaffinch.

Non-such.—Am inclined to think I answered your query a week or two ago, but can't verify this at time of writing. Yes; by all means give a bath frequently when the weather is suitable, but not necessarily daily (in any weather, that is). As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition, give a good feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished, also, and should be given occasionally as a special treat.

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A small feed of hemp can be given once a week. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying same with flies, grubs, earwigs, and occasional spiders, aphides, scoured gentles, wasp grubs, live ants' eggs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds will peck over a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings are usually eagerly devoured, too, when just sprouting, which they soon do when it is soaked in cold water. Keep the bird in a box cage, hanging about breast high in a room wherein people are constantly moving about. This is the best position to help to make him quite steady.

A Fine Goldfinch.

Bordman.—Am delighted to hear you have bought such a fine Goldfinch through our advertisement columns at so reasonable a price, and have a good word for the dealers. Let the stock food be good, sound teazle and old hemp, three parts of each, Canary two parts, and linseed one part. In a separate dish give a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower seed occasionally, with a good pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. A little wild seed mixture is also excellent. The bird should have (when obtainable) a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse (not the coarse leaves), any cornflower heads which you can get full of seed—all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, when in season, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. Many like a tiny white mealworm (just cast its skin) or two now and again. He should have provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important. If the bird is not thoroughly on seed, run his stock mixture through a hemp mill before offering it to him. This will lightly crack it. Failing a mill, run domestic rolling-pin (or a jam jar) over it.

Brevities.

What Bird? (Carrick).—Your bird is a hen Reed Bunting. It is not much use giving mixed seeds, for they eat very little other than Canary-seed (as no doubt you have already found out). Offer a little soft food now and again, and a mealworm or two.

Another Stranger (Berwyn).—The yellowish bird with the crossed mandibles which you picked up after it had collided with the telegraph wires, is a Crossbill (probably a hen). For food, note another reply given this week. Crossbills have no song in the true sense of the term.

Birdroom Windows (Beginner).—I am certainly in favour of roof lights, providing they are quite weather-proof. I prefer obscured glass, however (it can be whitened inside) if there is any chance of cats prowling over the roof; and in any case it is often necessary to keep out the sun-rays. You should arrange a window in the wall facing south; or have glass panels in the door, if this is in centre of wall.

Black Feathers (T. H. D.).—It is not easy to account for the suddenly acquired roughness (or slackness) of the feathers at side of breast. Can the bird have been injured in its travels to the shows? If no trace of this, I should give the bird a band-wash (with soap and water), and carefully "groom" the obstreperous feathers into their former position.

A Damaged Toe (A Young Beginner).—It is a pity the Jay lost the nail, for most judges handicap to a certain extent any bird defective in fect. But it would not prevent him getting first prize if so good a bird that he stands well ahead of his competitors in other points. Very, very few judges would "throw a bird out of competition" for such a trifling and purely accidental defect. Glad to hear he does so well on the diet I recommend.

Mule Breeding, Etc. (Spivhnx).—Your Mule breeding plans read all O.K. I wish you luck. To get the Linnet into song, try the "tit bit" mixture for Finches which I recommended to a querist last week. I should have thought any steady, house moulted Linnet would have been singing now, with the moult well over. Did the bird sing before? If not, it may be a hen. This would account for the clear eggs.

A Cage Matter (Dublin).—Do not take any notice of the people who tell you that if you put your Goldie into a decent-sized cage you are certain to spoil him for singing. That is so much bosh. The change from a "back" cage to a 16in., say, stock cage, may cause him to be a bit "shy" for a day or so, naturally, but that is all. It is a shame to pen a Goldfinch in a tiny cage month in and month out. Don't allow yourself to be persuaded to do it; especially under such a mistaken notion.

A Wire Walker (Scotch Laddie).—It certainly is not a good thing to allow a Linnet to acquire the habit of "jigging" along the wires of the cage top. All wire cages, in fact, are the worst possible kind in which to put a bird to get steady. A box cage (wired at front only) is the kind you need. For food and the mixture to get them on song, note two other replies this week.

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Silverbill (Mrs. Digby).—Softening of liver and rupture of its blood vessels, which is apoplexy.

Yellow Budgerigar (R. Fisher).—Chronic disease of liver and general wasting away.

Canary (Horneyite).—Hen bird: Liver much enlarged and diseased. Thoroughly disinfect its cage, especially its floor, before using it for any other birds. It is almost impossible to cure such a disease, but it might have been prevented to a considerable extent by suitable diet, more fresh salad or fruit.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Delay in a Deal (J. Lawrie).—Evidently you are unaware of the fact that the law of libel stands in the way of the publication of letters such as yours. We shall be pleased to write the people mentioned if you will conform to rule 8.

Lochcraig Show (John Ford).—We are exceedingly obliged to you for sending on a report, which, however, we had already made arrangements to receive from another source.

A Report (A. Harper).—If you will forward your address, according to rule, we shall be glad to give you a reply. Anonymous communications cannot receive attention.

Illustrated Ideas (H. Greenacre).—This kind of self-supplying hopper we have illustrated before. (A. Cordery).—This answer applies to your hopper, which is precisely the same as the one sent by Mr. Greenacre.

Concerning Budgerigars (A. Holloway).—Many thanks. We shall hope to publish your interesting communication next week.

My First Canary (J. Hocking).—Accept our thanks for interesting letter, which we hope to print in the Xmas No.

A Crest (A. Marsh).—We could not get a reply in time for this issue; hope to be able to oblige next week.

A Suggestion (G. J. Moore).—We will give your kindly suggestion our consideration; we doubt, however, whether the demand for such a book would be sufficient to justify its issue.

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A Chat About My Yorkshire Canaries.

—— By W. DEANS. ——

Some years ago I was shown a lovely Yorkshire cock. I had seen many Canaries, but never one like this. He was indeed a creature of tender beauty, with plumage of the richest hue. I remember well remarking to the fortunate owner that it must be indeed nice to number amongst one's intimate friends such a charming little feathered fellow. That he regarded me as a stranger was certain, and sure it was he loved his kind owner, for he would hop out of the cage to take food from the hand, and sometimes he would fly to the shoulder or the crown of the master's head. While in this position his graceful form and bold carriage made him a little living picture—now a pleasant memory only. I longed to possess him.

Joining the Army.

Now, I had always been something of a naturalist, and a keen lover of living creatures, so at sight of this bird I decided to join the great army of Yorkshire fanciers to see if I could breed one like him.

My friend, who was old in the Fancy, smiled when he saw me, a raw recruit, keen to possess an exhibition bird of the first water all in a minute. "No, my boy," he said, "that's not the beaten track. You must go through the mill. Anybody can buy winners if they have enough money. All the honour is his who starts with little, and fighting his way up in the Fancy, ere long comes up smiling with a crown of laurels on his brow. There is no moment so precious as the present. Start now, my lad, and push and push always. Study your birds, and I will be your warrant for future success."

Here was something to try for. I felt that I must have some of these fascinating creatures. The poet said, "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever" Surely it is. And so is it not worth a long and patient effort? I went off and purchased the best books published on the subject. These I studied closely for about a week.

Now, I thought, I will carefully and as wisely as possible, proceed to lay down the next few stones. Now I look back I feel that after the first stone the next in order are almost as great in consequence for good or ill. What about the cages? I must first, of course, make complete preparation to receive the birds. The cage recommended for a start was a single compartment breeder. This was neat and simple, and very portable.

Making the Cages.

As I should start with a male bird and two hens I should require three such cages to commence with. So I started by ordering the material. Let me here urge that the best is surely the cheapest in the long-run. I know of no labour so pleasant as the making of a first-rate bird-cage. It is to be the home of our feathered pets, surely we must make it well. A tip-top strain of Yorkshires is not produced in a hurry. So we must have good and durable and handsome cages, and we can make our own if we go carefully about it, and know what we are about.

Have nothing to do with second-hand cages. They are often full of red-mite, and may contain disease. Also they are nearly always in a more or less defective condition. We don't want our cages all of different sorts and sizes, but all alike, for the sake of neat appearance, good order, and ease of management. We must aim high in all our movements, or we shall not get high. Do not even look upon packing cases or other second-hand wood or material. It is much more difficult to make up than the best material, and after the extra time and care has been spent on it, never as good.

So we are very nice and happy in the possession of sufficient pine boards (yellow pine is the best), 11ins. wide by ½in thick, to make the three cages suggested. We will have our cages strong, and then be sure they will stand wear and tear well. Also, we must give the birds plenty of room, so that they may get much exercise, and so keep very fit and well. So we will make the cages 18ins. high, 24ins. long, 11ins. deep.

The Tools Required.

A sharp saw, a set square, a rule, a pencil, a hammer, a sharp chisel, and a pound of wire nails 2ins. long, and not too thick, will send us along nicely. The wood must be dried, not too near the fire, for two or three days, so that it does not shrink after the cage is finished. It is much better to buy the boards ready planed.

We now proceed to cut the top, bottom and sides from the board. The sides should be cut 17ins. long, so as to make up to 18ins., then when the top and bottom are nailed on, measure with rule and place set square to mark off. When nailing, place one of the sides end down on the bench, table, or floor, and lay one end of top board on it, end to end, so: ⌐¬. See that the edge does not overlap, but comes nice and flush.

Now drive a nail at each corner about ¾in. from the edge, one in the middle and two more at each side spaced equally, and the trick is done. Nail on the other side, and also the bottom. We are now well on our way. Never drive a nail with a bad point, or it will come out at the side and spoil the work.

In Joyful Anticipation.

We light our lamp and retire to our little workshop at the back of the house, ready and eager to recommence work on our partly-made cage. It is a dark and stormy November evening, and the rain is pelting against the window. But this only makes us look with more pleasure to the joys of the coming spring, when the sun will shine into our bird-room, and our birds will be busy and happy. In our mind's eye we can see the feathered treasures hopping about from perch to perch and flapping their wings in healthy delight. We start thus long before spring because we want work to fill in these long winter evenings, and we must purchase our birds before all the best stock birds have been bought up, or we may have to pay higher prices for inferior birds later on.

Looking at our cage body we see that it is not quite square, so therefore bring pressure to bear gently in the proper direction until it is correct. To make sure, place the set square in the corner, and if it fits, all is well.

Making and Fitting the Cage Back.

Now, to nail on the back. Cut two more pieces off the board, full length of the cage (24in.), and place them together on table flat down just so that the two long edges meet Place the cage body on the back in the exact positon, and it will be found that the back is about 4ins. too large, and projects beyond the top of the cage. Mark off with a pencil, holding the parts together firmly to prevent displacement. Cut off the spare piece at the pencil mark.

Now place the two back pieces in the exact position on the cage body, and taking a medium-sized pricker, make two holes in each ready for nailing. Now place nails in the holes, and with one hand on the back to hold it firm, drive the nails home. These four nails should be each about ¾in. from the joint of the two boards. Prick more holes all round about 2ins. apart, taking care not to drive any nail so that it comes into contact with those in the body of the cage, or an unmendable fracture may result. See that all the holes are pricked very straight into the wood, or the nails will come out at the side, and make a very cosy cottage for Mr. and Mrs. Scarlet-Bags, who are sure to advertiso for lodgers.

(To be continued.)

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual members 'winter show held in the National School December 4th, when 53 birds were staged. The extra special prizes for best Norwich, second ditto, and best Yorkshire in show were won by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, who apparently did the "hat trick." Other special prize winners were Messrs. Alf Jarvis, L. Walker, R. Howe, Messrs. Micklethwaite and Wormleighton. Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) judged, and gave every satisfaction. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Jarvis; 2, 3, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton. BUFF: 1, spl, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Jarvis. TKD. BUFF: 1, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Howe. TKD. YELL.: 1, Howe. HEN: 1, spl, Wilkinson; 2, Jarvis; 3, Howe. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Jarvis; 3, Howe. TKD. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Steel; 3, Jarvis. HEN: 1, Steel; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Jarvis. NAT. COL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Elliott. NOR.: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Kaye. HARDBILL: 1, Micklethwaite and Wormleighton; 2, Howe; 3, Elliott. SOFTBILL: 1, Steel. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, Micklethwaite. A.O.S.: 1, Moorhouse; 2, Wilson; 3, Birkhead. CASE OF STUFFED SPECIMENS: 1, 3, Devonport; 2, Moore.

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Correspondence.

An Unusually Large Buzzard.

SIR,—A large Buzzard has been shot in a wood near Campden, in Gloucestershire. It is said to have measured 6 feet from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. Is not this an uncommon bird? Can anyone tell me what is the usual length of wings?

T. SOWTHAM.

Waxwings Arrive in England.

SIR,—Perhaps it will interest your readers to know that the Waxwings have arrived here (in Salop) in fair numbers this season, and are feeding on the berries of the yew tree. Whilst catching Hawfinches to-day on yew berries, I caught a nice male Waxwing out of a flock of ten.

W. BROWN.

A Rare-feathered Jackdaw.

SIR,—I have in my possession a Jackdaw (it was shot near the town), having rare plumage. His body, wings and tail are slate colour, and he is a darker shade on head. I have seen many curiously marked birds—some of them are white, others partly white—but I have never seen one like this. He has been examined by a number of fanciers, men who have seen many curious specimens of birds and animals, and they all say they have never seen any like him before. Others have told me he is a hybrid between a pigeon and something else, as he resembles a pigeon in colour. But, of course, I know he is a Jackdaw, as he is a real type of one. I have had him mounted, and will be only too pleased to show him to anyone interested.

JAMES PILOT, Hall Street, Welshpool.

Making a Complete Bird Spray.

SIR,—Allow me, through your esteemed journal, to thank Mr. Killick for having so generously given your numerous readers the result of his experiment, which provides for a very simple and useful (so-called) bird-spray (vide illustration CAGE BIRDS, October 9th). I am pleased to say I have succeeded in making an exact copy of same. I wish, however, to remind Mr. K. that the contrivance does not entirely answer the purpose of a complete spray, as when the water is conveyed through the aperture of the glass tube at point D, there is a single stream of water which is objectionable, because, in the first place, such a volume of water would evidently frighten the bird, and secondly, because under these disturbed circumstances it would be almost impossible to succeed in the attempt. But not so in the case of a complete spray. The distribution of the water should be very copious and fine, falling gently on the "entire" plumage without the slightest interference with the bird. As I have no right, or wish, to take any undue credit in the matter, I would ask Mr. Killick to favour us by making another effort, and I am convinced he will ultimately succeed in giving us a complete bird spray.

FREDERICK ELLIS.

Rebellion in the North.

Trouble about a Special.

SIR,—In writing previously I in no way attacked Mr. Lister's position, but fully stated that of the Newcastle Society, as it was told me and from what I personally knew about the case. So far from correcting my statements, Mr. Lister has only amplified them with his own views. It is admitted by all that the judge at the time awarded the special to Mr. Lister's bird, believing that it was to be awarded for the best old bird, Crest or Crest-bred, but when it was found that another bird, which was equally entitled to compete, had not won this particular special, although it had in other competitions been placed first, the judge was written to to see how he explained the case. His reply was that "he was not aware that Mr. Taylor's bird was entitled to compete, but if so, he undoubtedly won the special, as his was the best bird in the section." These may not be his exact words, but they convey the meaning It is two years ago since I saw the letter, so cannot give it word for word. They prove without doubt that in the judge's opinion the young bird was the best. There were other times when the judge personally showed the superiority of the young bird over the old one, notably when there was the discussion which should win the Challenge Bowl, when Mr. Heath turned to the bystanders and said: "There's my old bird, and there's my young bird; my young bird beats my old bird." And I am told on good authority that Mr. Lister was present on one occasion when the judge compared the two birds, one in each hand, and that Mr. Lister, speaking to a bystander, said that he would not have believed it if he had not seen it for himself. So how he can still claim the special on the bird's merits I cannot understand; and that is the position which the Newcastle committee consider it their duty to uphold, in spite of Cage Bird Union or any other union. The committee's decision, I may add, was confirmed by the members present at the monthly meeting held on Thursday last without a single dissentient. It has been said that a judge cannot reverse his decision once he has handed in his slip, but I can give you an instance at the same show where such was done, and, strange as it may appear, it was Mr. Lister's bird which was overlooked this time. In the open show in the young crestbred class, Mr. Lister was second, but in the members' class his bird was not placed. Mr. Lister thereupon writes the judge, who acknowledges a mistake, and the society paid Mr. Lister his prize money. Thus, in one case he accepts a revised decision, but challenges it in the other. Had Mr. Lister been present at the last Newcastle meeting, held on the second of this month, I am sure he would have been pleased at the attitude of the members towards himself; all who spoke desired that friendship should reign, but not at the cost of principle. Member after member spoke to find a way out of the difficulty, without straining the bond of friendship, and it was freely stated that it was not the value of the special, but the principle that the best bird should have the special, which actuated them in opposing such a body as the C.B.U. Executive Council.

CANNY TOON.

P.S.—One passage in Mr. Lister's letter might be taken to mean that he won the Northern Crest Club medal at this show. Such is not the case. The any age medal was won by Mr. Taylor with his young bird, and he also won the young bird medal with another young bird.

SIR,—I attended the show in question on behalf of the C.B.U., and although I have not been asked to give evidence to the Executive Council, I can prove that the Newcastle Society are in the right, and are only standing out for justice. I was looking on when this special was judged for, and saw Mr. Heath put Mr. Taylor's Crest at the top. Now I do not expect fanciers to take my word alone, so I will give the names of witnesses. While Mr. Heath had the winning birds out of their respective classes to judge for this special, after they were judged, and before they were taken away, I asked the judge which was the first, and he placed his hand on Mr. Taylor's cage and said: "This one." He also told me Mr. Lister's bird was second. The reason I asked was because I was N.C.C. secretary at the time, and the same bird would take our medal for the best bird, any age. Now the N.C.C. rule is, that only one bird could take one medal, so I walked up to Mr. Taylor, who was present, together with Mr. W. F. Swan and Mr. Jack Riseborough, of Sunderland, and I asked whether he (Mr. Taylor) would take the medal for any age, or would he let it pass on, and take it in the 1907 class. Mr. Swan advised Mr. Taylor to take it over the old birds, as he said there was more credit due, and Mr. Taylor decided to do this. His bird was also selected for bowl. Now there were many others present, who saw and knew the birds as they stood on the bench, and there was no other special, which required all the section out together. The C.B.U. are certainly not on the side of justice in this case.

THOS. ROBSON.

Whose Should the Prize Card be?

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent S. Stevens, may I say that, if the bird is claimed at a show, the purchaser claims the cage and card it has won; but if the exhibitor would like a card, the secretary would give him one on application, as he would know it is a bona-fide transaction.

J. BASTOCK.

An Alleged Black Yorkshire from Falmouth Show.

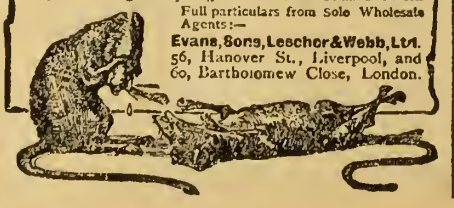
SIR,—I exhibited two Yorkshires at Falmouth Show. On their return, to my surprise I found one *black*. My first and special winner was all right. As for cleanliness, when they left me they were perfect. Can some fancier tell me how this bird got in such a condition?

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A New Society for Shirebrook.

SIR,—A successful meeting was held at the Institute recently, and a good few fanciers became members. We are hoping we shall get a good few more shortly. We are having a meeting on December 18th at the Institute, at 8 o'clock p.m., and are hoping that all the fanciers in the district will attend.

J. PICKERING.

83, Prospect Drive, Shirebrook, near, Mansfield.

The Identity of a Bird.

SIR,—I have caught a bird which I am almost certain has been bred from a Redpoll and a Linnet. It is as big as a Linnet, still it resembles the Redpoll. It has a lemon-coloured beak, brown pencilled breast, brown back, and white markings in the wing, the same as a Linnet, also black legs. It has neither red cap on the head nor black bib. I have taken CAGE BIRDS in for over five years, and I have never heard of this stamp of a bird before. I should be very glad if anyone could give me any information as to what it is.

JOHN TAYLOR.

[The bird our correspondent has is not a Hybrid, but a Twite, a distinct species, and closely related to both the Linnet and the Redpoll. The "lemon-coloured" beak and jet black legs are characteristics which at once distinguish it, being peculiar to the Twite. The cock bird has a red patch of feathers on the rump. Mr. Taylor will find this bird exhibited at the majority of shows.—EDITOR.]

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Shows.

SIR,—As one of the stewards at the late West Bromwich Show, I was surprised to see a letter in this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS from Mrs. Sunderland, re delay in despatching exhibits. All exhibits at this show were packed and in the railway company's hands, and the room cleared, within one and a half hours after close of show. I would advise Mrs. Sunderland in future before she rushes into print and makes any statement which reflects upon the management of shows, to make quite sure to whom the blame is to be attached.

J. L. BECK.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised to see a letter in CAGE BIRDS last week under the above heading, especially from a person of the experience of Mrs. Sunderland. I should like to draw exhibitors' attention to the fact that it is not always the fault of the secretary or show stewards if exhibits are late in arriving at their destinations. In reference to exhibits arriving home late from our show (West Bromwich), I can emphatically say that all birds that had to travel by rail were out of the show room by 10.30 on the last night of the show, November 18th. The stationmaster was present and superintended the despatch of exhibits, and I have since been informed by a station official that all birds were despatched on the same night by train. Up to the present, I may state, I have not received a telegram from anyone with regard to exhibits being late, and I must ask for an explanation of this. I should like to know if one was sent, and, if so, who received it? I also beg to draw your attention to the fact that we did not state in our schedules that birds would be sent so as to arrive home same night as show closes, as this is utterly ridiculous in the case of birds coming 100 miles and over. I think it would have been much better if the grievance had been thoroughly sifted, and the proper persons communicated with, viz., the railway company, before rushing a paltry thing like this into print. This is the sort of thing that causes a lack of entries at shows, and not the birds being a few hours late, and after all arriving home in perfect condition. The next time Mrs. Sunderland's birds are late, perhaps she will send to the railway company and not worry secretaries about it. They can't help birds getting into the wrong train and causing people to stay away from church on Sundays.

THOS. DUFFIELD, Hon. Sec., W.B.C.B.S.

Some Hard Hits at Unions.

SIR,—I am in receipt of a postcard from Mr. Irlam, the secretary of the Sale O.S., which states that my birds were delivered to the railway company (L. and Y., Pass.) in time to be despatched by the 5.8 p.m. train on the 25th Nov., and should have arrived in Manchester in one hour. And as Sale is only a short distance out of Manchester, and cars also run through, if we give one hour more they should have been collected the same night. Instead, the secretary of Sale Show writes that the birds were not delivered before 12 o'clock on the day they should have been judged. How can any judge do justice to any exhibits under such conditions; for instance, the bird that got first at West Bromwich got C at Sale. This is no encouragement to patronize shows away from home, and it compels fanciers to look upon the C.B.U., the Yorkshire Union, and all such supposed means of strength to the fancier as merely a gathering of wind bags. I trust this letter will at least cause some controversy and awaken these societies to a knowledge that the fancier wants something done for his subscription beside finding uniform perches and water tins; or let such so-called means of strength to the Fancy be purged, and men elected to it who have some idea of what is needed for the fancier. I believe I am voicing the views of many when I write thus, for if credit is given, I am not a dealer of birds, but in the Fancy as a hobby pure and simple. If we cannot be helped more by these so-called unions, the sooner the Fancy degenerates into a professional one the better, for I am determined to close my losing hobby very soon. I trust, Mr. Editor, you will see my point. It is no personal question, but one of great interest to the Fancy at large.

MRS. C. M. SUNDERLAND.

SIR,—I should like, in reply to Mrs. Sunderland, to ask her why she rushed into print before making inquiries of me? I say her birds were in the hands of the railway company by 7.5 p.m. on the Saturday, in company with all other cases going by rail. As this is the only real complaint we have had, I think it would have been better to have waited for a reply to the letter she sent me, on the Thursday, and not rushed into print first. I wonder if Mrs. S. thinks secretaries are managers of railway companies and can deliver birds when they like?

JAMES IRLAM, Hon. Sec. Sale O.S.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for about seven years. I see complaints very often re above, and have wondered why something was not done in the matter. I think this instance will be hard to beat. Mr. Lavery, of this town (Lurgau), sent 10 exhibits to the Y.C.C. of Ireland Show on Wednesday last, entry fees 15s., 7s. 6d. for special, and 4d. for catalogue. Dublin is only 90 miles from Lurgan, and at the time of writing, 3 p.m., Saturday evening, he knows as much about his birds as a man in America! He also asked that the birds might be sent in the last train from Dublin on Friday night, and actually waited until its arrival in Lurgan at 12 midnight, and got nothing for his trouble. Now, I was going to write about the loss of drinkers, but Mr. Lavery was with me, and I said I would write about both. He sent 18 drinkers to Dundalk and only got 9 back. I sent 6 and only got 2 of my own and 1 belonging to someone else. We both wrote about them but got no reply. These secretaries seem not to care if only they get entries, but I can assure you that when the show season opens again they might be glad that they had at least acknowledged letters or complaints. I observe that under "Notes from Erin" it is reported they had a great show in Dundalk. Show of What? Pigeons; and the cage birds were stacked on the top of each other, and got a very poor show. Now I think if these shows wish to keep going they might try to at least meet exhibitors a little. At Dunkalk they made Mr. Lavery pay at the door, although exhibitors were to have a pass, but to their credit they returned the fee when they found out who the person was.

J. H. O'NEILE.

A Curious Case of Blindness.

SIR,—I sympathise with the fancier who signed his name "Perplexed," over his curious case of blindness, as I am troubled with the same disease myself. All the difference is, I keep my birds in breeding cages in the house. I never saw such a pitiful sight in my 30 years' experience. I should be pleased if any kind fancier could tell me the cause and treatment (if any) for the sake of our feathered friends. First I lost a Norwich cock Canary, second a Linnet; these are dead. Now another Linnet is blind, and a Redpoll nearly so, and as "Perplexed" stated, they are in the best condition and over moult, and started to sing. They are fed on Canary seed, hemp and rape, with a packet of Finch mixture now and then, and as a tit-bit, a little niger, maw, and a little egg-food with a slice of apple or greenfood in season. They are all from 5 to 6 years old, and the best of breeders and songsters. The only symptoms they show are staring with their eyes, bowing their heads up and down, and twisting their heads back as if they were drunk. Their eyes look as bright as ever. But the Redpoll is keeping his head up with his eyes closed at the start; but he is going on the same line as others.

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A White Linnet.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. J. Smith's letter, re White Linnet, there is nothing extraordinary in it. I have a White Linnet here in Essex, and also another with only five small dark feathers in the neck.

H. W. BARNARD.

Borders at Cockermouth.

SIR,—Being exhibitors at Cockermouth Show on December 3rd and 4th, I was surprised on paying a visit to find that the judge had only awarded five tickets in the Green or Cinnamon Border class instead of seven, according to schedule. On making inquiries of the committee, I was informed that four of the nine birds were passed for being colour-fed. One of the four was ours. We wish to state that neither this nor any other bird belonging to us has had any artificial colouring matter whatever, and we are quite prepared to allow any reasonable test to prove this.

J. HOPPER (Hopper Bros.).

A Skylark's Coming-of-Age.

SIR,—I was very much interested in Mr. Ford's account of his Skylark, and no doubt a good many of your readers would be interested if other fanciers, who have kept birds a good length of time, would give an account of same, especially if they state how the birds have been fed. Your correspondent asks if his keeping of a Skylark for 21 years is a record? Well, it is not quite, for the late Mr. Loveday, who kept the "White Horse" at Cambridge a few years back, had a Skylark on view at one of the shows there that had been in his possession for 23 years. It had a leg missing, and he informed me that a cat had knocked its cage down a few months before, and it had one of its legs badly smashed. He severed it himself with a pair of scissors. It had apparently quite recovered, and was singing again. How long it lived after this I can't say, as I left the town soon after. The bird had been fed chiefly on table scraps, a little vegetables, meat, pudding, etc., chopped up fine, and a little Canary seed now and again. Mr. Ford's bird, nevertheless, does him credit, and I hope he will yet beat the record.

G. J. MOORE.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—I was much amused over Mr. Moore's letter re the above. I like his idea of licensing judges. How would he proceed to examine a person who applied for a license? I have known men who have bred Canaries all their lives, who could never judge nor ever will, having no confidence in themselves; and I know others whose only qualifications are that they have been connected with some journal, and if it could be proved neither bred nor moulted a winner in their experience. Then about judging. The standard on paper looks very nice, but unless the judge has an idea as to what a bird should be in a cage, the standard is of no use at all to him. He must know and be able to discern points and defects in the birds themselves. It is all very well for societies to set up certain types, but what is a judge to do if none of the birds placed before him come anywhere near the type as printed? I think a man who accepts a judging appointment should understand the birds, and have an ideal in his mind, and judge according to it. I wonder how many of our present cage-bird judges could do this? I paid a visit to the show held here in Birmingham on December 1st and 2nd, and no doubt the cream of the Fancy was there in Plainhead Norwich; but there were nearly as many types as there were birds. I am not giving my ideas for the purpose of pulling those (or any other) birds to pieces, as I consider the winners good specimens of the present-day Norwich.

J. BASTOCK.

[We have had to delete a sentence or two which transgressed our rule regarding the inadmissibility of criticism of birds at shows.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Moore, if he will kindly read my letter over again, he will find that I never said anything about "pairing up to breed" anything. But I say again that you have to find your man out; you may have good birds, and they won't suit some judges, though what you would call show specimens, but give them another man, and they suit him. Now about judges: Societies can't engage a man for every variety, and if a man is engaged to judge a whole show, what else can he do but judge according to his own ideas? He can't put a bird up that he can't take to, so he must judge to the best of his ability. I will give you an instance of what I mean. I gave a judge a number of birds that had been winning for us all up and down, and all we got was H.C. with the Unflighted Buff, that was portrayed in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL a few years back. After that show the Unflighted Buff was never beaten under different judges, finishing up by winning 1st at the Palace in 1905. No, my friend, I don't advise anyone to pair wrongly. I thought Mr. Jowett had gone through the same and was sadly disappointed. The members of the N.P.C. select their judges from among themselves. And I suppose they select whom they think the most capable. But they can't do justice to all the varieties they are called upon to judge through the societies not being able to pay for more judges, and the exhibitors have to suffer for it.

R. E. WORTHINGTON.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Bertie, I was minding my own business, Mr. B., when I wrote at first, in defending the Modern Norwich Plainhead. And on looking through a copy of my letter, I can't find where I said that you should be careful what you write about other people's birds; it should be, "you should be careful what you write about." I did not say that you had written about individual birds, but I took it you were condemning the present-day winning Norwich, and being an exhibitor of long standing, I could not let it pass without saying something in defence of my favourite bird. You now say that you see an improvement in the present-day winners; a week or two ago you were running them down. Such-like talk is bad to reckon up. Now, Mr. B., if your birds won't stand criticising, they are not worth much. Any man is at liberty to criticise my birds if he sees anything wrong with them. I am glad to see that you bred those winners. No, Mr. B., I don't wear a hat. I can't get one to fit me about here, so I am coming to Mapperley for one.

R. E. WORTHINGTON.

P.S.—As I am writing this I can't help but look at the drawing of Mr. Smeaton's grand young Buff hen; it is a gem, and another one for Scotland.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS of November 27th, I was glad to read a very encouraging letter to me from Mr. Worthington, re my Norwich Plainheads, and I hope the little ill-feeling between Mr. Worthington and Mr. Bertie will be agreeably settled. I think exhibitors and breeders who are well "carded and prized up" should not speak of each other's models, but keep to the motto, "Silence is Golden," at all times. I should be glad to forward for inspection one of my 1909 Norwich Plainheads to Mr. Worthington and hear from him his opinion (both through CAGE BIRDS and by letter in return), as Mr. Worthington says he would be only too glad to assist me in any way. I think I have been wise in not going in for shows and colour-feeding, as it would have probably been disappointment and expense; for instance, to send two birds, that is 3s. carriage there, and back 2s., total 5s., each week, soon amounts to a nice Christmas dinner gone by. After the letters appearing in my paper week after week, it makes one feel a desire to go back again on the good old Yorkshire class. But if Mr. Worthington has a brighter opinion of my bird, no doubt it will help me a little to keep to the N.P. class. In conclusion, I wish Mr. Worthington and Mr. Bertie every success, and may they both shake hands heartily on their little differences; no doubt they are both worthy of the highest praise with their birds. I am still of the opinion the Norwich is a splendid bird; the song I can say is magnificent. One cock I have never ceases scarcely, and is at it by break of day. I think sometimes it must have sung the moment it left the shell.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

A Lowestoft Fancier's Sad Loss.

SIR,—It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the most unfortunate occurrence that has deprived Mr. J. Lay of his birds, in all about 94, amongst them being some very fine specimens that would have made their presence felt on the show bench. He informs me that he would not have accepted £60 for the lot. It comes very hard to have them all but one (which is half blind) taken off with septic fever. He attributes saving this one to washing it in Jeye's fluid, which he did as a last resource. Mr. Lay is a young working man fancier, and started in the Fancy about four years ago, buying birds from Mr. Eckersley and Marlow Bros., and several other prominent breeders of the "chubby one," and I can assure you after trying hard he had got together a splendid stock of Norwich Plainheads. He is a member of the Lowestoft and District C.B.S., and a most enthusiastic fancier. He has the sympathy of every member of this society, and those that can, have promised to help him to start again by giving him a bird, and I hope that the next season will see him putting some good specimens on the bench. Now I am writing, I should here like to express my sympathy with Mr. E. J. Rippon on his deplorable loss, and hope with the birds he saved he will be able to keep himself to the front with other prominent exhibitors.

ALBERT PARKE.

A GLORIOUS
XMAS NUMBER
NEXT WEEK.

Payment of Prize Money at Ludlow Show.

SIR,—Having been an exhibitor at the Ludlow Cage Bird Show, held November 24th and 25th, I think it only right I should state that I received all prize money won there within 24 hours of the closing of the show, and I think that society should be well supported at the next show, it guaranteeing full prize money, and it being a young society. All credit is due to the secretaries and committee for the way it was managed and the birds staged. It was an excellent room, and there was good accommodation for the birds. Fanciers should bear in mind next year that they can depend on having proper treatment.

G. EDWARDS.

Natural Colour Yorkshires at Inverness Show.

SIR,—In the report of Inverness Show your critique implies that two of the birds in the natural fed class of Yorkshire cocks were colour fed. As owner and breeder of the first prize bird, a clear yellow (which won first and medal in same class last year), I may inform you it has never had "a dip in the pepper pot," as the merest tyro in judging can see at a glance. The fanciers here know me well enough to be aware that I enter my birds in their correct classes, and am able to do this because I do not advertise for "Exhibition Yorkshire," in exchange, a fortnight before the annual show.

GEO. MACKENZIE.

[We must apologise unreservedly to Mr. Mackenzie for the assertion of our reporter about which he complains. The remark escaped our sub-editor's attention, or it would most certainly not have been allowed to appear. As Mr. Mackenzie says, however, every one who knows him will at once indignantly repel any suggestion that he would wittingly or otherwise enter his birds in incorrect classes. —EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Late Entry Nuisance.

SIR,—In your last issue I note a communication from Mr. Treasure re late entries. My experience as late hon. sec. of the Hartlepools C.B.S. leads me to confirm the remarks he makes. But, as he only states a case for the secretary, I would also like to point out that the exhibitor has his grievance, and that at the hands of the show secretary. Personally, I am not making a complaint, as, fortunately, I am not affected by the circumstances of which I write, but I know others with whom I have had conversation, who complain strongly about the lax manner in which prize-money is paid. At the time of writing I am awaiting prize-money from three different societies, and I have just sent entry fees and catalogue money for a fourth. Now along with carriage of birds to and from the shows my expenses are 16s. 10d. Now you will readily understand that an exhibitor, whose income is strictly limited to a certain amount and not at any time in keeping with his ambition and desire to see his birds on the bench, is seriously hampered in making his entries early, and not infrequently he is prevented from sending his birds out at all, simply through lack of funds. Were his winnings promptly paid, he could follow up his success and probably reap a further reward. Where a show is a financial failure, the secretary may find his ingenuity taxed to do as he would like; but where it is an unqualified financial success, I think the secretary should make an effort to discharge his duties, even though it be at no little personal inconvenience.

ERNEST WOODHEAD.

A Bird that has a Tooth.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, I should say the bird was a Corn Bunting. The form of the bill is the best characteristic by which to distinguish the Bunting from other Finches. The angle of the chin is very strongly marked, and the bill is usually gaping; that is to say, there is a distinct gap in the outline of the closed bill. Many Buntings have a knob-like protuberance on the palate or roof of the mouth. The true Buntings —Reed-Bunting, Little-Bunting, Rustic-Bunting, Blackheaded Bunting, Cirl-Bunting, Ortolan-Bunting, and Yellow-Bunting (or Hammer, which should properly be Ammer, as it comes, doubtless, from the German word "Ammer," a Bunting)—are distinguished by the long spurs; the hind claw is never longer than the hind toe. The tail has always a white pattern in it which is very conspicuous when the birds are flying. The Corn Bunting (only one species of which is known) is singularly like the Lark in plumage; the wing is shorter than the tail, and the inner secondaries are long and nearly equal to the primary quills like the wings of Larks and Wagtails. The Snow Buntings are easily recognised by their long wings, which reach nearly to the end of the tail. The Long-spurred Buntings of which the Lapland Bunting is the type, are three in number, two being North American, while the third, the Lapland Bunting, is an inhabitant of the northern portions of both hemispheres, and may be recognised from all the others by the length of the hind claw, which is longer than the hind toe itself. Although the Corn Bunting is a very heavy and strong bird, as most of the Buntings are, I should hardly blame this bird with the "tooth" for all the deaths in the store cage. I have had all the above-mentioned birds, excepting the Little Bunting, together in one of my aviaries with other Finches. I find the Snow Bunting the most dangerous, while the Reed Bunting I have never had any trouble with.

W. G. SYMONDS.

The C.B.U. and Non-licensed Shows.

SIR,—During the past week I have had a rather annoying experience in connection with non-union shows. During the stress of business in connection with our late Sunderland Show, I inadvertently sent four entries to Ferryhill Show, where I exhibited last year under C.B.U. rules. After despatching my birds on Friday night, I picked up CAGE BIRDS to look through "Twitterings." In the same column I noticed the list of C.B.U. shows, and you may imagine my feelings when I found that Ferryhill was not included in the list. I immediately rushed down to the station, only to find that my birds had just gone. I promptly sent off the following telegram to the secretary of Ferryhill Show: "Don't stage birds; return at once.—Reid, Pallion." At the same time I notified the representative of the C.B.U. for this district of the mistake that had occurred. Thanks to Mr. Binks, who appears to be a very obliging secretary, I received my birds back at Pallion by the last train on Friday night, and I am very glad I did so, for it is probable no one would have believed that I did not know it was not a C.B.U. show. I am no great lover of the Union, as most of your readers know, yet I do not wish to break any of its rules so long as I am connected with it, and if ever I do have occasion to leave it, it will certainly be in a straightforward manner. Might I suggest that for the future the list of C.B.U. shows be published at the *end* of each month?—that is, the shows for the following month When an exhibitor receives so many schedules, the latter get mixed up a bit, and the C.B.U. rules do not always remain in the schedule they arrive in, while I do not think that one exhibitor in twenty takes the trouble to read the front cover of every schedule he receives. As published at present, the list of C.B.U. shows is of absolutely no use to anyone, for there is no sense in publishing a list of shows you may show at one week after the date of entries closing, although I admit that on this occasion I have to thank its belated appearance for preventing me from being placed in a very unpleasant position. Yet, had it appeared the week previous, I have no doubt that my entries would not have been sent, for all fanciers read their CAGE BIRDS, although they don't always read their schedules.

W. REID (Sunderland).

The Welsh C.B.C. and Swansea Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hitchings' deplorable attempt to answer my letter of the previous issue—why! Mr. H., you have completely lost yourself and run away from the subject, sending in response "Rudis indegestaque moles." It strikes me very forcibly that what you say about the W.C.B.C. attempting to boycott Swansea show is but the reflection of your own little mind and small ideas—we all know that evil thinketh, and alas! begets evil. We do not depend upon your recommendation, I am pleased to say. Believe me, what you can teach in mathematics, Mr. H., I should have spurned at the age of nine. You may, it is true, be well up in the art of subtracting—subtracting from my letter in attempting to make a defence. Be original; don't copy—better say nothing than try to retaliate with your opponent's weapons. Re the leaflet of rules forwarded to our worthy Editor, that might easily be accounted for; it was not the secretary of the W.C.B.C. who cut that single leaflet out of their rule book (which *does* contain the classification). You have presumptuously claimed that you can substantiate all your statements. My committee are desirous that you should please mention what society in Wales our patronage was forced upon, and where you got such valuable information to suit yourself at this particular moment. We shall then at once go farther into the matter..

G. T. JONES, Hon. Sec. W.C.B.C.

The C.B.U. and Bristol F.A. Show.

SIR,—The first clause of Rule 17 of the C.B.U. reads thus:—"Affiliated societies must hold their shows under the Cage Bird Union Show Rules." As to the objection against our date by a purely Cage Bird Society, notwithstanding anything the C.B.U. Secretary has written to Mr. Wasley, I adhere absolutely to my previous statement. Mr. Wasley in his postscript hints at action against us, yet he has been trying to get me to disclose my evidence in advance.

C. T. H. MAGGS.

A Chat about Scotch and Border Fancies.

Being Papers by Mr. JAS. ALEXANDER, read recently before the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.

Although I have been a breeder and exhibitor for about forty years, I have still a lot to learn concerning birds. I would like, however, to give my experience in regard to the Scotch and Border Fancy breeds. I bred and showed Scotch Fancy Canaries for many years. When I first started they were called Glasgow Dons, but the name was changed many years ago to Scotch Fancy, and the bird itself has changed far more than the name. About thirty years ago the Scotch Fancy was a complete circle bird, and required no crossing; and a large bird, with plenty of circle and good action, was always pretty near the top of its class at a given show.

Difficult to Breed.

The variety was then not so very difficult to breed as the present day birds. At that time (thirty years ago), I bred from four pairs between thirty and forty young ones, which cannot be done now. I gave up the breed a few years ago, as I am of opinion it is not a working man's bird. In the first place, the price of the variety has gone up beyond any working man's means. Secondly, one breeds but few good birds considering the cost of the stock. Thirdly, being birds of position they require a lot of handling (which takes a deal of time), and this needs to be done in daylight, which few working men can manage to do in the winter.

Of late years, the Belgian Canary has been much used for the purpose of improving the variety, and although I like the Belgian, so long as they keep on combining the two breeds, the produce are only mongrels to my way of thinking. I have found through experience that first crosses are easily bred, but that does not apply after they have been crossed down for three or four seasons. The Belgians are, as a rule, good feeders—at least I found them so—but whenever one gets some size with crossing, the birds fail to breed so well; hence my reason for stating that Scotch Fancies are bad to breed.

Crossing and Pairing.

Regarding crossing and pairing I found the best and quickest way to get nice Scotch Fancies was to get a good Buff Belgian hen, very upright, with plenty of shoulder, neck and go, and one which came quickly into position. Then get a large Buff (a marked one preferred), third-cross Scotch Fancy. If you do not get show birds from the first cross you are certain to get them from the second, but often the first will do for showing.

The reason for double-buffing is that you may get up size quickly. The yellow can be put in any time after. High-class breeders always keep "feeders" for rearing the young, and the best "feeders" are crosses between the Border and Scotch Fancy. The reason is this: The Norwich and Borders are too short to reach a long-necked Scotch Fancy when it is eight or ten days old. They stand too high and are more shaky than other breeds. Hence the reason for crossing between Border and Scotch Fancy. But should you be able to get the Scotch Fancy parents to feed, they will do better than any other.

With regard to feeding, I will say little, as every fancier has his own way; but Scotch Fancies, I may say, require a little more feeding than others, owing to their soft nature. The general method is to give them boiled German rape and maw seed a few times a week; but if they are kept in large flight cages (all wire) they do as well as other varieties on the ordinary hard seed.

A good many Scotch Fancies are spoiled by being kept in their show cages. My method was to keep them in flights and run the show birds out every day for a little to give them some handling. They come quicker into position by doing so, and are always much healthier. I have given you my way of dealing with Scotch Fancies; it may not be worth much, but I have won many hundred prizes by it.

The Common or Border Fancy Canary

With regard to the Common Canary or Border Fancy, I may say I have kept them more or less all my life, my father being a breeder of them. The bird at that time was called a Common Canary, and I think it a pity the name was changed, as it is bred now all over the country, and is more "common" than ever. Of late years there has been a good deal of writing on the subject of the Border Canary.

One writer lately said the Border Fancy had gone up (in improvement, that is) by leaps and bounds, this last few years. I fail to see so. The standard was drawn up some time before I kept birds at all, and I distinctly say there is very little difference between the Borders of to-day and those of the last thirty years. The only difference I see is that the cages are much neater, and the birds better turned out than formerly. Twenty or thirty years ago one never thought of keeping birds rolled up in the dark, as fanciers do now. It is only a little over twenty years since I commenced to show the Common or Border Fancy Canary, and I have bred and shown all the different varieties of them; but this last fifteen years I have only gone in for the marked varieties.

In regard to clear breeding; it is only a case of quality and condition, and sticking closely to the standard. But in breeding all clears one requires to double-buff occasionally. In breeding yellow and buff a few years, the yellows generally get a bit leggy; hence the reason for double buffing. In most cases it improves the quality of feather also. One scarcely ever sees a leggy buff, although the same breed. Of late years double-buffing has been greatly in use, hence the reason of there always being well-filled Buff classes at the shows.

Breeding for Even-marks.

In breeding even marks a great deal of study and thought is required. To begin with, I will say never try sib-breeding if you wish to go on a few years. It has been proved by many old breeders to be a failure in Borders, as you cannot keep up the quality and condition required by "sibbing." I know many of our old and best Scotch breeders (of marks) had to give up trying to get marks quickly. By "sibbing" the bird gets thin in blood and soft in feather, and wants the real sprightliness a Border should have. Also should there be a light feather amongst the dark, or foul vent, or thighs, it will always crop up when "sibbing," perhaps a few years after. This is where the dressing and trimming come in so often, the birds not being true bred.

My method of breeding even marks is to get the best I can, but not at a show; I go to some reliable breeder and see the birds in their more natural state. If possible, I get a good even yellow cock bird. I find out how it was bred, and see that the parents were of the same. Then I get a good, clear Buff hen, off marks, and also get her pedigree. Then I procure a clear Buff cock off marks and yellow marked hen (heavy marked preferred), and also their pedigree and how bred. Keep the best of the above two pairs, and you should have little difficulty after in getting evens.

Should you have a friend a good breeder of marks, make an exchange with him, with one or two, but if you have a lot of pairs, you won't require any exchanging.

If these pairs are throwing their young too light in marking, run two marks together. The eye marks being more difficult to balance, you require to watch your breed very closely. Try and get good eye fronts. The back of the eye will come alright after one or two trials.

Should you wish to get up some colour, run two yellow marks together, and you will be likely to get a yellow green cock. Mate this to a clear buff hen lightly marked bred, and you will then get some grand marks, with colour and quality combined. This has been my most successful way of getting good evens. I have never yet had a good even, breeding from two evens, but have always good ones from their offsprings. I bred some twenty even marks in one season by the above-named method; of course, not all show birds, some being too lightly marked and others too heavy. But every pair you mate try and keep to the original standard. Some writers of late seem to think there is a difference between the English and Scotch Border. It seems strange; I supply birds all over England and Scotland of my own breeding, and all the same breed; how can there then be any difference? I have now given you my experiences, and shall be pleased to do anything I can for a brother fancier, or answer any question so far as I can.

The Discussion.

Mr. Currah said he thought the papers had been appreciated by all, and proposed that the sincere thanks of the members be sent to Mr. Alexander for his kindness in sending them, and especially, he thought, that on "the Woe Border." Mr. Currah said he had only kept Borders for three years, and had been very successful at shows.

As far as sib-breeding in Borders was concerned, there was, he said, a deal of difference of opinion. At the last Scottish National Show he had a conversation with Mr. Henry Bennet, of Kelso, as to how he got his birds so jaunty, nervy, stylish, and fine in feather.

Mr. James Little endorsed a good deal of what Mr. Alexander said about the Scotch Fancy, although he could not agree with him when he said that it was not a working man's bird. Having won over 500 prizes with Scotch Fancies, he thought he could claim to know something about them. He found them much stronger to-day than years ago, and he thought they were as prolific as other breeds, having bred as many as 56 young ones from five or six pairs of birds; and, generally speaking, they were just as good feeders. As for their being of a delicate nature, he was sure they were as hardy as other varieties, providing, of course, one kept them free from draughts. He assured the novices present that they would find them as easy to keep as other varieties.

Mr. Harvey said he was a novice, and a pupil of Mr. Little, whom he had found always ready and willing to assist. He, too, had found Scotch Fancies as hardy, as strong, and as prolific as other varieties, and quite within the reach of working men.

Mr. Little, in reply to a question of Mr. McPartling's, said that he approved of box cages. From these he ran his birds into their show cages, but not too much, as it might make them lazy. The breeding must be there to cause them to be nervy. He found a good way to get the birds into position was to place them upon the top of the breeding cages (in their show cages) which caused them to look down to see what was going on below.

Mr. McPartling said there was a great art in the handling of Scotch Fancies. He found Mr. Little's birds were very free movers when properly handled. Mr. Robson also made a few remarks.

Mr. J. N. F. Scott asked Mr. Young which bird he thought the type came from, and what his opinion was upon sib-breeding?—Mr. Robert Young (a Border fancier) said he thought type came from the hen's side, and colour from the cock's. He would advise novices, he said, to be very careful before in-breeding, as weak points came out doubly weak.

Mr. Jas. Shepherd moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Alexander (coupling with it the name of Mr. Young), for such a splendid paper, which must have cost him a deal of thought and time. The speaker thought the Scotch Fancy a delicate bird, but after hearing such an able exponent as Mr. Little, he would, he said, change his opinion. As for "the Wee Borders," he thought them beautiful birds, and well within the reach of all. Mr. James Maddison seconded the vote of thanks. Longer back than he cared to think he used, he said, to keep the "Glasgow Dons." He could not understand their losing ground in this district, which was formerly almost a stronghold for them. He thought the introduction of the Belgian had a tendency to make the birds hardier and better feeders. It was very kind of Mr. Alexander, who lived so far away, to send such valuable papers. Several other members supported, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to an end.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Hon. Secs.

Wild Bird Life.

The Sparrow Hawk.

Each day, just before sunset, a pair of Sparrow Hawks find their way to a clump of big elms on the side of the hill overlooking the village. They wheel round and round, sometimes soaring to a great height, at others gliding among the branches of the trees. They are evidently a true pair for they toy and buffet each other in mid-air in a playful manner. One will rise above the other, then swoop down as though about to strike, and with a quick twist the lower bird is out of the way and in turn becomes the aggressor. At times they come together like a pair of Swallows in summer time. While these flights occur there is not a sign of small bird life anywhere. Where they suddenly vanish to is a mystery. I have searched carefully for them, but have been unable to find a feather; they simply vanish.

When the Hawks are amusing themselves in mid-air, it makes one wonder what a battle would be like between two such formidable antagonists. I have seen Hawks strike many different species, but have never had the good fortune to see a pair fight in earnest. Such would be a grand sight. When watching the flight of one of these birds after some unlucky small bird, one can in a measure understand the keen enjoyment experienced by our ancestors in the noble sport of Hawking—a sport probably as ancient as any. As a rule this Hawk secures its prey by suddenly pouncing upon it unawares. One can frequently see it flying silently along a hedgerow for some distance, then suddenly glide over to the opposite side, possibly repeating the performance further along. Many a full-throated Linnet or trilling Bunting has been snatched from his perch before he was aware that such a dangerous enemy was in the vicinity. The common Sparrow Hawk is easily distinguished from the Kestrel by the bars running across the breast, the markings of the latter bird being longitudinal. The female is larger than her partner, and rather paler in colour. The young birds are brownish instead of slate colour above, and whitish underneath. Like some other large birds they do not acquire their adult plumage for some time, and will mate and nest while still in immature dress. Their first moult is not in the first autumn, but takes place in an irregular manner.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Chinese Jay-Thrush.

This bird (*Dryonastes sinensis*) deserves greater attention at the hands of aviculturists than it receives, for it is one of the very best of foreign songsters, and is besides a very easy bird to keep, and has the advantage of being quite unmistakable if one gets a sight of it. It is a strongly-built bird with short rounded wings and powerful feet, about the size of our Missel Thrush, and coloured quite unlike any other bird I know—slatey-grey, with a large white patch on each cheek. There is, however, no sex difference in the plumage, and this is the case with all the Jay-Thrushes. The song is very loud, composed of various repeated phrases, and very pure and sweet in tone. One of the phrases sounds like "Peko, peko, peko," whence its Chinese name, by which I found it known in Calcutta also. It is also a very accomplished imitator, and is sometimes called the Chinese mocking-bird.



Melodious Jay Thrush.

A Valued Cage Bird.

Even in Calcutta, this bird, although much more frequently imported than it is here, was not cheap, about fifteen rupees (£1) being asked for one. It lives well in captivity, even in a small cage; one my friend Rutledge had all the time I know him—seven years—and for long before that, was always kept in a high, round wicker cage of Chinese make, about a foot in diameter, and yet was in fine condition. It was very tame, and would puff out its white cheek-feathering when talked to, and made much of. These birds are brought over from China on shelled millet and dried flies, and in Calcutta are fed mainly on satoo or pea-meal; almost any decent softbills' mixture is good enough for them, and they could well "clean up" after breeding Canaries or small softbills. A little raw meat and some fruit would not come amiss, and, of course, they should have a larger cage than such a one as I have mentioned. I have seen them nesting at the Zoo, so I daresay that with care and attention they would breed in an aviary.



Chinese Jay Thrush.

The Peko's Competitor.

The Peko has a competitor for the favour of the Chinaman and his customers in the person of the Hwa-mee (*Trochalopterum canorum*), commonly called over here the Melodious Jay-Thrush. This, although a member of the same group of Babbling-Thrushes, has more of the Thrush and less of the Jay about it than the other. In size it about equals our Song Thrush, and in colour is a sober uniform rusty-brown, with a conspicuous white eyebrow streak; the eye itself is surrounded by a bare bluish-grey patch.

The Hwa-mee never interested me so much as the Peko; it is, I believe, a good songster, but I do not remember ever having heard the song. It has been commoner in the home market of late than its rival and superior.

Two Hen Tanagers.

I notice there is some little uncertainty abroad as to what the hen of the Scarlet Tanager (*Rhamphocœlus brasilius*), is like, and this is not to be wondered at, for hens of this species very rarely come to hand in comparison with the number of cocks imported. It is therefore worth mentioning that the hen Scarlet is a dark chocolate-coloured bird, with a mark of red on the rump and abdomen, this being the only trace of bright colour which she shows.

The only bird with which it ought to be possible to confuse her is the hen of the nearly-allied but very rare Maroon Tanager (*Rhamphocœlus jacapa*), but this differs in a rather unexpected way, having the red tinge not only on the rump and abdomen, but all over the lower surface, and even on the face, although the male is far less red than the other species. Two other hen Tanagers are perhaps sometimes confused—the hen of the Black Tanager (*Tachyphonus melaleucus*), and that of the very similar Crowned Tanager (*Tachyphonus coronatus*); the former hen is bright tan or chestnut throughout, and the latter a greyer brown. Both these species, by the way, eat seed like Finches, and I have known the Crowned live some time on this diet.

The Gentleman of the Canary Family.

By R. N. WILLIAMS.

A Paper read before the Chester & District Cage Bird Society.

Having been requested to read a paper before the members of this society, I hope you will excuse me, as this is my first attempt, if it should not "turn out" to your expectation. For my subject I have chosen the Yorkshire Canary. I think I am not far wrong in saying that this variety is at present about the most popular to be seen at the numerous shows held up and down the country, especially in the county of "bread acres," which, I need hardly say, is the home of the "Gentleman of the Canary Family."

The Show Specimen Described.

I will first of all roughly describe the show specimen. It should be a slim, upstanding bird, "straight as a gun barrel," as the reports say, and have feather like wax. The head must be round and neat, the beak neither too small nor too heavy. The body should be nicely moulded, well filled in at back, and rounded at chest; the wings and tail must be well carried and closely packed. The colour in the Yorkshire Canary is of no great account, although a well colour-fed bird is looked upon with favour, and most of the leading exhibitors colour-feed their stock.

It is after regularly reading the fanciers' Journal, CAGE BIRDS, and the different books, added to several years' practical study, that I claim to know a little of this particular breed. Like many other varieties the Yorkshire is a manufactured bird; it is the outcome of the crossing of three other varieties, i.e., the Lancashire, the Belgian and the Norwich; and by years of judicious breeding it has been brought to its present form.

Contributing Qualities of the Variety

I might here state the respective parts each of these varieties claim in the formation of the Yorkshire. The Lancashire has given size, the Belgian has supplied position, and the Norwich has greatly assisted towards the formation of the contour of the bird. How and what the Yorkshire has been bred from should always be borne in mind, as I feel certain those who are in the front rank must at some time revert to the sub-varieties of the Yorkshire to keep it up to its required show points. And here I might say that the chief sub-variety is the partially bred Belgian, as a Yorkshire is of no use if he is not well up on the leg, no matter how good he is in other properties. How often one sees a good bird—that is, in shape, feather, length, etc.—but instead of standing in an almost erect, bold position, it lies across the perch in the manner of a Norwich. Such a bird is only deteriorating in its Belgian properties.

Again, one sometimes sees a good bird which stands well, but is much too thick. Such I term "Norwich-Yorkshires." Then, again, you may see a big coarse-feathered bird, with its tail hanging as if on a hinge, the bird also showing "eyebrows." This, in my opinion, is another reversion to its sub-breed, the Lancashire. You may send to the best breeder and exhibitor in Yorkshire for a pair or two of properly matched Yorkshires, and you breed from them, and, no doubt, be successful in showing them for a season or two; but unless you are very careful in the pairing of their progeny you will find yourself going backwards instead of forwards.

Stick to One Variety.

I will now endeavour to give you my idea of the way one should proceed in order to be successful with this particular variety. First of all do not "dally" with more than one variety, especially if you are going in for Yorkshires, as I don't think there is any variety that requires more study and attention. To run the birds into the show cage and play with them wherever you have time to spare is one of the secrets of success, as a bird often wins by the way it sticks to its perch and shows itself off when being handled by the judge.

You must buy the very best birds that the pocket will allow. It will pay you better to wait a while, than to buy any but the very best. Get them from a successful breeder, and if you can manage it, go into his bird-room and see what you are buying. See that the hens are full of quality, for it is in regard to the hens that the majority of fanciers make their first and greatest blunders. Always bear in mind that type and quality follow the hens, whilst size and colour follow the cock.

A Good Foundation.

Two cocks and four hens would, in my opinion, constitute a good foundation upon which to build your strain. Provide yourself with an ordinary copybook, divide each page with a line across the middle, numbering the top parts from 1 to 100, and the lower from 101 onwards; this is your pedigree book. The top parts use for the cocks, and the lower for the hens. Describe each bird fully, giving its good and bad points. By following this plan you will find that it will not only create for you a further interest in the hobby, but that it will be found very essential if you are to rectify faults which may present themselves in the progeny of the birds.

Some Damaging Faults.

It might be of interest if I here describe some of the chief faults which are damaging in the exhibition Yorkshire. The one that I have found most prevalent in the Yorkshire is the weak or slack neck. No doubt this occurs chiefly by virtue of its Belgian properties, and by pairing the birds with the intention of keeping them slim. This fault I have found is easily remedied, providing you know how the birds have been bred.

Another fault is what is termed the "barrel chest," that is, the showing too much fulness at the chest and convexity at the side, usually finishing up with a frill. When this fault presents itself in your stock, my advice is, get rid of the birds at once. I do not as a rule discard birds that have a fault, but birds of this description are to me really an eyesore in the birdroom.

Then we have the "drop-tail," or, as some term it, the "hinge-tail"; that is when the tail hangs and is not in a line with the body. I might say that this is caused through the birds not being properly balanced, the legs being too near the tail-end of the body. Here is the great secret for obtaining that bold and erect carriage which is to be seen in the winning birds—always endeavour to get the legs as far forward on the body as possible, showing, what is termed, "plenty of run" from the legs to the root of tail. The Yorkshire should not be fish-tailed, but the feathers composing the tail should be properly folded, or "lapped," as if it were only one feather.

Another fault, and one that spoils many birds which are otherwise really good, is the shortness in the legs. Should your hens which you intend to breed with be inclined to be a bit short in leg, always see that the cocks have plenty in this respect. Never breed with cock birds showing this fault, and always bear in mind that size is obtained from the sire.

Concerning the Feather.

Now we come to the feather. The feather desired is that which is soft and silky to the touch, showing a kind of "mealy" or "frost" at the ends. This kind of feather is, in my opinion, obtained by breeding with birds that have a fair amount of cinnamon blood in their veins, especially when they have been inbred. I have bred some of the best feathered birds I ever saw this last season, and they have been bred this way.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Members' show held November 27th. Many exceptionally good birds were staged, and the quality throughout was high-class.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Fortnam; 3, Brannon. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Fortnam; 2, Fraser; 3, J. Crossley; 4, Bramley; vhc, Pickup; hc, Blomley; c, Garnett. TKD. ETC. (3): 1, spl, Bramley; 2, 3, Fraser. YELL. HEN. (6): 1, spl, J. Crossley; 2, Fraser; 3, Bramley; 4, Garnett; vhc, Blomley; hc, Brannon. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Fortnam; 2, 3, Garnett; 4, Pickup; vhc, Blomley. UNFLIG. (15): 1, spl, 3, Fortnam; 2, J. Crossley; 4, Pickup; vhc, Fraser; hc, Grimshaw; c, Garnett. GREEN (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Garnett. CREST (7): 1, spl, hc, Jamieson; 2, Gorton; 3, Brierley; 4, c, Armstead; vhc, Brough. C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Gorton; 4, Jamieson; vhc, Brierley. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Armstead; 3, Fletcher. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 4, hc, Armstead; 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, Fortnam; c, Brierley. HEN. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Fletcher, 2, 3, Armstead. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Brough; 2, Fortnam. SELL. (£1) (2): 1, spl, Jamieson; 2, Brierley. (10/-) (5): 1, spl, Armstead; 2, Gorton; 3, Garnett; 4, Grimshaw; vhc, Jamieson. BRIT. GOLDIE (4): 1, spl, 2, 4, Brough; 3, Grimshaw; vhc, Brierley. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, spl, 3, Fraser; 2, 4, Simpkins; vhc, Burton; hc, Brierley; c, Brough. MULE (2): 1, spl, Fraser; 2, Jeffreys. GIFT (4): 1, spl, Fraser; 2, Jamieson; 3, Fortnam; 4, Brough. Special for best bird, Mr. H. G. Fortnam.—H. JAMIESON, Sec.

FERRYHILL.

The second open show of the Ferryhill and Dis. C.B.S. was held in the Literary and Social Institute Hall, Deanbank, on December 4th. The Institute makes a really ideal place for a cage bird exhibition, the light and heat being all that could be desired. The show must be pronounced a great success. The exhibits totalled no less than 530 entries, a very creditable performance, especially considering the large number of shows being held the same day. The Norwich and Yorkshires were grand collections, both as regards numbers and quality, and many excellent specimens were staged. The novice entries were especially numerous. The Linnet class and that for Goldfinches and Bullfinches filled admirably, and the Mules and Foreign were also a good lot. The society possesses a capable lot of officials, and a good committee, composed of genuine cage bird fanciers, who looked well after the best interests of the birds and the welfare of the visitors, of whom there were a large number. The Vice-Presidents are: Messrs. R. W. Todd, J. Banner, T. Ford, J. Burton, G. Atkinson, Wakenshaw, J. Taylor, W. Nelson, H. Vester, J White, and E. Davis. The committee consists of Messrs. F. Stokell, F. Duffy, D. Martin, M. Hutchinson, T. Duffy, C. Turner, J. Lawson, J. Stubbs, R. Binks, G. Swinburne, and W. Sidlow. In Mr. R. Binks, the Hon. Sec., this young society has a man who knows how to pilot a show through, and who makes an ideal show manager. The judges, Messrs. J. Stanger and J. Maddison, appeared to give every satisfaction.

(We much regret that, owing to the sudden illness of our representative, who on that account found it quite impossible to attend this show, we are unable to give a detailed criticism of the awards. We regret this the more as this second venture of the Society was such a success.—EDITOR.)

The Awards.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl., Hale; 2, Smith; 3, Lackey; vhc, Burdett; hc, Campbell; c, Nicholson. BUFF (14): 1, spl., 3, Hall; 2, Wake and Carr; vhc, Lackey; hc, Nicholson; c, Knox. HEN (11): 1, spl., hc, Wake and Carr; 2, Lackey; 3, Knox; vhc, Ashcroft; c, Butler. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl., vhc, Wake and Carr; 2, 3, Smith; hc, Burdett; c, Marston. NOVICE NOR. (15): 1, spl., Campbell; 2, Smith; 3, Charlton and Anderson; vhc, Raine and Henderson; hc, Barker; c, Barber. YORKS, CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl., Cuthbertson; 2, Myers and Lamb; 3, Woodhead; vhc, Greaves; hc, Hardaker; c, Merriu. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Cuthbertson; 2, Merrin; 3, Mountain; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden; hc, Stevens; c, Dixon. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, spl., Hardaker; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Dixon; vhc, Myers and Lamb; hc, Turnbull; c, Thompson. HEN (13): 1, spl., hc, Cuthbertson; 2, Greaves; 3, Mountain; vhc, Merrin; c, Halliday and Chittenden. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Merrin; 2, Turnbull; 3, Greaves; vhc, c, Myers and Lamb; hc, Woodhead. NOVICE YORKS (14): 1, spl., 2, Hanson; 3, Binks; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Scott; c, Matrass. CREST (3): 1, 2, Currah; 3, Rowell. C.-B.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, Todd and Son; 2, Currah; 3, Hodgson; vhc, c, Rowell; hc, Butler. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, spl., vhc, Todd and Son; 3, Currah; hc, Stubbs; c, Roystone. DARK (15): 1, spl., Sokell and Binks; 2, Graham; 3, Wells; vhc, Charlton and Anderson; hc, c, Grieve. LINNET (17): 1, spl., Stamp; 2, Eleanor; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Sokell and Binks; c, Liddle. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, spl., vhc, Todd and Son; 2, Stamp; 3, Blackett; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Wearmouth. CHAFFIE, ETC. (6): 1, spl., hc, McVay; 2, Brumby; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Blackett; c, Croft. GOLDIE, ETC. (19): 1, spl., vhc, Nicholson and Son; 2, c, Forster; 3, Thompson; hc, Snell. GREENIE, BRIT. (8): 1, spl., Nicholson and Son; 2, Blackett; 3, Todd and Son; vhc, Swinburne; hc, Kennedy; c, Croft; absent, Forster. BRIT., A.O.S. (15): 1, spl., c, Nicholson and Son; 2, Wilkinson and Danby; 3, Boyd; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Bate Bros. FOR. (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, Nicholson; vhc, Mrs. Woodhouse; hc, Pinkney; c, Marriott. SELL. (£1) (4): 1, spl., Hutchinson; 2, Mrs. Woodhouse; 3, Burdett. (15/-) (17): 1, spl., Wilson; 2, Mrs. Turner; 3, Nicholson; vhc, French; hc, Winn; c, Livesey. (10/-) (13): 1, spl., Wilson; 2, Sokell and Binks; 3, Merrin; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Elwell and Parnaby; c, Butler.

The Members' Classes.

NOR. (8): 1, spl., Lawson; 2, Turner; 3, Hutchinson; vhc, Sokell and Binks; hc, c, Swinburne. YORKS (11): 1, spl., Sokell and Binks; 2, Lawson; 3, Swinburne; vhc, c, Turner; hc, Scott. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 3, hc, Sokell and Binks; 2, Swinburne; vhc, Binks; c, T. Duffy. UNFLIG. A.V. (8): 1, spl., Swinburne; 2, Lawson; 3, Sokell and Binks; vhc, Binks; hc, T. Duffy; c, Turner. LINNET (6): 1, spl., Sokell and Binks; 2, Swinburne; 3, c, Stubbs; vhc, T. Duffy; hc, Scott. A.O.S. (6): 1, spl., 3, Lawson; 2, Swinburne; vhc, T. Duffy; hc, Turner; c, Stubbs. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, spl., 3, Sokell and Binks; vhc, hc, Lawson; c, Stubbs.

WALKLEY.

The Walkley and Dist. C.B.S. held their 2nd annual show on November 27. The St. Phillip's Mission Hall, in which the exhibits were housed, is very cosy, and most suitable. President, Dr. T. C. Jones; vice-presidents, Rev. S. T. G. Smith and Conn. Crowther; a trio of well-known and highly-esteemed residents in the neighbourhood. Capital assistance is rendered by all, and the best thanks of the society are tendered them. The Chairman is Mr. T. Ridal, a real fancier; the hon. treas., Mr. R. Smith, is a most trustworthy servant. Hon. auditors, Messrs. G. W. Marshall and B. Bailey, a brace of very useful officials. Mr. W. E. Clarke, the hon. sec., is a real trier, and does all in his power to help matters along. Entries turned up well, and many very typical specimens were on view. It is the intention of this society, which up to the present has been confined to amateurs only, to call a special meeting, notice of which will appear in our columns shortly, to consider whether to throw open the membership to all comers. Miniature goblet, presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, went to Mr. B. T. Bailey; Sandiford's medal to Mr. G. W. Marshall; best bird in the show, Mr. T. Ridal; 2nd best, Mr. R. Smith. Staging was of a very neat description, credit being due to those responsible for same. Judge, Mr. W. Oxley, well-known in Shefficld birdy circles. His decisions were well received.

OLD BIRDS, YELL. YKS. (6): 1, Marshall; 2, Ridal; 3, Butler; vhc, Clarke; hc, Hadfield; c, Shimelds. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Butler; 3, 4, Welsh; vhc, Smith; hc, Ridal. YELL. HENS (7): 1, Rydal; 2, Welsh; 3, vhc, Bailey; hc, Shimelds; c, Bibble. BUFF (8): 1, Marshall; 2, Ridal; 3, vhc, Butler; hc, Smith; c, Hadfield. YOUNG BIRDS.—YKS. YELL. (12): 1, spl, vhc, Ridal; 2, Bibble; 3, Hadfield; hc, Marshall; c, Bailey. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Marshall; 2, Ridal; 3, Bibble; hc, Bailey; c, Hadfield. TKD. (6): 1, Ridal; 2, 3, Shimelds; vhc, Smith. HENS (10): 1, c, Marshall; 2, hc, Smith; 3, Butler; vhc, Hadfield. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Smith; 2, spl, Marshall; hc, Jessop. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Butler; vhc, Jessop.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual members' show held at headquarters, the Bull Hotel. The hon. secretary (Mr. J. England) is to be congratulated on again having a record entry of 141, and another record in the number of visitors. The birds were well staged and carefully attended to in every respect, and were quite ready for the judge, Mr. Matt. Broadley (Windhill). There was a grand display of Yorks. and Norwich, both for quality and number, and the British and Foreign birds were again well to the front with some splendid specimens. Mr. J. Gregson won special for most points gained by a novice, and Mr. J. W. Hartley for best unflighted Yorkshire.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK. (11): 1, 3, cup winner, Wilkinson; 2, Hartley, also spl for best unflig. Yorks.; vhc, hc, c, Leonard. BUFF: (5) spl for 2nd best Yorks., 1, 2, Leonard; 3, vhc, hc, Gill and Smith. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): spl, 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, vhc, hc, Gill and Smith; c, Hartley. BUFF (7): spl, 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, Leonard; vhc, c, Gregson; hc, Gill and Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Gregson; 2, hc, c, spl, Bell; vhc, Leonard. BUFF (4): spl, 1, 3, Gregson; 2, Greenwood; vhc, Hardman. CINN. TKD., ETC., HEN (8): spl, 1, 2, Leonard; 3, hc, Lee; vhc, c, Gregson. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK. (7): spl, 1, 3, Lingard; 2, Roberts; vhc, hc, c, Leonard. BUFF (12): 1, spl. for 2nd best bird in show, Fultnn; 2, vhc, hc, Lingard; 3, Roberts; hc, Leonard. YELL. HEN (6): spl, 1, 3, Lingard; 2, Bell; vhc, Lingard; c, Leonard. BUFF (4): spl, 1, 2, vhc, Lingard; 3, Lingard. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): spl, Sandiford's medal, 1, 2, Lingard; 3, vhc, Hardman; hc, c, Bell. BUFF (11): 1, Lingard; spl, 2, 3, Roberts; vhc, Fultnn; hc, c, Bell. A.O.V. (7): 1, Leonard; spl, 3, vhc, hc, Bell; c, Gregson. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (14): spl, 1, vhc, Greenwood; 2, Leonard; 3, c, Fulton; hc, Lingard. BRIT. HARD OR SOFT BILL (7): spl, 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, England, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet; c, Holden. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Holden; 2, 3, hc, c, England. FOR. (3): spl, 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, England. splendid team in following order: Alexandrine Parrakeet, Ringneck ditto, Orange Bishop, South African Redhead, Blackhead, and Green Avadavat.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S

Annual members' show held on November 27th in the Albion P.S.A. rooms, a very good place for the purpose, being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries came up well, and included many choice specimens. In the Norwich section, Mr. Fairclough's cl. buff, Mr. Kelsall's ticked buff, Messrs. Marlor Bros.' ticked yellow hen and clear buff hen, and Mr. J. Oliver's unflighted yellow are specimens far above the average, and quite capable of holding their own in the open. We were sorry Mr. Foden had no competition in the Yorkshires. The novice classes also contained several very nice birds. The secretary (Mr. H. Foden) is a very capable one, and had everything in A1 order. Mr. J. Hopkins (Bolton) judged.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Oliver; 2, Fairclough; 3, Colville and Knight. BUFF: 1, Fairclough; 2, Oliver; 3, vhc, Foxall; 4, Mellor; hc, Harrison. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hanson; 2, Kelsall. BUFF: 1, 2, Kelsall; 3, vhc, Foxall; 4, Harrison. YELL. HEN, CL.: 1, Oliver; 2, Foxall; 3, Kelsall; 4, Marlor Bros., vhc, Mellor. BUFF: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Mellor; 3, Kelsall; 4, Foxall; vhc, Oliver; hc, Harrison. YELL., HEN: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Harrison; 3, Barron. BUFF: 1, Fairclough; 2, Colville and Knight; 3, vhc, Oliver; 4, Foxall; hc, Kelsall; c, Mellor. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Oliver; 2, Mellor; 3, Kelsall; 4, Marlor Bros.; vhc, Fairclough; hc, Harrison; c, Colvillo and Knight. BUFF: 1, Mellor; 2, Foxall; 3, Kelsall; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, Fairclough; c, Harrison. NAT. COL.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Mellor; 3, 4, Heap. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Foden. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Foden; 4, Foxall. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Foden. GERMANS: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Booth. A.O.V.: 1, Lockwood. GOLDFINCH CANMULE: 1, Foxall; 2, Heap; 3, Harley; 4, Lockwood. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Barron; 2, Colville and Knight. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Barron. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Kelsall; 3, 4, Barron. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Barron. SELL. (20s.): 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Jones. (10s.): 1, hc, Foxall; 2, Grayson; 3, Foden; 4, Jones; vhc, Kelsall. GIFT: 1, Foxall. OPEN CLASSES (Hyde and Ashton Societies): NOR. YELL.: 1, Barroclough; 2, Kelsall. BUFF: 1, Barroclough; 2, Kelsall; 3, Mellor; 4, Foxall. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Mellor. BUFF: 1, Kelsall. YELL. HEN: 1, Barroclough. BUFF: 1, Mellor; 2, Barroclough; 3, Kelsall. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Foden. UNFLIG.: 1, Harley; 2, 3, Foden. HEN: 1, 2, Foden. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Gavin; 2, Grayson; 3, Rain. SOFTBILL: 1, Rain. MULE: 1, Foxall. NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. YELL.: 1, Drabble; 2, Reynolds. BUFF: 1, Mellor; 2, Hnghes; 3, Marsland. YELL. HEN: 1, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, Marsland; 2, Drabble; 3, vhc, Jones; 4, Mellor. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Mellor; 2, Marsland; 3, Hughes. BUFF: 1, 3, Drabble; 2, Jones; 4, vhc, Hughes. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Harley; 2, Williams; 3, vhc, Green; 4, Grayson; hc, Lockwood. BUFF: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Harley; 4, Grayson. YELL. HEN.: 1, Hughes; 2, 4, Williams; 3, hc, Green; vhc, Grayson. BUFF: 1, Harley; 2, Williams; 3, 4, Grayson; vhc, Green; hc, c, Roscoe. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Williams; 2, Grayson; 3, Roscoe; 4, Harley; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Green. BUFF: 1, Harley; 2, Grayson; 3, Lockwood; 4, Williams; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Green. NOR. NON-FED: 1 Reynolds; 2, Jones; 3, Mellor. YORKS.: 1, Grayson; 2, Roscoe. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Lockwood; 3, Mellor; 4, Marsland. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Lockwood; 2, Marsland. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Roscoe. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Marsland; 2, Grayson.

EAST BOWLING & DISTRICT B.F.A.

Monthly show held November 27, at Barley Mow Hotel. There were 89 birds, and Mr. C. Stebbins placed the cards, his task being no light one. The quality throughout was excellent. The winners of most points were in the Champion section. Messrs. A. Gledhill (21), W. Helliwell (17), H. H. Clark (16), Messrs. Robinson and Sharp (17), F. Battersby (16), Mitchell (14), and E. Dinsdale (10). The judge gave entire satisfaction.

CHAMP. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, Gledhill; 2, Thompson; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Casey; hc, c, Firth. BUFF (12): 1, Bleazard; 2, Helliwell; 3, Clark; 4, c, Thompson; vhc, Woolmer; hc, Casey. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 3, vhc, Gledhill; 2, Firth; 4, c, Bleazard; hc, Casey. BUFF (13): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, Clark; vhc, hc, Bleazard; c, Firth. UNV. ETC. HEN: 1, Clark; 2, Firth; 3, vhc, Woolmer; 4, Atkinson; hc, Gledhill; c, Helliwell. NOVICE CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, vhc, Battershy; 2, 4, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Mitchell; hc, Dinsdale; c, Dawson. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Mitchell; 3, Battershy; vhc, Dinsdale. UNV. ETC. CK. (3): 1, Mitchell; 2, Dawson; 3, Dinsdale. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dinsdale; 2, 3, 4, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Battershy; hc, c, Dawson. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Battersby; 2, Mitchell; 3, Calloway; vhc, hc, Robinson and Sharp. UNV. ETC.: 1, Calloway; 2, 3, Robinson and Sharp.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.

Third annual show of the Sutton Coldfield F.S. was held in the Crystal Palace on December 8th and 9th. The room where the cage birds were staged was very well adapted for the purpose, having splendid light. Several of the exhibits were much below concert pitch, owing to the cold weather, especially those from a distance. The stewards for the section, Messrs. Brindley and Raymond, had everything well in hand, and the cards were up with every promptness. Mr. A. G. Jones, the secretary, is to be congratulated on his able management. The Mayor of Sutton opened the show. Mr. A. Paddock (King's Heath) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (8): I, 2, spl, Silver, buff, tkd. on head, lovely feather, good head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Orme, mkd. yell., good col., nice head and neck; 3, c, Broadhurst, cl. yell. unflig., nice shape and quality; 4, Williams, buff, mkd. eye, wings and tail, nice cobby shape; vhc, Dipple; he, Williams. HEN (7): I, Dipple, saddle and eye mkd. buff, lovely quality and shape, nicely cut away, short wings and tail; 2, Silver, cl. buff, nice head and neck, good front; 3, 4, Williams, 3rd cl. yell., lovely quality and shape, 4th buff, mkd. on head, nice quality and col.; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Orme; c, Collier. UNFLIG. (5): I, Silver, tkd. buff, grand shape, good head and neck; 2, no name, cl. buff, lovely quality feather; 3, again no name, cl. buff, very short and thick, but lacking a wee bit in condition, or might have gone up; 4, Broadhurst, tkd. buff, good shape. YORKS. CK. (13): I, spl, Wells, cl. yell., grand stand, correct shape, nicely drawn, good wings and tail; 2, Dykes, cl. yell., lovely quality, well up on leg; 3, name missed in catalogue, cl. buff, lovely feather, good position; 4, Price, varieg. buff, lovely feather and position, nice back, wings and tail, suffering from the cold journey when judged or would have gone up; vhc, Caine; he, c, Williams. HEN (11): I, Dykes, cl. yell., grand feather and position, nice wings and tail; 2, name missed in catalogue, cl. buff, nice position and style, falls only in length a trifle; 3, Sutton, varieg. buff, nice quality feather, good stand; 4, Uzzell, cl. buff, nicely mealed, well up on leg; vhc, Bryan; hc, Evans; c, Williams. UNFLIG. (7): I, Price, cl. buff, strongly built, lovely stand and feather, good back, well braced wings; 2, Dykes, varieg. yell., good length and position, nice back and wings; 3, Caine, buff wing tkd., hen, nice position, good head and neck, well up to 2nd; 4, Sutton, cl. yell., nicely drawn, hot col., good back and wings; vhc, Evans; he, Wells; c, Steventon. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Williams, splendid team, leader well known Waxwing, looking perfect, 2nd, Magpie, running leader very close, in faultless condition, 3rd, Chough, well-known, in excellent condition and feather; 4, Gurley, Thrush, good size, nicely mkd.; hc, Souls. FOR.: I, 3, 4, hc, Williams, leader Wood Swallow, perfection of feather, nicely staged, 3rd Green-billed Toucan; 2, hc, Stephens, Parrot, beautifully shown; vhc (2), Smith; c (2), Chavasse; absent, Turrall. SELL. (20s.) 1, Sutton; 2, Silver; 3, Wells; 4, hc, Steventon.

CAMBRIDGE.

The old-established Cambridgeshire O.S. held its show in Corn Exchange on December 8th and 9th. Entries came up quite to the average, and the quality generally was good right through, especially so amongst the Britishers. The show is run by an ardent committee of fanciers, and everything is done for the comfort and welfare of exhibitors and exhibits, which experience and enthusiasm may suggest. Mr. W. Driver, the hon. sec., is one of the best officials in the country, and his long acquaintance with the duties of his office, coupled with his energy and courtesy, is a big factor in the success of the society's annual fixture. Messrs. T. W. Hawkins and A. Howlett rendered most efficient aid as assistant secretaries, and the result is that everything moved with a smoothness and celerity which were most commendable. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (3): I, spl, Lees, nice short-bodied, close-feathered, sound-coloured cl.; 2, Williams, grand feather and col., good head and back, longer in tail; 3, Martin, very smart, tkd. necked, lovely col. and quality, not so much substance; vhc, Dawson; hc, Punchard; c, Brooks. BUFF (6): 1, 3, c, Punchard, very neat cl, grand shape and feather, very nice meal; 2rd, grand shape and feather, not so steady; 2, he, Brooks, good deep-chested, capital col. and feather, not so neat in head; vhc, Dawson. CREST, ETC. (5): I, spl, cup best in show, 2, Brooks, capital variegated Crest and C.B., two heavily feathered birds, of grand shape, plenty of substance and quality; 3, he, Mayhew, nice variegated Crest, neat centre and droop, not so massive; vhc, Dawson. YORKS. YELL. (8): I, Brown, long, slim, cap and wing mkd., capital shape and style, nice quality; 2, vhc, Mrs. Ballard, very stylish, nicely-feathered cl., not so slim; 3, Linsey, nice stylish cl., capital col. and quality, bit short of side; hc, Mrs. Brown; c, Gifford. BUFF (9): I, spl, Mrs. Ballard, very neat-feathered bird, capital shape, nice col., stands remarkably well; 2, Mrs. Brown, very smart and shapely, grand col. and feather; 3, King, very racy, stylish bird, grand quality, a bit open in front; vhc, Buckingham; he, Gifford; c, Auton. A.O.V. (5): 1, he, spl, Brooks, very long, massive Dutch Frill, wonderful feather, very stylish; 2, Linsey, very pretty tick-necked Border, sleek and slim; 3, Ingram, very hot yell. cinn., plenty of size, nice feather; vhc, King. MULES (15): I, spl, Mascall, well-known Canary-Bullie, not looking so well as we have seen it; 2, vhc, Lees, well-known light Linnet and light yell., in nice form; 3, Cocks, very smart Linnet-Bullie, capital shape and feather, nice col.; vhc, Edmunds; hc, Hinson, Fysh; c, Belcher, Davies. BRIT. GOLD. (11): 1, Belcher, good big square blaze, very bright col., grand bars and buttons, lovely feather; 2, Jupe, rare shape, col., and feather, lovely head, not so steady; 3, Gough, big blaze, not so well finished, nice bright body col., capital buttons; vhc, Harris; hc, Watson; c, Roff and Strange. BULLIE (13): 1, Rouse, lovely shape and col., beautiful cap, nice back and bars; 2, Belcher, very smart and shapely, grand feather and col., not so large; 3, Harris, big and shapely, deep breast, hardly so bright, but deep in col; vhc, Edwards; hc, Jupe; c, Bye. LINNET (11): I, spl, Gifford, grand shape and feather, very nicely mkd., capital col.; 2, Hearn, beautifully mkd., nice shape, hardly so nutty in col.; 3, Harris, big and shapely, nice col. and feather, loses in marking; vhc, Davis; he, Williams; c, Linsey. GREENFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Belcher, very bonnie little Redpoll, lovely col. and marking; 2, Rouse, rich-coloured Greenie, plenty of size, nice shape and feather; 3, Roff and Strange, another large, close-feathered Greenie, darker in col.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Bye; c, Ryder; absent, Wesson. A.O.V., LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (6): I, 2, 3, spl, cup best British, Cocks, noted Grasshopper Warbler, Tree Creeper, and Yell. Wagtail, a most interesting team, and put down in a manner reflecting the greatest credit upon their owner; vhc, Rodgwell; hc, Hawes; c, Bloy. FOR., LARGE (6): I, spl, c, Stubbings, very handsome Blue and Buff Macaw, wonderful col. and feather; 2, Moore, Red and Blue Macaw, not so large, rare condition; 3, Cutting, very handsome Lemon-crested Cockatoo, in good condition; vhc, Chivers; hc, Cooper. SMALL: Cancelled. SELL. (15/-) (3): I, Auton; 2, Rogers; 3, Ingram; vhc, Linsey; hc, Brooks; c, Diller. LOCAL NOR. (9): I, spl, Allen; 2, 3, Mackillie; vhc, Roff and Strange; hc, Linsey; c, Brooks. CRESTS: Cancelled. A.O.V. (6): I, spl, c, Gifford; 2, 3, Linsey; vhc, hc, Langley. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Roff and Strange; 2, Hipwell; 3, Manning; vhc, Watson; hc, Wesson; c, Edwards. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): I, 3, spl, Watson; 2, c, Roff and Strange; vhc, Coudrey; hc, Edwards. A.O.V. (5): I, two spls, Hipwell; 2, Issa, no name; 3, Roff and Strange; vhc, Ridgwell; hc, Linsey; c, Bloy. SELL. (10/-) (9): I, c, Linsey; 2, Allen; 3, Hipwell; vhc, hc, McQuarrie.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DISTRICT (Glasgow) C.B.S.

First annual show held in Marie Stuart Hall, November 20th. President, Mr. J. Edwards; vice-president, Mr. R. Jeffrey; treasurer and secretary, Mr. Geo. N. Thomson, to whom is due every credit for the excellent arrangements; committee, Messrs. Miller, Stuart, Powell, Young. Judges, Mr. A. Stoan (Possilpark), Norwich section; Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), British, Yorks., Borders, and Mules. The hall is really well adapted for a show, and nicely located, being near the Queen's Park, and therefore convenient to visitors. The show was a great success for a first club show. The entries were up to 400 birds, among which were some grand specimens. Baillie Hunter, a popular local gentleman, gave away the prizes, and was supported by Mr. T. E. Byrom, who, in a little speech, promised to give the club some substantial support in the year to come. The judges got through their work to time, and their awards met with general approval. Gold medal winner, Mr. J. Powell, jun., for best bird in hall. Runner-up and best young bird in hall, Mr. A. Mitchell. Secretary Thomson was the biggest exhibitor.

The Awards.

YOUNG BIRDS—NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): I, Rennie; 2, Miller; 3, Mitchell; 4, Cairns; 5, Steel; 6, Jeffrey. BUFF (11): I, spl, 2, Thomson; 3, Powell; 4, spl, Miller; 5, Jeffrey; 6, Aitchison; 7, Steel. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Jeffrey; 2, 4, Thomson; 3, McMeechan. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 5, Thomson; 3, Cairns; 4, Gentles; 6, Edwards; 7, Peters. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: I, 7, three spls, Mitchell; 2, 3, 4, spl, Thornton; 5, Cairns; 6, Rennie. BUFF: I, Powell; 2, Rennie; 3, McMeechan; 4, 6, Edwards; 5, Cairns; 7, Gentles. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Thomson; 6, 7, McMeechan. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, spl, 6, Thomson; 5, Powell; 7, Miller. NON-FED CK. (7): I, Gentles; 2, Miller; 3, 4, Powell; 5, 6, McCorquadale. GREEN, ETC. (8): I, spl, 2, Miller; 3, Young; 4, spl, Powell; 5, 6, Gentles; 7, Edwards. NOVICE A.V. (11): 1, three spls, 5, Foreman; 2, spl, Yates; 3, spl, Hayes; 4, spl, Torrance; 6, McCorquadale; 7, McDowall. OLD BIRDS—CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, 5, Thomson; 2, Mitchell; 4, Cairns; 6, Gentles. BUFF (8): I, 3, 4, spl, Thomson; 2, Jeffrey; 5, Peters; 6, Miller; 7, Young. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): I, Edwards; 2, Gentles; 3, Thomson; 4, Miller; 5, Young; 6, Peters. BUFF (4): 1, Edwards; 2, Steel; 3, Peters; 4, Young. YELL. HEN (7): I, McMeechan; 2, 3, Jeffrey; 4, spl, Thomson; 5, Edwards; 6, Young. BUFF: 1, medal, Powell; 2, 5, Thomson; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Cairns; 6, Edwards; 7, Young. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thomson; 2, Powell; 3, Peters. BUFF (8): I, 4, spl, Thomson; 2, 3, Gentles; 5, Powell; 6, Edwards; 7, spl, Steel. NON-FED CK. (11): I, spl, Rennie; 2, 5, Gentles; 3, Powell; 4, Naismith; 6, McMeechan; 7, Torrance. HEN: I, Powell; 2, 3, Naismith; 4, Miller; 5, McMeechan. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Thomson; 3, Edwards. NOVICE A.V.: I, spl, Smith; 2, 4, Naismith; 3, Torrance; 5, 7, Hayes; 6, Torrance. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Hoggin; 3, Stewart; 4, 5, Johnson. MULE (6): I, spl, 3, Rennie; 2, Edwards; 4, spl, 5, Dunbar. BORD. CK. (9): I, spl, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Thomson. HEN: I, 2, 3, 4, spl, 5, Thomson. C.B. (4): 1, spl, Yates; 2, Heggin; 3, 4, spl, Young. YORKS.: I, spl, Smith; 2, 4, spl, 5, Heggin; 3, 7, Johnson; 6, Mitchell. MULE (3): I, Young; 2, Powell; 3, Smith. LINNET (10): I, Peters; 2, McMeechan; 3, 4, Stuart; 4, spl, 7, spl, Rennie; 6, Dunbar. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, 5, Young; 2, 4, Stewart; 3, Peters; 6, Aitchison. BULLFINCH (6): I, Rennie; 2, Young; 3, Dunbar; 4, spl, Edwards; 5, Torrance; 6, Gentle. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Young; 2, Powell; 3, Stewart; 4, spl, Jeffrey; 5, McDonall; 6, Edwards. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, Peters; 2, McDonall. HEN FOR HYB. BREEDING (4): I, Thomson; 2, Powell; 3, Young; 4, Torrance. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Peters; 2, Stewart; 3, Young. FOR. A.O.S.: I, spl, Mitchell; 2, Edwards; 3, Gentles. SELL. (7): 1, Rennie; 2, 4, spl, 5, Powell; 3, McCorquadale; 6, Jeffrey. GIFT: 1, Edwards; 2, Thomson; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Steel. Best Border, R. Thomson. Special field-moulted Linnet, R. Rennie.

DERBY C.B.C.

Annual members' show, held Nov. 27th, at the Derwent Hotel, where 140 birds were exhibited. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. Mr. J. Pegg won the cup with 82 points, Mr. J. Watts being only one behind him. Mr. T. Smelt exhibited a white Greenfinch, which he recently caught on Morley Moor, near Derby. The secretary, Mr. W. Stevens, had made every possible arrangement for the comfort of the exhibits, and is a capital organiser.

YOUNG BIRDS.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL: 1, Pegg; 2, hc, Bamsey; 3, Watts; vhc, Hodgkinson; c, Sharman. BUFF: 1, Bamsey; 2, Watts; 3, Hodgkinson; vhc, Pegg; c, Drakeley. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Pegg; 2, Johnson; 3, Watts; hc, Hodgkinson; c, Drakeley. BUFF: 1, 3, Watts; 2, Hodgkinson; vhc, he, Johnson; c, Bamsey. HEN, YELL.: 1, Pegg; 2, Watts; 3, Johnson; vhc, Drakeley; hc, Hodgkinson; c, Sharman. BUFF: I, Pegg; 2 vhc, Johnson; 3, Drakeley; hc, c, Sharman. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Pegg; 2, Sharman; 3, Watts; vhc, Johnson; hc, Bexon. CRESTS, YELL.: 1, Eley; 2, Colledge. DARK BUFF: 1 hc, Colledge; 2, 3, Stevens; vhc, Barber. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Colledge; 2, Eley. C.B., YELL.: 1, Colledge. BUFF: 1, 2, Colledge; 3, Stevens; vhc, Eley; hc, c, Barber. A.O.V. CAN. OR HYB.: 1, Bamsey; 2, 3, c, Bexson; vhc, Drakeley; hc, Barber. OLD BIRDS.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Watts. BUFF: I, Drakeley; 2, Hodgkinson; 3, Watts; vhc, Pegg; hc, Evans. VARIEG. YELL.: I, Bamsey; 2, Drakeley; 3, Sharman; vhc, Hodgkinson. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Drakeley; 3, Hodgkinson; vhc, hc, Evans. HEN, YELL.: I, Watts; 2, Bamsey; 3, Hodgkinson; vhc, Johnson; hc, Wharam. BUFF: 1, Bamsey; 2, Pegg; 3, Watts; vhc, Johnson. NOVICE: 1, 2, Bull. NAT. COL.: 1, Watts; 2, Sharman; 3, Wharam. CRESTS, DARK BUFF: 1, 2, Eley; 2, Wharam. A.O.V.: 1, Stevens. C.B., BUFF: 1, hc, c, Wharam; 2, Eley; 3, vhc, Stevens. A.O.V. CANARY OR HYB.: I, 2, vhc, Bexson; 3, hc, Evans. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: I, 2, 3, Harrison; vhc, Barber. A.O.V., SMALL: I (Blackcap), 2 (Greenfinch), and 3 (Hawfinch), Harrison.

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NORTH LONDON.

Seventh annual show of the North London C.B.A., was held on December 3rd and 4th, in the Library Hall, Church-street, Stoke Newington. The hall is a splendid one for a cage bird show, beautifully warmed, light, and airy, and free from draughts. The hon. secretary, Mr. R. P. Harper, is an able and courteous official, and made his arrangements with a completeness and success that proved his worth to the society. The show managers, Messrs. G. Mortlock and A. B. Forse, are true and expert fanciers; consequently, the birds were well cared for. The committee are all fanciers, viz., Messrs. F. Williamson (chairman), J. Hale (vice), and W. Morris, T. Cawthorne, J. Bell, W. Lacey, W. Penton, A. B. Forse, and B. F. Forse. Mr. H. Sweetman is treasurer, and Mr. H. Pike hon. assistant secretary. The entry was good, the quality first-class, and the competition keen. Mr. C. H. Cooker won cup in champions, Mr. C. H. A. Bennett that in the amateurs; Mr. W. Lacey, novice cup; Mr. A. J. Marley, British bird cup. The Rennio trophy was won by Mr. W. Lacey, who also won the Morris cup. Points specials were won as follows:—Champ. Norwich, W. Morris; Yorks., A. E. Pattrick; Amat. Norwich, G. Langridge; Yorks., C. A. H. Bennett; Nov. Nor., J. Hale; Yorks., W. Lacey; Brit., S. Williams; For., S. Williams. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP.—NOR. CL. YELL.: I, two spls, 3, Morris, both full of col. and quality, nice shape; 2, r, Marley, both of excellent quality. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Morris, typical, grand feather and undercolour; 3, Harper, also good shape. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Morris, former looked like the old tkd. yell., rare colour, silky feather. BUFF: I, 3, Morris, former rare big 'un, nice undercolour, good quality; 2, Harper, mealy green, fine type. HENS: 1, 3, Morris, buff and yell. respectively, both shapely and silky in feather; 2, Harper, good quality; r, Marley; vhc, Bell. UNFLIG. YELL.: I, Harper, bird of grand carriage, good feather and colour; 2, 3, Morris, one tkd., the other variegs., full of quality; r, spl, vhc, Cooper; hc, Bell. BUFF: 1, cup; r, Cooper, former bird of lovely quality; 2, vhc, Morris, former has short wings and tail, nice body, soft, bloomy feather, we liked; 3, Harper. PAIRS: 1, spl, Morris, well matched. YORKS., CL. YELL.: I, Forse and Son, sweet bird, very quick on legs, goes up well; 2, Green, stands nicely, silky jacket, good head and tail; 3, Cook, well built, and on nice lines; r, Pattrick; vhc, Forso and Son. BUFF: I, Harper, straight, well up on perch, close, bloomy feather; 2, Pattrick, charming bird, stylish; 3, Green. TKD. ETC., YELL.: 1, Forse and Son, slashing bird, of quality and shape; 2, Green; 3, Franks, both very smart; r, Pattrick; vhc, Cook. BUFF: 1, 2, Tringham, both sweet Yorkies, in grand fettle, full of quality; 3, Franks, close after leaders; r, Pattrick; vhc, Green. HENS: I, spl, 2, Pattrick, former yell., latter buff, stylish, get up well; 3, Green, also charming style and feather; r, hc, Forse and Son; vhc, Franks; c, Tringham. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, c, Forse and Son, bird of promise; 2, Green; 3, Franks, both of nice position, full of nerve; r, Pattrick; vhc, spl, Cook; hc, Tringham. BUFF: 1, Pattrick, nice taper, fine drawn, grand quality and nerve; 2, Tringham, another grand bird, full of style; 3, r, Franks; vhc, Cook. NON-FED: I, spl, 2, 3, Sweetman, team of genuine non-fed Yorkies, of style and quality. C. OR C.B., UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, Cook, neat and nice GOLDIE-CAN MULE: 1, spl, 2, Mortlock, both light, and both from one nest, so we were told; 3, Harper; r, Williams. LINNET-CAN.: 1, Harper, nice col., good size, rare gloss; 2, 3, Mortlock; r, Bell. A.O.V. MULE, ETC.: I, 2, Mortlock, Greenie-Can and Redpoll Can., in order named, both nice feather; 3, Williams, Siskin-Can. A.O.V.: 1, 3, r, Tringham, winner yell., Clun., pure col., nice shape; 2, Forse and Son, another of the same variety. AMAT.—NOR., CL., YELL.: 1, spl, Langridge, nice shape and quality. BUFF: 1, Williamson, full of quality, fairly good type; 2, Langridge, nice one. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Williamson, fine quality. BUFF: 1, Cawthorne, variegs., good shape and feather. HENS: 1, Williamson, yell., typical, nice col., and feather; 2, Langridge; 3, Cawthorne, latter buff of good shape. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Cawthorne, rare quality feather. BUFF: 1, 2, Langridge, both smart, typical, good in feather; 3, Williamson; r, Cawthorne. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Moss; 2, Penton, shapely, little to choose. BUFF: 1, Penton, stands up well, rare feather. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bennett, tkd., of rattling shape and quality; 2, Moss, eye and wing tkd., nice in quality and style; 3, Penton, Clun. variegs., stands well. HENS: 1, 3, Bennett, both shapely lasses, silky feather; 2, Penton, tkd. yell., stylish, stands well up; r, Penton; vhc, spl, Moss. UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, spl, 3, Bennett, very good team from one room, full of quality; r, Penton. BUFF: 1, 2, Bennett, again two bonny Yorkies; 3, Penton. NOVICE—NOR. CL., YELL.: I, Cox, very neat and glossy; 2, Billingsley, nice shape; 3, Jefferies; r, Ayling; vhc, Cox. BUFF: 1, Parr, very fine feather; 2, Hale, typical, free in feather; 3, r, Mumford; vhc, Hale; hc, Ayling; c, Bell. TKD., ETC., Yell.: 1, Hale, griz. cap, well built, good colour; 2, Parr, capped bird, one of the right sort for breeding cage. BUFF: I, Billingsley, rattling feather; 2, Hale, stout, good one; 3, Cox; r, Jefferies; vhc, Mumford. HENS: Copeland, buff, shapely, fine texture of feather; 2, Mumford, variegs. yell., good stamp; 3, Jefferies, variegs. buff; r, Ingles; vhc, Hale; hc, Ayling; c, Billingsley. UNFLIG. YELL.: I, spl, Hale, grand quality, well up in col.; 2, spl, Parr, good type; 3, Billingsley; r, Ayling; vhc, Bell. BUFF: I, spl, Hale, good size, nice undercolour, rare quality; 2, spl, Jefferies, typical; 3, Parr; r, Mumford; vhc, Billingsley; hc, c, Copeland; spl, Billingsley. PAIRS: 1, Hale; 2, Cox, both smart pairs. NON-FED: I, Bell, fine feather. YORKS., CL. YELL.: I, Bantin; 2, Rawson; 3, Caudle, all of good quality feather, stand well; r, Lacey; vhc, Ingles. BUFF: 1, 2, Caudle, sweet birds, nice quality; 3, Lacey; r, Fisher. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Fisher, fine drawn, nice taper; 2, Rawson, variegs., grand pose; 3, Castell. BUFF: I, Parks; 2, Caudle, winner best position. HENS: 1, 2, Lacey, two smart Yorkies, lovely feather; 3, Parks, line-drawn and racy; r, Lacey; vhc, Rawson; hc, Caudle; c, Neighbour. UNFLIG. YELL.: I, spl, 2, Lacey, two upstanding birds, of rattling type and quality; 3, Rawson, close up; r, Parks; vhc, two spls, Neighbour; hc, c, Castell. BUFF: 1, Lacey, full of quality, gets up nicely; 2, Rawson; 3, Parks; r, Neighbour; vhc, Castell. NON-FED: 1, Bell. A.O.V. CAN.: I, 2, 3, Tappe, very good team of Cinn. GOLDIE-CAN. MULE: 1, spl, Ayling, buff, dark, good size and col. LINNET-CAN.: 1, Ayling, buff, dark. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Parks, Greenie-Can; 2, Mumford, Redpoll-Can. GOLDIE: 1, spl, 2, spl, Mortlock, couple of right sort of Finches, well shown; 3, Copeland, nice one; r, Hale; vhc, hc, Pace. BULLIE: I, Marley, beauty; 2, Bell; 3, Williams; r, Bell. GREENIE: 1, Marley, well-known winner, in fine form; 2, 3, Williams; r, Mortlock; vhc, Hale; hc, Williams. LINNET: 1, spl, Marley, little topper, col., markings, sheen, one of the best; 2, Williams, another good one; 3, Copeland, close up; r, Langridge; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Mortlock. SISKIN, ETC.: I, 2, 3, spl, Marley, grand team, staged in fine form. Siskin-Redpoll and Twite respectively; r, hc, c, Williams; vhc, spl, Forse. CHAFFINCH: I, Marley, lustrous and sheeny; 2, 3, Williams. BRAMBLING: 1, Marley, well mkd., rich col., steady; 2, 3, Williams, also nice. HENS: 1, Williams, Linnet; 2, Forse and Son, Goldie; 3, Mortlock, charming hen, Yellow Bunting; r, Lindon. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Marley, Hawfinch. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, r, c, two spls, Williams, wild Canary, black-headed Weaver, Pintail Whydah, and Yellow Sparrows, all in grand form; vhc, Jefferies; hc, Marley. LARGE: I, 2, 3, Williams, another fine team, including red-vented Bulbul, silky Cowbird, and Scarlet Tanagers; r, Jefferies; vhc, spl, Harper. PARROT: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Harper. SELL. 15/-: 1, spl, Lacey; 2, Sweetman; 3, Langridge; r, vhc, Mortlock. PAIRS, 35/-: I, 2, Carr; 3, Parr.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show held at the Carnival Rooms on November 27th. There were 121 entries in 22 classes, which were ably judged by Mr. A. Bottomley (Laistordyke). The best bird was owned by a novice.

YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Bracewell; 2, A. H. Craven; 3, Hanson; vhc, Holdsworth; hc, Hargreaves. HEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, Bracewell; 2, Hanson; he, Holdsworth. BUFF CK. (8): 1, E. Craven; 2, H. C. Bracewell; 3, Maltby; vhc, A. H. Craven; c, Hanson. HEN (8): 1, 3, Bracewell; 2, E. Craven; vhc, Hanson; hc, c, Holdsworth. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): I, E. Craven; 2, Wilson; 3, Johnson; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Maltby; c, Benson. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Benson; 2, E. Craven; 3, Johnson. BUFF (7): 1, Johnson; 2, E. Craven; 3, vhc, Wilson; hs, Bracewell; c, Hargreaves. BUFF: I, Benson; 2, Maltby; 3, Wilson; vhc, Johnson; hc, c, Bracewell. YORKS GREEN, SELFS (5): I, vhc, hc, Benson; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Bracewell. FOUL (5): 1, 3, hc, Benson; 2, Hargreaves; vhc, Holdsworth. NOR. FOUL GREEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, Benson; 2, hc, A. H. Craven. CINN. MKD. CK. (2): 1, Bracewell; 2, Hargreaves. BEN (2): 1, Johnson; 2, Holdsworth. YORKS. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): I, 2, Hanson; 3, Maltby. BUFF (7): 1, Johnson; 2, hc, Hanson; 3, vhc, Maltby; c, Holdsworth. NOR. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): I, c, Maltby; 2, Wilson; 3, Southern; vhc, Johnson; c, E. Craven. BUFF (7): I, Maltby; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Hargreaves; hc, Johnson; c, Craven. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. CK. (6): I, 3, Baldwinson; 2, c, Silson; vhc, hc, Pawson. BUFF (6): I, 2, Pawson; 3, vhc, c, Baldwinson; hc, Silson. HEN (6): 1, 3, Pawson; 2, vhc, c, Baldwinson; hc, Silson. NOR. BUFF CK. (4): 1 Silson; 2, 3, vhc, Pawson. HEN (4): I, 3, vhc, Pawson; 2, Southern.—A. H. CRAVEN, Hon. Sec.

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GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES.

Annual show of the Glasgow and Western Counties N.C., etc., Society was held in the Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram-street, on December 4th, and from all points of view was a decided success. Entries did not come up to previous exhibitions, but although the entries were a bit down, the quality of the exhibits surpassed that of former exhibitions. The Templars' Hall is all that is required for a cage bird show, being of good size, affording excellent light, and is free from draughts. The office-bearers are fanciers who thoroughly understand the proper working of a show. President, Mr. F. S. Brannigan; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Murray and J. Ramsay; treasurer, Mr. P. Pettigrew; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. Kerins; secretary, Mr. T. Drysdale; committee, Messrs. G. Marlin, J. Roddie, H. Brown, W. Shearer, W. Johnstone, C. Small, D. King, A. Gardner; trustees, Messrs. W. Connelly, A. Macfarlane, and A. McInnes; auditors, Messrs. A. Cant and J. Peters. President Brannigan had his men well in hand, and was ably assisted by the secretary and the treasurer. Plainheads made an excellent show, and Borders, although not numerous, contained some typical specimens. Mules, British, and Foreign made up the show, and some classy stuff was to be seen. Cup for best bird in show was won by Mr. A. Macfarlane, with his noted Plainhead. Young bird cup for best Norwich, Crest, or C.B. was also won by him. Cup for best young Border Fancy was won by Mr. C. Small. The young Mule cup was again won by Mr. W. Johnstone with a charming Linnet-Bullie; the British bird cup, Mr. A. Malcolmson, with a Linnet. Judging was got through in good time, and the awards all over seemed to give satisfaction. The judges: Norwich and Crest classes, Mr. W. Watson (Kilmarnock); Borders, Mr. A. Hay (Tweedmouth); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. S. Ward (Glasgow).

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS—NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Macfarlane, grand youngster, rare Bullfinch type, grand short flights, fine tail, A1 colour; 2, Reid, another good one, in rare order; 3, Malcolmson, nice wing carriage; 4, Cant; 5, Macfarlane; 6, Malcolmson; 7, spl, Reid. BUFF: 1, 2, Cant, 1st good head, neck and chest; 2nd, loses only in type to leader; 3, 4, Malcolmson, 3rd in fine order; 5, 7, Roulstone; 6, Conelly. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Macfarlane, head and wing mkd., rare type and quality; 2, Malcolmson, a wee trifle smaller; 3, 5, Roulstone; 4, Reid. BUFF COCK: 1, 4, Macfarlane, 1st good size and substance; 3, Malcolmson, good one; 2, Connelly, nicely mealed, good one; 5, spl, Murray; 6, Reid; 7, Roulstone. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Malcolmson, 1st good size, fine substance, well put down; 2nd, grand type; 3, Murray, very good bird; 4, Macfarlane; 5, Cant; 6, Roulstone. BUFF: 1, Macfarlane, tkd. on head, well up in type and quality, good size; 2, Roulstone, fine chest, nicely mealed; 3, Cant, good size; 4, Malcolmson, good. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Malcolmson, 1st eye and wing mkd., nice quality; 2nd, grand size; 3, spl, Macfarlane, fine carriage; 4, Reid, 5, Roulstone. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Macfarlane, 1st grand hen, fine size and chest, grand wings and tail, in rare boom; 2nd, another of the same stamp; 3, Malcolmson, presses hard; 4, Connelly; 5, spl, 6, Murray; 7, spl, Roulstone. NON-FED CK.: A good class: 1, Cant, nice size, type and quality, good one, in very fine bloom; 2, Marlin, good type of bird, very rich in colour; 3, Connelly, some preferred for 2nd; 4, 5, Malcolmson; 6, Macfarlane; 7, Murray. HEN: 1, Roulstone, fine size, nice type and quality, in rare order; 2, Macfarlane, nice type; 3, Malcolmson. BORD. CL. ETC. CK.: 1, Small, yell., all there for type and quality, fine bloom; 2, Small, buff, nice wing carriage; 3, 5, Brannigan; 4, McInnes. VARIEG. Ck.: 1, 5, spls, cup for best Border, Small, wee gem, good col, fine mould, best of wing and tail carriage; 2, King, eye and wing mkd, nice flights; 3, Renfrew, mkd eyes and wings, in fine bloom; 4, King. CL. ETC. HEN: 1, 5, McInnes, nicely drawn, well tapered, in fine bloom; 2, King, in good order; 3, 6, Small, good one, loses only in wing carriage; 4, 7, Brannigan. VARIEG. HEN: 1, Small, round as a bottle, good head and neck, fine wing and tail, in spanking form; 2, McInnes, again a good one, fine quality; 3, 4, King, lovely colour, fine front, in nice order. CREST: 1, Roulstone. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Knox, nice team of Yorks. MULE OR HYB.: 1, cup, Johnstone, Linnet-Bullie, fine szie, good substance, rare col., showing parentage well; 2, Brannigan, light buff Goldfinch-Canary, in really nice order; 3, D. Johnstone, Twite-Canary, nice size and col, in grand order; 4, Pettigrew, dark Linnet-Can., in good order; 5, Connelly; 6, spl, Drysdale. OLD BIRDS—NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Macfarlane, grand size and substance, rare col, well-balanced wings, fine short tail, in rare bloom; 2, Reid, in rare order; 3, Malcolmson, in good bloom; 4, Connelly, well put down. BUFF: 1, 4, Macfarlane, 1st very well known, needs no further comment; 2, Reid, another grand exhibit, in spanking form; 3, Roulstone, presses 2nd hard; 7, Murray. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Marfarlane, rare clinker for type and quality, rare col., easy win; 3, Malcolmson, well placed; 2, Roulstone, eye mkd., lme chest, good head and neck; 4, Thomson. BUFF: 1, Macfarlane, eye and wing mkd., good head and neck, fine chest, rare wings and tail, put down in lovely bloom; 2, 3, Roulstone, brace of good Plainheads; 4, Connelly; 5, Thomson; 6, Drysdale. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Malcolmson, very well known winner, put down in lovely order; 2, 3, Macfarlane, both highly typical birds, in the pink of condition; 4, Reid; 5, Roulstone; 6, Drysdale. BUFF: 1, 2, Macfarlane, former fine size, good chest, nice wings and tail, well mealed, in rare order, in the pink; 3, Malcolmson, well placed, in lovely order; 4, 5, 6, Roulstone; 7, Connelly. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Macfarlane; 2, Roulstone, both very good birds. BUFF: 1, Reid, nice stamp, good head and neck, full chest, well-balanced wings and tail, rare quality, in nice order; 2, 5, Macfarlane, presses hard, nice order; 3, Roulstone; 4, Connelly. NON-FED. CK.: 1, 6, Connelly, 1st eye and wing mkd. buff, fine chest, good head and neck, fine wings and tail, in rare bloom; 2, 5, McInnes, 2nd loses only in substance to leader, grand bird; 3, 4, Malcolmson, 2rd tkd wing, well staged and placed; 7, Malcolmson. HEN: 1, 4, Connelly, cl buff, fine chest, rare quality feather, best of wing and tail carriage, in lovely order; 2, Roulstone, in fine order, good one; 3, Knox, presses 2nd hard, in lovely bloom; 5, McInnes; 6, 7, Malcolmson. BORD., CL. ETC. CK.: 1, Small, nicely drawn and well tapered, fine wings and tail, in rare order; 2, Brannigan, presses hard, fine bloom; 3, McInnes, good one, will doubtless improve in wing carriage; 4, Renfrew; 5, 6, King. VARIEG.: 1, Brannigan, eye and wing mkd yell, fine mould, good col, grand wings and tail, in rare condition; 2, Small, again a good bird, well up; 3, Renfrew, variegated, yell., presses 2nd hard; 4, King. CL. ETC. HEN: 1, 4, Brannigan, cl, fine silky feather, well braced wings, good tail, in spanking form; 2, Small, fine feather and carriage, deserves its place; 3, 5, McInnes, another cl, fine mould, in lovely bloom. VARIEG.: 1, 2, King, pair of very natty Borders, in lovely order. CREST: 1, Roulstone, grand bird. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, Knox, Yorks.; 2, Brown, Yorks.; 3, Drysdale, broken cinn., all well shown and well placed. MULE, LIGHT: 1, Malcolmson, variegated yell. Horticultural Hall winner, grand size and col.; 2, 3, Macfarlane, well known pair of Mules, in the pink of condition; 4, Brannigan; 5, 7, Pettigrew; 6, Lawson. HYB.: 1, Marlin; 2, Connelly. DARK GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Marlin; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Murray, all fine birds, well shown and well placed. DARK, A.O.V.: 1, 2, 4, Marlin; 3, Renfrew; again a good lot. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 6, Ballantyne, fine size and col, neat tannings, well cut collar, grand buttons, in rare bloom; 2, Macfarlane, very nice Finch, presses hard, in fine order; 3, Lawson, good square blaze, fails only in finish; 4, Ramsay; 5, Connelly; 7, Connelly. LINNET: 1, Malcolmson, good size, well pencilled, grand whites; 2, Marlin, nice Linnet, well laced; 3, 4, Ramsay, pair of grand nut-brown Linnets, in lovely order; 5, Macfarlane; 6, Ballantyne; 7, Brown. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Connelly, good size and col, well laced and very steady; 2, Drysdale, presses winner hard; 3, Macfarlane, quite a nice Linnet, in grand bloom; 4, 5, Fulton; 6, McInnes; 7, Renfrew. BULLFINCH: 1, Ballantyne, fine size, good body col, grand expansive jet cap, rare bars, in good bloom; 2, 6, 7, Pettigrew, lovely col; 3, McInnes, in fine condition; 4, Connelly; 5, Renfrew. SISKIN: 1, Marlin, full size and colour, nice cap, good bib, well laced, in grand form; 2, Renfrew, in fine order; 3, Connelly; 4, Macfarlane; 5, Malcolmson. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Malcolmson, Scottish National winner, well-known face; 2, Knox, nice bronze, fine finish; 3, Connelly, presses second hard; 4, Roulstone; 5, sp., Pettigrew; 6, Drysdale; 7, Ballantyne. TWITE: 1, sp., Marlin, fine size, rare colour, well laced, in fine condition; 2, Lawson, loses in ground colour; 3, Pettigrew, nice shade, in lovely bloom; 4, Lawson, clinker; 5, Malcolmson; 6, Macfarlane; 7, Brown. GREENFINCH, COL. FED: 1, Malcolmson, fine size, grand colour, rare substance, good head, fine shoulders, in splendid condition; 2, Marlin, another clinker, lovely colour; 3, Ramsay, nice stamp of a Greenie, fine colour and condition; 4, Roulstone. NON. FED: 1, Marlin, fine size, well polished, grand substance, clear win; 2, Ballantyne, again a good one; 3, Malcolmson, grand Greenie; 4, Knox; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Roulstone; 7, Fulton. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, 7, Pettigrew, 1st grand colour, fine whites, good size, rare substance; 2, loses only in colour to leader, both in the pink of condition. 3, Johnstone, good colour, in fine bloom; 4, Drysdale; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Ramsay. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, Ballantyne, fine size, good substance, lovely colour on chest, nice depth, good jet head well spangled; 2, Lawson, similar all over; 3, Malcolmson, nice Bramble in fine condition; 4, Roulstone; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Connelly; 7, Renfrew. BUNTING: 1, 3, e, Marlin, 1st Yellowhammer, fine size, rare colour, good substance, grand head markings; 3, nice Yellowhammer; 2, 4, Pettigrew, 2nd Snow Bunting, fine size, good colour, well staged; 4th, Blackheaded Bunting in nice bloom; 5, Lawson; 6, Roulstone. BULLFINCH, HEN: 1, 2, 5, 6, Malcolmson, grand trio of Britishers, 1st lovely colour; 2nd, wee trifle smaller, both in grand bloom; 3, Pettigrew, nice Russian; 4, Ballantyne; 7, Drysdale. HENS (for hybrid breeding not classed): 1, 3, Malcolmson, 1st, Goldfinch, fine colour, neat tans, grand bloom; 2, 4, Knox, Greenfinch, lovely stamp, nice colour, in rare condition, well put down; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Lawson; 7, Roulstone. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Pettigrew, 1st, Pied Wagtail, good size, markings well defined, in fine order; 2nd, Wheatear, nice specimen; 3, Lawson, Crested Tit in nice order; 6, Fulton. LARGE: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Pettigrew, 1st, Magpie, fine size, good colour, fine sheen, put down in lovely order; 2nd, Hawfinch, fine size, good colour, rare bib, well placed; 3, Fulton, Song Thrush, good size, well marked; 7, Malcolmson, Hawfinch. MEALY POLL: 1, Malcolmson, good size, fine colour, grand substance, in nice bloom; 2, Connelly, loses only in colour to leader, good bird; 3, Malcolmson, nice colour and size, fine bloom; 4, Ballantyne. GOLDFINCH: 1, Renfrew, fine size, good colour, grand rise, neat tans, well-cut collar, in lovely feather; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Renfrew, 2nd nice blaze, in rare order; 3rd, nice Finch, some preferred for 2nd; 7, McInnes. FOR.: 1, Pettigrew, African Grey, nice shade, fine tail, good talker and whistler; 2, Malcolmson, Paradise Whydah, in grand form; 3, Connelly, Blue-fronted Amazon, in nice feather, some preferred for 1st place; 4, Renfrew, Weaver. GIFT: 1, 2, 3, Pettigrew, Bullfinch and two Goldfinch Mules; 4, King, Border fancy; 5, 6, Ballantyne, Linnet and Chaffinch; 7, Ramsey, Bramblefinch.

LLANELLY.

Eighteenth annual show held Nov. 23rd at the Market Hall, which is an ideal place for a show. The cage bird classes (confined to a radius of five miles) filled very well indeed, and some fine birds were staged. Mr. D. Griffiths, the hon. secretary, is a capital worker, and a splendid manager. Mr. R. Wilson judged.

YORKS (12): 1, Saunders; 2, Harry; 3, E. H. Williams; ex. 3, Aubrey; 4, R. Jenkins; vhc, W. J. Davies; hc, D. J. Evans. NOR. (10): 1, spl, E. H. Williams; 2, Clement; 3, Ray; 4, G. Evans; vhc, G. Thomas; hc, D. Williams. BORD. (11): 2, Harry; 3, 4, Royle; vhc, A. Thomas; hc, Sampson. MULE (3): 2, 3, G. Thomas; 3, Jones and Evans. GOLDIE (10): 1, res, Ray; 2, Sullivan; 3, G. Thomas; vhc, hc, W. Lewis. LINNET (8): 1, Jones and Evans; 2, Bowen and Poyer; 3, Gower Thomas; 4, D. J. Jones; vhc, G. Thomas; hc, Hinton. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, hc, Ray; 2, Wehrle; 3, vhc, G. Williams; vhc, Bowen. FOR. (6): 1, res, P. Williams; 2, Miss L. Thomas; 3, Auckland. MEMBERS' A.V. (3): 1, D. Thomas; 2, D. J. Evans; 3, Phillips.

BARNET AND DISTRICT F.S.

Held in the Town Hall, High Barnet, on Nov. 27th. Mr. F. Chandler, the hon. secretary, is a true friend and helper, and did his level best to achieve success, aided by a splendid body of committee men. Entries were good, quality ditto, and competition keen. Cup for best Canary was won by Mr. A. Punchard, the successful bird being a typical, fine feathered buff Norwich. British were a good show, Mr. Punchard also winning the principal special in this section with a smart Goldfinch. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (11): 1, cup, sal, 2, 3, hc, Punchard, leader buff of good shape, rich undercolour, the correct quality feather, 3rd very close feathered buff, glossy, 2nd yellow, nice type and col.; r, c, Hills; vhc, Brown. YORKS. (4): 2, 2 spls, r(vhc, hc, Green, very nice team, former tkd yellow, gets well up on leg, level back, neat head, grand quality and col. NAT. COL. (5): Moderate class for quality: 1, vhc, Drage, leader buff hen; r, Parker; hc, Chandler; c, Vergottine. LINNET (5): 1, Parish, nice col. and markings; r, Hills; vhc, Gardener; hc, Chandler; c, Drage. GOLDIE (6): 1, 2 spls, Punchard, wide face, nice flush, good wings, bars and buttous, clean cut, steady and glossy; r, Matthews; vhc, Hills; hc, Laidlaw; c, Parish. MULE (6): 1, spl, Gardener, Greenie-Canary, large, close feather; r, Drage; vhc, Chandler. SELL. (12/6) (5): 1, r, Green; vhc, hc, Hills; c, Parker.

FORRES.

The Forres O.A. held their 23rd annual event in the Mechanics' Institute on December 4th. The entry was slightly in advance of last year's. The Britishers have, if anything, advanced in quality. The medal for best small British bird was awarded to Mr. E. Todd's Bearded Tit, he also taking medal for best large British. The cock Bullfinch class contained birds of exceptional merit, and was the best class in the show. The Borders, although only provided with one class, made a grand display. The secretary, Mr. W. Cumming, had everything in capital order, and deserves every praise for his able management. He was well supported by many earnest workers among the members. Mr. J. Strachan (Aberdeen) judged.

The Critique.

PAIR. NOR. (bred by exhibitor, 1909) (6): 1, Garden, nice pair Plainheads, yell., good one, buff, also good; 2, Grant, superior pair of Crests, rich in good crest of nice quality and tail, mkd green C. B. as there for quality, well up; 3, Mackie, pair of nice Nor. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., Reid (2): 1, Paterson, nice size and col.; 2, Grant, close up, chubby, lovely col.; 3, Garden, typical, nice size; 4, Petrie; 5, Shearer; 6, Maclean. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Millar, grand size and substance, good neck and head, wins; 2, 6, Petrie, former capital size, chubby, good head; 3, Campbell, another nice one, beaten only in wing carriage; 4, Maclean; 5, Mennie. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Laidlaw, excels type, very close in feather; 2, Campbell, again good one, well shown; 3, Maclean, typical, good quality feather; 4, Mackie; 5, Petrie; 6, Garden. BUFF (10): 1, Howard, real good Nor., nice type, fine head aud neck; 2, Mackie, similarly good one, fails only in wings to wiuner; 3, 5, Maclean, former nice type, well feathered; 6, Garden; 7, Royan; 4, Hutchisou. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, 2, Mackie, former medium size, very chubby, good head and neck, latter close and very similar, nice feather; 3, Douglas, good size; 4, Paterson; 5, Maclean; 6, Petrie; 7, Garden. HEN (9): 1, Paterson, heavily varieg. of good quality, nice head and neck; 2, Mackie, grand sized buff, plenty of substance; 3, Menzies, correct type, good size; 4, Clark; 5, Campbell. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. FED (5): 1, Hutchison, ablaze with col., well up in size, chubby, good one; 2, Campbell, another nice exhibit, close up; 3, Lumsden. BUFF (4): 1, Garden, chubby, good head and neck, wins; 2, Bowie, nicely shaped bird, good head and body; 3, Lumsden. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Howard, fine size, good head, neck and substance of body; 2, Douglas, stands well, nice bird; 3, Lumsden, well balanced, some thought might have gone one up. BUFF (4): 1, Lumsden, real Nor. for type, plenty of substance and size, easy win; 2, Dorward, all there for quality; 3, P. Maclean, fine size head and neck; 4, K. Maclean. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, 2, K. Maclean, former chubby, latter also good. HEN (7): 1, 2, Paterson, former big one, nice feather, well placed, 2nd very similar, well up; 3, Maclean, good head and neck; 4, Lumsden; 5, Menzies; 6, Hutchison. CREST (4): 1, 3, Craigen, former cl. body, griz. crest of nice quality, well placed centre, latter tail mkd. green; 2, Grant, cl. crest, nice frontal, narrow skull. C.-B. (2): 1, Grant, long one, nice quality feather, fine entrance and lashing. BORD. (12): 1, 2, Paterson, former very typical, and close in feather, 2nd very similar, good one; 3, George, varieg. buff, nice bird; 4, 7, Connochie, cl. buff, nicely drawn, some thought should have been further up. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Paterson, tail mkd. green Nor., grand substance and quality; 2, Mackie, nice Cinn., good 2nd; 3, Todd, Scots Fcy.; 4, Maclean; 5, Betty; 6, Ross Bros. SELL. (10s. (8): 1, Dorward; 2, Todd; 3, Camphell; 4, 5, 6, 7, Maclean. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Johnstone, Redpoll-Bullie, nice col. and condition; 2, 3, Mennie, Linnet-Bullie ben in good condition; 4, 5, Duncan, two really good Goldie-Greenies; 6, Craigen. REDPOLL (5): 1, Ross Bros., nice size, excellent col. and lacing, easy win; 2, Anderson Bros., another good one all over; 3, Bowie, well up in size, grand bib; 4, Macpherson; 5, Craigen. SISKIN (6): 1, Smith, fine size, grand col. and condition, nice cap and lacing; 2, Thomson, close up, equal to winner in all but lacing, has fine bib; 3, Lumsden, very similar to 2nd; 4, Campbell; 5, Craigen; 6, Ross Bros. LINNET (8): 1, Campbell, grand size, full of work, splendid pencilling; 2, Ross Bros., similar to winner, good 2nd; 3, Jackson, another capital one; 4, 0, Watson; 5, Putland; No. 8, Todd, cardless, Inverness winner. BULLFINCH CK. (12): 1, Main, medium size, grand breast col., feather like wax, good cap, very steady; 2, Mathieson, big one, good all through; 3, Johnston, very similar to 2nd, but paler, perhaps; 4, 5, Ross Bros., former teeming with col.; 6, Robertson. HEN (8): 1, Ross Bros., Inverness winner, good size and col., nice one, well put down; 2, Watson, excellent size and whites, close up; 3, 5, Moir, similar, very tame, grand shape; 4, Law and Brown; 6, Campbell. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Ross Bros., monster, grand col. and shape, taking exhibit, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 2, Macadam, also good one, close up; 3, Smith, fine buff of good size; 4, Macpherson. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Ross Bros., cinn. col., a pretty exhibit, in very grand condition; 2, Clark, also nice one; 3, George. A.O.S., SMALL (6): 1, Todd, Bearded Tit, in rare bloom, very steady, well defined "beard"; 2, Campbell, nice Goldfinch, well up in blaze, good col. and buttons; 3, Robertson, white-headed Chaffinch, in nice condition; 4, Jackson, good Bramble; 5, Robertson; 6, Ross Bros. LARGE (3): 1, Todd, Hawfinch, teeming with col., steady as a rock, well defined bib, well staged; 2, Law and Brown, Missel Thrush of good size, and well mkd., steady, good 2nd; 3, Law, Magpie, in perfect condition. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, Todd, pair Zebra Finches in A1 form, easy win; 2, Grant-Peterkin, ck. Budgerigar; 3, Law and Brown. Cardinal all well staged. FOR. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (2): 1, Cumming; 2, Law and Brown. AVIARY: 1, Carter, very pretty Crystal Palace shaped aviary, stocked with birds of many cols. and nationalities. BRIT. SELL (7s. 6d.) (2): 1, Putland; 2, Law and Brown. GIFT (4): 1, Angus and Younie; 2, Law and Brown; 3, Cumming; 4, Millar.

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PORT GLASGOW O.S.

The 41st annual show of Scotch Fancy Canaries was held in the Co-operative Hall on Nov. 20th. The hall is well ventilated, and an ideal place for an affair of the kind. This club is well patronised by the local gentlemen, and is in a flourishing condition. The quality of the birds was above the average, and was a decided advance on last year's. The president, Mr. David Reid, along with Mr. John Thompson, had everything in the best of order. The staging was nicely placed along each side of the hall, which kept the birds free from draughts. We think this society would do well to advertise their show more locally. The hard working committee consisted of Messrs. M'Mannus, Beckett, Graham, and Rodger, backed up by Messrs. Reid and Thompson, and they had everything in the best of order. The judges were Messrs. J. Watson (Glasgow) and Nisbit (Galston), who both gave every satisfaction. At the close Mr. Laing presented the cup and medals and various specials to their respective winners, and in a splendid speech complimented the society on the successful show.

YELL. CKS. (8): 1, 4, J Laing, 1st grand all-round, nice mover; 2, 3, Graham, 2nd must have pressed winner hard, 3rd close up; 5, 6, Rodger. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Graham, 1st real good bird, splendid drive; 4, McMannus; 5, Duignan. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 2, Reid, 1st massive bird, rare top end, splendid drive, 2nd works freely; 3 Laing; 4, Beckett; 5, McBride. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Graham, 1st bird of good substance, splendid drive, rare size and depth; 2, Laing, another good one, nice drive and reach; 5, Beckett. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, c, Beckett, 1st grand bird, rare top end; 2, 3, Graham, clean built, nice action; 5, 6, Melver. HEN (12): 1, Graham, good all-round, nice mover; 2, Melver, some thought a buff ck.; 3, Rodger; 4, McMannus; 5, Beckett. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Graham, leader good top end and thickness; 2, 4, Reid, fine substance and nerve; 5, Melver; 6, Beckett. HEN (10): 1, cup, Reid, perfect model, well set up hen, fine top end, good drive; 2, Beckett, another good one fine stamp and action; 3 4, Graham, rare size and top action; 5, 6, Rodger. FOUL CK. (5): 1, 4, Reid, leader splendid drive, good action; 2, 3, 5, fine head and neck, grand substance. HEN (6): 1, Read, rare top end, nice drive and reach; 2, Beckett, fine exhibit, good reach and action; 3, Melver, rightly placed; 4, Graham; 5, McMannus; 6, McBride. GREEN CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Graham leader well up in size and depth of chest, 2nd full of nerve, fine action; 4, Melver. HEN (9): 1, Beckett, good one, well up on legs, gets into position quickly; 2, Melver; 3, 4, 5, Graham. OLD PAIRS: 1, McBride, splendid pair, free movers; 2, McMannus, must have pressed hard; 3, 4, Graham; 5, Connor; 6, Duignan. OLD YELL. CK. (10): 1, Loughay, rare size and top end; 2, McMannus, nice reachy bird. HEN (6): 1, Longhay, nice mover, good top end; 2, 3, Rodger, must have pressed winner hard, fine head and action; 4, 5, Melver; 6, Beckett. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 3, McBride, fine length of wing, good position, works freely; 2, 4, McMannus, typical Fancies; 5, Melver. HENS (10): 1, 3, Graham; 2, 4, 5, Genmel.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

First annual members' show held in the Co-operative Hall on November 13th, when Mr. Hogg judged the Scotch Fancies, Mr. Hyslop the Norwich and Borders, and Mr. A. W. Watson the British and Foreign birds. The entries totalled 200 in number, and this, for a new society, must be regarded as highly satisfactory; it certainly reflects the greatest credit on the hon. sec., Mr. R. T. Campbell. Special for most points (64) was secured by Mr. Campbell, the runner-up being Mr. Dickson, with 54 points.

SCOT. FCY. CK., OLD (4): 1, spl, 2, 4, Fotheringham; 3, Stewart. HEN (6): 1, spl, 4, 5, Fotheringham; 2, 6, Stewart; 3, Gillies. CK., YOUNG (5): 1, Stewart; 2, spl, 3, Fotheringham; 4, Gillies; 5, Allan and McLean. HEN (1): Stewart. CREST CK. (6): 1, spl., 2, Howie; 3, 5, Veitch; 4, Gillies; 6, Rae. HEN (4): 1, spl, Bowman; 2, Kemp; 3, Gillies; 4, Allan and McLean. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, spl, Kemp; 2, Rae; 3, Morris; 4, Bowman; 5, Allan and McLean; 6, Baxter. HEN (5): 1, Kemp; 2, spl, 5, Howie; 3, Rae; 4, Allan and McLean. NOR. CK. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Dickson; 2, spl, Barclay; 3, Allan and McLean. HEN (4): 1, spl, 3, Barclay; 2, 4, Dickson. CK. BUFF (4): 1, spl, 2, Dickson; 3, 4, Barclay. HEN (6): 1 spl, 2, 3, Dickson; 4, 5, Morris; 6, Allan and McLean. SELL. (15s.) (5): 1, spl, 4, Gillies; 2, Kemp; 3, 5, Morris. (12s. 6d.) (5): 1, spl, 2, Dickson; 3, Barclay; 4, 5, Morris. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, 3, Kay; 2, Pringle; 4, 5, 6, R. T. Campbell. BUFF (6): 1, Pringle; 2, spl, 5, 6, R. T. Campbell; 3, Burt; 4, Boyle. EVEN, ETC., MKD. (8): 1, Pringle; 2, spl, 3, 4, 5, R. T. Campbell; 6, Burt. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, R. T. Campbell. HEN (4): 1, Pringle; 2, spl, 3, Campbell; 4, Boyle. SELL. (10s.) (3): 1, spl, 2, R. T. Campbell; 3, Morris. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, 3, 4, 5, 6, Hunter; 2, Gillies. COMMON (14): 1 spl, Wright; 2, Rankine; 3, Boyle; 4, 5, Morris; 6, Cuthbertson. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, M'Laren; 2, spl, 3, 4, Rolland; 5, Cuthbertson; 6, Rankine. BULLFINCH (11): 1, spl, 3, 5, Cullen; 2, W. Campbell; 4, Morris; 6, Cowan. LINNET (8): 1, Cowan; 2, Rankine; 3, Cullen; 4, M'Laren; 5, 6, Rolland. GREENFINCH (7): 1, spl, Cullen; 2, W. Campbell; 3, Brown; 4, Higgins; 5, Wright; 6, M'Laren. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, spl, 3, 6, M'Gorum; 2, Wright; 4, Morris; 5, W. Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Rankine; 2, Malcolm; 3, M'Laren; 4, Higgins. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, spl, Bowman; 2, Malcolm. BRIT. HEN (1): 1, spl, Burt. SOFTBILL (1): 1, spl, Higgins. MULE. LIGHT (4): 1, spl, 3, 4, Rankine; 2, M'Gorum. DARK (8): 1, spl, 4, M'Gorum; 2, 5, Morris; 3, Rankine; 6, Parnell. SELL. (8): 1, spl, Rankine; 2, Brown; 3, 4 Morris; 5, 6, M'Gorum. COLLECTION OF BRIT. (1): 1, spl, Morris. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Howie; 2, Rankine; 3, Burt. A.O.S. (1): 1, spl, Howie, Amazon Parrot.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

The Hemel Hempstead and Dis. F.S. held their second annual show at the Town Hall on Dec. 1st. The exhibits were well staged and cared for. There was a great improvement in the quality of the cage birds this year, and the number was greatly increased. The class of Yorkshires was extra good as regards quality and type. The cage bird section was judged by Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton.

NOR. CL. (7): 1, Buckingham, very nice shape, good carriage and feather; 2, 3, r, vhc, Pigg; 2, 3, couple of stylish birds of nice type; hc, Inch. TKD., ETC. (5): No 1st; 2, 3, Pigg; 2, very typical and well shown, good carriage and style; 3, nice quality; r, Fuch; vhc, Giddings; hc, Brockett. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, 3, Pigg, couple of nice crests, good shape and feather; 2, Giddings, nice shape and quality; r, Hobbs; c, Dell. YORKS. (8): 1, r, Buckingham, good length, close in feather, very fine carriage; 2, hc, Pigg, smart and stylish, nice length; 3, Alford, also nice length and carriage; vhc, c, Dickins and Welch. MULE OR HYB. (4): 2, Alford; 3, r, Pigg; vhc, Smith, both nice col. and shapely, well shown. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 2, H. A. (no name), fine steady Bullfinch; 3, Green, also good Bullfinch; r, Blow, Goldfinch. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 2, Pigg, ine Crossbill; 3, r, vhc, H. A., 3, nice Siskin; r, Chaffinch.

ULSTER O.A. (Belfast).

Annual show of the Ulster O.A. was held in the Clarence Place Hall, May-street, Belfast, on December 3rd and 4th, under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A., the N.P.C., the Y.C.C., and the Y.C.B.S. The hall is splendidly adapted for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. Although entries were not altogether as numerous as was expected, the quality of the exhibits staged could not be found fault with. Belgians and Scotch Fancies came up well, and without doubt some of the finest birds ever benched in Ireland were to be seen. Gold medal (presented by the U.K.B.C.A.) was captured by Mr. J. Fairley for best young Belgian shown by a member; silver cup (value £5 5s.) went to Mr. J. Niell's Scotch Fancy. Norwich came up in very fair numbers. The U.O.A. silver cup (value £5 5s.) for best young bird in Crests, C.B., or Nor. was won by Mr. S. Leacock. Yorkshires in numbers were somewhat disappointing, only 80 birds in 11 classes; yet the quality was all that could be desired. In the champions Mr. E. Tighe won special for best Yorks. in show. Some lovely specimens were also staged by Messrs. Devins, Fleming, Coyne, and Keating, while in the novice classes, Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Lavery, and Messrs. Woods, Hyland, McEntegart, and Mulligan were well in the cards. The hard-working, courteous, and energetic secretary, Mr. James Stewart, and his committee, had things well in hand, and ably looked after the wants of the birds entrusted to their care. Mr. T. Todd (Partick) judged the Scotch Fancy and variety sections, and Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill) the Norwich and Yorkshire sections, and their awards gave entire satisfaction. The show was well attended by visitors from all parts, and exhibitors, on both days, and many of the birds were claimed at catalogue price. The show, from the visitors' point of view, seemed to be a huge success, and we predict when the treasurer's report is read it will be found a nice little balance will be on hand. The committee are: Messrs. J. Carson, R. Trimble, W. Gray, A. South, J. Ronaldson, J. Neill, J. Lavery, J. J. Cloke, M. Fleming, and R. Tedford.

The Critique.

BELG. (12): Grand class; 1, 2, 3, 5, Fairley, very fine team, all a credit to this fancier, grand size, shoulders, and drive, very compact and lovely feather; 4, vhc, Neill, fine head and shoulders, well up; he, c, Ronaldson. SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. CL. ETC. (3): 1, Hamilton, grand size, enormous top end, well up, fine head; 2, Neill, good square top, plenty of action, in lovely condition; 3, Ronaldson, nicely put down, handles splendidly. BUFF (10): 1, Neill, grand shoulders, sweetly braced up, good size; 2, 3, 5, Hamilton, grand team, hard to find fault with; 4, c, McConnell, wonderful shoulders and drive; vhc, Ronaldson; he, Trimble. YELL. PIED Ck. (5): 1, Ronaldson, rare good one, wonderful size and substance, grand position; 2, W. Trimble, fine action, lovely shoulders, good one; 3, R. Trimble, excellent shoulders, good drive, lovely feather; 4, Mill, grand size, good position, sweetly braced; 5, McCann, good square top. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Neill, pair hard to choose between, and hard to find any fault with, full of quality, rare action; 3, R. Trimble, good size, nice droop and drive; 4, McConnell, grand action, very stylish; 5, Caulfield, nice shoulders. GREEN CK. (5): 1, 2, 4, Neill, grand team, well placed, good all round; 3, Hamilton, nice shoulder, good drive; 5, R. Trimble, fine size, nice head and drive. YELL. HEN, CL. ETC. (2): 1, Hamilton, beautiful shape, plenty of style and action, fine droop; res., Trimble, grand size and substance, A1 quality. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Hamilton, winner fine size and length of side, nice position, 4th good quality and style, plenty of action; 2, Ronaldson, good square shoulders, nice action, A1 position; 3, 5, vhc, Niell, beautiful shape, plenty of style and action; 5th, grand size and substance; hc, R. Trimble; c, Cloughley. YELL. PIED HEN (4): 1, 3, 4, Neill, grand team, beautiful quality, stylish, good action, fine shoulders, good droop; 2, Cloughley, very shapely, handles well, good one. BUFF (5): 1, Ronaldson, grand length and droop, fine erect shoulders; 2, 3, R. Trimble, 2nd extra neat and sharp, sweet head and neck, good all round; 4, W. Trimble, good thickness and quality; 5, Caulfield, very fine shape, good shoulders. GREEN HEN (5): 1, 2, R. Trimble, winner a beauty, grand type, rare long side, well set up, fine sweep; 2nd, capital substance; 3, 5, Ronaldson, fails only in size, fine shoulders and neck; 5th, very stylish; 4, Neill, good size, back and shoulders, well drooped. SELL., SCOT. FCY. CK. (25/-) (6): Some cheap birds in this class; 1, Cloughley; 2, R. Trimble; 3, vhc, Neill; 4, Caulfield; 5, McCann. HEN (4): 1, Hamilton; 2, Neill; 3, Caulfield; 4, Clonghley. CREST CK. (6): 1, 2, Stewart, good substance, shapely crest, of excellent size, grand droop, neat and good; 3, Leacock, not quite so large as winner perhaps, very similar and good crest; 4, vhc, Adams, good feather and substance; 5, McCagherty, grand size, plenty of feather. HEN (6): 1, Leacock, grand hen, good shapely crest, of good size and shape, fine droop; 2, 3, Stewart, two hens, close up, good crest of fine spread; 4, 5, Adams, grand shape, good shapely crest, fine droop, dense in feather; vhc, McCagherty. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Leacock, splendid head, good width and shape, dense head feather, of excellent length; 2, McCagherty, dense in head feather, of good length; 3, Stewart, another good bird, wee shade finer in head feather, gem for shape. HEN (3): 1, Leacock, good shape, splendid feather on bead; 2, 3, Adams, fine size, plenty of feather, grand skull, very dense. NOR. CK., CL. YELL. (13): 1, 2, c, Thompson, very smart, nice shape, grand size, good head and neck, excels in col., fine shape, grand head and neck; 3, Carson, nice shape, good wing and tail carriage, lovely col.; 4, Stewart, very cobby, grand shape, good wing and tail; 5, Gilmour, good substance and shape, A1 col; vhc, Connell; hc, Barclay. TICK. YELL. (10): 1, McCagherty, claimed at catalogue price, grand substance, nice head and neck, fine feather, A1 col., good wing and tail; 2, Lavery, chubby, typical, good shape, grand feather; 3, 4, Thompson, 3rd big fine bird, rare col. and quality; 4th, grand shape and size, lovely head; 5, Graham, nice size, good carriage, grand quality feather; vhc, Neill; hc, Gray; c, Teasy. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Stewart, fine size and shape, grand head and neck, red hot col., lovely quality, wins; 2, c, Thompson, grand size, good carriage, A1 col.; 3, Carson, fine shape, grand quality, wee bit pinched in head; 4, hc, Barclay, leader grand quality, good wings; 5, McCann, nice substance; vhc, Gray. TICK BUFF (6): 1, Barclay, claimed, grand size, good shape and quality; 2, McConnell, nice shape, fine piped tail, nice head and neck; 3, 4, Thompson, two typical specimens, good col. and shape; 5, Loughridge, grand quality, and wing and tail carriage; vhc, Carson. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, 5, Thompson, fine shape and size, grand head, well braced, lovely quality and col.; 2, 3, Stewart, two fine specimens, 2nd good size, wings and tail, well braced; 3rd, good shape, grand neck; 4, hc, Teasey, good size, nice head and neck; vhc, Faith; c, Loughridge. HEN, CL. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Gray, very cobby shape, nice size, grand head and neck, lovely col.; 2, 5, vhc, Thompson, leader nice quality, good shape; 3th, good style; 3, Faith, nice shape, A1 quality, well up; 4, Stewart, grand size, shape and col., well braced wing and tail. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Connell, leader grand shape, quality, and col., wins; 3rd, good size, nice head and neck, well braced wings; 2, Thompson, grand shape, cobby, good head and neck; 4, Stewart, grand col., rare carriage, fine head; 5, McCagherty, good bird; vhc, Teasey; hc, Barclay; c, Graham. TICK. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 4, Thompson, three nice specimens, well staged, good quality, A1 col., good wing and tail carriage; 3, Stewart, fine shape, size, and carriage; 5, Barclay, good all-round quality, A1 col.; vhc, Gray; hc, Loughridge; c, Teasey. HEN, VARIEG. (14): 1, Lavery, good size head and neck, wings and tail A1; 2, 5, Thompson, rare col., good shape, short flights, very typical pair; 3, McCagherty, good size, nice head; 4, McConnell, good wing and tail, size, A1 col. and quality; vhc, hc, Teasey; c, Loughridge. SELL., CREST OR C.B. (20s.) (6): 1, Stewart; 2, Walker; 3, Beattie; 4, 5, Devlin; vhc, McCagherty. NOR. (11): 1, Carson; 2, Downing; 3, McCann; 4, Barclay; 5, Gray; vhc, Thompson; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Beattie. SONG BIRD CK. (12/6) (20): 1, 4, Harvey; 2, hc, Mrs. Taylor; 3, 5, Stewart; vhc, Thompson; c, Barclay. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (8). 1, Devins, well known winner, looking very fit, often described; 2, Fleming, nice well drawn bird, good flights, nice piped tail; 3, Coyne, rare length, grand Yorkie qualities, well drawn, stands well up on clever legs; 4, Farrell, nice shape, good wings and tail; 5, c, South, good shape, stands on clever pair of legs; vhc, Keating; he, Tighe. HEN (5): 1, sp, Tighe, rare length, well up on leg, good head, back, and wings, win; 2, Fleming, noted and well known hen; 3, Keating, grand unflig., rare shape, good style, stands well up on good legs, well braced wings; 4, 5, Devins, two typical hens, grand quality. TICK. ETC., CK. (11): 1, Morrow, yell., good shape, shows itself well, grand wings and tail carriage; 2, Keating, Buff, good shape, rare col. and quality, grand all round qualities; 3, Fleming, nice shapely good head, wings, and tail; 4, Gilley, fine position and quality, true Yorkie; 5, Farrell, good length, well up; vhc, Mulligan; he, Devins. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Devins, grand shape, well drawn, hard to find fault with; 2, Fleming, typical, nice hoxey feather, well shown; 3, Coyne, gem, well known winner, looking a wee bit soft to-day. HEN (6): 1, Devins, capital length, nice position, good wings and tail; 2, Keating, nice, shapely, full of quality, good position; 3, Fleming, grand length, good colour; 4, Farrell, good shape and length; 5, Mulligan, good all round; vhc, Gillen. TICK, ETC., HEN (10): 1, Fleming, cinn. mkd., good close feather and quality; 2, Tighe, yell., grand shape and stylish, rare position; 3, South, good long bird, full of quality; 4, 5, Coyne, cinn. mkd. yell., grand shape; 5th, tight tick, grand upstanding bird, looks like Dublin winner; vhc, hc, Gillen; c, Devins. NOVICE, YORKS, CL., CK. (7): 1, hc, Woods, capital length, nice position, good wings and tail; 2, Mulligan, fine position, rare quality, grand length; 3, Holley, shapely and typical, good quality; 4, Gaskin, fine shape, stands up on good pair of legs; 5, Hyland; vhc, Dr. Lavery. HEN (9): 1, Hyland, grand, well drawn, nice breeding bird; 2, Dr. Lavery, grand shape and quality of feathers, A1 style; 3, Mrs. Taylor, very stylish, showing nice bit of breed, grand head and back; 4, 5, Woods, two typical exhibits, well shown; vhc, Gaskin; he, Mulligan; c, Holley. MKD., ETC., CK. (8): 1, McEntegart, yell., lovely shape and style, good legs and position; 2, Dr. Lavery, grand style and position, A1 quality, lovely wing, eye; 3, 5, Mrs. Taylor, two yell., showing nice bit of breed, feathers as close as a Java, rare style; 4, Gaskin; vhc, Milligan; he, Gilfillan. HEN (8): 1, McEntegart, grand feather, lovely shape and style, wins; 2, Dr. Lavery, grand shape, good 2nd, well staged; 3, Hyland, nice typical bird, good quality of feather; 4, Mulligan, fine shape, good wings and tail, very compact; 5, Holley, grand shape and style; vhc, Hayes; he, Gaskin; c, Mrs. Taylor. SELL. 15/- (5): 1, Fleming; 2, Mulligan; 3, 4, Woods; 5, South. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Walker, we unfortunately missed seeing this class; 3, 4, McBirney. CAN., MULES, CL., ETC. (4): 1, 3, 4, Lavery, grand team, lovely feather, good size and shape; 2, McCann, Goldie can., nice shape and quality. DARK (5): 1, Barclay, Greenfinch Can., grand size and shape, rare col.; 2, Owens and Magee, grand shape, good quality; 3, Downing, Greenie Can., fine size and shape, good quality; 4, Lavery, good size and markings, A1 feather; 5, Gilchrist, Siskin Can., good mkgs., rare feather. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Lavery, Goldie Bullie and Linnet Bullie, grand size, shape, and quality, pity competition was not keener. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 3, 4, Lavery, leader exceptionally good in colour, shape and size of blaze A1; 3, 4, good square blazes, nice bloom, good shape; 2, Barclay, in tho opinion of some present stands right out from rest, exceptionally good in colour, shape, and polish of blaze, satin-like in appearance; 5, Coates, good bird, fine square blaze; vhc, Tighe; hc, Webb; c, Tedford. LINNET (22): 1, Barclay, steady, grand size, good nut brown col., nicely pencilled, rare quality, easy win; 2, Owens and Magee, good size and shape, A1 col., nice pencilling; 3, c, Hillen, grand Cobby shape, rich nutty brown col., grandly pencilled; 4, Lavery, fine col., A1 form; 5, O'Neill, good shape, A1 quality; vhc, Ronaldson; hc, Morrow. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Grieshaber, Cobby bird in A1 plumage, shows himself well; 2, Heart, steady and full of quality, rare col.; 3, Trueman, grand shape and size; 4, Barclay, grand size, good one all round; 5, Downing, good size, col., and quality; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Tate; c, Owens and Magee. BULLFINCH, ETC.: (8): 1, McConnell, Yell. Bunting, perfect in type, very steady; 2, Grieshaber, Bramblefinch, shape and quality A1; 3, Tighe, Siskin, remarkable nice steady bird, full of quality; 4, O'Niell, again a Siskin, good in markings, fine size; 5, Owens and Magee, nice shape, good col.; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Tate.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held Nov. 27th, at Butchers' Arms, where 67 birds were staged. Mr. A. Young awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CLASS 1: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, vhc, Messrs. Hartley; 3, hc, Self; 4, Lister. CLASS 2: 1, Lister; 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Bentley; 4, vhc, Mann. CLASS 3: 1, 4, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Self. CLASS 4: 1, Self; 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Bentley; 4, Lister; vhc, Holroyd. CLASS 5: 1, Holroyd; 2, Self; 3, vhc, Bentley; 4, Messrs. Hartley; vhc, Fieldhouse; c, Lister. CLASS 6: 1, 4, Bentley; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, c, Lister; vhc, Messrs. Hartley; hc, Mann. NOVICE SECTION.—CLASS 7: 1, Gibson; 2, C. H. Self; 3, Stansfield; 4, Crabtree; vhc, Shackleton. CLASS 8: 1, Snead; 2, Crabtree; 3, Gibson; 4, C. H. Self. CLASS 9: 1, 3, Gibson; 2, Oliver. CLASS 10: 1, Crabtree; 2, Oliver; 3, Stansfield; 4, Kellett. CLASS 11: 1, Crabtree; 2, Snead; 3, C. H. Self; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Kellett; hc, Gibson; c, Oliver. CLASS 12: 1, 2, Crabtree; 3, Oliver; 4, Stansfield; vhc, Gibson; hc, Howlett.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

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LOCHCRAIG (Lochore).

First annual show of the Lochcraig F.A. was held on December 4th. The function took place in the Public Hall, a large and well-lighted place and very suited for such a purpose. The birds were shown to great advantage. There were 60 classes provided for cage birds, and taken all over, these received a very fair measure of support. The winning yellow Scotch Fancy hen belonging to Mr. J. Noble, is a bird of great merit. Mr. Craig (Edinburgh) won spl. for best bird in the hall with a gem of a buff unlighted Norwich hen, which should be heard of again. The management of the show was in the capable hands of Mr. C. Thomson (President), Mr. Dan McAnley (Vice-President), and Mr. R. Balloch, the Secretary, who deserves a word of praise for the able way in which he carried through his duties, and for his obliging manner. The treasurer is Mr. J. Brown. And these were ably assisted by a hard-working committee composed of genuine fanciers, who looked after the comfort of the birds and visitors alike. The judges were: For Canaries, Messrs. Fotheringham (Kelty) and T. Kean (Edinburgh); and for British, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh); and their awards gave every satisfaction. The show was well patronised by the public.

Critique.

SCOT FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Wilkie, nice model, grand top end and drive, very showy; Nos. 1 and 2 wrong class. HEN: 1, spl., Noble, grand one for size, prominent shoulders, fine free neck and droop; 2, Low, nice one, good reach and position, fine length of wing. BUFF CK.: 1, Schoolbread, grand substance, nice depth across, excellent drive. HEN: 1, Noble, good top and reach, well packed shoulders, grand rib; 2, Schoolbread, good model, nice depth through chest, grand mover; 3, Wilkie, not far behind, free and easy actions; 4, Sneddon. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, spl., 3, Low, leader grand green, lovely reach and position, nice style, 3rd pied, rare one for style, grand top and drive; 2, Corrigan, fine green, gets head well down, good rib and wings. HEN: 1, Corrigan, stylish lady, good top and reach, nice free action; 2, Sneddon, wee shade smaller, but all there for style and position; 3, Low, rare drive and top, very strong. BUFF CK.: 1, Wilkie, A1 top and reach, good length of side, prominent shoulder. HEN: 1, spl., Low, fine substance, good back and side, grand action; 2, Wilkie, pied, fine top and droop, well packed shoulders, nice depth; 3, Sneddon, close up, well rounded top, grand style and action. SELL., CK.: 1, Noble; 2, Strachan; 3, Sneddon. HEN: 1, Low. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl., Anderson, good head and neck, well rounded front and back, rare wing and tail carriage; 2, Gentleman, grand feather and finish, well rounded body, shown in lovely bloom; 3, Matthew, sweetly made, well filled-in back, good front and tail; 4, Peel, nice model. HEN: 1, Hamilton, gem for type and quality, grandly rounded back, A1 feather and wing carriage; 2, Brown, neat wing and tail. BUFF CK.: 1, Gentleman, grand one for col. and condition, neat head and neck, finely tapered; 2, Hamilton, good head and front, lovely wings and tail, well placed; 3, Matthew, nice type, fine piped tail. HEN: 1, Matthew, hot one, nicely rounded on head and back, staged to perfection; 2, 4, Brown, good front, neat wings and tail, grand quality; 3, Gentleman, good type and quality, well drawn. UNEV. YELL.: 1, Noble, varieg., nice col. and quality, well braced wings. BUFF: 1, Anderson, nearly even, lovely quality and condition, grand taper; 2, Lambie, mkd. head and wings, good front and back, nice feather; 3, Balloch, varieg., in nice order. UNEV. MKD.: Cancelled. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, spl., Gentleman, yell. green, grand type and col., fine pencilling; 2, Lambie, nice shape, well rounded front, good wings and tail; 3, Balloch, good grass green, nice quality feather. SELL: 1, Kerr; 2, Anderson; 3, Peel; 4, 5, Wotherspoon; 6, Matthew. CREST CK.: 1, Veitch, wing mkd. D.C. of good formation, nice frontal; 2, McCrae, clear body, grizzle crest, nice droop and radiation. HEN: 1, Veitch, well rounded crest, nice leafy feather. C.-B. CK.: 1, Veitch, good entrance, fine wide skull, grandly lashed. HEN: Cancelled. UNFLIG. CREST or C.-B.: 1, Veitch, massive green C.-B., nice substance, fine width of skull, grandly lashed; 2, 4, Allan and McLean, fine size, rattling feather, well browed; 3, Corrigan, buff varieg., rare size and substance, well placed. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Fleming, grand shapely bird, nice quality and condition, rare bloom; 2, Kerr, good level colour, wants time; 3, Hope, nice size and shape, good substance and feather; 4, Philip. HEN: 1, Kerr, cap mkd., lovely col., nicely rounded in front, fine short flights; 2, McCree, good size and shape, nice warm col. BUFF CK.: 1, McCree, foul on head, capital quality, nicely rounded on front and back, grand feather; 2, Kerr, lovely feather, good size and shape, nice short flights and tail; 3, Hynd, nice model, good quality and condition. HEN: 1, no name, good one for size and shape, good head and neck, very tight in feather; 2, Hope, mkd. on head, lovely quality feather, grand col.; 3, Philip, good clear, nice flights and tail; 4, Kerr. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Kerr, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, full of quality, grand wings and tail. HEN: 1, Kerr, grandly shaped varieg., good head and front, nice feather. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Philip, grand head and neck, rare quality feather and carriage; 2, Kerr, varieg. buff, rattling fine substance, good shape and quality. HEN: 1, spl., Craig, gem for shape and size, lovely quality feather, staged to win, takes spl. for best bird in hall; 2, 6, Philip, good type and substance, nice wings and tail; 3, Lawrie, varieg., grand col. and quality; 4, Taylor; 5, McCree; best class in the C.B. section was this. NON-FED CK.: 1, Lawrie, cl. yell., rare substance and shape, nice quality feather; 2, Kerr, neat shaped buff, good wings and tail. HEN: 1, spl., 2, Kerr, 1st Kirkcaldy winner, lovely varieg., rare head and body, full of quality, 2nd nice cl., good quality and col., good front and back; 3, Philip, buff, nice condition; 4, Lawrie. SELL.: 1, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, Lawrie; 3, Barclay; 4, Taylor; 5, Craig; 6, Kerr. YORKS, YELL.: 1, McDougall, rich col. yell., grand position, full of quality; 2, Williamson, nice feathered buff, well up on leg, rare pipe tail; 3, Ford, good head, well braced wings, fine quality feather; 4, Williamson; 5, Patterson; 6, Reid. HEN: 1, spl., McDougall, very stylish, good round head, rare quality; 2, Patterson, typical, grand feather and condition; 3, Ford, nice position, good head and front; 4, 5, Williamson. A.O.V. YORKS: 1, Ford. COMMON CAN.: 1, Edenson; 2, Broatch; 3, Duff; 4, Balloch; 5, Brown. GIFT: 1, Schoolbread; 2, Brown; 3, Balloch. BRIT. LINNET: 1, Craig, rich nutty brown, grandly pencilled, very steady; 2, Strachan, fine big one, fails only in col. a trifle to winner, nice markings; 3, Penman, well pencilled. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl., Hoyle, lovely square blaze, rich tanning, good wing bars; 2 McCall and Henderson, good blaze and Buttons, well shown; 3, Lindsay, fine tanning, nice moons; 4, Anderson. FED. GREENFINCH: 1, spl., McLean, grand one for col. and shape, good wing bars; 2, Anderson, wee shade larger, fine cobby shape, in lovely bloom; 3, Strachan, grand col. and condition; 4, Bald; 5, Peel; 6, Fraser. NON-FED: 1, 2, 4, Bald, grand trio, shown in nice trim; 3, Penman, fine level col., good shape; 5, McCall and Henderson; 6, Kidd. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl., Fleming, good cap and wing bars, lovely crimson breast; 2, Wilson, presses hard, shown in grand bloom; 3, Anderson, good big one, nice col.; 4, Brown; 5, Gentleman; 6, Thompson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl., Brown, neat col. Siskin, nice cap and bib, good lacing; 2, Fleming, rich col. Twite, very showy; 3, McDougal, good big Siskin. CHAFFIE, ETC.: 1, Gentleman, grand Chaffie, nice bold whites; 2, Bald, rich spangled Bramble, in lovely bloom; 3, Hoyle, Chaffie, fine sheen. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR:: 1, spl., 3, McGorum, 1st Goldie, nice square-cut blaze, good whites, grand wing bars and moons, 3rd fine sized Russian Goldie; 2, Hoyle, Bullie, wonderful size, pale breast col. REDPOLL: 1, McGorum, nice bib, grand col. and lacings; 2, 3, Gentleman, brace of good ones, shown in really nice bloom; 4, McGillivray Bros.; 5, Kerr; 6, Strachan. BRIT., HEN: 1, spl., Gentleman, Hawfinch, nice bib, good head, well staged; 2, Bald, grand col. hen Bullie; 3, McLean, nice hen Bramble; 4, Brown; 5, Duff. BUNTING: 1, spl., Kerr, grand col. Yellowhammer, shown in perfect condition; 2 (no name), Bunting, in lovely feather; 3, Fraser, nat. col. yell. Bunting, in capital condition. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Starling, grand spangling, lovely sheen. MULE OR HYB.: 1, McGillivray Bros., well-known Goldie-Bullie, in grand bloom; 2, Paterson, nice sized Redpoll-Greenie, in rare condition. DARK MULE: 1, Fraser, grand sized Siskin Mule, well known face, needs no comment; 2, McDougall, lovely Twite Mule, shows markings to perfection; 3, Taylor, good sized Linnet Mule, nice condition; 4, Bald; 5, Wilson; 6, Simpson. LIGHT: 1, spl., Simpson, lovely varieg. Goldie Mule, in rare bloom; 2, Fraser, fine big Linnet Mule, good 2nd; 3, Wilson, nice sized lightly varieg. Goldie, in grand condition. HEN MULE OR HYB.: 1, Brown, grand buff, wing and cheek mkd. Grecnie Mule, taking exhibit; 2, McGillivray Bros., Redpoll-Siskin cross, nice size, in good condition; 3, McCall and Henderson, nice feather Greenie Mule. FOR.: 1, Lawrie and Welsh, well-known Whydah, in grand feather; 2, Booth, nice pair Budgerigars, in good condition; 3, Henderson, Parrot, in lovely feather. SELL., MULE OR BRIT.: 1, Lindsay; 2, Adamson; 3, Brown; 4, Strachan; 5, Anderson; 6, Penman.

BANNOCKBURN (New) C.B.S.

First annual show held November 6th in the Town Hall. It proved a great success for a first venture, and gave every encouragement to the members to continue same. Owing to the secretary, Mr. W. Ritchie, having met with an accident, his place was well filled by Messrs. Auld and Campbell, backed up by a hard-working committee. The Borders were the best-filled classes, the special for best being won by J. Auld, a young fancier who also won cup for most points in that section. The cup for best in hall was won by Mr. F. Strathearn with a grand Scotch Fancy, the runner-up being a Crest belonging to Mr. H. Moreland. Plainheads were not strong either in quantity or quality, but British birds were a grand lot all over, the majority of the first winners being outstanding exhibits, the special for best going to a lovely Magpie belonging to Mr. T. McDiarmid.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, spl, Strathearn; 2, Muirhead; 3, Hamilton. HEN (1): Muirhead. BUFF CK. (1) Whitefield. HEN (5): 1, spl, Strathearn; 2, Muirhead; 3, Hamilton; 4, Whitefield. A.O.V. CK. (3): 1, 2, Whitefield; 3, Muirhead; 4, Hamilton; 5, Strathearn; 6, Auld. HEN (5): 1, 4, Hamilton; 2, Strathearn, jun.; 3, 5, Auld. SELL. (5): 1, spl, Paterson; 2, Miller; 3, Paterson, jun.; 4, Wilson; 5, Ritchie. P.H. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (2): 1, spl, Ritchie; 2, Stevenson. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Paterson; 2, Ritchie; 3, Burnett. HEN (6): 1, 4, Ritchie; 2, 3, Paterson; 5, Burnett; 6, Paterson, jun. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Burnett; 2, Ritchie. HEN (1): Paterson. BUFF CK. (1): Burnett. HEN (3): 1, 2, Ritchie; 3, Paterson. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, Miller; 2, Flood; 3, Newlands. HEN (3): 1, spl, Ritchie; 2, Flood; 3, spl, Miller. CREST CK. (5): 1, spl, 3, 5, Moreland; 2, Duchart; 4, spl, Ferguson. HEN (4): 1, 3, 4, Moreland; 2, Ferguson. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Ferguson; 2, Moreland. HEN (3): 1, Moreland; 2, Duchart; 3, Ferguson. SELL. (4): 1, Miller; 2, Ritchie; 3, Wilson; 4, Paterson. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, 5, Auld; 2, M'Rorie; 3, Arnott; 4, Milliken; 6, Campbell. HEN (9): 1, spl, 5, Auld; 2, Arnott; 3, Milliken; 4, M'Rorie; 6, Blair. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Hislop; 2, 5, 6, Auld; 3, Milliken; 4, M'Rorie. HEN (9): 1, Milliken; 2, Hislop; 3, 4, 5, Auld; 6, Campbell. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Milliken; 2, Blair; 3, 5, Campbell; 4, Auld. HEN (4): 1, Arnott; 2, McRorie; 3, Campbell; 4, Milliken. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, Auld; 3, 4, Hislop; 5, Milliken; 6, Cnmpbell. HEN (4): 1, spl, Hislop; 2, Newlands; 3, Milliken; 4, Auld. SELL. (9): 1, spl, M'Rorie; 2, 3, Auld; 4, Wilson; 5, Milliken; 6, Campbell. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Brown; 2, Kirkwood; 3, Ritchie. LINNET (11): 1, spl, 6, Hislop; 2, Duff; 3, 4, spl, Paterson, jun.; 5, Thomson. GREENIE (8): 1, spl, Stevenson; 2, Duff; 3, spl, Hislop; 4, Campbell; 5, Milliken; 6, Flood. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Kirkwood; 2, spl, Ritchie; 3, spl, 4, Hislop; 5, 6, McDiarmid. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Ferguson; 2, Hislop; 3, Kirkwood; 4, Arnott; 5, Brown; 6, Miller. BUNTING (4): 1, spl, Hislop; 2, Kirkwood; 3, 4, Duff. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, Thomson; 2, Kirkwood; 3, McDiarmid. LARGE (2): 1, spl, McDiarmid; 2, Moreland. HEN, BRIT. (5): 1, Kirkwood; 2, M'Rorie; 3, spl, Paterson; 4, Moreland; 5, Wilson. MULE (2): 1, Steveson; 2, Hislop. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (1): M'Rorie. FOR. SEED-EATER (5): 1, 2, 3, 5, spl, Thomson; 4, McDiarmid. COM. CAN. (11): 1, spl, Flood; 2, 4, M'Rorie; 3, Paterson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Campbell. HEN (7): 1, Flood; 2, 4, Hamilton; 3, Auld; 5, Paterson; 6, M'Rorie. GIFT (8): 1, spl, Ritchie; 2, Flood; 3, Auld; 4, Hamilton; 5, Paterson; 6, Miller.

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CUPAR (Fife).

The 22nd annual show of the Cupar and Dis. O.S. was held on December 4th, in Corn Exchange. The Hall is large and lofty, and has splendid top light. The cage birds were staged on a raised platform at the end, divided by a screen. The entry all over was good, although many classes were, we are sorry to say, cancelled, which may be partly attributed to the cancelling of all classes last season. This season the society have been fortunate in procuring the services of their late Secretary (Mr. W. Ruddiman), who is putting heart and soul into the section, and we think that with another year they will be up to all past records. Mr. Ruddiman thoroughly understands his work; he is cool, energetic, courteous, and obliging. He is ably backed up by a host of workers as members of the committee. We were pleased to see many fanciers' wives accompanying them, and handling the stock with more than critical eyes. The best Scotch Fancy was owned by Mr. Thornton. Norwich, although few, included many valuable birds. Special for best was carried off by Mr. Howie. Borders were the feature of the show, the entry being good and the quality superb; indeed, in some of the classes it was a meeting of champions. Mr. McKenzie won special for best with a charmer. Yorkshires were a nice lot, the winners coming all the way from Whitehaven. British birds were down in numbers, but quality was excellent. The visitors were out in strong force. Judges: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. Rodger (Stratford); for Norwich, Mr. J. Adams (Dundee); for Borders and Yorks, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside); and for British, etc., Mr. A. C. Dandie (Edinburgh). Their awards all over were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT FCY. YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl., Thornton, champion, rare head, carried well down, prominent shoulder, nice depth throughout, takes nice position; 2, Thompson, fine size, hard up, decided drive, good action, nervy; 3, Keill, nice size, good shoulder; 4, spl., Thomson, tkd., nice one all over; vhc, Wntson; he, Merrilees; c, Campbell. BUFF (4): 1, Thornton, again leading with a monster for shoulder and drive, nice substance, finely made; 2, Thomson, hard up, good top, nice drive and action; 3, Merrilees, nice action, good bird; 4, Craig, old champion looking soft to-day. YELL., ETC., HEN (4): 1, 2, Ramsay, pair of charmers, grand shoulders and drive, modelled all over; 3, Thornton, large, nice one, fine shoulder and substance; 4 Thomson, good size, prominent shoulder and drive. BUFF (5): 1, Merrilees, leading with a well-known winner, tkd. on head, splendid drive, prominent shoulder; 2, 3, Thornton, 2nd grand size, splendid shoulder and drive, 3rd rare nervy one; 4, Keill, nice size; vhc, Watson. YELL. PIED (4): 1, 3, Ramsay, pied leading, nice size, free drive, good shoulder, splendid action and style, 3rd very similar all over; 2, Beattie, hard up, fine drive and shoulder, good length; 4, Gibson, nice size, fine action. BUFF (4): 1, Beattie, nice size, good shoulder, lengthy drive, free below, well made one; 2, Ramsay, nice one for action and style; 3, Thomson, showing age, but fine size and prominent shoulder; 4, Merrilees. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, Keill; 2, Gibson; 3, Thornton; 4, he, Ramsay; vhc, Thomson. HEN (4): 1, Merrilees; 2, Craig; 3, Keill; 4, Thomson. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl., Howie, grand col., nice condition, rare head, bold front, fine wiug and tail, well shown; 2, Lumsden, good one, splendid head, well rounded back and front, grand substance; 3, Douglas and Fenwick, fine col. and shape; 4, Barclay, nice shape, fine substance; vhc, Brown. BUFF (6): 1, Lumsden, grand head, bold front, well braced wings, fine col., quality, and condition; 2, spl., Dickson, tkd., nice head, beautiful col., well modelled; 3, Howie, good head, fine substance; 4, Mitchell, fine size; vhc, Spence and Cook. VARIEG., ETC., BUFF CK. (5): 1, Howie, leading with a hot one for type, col., quality, all there, shows well; 2, Fraser, variegated, nice bold front, splendid substance, feather and finish; 3, Gillies, good size, fine col. and quality; 4, Forrest; vhc, Mitchell. YELL. CL., ETC., HEN (6): 1, spl., 3, Howie, leader splendid shaped head, front and back, in the pink of condition, 3rd fine type; 2, Barclay, fine head, good neck and wing carriage; 4, Davidson; vhc, Douglas and Fenwick; he, Cook. BUFF (12): 1, Howie, charming variegated, nice head, well modelled front, splendid back and wing carriage; 2, Dickson, very similar in markings and shape, runs close race; 3, Douglas and Fenwick, fine col. and quality; 4, Dickson, fine shape; vhc, Brown; he, Thomson; c, Fraser. SELL. (10/-) (4): 1, Kerr; 2, Lumsden; 3, Davidson; 4, Roger. CREST (4): 1, spl., Paul, good green, nice size, lovely shaped crest, well centred, nice frontal and droop; 2, Arnott, fine size, good length of feather; 3, MacDonald, good size, nice substance; 4, and confined spl., Rodger, nearly green, nice size, fine head. C.-B. (4): 1, MacDonald, leading with a bird of grand substance, rare head, splendid browing and turnover; 2, Arnott, fine size, good feather and entrance; 3, Low, variegated, nice body, good feather, flat on head; 4, Paul, good head, fine length of feather. SELL. (20/-) (5): 1, Lumsden; 2, Low; 3, Arnott; 4, Lindsay and Summers. BORD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Craig, grand col., splendid shaped head, well modelled front, beautiful back, wing, and tail cariage; 2, Smart, presses hard, splendid modelled bird all over, handles well; 3, spl, Bennett, another gem, fine head, free in neck, neat back; 4, Halliday, another model, fine graceful carriage; vhc, McKenzie, good one; he, Millar; c, Thomson. HEN (9): 1, McKenzie, leading with a sweet one, all grace and style, swagger of head well modelled; 2, spl, Craig, well-known, but outclassed to-day, all over a good one; 3, Buchanan, real gem, fine head, well modelled front and back; 4, Spence, nice little hen, fine col. and quality; vhc, Bennet, nice shape; he, Peters; c, Millar. BUFF (14): Grand class: 1, spl best Bord., McKenzie, thorough Bord., dressed in his Sunday best, excellent head and neck, fine front and back, beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, Bennet, close up, fine col., grand quality feather; 3, Young, tkd. on eye, finely modelled, head free from any frill; 4, spl, Glass, model all over, splendid head, neck and back; vhc, Halliday; he, Hook; c, Smart. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, one of his gems turned out in perfect trim, lovely head, col. and feather like wax, stylish; 2, Peters tkd. on head, nice stamp, well braced wings, fine modelled front; 3, no name, shade larger, but fine col., quality, and condition; 4, McKenzie, sweet little hen, true shape; vhc, Craig; he, Dell; c, Rodger. UNEVEN MKD. (14): 1, Young, grand five-pointed hen, splendid eye and wing markings, tkd. on head, fine head, grand style, jaunty head carriage; 2, Denholm, three-pointed buff, mkd. eyes and one wing, in the pink of condition, well modelled; 3, Glass, well-known winning five-pointed yell., nice style and action, fine feather; 4, McKenzie, shade soft to-day, bird of true type; vhc, Glass, cinn. uneven; he, Denholm, three-pointed yell.; c, Craig. SELL. (10s. CK.) (8s. HEN): 1, McKenzie; 2, Glass; 3, Bennet; 4, Craig; vhc, Rea; he, Lumsden; c, Kydd and Sons. YORKS. CK. (12): 1, spl, 2, Douglass, leader buff, tkd. head, grand length, well drawn wings, splendid col. and quality, straight and taking, 2nd yell. variegated, nice head and back, well braced wings; 3, Robertson, good one, well rounded body, fine wings; 4, MacDougal, nice yell., fine head; vhc, he, Martain; c, Muir. HEN (6): 1, McDougal, buff, nicely drawn, fine head, well braced wings, stylish and taking; 2, Cook, yell., grand shape, good head, nice col. and quality; 3, Martain, good one, fine wing carriage; 4, Robertson, yell., fine head; vhc, he, Lister. MEMBERS, A.V. CK. (14): 1, 2, Low; 3, Speed; 4, Cook; vhc, Gillespie; he, Corstorphine; c, Donaldson. A.O.V. (6): 1, Howie; 2, Ritch; 3, Ruddiman; 4, vhc, W. Ruddiman. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Thompson, grand size, lovely cap and wings, rich col. breast, fine back, wins easily; 2, Irvine, fine size and cap marks; 3, W. Thomson, nice size, fine cap, little unsteady. LINNET (5): 1, Morgan, large one, nice pencilling, shows whites well, steady, and in fine bloom; 2, Watson, nice one, beautifully spangled, in the pink of condition; 3, Lister, fine head, good markings; 4, Munro. RED-POLL, ETC. (5): 1, Douglas and Fenwick, large Twite, splendid head, fine markings, steady and well shown; 2, Munro, beautiful markings and col.; 3, Morgan, fine head, good markings; 4, Watson, nice one all through. GREENFINCH (6): 1, White, large yell., field-moulted, nat. col., in splendid feather, fine head, good wing bars; 2, Gray, fed yell., grand head and markings; 3, Leitch Bros., buff, large, good head, splendid markings; 4, Mitchell, fine col.; vhc, Thomson. DARK MULE (4): 1, spl, 2, Storrar, Goldie-Can., fine blaze, in excellent condition; 2, Linnet-Can., large yell., fine substance, shows cross well; 3, Watson, Goldie-Can., in fine condition.

PAISLEY AND DISTRICT N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Ninth annual show held on November 13th in the G. A. Clark Town Hall. There was a good turnout of birds, and the show was judged by Mr. McLay (Kirkintilloch) and Mr. Livingstone (Bathgate), they giving every satisfaction.

YOUNG CREST CK.: 1, 2, D. O'Hare; 3, Bonnar. HEN ;1, Gemmell; 2, 3, O'Hare. C.B. CK.: 1, Gemmell; 2, 3, O'Hare. HEN: 1, cup winner, 2, Gemmell; 3, McCulloch. YOUNG YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, cup winner, Sinclair; 2, Laidlaw; 4, 5, Potts. HEN: 1, Stevenson; 2, Laidlaw; 3, 4, Sinclair; 5, Potts. BUFF CK.: 1, Stevenson; 2, Laidlaw; 3, 4, Sinclair; 5, Potts; 6, Gemmell; 7, Potts. HEN: 1, 3, Sinclair; 2, Barr; 4, O'Hare; 5, Potts; 6, Stevenson. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Barr; 2, Sinclair; 3, Stevenson; 4, Gemmell. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Sinclair; 4, Barr; 5, McPherson. BUFF CK.: 1, Gemmell; 2, Stevenson; 3, 4, Sinclair; 5, Laidlaw. HEN: 1, 3, Sinclair; 2, Gemmell; 4, Stevenson. UNFED CK.: 1, 3, Sinclair; 2, O'Hare; 4, Potts. HEN: 1, Watt; 2, 3, Sinclair; 4, H. Potts. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Ingram; 4, Kelly. YOUNG YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, 3, Watt; 2, Hutchison; 4, McLerie; 5, T. Potts. HEN: 1, 2, Watt; 3, 4, Heron. BUFF CK.: 1, 5, Watt; 2, 4, T. Potts; 3, McLerig. HEN: 1, 3, Watt; 2, T. Potts; 4, McLerie; 5, Graham. OLD C. OR C.B. CK.: 1, Gemmell; 2, Livingstone; 3, McLerie; 4, Ingram. HEN: 1, O'Hare; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Ingram. NOR. CK.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Barr; 3, Ingram; 4, Sinclair; 5, Stevenson; 6, Potts; 7, Bonnar. HEN: 1, Laidlaw; 2, T. Potts; 3, 4, Stevenson. BUFF CK.: 1, H. Graham; 2, 3, Hutchison. HEN: 1, 4, McNair; 2, Heron; 3, Graham. YOUNG MULES: 1, 2, 3, Buchanan; 4, Duff; 5, Heron; 6, J. Stevenson. HYB.: 1, medal, Buchanan. LINNET (21): 1, 6, T. Potts; 2, Watt; 3, Hutchison; 4, Morrison; 5, Buchanan; 7, McNair. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Heron; 2, 3, Ingram; 4, Graham; 5, Hutchison; 6, H. Potts; 7, Morrison. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hutchison; 2, O'Hare; 3, Buchanan; 4, J. Stevenson. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, McLerie; 2, Heron; 3, O'Hare; 4, Hutchison; 5, Morrison; 6, Duff; 7, Ingram. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, Graham; 2, 6, Heron; 3, Duff; 4, Hutchison; 5, Morrison; 7, McPherson. SISKIN: 1, Duff; 2, McPherson; 3, Stevenson. HOUSE-MOULTED REDPOLL: 1, O'Hare; 2, Briggs; 3, Potts; 4, Morrison. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Duff; 2, 3, Buchanan; 4, McPherson; 5, T. Potts; 6, Morrison. GREENFINCH: 1, Morrison; 2, McLerie; 3, Duff; 4, Watt; 5, Heron; 6, McPherson. SMALL BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, McLerie; 2, 3, Morrison; 4, Duff; 5, Watt; 6, 7, Hutchison. LARGE: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, 4, T. Potts. FIELD-MOULTED REDPOLL: 1, 4, McPherson; 2, Heron; 3, Briggs; 5, Ingram; 6, Duff; 7, T. Potts. FOR.: 1, Morrison; 2, Duff; 3, McNair. SELL.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, 4, T. Potts; 3, McNair; 5, Stevenson. GIFT: 1, McLerie; 2, O'Hare; 3, Sinclair; 4, Potts. BRIT. HEN, A.O.S.: 1, Morrison; 2, Duff; 3, Stevenson. —R. McLERIE, Scc.

JARROW, HEBBURN & DIS. C.B.S.

Members' show, held in the Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow, on November 27th. There was a good entry, nearly 290 birds being staged. Mr. R. Berwick judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. Thompson won Sandiford's Medal, and Mr. Thomas Steele special for best British bird.

NOR. CL. YELL: 1, 2, Richardson. BUFF: 1, vhc, he, Richardson; 2, 3, Morrell. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Morrell; 3, Richardson; he, Bowen. HEN: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, vhc, he, Morrell; c, Coltman. NOVICE: 1, 2, he, Coltman; 3, Baker; vhc, Towell; c, Abbott. YOUNG BIRDS. CL. YELL., ETC.: 1, Richardson; 2, Coltman; 3, Thompson; vhc, Morrell; he, Towell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Richardson; vhc, he, c, Morrell. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Hutler; 3, Thompson; he, c, O'Hagan. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hutler. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Hutler. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hutler; vhc, he, Metcalf. HEN: 1, Whittle; 2, 3, vhc, Hutler. NOVICE: 1, Abbott; 2, 3, Traynor. YOUNG BIRDS: YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Whittle; 2, Hutler; 3, vhc, Thompson; he, Whittle. BUFF: 1, he, Thompson; 2, 3, vhc, Hutler. CREST. 1, Woodhouse. C.B.: No entries. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, he, Maughan; 2, Bowen; 3, c, Blore. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Blore; 3, Maughan. YOUNG BIRDS: Cl., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bowen; 2, Blore; 3, vhc, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Blore; vhc, c, Bell; he, Maughan. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Maughan. A.O.C.: 1, 2, Maughan; 3, Bell. MULE: 1, Steele, Greenfinch Mule; 2, Roy Stone, Goldfinch Mule; 3, Morrell, Greenfinch Mule; vhc, Towell, he, Swales; c, Hutler. SELL, 10s.: 1, c, Thompson; 2, Morrell, 3, he, Woodhouse; vhc, Richardson. LINNET: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Swales; he, Traynor; c, Morrell. GREENFINCH: 1, Steele; 2, 3, Traynor. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Steele, Bullfinch; 2, 3, Thompson, both Goldies; vhc, Swales; he, Whittle; c, Towell. SISKIN: 1, 2 Steele, Siskin and Redpole; 3, Metcalf, Siskin. BUNTING, ETC.: 1, 2, Steele, Bramblefinch and Chaffinch; 3, Woodhouse, Chaffinch. SONG: THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Blore, Starling. SUBSCRIBERS' CLASS A.V.: 1, Roy Stone, Goldfinch Mule; 2, Watson, Goldfinch; 3, Craigild, Cinn. Can.; vhc, McAndison; he, Mennie. FOR.: 1, Woodhouse, Archbishop Tanager.—R. BLORE, Hon. Scc.

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BRIDLINGTON.

Bridlington F.S. held their fourth annual open show at the Priory Institute on December 2nd. The society is to be congratulated upon having the services of Mr. A. J. H. Townsend as secretary, and he with the committee worked well to make the show the success it was. We much regret, however, having to record the fact that the "gate" was a very small one, doubtless due to the exceptionally bad weather. Our section was a decided improvement both in numbers and quality on previous shows, some of the best Yorkshires in the East Riding of the county being on view. Mr. G. Harland (Hull) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The Norwich, though weak in numbers, were good in quality, and we congratulate Mr. R. Lyon (a local member) upon his winning premier honours, especially considering the winning Bull had been bred by him. May we express the hope that the society will next year be able to increase the prize money, and so bring our section up in numbers and importance in this mixed show?

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Watts, cl., grand position, full of quality, good length; 2, r, Crathorne, cl., good length and position; 3, Mitchell, a typical Yorkie, grand position, shape and feather; vhc, Pressey; he, Chadwick; c, Warner. BUFF (9): 1, r, Watts, tkd. head, grand shape and position, full of quality, showed nasty twist in neck feather when these notes were taken; 2, Warriner, cl., lovely feather, grand position, close up; 3, vhc, Mitchell, another typical Yorkie, grand quality; he, Pressey; c, Crathorne. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, r, Lyon, typical cl. hen, good feather, short and cobby; 2, Mitchell, cl. hen, grand type and feather; 3, Pressey, again a cl. hen, grand type, beaten only in feather and wing carriage; vhc, Crathorne. BUFF (5): 1, r, Lyon, tkd. head and wing unflig., good size and feather, short wings and tail; 2, Crathorne, tkd. head, good quality; 3, Mitchell, grand unflig cl., nicely frosted, runs winner close; vhc, Pressey. BRIT. (10): 1, r, Watson, Bramblefinch, grand size and markings, rich col., win.; 2, he, Guy, Bullfinch, good size, lovely quality, feather and col.; 3, Chadwick, Crossbill, good size and col., would have shown to better advantage in standard show cage; vhc, Pressey; c, J. Stubbs. FOR. (6): 1, Robson, Ring-necked Parrakeet, in fine plumage and condition; 2, 3, r, vhc, he, Chadwick, 2nd White Java in perfect condition; 3rd, Avadavat, both would have told better if shown in pairs. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, r, he, Crathorne; 2, vhc, Pressey; 3, Lyon.

ORMSKIRK.

Annual Show of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S., held on Nov. 27 in the large club room of the Buck i' the Vine Hotel, where a large number of birds, some of them of excellent quality, were staged. There were many visitors to the show, and we expect to hear that it was a financial success as well The management of affairs was in the hands of Mr. Tiffen, the hon. sec., to whom is due much credit for the successful issue of the venture. His efforts were ably seconded by a capital committee and some able stewards. Fanciers, when sending to this show, may rest assured that their birds will be well looked after. Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, judged, and his awards, we hear, gave every satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Tasker, variegated, hot col., nice feather, grand shape; 2, Price, tkd. on neck, good bird, will improve in col.; 3, Walker, nice bird, inclined to be feathery. HEN: 1, 3, Tasker, 1st, cl., grand type, very hot col.; 3rd, variegated, neat feather; 2, T. Johnson, big variegated, rare shape and quality; vhc, Price; c, Hesketh, BUFF CK.: 1, Williams, good head and neck, nice type; 2, T. Johnson, grand bird, not in best condition; 3, Hesketh, nice feather and condition; vhc, Tasker. HEN: 1, T. Johnson, good shape, rare depth of chest, nice exhibit; 2, vhc, Williams, 2nd nice feather, grand col.; 3, Tasker, short, cobby, of nice col. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Williams, 1st, buff, grand quality, cobby, good col.; 2, J. W. Johnson, nice head and back, good 2nd; 3, he, Tasker, 3rd. hot col., variegated, fine size and shape; c, Birch and Son. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, G. J. Johnson, 1st, variegated, good position, nice feather; 3rd, well up on leg, very stylish; 2, Walker, hot. col., cl., good back, nice wings and tail; vhc, Bullough; he, Wilkinson. HEN: 1, 2, G. J. Johnson, 1st, tick wing, nice col. and feather; 2nd, full of style, beaten only in feather; 3, Bullough, tkd. head, nice feather. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, G. J. Johnson, 1st, cl., rare length, grand position; 2nd, variegated, well up, good back; 3, Bullough, cl., slim, grand shape; vhc, Wilkinson; he, Field. HEN: 1, 2, G. J. Johnson, 1st, eye tkd., well up on legs, good hen; 2nd, nice feather and col.; 3, W. Lewis, fine hen; vhc, Field. YELL. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Walker, 1st, good col., well up on legs, well drawn ont; 3rd, unflig., nice col.; 2, Field, grand col., good feather; vhc, W. Lewis. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker, 1st, fine bird, good col. and size; 2nd, grand yell. hen. FOUL GREEN: 1, 2, vhc, Walker, 1st, buff foul wing and tail, good col., rare length; 2nd, yell., foul throat and tail, good col.; 3, Field, fine foul buff. UNFLIG.: 1, he, G. J. Johnson, leader yell., tkd. head, good feather, stylish; 2, 3, Bullough, 2nd, cl. buff, rare length and position; 3rd, buff, eye and wing mkd., good legs; vhc, Wilkinson. BORD. CK.: 1, Hesketh, cl. buff, nice feather and type; 2, 3, Tiffen, 2nd, cl. buff, good shape, nice carriage; 3rd, yell., variegated, fine stamp. HEN: 1, Johnson, senr., cl., col. fed, grand quality and shape; 2, 3, he, Tiffen, 2nd, cinn. mkd. buff, good type, feathered to perfection; 3rd, cl. buff, close up; vhc, Hesketh; c, Bush and Son. A.O.C. BORD.: 1, 2, Tiffen, 1st, foul green, grand feather; 2nd, green, nice type; 3, Bush and Son, buff, foul green, nice one. CAN. HYB.: 1, c, J. W. Johnson, leader, saddle and face mkd., good size and col.; 2, vhc, c. J. Lewis, 2nd, face, wings and tail mkd., grand size; 3, Bullough, dark yell., rare size, nice blaze. A.O.V.: 1, J. W. Johnson, grand Goldie Bullie, well shown; 2, Johnson, jun., nice Goldie-Greenie. BRIT. LINNET: 1, 2, J. W. Johnson, 1st, rich nutty brown, grand style, well laced; 2nd, good size and col.; 3, Moss, big, fine bird, nice col.; vhc, Birch and Son; he, Wilkinson; c, Price. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl. for best Hardbill, Birch and Son, rich, square cut blaze, nice wings and bars; 2, 3, J. W. Johnson, 2nd, nice face, rich tanning; 3rd, in grand condition, close up. BRAMBLE: 1, Walker, grand col., in excellent condition; 2, Birch and Son, again good, fails just a wee trifle in condition. BULLFINCH: 1, h, vhc, J. W. Johnson, 1st, steady, rare col, good cap, well shown; 2nd, fine bird, close up; 3, Johnson, jun., also good, not far away from others. GREENFINCH: 1, Johnson, jun., grand col. and condition, good one, well shown; 2, Birch and Son, rare size, well shown; 3, J. W. Johnson, again good; vhc, Crompton; he, Price. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, W. Lewis, rich col. Siskiu, good cap, well laced; 2, Hunter, again a Siskin, good one; 3, Moss, fine little Redpoll, close up; vhc, he, Birch and Son; c, Blundell. BUNTING: 1, 3, J. W. Johnson, 1st, well known winner in good form; 3rd, Meadow in grand form; 2, Hunter, Yellow, rare col., all through, pressed; vhc, Johnson, jun.; c, Birch and Son. HARDBILL, A.O.S., CK.: 1, 2, 3, J. W. Johnson, 1st, Hawfinch in rare form; 2nd, another Hawfinch, well up; 3rd, unique White Sparrow; vhc, Hunter. HEN: 1, vhc, he, J. W. Johnson; 2, Johnson, jun. 3, Johnson, senr. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, John on jun., grand Thrush, well shown; 2, Moss, nice Black bird, 3, Johnson, senr., beautiful Starling. SMALL: 1, spl. for best softbill, J. W. Johnson, Nightingale in really grand form; 2, Walker, another fine nightingale; 3, Hunter, Wheatear in nice condition. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, he, Johnson, jun.; 2, vhc, Williams; 3, Tasker. GIFT: 1, Tasker, 2, c, Johnson and Moss; 3, Birch and Walker, vhc, Moss and Lewis; he, Bullough Silver Medal for most pts. in show, Mr. J. W. Johnson, with exactly 100 pts.

COWDENBEATH.

Annual show of the Cowdenbeath O.S. held Nov. 27th. The Junction took place in the Drill Hall, which is very suitable, being lighted from the roof and free from draught. Despite the splendid classification the response was not very gratifying, though what was lacking in quantity was made amends for in the quality of the birds staged. But it is very discouraging to a society to see their labours but poorly rewarded; however, we hope that when another year comes round fanciers will give more liberal support. In Mr. Falconer, the secretary, the society possess an ideal official, one who is most obliging and courteous to both exhibitors and visitors alike. He is ably supported by the President, Mr. G. Sinclair, and a hard-working committee of genuine fanciers, who had everything in readiness when judging commenced. Messrs. W. Cullen (Dunfermline), and Anderson (Kelty) judged and their awards gave entire satisfaction. The show was well patronised by the public. Mr. Duff (Kelty), won silver cup for most points.

Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Corrigan, grand size, well up on end, good reach, fine length of wing; 2, yell. Green, very nice head and droop, fine depth through chest, very stylish. YELL. HEN: 1, Corrigan, sweetly made up one, nice shoulders, fine reach. BUFF COCK: 1, spl, Duff, massive size, grand top end, fine substance, gets tail well under. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Gillies, good top and reach, fine length of side, good rib. SELL.: 1, 2, Gibson. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Mathieson, cl., grand head and neck, fine short flights and tail; 2, Duff, variegated, grand front and back, fine feather and condition; 3, Philip, good substance, nice round head, shown in fine bloom; 4, Malloch; 5, Beveridge. HEN: 1, Duff, grand type and quality, nicely rounded front, good model. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Mitchell, first variegated, fine type and condition, good head and front; 3rd, cl., grandly made, well filled back, in rare bloom; 2, M'Que, nice short flights, in A1 condition; 4, Flynn. HEN: 1, spl, Masterton, mkd. eyes, lovely quality and condition, good type; 2, Malloch, mkd. eyes and wings, nice round head, good front and back; 3, Philip, A1 type, well staged; 4, Duff; 5, Taylor. CREST CK.: 1, spl, 2, Howie, 1st, mkd. wings, nicely radiated crest, lovely leafy feather; 2nd, similar to winner, good headpiece; 3, Sneddon, grand substance, nicely groomed crest; 4, Duff; 5, Corrigan. HEN: 1, Lindsay and Summers, D.C., of fine formation, nicely radiated from centre; 2, Duff, fine grizzle cap, grand substance; 3, Gillies, nice lady, good D.C., lovely feather. C.B. CK.: 1, spl, Kemp, fine broad entrance, nicely lashed, grand body feather; 2, Duff, excellent skull, finely cushioned, grand size. HEN: 1, 2, Lindsay and Summers, 1st massive Green, fine broad skull, nice feather and condition; 2nd, grand head, well lashed, good quality; 3, Howie, nice Green, grand body feather; 4, Gillies; 5, Kemp; 6, Duff. SELL. NOR.: 1, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, Davidson; 3, Duff; 4, Vickers; 5, Gillies; 6, M'Que. YORKS. CK.: 1, spl, Reid, nice round head, finely drawn body, good col. and quality. HEN: Cancelled. BORD. CK.: 1, Duff, foul on head, excellent type and quality, nicely rounded head and front, good level col.; 2, Cargill, buff, nice size and substance, well filled back, in rare bloom; 3, Baird, finely rounded head and body, nice pipe tail; 4, Kay; 5, Thomson. HEN: 1, spl, Duff, neat model, nice weight, rare front and back; 2, spl, Cargill, tkd. yell., good head and neck, finely drawn; 3, Baird, lovely variegated, shown in fine bloom; 4, Thomson. COMMON CAN.: 1, spl, Cargill; 2, 4, Ewenson; 3, Chalmers; 5, Wilson; 6, Murray. DARK MULE: 1, Simpson, fine big Linnet, grand col., well shown; 2, 3, Taylor, 1st, good-sized Goldie, nice flush face; 3rd, grand Linnet Mule; 4, Rankine; 5, Davidson. A.O.V. MULE: 1, spl, Jamieson, lightly variegated Goldie, nice size and condition; 2, Lindsay, good sized Goldie, well shown; 3, Simpson, really nice Goldie; 4, Murray; 5, Rankine. HYB.: 1, 3, Dunn, brace of grand Goldie-Bullies, shown in lovely condition; 2, Jamieson, fine sized Siskin-Goldie, very taking; 4, Penman, good Redpoll-Greenie. LINNET: 1, Penman, grand size and col., finely pencilled, well polished; 2, M'Vicars, fails only in size, dense col., nice pencilling. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lindsay, lovely square cut blaze, nicely tanned, good moons and buttons; 2, M'Laren, deep crimson blaze, nice size and condition; 3, Bennett, grandly tanned, good wing bars, in rare bloom; 4, spl, Lindsay. BULLFINCH: 1, Chalmers, dense cap, fine wing bars, good breast col.; 2, 3, M'Vicars, grand col. and condition, nicely staged; 3rd, lovely crimson breast, good cap and wing bars; 4, Kerr; 5, Donaldson; 6, Gray. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, 4, M'Vicars, good big Siskiu, nice cap and wing bars, beautifully laced; 2, Malcolm, Mealy Redpoll, good col. and markings, finely polished; 3, Rankine, nice sized Siskin, lovely bib; 5, M'Laren; 6, Simpson. BRIT., A.O.S., LARGE: 1, spl, Gray, grand Hawfinch, good col., fine, big bib; 2, Malcolm, Cornbunting, shown in rare bloom; 3, Bowman, real good Hawfinch; 4, Duff; 5, Caithness; 6, Currie. SMALL: 1, Duff, Grey Wagtail, in perfect feather. FOR.: 1, 2, Lawrie and Welsh, Long-tailed Whydah, in rare feather; 2nd, Waxbill, nice exhibit, well shown.

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MUSSELBURGH.

Musselburgh O.S. second annual show held in the Assembly Hall, High Street, on Nov. 27th, and was a gratifying success. The show is confined to members, and the grand entry of 500 exhibits speaks well for the progress of the Fancy in this district. Norwich Plainheads were forward in great numbers, and the quality was a distinct advance upon former years. Mr. J Smeaton here captured the Macgregor gold medal for best bird in hall, a win which proved very popular. In the Border Fancy section Mr. Miller,of Portobello, had a regular field day, accounting for seven first prizes, along with the gold medal for best Border, also the B.F.C.C. medal. The British section was the feature of the show. The secretary, Mr. W. Nisbet, is new to the task, but he proved himself equal to the occasion, and soon made hosts of new friends by his quiet and courteous manner. He was ably assisted by Mr. W. R. Dunn (president), Mr. M. Kavanagh (vice-president), and a grand working committee, all arrangements being carried through like clockwork. Judging was over in good time, and the show opened early to the public, and we were pleased to see the crowds who patronised the show. Judges were: For Scotch and Border Fancies, Mr. T. Todd (Edinburgh); for Norwich and Yorkshires, Mr. J. Ferguson (Glasgow); for British, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow). Other special winners were: Messrs. A. Hoyle, A. Fleming, P. Noble, J. Leach.,

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, King, cl. yell., great substance, standing well up on perch, splendid shoulders, rare droop; 2, no name, cl. buff, fine size and droop, good position, fine length of side; 3, King, buff pied, rare stamp, standing well up on legs. HEN (9): 1, 2, King, 1st cl. yell., grand model, well set up on legs, splendid depth and grand top end, rare action, 2nd yellow Greenle, fine type and shoulders, decided drive, sweet action; 3rd, yell. green, fine type; 4th, good stamp. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Dunn, well conditioned trio, 1st well up in size and col., fine close feather, wins well, 2nd fine size, col. and quality, shows brows, 3rd same stamp as leaders; 4, Gardiner, splendid type, open feather; vhc, Barr; hc, Smeaton; c, Pearson. HEN (11): 1, Fleming, rare size and substance, nicely-rounded head, short wings and tail; 2, hc, Dunn, beautiful col. and quality, very shapely; 3, Gardiner, splendid type, sweet head, fine quality; 4, Smeaton, splendid size and quality; vhc, Taylor; c, Pearson. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Fleming, nice size and rare quality, splendid wings; 2, Barr, lovely col. and quality, nicely moulded; 3, Gardiner, rare stamp, fine round head, grand frontal, splendid carriage; 4, Pearson, very shapely, deserves its place; vhc, Smeaton; hc, no name; c, Bolton. HEN (13): 1 and medal, Smeaton, a perfect model, neat head and neck, sweetly moulded front, clean cut under lovely wings; 2, 3, Dunn, 2nd rare type, short and compact, lovely quality, 3rd non-fed, beautiful quality and condition, neat head, shapely body; 4, Fleming, nice col. and quality; vhc, Gardiner; hc, c, Pearsen. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, 3, 4, Gardiner, 1st lovely shape and style, short and compact, 3rd grand size and substance, hot col., 4th very fine quality hen, nice feather; 2, Barr, varieg. hen, nice round head, fine frontal; vhc, Barr; hc, Gardiner. BUFF (11): 1, Smeaton, neat head and finely-moulded front, rare wing carriage, teeming with quality; 2, 4, Gardiner, 2nd grand size and col., chubby body, very shapely, 4th fine type and col.; 3, Dunn, beautiful col. and quality, neat head; vhc, no name; hc, Taylor; c, Fleming. NOVICE, YELL. (13): 1, Hoyle, fine round head and front, teeming with col. and quality; 2r, Taylor, very fine type and col.; 3, vhc, hc, c, Rutherford, nice size and shape; 4, Muir, nice type. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st splendid substance, neatly moulded short wings, and well carried tail, 2nd splendid quality, nice head; 3, Hoyle, rare condition, hot col., neat head; 4, c, Rutherford, shapely body, narrow head; vhc, hc, McKinley. YELL. OLD (9): 1, Smeaton, yell. varieg., rare substance of body, neatly moulded front, clean under, rich col., very fine feather; 2, Fleming, tkd., shapely head and fine substance of body, nice col.; 3, vhc, Gardiner, splendid type, short and cobby, fine quality; 4, c, Nisbet, nice stamp wings; hc, Barr. BUFF OLD (11): 1, hc, Gardiner, leader rare size and well rounded frontal, well cut away, fine quality feather; 2, Muir, small but very shapely, fine round head, rare quality; 3, vhc, Nisbet, extra good model; 4, Fleming, nice shape and quality; c, Rutherford. CREST, BUFF (7): 1, 2, Leach, both D.C. of nice proportions, neatly laid crests, broad leafy feather; 3, 4, vhc, Matthew, 3rd D.C., good frontal, 4th clear body griz., crest nice quality. YORKS. (11): 1, Hoyle, yell., long drawn and finely tapered, neat head and good position, wins easily; 2, 4, Dunn, 2nd wing mkd. buff, nice one, 4th buff, mkd., nice quality; 3, vhc, hc, c, Young, 3rd yell. hen nicely tapered body fine quality. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, 2, 3, Miller, splendid trio, brimming with quality, 1st cap mkd., shapely body, finely tapered, rare wings and condition, 2nd tkd. on cap, same stamp, not much between, 3rd another good one; 4, 5, Matthew, sturdily built, neat head and well packed wings; hc, c, Pearson. HEN (20): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Miller, well conditioned lot, 1st neat head, shapely body and fine action, 2nd very neat action, full of quality, 3rd short and compact, in splendid order; 4, Leach, finely got up, neat head, very close feather; vhc, Lumsden. BUFF CK. (24): 1, Young, rare model, jaunty action, splendid col., beautiful feather; 2, 3, Wilson, a brace of typical Bord., not far behind, staged in grand order; 4, Dunn, nice shape, very close feather; vhc, Pearson; hc, Lumsden; c, Leach. HEN (21): 1, 2, hc, Miller, leading with sweetly-moulded hen in the best of condition, 2nd same type as leader, very neat head and wings; 3, 4, Wilson, 3rd rare quality bird, fine action, 4th inclined to be leggy; vhc, Pearson; c, Leach. EVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Leach, saddle mkd., fine type, well packed wings and tail, splendid condition; 2, Miller, nice quality bird; 3, Noble, heavily mkd., nice type; 4, Young, fine type, nice quality feather; vhc, Carruthers; c, Nisbet. HEN (7): 1, Dunn, neatly moulded hen, neat head and jaunty action; 2, 3, Watt and Storie, very typical pair, full of col. and quality; 4, Carruthers, close up, very shapely, nice action; vhc, Nisbet. BUFF, CK. (9): 1, Watt and Storie, eye and wing mkd., well balanced markings, very shapely body, staged in rare order; 2, Wilson, varieg., grand col. and quality; 3, Leach, nice type and rare condition; 4, Carruthers, nice stamp, fine action. HEN (8): 1, 2, Watt and Storie, leading with a cap and wing mkd. of rare type, beautiful quality feather, 2nd eyes and wings mkd., lovely markings, well braced wings, must have pressed; 3, hc, c, Pearson, 3rd eyes and wings mkd., lovely type; 4, Dunn, varieg., nice type and quality; vhc, Leach. YELL. GREEN: 1, 3, Pearson, 1st nice round head and well rounded body, nice shade of col., nicely pencilled, 3rd nice col. and pencilling; 2, 4, Carruthers, 2nd neatly got up hen, full of quality and very shapely, plenty of work, must have pressed hard, 4th good ground col., nice type; vhc, Wilson; hc, Nisbet. BUFF (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Pearson, 1st nice type and quality, 2nd gem for markings, and good sound col., splendid tyne and quality; 3, Wilson, grand quality bird, not far behind; 4, Nisbet, nice exhibit. NOVICE, YELL. (9): 1, Noble, very typical specimen, clese feather and splendid finish; 2, 6, Storie, very shapely, brimming in quality; 3, vhc, Young, neat head, grand wings, lovely feather; 4, Sidlow, nice type; c, Carruthers. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Young, brace of typical Bord., grand quality feather, splendid wing carriage; 3, hc, Little, nice quality and shape; 4, Sidlow, not far behind, fine action, neat head; vhc, Carruthers; c, Cairns. BUFF, OLD (9): 1, Miller, griz. cap, grand quality feather; 2, Lumsden, longer drawn, neatly tapered, fine round head, splendid quality; 3, Watt and Storie, well balanced, eyes and wings mkd., put down in grand trim; vhc, Noble; hc, Carruthers; c, Pearson; 4, Young, very shapely, nice close feather. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Miller, again leading with a gem for quality and condition, eyes and wings mkd., 3rd clear, fine type, rich col., well staged; 2, Lumsden, splendid type, neat head and grand wings, finished to perfection; 4, Watt and Storie, varieg., fine type, very stylish; vhc, Cairns; hc, Little; c, Galloway. BRIT. HOUSE-MOULTED GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Hoyle, nice size and splendid tanning, nicely col. blaze, of good proportions, grand wing bars and moonings; 2, 4, vhc, Leckie, 2nd well up in size, nice square face, good buttons and tauning; 3, Gardiner, very nice Finch, sound body col., well defined blaze. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 4, Leckie, fine size, round head, with jet-black cap, well cut, poor breast col.; 2, Wilson, grand size, rich body col., splendid cap and wing bars; 3, McKinlay, nice type and cap; vhc, Hoyle. GREENFINCH (12): 1, hc, Gardiner, 1st rare size and shape, bold head and rare col., very steady; 2, Leach, fine quality Finch; 3, c, Hoyle, nice stamp, grand wings, well staged; 4, Leckie, well up in size and col. not far behind; vhc, Nisbet. LINNET (9): 1, 4, Leckie, fine stamp, rich col. and beautifully pencilled, steady as a rock; 2, Hoyle, nice quality, neat head and wings, rare col., full of work; 3, Leach, nice size, lighter at throat, splendid condition; vhc, Dunn; hc, c, Hoyle. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Hoyle, leading with a sweet little Siskin, splendid body coleur, well defined cap and bib, in grand order, 2nd mealy Redpoll, well up in size, fine markings; 3, Leckie, Siskin, nice cap and lacing; 4, Leach, rare quality Twite, lovely markings. BULLFINCH HEN (7): 1, Leckie, grand size and rare shade of body col., nice wing bars and lovely cap, wins; 2, Matthew, nice size, good cap and wings; 3, Carruthers, very shapely Bullie; 4, Pearson, nice stamp, good col.; 5, Gardiner. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wilson, Bramblefinch, fine siz, col., and spangling, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Hoyle, 2nd Chaffinch, splendid wing bars, sound col., rare condition, 3rd Bramble, nice one again; 4, hc, Gardiner, Chaffinch; vhc, Little; c, Pearson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Gardiner, Hawfinch, grand size, rare col., well defined bib, in grand condition; 2, 3, Hoyle, 2nd Corn Bunting, fine size and col., in best of condition, 3rd Reed Bunting, nicely mkd., well staged; 4, Wilson, Yellow Bunting, nice size, fine col.; vhc, Muir; hc, c, Galloway. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 4, he, Hoyle a grand team, led off by splendid specimen of the Red-backed Shrike, staged in faultless condition, 2nd Yellow Wagtail, grand col. and bloom, 4th Stonechat, nice col.; 3, Gardiner, Starling, nicely spangled, lovely feather; vhc, Young; c, Gardiner. FIELD-MOULTED BRIT. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Fleming, splendid size, grand cap and wings, teeming with breast col., wins; 2, 4, Galloway, 2nd pair of nice Bullies grand condition, falling only in col.; 3, Hoyle, rare size, fine broad cap, good col.; vhc, Little; hc, Leach; c, Leckie. LINNET (14): 1, 3, Hoyle, leader nice type, stoutly built, plenty col. and pencilling; 2, Fleming, not far behind, nice size; 4, Sidlow, nice size. SISKEN, ETC. (11): 1, 2, c, Hoyle, to the front again with a smart little Siskin, followed by a rare col. Lesser Redpoll; 3, 4, vhc, Galloway, Siskin leading, good cap and lacing, 4th Redpoll; hc, Leckie. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Hoyle, a grand team, 1st Grey Wagtail, 2nd Blackcap, 3rd Shore Lark, 4th Skylark, which ought to be heard of later on, all staged in perfect condition. HYB. (11): 1, hc, Wilson, Linnet-Bullie, nice size and splendid col., an easy win; 2, Pearson, Greenle-Can., nice size; 3, Watt and Storie, buff Linnet-Can.; 4, vhc, Nisbet, Greenle-Can. FOR. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 2, Dunn, nice size, nicely tanned, rich shade of blaze, square cut, 2nd lacks the bloom of winner; 3, 5, Hoyle, fine condition nice col.; 4, hc, Matthew, nice Goldie; c, Sidlow. SMALL A.O.S. (10): 1, c, Hoyle, again leading with a beautiful specimen of the Diamond Sparrow, lovely marking and faultless condition; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Leach, a very fine team, staged in grand order, 2nd pair of Yellow Budgerigars, 3rd pair Avadavats, 4th Bronze Mannikins.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third annual show of the Rutherglen and Dis. O.A. took place on 20th Nov., in the Rechabites' Hall. There was a very good turn-out of exhibits, about 220 birds being passed in review before the judges, Messrs. A. K. Chalmers (for the Border Fancies), and J. Young (for Crests, Norwich, British and Foreign). Both judges expressed themselves as highly pleased with the quality of the birds, and congratulated the members on the progress made during the three years' existence of the Society.

YOUNG BIRDS.—CREST. CK. (3): 1, Lappin; 2, 3, Joel. HEN (2): 1, Joel; 2, Lappin. C.B. CK. (2): 1, 2, Joel. HEN: 1, 2, Joel. NOR CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, 4, Liddell; 2, Livingstone. HEN (4): 1, McAulay; 2, Clark; 3, Rennie. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Frame; 2, Livingstone; 4, McAulay. HEN (6): 1, 3, Frame; 2, 4, McAulay. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, 4, Livingstone. BUFF (7): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, Frame; 4, Livingstone. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, Rennie; 2, Noddings. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Tod; 3, 4, Brownlie. HEN (7): 1, Tod; 2, Brownlie; 3, Bennett; 4, Lappin. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Bennett; 2, Lappin; 3, Tod; 4, Brownlie. HEN (5): 1, 3, Tod; 2, Brownlie; 4, Hutchison. EVEN MKD. (1): 1, Tod. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Brownlie; 3, 4, Lappin. BUFF: 1, Hutchinson; 2, 3, Brownlie; 4, Lappin. YELL., GREEN, OR CINN. (10): 1, 3, Lappin; 2, Cowie; 4, Todd. BUFF (9): 1, Tod; 2, Cowie; 3, Lappin; 4, Hutchison. MULES (1): 1, Bennett. OLD BIRDS.—CREST. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Joel; 4, Lappin. HEN (2): 1, 2, Joel. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Lappin; 2, 3, Joel. HEN: 1, Lappin; 2, 3, Joel. NOR., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, McNair; 2, Rennie; 3, McAulay; 4, Liddell. BUFF (6): 1, 3, McAulay; 2, Frame; 4, McNair. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, 4, Frame. BUFF (8): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, Liddell; 4, McNair. GREEN OR CINN. (1): 1, McAulay. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Lappin; 2, Brownlie; 4, Tod. BUFF (6): 1, Rennie; 2, Bennett; 3, 4, Brownlie. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Hutchison; 2, Bennett; 3, Lappin. BUFF (2): 1, Brownlie; 2, Lappin. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, 3, Hutchison; 2, Cowie; 4, Lappin. A.O.V. (3): 1, 3, Watson; 2, Johnson. MULES (1): 1, Livingstone. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Rennie; 2, Brownlie; 3, 4, Bennett. BRIT., BULLFINCH (6): 1, 3, Brownlie; 2, 4, Bennett. LINNET (8): 1, Brownlie; 2, 3, 4, Bennett. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Bennett; 2, Rennie; 3, Brownlie. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Brownlie; 2, 4, Bennett. LARGE BRIT. (1): 1, Bennett. FOR., GOLDFINCH (1): 1, Noddings. SMALL FOR. (4): 1, Brownlie; 2, 3, 4, Wilson. LARGE (1): 1, Manson.

CASTLE DOUGLAS.

Castle Douglas C.B.S. held their annual show on December 4th, and taken all round the entry was good, considering the date clashed with Annan, Borders and Norwich were a shade down in numbers, but the quality was grand. The feature of the show were the Mules and British, the Goldfinch class being exceedingly strong, and again headed by that well-known Britisher, "Pride of Galloway," so successfully shown by Messrs. McMinn Bros. Mr. McQuiston secured special for best Britisher with a grand Bearded Tit. Special for best cage bird was secured by Mr. Griffiths' almost clear Crestbred. The day was very cold, and a few of the birds seemed to feel the effects of their journey. The management, as usual, was up-to-date, everything being in apple-pie order, and the stewards were all well-known fanciers and greatly assisted in the staging of the exhibits. The executive are to be congratulated upon having such an ideal secretary in Mr. J. C. Burnie, who managed the show with such perfect skill; he was also assisted by his never-tiring colleagues. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged, and his awards on the whole were very well received.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY. CL. CK. (6): 1, spl., best Bord., Rae and Son, sweet shaped, fine front and head, well drawn, very stylish, staged in grand bloom; 2, Welsh, neat bodied buff, fine head, well finished; 3, Crearie and Son, good one, fine style, fine shape; 4, McKeand, yell., good feather; vhc, Marchbank; hc, McKeand. HEN (6): 1, Marchbank, grand all-round buff, lovely head and wing carriage, very nicely put down; 2, Welsh, grand conditioned yell., fine style and finish, well placed; 3, Crearie and Son, sweet buff, fine shape; 4, Brown, good-looking yell., very soft when we were taking notes; vhc, Burnie, hc, McKeand. A.O.V. CK. (6): 1, Brown, nice one, fine yell., unev., grand weight and shape, very stylish, well put down, wins; 2, Marchbank, another good yell., close on winner, tight in condition; 3, Heron, buff, grand feather and finish; 4, Martin, yell., nice quality; vhc, Welsh; hc, Skilling. HEN (3): 1, Welsh, good feathered yell., cinn. mkd., fine weight, grand finish; 2, McKeand, varieg. buff, nice type, good quality feather; 3, Buruie, beaten a trifle in finish, but nice shape. BORD., SELL. (10/-) (4): 1, Welsh; 2, Rae and Son; 3, Burnie; 4, Blackloch. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Welsh, leader very slim got up yell. cock, nice length, grand quality feather, well drawn, perfect in carriage; 2, Moffat, raking buff, great length, splendid quality feather, inclined to be a shade strong on top; 3, Rae and Son, very stylish yell., slim and grand position; 4, McDougal, another great one for length, very good in position. HEN (3): 1, Moffat, good all-round buff hen, in lovely bloom, nice length, good position, tight as wax; 2, McDougal, good lengthy yell. hen, grand length; 3, Welsh, yell., very stylish, but not quite the finish of winners. NOR. CK. (3): 1, spl. best Nor., 2, Devey, leader good yell. varieg., sweet one for shape, nice front, A1 wing carriage and taper, well put down, 2nd also a yell., good front; 3, McMinn Bros., nice shape and plenty of substance. HEN (4): 1, 3, Devoy, 1st buff, tkd., really good one, fine substance, short, A1 taper, grand order and finish, 3rd yell., plenty of size; 2, McMinn Bros., good-bodied yell., nice size and quality; 4, Martin, buff, fine trim. CREST OR C.-B. (5): 1, spl. best in show, 2, Griffiths, leader real tip-top C.-B., rare entrance, splendid lash, grand length of feather, broad in skull, plenty of size, in fine bloom, 2nd a good all-round Crest, fine top-piece, lengthy and well rounded; 3, Johnstone and Son, neat crest, fine length, good side and centre; 4, Devoy, very neat in finish. HYB. OR LIGHT MULE (5): 1, McQuiston, good Goldie-Bullie, fine size, well forward in colours, good 1st; 2, Crosbie, sweet varieg. Goldie, nicely mkd., rare bloom, grandly staged; 3, Heron, again Goldie-Bullie, fails only in size and colour to winner, fine quality and shape; 4, Bell, sweet varieg., good face; vhc, Wylie. DARK (6): 1, McNairn, real good jonquo Goldie, grand size, very dense in colours, rare bars, deep expansive flush face, fed to perfection, grandly put down; 2, Crosbie, very nice Linnet, well up in size, good col., splendidly pencilled; 3, Heron, raking Greenfinch, nice col. and markings, plenty of size; 4, McQuiston, good jonque Goldie, grand size, well forward in col.; vhc, Clues; hc, Bell. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, McMinn Bros., ("Pride of Galloway"), real gem of a Brit., splendidly finished off, deep expansive square blaze, lovely tannings, deep chestnut hue throughout; 2, Hannay, another hot one, rare shape, scarcely so deep in face, perhaps, but a Finch that should do some winning; 3, McQuiston, lovely body and shape, grandly buttoned, splendid tight feathered one; 4, Crearie and Son, even better than 3rd in face, but a wee bit inclined to be a shade slim in body; vhc, Swan; hc, Connelly. BULLFINCH (11): 1, McQuiston, good one, rare size, grand depth of col., good cap, fine size, very tight in condition, well put down; 2, McGillivray Bros., rare cap, very nice depth of breast col., good 2nd; 3, Welsh, in grand order, fine depth of col, well put down; 4, Hogg, nice shape and col.; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Hogg. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Aikman, nat. col. one, grand shape, fine full chest, very steady, rare trim, good col.; 2, 4, Welsh, 2nd grand fed bird, very level in col., rare finish of feather, fine body and carriage, 4th nice col. one, good shape and size, well finished; 3, McQuiston, romping one for size, very hot fed, well burnished; vhc, Heron; hc, Burnie. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, McQuiston, very nice Linnet, grand size and col, very nicely laced, steady, in grand bloom; 2, McGillivray Bros., sweet yell. Siskin, nice size, good cap and bib, lovely wing bars, nice shade, a bit soft when we were taking notes; 3, McMinn Bros., good laced Siskin, plenty of size, nice tone of colour; 4, Heron, Lesser Redpoll, nice size and bib, in very good trim; vhc, Burnie; hc, Heron. BRIT., A.O.V. SMALL (5): 1, spl. best British, McQuiston, gem of a Bearded Tit, delightfully staged, splendidly mkd., good exhibit; 2, Crearie and Son, grand shaped Thrush, nicely laced, shown in fine order, well put down; 3, Thomson, Grey Wagtail, nice size, again staged to perfection; 4, McKinnill and Son, Chaffinch, good col. and shape; vhc, McMinn Bros. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, vhc, hc, McKinnill and Son, leader real good Red crested Cardinal, grand size, dense crest, lovely body col., very steady, in grand order; 2, Thomson, Scarlet Tanager, good size and col., well staged; 3, Murray, neat Bishop, in fine order; 4, Burnie, Red-crested Cardinal. SELL. (10/-) (12): 1, Hannay; 2, McMinn Bros.; 3, Aikman; 4, Andrew; vhc, McRat; hc, McQuiston. (5/-) (9): 1, Martin; 2, Devoy; 3, Aikman; 4, Andrew; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Martin. GIFT (6): 1, Crearie and Son, Bord. Fcy; 2, 4, McMinn Bros.; 3, Martin, vhc, Heron.

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JEDBURGH.

Annual open exhibition of the Jedburgh C.B., etc., Association was held in the Public Hall on 4th December. The hall is an ideal one for a cage bird display, being fitted throughout with up-to-date heating apparatus and having good level light. In the president, Mr. J. E. Mein, the society possess a true fancier, who has the welfare of the show at heart, and who is ably assisted by the two vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Richardson and W. Veitch. The secretaries, Messrs. T. Scott and A. Frater, deserve more than a word of praise for the workmanlike manner in which the arrangements were carried out. The committee are evidently thorough and well tried fanciers, and well-known exhibitors. Great credit is due to them for the way they attended the wants of the exhibits. The following are the committee:—Messrs. W. Renilson, H. McLevy, T. Taylor, W. Waldie, P. Carruthers, J. Yellowlees, G. Balfour, R. Robson, J. Middleton, J. Veitch, R. S. Easton, W. Bathgate, J. Hogg, A. Oliver, J. Halliday, and E. Haig. Entries were much better than for a few years past, and quality was well to the foro. Only two classes were provided for Scotch Fancies, but these were graced with birds which can well hold their own in good company. Norwich were well forward in type and quality. Borders had the premier honours as regards number of classes given, and a very fine group of this smart set were on view. British, etc., classes were a very attractive feature. A few really good ones were staged. The show was well patronised, and we hope it will turn out a success financially. Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso) judged the various sections, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (8): 1, spl, 3, 6, 7, Veitch, winner green, grand substance and width of shoulder, free and reachy neck, works well, 3rd green, rare reach and length of body; 2, 4, Pringle, former buff, solid make, deep chest, good top, 4th pied buff, similar type; 5, Paterson. HEN (8): 1, 3, Pringle, buff and buff pied, 1st very massive body, great width, gets head well down; 2, Paterson, yell., very reachy and stylish; 4, 6, 7, Veitch, former well set up buff pied, grand depth of rib; 5, Beveridge. NOR. CK. (6): 1, spl, 4, Cameron, proper chubby make, well up in col; 2, Archer, buff varieg., similar type, grand round head; 3, Hughes, cl., fine silky feather; 5, Pringle; 6, Gardiner. HEN (8): 1, 2, Cameron, winner well set on leg, full round head and chest, neat short wings; 3, Gardiner, varieg., lovely feather, neat head; 4, Blackhall, massive body, well filled front; 5, Archer; 6, Hughes; 7, Pringle. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Paterson, very typical body, neat short flights and tail, hot col.; 2, 4, Bennet, full, well-rounded head and front, well carried wings and tail; 3, Arnott, smaller, very stylish carriage, close up with winners; 5, Blackie; 6, Brown; 7, Mather. HEN (10): 1, 2 spls, 6, Bennet, West of Scotland winner, one of the best of the season, neat round head; 2, Paterson, oye tkd., neatly drawn body, in fine bloom; 3, Arnott, sweetly rounded body, neat flights; 4, Brown, neck tkd., very jaunty carriage; 5, Massie; 7, Bell. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 4, Bennet, former cl., grand quality, sweetly rounded head, full front, 4th first at Galashiels, buff foul, extra close feather; 2, Paterson, hot level col., nice filled back; 3, Brockie, well deserving place, well modelled head, neck and body; 5, Brown; 6, Mather; 7, Tait. HEN (9): 1, 4, Bennet, pair of neat ones, former well up in bloom, true Border type, 4th also good type; 2, Paterson, A1 feather; 3, Service, good style; 5, Brown; 6, Mather; 7, Tait. EVEN MARK (5): 1, 2, Paterson, winner very fine type buff, splendid even body and eye markings, 2nd very stylish yell.; 3, Cormack, cinn. mkd. buff, feather of fine texture; 4, McLevy, grand typical body, neatly mkd.; 5, Robson and Oliver. UNEVEN MARK YELL.: 1, Paterson, 4-pointer, foul vent, very neat and stylish, good feather; 2, Arnott, 5-pointed, lovely make of body, neat head, well tapered body, close up; 3, Cormack, wing and thighs mkd., wings and tail well carried; 4, Linton, 5-pointed, neat and stylish; 5, Bennet; 6, McLevy; 7, Tait. BUFF (9): 1, B.F.C. medal, Paterson, griz., varieg., superb quality feather, well packed wings, close pipe tail; 2, 4, Bennet, true uneven mkd. eyes and one wing, bold and jaunty carriage, close up; 4th 5-pointed, similar style; 3, Brown, lightly mkd., excellent make and finish; 5, McLevy; 6, 7, Burns. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Murray, Gala winner, green, looking very fit, A1 type; 2, McLevy, nice grassy green, well up in bloom; 3, Cormack, very stylish yell. cinn., deep rich col. SELL, BORD. (9): 1, Paterson; 2, Brown; 3, Mather; 4, Blackie; 5, Linton; 6, Haig; 7, Cormack. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 2, Bruce, leader well known Irishman, in fine form, 2nd large and well mkd. buff Goldie-Can.; 3, Blackhall, very lengthy, varieg. buff; 4, Pringle, finely col. Greenlo; 5, Hardy; 6, Forsyth. BRIT., BULLFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Huggan, extra neat Goldie, full face and blaze, boldly mkd. wings and moonings; 2, Bruce, finely col. Bullie, neat wing bars and cap; 3, 6, Halliday, Bullie, also lovely close feather; 4, Clark, good Goldie, large moonings; 5, Smith; 7, Ellis. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Ford, very finely col. Siskin, well cut bib, well spangled body; 2, Halliday, sprightly Redpoll, in fine bloom; 3, Robson and Oliver, well mkd. Linnet, deep rich tone of col.; 4, Blackie, nat. col. Siskin; 5, Haig. GREENIE, ETC. (11): 1, Minto, full-sized Greenie, rich col., well mkd. wing bars; 2, 6, Gardiner, Greenie, also well up in size, very close feather; 3, Messer, Bramble; 4, Bruce, neat Greenie; 5, Robson and Oliver; 6, Purves. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, Blackie, well known Hawfinch, in lovely feather, neatly cut face and bib, rich head col.; 2, Ford, good col. Bunting; 3, Bruce, Yellowhammer, in grand bloom, markings well defined; 4, Messer, ditto. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Ford, Bearded Tit, in excellent feather; 2, Paterson, well mkd. Thrush. FOR. (5): 1, Bruce, Red-headed Gouldian; 2, Ford, Black ditto; 3, Campbell; 4, Ormiston. BORD., LOCAL (12): 1, 2, Haig; 3, Robson and Oliver; 4, Miss E. Young; 5, Mrs. T. Mabon; 6, Purves; 7, Lindores. GIFT (5): 1, 2, Haig; 3, 4, Robson and Oliver; 5, Purves.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY & DIS. O.S.

The 3rd members' show was held on Nov. 24th, at Oddfellow Hall. The interest which has been manifest throughout the season is still as keen as ever. Entries came up strong, 109 birds being staged. The competition for cup and special is left in such a state as to ensure another good entry on Dec. 27th, which will be the last show for the season. Mr. Armstrong (Halifax) judged, and his awards were well received.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, 4, spl, J. Butler; 2, Raistrick; 3, vhc, Bracewell; hc, Hargreaves; c, Davey. BUFF (15/-): 1, 2, c, Bracewell; 3, Maltby; 4, Pawson; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, J. Butler. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, J. Butler; 2, Pawson; 3, Marsh; 4, vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Richmond; c, Maltby. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Bracewell; 2, 3, J. Butler; 4, hc, Richmond; vhc, Maltby; c, Jeffrey. YELL. HEN (18): 1, C. Butler; 2, J. Butler; 3, Pawson.; 4, hc, Davey; hc, Bracewell; vhc, Maltby. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Marsh; 2, Davey; 3, Maltby; 4, hc, J. Butler; c, Pawson. NOR. (14): 1, 4, hc, Richmond; 2, Maltby; 3, Bracewell; vhc, c, Pawson. HEN (12): 1, 3, hc, Pawson; 2, 4, Richmond; vhc, Maltby; c, Bracewell; A.O.V. NOR. OR YORKS (8): 1, hc, Marsh; 2, 3, Kinder; 4, Davey; vhc, c, Jeffrey.
—J. BUTLER, Sec.

ALTRINCHAM.

The 6th annual open show of the Altrincham and Dis. T.U.B.S. was held in the Literary Institute, George Street, on December 3rd and 4th. The room is very well adapted in every way for a cage bird show, and is very convenient to station. The chairman, Mr. W. Wilkinson, the vice-chairman, Mr. T. Brennan, the treasurer, Mr. W. Bayley, and the committee, Messrs. A. Jackson, G. Hickson, and H. Broome, worked well together, and gave valuable assistance to the sec., Mr. Tom Harrison, and the assistant secretary, Mr. B. Head, who proved themselves very capable and efficient show managers, everything possible being done to make the show a success. The show, being under the patronage of the Green Canary Association, and the International contest between the Border F.C. and the English and Welsh B.F.C., these varieties were strongly in evidence, especially in the case of the Borders, which were a huge collection, and included many of the best birds out this season. Norwich, Yorkshires and British, although not strong in numbers, were all there for quality, and competition for premier honours was in many classes very keen. Messrs. A. Wellings (Prescot), and S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and we heard no complaints.

Mr. A. Wellings' Classes.

YORKS. YELL (8): 1, 4, Binns, leader cl., nice length, fine quality, grand narrow shoulders, good position and style, 4th mkd. head and wings, splendid length, style and quality; 2, Broughton, cl., well up on leg, fine length and quality; 3, Knowles, cl., clinking size and shape, rare quality and carriage; vhc, Gillett; hc, Knowles; c, Richmond. BUFF (9): 1, c, Richmond, gem of a cl., fine type and position, nice length, real good one; 2, 3, Binns, 2nd cl., wonderful length and position, stands to perfection, 3rd griz. head, good length and shape; 4, Broughton, long, stylish cl., fine back and quality; vhc, Knowles; hc, Proctor. GREEN SELF YELL. (14): 1, Atherton, nice length, beautiful rich col., fine shape and position; 2, Gore, grand length and colour, nicely pencilled, long flights and tail; 3, hc, Nimmo, rare length, position and col; 4, Rowlands, splendid col., very slim, well up on leg, best of type and quality, good; 4, vhc, Clayton; c, Wardale. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, c, Rowlands, marvellous exhibit, splendid length, upstanding, and leggy, extra type and quality, sound col.; 2, 4, Clayton, 2nd very similar, grand back wings and tail, capital feather and finish, 4th another real good green, full of quality, rare col. and type; 3, Robinson, length, style and quality, worth its place; hc, Atherton. FOUL YELL. (10): 1, hc, Atherton, foul tail, well drawn, slim, leggy, grand position and type, and plenty of col; 2, Clayton, foul tail, another rattling specimen, slashing length and rich col.; 3, 4, Rowlands, 3rd foul tail, very slim and straight, grand quality, 4th splendid type and quality; vhc, Rowlands; c, Brennan. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Rowlands, 1st foul tail and head, best Yorks. type, grand length and quality, 2nd foul tail, good col. nicely moulded, fine quality; 3, Wardale, foul tail and wings, beautiful quality and shape, good 3rd; 4, c, Clayton, foul tail, type, quality and col. all there, nice length; vhc, c, Gore. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, 1st Pendleton and Birmingham, mkd. head and wings, nice short, stout bird, rare col. and quality, 3rd head and wings mkd.; red hot col., very cobby and compact; 2, Unwin, cl., fine head and front, capital quality and col; 4, Bloor, wing mkd., grand shape and quality, nice size; vhc, Irlam; hc, Royle; c, Bulcock. BUFF (5): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, griz. cap, grand substance and shape, good bold head, rich col. and splendid quality; 2, Anderton, cl., nice jaunty carriage, grand head, neck and chest, rare col. and quality; 3, Critchley, mkd. head and wings, rare size, col. and quality; 4, Unwin, splendid quality, good head and col; vhc, Royle. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Worthington, a couple of clears, 1st nice quality, good head and shape, nice col. and size, 2nd splendid quality and shape; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, nat. col. cl., grand one, 1st Birmingham, grand hen; 4, Large, variegd., grand col., quality and type; vhc, Royle; hc, Worthington. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Unwin, cl., A1 type and quality, rare head and neck, splendid col., capital hen; 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, 2nd cl., again grand type, all front, good head, rattling fine quality, close up; 3rd nat. col. cl., of right stamp, well-known winner; 4, Blackshaw, variegd., good size and quality; hc, Irlam; c, Royle. NOR. GREEN, SELF YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Deacon, 1st bouncer, rare col, true Nor. type, fine size and quality, well selected, 2nd another rattling specimen, good bold head, nicely pencilled, short and cobby, rare col, 3rd very similar, grand quality and type; 4, Lawson, good substance of body, sound col., nice quality; vhc, c, Harrison; hc, Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Hawkes, Pride of Liverpool, slashing size, good broad deep chest, grand head, quality and col.; 2, 3, Walker, the best of type, capital size, col. and quality, 3rd grand shape and quality; 4, Deacon, all there for type and quality, good one; vhc, Harrison; hc, Large; c, Lawson. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Murray, light head, neck, and root of tail, splendid type and quality, extra col. and nice size; 2, Walker, foul tail, good head and chest, very rich col. and quality; 3, hc, Harrison, foul wings and light undernath, nice size, grand shape and quality, Horticultural Hall winner; 4, vhc, Deacon, slashing foul tail, grand size and col., worth its place; c, Lawson. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 4, hc, c, Harrison, grand team, leader foul tail, sound rich col., rare shape, best of carriage and quality, nice size, 3rd foul tail, brimful of quality, capital col., 4th foul wings, plenty of size and nice type; 2, Deacon, gem for shape and quality, all front, good head, real fine specimen; vhc, Deacon. BORD. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, vhc, Bayley, mkd. head, wings and tail, splendid col. extra quality, all type, well selected; 2, Hay, cinn., head and wiugs mkd., fine mover, rich col., clinking type; 3, Swarbrick, face and wings mkd., correct type, beautiful carriage and quality, good 3rd; 4, Patterson, eyes and wing mkd., extra col. and type, moves well, exceedingly well shown; hc, Thomas. YELL. HEN. (8): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, head and wing mkd., a little charmer, wonderful quality and col., extra neat and shapely, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Poole, eyes and wing, beautiful col., sweetly moulded, grand style and quality; 3, Roberts, variegd., splendid quality and type; 4, Hay, head, wing and root of tail mkd., clinking type and quality; vhc, Swarbrick; hc, Tait; c, Thomas. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Tait, eyes and wing mkd., perfect model, wonderful quality, fine carriage, neat head, a topper; 2, Patterson, eyes and wings, real smart exhibit, nice style, superior quality; 3, Bayley, wing mkd., all there far quality and style, hardly type; 4, Walker, griz. on wing, clinking shape and quality, good col.; vhc, Hay; hc, Astell; c, Johnson. HEN (12): 1, Patterson, eyes and wings mkd., gem, magnificent type, well moulded, smooth as glass, one of the right sort; 2, Hopper Bros., head and wings mkd., tight as a Java, well braced wings and tail; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, eyes and wings mkd., grand exhibit; 4, Jones, cheeks and wings, smart, stylish, and grand quality; vhc, hc, Bayley; c, Royle. GREEN BUFF CK. (22): Grand class; 1, vhc, Johnson, self, well staged, gem, marvellous col., type and quality, wins; 2, Patterson, another self, again grand type and quality, one moved, good 2nd; 3, Mrs. Fildes, self, perfect type, well pencilled, grand col., hard to find fault with; 4, Mrs. Fildes, another good foul one in nice company; hc, Nelson; c, Bayley. HEN (12): 1, Green, self, a stormer, one of the very best, perfect in type, not a feather out of place, wins with something in hand; 2, Murray, self, exquisite quality, grand type and carriage; 3, A. and J. Thompson, still another little charmer; 4, Arnot and Thompson, smart, typical self, beautiful col. and quality; vhc, A. and J. Thompson, another grand self; hc, Williams; c, Mrs. Drinkwater. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Holt, Goldfinch, rare tan, rich blaze and lurs, nice size, wins; 2, Hampson, another bonny Goldfinch, grand blaze and bars, nicely buttoned; 3, Ghett, Goldfinch again, nice size and blaze, very similar to 2nd; 4, Dunkley, exceedingly fine Bullfinch, grand cap and breast col.; vhc, Weedall Bros.; hc, Capper; c, Riley. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Beaty, homeing Greenfinch, col., shape and size all there; 2, Hulme, another splendid Greenfinch, beaten only in size, good bird; 3, Dunkley, very fine Bramblefinch, grand col. and condition; 4, White, splendid Chaffinch, nice col. and size, good quality; vhc, Weedall; hc, H. W. Jones; c, W. Jones. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Moss, brown Linnet, gem all over, perfect markings, grand size, rare col. and quality; 2, Holt, another fine Linnet, grand col. and markings; 3, vhc, Murray, fine Redpoll, good size and col.; 4, Walsh, Linnet, grand col. and markings; hc, Moss. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Beaty, Hawfinch, capital size, grand col., splendid feather and condition; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, Yellowhammer, capital col., size and markings; 3, Hulme, another Yellowhammer, rich col., well mkd.; 4, Potts, Yellowhammer, good one; vhc, Dean. SOFT-BILL (9): 1, 2, 3, Walsh, 1st Hoopoe, 2nd Chongh, 3rd Nightingale, all in grand feather and first-class condition; 4, c, Beaty, Lesser Whitethroat, nice exhibit; vhc, Riley; hc, Jones, all well put down. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Walsh, grand team Can., Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, eyes and wing mkd. Goldfinch-Can., and Linnet-Bullfinch, in order named; vhc, Cole. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, hc, Walsh; 2, 4, Riley; 3, vhc, Beaty. LARGE (5): 1, Walsh; 2, Beaty; 3, Riley; 4, Kirkham; vhc, Riley. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Douglas; 2, Fields. BUFF (2): 1, Fields; 2, Douglas. HEN YELL. (1): 1, Fields. BUFF (2): 1, Fields; 2, Douglas. UNFLIG. BUFF (1): 1, Fields. A.O.V. NOR. (4): 1, Jones; 2, Blackshaw; 3, Head; 4, Jones. NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Fields; 2, Taylor. BUFF (1): 1, Fields. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Fields; 2, Jones. BUFF (3): 1, Fields; 2, 3, Jones. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Fields; 2, Tuylor. BUFF (3): 1, Fields; 2, Jones; 3, Taylor. A.O.V. NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Jones. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Jones; 2, Casewall; 3, Taylor; 4, Jones. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Taylor. DARK MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Taylor.

Mr. S. Hadwin's Classes.

YORKS. CL., OR YELL. HEN (8): 1, Broughton, rare quality and position, good legs; 2, Atkinson, Cinn. mkd., lovely quality, good shape; 3, Knowles, grand length and col.; 4, Richmond, good style and col.; vhc, hc, Knowles; c, Binns. BUFF (11): 1, Binns, extra quality, good shape and position, fine specimen; 2, Richmond, large, good position and style; 3, Proctor, rare length, col. and quality; 4, Knowles, good col. and length; vhc, Broughton; hc, Weedall Bros.; c, Richmond. NOR. UNFLIG. YEL. (8): 1, Hyde's spl, Critchley, short, cobby, good quality head and chest, nice one; 2, Unwin, fine quality, good chest and col.; 3, Peak, nice col. and chest, fine head; 4, Unwin, neat and cobby, fails only in head; vhc, Anderton; hc, c, Critchley. BUFF: Cancelled.

The International Border contest was a great success, the entry being a record one for these contests. The clears and ticks were well up to the usual high standard when the best exhibitors of both countries are in evidence. The even-marks were a good class, and it was quite a change to see this class stand. The Cinnamons are improving in type, but still leave a good deal to be desired from a colour point of view. The Greens were a magnificent lot, probably the best collection ever seen together—70 in four classes, which left a lot of first-class birds cardless. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, Bayley, both good shape and quality, free action, hard to separate, leader slightly better style; 3, Blackshaw, wee shade stronger, free action, good quality; 4, Gore, grand quality, neat shape; vhc, Bowes; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hudson. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Bayly, sweet shape, finely moulded, rare quality; 2, Gore, another dainty lady, beaten for col. only; 3, Hudson, lovely quality and col., not quite so finely moulded, perhaps; 4, Jones, good quality and style, free action; vhc, Walker; hc, Patterson; c, Poole. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Patterson, rich col., rare feather, good shape and style; 2, Large, equal in shape; 3, Poole, another nice one, not far behind; 4, Hopper Bros., good col. and feather; vhc, Tait; hc, Bowes; c, Wagstaff; a grand class. HEN (18): 1, spl, B.F.C.C. medal for best cl. or tkd., Bowes, rare quality and shape, moulded like wax, a gem; 2, Swarbrick, good quality, nice shape and carriage; 3, Bayly, lovely quality, grand exhibit; 4, Bayly, good quality and carriage; vhc, Bayly; hc, Hudson; c, Hay. EVENLY MKD. (9): 1, Patterson, buff, eye and wing mkd., good quality, nice shape, almost perfect markings; 2, Patterson, cinn. mkd. yell., good quality and col., markings good; 3, Phillips, grand quality and col.; 4, Royle, good quality; vhc, Thomas; hc, Mrs. Fildes; c, Thomas. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Bayly, winner of Toronto medal for best English and Welsh Bord., rare shape, quality and carriage, full of swagger, shows well; 2, Large, good col. and quality, not quite the style of winner, perhaps; 3, Bayly, extra col. and quality, finely moulded; 4, Walker, cap mkd., good quality and style, not far behind; vhc, Roberts; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hay. BUFF (18): 1, Poole, grand quality and col., nicely moulded, good 1st; 2, Hopper Bros., fine quality and style, free carriage; 3, Bayly, lovely quality, nice easy carriage, well up; 4, Tait, cap mkd., good quality and style; vhc, Patterson; hc, Thomas; c, Wilkinson; a grand class. YELL. GREEN CK. (20): 1, Green, rare col. and bloom, very clear pencillings, free carriage, nicely drawn; 2, Bayly, sweet shape and feather, nice markings; 3, Mrs. Drinkwater, good shape and style, fine carriage, fails only in markings a trifle; 4, Nelson, good shape, quality and style, moves freely; vhc, Mrs. Fildes; hc, Richards; c, Hamilton; a rare class. HEN (16): 1, spl for best A.O.V., B.F.C.C. medal, Forrest, lovely shape, quality and col., very dainty lady; 2, Green, another good one, not far behind; 3, A. and J. Thompson, grand quality and col., a good bird; 4, Mrs. Drinkwater, fine, good quality and col., not far behind; vhc, Bayly; hc, Woodman; c, Worthy. CINN. (12): 1, Woodman, buff, neat shape, good quality; 2, Roberts, another buff, grand col. and shape; 3, Hamilton, yell., bright col.; 4, Woodman, another yell., very similar; vhc, Clinch; hc, Mrs. Fildes; c, Phillips. SELL. (208.) (17): 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Hampson; 4, Brennan; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Hickson; c, Hancroft. OPEN NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, Wilkinson, big bouncing buff, good chest, head and col.; 2, Wilkinson, yell., good head and chest; 3, Esply, buff, good body substance, well up; 4, Esply, buff, not quite the substance of leaders, perhaps, but good; vhc, Davies; hc, Bean; c, Cooke. UNFLIG. (7): 1, J. Critchley, junr., cap mkd. yell., grand substance, good head well filled neck; 2, Esply, yell., good substance and shape, grand exhibit; 3, Beswick, very similar exhibit; 4, Hickson, good chest, nice head and col.; vhc, Esply; hc, Beswick, c, Windsor. YORKS. CL., ETC. (9): 1, Brennan, yell., big slashing bird, plenty of leg, good col. and position; 2, J. W. Jones, buff, another nice bird, not quite the reach of winner, perhaps; 3, Atkinson, buff, good quality and style; 4, Durnford, yell., well drawn, good leg; vhc, Miss Worrall; hc, Windsor; c, Hickson. UNFLIG. (14): 1, spl best novice Yorks., Hickson, buff, rare quality, good leg and position, very nice exhibit; 2, Brennan, yell., rare length, leg and style; 3, Atkinson, yell., smart shape, good on leg; 4, Brennan, yell., grand col., nice leg and position; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Durnford; c, Hickson. MEMBERS: YORKS CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Broome, special best Yorks; 2, Jackson; 3, 4, vhc, Miss Worrall. BUFF (2): 1, Jackson; 2, Miss Worrall. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Broome; 3, 4, Jackson; vhc, Miss Worrall. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Miss Worrall. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, Broome. BORD.: Cancelled. NOVICE YORKS. YELL.: 1, Casewell, and spl best novice, good length and posltion, nice quality. HEN: 1, Casewell, small, neat, good position. Rest of novice classes cancelled. NAT. COL. YORKS.: 1, Mrs. Mills, good leg and position. NOR.: 1, 2, Head, nice birds; 3, Jones, not much behind.

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EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third annual members' show, held at the Corn Exchange, on November 6th, when the entries totalled 250—80 up in number on last year's. The quality, too, was good. The hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Folley, had the arrangements well in hand. Mr. E. A. Lovell (Bristol) judged.

NOR., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, spl, cup, Moles; 3, 4, vhc, Martin; hc, Mitchell; c, Parker. BUFF: 1, spl, hc, Martin; 2, vhc, Moles; 3, c, Mitchell. HEN: 1, 3, spl, Martin; 2, c, Moles; 4, hc, Mitchell; vhc, Parker. NON-FED: 1, spl, Tripe; 2, 3, Sloman. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, spl, Elston; 2, Miller; 3, Stirling; 4, hc, c, Marshall; vhc, Stone. BUFF: 1, 4, spl, cup, Elston; 2, c, Stone; 3, Miller; vhc, Marshall. HEN: 1, spl, Miller; 2, hc, Stone; 3, vhc, Marshall; c, Elston. NON-FED: 1, 4, spl, Sluman; 2, Folley; 3, Churchward. CRESTED, CL. BODY, GREY, ETC., CREST: 1, 3, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, Johnson; 4, Down; vhc, Turner. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, spl, Evins Bros.; 3, Turner; 4, hc, Miss E. Finch; vhc, Denham. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Evins Bros.; 3, vhc, hc, Denham; 4, Turner; c, Down. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Evins Bros.; 3, Denham. A.V. CAN. (exhibited by a lady member): 1, 2, spl, Miss E. Finch. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, 4, Webber; 3, Denham. MULE, DARK CAN.: 1, 2, spl, Commins; 3, Scribbins; 4, Endacott; vhc, hc, Churchward. LIGHT CAN.: 1, spl, Chudley; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, cup, Webber. PAIR, CRESTS: 1, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, Johnson. PLAINHEADS: 1, spl, Mitchell; 2, Johnson; 3, Miller; 4, Marshall. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (house-moulted): 1, spl, Webber; 2, vhc, Scribbins; 3, 4, Commins; hc, Folley; c, Pickard. BLACK LEG OR GREYPATE: 1, spl, Scribbins; 2, Rees; 3, Webber; 4, Marshall; vhc, Snell; hc, Brown; c, Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, spl, Smith; 2, Rees; 4, Pennington; vhc, Commins; hc, Teed; c, Denham. BRIT. FINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, c, Pickard; 2, Chudley; 3, Brown; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Rees. SISKIN, ETC.: Cup, 1, spl, Chudley; 2, Rees; 3, Teed; 4, Smith; vhc, Snell; hc, Commins; c, Brown. LARGE: 1, spl, Rees; 2, vhc, Pickard; 3, 4, Chudley; hc, Bonus. SMALL: Cup, 1, 3, spl, Commins; 2, c, Rees; 4, Snell; vhc, Pickard; hc, Bond. FOR., LARGE: 1, spl, Sloman; 2, Mrs. Barre Bayly; 3, Pickard. SMALL: 1, spl, Mrs. Barre Bayly; 2, c, Miss Williams; 3, 4, vhc, Sloman. NOVICE CLASS: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Pennington; 4, Webber; hc, Tripe; c, Brown. SELL. £1 1s.: 1, spl, Turner; 2, 4, Denham; 3, Sloman; vhc, Folley; hc, c, Johnson. 10/6: 1, spl, Martin; 2, 4, Mitchell; 3, Parker; vhc, Turner; hc, Brown; c, Folley. FOUR BIRDS (in one cage): 1, spl, Denham; 2, Folley. GIFT: 1, Brown. DRAWING COMPETITION: Newtown Boys' School (headmaster, Mr. M. Smitham): Silver medal, Anning; bronze, Dovell; vhc, Tavine; hc, Stendiford; c, Leard. St. Thomas's Boys' School headmaster, Mr. W. G. Hodge): Silver medal, S. Hodges; bronze, J. Hulsh; vhc, Hill; hc, Kingsley; c, Abel. Central Boys' School (headmaster, Mr. E. A. Grenfell): Silver medal, Nicholls; bronze, Darby; vhc, Iris; hc, Derges; c, Pannel.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

First annual old bird show held at the Nutclough Tavern on November 27th, when both the number and the quality of the exhibits were grand. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, spl, Wilbert Spencer; 2, c, Jeffries; 3, Astin; vhc, Barnes; hc, Sellars. BUFF: 1, spl, Bamford; 2, Barnes; 3, Jeffries; vhc, P. C. Mather; hc, c, Spencer. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Barnes; 2, Spencer; 3, Bamford; vhc, Greenwood and Crossley. BUFF: 1, Astin; 2, Spencer; 3, Wilbert Spencer; vhc, Jeffries. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Sellars; 2, Barnes; 3, Astin; vhc, hc, Wilbert Spencer; c, Jeffries. BUFF: 1, spl, Spencer; 2, Jeffries; 3, Greenwood and Crossley; vhc, Barnes; hc, Sellars; c, Wilbert Spencer. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, Jeffries. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, two spls, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF: 1, Jeffries; 2, hc, c, Greenwood and Pickles; 3, vhc, Wilbert Spencer. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Jeffries; 2, vhc, hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Wilbert Spencer. BUFF CK.: Jeffries. HEN: 1, 2, 3, spl, Greenwood and Pickles. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Wilbert Spencer; 2, Greenwood and Pickles. PAIRS: 1, spl, Wilbert Spencer; 2 Greenwood and Pickles; 3, Parratt. SELL. (12/6): 1, spl, Parratt; 2, c, Greenwood and Pickles; 3, Wilbert Spencer; vhc, Astin; hc, Barnes. BRIT.: 1, Southwell; 2, 3, Parratt; vhc, hc, Spencer. STUFFED, OPEN: 1, vhc, c, Sunderland; 2, hc, Crabtree; 3, Robinson. NOVICE SPL (for most points): 1, Barnes; 2, Parratt; 3, Bamford.

CHESTER.

The Chester F.A. held their fifth annual show under C.B.U. rules on December 4th in the Assembly Rooms, Newgate Street, and for a members' show it must be counted a great success. Nearly 200 birds were staged, and the quality was far above what is usually seen at a members' show. Norwich led the way with some really fine typical birds, and here we found the handsome cup winner in the clear yel. class; the owner, Mr. Winnard, is to be highly congratulated upon staging such a grand bird. The officers:—President, Mr. R. Whitlow; vice-presidents, Messrs. Crane and T. Wright; committee, Messrs. J. Bracegirdle, T. Gardner, T. Jones, J. Dutton, W. Crossley, W. Wadley, R. Williams, and W. R. Morris; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Stovin; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Swindley, who is the right man in the right place. A good lot of specials were competed for. The light in the hall was good, the judging was over in fine time, and prize cards were up as fast as each class was judged, so that the public as soon as the show opened were able to scan the catalogues and locate the winners at once. Although the weather was so cold, there was a good number of visitors, and we hope a successful gate was taken. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and all appeared satisfied with the results.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, cup winner, Winnard, real standard type of cl. yell., very cobby, clean through and compact; 2, Parry, fine head, nice body, good col. and condition; 3, Gardner, slightly weak in tail, body and other properties good; vhc, Ellis; hc, c, Cave. BUFF (6): 1, Bracegirdle, very chubby, beautiful meal and bloom, fine carriage, tight condition; 2, Gardner, very good for quality, style and condition; 3, Parry, good type, bit frilly on breast to-day; vhc, c, Wright; hc, Ellis. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Sandiford's winner, Swindley, very hot col., cobby variegd. yell., A1 shape, feather and condition; 2, Parry, fine bird, tkd. root of tail; 3, Ellis, tkd. on head, short of tail feathers. TKD. BUFF (5): 1, Cave, tkd. wing, grand thick set type, rare back wings and tail, A1 condition; 2, Winnard, tkd. neck, fine head, wee bit uneven in breast and under, fine size; 3, Gardner, tkd. nape and cheeks, smaller, very neat, A1 quality; vhc, Parry; hc, Ellis. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Parry, cl., bonny type, fine head, good feather and condition; 2, Gardner, good quality, fine cobby type, deep col., A1 condition; 3, Bracegirdle, grand head; vhc, Winnard; hc, Ellis; c, Miss Darby. BUFF (7): 1, Parry, variegd., A1 type, quality and condition, rare carriage; 2, vhc, Gardner, squats on perch rather, which keeps it back, fine body; 3, Winnard, tkd. nape, lighter body, good head, etc.; hc, Cave; c, Ellis. NON-FED: 1, Miss Darby. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 3, W. Crane; 2, Ellis. BUFF (7): 1, 2, hc, W. Crane; 3, Ellis; vhc, Crossley; c, Richards. HEAVY MKD., ETC. (3): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Gardner; 3, Miss Darby. YORKS. CL. YELL. (): 1, 2, Parry, fine pair, former winner of Hyde's and runner-up for cup, both fine typical Yorks., 1st smartest feather and condition to-day; 3, Ellis, long and slim in type, fine quality and carriage, well up on leg; vhc, Dutton and Williams; hc, Swindley; c, Yates. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Parry, fine trio, all in grand form of the right type, etc.; vhc, hc, c, Dutton and Williams, also good set of birds, well shown. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Bracegirdle, smart style, good nerve and stand, fine clean cut type, A1 condition; 2, 3, c, Parry, good team, hard to beat; vhc, Morris, stylish; hc, Dutton and Williams. BUFF (4): 1, Morris, fine type, nicely drawn, neat head, wings and tail; 2, vhc, Dutton and Williams, well up, nice position and condition; 3, Wright. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Parry, A1 col., grand quality, type, position and condition; 2, Bracegirdle, long drawn, fine upstanding shape and position, beaten in tail a little; 3, c, Dutton and Williams, shorter, grand quality, A1 condition; vhc, hc, Swindley. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Parry; 3, vhc, Swindley, all good, not much between them for shape, style, quality and finish; hc, Morris; c, Dutton and Williams. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (5): 1, hc, Dutton and Williams, Cinn., variegd., racy and full of quality; 2, Swindley, paler, fine type, grand quality; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Richards. VARIEG., ETC., HEN (6): 1, Swindley, variegd., all quality, type and feather, grand; 2, Parry; 3, Dutton and Williams; vhc, Gardner; hc, Bracegirdle; c, Crossley. NON-FED. YELL.: 1, 2, Richards. BUFF: 1, 2, Richards. YELL. HEN: 1, Richards; 2, Morris. BUFF: 1, 3, Richards; 2, Morris. NOVICE YORKS. (7): 1, c, Richards, good cl. yell.; 2, Ellis, pretty buff; 3, W. Crane, nice buff; vhc, hc, Crossley. VARIEG: 1, 2, Dutton and Williams. PAIRS: 1, Winnard, pair Nor.; 2, Morris, pair Yorks. SELL.: 1, 2, Wright. YELL. HYB.: 1, Lloyd; 2, F. Jones, junr. BUFF (6): 1, Winnard, fine Goldie-Bullie, in fine bloom and condition; 2, Lloyd, good Linnet-Can., in fine feather; 3, Crane, same cross, good condition; vhc, hc, D. Jones, pair of pale Goldie-Can., nice feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, F. Jones, junr., well-known winner from Wrexham; 2, Yates, good prime Finch, deep clean cut blaze, nice tan, bars and buttons, in fine condition; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Morris. BULLFINCH (6): Nos. 1, 3, and 6, absent; 1, Winnard, very cobby, in nice condition; 2, D. Jones, fine condition; 3, Morris, wee bit off in left wing to-day. LINNET (5): No. 1, absent; 1, Lloyd, best in markings and condition; 2, Jones, junr., bit larger but a trifle dull in plumage to-day; 3, Davies; vhc, Brown. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, D. Jones, a real good pair in fine show form; 3, Bracegirdle, all fine feather; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Swindley; c, Brown, all in rare good feather and condition. BRAMBLE (3): 1, F. Jones, junr., nice size, spangle, col., gloss and well shown; 2, 3, Brown, good bird. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Brown, Sell. and Reedbuntings. FIELD-MOULTED GOLDFINCH: 1, Lloyd; 2, Crossley. FIELD-MOULTED BULLFINCH (9): A good lot: 1, c, Brown, 1st right out for moulting for show; 2, Yates, very cobby, A1 feather, etc.; 3, Jones, also good shape and feather; vhc, hc, Ellis, fine useful birds to moult. FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (2): 1, Jones; No. 1, absent. LARGE: 1, Davies, Thrush; Hyde's class winner, R. Parry.

BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held on November 27th, in the Oddfellows' Hall, where 80 birds were staged. Mr. S. Hirst (Halifax) judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wright; 2, Sykes; 3, Sandiford. BUFF: 1, c, Morrison; 2, 3, Tattersall; vhc, Ellis; hc, Briggs. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, c, Tattersall; 2, Dearden; 3, Stake; vhc, Bailey; hc, Walker. BUFF: 1, Tattersall; 2, 3, Briggs; vhc, Stake; hc, B. and J. E. Hargreaves. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN: 1, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; 2, Bailey; 3, Morrison; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Briggs; c, Tattersall. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Wright; 3, Tattersall; vhc, Sykes; hc, Walker; c, Bailey. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Ellis; 2, Tattersall; 3, Coggan; vhc, Morrison; hc, Stake. BUFF: 1, 2, Dearden; 3, Ellis; vhc, Tattersall; hc, Morrison; c, Naylor. YELL. HEN: 1, Tattersall; 2, Morrison; 3, Ellis; vhc, Dearden. BUFF: 1, Dearden; 2, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; 3, Coggan. FOUL MKD. CINN., ETC.: 1, Sykes; 2, Ellis; 3, Naylor; vhc, Tattersall. NOR. HEN: 1, Sykes. BRIT.: 1, 2, Sandiford; 3, Briggs; vhc, Stake. Best bird in show, Mr. Morrison's cl. buff Yorkshire; best col., Mr. F. Ellis.—F. MITCHELL.

FALMOUTH.

Held Dec. 30th. Heartily are these fanciers to be congratulated upon the success attending the first effort made by the combination of the old Cage Bird Society with the newly formed Fanciers' Association. Our Falmouth friends scored a record show so far as entries were concerned, and the quality was generally admitted to be the best ever seen in this district. Norwich were splendid, nearly the whole of the birds shown excelling in shape and feather, and not one single representative of the big loose-feathered family was to be seen. Amongst the Yorkshires, also, were some remarkably fine birds, birds which for shape and size were splendid, but Cornish fanciers have not quite learnt how to stage a Yorkie. Many of the birds at Falmouth would have looked far different had they been turned out by some of the Northern fanciers. Cinnamons, though few, were good, as were the Mules and British. The arrangements were most ably carried out by the committee, Messrs. C. Lenderyou and W. J. Medlin making a splendid pair of secretaries, and receiving great assistance from Mr. T. Burton, the old secretary of the Cage Bird Society. The day was very rough and stormy, yet the attendance was good, and visitors felt well repaid by the grand lot of birds which met their gaze. Mr. C. A. House judged, and although he had 600 exhibits to get through, finished soon after the time fixed for the opening of the show. We believe, too, the financial success of the fixture was assured. The society deserves to meet with every success.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (15): 1, spl, Sherman, neat, short, chubby, deep-chested bird, rare wings and tail, lovely level col., and as tight as wax; 2, Farrell, magnificent shape and style, grand wings and tail, hardly so glossy; 3, Richards, a clinking good bird, full of good Nor. properties, and had it been put down better would have been higher; vhc, W. Kemp; hc, Gaved; c, Coad. BUFF (13): 1, spl, J. Kemp, very neat, full head, grand depth of chest, rich level col., beautifully mealed, rare wings and tail; 2, Treveuna, hardly so neat in head, wonderful quality and col., grand shape and carriage; 3, vhc, Farrell, very nice pair, of lovely quality, grand col. and shape, hardly so close in front; hc, Clemence; c, Strout; absent, 9, Strout. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Farrell, charming wing tkd., short and chubby, full of quality and col., shows well, neat wings; 2, Sherman, neck tkd., as smooth as glass, rich sound col., neat head, rare wings and tail, hardly so deep; 3, Pascoe, stout, good bodied variegated, grand col. and as smooth and tight as a Java; vhc, Medlin; hc, Gaved; c, Coad. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Gaved, eye mkd., grand deep chest, good back, wings and tail, full of quality and col.; 2, Sherman, short, stout-bodied variegated, neat wings and tail, in grand form; 3, W. Kemp, well built heavy mkd., of nice quality, just a bit slack; vhc, Farrell; hc, J. Kemp; c, Clemo. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl, Boundey, fine, shapely, stylish, close feathered bird, full of nerve and quality; 2, hc, c, Thomas, very slim, stands well, neat head, grand wings and tail, handles well; 3, Ellis, grand shape and style, good wings and tail, not so well shown; vhc, Medlin, a good bird, very well shown. BUFF (11): 1, spl, vhc, Thomas, very smart and slim, neat head, good back, wings and tail, full of style; 2, Wills and Son, grand shape and feather, needs handling; 3, Ellis, fine racy bird, nice col. and style, not so tight in front; hc, Fox; c, Veal. MKD (13): 1, 3, spl, Thomas, heavily mkd. buff, capital head, back, wings and tail, rare style, 3rd heavily mkd. yell., very shapely and stylish; 2, Wills and Son, very slim, racy, stylish, heavily mkd. yel., hardly so fit; vhc, hc, Oatey and Son; c, Ball; wrong class, 3, Fox, cheek and wing tkd.; 7, 8, Veal, eye tkd. and wing tkd.; 12, Oatey and Son, vent tkd.; 13, Boundey, thigh tkd.; all these should have been in the cl. or tkd. classes. HEN (10): 1, spl, Wills and Son, very sweet, well made Buff, not one of the longest, but grand feather and style; 2, Fox, again a Buff of lovely feather and carriage, very shapely and neat; 3, hc, Thomas, smart, racy, nervy yell., full of style, hardly so full in head; vhc, Docking; c, Ellis. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Ramsden's spl, and spl. best members' outside cup and shield winners, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Medlin, a grand team, winner gets his position over 2nd by his shape, which is more of the Nor. character, 2nd being longer, both are rare birds for quality and soundness of col.. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Medlin, again a capital team of very sound col., nice quality birds, winner is a beauty all round, 2nd hardly so tight in feather, and 3rd was a bit horny, otherwise were grand. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, c, Kelynach, nice shapely good bodied saddle mkd. Crest, neat centre and droop, capital quality and condition; 2, 3, Richards, two very quick, nervy, shapely foul necked Scots, not overdone with timber, but rare handlers; vhc, hc, Rabey Bros. MULES (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Collins, light Linnet, Redpoll-Can., four-point yell. Gold-Can., Greenie-Bullie, Jonque dark Linnet, and Goldie-Bullie, a good team, and all put down in very nice form. BRIT. GOLD. (7): 1, spl, Rowe and Richards, grand rich col., rare cheeks and col deep, well cut blaze, capital bars and buttons; 2, Allen, fine big blaze, well cut, nice body markings, hardly so tight in feather; 3, Jordan, beautiful body col. and mkgs., hardly so rich in blaze; vhc, Collins; hc, Farrell; c, Philpott. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, 3, spl, Collins, very handsome, grandly feathered, rich coloured well mkd. Thrush and a rich col. Blackbird of good shape; 2, hc, Veal and Pond, lustrous, brilliantly col. Starling, full of spangle; vhc, Bilkey and Son. A.O.V., SMALL (12): 1, spl, Allen, very smart Blue Tit, beautifully cut markiugs, rare col., and grandly shown; 2, Lawes, fine, big, well spangled Brambling, rare feather, pale in col.; 3, vhc, c, Collins, splendid Hawfinch, grand col., feather and markings, and a very rich coloured but small Brambling; hc, Farrell. SELL. (15s.) (20): 1, Coad; 2, vhc, Pascoe; 3, Oatey and Son; vhc, Nottle, Rabey Bros.; hc, Wills and Son, Rowe and Richards, Strout; hc, c, Collins. The members' section contained a remarkably fine lot of birds, quite the best ever staged in a members' section at a Falmouth Show, and the competition in most of the classes was very keen indeed. In point of merit the Norwich, Cinnamons, and British led the way, some of the exhibits being superior even to those staged in the open section. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Medlin; 2, Mrs. West; 3, Trevise; vhc, hc, Burton; c, Lenderyou. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Medlin; 2, c, Burton; 3, Trevise; vhc, Cooper; hc, Lenderyou. TKD. (7): 1, spl, Johnson; 2, c, Burton; 3, Medlin; vhc, Barnicoat; hc, Trevise. UNFLIOH. (7): 1, sp, c, Cooper; 2, Barnicoat; 3, Trevise; hc, Medlin. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, Dunbar; 2, 3, vhc, Tiddy and Son; hc, Lenderyou; c, Opie. BUFF (10): 1, spl, hc, Opie; 2, c, Lenderyou; 3, Tiddy and Son; vhc, Webb. MKD. (8): 1, spl, Dunbar; 2, vhc, hc, Opie; 3, Webb. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 3, Trevise; 2, vhc, hc, Burton. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Burton; 2, 3, Lenderyou; c, Trevise. HEN (8): 1, spl, c, Medlin; 2, Cowan; 3, Trevise; vhc, hc, Lenderyou. A.O.V. HEN (13): 1, spl, Medlin; 2, Burton; 3, Barnicoat; vhc, hc, Richards; c, Cooper. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, hc, Opie; 2, 3, vhc, Richards; c, Mrs. West. MULE (7): 1, spl, Legassick; 2, vhc, Opie; 3, hc, Wallanger; c, Cox. CUP CLASS, BRED 1909 (11): 1, 2, vhc, c, Richards, leaders two very shapely Buff Scots, quick and nervy, handling well; 3, Trevise, very nice quality yell. mkd. Norwich; hc, Dunbar. SHIELD CLASS (4): 1, 3, Burton, stout chubby yell. variegated Nor. and a Buff of good shape and style, two useful birds; 2, vhc, Medlin, another nice quality shapely yell. Nor. BRIT. GOLD. (7): 1, sp, Cox; 2, Cooper; 3, Burton; vhc, Legassick; hc, Lenderyou; c, Richards. A.O.V. SMALL (8): 1, spl, Cooper; 2, hc, Cox; 3, Burton; vhc, c, Symons. LARGE (5): 1, 3, spl, Webb; 2, Lenderyou; vhc, Beaton; hc, Tiddy and Son. FOR. (11): 1, spl, Opie; 2, 3, hc, e, Cox; vhc, Polglase.

ANNAN.

The first show of Annan C.B.F.A., an off-shoot from the Poultry and Pigeon Society of the town, was held on December 4th in the Good Templar Hall. The hall is admirably suited for a cage bird show, having a good floor space, high roof, and plenty of light. The staging was all that could be desired, and was arranged on the three-tier system round the room, and one rack down centre of room, which showed the exhibits at their best. The entries totalled 241, which works out at over eight per class, and the quality of the exhibits was good, some birds of real merit being forward in all sections. The Scotch Fancies were few in number, but the two that were shown were of excellent quality, the first prize yellow cock winning Hyde's special, being pressed hard by some excellent Norwich and Yorkshires. The Border Fancy, Norwich, and Yorkshire sections were a grand display. The British birds included some well-known winning specimens. The juvenile class had 26 entries, which the judge wanted divided into two classes, as the one half were Canaries, and the other British and Foreign birds, but the committee said that at present they had not funds to spare, but hoped by another year to be able to do so. The secretary, Mr. J. Urquhart, was quite the right man in the right place, and had the arrangements well in hand, and was well assisted by Messrs. Wilson, Johnstone, McBride, Campbell, McEwan, Hind, Millar, and Lees, who were all busy doing what they could for exhibits as well as exhibitors. This show deserved a larger entry than they got. It is a pity that two shows should be held so near to each other on the same day as Castle Douglas and Annan. The judges were Messrs. H. Connerton (Carlisle), and Wm. McMillan (Dumfries), and they finished their work in good time.

Critique

SCOT. FCY.: 1, spl, 2, Thomson, cl. yell., grand size, good shoulder, long reach, back well finished, bringing tail well under stick; 2nd, also good quality. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Mossie, good yell., staged to perfection; 2, Wilson, another nice one; 3, Robinson, wee shade smaller perhaps, but fine quality; 4, Rome; vhc, Wood; hc, Edgar; c, Robson. HEN: 1, Watt, cl., pretty type, close in feather, free jaunty carriage; 2, Robinson, grand type, pressing winner hard; 3, Taylor, shows well; 4, Lawson, some thought might have gone up one perhaps; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Wood; c, Robson. BUFF CK.: 1, Robinson, good close feather, lovely quality; 2, Alexander, another of the same class; 3, Calderwood, nothing or very little to choose between the three, all good type; 4, Johnstone and Ballantyne; vhc, Lawson; hc, Gardiner; c, Watt. HEN: 1, Johnstone, sweet beauty, grand shape and carriage, feather like satin, in the pink of conditiou; 2, Taylor, nice style, showing for all she is worth; 3, Mossie, a beauty; 4, Robinson, pressing winners hard; vhc, Howatson; hc, Donaldson; c, Wilson. EVEN-MKD.: 1, spl, Meekley, charming shape and style, in best of condition; 2, vhc, Lawson, gem, equal in type and quality; 3, Watson, another good one in perfect feather; 4, hc, McVittie, grand pair; c, Alexander. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Meekley, charming shape, good col., in very fine condition; 2, Rome, rare type, carriage good, will be heard of again; 3, Alexander, fine drawn specimen; 4, Lawson, good type and quality; vhc, Calderwood; hc, Richardson; c, Watt. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Calderwood, gem of the first water, fine col. throughout, excellent shape, splendid carriage, in perfect condition; 2, Pagan, good colour, nice pencilling; 3, 4, Richardson, grand exhibits; vhc, Docherty; hc, Robson; c, Johnstone. BORD. SELL.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Robison and Dalziel; 3, Gardiner; 4, J. Alexander; 4, Robinson; 6, G. Alexander; 7, Watson. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Lawson, cl., nice size, shape and quality; 2, Brown, fine shape and col.; 3, Rome, lovely feather and col.; 4, Cranston; vhc, Reay; hc, Thomson. HEN: 1, Lawson, good all-round exhibit; 2, Lockhart, fine shape, good quality; 3, Cranston; 4, Reay. BUFF CK.: 1, Lawson, grand exhibit, in the pink of condition; 2, Brown, good head and chest; 3, Vere, typical quality; 4, Johnstone and Ballantyne; vhc, Lockhart; hc, Reay; c, Rome. HEN: 1, Lawson, bold cobby, capital head and chest; 2, Lockhart, nicely built; 3, McNeillie; 4, Thomson; vhc, Reay. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, Cranston; 2, Wilson; 3, Brown; 4, Lawson; vhc, Lockhart; a class of rare exhibits, not a bad one in the lot. YELL.: 1, Wilson, good col., grand head, chest and neck, an easy win; 2, McFarlane, nice type of yell.; 3, Lawson; 4, McNeillie. NOR. SELL.: 1, McFarlane; 2, Cranston; 3, Lockhart; 4, Alexander; vhc, Donaldson; hc, Bell. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Carrick, cl., rich col., grand quality, very symmetrical; 2, Robison and Dalziel, nice length, good col.; 3, Fergusson, lovely col. and quality of feather, a wee trifle loose on breast; 4, vhc, Moffat; hc, Robison and Dalziel; c, Fergusson. BUFF: 1, 2, Robison and Dalziel, finely drawn, good shape, standing well up on legs; 3, Moffat, good type; 4, Carrick; vhc, Fergusson. A.O.V.: 1, Vere; 2, McVittie; 3, Hunter; 4, vhc, hc, c, Robison and Dalziel. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: Rome, good cl. Goldfinch and Can. DARK: 1, 4, McVittie, good dark Goldfinch and Can., fine col. and pencilling, an easy win; 2, Alexander, nonfed Greenfinch and Can., lovely quality; 3, McQuiston; 4, Rome; vhc, hc, Johnstone; c, no name. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, McNeillie, in splendid feather, well cut blaze, fine size, good all round; 2, Alexander, lovely stylish Goldie, excellent col., nice blaze; 3, Bell, large but a wee bit deficient in face col., will improve; 4, Murray; vhc, Holmes; hc, Johnstone; c, Nicholson; good class of British Goldfinches, rarely to be met nowadays. LINNET: 1, McQuiston, good col., splendid markings, fine size; 2, hc, McNeillie, another grand little Linnet, sound in col.; 3, Murray; 4, Howatson; vhc, c, Wilson. BULLFINCH: 1, Laidlaw, fine size and shape, well defined cap, good head, grand breast col., very steady; 2, Donaldson, hard to beat for cap and shape; 3, Johnstone; 4, Johnstone and Ballantyne; vhc, Dolonghan; hc, c, Holmes. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, McQuiston, fine Twite, in the pink of condition, rare col.; 2, Alexander, nice Siskin; 3, 4, McVittie. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 3, McWilliam, 1st Mountain Finch, in rare plumage, splendid breast marking; 2, Rome, fine Yellowhammer; 4, Holmes; vhc, Thomson; hc, Johnstone; c, Ross. FOR.: 1, Wilson; 2, 4, vhc, c, Bell; 3, Thomson; hc, Schoolar. JUVENILE A.V.: 1, Jeanie Thomson; 2, hc, McEwan Brothers; 3, Katie Currie; 4, vhc, Thos. Cranston, A. C. Murray. GIFT: 1, McEwan Brothers; 2, R. Alexander; 3, J. Johnstone; 4, W. Johnstone; vhc, Millar.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

Ninth annual show of the Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S. was held on Dec. 4th, the venue being the large room above the White Lion Hotel, a very nice place for the holding of a cage bird show. Entries came up splendidly, totalling nearly 200, this being a slight increase on last year's. The quality was really good, and especially was this noticeable in the Norwich, Cinnamon and Crest-bred sections, some really grand birds being staged in these classes. Special for best young bird in show was secured by Mrs. H. Fenwick, the runner up being Mr. P. Passmoor. The arrangements were all in the hands of the genial secretary, Mr. D. Hann, who performed his duties in a very creditable manner, being ably assisted by a very hardworking body of fanciers, consisting of the president, Mr. Norman Robinson; chairman, J. Stables; treasurer, R. H. Dixon; and Messrs. H. Fenwick, H. Kilner, G. Gowland, T. Davison, G. Green, A. Leech, B. Robinson, J. Lowery, P. Passmoor, and M. Dixon. The show was well patronised during the afternoon by a large attendance of visitors. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

UNFLIG. NOR. YELL., ETC., CK. (4): 1, M. Dixon, grand size and shape, hot col., nice wings and tail; 2, R. H. Dixon, good size and shape, clean cut; 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, nice shape, good col.; vhc, Kilner. HEN (3): 1, Gowland, good size, correct type, nice col., grand quality, clean behind; 2, R. H. Dixon, nice shape, good size and col.; 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, correct type, good col. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (3): 1, R. H. Dixon, grand shape, good size and col., nice wings and tail; 2, Gowland, fine shape, nice size; abs., H. Kilner. HEN (3): 1, Gowland, grand size and shape, hot col., good quality; 2, Mrs. H. Fenwick, nice size and col., good wings and tail; 3, M. Dixon, nice shape, good col. and quality. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Mrs. H. Fenwick, foul tail, grand size and shape, good col. and polish; 2, R. H. Dixon, nice shape, good quality and col; 3, Kilner, heavily variegated, good col. and quality; vhc, Davison. NOR OR CINN., NAT. COL. (7): 1, Passmoor, yell. Nor., grand shape, good size, rich tone of col.; 2, R. H. Dixon, cinn., fine size, nice shape, good col. and quality; 3, Robinson, Nor., grand size and shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Lowery; hc, Kilner; c, Leech; abs., Green. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Mrs. H. Fenwick, leader medium size, beautiful shape, clean cut, grand col. and quality, beautifully polished, takes spl. for best young bird, 2nd larger, good col., not quite the shape of winner; 3, M. Dixon, good size and col. BUFF (3): 1, Mrs. H. Fenwick, rare size, good shape, grand col. and quality; 2, R. H. Dixon, nice size, good shape, rich col.; 3, M. Dixon, fine size, nice col. and quality. CREST CK. (3): 1, Wood, crest of good size, grand shape, nice droop, neat centre; 2, Hann, nice size, good quality; 3, Green, neat crest of nice formation and droop. HEN: Cancelled. C.B. COCK. (3): 1, Hann, rare size, grand skull, good width and rise, feather turns well off beak end; 2, Green, another good one, rare size, broad skull, heavily clothed; 3, Wood, good skull, nice feather. HEN (3): 1, Davison, variegated, great size, rare skull, grand length of feather; 2, Wood, variegated, rare size, good skull, well lashed; 3, Hann, scarcely so massive perhaps, nice skull. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, M. Dixon, rare length, fine shoulders, neat wings and tail, finely drawn; 2, 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, 2nd long slim bird, neat head and neck, 3rd good style, nice shape. HEN (3): 1, 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, leader fine length, nice col., well carried wings and tail, 3rd stouter, neat wings and tail; 2, M. Dixon, good length, neat head and neck, good wings and tail. BORD. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, Passmoor, leader varieg. yell., gem for shape, well rounded, grand col. and quality, runner up for spl. best bird, 2nd good shape, neat head and neck, 3rd nice col. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Passmoor, winner grand shape, nice quality and col., sweetly drawn, 2nd rather more angular than winner, nice col, 3rd neat shape and wings. PAIRS (for breeding) (4): 1, Kilner, Nor., clinking pair, ck. good size and col., hen fine shape and quality; 2, Mrs. H. Fenwick, Yorks., plenty of length, nice position, good col. and quality; 3, Hann, Crests, crest not quite finished; abs., Wood. A.O.V. (Pied, Cinn., etc., included) (3): 1, Mrs. H. Fenwick, foul tail cinn., good size and shape, rich col. and quality; 2, R. H. Dixon, Linnet-Can. Mule, white wing flights, good size and shape; 3, Stables, foul cinn., nice size and shape. MULE OR HYB.: Cancelled. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Mrs. H. Fenwick, grand shape, good col. and quality, nice size, neat head and neck; 2, 3, Appleby, 2nd nice shape, good col. and quality, neat wings and tail, 3rd fine col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Kiluer. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Mr. Dixon, short thick bird, good head and chest, nice wings and tail, clean under; 2, Oowland, hot col., nice shape, good head and neck, clean cut; 3, Leech, nice shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Robinson. HEN (6): 1, 3, Appleby, leader fine shape, deep chest, neat wings and tail, 3rd good size and shape, nice col.; 2, Kilner, grand texture of feather, neat head and neck; vhc, Oowland; hc, Leech; abs., Robinson. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, leader grand shape and size, rare col., good quality, nice wings and tail, 3rd good size, nice shape; 2, M. Dixon, fine shape, rich col., neat head and neck; vhc, Hann; hc (no name). NOR. OR CINN. NAT. COL. CK. (6): 1, Appleby, grand type Nor., short and cobby, rare col. and quality, nice wings; 2, M. Dixon, cinn., nice size, grand col., neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, Kilner, Nor., neat shape, short feather, clean cut; vhc (no name); hc, Stables; c, R. H. Dixon. HEN (7): 1, Appleby, Nor., grand type, rare back and chest; 2, Mrs. H. Fenwick, Nor., nice size and shape, good col.; 3, Passmoor, cinn., plenty of size, level col.; vhc, R. H. Dixon; hc, Green; c, Robinson. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, Mrs. H. Fenwick, rare substance, correct shape, grand hot col., well polished; 2, R. H. Dixon, nice size, good shape and col; 3, M. Dixon, large, good col. and quality. BUFF (3): 1, R. H. Dixon, fine size, grand shape, rich col. and quality; 2, M. Dixon, grand polish, nice shape, neat head; 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, plenty of size, fine shape, good quality. CREST CK. (6): 1, Davison, D.C., good size, nice formation and droop, well defined centre; 2, Hann, grey crest, nice size, grand shape, good droop; 3, Green, D.C., nice size, neat shape, fine droop; abs., Hardy, Wood, Lowery. HEN (3): 1, Green, D.C., grand shape, good size, finely drooped; 2, Robinson, nice size, good droop; 3, Hann, D.C., fine size and shape, good formation. C.B. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Wood, varieg., grand skull, rare length of head feather, good lash; 2, hc, Davison, varieg., rare size, fine skull, nice rise; 3, Hann, green, nice size, good quality feather; c, Green. HEN (4): 1, Hardy, rare substance, grand head, plenty of good leafy feather; 2, vhc, Davison, plenty of size, grandly lashed, nice rise and width; 3, Hann, nice skull. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, 2, Mrs. H. Fenwick, leader fine length, nice position, good flights and tail, neat head and neck, 2nd good length, nice wings, well up on leg; 3, M. Dixon, nice position. HEN (3): 1, 3, Mrs. H. Fenwick, 1st good length, nice shape, finely drawn, good col. and quality, 3rd equal length, neat head; 2, M. Dixon, good length, nice col. and quality. BORD. CK. AND HEN: Both cancelled. NOR. PAIRS (3): 1, Mrs. H. Fenwick, nice pair, good size cock, plenty of col., neat, shapely hen, lovely feather; 2, Gowland, nice type, good size, plenty of col.; 3, Appleby, neat pair. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, Appleby, dark Greenie-Can., grand size, rich col., good wings, well polished; 2, R. H. Dixon, dark Goldie-Can., fine size, good shape, rich col. face, nice wings; 3, Robinson, variegated, Goldie-Can., nice size and shape; vhc, Davison. CREST PAIRS (6): 1, 2, Hardy, leaders foul tail, green crest, great size, nice shape and variegated, C.B., rare width of skull, fine lash, 2nd wing mkd. D.C. and variegated, C.B., good head feather; 3, Davison, green crest and tkd. C.B.; vhc, Wood; hc, Hann. YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Mrs. Fenwick, leader variegated buff, rare length, good col., and el. yell., slim built, well up on legs, 3rd both clears; 2, M. Dixon, cl. yell., fine length, good position, and cinn. mkd. buff. A.O.V., PAIRS: Cancelled. LINNET (6): 1, Hann, medium size, grand col., lovely pencilling throughout, very steady; 2, Leech, good col., nice wing flights, good size; 3, Appleby, nice size, good col., fine white flights; vhc, Mrs. Fenwick; hc, Lowery; c, Marshall. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Gowland, Goldie, lovely rich col. blaze, nice size, well tanned; 2, 3, Mrs. Fenwick, 2nd Bramble, good size, rich body col., grandly laced back, 3rd Hawfinch, good, rich col., nice bib; vhc, Kilner; hc, Appleby; c, R. H. Dixon. FOR. (3): 1, Mrs. Fenwick, Green Parrot, perfect feather, well put down; 2, R. H. Dixon, Cutthroat, lovely plumage, staged in grand condition; 3, Hann, Red-Crested Cardinal. SELL (7/6): 1, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, R. H. Dixon; 3, Stables; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Kilner; c, Hann.

NEWPORT (I. of W.).

Cage birds at this show held on December 1st were one of the finest collections we have ever seen in the Island, and it has been our pleasure to visit this show on many occasions, this being the 23rd annual event. Mr. Cooper was at the helm on the first occasion, and still holds the reins, and it would be hard to find a better secretary. We also noticed two or three of the same old committee; so one may depend everything was done for the comfort of the birds that could be done. Mr. C. E. Silk judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 2, 3, Baker, wonderful team, winner takes spl, for best in show, with two or three other spls, an ideal of a Nor., well staged; res, c, Morris, two nice birds, latter one of the best, only gone at neck, which kept him back; vhc, Lowe, good quality; hc, Caddy. BUFF (9): 1, Lowe, one of the best for col. and quality we have ever seen; 2, Baker; 3, Morris, hard to separate, two fine Nor.; res, Baker; vhc, he, Chessell; c, More. TKD. YELL: 1, res, Morris, lovely pair; 2, Lowe; 3, vhc, Baker, all good specimens, and fit for any show. BUFF: 1, Lowe, grand uncven mkd. buff, scarcely a fault; 2, Morris; 3, Baker, two real show Nor.; r, Mooreman. YORKS. CL. (8): 1, spl, Cooper, buff, very typical specimen, feather fits like a Java Sparrow's; 2, 3, Cooper; res, Morris. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Morris, two very useful birds, true to type, good carriage and position; 2, Kirk, another true Yorkie; r, Morris. PAIRS (5): 1, r, Caddy, nice Nor.; 3, Mooreman; vhc, Rolf. MULES, LIGHT: 1, spl, Baker, a lovely even mkd. yell.; 2, 3, Morris, two specimens one may feel proud of. DARK: 1, Morris, nice Greenfinch; 2, Prentice, good Linnet; 3, Baker, Goldfinch, fine large bird; r, Morris; vhc, Heal. BRIT. LARGE: 1, 2, Chiverton, splendid Jay and Magpie in excellent form; 3, Daish, Jackdaw. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: A very fine selection, 1, Chiverton, lovely Blackbird; 2, Mew, Misselthrush; 3, Reynolds. GOLDFINCH: 1, Caddy, nice steady white-legged bird, several black-legged birds were staged, which were passed; 2, Bricknell; 3, Chiverton, two neat Finches, good faces and moons; res, Woodford. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Morris, one of the best we have ever seen, not the largest, but a real good show Bullfinch; 3, Harvie; r, Caddy. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, Drake, lovely Hawfinch in faultless trim; 2, Heal, one of the best birds we have seen for a long time; 3, Chiverton, good Crossbill; r, Lowe, Brambling; vhc, White, Greenfinch, fine bird; hc, Harvie, Heal. FOR.: Small classes, but they contained some rare specimens. GREY or AMAZON: 1, Cant, Amazon in fine plumage, it would have a word in when the Mayor was opening the show, which caused some amusement; 2, Mrs. Nobbs, Grey; 3, Chambers. A.O.S. FOR.: 1, Willford, grand pair of Silver-eared Mesias, shown in fine form; 2, Willford, superb Tanager; 3, Willford, Diamond Sparrows. PARROT, ETC.: 1, 3, Willford, and spl. best Foreign, grand King; 2, Denuess, Redwing; vhc, Daish. The two selling classes contained some cheap birds. (20s.): 1, 2, Morris; 3, Lowe. (10s.): 1, Bull; 2, Morris; 3, Mooreman. (20s.): 1, 2, 3, Willford.

ARNISTON AND GOREBRIDGE.

The Arniston and Gorebridge O.S. held their annual exhibition in the Newbyres Hall on November 27th. The society's office bearers were: President, Mr. A. Brown; vice-president, Mr. J. Clapperton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Lambie. The committee is composed of the following well-known fanciers:—Messrs. J. Russell, T. Davidson, R. and J. Junners, G. and A. Pringle, D. Bernard, H. Blyth, and D. Peden. Entries were a disappointment, being very short in numbers, which can hardly be accounted for, as the schedule was a very fair one, and in the judge, Mr. R. Lambie, of Whitburn, they had a fancier who can handle birds well. The smaller hall was fitted up for the cage bird section separately, and very comfortable the birds were. It is of medium size and good light. In Mr. J. Lambie this society possesses a painstaking and obliging secretary, and we hope to see fanciers rally round this fixture another season, to make it a success.

BORD., CL., ETC., CK. (9): 1, 4, Bennet, winner cl. yell., true Border type, sweet head, well rounded chest, neat pipe tail, 4th well modelled cl. buff, in grand bloom; 2, Peel, cl. yell., very erect carriage, neatly drawn body; 3, Blackie, cl. yell., A1 quality and bloom, wee bit inclined to cross wing tips; 5, Hamilton; 6, Noble; 7, Patterson. HEN: 1, Hamilton, well known winner, still holding her own, in lovely bloom; 2, McAdam, cl. buff, very neat body and head; 3, Bennet, cl. yell., charming hen, grand level tone of col.; 4, Peel, yell. head, tick, well placed wings; 5, Patterson. VARIEG. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Patterson, teeming with quality, lovely shape, well carried wings; 2, Thomson, 3-pointed, neatly rounded head, free cut neck. BUFF (5): 1, Bennet, the Buckhaven winner, light 3-pointed, rare type, well mealed feather; 2, Patterson, very neat 3-pointed, grand close feather, neatly formed body; 3, McAdam, also in lovely bloom; 4, Rowe, almost 4-pointed, sweetly rounded front; 5, Hamilton. EVEN MARKS AND OREENS: Cancelled. SELL. (4): 1, spl, Bennet; 2, Rowe; 3, Blackie; 4, Thomson. SCOT. FCY. (8): 1, 2, 4, 6, spl, Beveridge, well-known buff pied hen, plenty of style, well-filled in shoulders, free worker, 2nd cl. buff, same stamp, great length of top drive, 4th old stager, buff green; 3, 7, Purves, former cl. buff cock, also old stager; 5, Purves. NOR (3): 1, spl, Hughes, cl. buff, neat short flights, well carried, sound, hot col.; 2, Pringle and Son, buff green, neat stamp; 3, Bernard. BUFF. BRIT. (2): 1, Blackie, well known Hawfinch, in rare bloom; 2, Russell, very smart Redpoll, in lovely feather.

BIRKENHEAD C.B.F.A.

Eighth annual show held on Nov. 20th, in the Co-op. Hall. The hall is a very suitable place, spacious and free from draughts, and very convenient for everybody. The management was everything that could be desired, not the slightest detail being omitted. The committee are certainly to be congratulated on the manner in which they had matters arranged. The staging was well designed, with ample spaces between the aisles, thus giving everyone a good opportunity of inspecting the exhibits with ease and comfort. The quality of the exhibits was capital, some ideal specimens being staged. Amongst the Crests and Crest-breds were some very fine birds, fit to win at large shows. Yorkshires, which are always one of the strong sections of this Association's shows, were better than ever. The Yorks. Greens came up well; many of the winners were birds that have already won at some of our large open shows, and they did credit to their owners and the exhibition. Mr. Tams (Longton) judged, and gave satisfaction all-round.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Jones; 2, Hadwin; 3, Hawkes; hc, Morton; r, Corbett. BUFF: 1, Corbett; 2, Jones; 3, Morton, vhc, Radcliffe; hc, Greatrex; c, Harding. TKD. YELL.: 1, Radcliffe; 2, Goode; 3, vhc, Morton; hc, Greatrex; r, Morris. BUFF: 1, Jones; 2, Harding; 3, Goode; vhc, Greatrex. YELL. HEN: 1, Jones; 2, Radcliffe; 3, vhc, Morton; hc, Greatrex; c, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Jones; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Jones; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Morton; c, Hawkes. CINN. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, vhc, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Hawkes. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Harding; 2, Corbett; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Radcliffe; hc, Morton. BUFF: 1, Hawkes; 2, Morton. HEN: 1, Hadwin; 2, hc, Hawkes; 3, vhc, Morton. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Harding; 2, Lloyd; 3, Jones; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Hadwin; c, Sands. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Handley; 2, Hughes; 3, Corbett; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Richardson; c, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Hughes; 2, Handley, 3, Hawkes; vhc, Jones. FOUL YELL.: 1, Hughes; 2, Hawkes; 3, Shaw; vhc, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Hadwin; 2, Handley; 3, Hawkes. YELL. HEN: 1, Gardner; 2, c, Hawkes; 3, Moss; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Hughes. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, Hadwin; 3, Sands; vhc, Hawkes. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Hawkes; 2, Handley; 3, hc, Hughes; vhc, Moss; c, Corbett. GREEN, SELF, ETC., BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Hughes; 2, Hadwin; 3, Gardner; hc, Hawkes; c, Shaw. NON-FED YELL.: 1, Morton; 2, Lloyd; 3, Gardner; vhc, Morris. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, 3, Gardner; vhc, hc, Shaw; c, Lloyd. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Lloyd; vhc, Gardner; hc, c, Morton. NOR. YELL.: 1, Harding; 2, Rock; 3, Rowlands. BUFF: 1, Cave; 2, Rock. YELL. HEN: 1, Rock; 2, Lewis; 3, Rowlands. BUFF: 1, Hadwin; 2, Rowlands. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Goode; 2, 3, Lewis; vhc, hc, Rowlands. BUF: 1, 3, Lewis; 2, vhc, Rowlands; hc, Burns. NON-FED: 1, Corbett; 2, Lloyd; 3, Burns; vhc, Lewis. CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Cory; c, Darlington. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Cory. YORKS., NOVICE, BUFF: 1, 2, Sands; 3, Watson. YELL: 1, Sands; 2, 3, Watson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Cory; 2, vhc, Hadwin; hc, Greatrex; c, Moss. SELL. (20/-): 1, Radcliffe; 2, Jones; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Morton; hc, Rowlands; c, Watson. (12/6): 1, Goode; 2, Hawkes; 3, Radcliffe; vhc, Morton; hc, Corbett. HEN (12/6): 1, Morton; 2, Hawkes; 3, Moss; vhc, Burns. GIFT: 1, 2, Rowlands; 3, vhc, Moss. GOLDFINCH: 1, Sands; 2, Moss. LINNET: 1, 3, Greatrex; 2, Watson. LINNET (fresh caught): 1, Sands; 2, Morton.—J. RICHARDSON.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Annual C.B.A. Show held on November 27th, in the Caledonian Schools, Oldham Street, where nearly 400 entries gave the judges a good morning's work. Type and quality were well represented. Everything was well in hand and the prize cards up in good time. Messrs. Hawkes and Eccleston, the secretary and his assistant, are capital workers, whilst Mr. Isaac made a genial chairman. Messrs. Cowgill and Davis judged, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (13): 1, Atherton, long leggy, good style; 2, Fox, well drawn, good quality; 3, Douglas, good col. and style; vhc, Fox; hc, Hunt; c, H. T. Hawkes. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Douglas, pair of long reachy birds, good quality; 3, Fox, long, racy, good quality; vhc, Christall; hc, Kay; c, Fox. TICK. YELL. (8): 1, Fox, cap mark, good length, leg, and col.; 2, Plunkett, another good bird; 3, Fox, wings mkd., rare col. and quality; vhc, Morton; hc, Larkin; c, Fox. BUFF (6): 1, Hunt, long, slim, good leg and quality; 2, Algey, well drawn, good length; 3, Fox, cap mkd., good style, well filled in; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Kay; c, Duncan. HEAVILY VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Kay, cap and wing mark, good leg and position; 2, Duncan, similar; 3, Plunkett, good as anything, but rather small; vhc, hc, H. T. Hawkes. BUFF (3): 1, Christall, good leg; 2, Bullough, very neat; 3, Plunkett, good length. CL. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, pair of well drawn Yorkies, good leg and quality; 3, Douglas, rare quality and style; vhc, Algey; hc, Plunkett; c, Hunt. BUFF (11): 1, Fox, long, leggy; 2, Atherton, rare quality; 3, Douglas, similar; vhc, hc, Fox; c, Bullough. TICK YELL. (2): 1, Larkin, cap mark, slim and neat; 2, Algey, good leg quality, and style. BUFF (5): 1, Douglas, cap mark, well filled, short; 2, Algey; 3, Kay, good one; vhc, No name. CINN. MARK, YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Morton, leggy, good quality and style; 2, H. T. Hawkes, good leg; 3, Plunkett, similar; Bell, absent. YELL. HEN (3): -, Plunkett, good leg and position, well drawn; 2, Kay, good quality and style; 3, H. T. Hawkes, fine length and leg. BUFF (5): 1, Algey, fine quality style, and position, well filled; 2, Lloyd, nice quality and length; 3, H. T. Hawkes, well filled, good position and quality; vhc, Bullough. YORKS. GREEN, SELF, YELL. (15): 1, Gore, grand colour, style, and quality; 2, 3, Handley, 2nd fine style, col., and quality; vhc, Nimmo; hc, Hales; c, Nimmo. BUFF: 1, 2, Nimmo, both good quality, col., and style, well filled; 3, Hales, good size and leg well pencilled; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Nimmo; c, Robinson. FOUL YELL (9): 1, Algey, very foul, bright col.; 2, 3, Atherton, good col., position, and style, easy winner; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Nimmo; c, Brindle. BUFF (11): 1, Gore, good quality and col., well drawn; we liked 2, Abbott, very foul, long; 3, Handley, good col. and style; vhc, Wardale; hc, Fox; c, Eccleston. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Nimmo, lovely col., style, and position; 2, Gore, not far behind; 3, Abbott, good col.; vhc, Brindle; hc, Wardale; c, Davie. BUFF (17): 1, Dickinson, lovely quality, col., and feather, very dainty lady; 2, Nimmo, heavier; 3, Fox, big and heavy; vhc, McDermott; hc, Davie; c, Fox. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Wardale, good leg, style, position, and col.; 2, Dickinson, similar, not quite so neatly drawn; 3, Plunkett, good length, well drawn; we liked vhc, H. T. Hawkes; hc, Atherton; c, Abbott. BUFF (21): 1, Nimmo, long reachy, good col.; 2, Gore, fine length and quality; 3, Phythian, grand col. and q[illegible] vhc, Atherton; hc, McDermott; c, Ather-
[illegible] CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hales, good col.
[illegible] BUFF: Cancelled. YELL. HEN (7): 1, [illegible], fine head, chest, and col.; 2, Lewis, [illegible] Hales, good quality and shape; vhc, Lawson; hc, c, Hales. BUFF (6): 1, Hales, fine head and chest, nice quality, cobby; 2, Lawson, loses feather; 3, Hales, Chin. mark, good substance; vhc, Walker; hc, Kay; r, Lawson. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Kay, good col. and quality; 2, Lewis, again nice one; 3, Bullough, fine body. BUFF: 1, 2, Lewis, good head and chest, neat carriage, good col.; 3, Hales, good body; vhc, Lawson; hc, Hales; c, Bullough. NOR. GREENS, SELF, YELL. (6): 1, Lawson, big, good col.; 2, 3, Walker, good quality; 3, nice carriage; vhc, Hales; hc, Isaac; c, F. E. Hawkes. BUFF (8): 1, F. E. Hawkes, rare substance, col., and feather, good one; 2, Isaac, big bouncing bird; 3, Brown, well pencilled, fine quality and col; vhc, Davies; hc, Hales; c, Isaac. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, J. Walker, grand shape, quality, and col.; 2, F. E. Hawkes, good substance, not far behind; 3, Walker, good col.; vhc, Lawson; hc, Isaac; r, Hales. BUFF: 1, F. E. Hawkes, big bouncing bird, well pencilled; 2, J. Walker, neat shape and feather; 3, F. E. Hawkes, fine quality; vhc, Hales; hc, Lawson; c, Isaac. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Davies, neat shape, quality, and col., small; 2, 3, vhc, Isaac, pair with good substance; hc, F. S. Hawkes; c, Hales. BUFF (7): F. E. Hawkes, grand substance, shape, and col.; 2, Davies, neatly moulded; 3, Walker, neat shape; vhc, Walker; hc, Hales; c, F. E. Hawkes. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, F. E. Hawkes, nice size, shape, quality, and col.; 2, Hales, not quite so neat in feather perhaps; 3, F. E. Hawkes, lovely shape and col.; vhc, Davies; hc, Hales; c, Isaac. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hales, good size, shape, and col., 2nd fails only in head; 3, G. Walker, very similar; vhc, Walker; hc, Brown; c, F. E. Hawkes. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. AND BUFF: Cancelled. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Gore, smart shape, good quality; 2, Walker, not quite so neat, but good. BUFF: Cancelled. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. AND BUFF: Cancelled. NAT. COL., YELL. YORKS (5): 1, Wardale, long, raky, good quality; 2, Handley, again nice one; 3, Bullough, good quality, well drawn; vhc, Hunt; hc, Handley. BUFF (2): 1, Bumsbsty, good quality, well drawn; 2, Phythian, fine size and col. HEN (5): 1, Atherton, grand position, style, and quality; 2, Handley, similar; 3, Dickinson, not quite the style of leaders but good; vhc, H. T. Hawkes; hc, Gore. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Tyrer, fine substance and quality; vhc, Hales. BUFF: Cancelled. HEN (6): 1, 3, c, Hales, nice size and substance; 2, F. E. Hawkes; vhc, hc, Tyrer. A.O.V. (7): 1, Walker, green crest, graud substance, fine radiation; 2, Hales, good yell. cinn.; 3, H. T. Hawkes, good dark crest; vhc, H. T. Hawkes; hc, Hadwin; c, H. T. Hawkes. PAIRS, Sell., 30s. (11): 1, Metcalf; 2, Walker; 3, Bullough; vhc, H. T. Hawkes; hc, Hunt; c, Coffy. SELL., 15s. (13): 1, Bullough; 2, Walker; 3, H. T. Hawkes; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Hadwin; c, Coffy. HENS (10): 1, Hadwin; 2, Coffy; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Bullough; hc, c, Metsalf. MULE OR HYBRID (4): 1, 2, Coffy, leader good dark Linnet Can.; 2, variegated Goldie Can., fine col. and quality; 3, Lloyd, dark Greenfinch, good col.; vhc, Coffy. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Hales, fine size, blaze, and markings; 2, Coffy, very close up; 3, Davies, nice and large, not quite so well staged; vhc, Eccleston; hc, Hales; c, Handley. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Coffy, leader rare col. and markings; 3, Lloyd, good size and shape; vhc, Eccleston; hc, F. E. Hawkes; c, Coffy. BULLFINCH: 1, Coffy, good size and col., well bloomed: 2, Kay; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Handley. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Kay; 2, 3, Coffy; vhc, Kay; hc, Lloyd. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Hales, good size, col., and condition; 2, 3, Coffy, not far behind; vhc, Kay; hc, Lloyd. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Coffy, Siskin, rare col. and condition; 2, Nimmo, good col. Redpoll; 3, Coffy, another nice Redpole. A.O.S. BRIT.: Cancelled. GIFT (6): 1, Algey; 2, Isaac; 3, F. E. Hawkes; vhc, Bullough; hc, Pinner; c, Walker. SPL. WINNERS: Sandiford's Medal, R. Algey; Hyde's spl., F. Hawkes.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S

Annual show held in the Vestry Hall on Nov. 20th. The entries were very good, and the quality of the birds compared favourably with that of other shows held by the society. The staging was well arranged, giving plenty of room for visitors, and it was wanted when the winners of the gilt class were announced. M. W. Richinson, the hon. secretary, was ably assisted by the president of the society, Mr. L. Havenhand, also the vice-president, Mr. E. Johnson, and the following committee:—Messrs. B. Welbon, T. Smith, and J. Williamson. Specials were very numerous, and in some cases the competition for them was very keen, especially for the medals for the best colour-fed birds in show, Mr. W. Highley winning Mr. Ramsden's medal, and Mr. L. Havenhand Mr. Sandiford's. Mr. W. Richinson won special for best hird in Nor. section, Mr. L. Haveuhand for best birl in Yorks., and Mr. T. Smith for best bird in British. Mr. W. Grainger won special for best novice Nor., and Mr. W. Walker for best novice Yorks. Mr. G. Browning judged Yorkshires, Mr. H. Taylor the Norwich, and Mr. W. Bagnall the British birds, and their awards were well received.

YORKS. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 4, Havenhand; 3, Perry. OLD: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Richards; 3, Havenhand. BUFF: 1, spl, Havenhand; 2, Haywood; 3, 4, Richards. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Havenhand; vhc, Cocking; hc, Richards. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Ramden's spl, Highley; 3, Cocking. BUFF: 1, spl, Richinson; 2, Havenhand; 3, Cocking; 4, hc, Highley; vhc, Johnson. OLD CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, hc, Cocking; 2, Richinson; 3, Johnson; vhc, Sandiford's spl, Havenhand. BUFF: 1, Havenhand; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, Cocking; vhc, Highley; hc, Perry. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Johnston ;2, 4, Richinson; 3, Havenhand. OLD: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Havenhand; vhc, Highley; hc, Johnson. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Smith; 2, 3, Highley; 4, Grainger; vhc, Havenhand. GREENFINCH: 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Welbon; 3, c, Richards; 4, Watson; hc, Cocking. LINNET: 1, Perry; 2, 4, Williamson; 3, Watson; vhc, Haywood; hc, Smith. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Watson; 2, Perry; 4, Grainger; vhc, c, Richards; hc, Welbon. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Richards; 4, Watson. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Richards; 4, Watson; hc, Perry. FOR.: 1, Watson; 2, 4, vhc, Perry; 3, Justice. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, c, Haywood; 2, Grainger; 3, spl, 4, Perry; vhc, Smith; hc, Richards. NOVICE YORKS., CL., UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Blunt; 3, Haywood; vhc, Walker; hc, Granger. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Haywood; 3, Walker; 4, Blunt. BUFF: 1, 3, Walker; 2, vhc, Blunt; 4, Haywood. YELL. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Walker; 2, hc, Thornhill; 4, Blunt. OLD MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Thornhill; 2, Walker; 3 4, Wadsworth; vhc, Blunt. HEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Walker; 3, Wadsworth; hc, Haywood. NOR. UNFLIG. CL. YELL: 1, Beamer; 2, 3, Grainger. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, vhc, Grainger. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 4, Grainger; 2, Beamer; 3, Smith; vhc, Welbon. NOR. OLD, CL., ETC., YELL: 1, spl, Watson; 2, Granger; 3, 4, Wadsworth. HEN, UNFLIG: 1, Watson; 2, 3, 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Grainger; c, Wadsworth. OLD: 1, spl, Welbon; 2, Smith; 3, Watson; 4, Wadsworth; vhc, Haywood; hc, Grainger. NONCOL. FED: 1, spl, Welbon; 2, Thornhill; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Fisher; hc, Watson.—W. RICHINSON, Hon. Sec.

LITTLEBOROUGH.

Third annual show held on Nov. 27th, in the Parish Church Schoolroom, a room well adapted for the purpose. Entries averaged just under eight per class. The Lancashire C.A. gave their patronage, and well worthy of particular notice were the three young Lancashires exhibited by Mr. Turner. Mr. W. Hardy (Oldham) adjudicated in the Lancashire, Crests, and Norwich sections, and Mr. Harrison (Hebden Bridge) judged the remainder. The Secretary, Mr. Smith, worked hard, and had everything in apple pie order, cards being up by noon, and prize money paid out during the show. The stewards comprised all the members, and great attention was paid to the despatch of the birds. The Littleborough lady "Inniders" attended to the wants of visitors in the way of refreshments.

The Critique.

OPEN CLASSES.—LANCS. YELL. COPPY, CL. (5): 1, spl, Fish, grlz. coppy, plenty of length of feather, nicely rudiated, good col.; 2, Turner, grlz., plenty of col., nice size; 3, Adams, nice all-round coppy; 4, Lowe, griz., nice shape and formation; vhc, Crossley. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Adams, extremely good coppy, nice centre, true to type, plenty of col.; 2, 3, 4, hc, Fish, 2nd good front, leather reaches end of beak, nice position, 3rd very neat cl. coppy, good centre, grand exhibit, 4th nice typical birl; c, Crossley. P.H. YELL., CL., ETC., TKD. (8): 1, vhc, Fitton, well lashed, plenty of feather, nice position and length; 2, Adams, very good head properties, neat col. and position; 3, Lowe, good body col. and carriage, very good feather, stands well; 4, Woodhead, strong col.; hc, Nadin; c, Fish. BUFF (8): 1, Lowe, well lashed, abundance of feather, nice soft col., well lashed, minus toe nail; 2, Nadin, big long bird, good head, very timid; 3, Adams, nicely lashed, fine col., not quite the substance of other two, neat carriage; 4, c, Crossley, 4th slight tick on wing, poor head, plenty of feather; vhc, Hartley; hc, Fish. HEN (8): 1, 2, Fish, yell. P.H., tkd. on breast, nice position and carriage, plenty of colour, 2nd grizzle, buff coppy, nice formation of coppy; 3, 4, vhc, Crossley, 3rd P.H. yell., good opening, very browy, and moderate col., nice position, 4th well lashed, good carriage, nice feather; hc, Adams; c, Mayers. LANCS., A.V., 1909 BRED (8): 1, 2, 4, c, two spls, Turner, 1st yell. coppy, grand formation, teeming with quality, good body, 2nd cl. buff, full of good points, often described, 4th cl. buff, another gem, little down in size only, very good trio; 3, Nadin, yell., nice head carriage, full of colour. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, Baker and Holdsworth, good head, nice, short and cobby, plenty of chest, good col.; 2, Sharples, tkd. on right wing, nice col. and size; 3, Woodall, neat and chubby, good broad skull; 4, Harrison and Raynor, heavily mkd., good head, plenty of col.; vhc, Cheetham; hc, c, Smith and Sellars. BUFF (8): 1, Schofield, nice round head, good feather, well frosted, clean cut, jaunty carriage, plenty of size and col; 2, Woodall, wee shade browy, neat carriage, clean cut; 3, 4, Baker and Holdsworth, 3rd good head and shape, nice position, stands well across perch, 4th nice opening to skull, short on leg; vhc, c, Smith and Sellars; hc, Lees. BRED 1909 (7): 1 spl, Dewhirst, nice small round head, deep chest, strong in col., rather course in feather; 2, Lees, plenty of col., very nice type; 3, Smith, shade flat on skull, otherwise nice exhibit; 4, Haslam, nice head and carriage; vhc, Harrison and Raynor; hc, Hartley; c, Sharples. HEN (16): 1, spl, Haslam, tkd. near eye, bold opening, short on leg, good chest; 2, Dewhirst, cap mkd. and variegated, full of type and col.; 3, Schofield, variegated, good head, nice wing carriage, short tail; 4, vhc, Lees, very nice all-round specimen, good col. and frosting; hc, Baker and Holdsworth; c, Harrison and Raynor. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Smith and Sellars, good head, nice shape and position; 2, Haigh, could almost have won; 3, Spencer, plenty of length and style, good position and back, nicely piped tail; 4, Schofield, bit down when seen, very nice head and position; vhc, Miller Bros. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, spl, Smith and Sellars, 1st gem, plenty of length and col., nicely drawn, 3rd well filled in for shape, position and carriage, 4th good quality of feather, neat position, good typical Yorkie; 2, Crossley, nice head, stands well, good wing carriage; hc, Mayers. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Haigh, tkd. neck, grand even wedged tail, perfect carriage, shows plenty of daylight; 2, Barnes, slight tick on neck, nice position, plenty of length; 3, Smith and Sellars, tkd. on skull, neat round head, good carriage; 4, Bohrer and Roberts, eye and wing mkd., plenty of length and style. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Faulkner, skull and wing mkd., lovely texture of feather, nice carriage, stands well up; 2, Schofield, nice round head, good long flights, tightly drawn, good 2nd; 3, Crossley, very slim and typical, on the short side; 4, Haigh, large, good col. and frosting, nice condition. HEN (8): 1, spl, Haigh, mkd. on head, good shape, nice small round head, stands well, good model, very even col.; 2, Barnes, cl., plenty of size, stands well, flights come well down, good quality feather; 3, Smith and Sellars, very neat head, stands well; 4, hc, Faulkner, almost four-pointed, nice shape; vhc, Cheetham; c, Miller Bros. BRED 1909 (6): 1, hc, spl, Smith and Sellars, buff, lengthy, good quality of feather, nice shape, stands well on perch; 2, Coupe, self green, nice shape and position; 3, Bohrer and Roberts, buff, very nice shape, feathered like a Java; 4, Fish, buff, nice quality; vhc, Crossley. CREST. (8): 1, H. Radley, foul green, plenty of feather, extra good long crest, nice droop, well radiated, big; 2, 3, Hesketh, 2nd very typical dark crest, very smooth, 3rd long sided, plenty of feather; 4, W. Radley, cl. body D.C., nicely radiated well to front; vhc, hc, c, H. Hardy. C.B. (8): 1, H. Radley, cl. buff, developes well, in good condition; 2, vhc, hc, c, H. Hardy, 2nd cl. buff, good head and body, with little attention could have won; 3, 4, Hesketh ,3rd yellow, nice cl., too long sided, 4th foul green buff, well lashed. SELL. (25/-) (7): 1, snl, Hartley; 2, Faulkner; 3, Hardy; 4, Hesketh; vhc, Fish; hc, Harrison and Raynor; c, Smith and Sellars. (£1) (15): 1, spl, Smith and Sellars; 2, Fritton; 3, Beswick and Gaskell; 4, Spencer; vhc, Butterworth; hc, Woodhead; c, Harrison and Rayner. (12/6) (8): 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Fitton; 3, Hesketh; vhc, Spencer; hc, Smith; c, Brookes. PAIRS (8): 1, Hardy, Lancs, very even pair, slightly on the small side; 2, spl, 2, hc, Smith and Sellars, Yorks., nicely balanced; 3, Sharples, Nor., would have honoured 1st position, full of good points; 4, Dewhirst; vhc, Hughes; c, Faulkner. GIFT (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Harrison and Raynor; 3, Webster. BRIT. (13): 1, 3, spl, Blincoe, Grey Wagtail, good feather, 3rd Crossbill, in the top condition; 2, hc, Law, Tree Pipit, well staged, markings well defined, excellent feather; 4, Swarbrick, Hawfinch, strong and distinct in colours; vhc, Isherwood; c, Adams. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—LANCS. COPPY, CL., ETC. (1): Crossley. P.H. (1): Crossley. HEN (1): Crossley. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Crossley; 2, Harrison and Raynor; 3, Smith and Sellars; 4, Brookes. BUFF (4): Very even class, col. carries winner through; 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Brookes; 3, Harrison and Raynor; 4, Crossley. HEN (4): 1, 3, Brookes; 2, Harrison and Raynor; 4, Smith and Sellars. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Webster; 2, Bohrer and Roberts; 3, Smith and Sellars; 4, Sutcliffe. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Harrison and Raynor; 2, Smith; 3, Smith and Sellars. HEN (9): 1, 4, hc, Sutcliffe; 2, Smith; 3, Smith and Sellars. PAIRS (2): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Crossley. A.O.V. (4): 1, Harrison and Raynor; 2, Fish; 3, Crossley; 4, Webster, absent. BRIT. (4): 1, Sutcliffe, Bramble-finch; 2, Brookes, Goldfinch; 3, Woodhead, Redpoll; 4, Hollows and Son, Linnet.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

The third annual show was held at the Constitutional Club on Nov. 20th, when there was a record entry, 320 birds being entered. The committee were well repaid for some new features, one of the chief being the reducing of the price of admission from 6d. to 3d. The large hall was packed with visitors from 5 p.m. until the time of closing, and it was a great success financially. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. YORKS., CL., ETC., TKD. YELL. (5): 1, three spls, 2 spl, 4, Jones; 3, vhc, Gorse and Son. BUFF (3): 1, Jones; 2, 3, Forse and Son. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Forse and Son; 2, 3, Jones. HEN (9): 1, hc, Jones; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Forse and Son; c, Williams. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, two cups, 3, spl, hc, Forse and Son; 2, 4, Jones; vhc, Williams. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Morris; 4, Cooper. BUFF (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Morris; 4, Carr. MKD., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Morris; 2, Harper. HEN (3): 1, 2, Morris; 3, Cooper. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Morris; 2, Harper; 3, vhc, Cooper; hc, Carr. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Cooper; 2, spl, 3, Morris; vhc, Harper; hc, c, Carr. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, Forse and Son; 2, Cooper; 3, 4, Carr. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl, Harper; 2, spl, 3, South. UNFLIG. (5): 1, spl, cup, 4, South; 2, 3, Cooper. AMAT., YORKS., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 4, Bennett; 2, Penton; 3, vhc, Mead; vhc, Mottram. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, spl, Mottram; 2, Penton; 3, 4, Mead. HEN (3): 1, spl, 3, Bennett; 2, Mead. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2 spls, cup, 2, 3, spl, hc, Bennett; 4, Mottram; vhc, Penton. NOR. CL., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Gravestock; 2, 3, 4, spl, vhc, Williamson; hc, Watcham. HEN (4): 1, 2, Williamson; 3, Gravestock; 4, Watcham. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, spl, Gravestock; 3, vhc, Williamson; 4, Watcham. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Watcham. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Mead. NOVICE, YORKS. CL.,, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Farmer; 2, 4, Corby; 3, hc, Skinner; vhc, Smith; c, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, Skinner; 2, Farmer; 3, Shankley; Caudle, three birds, absent. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Burbidge; 3, White. HEN (10): 1, Shankley; 2, 4, vhc, Skinner; 3, Farmer; hc, Wilson; c, Farmer. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Farmer; 2, spl, Burbridge; 3, Taylor; 4, hc, Corby; vhc, spl, c, Teasdale. BUFF (8): 1, Burbridge; 2, Farmer; 3, Taylor; 4, Teasdale; vhc, Corby; hc, Wilson; c, Shankley. NON-FED (4): 1, 4, Wood; 2, Shankley; 3, Burbidge. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Bartlett; 2, Sandiford's spl, Dalton; 3, Hale; 4, Billingsley; vhc, Teasdale; hc, Harding; c, Cox. BUFF (8): 1, Hale; 2, Billingsley; 3, Teasdale; 4, Pan; vhc, Taylor; hc, Oveuden; c, Cox. MKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Parr; 2, Ovenden; 3, Mills. BUFF (6): 1, Horsup; 2, Ovenden; 3, Bartlett; 4, Dalton; vhc, Mills. HEN (13): 1, spl, Basingthwaite; 2, Billingsley; 3, Bartlett; 4, Hale; vhc, Taylor; hc, Teasdale; c, Harding. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, spl, cup, Basingthwaite; 2, spl, Billingsley; 3, Roberts; 4, spl, Marshall; vhc, spl, Hale; hc, Dalton; c, Parr. BUFF (19): 1, 3 spls, Teasdale; 2, Billingsley; 3, spl, Marshall; 4, vhc, Parr; hc, Taylor; c, Ovenden. CREST (5): 1, Bartlett; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Rhodes. C.-B. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Wallace; 4, Bartlett; vhc, Rhodes. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, spl, Wallace. A.O.V. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Burbidge; 2, 3, Wilson. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3 Ovenden. UNFLIG.: 1, Godfrey. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Teasdale; 2, South; 3, Godfrey; 4, Skinner; vhc, hc, Hounslow; c, Hale. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Basingthwaite; 2, Ovenden; 3, 4, hc, Helens; vhc, Hale. LINNET (8): 1, vhc, Ovenden; 2, Wood; 3, Cooper; 4, Burbidge; hc, Shankley; c, Helens. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, White; 2, Bartlett; 3, Forse and Son; 4, vhc, Helens; hc, Wood; c, South. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Godfrey; 2, vhc, hc, Helens; 3, Forse and Son; 4, spl, Wood. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2 spls, cup, 2, spl, Starling; 3, Forse and Son; 4, Oliver. SELL. (10s.) (6): 1, Griffin; 2, Ovenden; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Rhodes. (15s.) (4): 1, Billingsley; 2, Ovenden; 3, Wood; 4, Marshall. (20s.) (10): 1, Billingsley; 2, vhc, Griffin; 3, Farmer; 4, Ovenden; hc, Skinner; c, Marshall. (30s.) (4): 1, Ovenden; 2, Forse and Son; 3, Wallace; 4, Cox.—J. A. Bartlett.

TORQUAY.

Fanciers' annual show held in Market Hall, Dec. 2nd, the cage birds being confined to members. This flourishing society, we think, would do well to add open classes another year. Mr. G. Williams won special for best in show with a heavily variegated Crest. The birds were well looked after by Mr. J. R. Fox. Mr. F. Redwood judged, and gave satisfaction.

C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Priston, lightly variegated, good skull and lashing, in fine form; 2, mkd. wings, fine size, and feather; 3, another well-feathered one; vhc, hc, c, Williams; vhc, Berry. CREST: 1, sp, 2, 3, Williams, magnificent Crest, good leafy feather and veiny; 2, variegated, good formed Crest, grand feather; 3, neat one; vhc, Berry; hc, c, Priston. NOR. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Fox, lovely shape and feather, neat head, well shown; 3, neat, good bloom; 2, hc, Pecke, grand col. and stylish; vhc, c, Hosken. YELL.: 1, hc, Fox, neck tkd., excellent shape, size and condition; 2, vhc, Hosken, lovely col., head and neck; 3, Honkins, neat bird, good quality; c, Stanbury. YORKS.: 1, sp, 2, Hosken, tkd. buff hen, in good feather and stylish; 2, cl. yell., good size and col.; 3, vhc, hc, c, Berry, fine wings and feather. MULES: 1, sp, 2, Fox, variegated, Goldfinch Can., good size and condition, splendid col. and blaze; 2, grand dark of same cross; 3, Dyer, light variegated, also same cross, hen; vhc, Berry. BRIT.: 1, sp, Weeks, Goldfinch, nice wings, good blaze; 2, Fox, Bullfinch, in fine condition, good cap; 3, Hawkins, good Goldfinch, steady. FOR.: 1, sp, Riggs, yelf. fronted Amazon, very talkative; 2, Tapley, Roseate Cockatoo, in good condition. SELL. (10/-): 1, hc, Hosken; 2, 3, Fox; vhc, Pecke; c, Priston.

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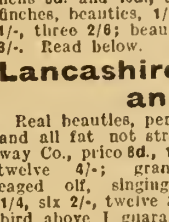
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GREENS, Cinnamons, marks and clears, line-bred pairs, 15/, 2/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-.—Clinch, 370, Edge-la., Liverpool.

PRIZE bred Borders for sale, hens from 2/- each, cocks from 4/6 each; approval; deposit.—Jordan, Joiner, Cupar.

BORDERS, good type and quality, cocks from 5/-; hens, from 2/6, all colours.—Poole, 37, Frostoms-rd., Workington.

YOUNG, 177, Warton Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has greens, marks, clears for disposal, also show cages, cases.

PRIZE bred Borders, Greens, and clears, cocks, from 5/-; hens, 2/-.—Richard Thomson, 441, Albert-rd., Langside, Glasgow.

FOR sale, a few good Borders, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; even mark strain.—Apply McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

TWO yellow Border hens, 5/-; Linnet Mule, 4/6; exchange pair Borders for Siberian Goldie; approval.—Brownlee, Cumledge, Duns.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Border Fancies obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

YELLOW uneven cock, 2nd prize Eaglesfield, with ticked buff hen, and show cage, 11/-.—Thompson, Eastgate, Moffat, Dumfriesshire.

BORDERS, bred from winning, even-marked strain, clears and marks, prices reasonable. Stamp reply.—Crosbie, 30, Park-st., Kilmarnock.

BORDER Fancies, matched pairs, also a few extra good hens, including some of our winners; approval, Wilson Bros., Alba-place, Bannockburn.

WEE gems of the Fancy, the right sort to buy, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; pairs 7/-, or deposit; easy payments.—See Yorkshires.—Broadbent, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

CLEAR buff cock, 1st Vale of Leven, 15 in class; see this week's report, 15/-; approval; others cheap, to clear.—Miller, 3, Stephen-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

BUFF cock, 10/-; uneven yellow hen, 1st medal best Border, 7/6; yellow cock, 8s.; buff hen, 5/-; all good birds fit for show; approval, deposit.—Thomson, Wine Merchant, Dumfries.

CHAMPIONS, a few of my well-known winners for sale, clears, marks, and greens, also choice selected breeding pairs, reasonable, and on approval.—Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

BORDERS. I can now offer for sale a few of my well-known winners, Clears, Marks and Greens, also selected pairs for breeding, reasonable and on approval.—Walter Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham.

DOZEN exhibition Borders, guaranteed winners; cards sent; cocks 8/6, hens 5/6; approval before payment to known fanciers; two stock pairs, 10/- per pair; satisfaction guaranteed.—Hay, Main-rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick.

BORDERS. High-class pairs Self., Greens, Cinnamons, Clears; same strains as my winners, at prices to suit all; few buffs, cocks and hens, for sale; no yellow hens, cheap to clear; approval.—Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

CHOICE selection of typical, close feathered, show and stock birds, clear yellow and buff cocks and hens, grand lot of greens, yellows and buffs of both sexes, also yellow and buff Cinnamon hens; prices reasonable; approval.—J. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

Cinnamons.

CINNAMON buff cock, good stock bird, 15/-, bargain.—A. Buswell, Lutterworth.

FEW prize-bred Cinnamon Canaries, cheap to clear.—H. Fry, Lucerne, Brighton-rd., Horley, Surrey.

REALLY good yellow hen, winner of several prizes, 1908, 15/-; approval.—Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke.

THREE Cinnamon Yorkshire hens, 15/-; green Yorkshire cock, 10/6; lot, 24/-.—Butcher, 64, Benwell-rd., Holloway.

GODLEY'S strain buff cock, 1907, 10/-; two 1909 yellow hens, 5/- each; approval.—E. Mitchell, Gordon Villa, Dereham.

YELLOW or Buff Cinnamon cocks, 15/- to 30/- each, some winners; buff hens, 10/-, 15/- each; approval.—E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft.

CHAMPION Norwich Cinnamons, best blood in the Fancy, large, good and reasonable; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

FOR SALE, Crests and Crest-breds, Silk's and Joyce's strains, good size and feather; also Plainhead Norwich, approval deposit.—Aviaries, Needham Market.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has been introducing Crest-bred Cinnamons among his Cinnamon Plainheads to increase size and head properties, consequently his birds possess these properties above average, and are valuable for stock; in consequence he can supply cock hens at 12/6, 15/6, 20/6 each; show birds, £1 10/6, £2, £3, £4 each. The grand Cinnamon Jonque cock, 1st, Sandifords special, Cheltenham, price £10; a marvel.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BARGAIN, dark Crest cock, 12/6; cost 30/-.—Ruason, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

A FEW good Crests and Crestbreds to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

CREST-BRED cocks, greens, clears, etc., 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 3/-.—Broadbent, Decorator, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

HIGH-CLASS Crests or Crestbreds, our winning strain, cheap; approval.—Raby Bros., St. Issey, Cornwall.

MUST part, Crests given away, A1 champions, any price, show birds.—35, Southdean-gardens, Southfields, London.

HIGH-CLASS Crest and Crestbreds, from winners, prices reasonable; approval.—Stiles, 45, Cromwell-rd., Caversham.

CREST-BRED, cock, prize winner, big bird, plenty of feather, 10/-, or good exchange.—383, Berridge-rd., Nottingham.

FEW healthy young Crest and Crest-breds for sale, cocks and hens, 7/6 to 20/- each.—Forbes, 34, Charlotte-st., Ayr.

I am reducing my stock, and can spare a few good birds for show or stock.—R. Rhodes, 1, Waverley-st., Nottingham.

FOUR Crest-bred cocks, first cross from Lancashire big feathery birds, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle.

MASSIVE heavily feathered var. Crest cock, 30/-; var. Crestbred cock, 1st Falkirk, 2nd Stirling, £2.—McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Crests and Crestbreds obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

FOR sale, grand lot of Crests and Crestbreds, from 20/- to £10; cocks and hens, best blood obtainable.—Kilmister, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham.

C. ROBERTS, breeder champion Norwich, has matched pairs from 15/6; single birds from 7/6; state wants; approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

Two Crested cocks 10/- each, 1 hen 6/-; exchange yellow Plainhead hens; your's first.—Tukey, Officerow, Hartford, Cramlington, Northumberland.

C. ROBERTS, breeder, champion Crests, has few matched pairs from 30/-; single birds from 12/6; state wants; approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

CHAMPION strain Crests and Crest-breds, few good stock birds for sale, mostly cocks, inspection invited.—L. Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

G. F. ADAMSON, can spare good matched pair, £4, also crestbred cocks 15/-, 20/-, 30/- 40/- each; crestbred hen, 17/6; approval.—23w, Netherton-st., Kilmarnock.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, and have bred and shown some of the best ever seen, winnings known; state price prepared to give.—Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

WELL-BRED heavy-feathered Crests and Crest-bred hens, also Crests and Crest-bred cocks, from 15/- to £10.—W. Gutteridge, 159, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, winner Lord Mayor's Bowl, Bristol, Crested Canary Club's Challenge Cup, as a few Crest and Crest-bred cocks to spare, from 30/-; own breeding.

G. MOORE for crests; pairs 15/- upwards; own breeding from reliable strain; see Nottingham and Sheffield Show; all healthy young birds; approval willingly.—353, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

EXTRA large-headed young green Crestbred cock, splendid head feather, 15/-, dirt cheap, same strain as our winners; approval.—E. Radley, Paradise Aviaries, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

J. BROTHERTON, 41 and 43, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has about thirty Crests and crestbreds for sale, yellows and buffs, young birds, and year olds, strong and healthy; some grand stock birds.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched Norwich Crests, rare type, abundance of feather, certain to breed winners, only 17/6; honestly worth 30/-; genuine bargain; approval.—Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

NORWOOD BROS., Champion Crest, grand big 1908 Crested cock, £9; one £5, one £3, one £2; two 1908 Crest-bred cocks, £1 10s. each; 3 pairs 1909, £1 15/- pair; my own breeding; approval.—103, Michael-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

HEALTHY typical Crests and Crestbreds, old cocks or hens, either variety, at prices to suit all; matched pairs for breeding, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; enquiries invited; all cold room bred; approval anywhere.—H. Amies, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, few grand birds to part with, cocks or hens, bred from the very best of stock; write to breeder of high-class birds, if you want something good, reasonable; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe-st., Plymouth, breeder of champion Crests, Crestbreds, also winner of diploma Crystal Palace, for best Crest, has a few grand show birds now ready for the Palace, also stock pairs from 25/-; breeders should not miss this chance; approval to known fanciers.

FORTY Crests and Crestbred for sale, cheap, from 7/6 cock, and 15/- pair; they contain some of the best bloods, and some can be shown; no single hens; anyone taking the lot I will take a reasonable offer; approval willingly, deposit with the Editor.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

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Greens.

YELLOW green Yorks. hens, 1909, 3/6.—Cockerill. See British.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Greens, pairs, singles, prices reasonable and approval.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

FEW pairs good Yorkshire Greens, cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Young, Cyprus-terrace, Sandfield-rd., Liscard.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 20 cocks, good stock birds, cheap, few hens; approval.—Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Princes Park, Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, for show or stock; prices reasonable; call or write.—Robert Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

ONE yellow-green 1909 Norwich cock, and two good Norwich green hens, 16/-.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRE, young bird from 25/- per pair; yellow and buffs, show or stock.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale; approval.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Lancashires obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

YELLOW Plainhead cock, buff Plainhead hen, 12/6 each; both clear, 1909 birds; approval.—Entwistle, 234, Edenfield-rd., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES for disposal cheap; stamp, approval; yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.—Edward Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

FOR Sale, an exceptionally large Plainhead Lancashire hen, this year's bird, with a breeding cage, for 8/-.—Fitz-Gerald, 1, Dartrey-rd., Chelsea, London.

LANCASHIRES, pair 1908, good stock birds, yellow coppy cock, buff Plainhead hen, 25/-; or exchange for good pair green Yorkshires. — Goldsmith, 49, Queen-st., Maidenhead.

Lizards.

MATCHED pair Lizards, 1909, bred cold room, 12/-.—Naden, Royds-st., Rochdale.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, winning strain, cheap.—Jeffrey, 3, Glenthorne-rd., Roker, Sunderland.

I HAVE a few good Lizard hens for disposal, best blood obtainable.—John Hamer, 67, Stoneleigh-st., Oldham.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Lizards obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

I have a few pairs of Lizards, stock birds, for sale, 1908, 10/0 a pair.—Mr. Herbert Middleton, Sandbed, Delph, near Oldham.

CLEAR cap Silver Lizard, winner, second, and two 4ths, 14/-; also few Golds, Clear, etc., broken caps, all 1909 birds.—Nuttal, 130, Platting-lane, Rochdale.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

A FEW choice Norwich for sale.—J. Kemp, Chapple-ter., Hayle, Cornwall.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6; hens, 2/0; pairs, 6/6; good birds.—Thorpe, Wellington, Salop.

A FEW pairs of good Norwich, from 15/- pair.—Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road.

NORWICH, few good birds from 10/6 pair.—Mathers, 163, Pollokshaws-rd., Glasgow.

FOR sale, two Norwich cocks and four hens, cheap.—Wilcox, Froghall Cottage, Wokingham.

A FEW good Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Biladale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

FEW pairs Norwich Canaries, fed, non fed, 10/6, 12/6.—Fleming, Cross, Larbert, Stirlingshire.

GRAND Norwich canaries, 1909, cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/1.—L. Mayhew, Upwell, Cambs.

A few good Norwich for sale, price reasonable; approval.—A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

FOR sale, three good Norwich cocks, clears, 6/- each.—Sellers, 9, Ivy-villas, Holmes-st., Fountain rd., Hull.

FOR sale, 5 Norwich cocks and 3 hens, 30/- lot, or nearest offer.—Robertson, 51, West Bothwell st, Glasgow.

Giving up Fancy.—High-class Norwich, from 10/0 pair; also few Yorkshires.—Pratt, 84, Oscar-st., Deptford.

FOR sale, 40 variegated stock or show birds, price reasonable.—Thomas Brown, Scott-rd., Brechin, Scotland.

FEW fine unflighted Norwich, bred from my own winners. Send for price list.—Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

GOOD pair Norwich Plainhead, with breeding cage, 12/6, without cage 10/6; approval.—Addison, Cranbrook, Kent.

GOOD Norwich hen Canaries, own breeding in old room, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6.—Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

GRAND lot Norwich cold bred, splendid colour and song, cocks 6/-, hens 2/6.—Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few buff hens from 4/- each, yellows marked or clear, from 5/6 each.

1909 NORWICH cock Canaries, 4/6 each, in song; hen 2/-; stamp reply.—3, Victoria-ter., Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire.

CAN spare one or two buff hens from my winners, rare type and quality, from 10/6.—McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

FOUR grand Norwich cocks, 6/6 each, six grand hens 2/3 each; all 1909 birds.—Greagsbeg, Saddler, Wadhurst, Sussex.

GIVING up breeding.—60 good Norwich Plainheads and Crested hens 2/6, cocks 5/-.—Bolton, 105, Blackman-la., Leeds.

NORWICH unflighted and year-old birds, bred from own winners; Approval, deposit.—Silver, 72, Peel-st., Birmingham.

H. JEFFERY, Eden Park, Eden Bridge, has some buff Norwich cocks for sale (Bayley Kilby's strain); reasonable; approval.

SMART Norwich cocks, in full song, warranted clean and healthy, 4/3, 4/6 each; approval.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

TWO pairs Norwich, 10/-; a pair, also violin outfit, 12/6, or exchange anything useful.—Slater, 92, Watnall-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of Norwich; free list on application; stamp reply.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich

NORWICH Canaries, 7/- pair, or useful exchange; also house-moulted cock Goldfinch; what offers.—Bingham, March, Cambridge.

ARE you wanting some of the best and cheapest Plainhead Norwich obtainable to-day? Then please send for my free list.—Rudd.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 0/6, grand value, satisfaction certain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CHAMPION Norwich, 50, from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval, deposit; stamp.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

YELLOW-MARKED cock, buff hen, right sort, 25/-; yellow and buff hens from 5/-; cocks from 10/-.—Booth, 27, Ashley-rd., Sheffield.

GOOD buff Norwich cock, 5/6; 3 hens, 2/- each; lot, 10/6; pair Bullfinches given in, bargain.—Scotcher, Abington Lodge, Cambridge.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; genuine bargains; approval, deposit.—Attwood, 32, Goodnestone-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

PURE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

TYPICAL Norwich, high-class stock for sale, mostly unflighted; price reasonable; approval.—Wm. Hutchinson, 326, Crown-st., Glasgow.

HAVING bought exhibitor's stock, can spare few matched pairs, 12/6, 15/6, good birds; approval, deposit.—Thomson, Wine Merchant, Dumfries.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, is selling (through ill-health) all his Norwich Plainheads, from 10/6 pair upwards; approval; write.

GOOD Norwich, bred same as my winners at Walthamstow, Leyton, and North London; cocks from 7/6, hens 4/-.—Billingsley, 99, Manor-rd., Leyton.

A BARGAIN, one pair Norwich, 15/-; hen alone cost more money in February; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Rex, 23, Chequer-st., Luton, Beds.

STEPHEN TWIDDLE, Balaclava-st., Blackburn, breeder of high-class Norwich, has a few good birds for sale; approval, stamp; also a few good cages.

NORWICH yellow cock, winner, and buff hen, £1; yellow cock and buff hen, unflighted, 15/-.—Davidson, 2, Levenford-pl., Dumbarton, Scotland.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6, hens 4/-, also show birds; cheap unflighted yellow cock, 2nd L.C.B.A., £1 10s.—Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

FORTY splendid Norwich Canaries, cocks at 6/6, 7/6, hens 2/-, 2/6; yellows and Buffs, cold room, in good condition.—Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

HAVE some grand Norwich for sale, pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/- up; single for show or stock; prices reasonable; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

TWO buff variegated cocks, one yellow variegated cock, two buff variegated hens, one buff hen, one yellow green hen; approval.—Skinner, High-st., Brechin.

BUFF cock, winner 1st last week Rochdale, 20/-; also two buff unflighted hens, 10/- each, only want seeing; worth double; approval.—Faulkner, Park-rd., Rochdale.

GRAND yellow cock, second Rochdale Good Intent, 40/-; buff cock, 3rd, 30/-; also few others, from 15/-; approval.—Beswick and Gaskill, 31, Holly-st., Stockport.

TOGETHER or separate, two double feeders, nine-compartment cage, 5 show cages, 1 yellow Norwich cock fed.—Particulars, Hunt, 20, Cageneave-st., Rochester.

THREE pair unflighted Norwich Plainheads and 3 buff cocks, same strain as cup winner, North London, cheap; stamp reply.—Cooper, 1, Evesham-rd., West Ham.

FEW good Norwich for disposal, cocks from 7/0, hens from 5/-; see show reports; inspection invited.—W. E. Espley, 26, Oakfield-st., Cheetham, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval.—T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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Hens—Clear Yellow, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All birds on approval.

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Marvellous Value.

20, Mariner's Square, Haverfordwest, December 10th, 1909,—The Roller arrived quite safe, and as soon as he satisfied his hunger and thirst, he was busy singing. I can only say he is marvellous value, and it is quite a treat to sit and listen to the wonderful rolls of song issuing from him. If any of my friends require a bird at any time, it will give me great pleasure to recommend you. H. B. Gwyther to W. Rudd.

A Real Good One.

Broad Street, Limerick, November 29th, 1909,—Roller arrived safe. He is a real good one. I am very pleased with him. J. Campbell to W. Rudd.

Singing from Morning till Night.

142, London Road, East Grinstead, December 6th, 1909,—Roller Canary gives every satisfaction, and a most beautiful singer. He is singing from morning till night. Many thanks for your selection. W. F. Johnson to W. Rudd.

134, Lyndhurst Road, Wood Green, London, N., December 2nd, 1909,—Received Roller in good condition. Am very pleased with it. H. J. Monkridge to W. Rudd.

8, Kime Street, Padiham Road, Burnley, December 7th, 1909,—Pleased to say Hartz Roller arrived safe, and is doing well. Shall recommend you and remember you myself when wanting anything else. J. Curson to W. Rudd.

The Best Got This Season.

3, Clarence Place, Belfast, December 8th, 1909,—The bird I am quite satisfied with, it commenced to sing very nicely, and I consider it the best I got this season. H. Mercer to W. Rudd.

23, Richmond Road, Mountain Ash, S. Wales, Dec. 1st, 1909,—I am quite satisfied with the Roller. He has been singing grand every day I have had him. A. Coopey to W. Rudd.

Inkerman Road, Bitterne, December 11th, 1909,—I received the two Hartz Rollers safe; thanks for same. They sing well. C. Oakley to W. Rudd.

Hillside, Slate Street, Morriston, December 8th, 1909,—Bird arrived safely this morning in splendid condition. I am highly pleased. It commenced to sing as soon as unpacked. T. Deacon to W. Rudd.

The Nest, Gt. Cornard Villas, Sudbury, Suffolk, December 1st, 1909,—Roller arrived in perfect health, and after a good feed, he gave us a performance. He has got a nice song, and I am delighted with him. R. Brown to W. Rudd.

Advise all Intending Purchasers.

8, Meadow Well Street, Shettleston, Glasgow, December 10th, 1909,—Just a line intimating that I am highly pleased with the bird, and I must say it has given every satisfaction with its song, and I would advise all who intend purchasing a Roller, to give you a trial. J. Gray to W. Rudd.

The Old Manor House, Ventnor, December 10th, 1909,—I received the bird quite safely, and it gives every satisfaction. We are delighted with its beautiful rolling song, and will recommend you to my friends. G. M. Gervin to W. Rudd.

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TAYLOR'S

Winning Yorkshires.

More winners this week. Read following testimonial from 12, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, December 4th, 1909.—Buff ticked Yorkshire cock you sent me won 1st and special at Ilkeston last week. Also yellows won 3rd and 4th prizes at same show. J. W. White to J. Taylor. Another from 18, Chaucer Street, Runcorn, December 5th, 1909.—Yorks. exhibition hen arrived safe, and gives me every satisfaction. Fanciers who have seen it say it is a topper, and will hold its own. J. Sutton to J. Taylor. Scores more received lately similar to above. Smart, lengthy slim yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song, and about 7 inches long. Pairs, matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. In clears, ticked, green marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed. Fine racy yellow and buff hens, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. All cold rooms kept, healthy, and feather to perfection; colour-fed and natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens, that can win, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, including some recent winners. Kindly state wants to the old reliable breeder, exhibitor and judge, and satisfaction is certain. Inspection invited at any time. Personal attention given to all orders, and despatched same day as received, carefully packed, and safe arrival guaranteed, any distance. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval at my risk.



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J. TAYLOR,
36, Aireville Road,
Frizinghall, Bradford.

CLEARING out, 3 grand pairs Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 17/6; buff cock, 7/6; all honestly worth double the price; deposit, approval.—Lovatt, 83, Well-st., Tunstall, Stock-on-Trent.

CHAMPION pairs to breed winners, 10/6 to 30/-; upstanding cocks from 8/6; typical hens, from 4/6; state wants; approval, on deposit.—Bell, 114, Southrd., Waterloo, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, good length, type and quality, yellows or buffs, both sexes, reasonable price, state wants; winners Exeter, Exmouth, etc.—Stone, 33, Fortescue-rd., Exeter.

W. T. FURNISS, breeder and exhibitor high-class Yorkshires, has some grand stock birds for disposal from 12/6 pair; approval, deposit.—43, Hawthorne-rd., Hillsbro', Sheffield.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, yellow, buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; buff hens, 8/6, 10/6; also Norwich cocks, stamp reply; approval; deposit.—Potter, Thoresby-st., Hull.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale, cocks and hens, good feather and style; yellow and buff, from 5/6 to 15/-; also a few ½-bred Belgians; approval, stamp reply.—A. Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus, S.O.

FEW good birds, mostly unflighted, bred from winners at Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Ludlow, Birmingham, Tamworth, etc.; prices very reasonable.—Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; grand pairs 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, worth double; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed. — Greenwood, Colne-road, Crosshills, Keighley.

FEW grand, young, leggy Yorkshire cocks, little under standard length, but rare breeding stuff, 10/- each; hens, 7/-; quality A1; approval.—F. Hill, 333, Kensington-st., Girlington, Bradford (late Vine-terrace, Fairweather Green).

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from winners, splendid length and quality, cocks from 8/6, hens from 5/-; properly matched pair from 12/6; satisfaction guaranteed; deposit, approval.—Drew, 156, Hartington-st, Moss Side, Manchester.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Yorkshires, cocks 6/6 to 10/6, hens 4/6 to 6/6, matched pair properly mated to produce winners 10/- to 15/-; winnings well known; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; a few typical Yorkshires for sale, bred from the best strains in the country; cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit.—W. Mullins, Batby-rd., Doncaster.

CLEAR yell. Yorks cock, 1909, 3rd Manchester, 17 in class, 20/-; ticked yellow Yorks cock, 1908, smart, twice first 1908, 3rd Pendleton, 1909 (see report), only time shown, 15/-; others, 7/6 to 10/6 each, cheap; approval, deposit.—Durnford, 12, Scarsdale-st., Pendleton.

W. J. HONEYSETT has some fine Yorkshires for disposal, one pair 30/-, 1908, bred several of my winners, others unflighted, yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; no hen to spare; can be seen any evening after six; on approval.—69, Manor-st., Clapham, S.W.

FODEN'S champion Yorkshires; see report of Birmingham Show; the unflighted buff exhibited by Mr. Price was acknowledged to be a real Topper; this bird was bred and sold by me. I have a few more winners left; state wants.—Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.



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is absolutely guaranteed to every one of my customers. I send every bird on 7 days' approval, at my risk. At the present moment I have several thousands of birds in stock, including high-class specimens, in the following varieties:—

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Crested and Crested-bred, Greens, Cinnamons (both Yorks and Norwich type), Lancashires (Copples and Plainheads), Scotch Fancies, Bolglans, Border Fancies, Lizards, Muling hens, Mules (including few light ones). Songsters of all varieties. Seifert and St. Audreasberg Rollers, Siberian Goldfinches, etc. Easy payments arranged. Established 30 years. Come and inspect birds, or send post card for my free illustrated catalogue.

JOE THOMAS,

Breeder and Exhibitor,

Ambler Thorn, Halifax.

INSPECTION invited any time. 30 pairs of good Yorkshires, 8/6, 10/6, 15/0 per pair; also good cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, send carriage paid on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Mercerou-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London, E.

MY whole stud of exhibition Yorkshires for sale, cages, travelling cases, etc., including winners at Dulwich, Plymouth, Gloucester, Southend, Camborne, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, City of Birmingham, etc.; stock birds, pairs from 7/0; approval, deposit.—Bishop, 14, Barry-st., Worcester.

IMPORTANT notice.—Having sold all cages and bird room appliances, can offer the following Yorkshires at give-away prices; all good stock birds, blood second to none; 4 buff, 2 yellow cocks, 6/- each; 4 buff, 1 yellow hen, 5/- each; fanciers hurry up, decided bargains, must clear.—Fred Tyler, Church Hill, Baildon, Yorkshire.

Do you want upstanding tight feathered Yorkshires, typical birds, full of quality? I have cocks in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 each; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; send post card for my illustrated price list; all Canaries carriage paid, on 7 days' approval.—Miss E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

F. JONES, 18, Elliott-rd., Sheffield, winner of special for 2nd most points at 3 Sheffield shows, besides 2 other specials, one for best Yorkshire in show, has 25 birds for sale, every one related to those shown; cocks from 8/6, hens from 5/-; approval, postal order or deposit; can be seen Saturday afternoon, or any evening except Sunday.—Fred Jones, 18, Elliott-rd., Sheffield.

EDGAR BROADBENT, for Yorkshires, for stock, show, or song, the best in the world at the price; cinnamon marked, ticks, clears, etc., every variety, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/6; adopt my system of purchase: I send out one cock on deposit of 2/6, or matched pair on receipt of 4/- with order; balance by instalments; Norwich, Rollers, Borders, Crest-bred, same prices and terms. —E. Broadbent, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

LOOK! Look! Look! Winner of over 60 prizes this season, also winner of challenge cup Southport and rose bowl Liverpool; Yorkshires of the best possible quality; see reports Burnley, Blackburn, Accrington, Bolton, Rochdale, Ormskirk, Southport, Liverpool, etc.; see report Southport this issue, 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 3 thirds, 3 spls., cup and spl. most points in show; state requirements—Bullough, 104, Cemetery-rd., Southport. Also see advt. under Various Birds last week's issue.

C. MABEY.

C. Mabey has some of the finest Yorksbires in the Fancy, from 15/- a pair; stamp.—5, Anerley-st., Battersea.

READ THIS.

Buff hens, lovely quality, grand type, to clear, 7/6; these are not wasters, but will breed winners; try them; approval anywhere; three buff cocks, same price.—Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

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BUY FROM THE BREEDER.

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WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

still winning. See show reports. Clear, ticked, variegated, green or cinnamon-marked cocks from 12/6, real toppers; hens, feathered like wax, from 8/-; no purer strain in the Fancy, all my own breeding, cold room bred and kept, quality cannot be beaten; several matched pairs to breed winners, from 20/- to 60/-; several show birds for sale that can win anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned in full; three days' approval.—12, Angelst., Baildon, Yorks.

H. HILL

Has some real good typical Yorkshire Canaries for sale at most reasonable prices; all prizes I have won this year are with birds bred in my own room; see reports of Yorkshire Union shows; matched pairs from 12/6 per pair; note address.—15, Settle-ter., Thornton-lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

Shackleton's Yorkshires.

I have some real clinkers still for sale, either for show or stock, absolutely the best value in the Fancy. See reports leading shows; stamp for particulars.—Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Bradford.

SAM HAIGH, HALIFAX,

Has some splendid Yorkshires for disposal, bred from or related to his winners at the Jubilee Palace and all Yorkshire Union shows; cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-.—21, Range-bank.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires are still winning; have won during last few weeks 29 1sts, 27 2nds, and 23 3rds; have several winners for sale, and grand stock birds, all on very reasonable terms, cold-room bred, and all on approval; stamp for particulars.—G. W. Cuthbertson, Manor House, Hughington, via Darlington.

WARR'S WINNING YORKSHIRES,

All my entire stock of Yorkshires for sale, including birds that have won over 20 first prizes, 10 cocks and 11 hens, 24 carpenter-made cages, 10 show cages and 3 travelling cases, all in good condition; this advt. is not put in to sell my wasters, but to dispose of all; can be seen at any time; business prevents me keeping them.—A. W. Warr, 0, London-rd., Twickenham. (Close to the Station.)

J. C. BARNES,

149, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield, winner of numerous cups, medals, etc., at leading shows, can spare few grand specimens; cocks, 20/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; capital position, very lengthy, and leggy, and feathered like box; several extra good pairs at £3 to £5; approval; inspection invited; satisfaction guaranteed.

CLEAR, ticked, variegated, foul or Green Yorkshires; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid birds in stock; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

SAMUEL DEAN.

OGDEN BROS.

Have for disposal some real clinkers from 15/- to 60/- per pair; odd birds proportionate. These are all bred from or related to our noted winners at Crystal Palace, and all Yorkshire Union shows. All birds sent on approval, cash or deposit with Editor.—Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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STILL WINNING.

And all for sale at reasonable prices. We can supply you with singing birds, stock birds, or pairs properly matched to breed champions, both in Yorkshires and Norwich. Place your orders with experienced breeders and exhibitors, who will do their utmost to give you every satisfaction both in prices and quality. All birds send securely packed on approval. P.O.O. or deposit with Editor; inspection invited.—Halliday and Chittenden, 103, Bolton Hall-rd., Bradford.

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Owing to illness have decided to offer all our champion Yorkshires for sale, except few pairs for breeding, including ticked buff, big winner, £7 10/-; two ticked yellows, winners, £5 10/- and £0 10/-; three buff hens, winners, 50/-, 60/-, and £4 4/-; two of the finest stock pairs living, £5 per pair, worth double for one season's breeding; two other real topping pairs, 50/- and 60/-, cheap at double for breeding with; also several high-class pairs from 15/- to 60/-; single birds proportionate. Please note, this strain is one of the oldest and purest in the fancy, and is the study of a lifetime. What we offer are all real high-class birds, and this is a chance seldom met with to secure such Yorkshires, as many of them cannot be matched at double the price. Approval. Stamp particulars.—Messrs. Ambler, late of Bradford, 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

CHAMPION WINNING YORKSHIRES

Direct from "Mr. Bates, Stoke," strain, which won for him thousands of prizes. I have sold from this strain to Mr. Blackburst some toppers, and he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1908, Crystal Palace; also 1sts, 2nds, 3rds at Bolton, Morecambe, etc., this season; also Mr. Banks, Cardiff, won 1sts, 2nds, etc., with this strain supplied by me. Some grand youngsters, same strain and models; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, from 0/-, 7s., 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, Yellows or Buffs, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-; matched pairs, to breed winners, 12/-, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/- pair. Any I send on approval and guaranteed to please you, as I don't exhibit these myself. Order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancashire.

Over 100 Prizes

and cards won by me during the last six weeks. See this week's reports at Luton, Windhill, Tamworth and Langley Park. Last Saturday alone I won 3 FIRSTS, 3 SPECIALS, 4 SECONDS, 2 THIRDS, 1 FOURTH. See previous advertisements for other shows I have won at. If you are in want of winners or stock birds, write, stating exactly what you require, and I daresay I can oblige you. I have won under 20 DIFFERENT JUDGES.

W. RICHMOND. 16, MAYFIELD GROVE, HARROGATE.

DYKES' YORKSHIRES.

"More Winners."—Read following, from 23 Middle Street, Seaham Harbour, December 12th, 1909.—The yellow cock has just won 1st and special for best in show. Please send me the following —— ready for showing, for enclosed amount. J. Carr to L. Dykes.

For further proof, see my winnings weekly, at all leading shows. Having won during this last few weeks over 50 1sts, and numerous specials, cups, etc., etc., and it is a well-known fact that I have bred and sold hundreds of winners this last few years. If you want to win or stock birds to breed own winners, this is the strain you require: Stylish, leggy yellow cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; buff cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; grand racy hens, either yellow or buff, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; pairs, personally and carefully selected to breed the best at, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; all colours, and over 400 to select from, and every bird guaranteed healthy and feathered to perfection.



Norwich, Crests, etc.

I have also some large, cobby Norwich, bred from winning strains, also Crests and Crest-bred, feathered to end of beak, "King's" and "Grant's" Palace strains, at reasonable prices. State wants, or come and judge for yourselves. Easy payments arranged to suit customers own requirements, and birds sent off at once, either show or stock birds, in any of above varieties, all on seven days' approval, my risk, and safe delivery guaranteed, any distance; illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Few recent winners at reasonable prices. Place your orders with the old, reliable breeder, exhibitor, and judge, with a life's practical experience (not on paper); copyists please note, you will then avoid disappointment.

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PRICE'S WINNING YORKSHIRES.

See show reports, Longton, Bristol, Bradford West, Eccleshill, Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield, for an example of the birds I have. Some to dispose of yet, both sexes, marked and clear, at reasonable prices. I will satisfy you, or return your money. Birds feathered like wax, and well up in every way. Write early, for I have only a few. Note—Different judges at the above shows.—2, Aire Street, Thackley.

Various Canaries.

HEN Canary, and 60 "Cage Birds," 3/6.—Cock, 10, Tregolls-rd., Truro.

WHAT OFFERS! various hen Canaries, outdoor bred.—Baker, jun., Bank, Tewkesbury.

I HAVE a few good Canaries for sale, cheap.—Brooke, 15, Marian-rd., Woodhouse, Leeds.

TWO 1909 cock Canaries, Yorkshire and Norwich cross, singing nicely, 5/- each; pair 1908, 7/-.—Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

JOINER-made four-compartment breeding cage; Norwich cock, Yorkshire hen, cheap.—G. Wardle, Ball Haye Green, Leek, Staffs.

BELGIUM, three-quarter bred cinnamon marked hen, accept 10/-; also few good Yorkshires.—J. Sheard, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks.

FOUR Yorkshire clear and 4 Crested and Crested-bred Norwich canaries, 1909 birds; what offers?—Wm. Thomas, Appledore Cottage, Llansaint, Kidwelly.

YELLOW buff Sib. hens, 15-year strains, Norwich type, Borders, etc., for sale at prices to suit all; state your wants; approval.—E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

SIX singing Yorkshire cock Canaries, yellow, buff and variegated, 7/6 each; one yellow Yorkshire hen, 4/-; six common hens, good feeders, 2/6 each.—Lawrie, 15, Highcraigends, Kilsyth, N.B.

FOR the best quality of all classes of Canaries, cocks from 4/6, matched pairs from 6/6; send post card for illustrated price list.—Miss E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

SEVERAL very large Norwich, Crest, Crest-bred, Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 to 13/0; six days' approval; money returned if not satisfied; own breeding, outside aviary.—Wyer, St. John's-rd., March, Cambs.

BORDERS, high-class Clears and Cinnamon marks, also matched pairs, reasonable, see show reports; approval. Scotch Fancies, a few young birds, both yellows and buffs, same strain as my winners; see show reports; approval.—Thos. Chapman, 16, Oxford-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Notice! I will send Norwich or Yorkshire Cock Canary, in full song, with drawing-room cage, with glass sides, 8/6 the two, carriage paid, on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with Editor; inspection invited any time.—Carter, 45 and 47, Percira-st., Brady-st., Bethnal Green, London, E.

J. THORN, WOOLWICH.

has splendid lot of Hartz Mountain Rollers, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries at much lower prices than others. Come and hear them sing before buying.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

FINE Linnet Mules, Linnet song, 5/6, or offers.—Fiddling, 43, Millmount-rd., Meeresbrook.

HANDSOME large cock Goldfinch, good blaze, Mule, 2 years, only 8/-.—A. Buswell, Lutterworth.

BULLFINCHES, 30 large hens for hybrid breeding, 1/3 each, three 3/6.—Barson, 131, Cottesmore-rd, Leicester.

GREENIE Canary Mules, 3 cocks, 1 hen, 4th, vhc, Musselburgh; offers invited.—Nisbet, High-st., Musselburgh.

1908 cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 7/6; ditto Linnet and Canary, 6/-; also Norwich and Mules.—Thomas Butcher, Ramsgate.

THREE cocks and 5 hens, Goldie Mules, big fine birds, lot 17/-.—Jonah Dennis, Water End, Brompton, near Northallerton.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, safe with eggs, 7/6; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, 2/6.—Cave, 106, John-st., Larkhall, Scotland.

Winning Mules & Hybrids

ALSO MULING HENS | **EXHIBITORS MAKE A NOTE**

The birds comprise wins at Oakengates, Tamworth, Burton, Birmingham, Netherton, Halesowen, Coventry, King's Heath, Hull, Peterborough, Glasgow, Dublin, Limerick, Banbridge, etc., etc. Amongst them are:—Light and dark Goldfinch Mules, yellow and buff, light and dark Linnet Mules, light and dark Greenfinch Mules, dark Siskin (a champion), grand Bullfinch-Goldfinch, ditto Bullfinch-Greenfinch. Cocks, light Goldfinch Mules from 15/6. These birds can be seen in my rooms; that's acting as well as talking. Mules for singing only also on hand. Pink-eyed and other Muling hens, as follows:— Clear Muling hens, 2/6 each; cocks, 4/-. Others as follows:—Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-, 6/6 each; yellow hens, for light Mule breeding, 3/6, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6; hens for dark Mule breeding, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, and 5/- each. Muling hen and Linnet, 2/9. Travelling cages 3d. per bird extra.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WANTED, good cock Goldfinch Mules in exchange for pair winning silver grey rabbits.—B. Benstead, Alma House, Snettisham, Norfolk.

GOLDFINCH Mules, two cocks 4/6 each; singing Goldfinch notes; approval.—M. Allison, East Bleckburn, Bedlington, Northumberland.

YORKSHIRES from 7in. parents, will exchange Goldfinch Mules, cocks, singing, or will give cash.—Pace, 111, Haggerston-rd., Dalston, London.

GOLDFINCH-Canary Mules, bred for hobby, guaranteed beautiful songsters, with pure Finch notes, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.—Payne, Leab-terrace, Hartlepool.

FOR sale, four dark Goldfinch Mules, late birds, sex not known, one nest; what offers the lot?—Albert Gough, 16, New-st., Upper Pontnewydd, Mon.

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch, 5/-; ditto Muling Linnet, 5/-; canary-reared cock Greenfinch, 2/-; approval on deposit.—Dalzell, 40, Campbell-st., Oldham.

LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet and Norwich hen; exchange Bullie hens; also Norwich's cheap to clear.—J. Overstone, 30, Wallace-st., Grangemouth.

TO bird-catchers and others, extraordinary large cock Linnet Mule, very stout, in full song, with cage, 12/6; fit to show and win, worth £5 to a catcher.—Dutton, Hotel Proprietor, Dunstable.

FIVE Goldfinch hen Mules, 4 Linnet hen Mules, 9d. each; also exhibition cock Bullfinch, 1/6, or exchange lot for big hen Hawfinch, or anything useful.—Jones, Slip, Pentrepoeth, Llanelly, Carm.

HANDSOME variegated Goldfinch Mule, singing both daylight and gaslight, with cage, 6/6; large dark ditto, splendid songster, with cage, 5/6; genuine. —Alfred Keeling, Tansley, Matlock, Derbyshire.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, full song and show condition, both bred Mules this year; one fertilised eggs with Bullfinch; 8/6 and 10/-, genuine.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd, Bishopston, Bristol.

LIGHT variegated Goldfinch Mule, great winner, 1st. and sp. Dundee, 1st Markinch, etc., etc., price £3 3/-; a great bargain; approval on receipt of P.O.—R. Jamieson, jun., High-st., Linlithgow.

CATCHERS, brown Linnet cock Mule and Goldfinch Mule, and 3 brown Linnets, all house-moulted, 1908 birds, all in good song; Mules 7/6 each, Linnets 4/- each.—J. Warwick, 20, Feversham-st., Middlesbrough.

BIG yellow Lancashire Norwich hen and Greenfinch cock, had three fertile nests last year, 15/-; would exchange for Unflighted, Cinnamon marked yellow hen to value; approval; your first.—Mitchell, 14, Pawson-st, Morley.

LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet, proved Mule breeder, perfectly tame, now in full song, 7/6; selected hen Canaries, for Mule breeding, Yorkshire or Norwich type, 3/-, 4/- each; approval.—Walsh Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

UNEQUALLED Goldfinches for light or dark Muling, very large, very moderate prices. Few grand hen Bullfinches (can win), Greenfinches and Linnets, from 5/-; reasonable approval.—G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

EXHIBITION dark yellow Goldfinch Mule, 1st and special Cork, Dundalk, Limavady, 2nd Dublin, etc.; 30/- can win in any company; large double yellow green Norwich hen, bred for dark Muling, 15/- cash, or deposit.—McCaldin, Banbridge.

EXHIBITORS, Mule breeders. Have bought all Bostock's, winning British, Morecambe, Lancaster; have several to dispose of; Goldfinch 7/6, Linnet, gem, 6/0, Bullie, champion, 5/-, Redpoll, marvel, 5/-; first P.O. gets lot, or any of above; straight dealing genuine bargains.—Durston, Penny-st., Lancaster.

NOTICE. Four large house-moulted Bullfinch hens, 2/6 each; two exhibition house-moulted Bullfinch cocks, can win in keenest competition, 10/0 each; one house-moulted cock Goldfinch, bred Mules this season; 5/6 cash, or deposit.—Radley Brothers, King-st., Aviaries, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

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GOLDFINCH Mule, full song; exchange Siberian Goldfinch; yours first.—Cooke, Chapel-st., Berwick.

PAIRS, Dippers, Jenny Wrens, exchange Siberian Finches, Yorkshire hens.—Fishburn, Silsden, Keighley.

BULLFINCHES, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/-, 1/6; good plumage; exchange Canaries.—Fitzjohn, Star-st., Ware.

EXHIBITION dark Goldie Mule and show cage, sell £1; or exchange.—Woodall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted cock Linnet Mule for 3 large hen Bullfinches, or sell 5/6.—H. Griffiths, Chopwell.

ONE cock Goldfinch Mule, full song; exchange lady's umbrella, or sell 7/6; approval.—Sample, 156, Ashton-rd., Denton.

SIX large healthy cock Greenfinches, exchange for Norwich Plainhead cock, or sell 5/- lot.—176, Newmarket-st., Norwich.

FOUR pairs grand Bullfinches, 2/3 per pair, or 8/6 the lot; or exchange Siberian Goldfinch.—Eccles, Rhosymedre, Ruabon.

BEAUTIFUL brown cock Linnet, on song, and house cage, sell 4/-; exchange air-gun.—Harper, 45, Denmark-rd., Beeches.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, part yellow blaze, freak, 7/-, or exchange Norwich Crest cock; your's first.—H. Duke, Chard.

CAGE-MOULTED tame Bullfinches, 2/6 each; cock Blackcap, 3/-; exchange Roller Canaries.—Jackson, Monks Barns, Newport, Essex.

TWO young Goldfinches, house-moulted, sale or exchange, for Yorkshire or Norwich hen.—E. Hatcher, Bay, Gillingham, Dorset.

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GRAND Bullfinch, house-moulted, beautifully capped, very large, sell 4/6, or exchange Siberian Goldfinch; offers.—Drew, 18, Piccadilly, Manchester.

THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, two singing cock Canaries, and one Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 6/- each, or exchange.—Clarke, 9, Eastfield-rd., Peterborough.

FOR sale, 4 cocks and 2 hens, Bullfinches, all cage-moulted, 12/6, or exchange for terrier or spaniel dog.—H. Hodgson, 80, Mill-st., Norton, Malton, Yorks.

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GOLDFINCH and hen canary, suit breeders, cock skylark, good singers, lot, 25/-; exchange good rifle, 3in. boards.—P. Phillips, Walton, Kington, Herefordshire.

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EXHIBITION British cock Goldfinch, good size and colour, champion muler, 12/6; or exchange thorough good Yellow Yorkshire hen, or pair; approval, deposit.—Jones, 18, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, five hen Bullfinches, and two cocks, one of cocks jet Black, for breech-loading gun, anything, or sell 21s.; approval.—B. Dyball, Sustead, Roughton, Norfolk.

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TWO prize-bred Norwich hens, 6/-; exchange Mule or British.—Rose, Westerfield, Suffolk.

1909 ROLLER cock, 5/6, exchange big Norwich hen.—Carrett, 17, Gladstone-rd., Mitcham.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich Canaries for good yellow Yorkshire hen.—Cotton, Northallerton.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, 7/- each; exchange anything useful.—A. Royce, High-st., Esher, Surrey.

FOR sale, cock Linnet Mules, or exchange two for pair of Cockatiels.—Lacey, 277, High-st., Eastleigh.

TWO pairs canaries, cocks full song, gaslight, 15/-; approval anywhere.—Sutton, 132, Pleck-rd., Walsall.

CANARIES, Norwich and Yorkshire, for sale or exchange for groceries.—Wood, 22, Grove-st., Nelson.

COCK canary and 2 hens, big birds, good colour; offers exchange.—Rowe, Stationery, Shoreham, Sussex.

TWO Norwich cock and hen Canaries, 15/-; offers, exchange.—E. Hazeldine, Marshall-rd., Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE O.E.G. Bantams for singing cock Canary or Budgerigars.—Thursby, Gypsey Lodge, Bridlington.

ONE Yellow Yorkshire hen, one Yellow Green hen, 13/6 the two; large Yellow cock wanted.—Cockerill (see British).

CRESTBRED cock and Crestbred; exchange for good Crest hen; or sell 40/-; approval.—Burns, West Barn., Dunbar.

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EXCHANGE 12 1909 Roller hens, £1; brass horn and stand for gramaphone, 32in. long; selected cock Chaffinches, 1/-.—Sutton, 2, Orchard-walk, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE hen Canary, coloured bird plates frock coat, Norfolk khaki suit; wanted, pair green Borders, mahogany bedpost.—Wynter, Seven Arches, Brentwood.

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EXCHANGE 3 Yorkshire canaries, 2 cocks 1 hen, 1 Norwich cock, and 4 Goldfinches, Mules, on Finch song, for a good gun, or anything useful, or sell £3 3/-.—J. Brooks, Swineffect, S.O., Yorkshire.

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PAIR Borders (Craigs), double breeder, 10/-, approval.—Cooper, 9, Frampton-ter., Gainsboro'.

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LEWIS and CO., 37, King-st., Ramsgate, are open to exchange stock you don't want for what you do want, or will purchase same.

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PERSIAN cats and kittens, beautiful specimens, all prices; exchanges entertained; fancy pigeons wanted.—82, Neal-st., Long-acre.

BEAUTIFUL Black Jacobins, winning strain, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- pair; exchange Canaries, or offers.—Harris, 42, Princes-rd., Brighton.

EXCHANGE set boxing gloves, Terry's chest expanders, new, for clapnets complete; sell 5/-.—Griffiths, 12, Phillimore-rd., Saltley.

ZITHER banjo and case, nearly new, £2; exchange cock and two hens, Norwich or Yorkshire, matched.—Allandale, Oadby-hill, Leicester.

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COCK Bullfinch, 2nd prize winner; cock Linnet, cock Greenfinch, all house-moulted, 7/6; offers invited.—Goodriff, Richard-st., Retford.

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PAIR yellow Tumblers, Crystal Palace winners; exchange for canaries, or offers; sell 15/-, worth £2.—Griffiths, 20, Severn-rd., Cardiff.

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EXCHANGE phonograph, complete, no records, for two Yellow hens and Buff cock, clears, Norwich.—Hossack, Mill-rd., Bathgate, Scotland.

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PHONOGRAPH, six records, 20/-, another ditto, 6/-; child's bedstead, 6/-; offers exchange.—Frost, 16, Albermarle-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

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BLACK spaniel dog, eight months, beautiful coat like velvet, sell 15/-, or exchange toy pom, anything.—Birks, Sefton-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

GRAND sooty fawn Lop doe, 24lbs., winner; pedigree given, £2; exchange gramaphone; offers, no rubbish.—Parnett, 102, Star-rd., Peterboro'.

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EXCHANGE silver-plated 4-bottle dinner cruet, or case of fish eaters, six knives, six forks, for 3 cock Canaries.—Robertson, Newton-lane, Sheffield.

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SALE, chocolate breed bitch, sell 50/-, or exchange canaries and cages, anything useful; particulars sent.—Miller, 31t, Great Ancoats, Manchester.

EXCHANGE black spangled bitch, 5 months, good breed, worth 15/-, for two Yorkshire yellow hens, or one cock.—Ficke, 3, Hall-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

WILL exchange complete Harmsworth Encyclopædia for young yellow hen Canaries or breeding cages.—John Cook, 22, Eustace-st., Warrington.

FAST Whippet bitch, exchange Scotch Fancy, or offers; sell 20/; true to rag, parents won handicaps, approval.—David Rodger, 4, Bay-st., Port Glasgow.

REAL good 1909 prize-bred brown leghorn cock, 6 : pair prize-bred black roscomb bantams, 7/6; or exchange.—Evans, Ash Tree, Rogerstone, Newport, Mon.

CANARIES.—Wanted canaries, exchange dark grey tweed overcoat, 45 long, 38 chest, cost 45/-, sell 25/-, grand winter coat.—Thompson, Church-rd., Northwich.

COCK Cockatiel, perfect condition, 6/-; pair Homers, 2/-; Bantam cockerel, 2/-; exchange Budgerigars.—Pilbeam, Comrie, Franklyn-rd., Hayward's Heath.

NORWICH cock, 10/-; 3 cock Goldfinches, 10/-; pair opera glasses, 11/-; exchange; offers first, approval.—Thomas Manders, Bioscope, Llandraduch, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE good fox terrier dog, young, good ratter, for a pair yellow Yorkshires, or sell £1.—Murdoch Kennedy, 47, Oskbank, Mid. Calder, Midlothian.

SINGER treadle sewing machine; B.S.A. roadster, free wheel, 2 Bowdens, Palmer tyres, cost £16; exchange piano, or sell £5.—Warwick, 8, Inerson-rd., Kilburn.

COLUMBIA graphophone and 17 Columbia and Edison records, perfect condition, sell 35/-; exchange birds; approval, deposit.—Cannon, 7, Emlyn-st., Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE good working homer hen, done 100 miles, Barker and Wadward Wilson, for good Goldfinch cock, Siberian preferred.—Allan, 82, High-st., Leslie, Fife.

TWELVE-BORE cartridge turning down machine, re-capping machine, 100-cartridge carrier, £1; or exchange large Norwich cock.—W. Dyett, 72, Havenlane, Ealing.

3½ h.p. Rex motor cycle, in perfect running order, sell £10, or part exchange and cash, no birds.—H. Causer, 5, Corporation-st., Railway-side, Wednesbury, Staffs.

EXCHANGE good old violin case and bow, value 20/-; good long typical yellow or ticked Yorkshire cock, stock bird, 1908-1909.—R. Smith, 193, Rcmstone-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE valuable flute, new frock coats, treadle fret machine, for Black Leghorns, Barred Rocks, 1909, or offers.—Mills, 10, Navarre-rd., East Ham, London.

BICYCLE, strong, solid tyre, free wheel, 30/-, worth 50/-; new fountain pen, gold nib, 14 carat; what offers in canaries?—Cave, Post Office, West Coker, Yeovil.

DORMICE, cock Blackbird, Guinea Pigs, white hen Bantams, hen Bullfinches, Redpolls; exchange for canaries and Linnets.—Gardner, Naturalist, Jarvis Brook, Sussex.

HUME'S History of England, 13 vols., bound calf, 15/-; old Dutch clock, chains, weights, going order, 10/-; exchange Norwich Canaries.—Ballantyne, The Square, Melrose.

GRAND working model steam engine and boiler; exchange for good Norwich or Yorkshires to value 30 shillings.—J. Fish, 81, Nicholson-st., Rochdale-rd., Manchester.

PHOTOGRAPHIC Materials, cost 57/6, exchange Ducks, Poultry, joiner's tools, anything, sell 35/-; also cylinder records for sale, 5/- dozen.—Cobbold, Flowers-st., Bacup.

FOR sale, Yellow cock, two Buff hens, Yorkshires, 15/- lot; also two cock, two hen Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; exchange lot pair good Norwich.—Coates, Parkrow, Knaresborough.

GOOD pair Yorkshires, 15/-; another pair, 12/6; Linnet Mule, 6/6; young Norwich cock, 6/6, or exchange for really good Crested hens.—W. H. Wood, Ormesby, S.O., Yorks.

PEDIGREE all-white Bull Terrier bitch, 30/-; also all-white puppy, 15/-; wanted good overcoat, camera, phonograph, anything useful.—Fancier, 15, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

SIX cross-bred songsters, 6 hens, wanted Yorkshires; Harmsworth Encyclopædia, unbound; 80 "Cage Birds," 10 plates, anything useful.—Jardine, 122, Dunchatton-st., Glasgow.

SELL or exchange, Wirehaired Fox Terrier; full pedigree; vhc. only time shown in class of 12; sell £1, or exchange any kind of birds.—Baskeyfield, 6, Cooper-st., High-la., Burslem, Staffs.

CANARIES, 10 strong, healthy hen Canaries, 4 Goldfinch Canary hen Mules, lot 15/-; approval; exchange 3 good Roller cocks.—Nicholson, 1, St. Mark's-grove, Woodhouse-lane, Leeds.

GRAND Black Pom bitch, 18 months old, perfect pet and companion, accept two-guinea disc phonograph and 12 extra records, £2 5s.; or exchange.—T. Woodall 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

350 HOBBIES, 370 designs (20 specials); prize-bred Yorkshire, 15/- to 30/- pair; exchange small printing machine, type, anything in printing line, or inlaid linoleum.—22, Union-st., Southport.

WHAT offers in anything for White Bull Terrier bitch, good pedigree; also powerful air rifle, kill fifty yards; also guitar zither; offers lot, or separate.—Bennion, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

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WYMONDHAM.

Seventeenth annual exhibition of the Wymondham and Dist. O.S., was held on November 10th and 11th, in the Public Hall. Many good birds were staged in the cage bird section. The secretary is Mr. W. Dye, who looked after the arrangements in capital style. Messrs. S. Roberts and T. Miles judged, and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 3, 4, Sewell; 2, Gamble; vhc, Blyth; hc, Harrowven. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Balea; 3, Gamble; 4, Lemon; vhc, Harrowven; hc, Sewell; c, Blyth. YELL. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, 2, 4, Bales; 3, vhc, Gamble; hc, c, Sewell. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bales; 4, hc, Gamble; c, Sewell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, vhc, hc, Bales; 2, 3, c, Sewell; 4, Gamble. BUFF (14): 1, Gamble; 2, 4, Bales; 3, c, Sewell; vhc, Lemon; hc, Blyth. PAIRS (13): 1, 2, 3, Bales; 4, Edwards; vhc, c, Sewell; hc, Lemon. NOR. NON-FED. (8): 1, Sewell, 2, vhc, hc, Gooch; 3, Harrowven; 4, Lemon; c, Blyth. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Bales; 4, Gamble; vhc, c, Gooch; hc, Lemon. CREST (5): 1, 3, 4, Coman; 2, Lemon; vhc, Edwards. C.B. (4): 1, 2, 4, Coman; 3, Edwards. PAIR (2): 1, 2, Coman. MULE (4): 1, Dwyer; 2, Cowan; 3, Sewell; 4, Gamble. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Harrowven; 3, hc, c, Gamble; 4, vhc, Coman. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Edwards; hc, Barnard; c, Gay. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, Harrowven; 3, 4, Oldfield. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Blyth; 3, Harrowven. SELL. 15/- (8): 1, 3, Sewell; 2, 4, Coman; vhc, hc, Blyth; c, Harrowven.

The Shows.

FLECKNEY.

Eleventh annual (£3 mult) open show of the Fleckney and Dis. F. and H.S., held on Dec. 11, in the large club room of the "Old Crown Inn," which makes a suitable place for a show. Messrs. Mattock Bros., the capable hon. secs., had everything in apple-pie order. The Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie judged the cage bird section, which filled well, and included some really good birds.

CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, spl, Orme; 2, Smalley; 3, Seal; r, Garner; vhc, Turner; hc, c, Freer. BRIT. (8) 1, vhc, Freer; 2, c, Smalley; 3, Seal; r, Orme; hc, Smith.

COLCHESTER.

Annual show of the Colchester and Dist. F.A., held in the Stanwell Hall, Dec. 2, when the entry all over was good, and the quality, especially in the cage bird section was tip-top. Messrs. Stanley and Moger are very capable officials, and carried out their secretarial duties in grand style. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged the cage birds.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Klatruck; 2, 3, r, Mattock. BUFF: 1, Mattock; 2, 3, Morter; r, Sergt. Stone. YELL. COL.-FED: 1, 3, Mattock; 2, Mrs. Barber; r, Whitten. BUFF: 1, 3, Kistruck; 2, r, Mattock. CREST: 1, 2, 3, r, J. Broad. NOR. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, r, Broad. MULE: 1, Hammond; 2, Whitten; 3, Morter; r, Sergt. Stone. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Whitten; 3, r, Morter. SELL., 15/-: 1, r, Mrs. J. Barber; 2, Kistruck; 3, Whitten. GIFT: 1, Broad.

DUDLEY.

The twelfth open show of the Dudley and Dis. Society was held on Dec. 15 and 16 in the Public Hall, Netherton. The entries in the cage bird section did not come quite up to the average, but the exhibits, on the whole, were good. The committee worked well to make the show a success. Mr. R. Davies, the secretary, worked hard, and deserves every credit for the way he looked after all the exhibits. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and the awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, Hingley, cl. buff, nice head, neck and chest; 2, yell, nice col., good type and condition; 3, Chapman, nice quality buff; 4, Orme, fine varieg. yell.; r, vhc, he, Russon. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, 4, Raybould, yell., good head, wings and tail, nicely shown; 3, eye and wing tkd. buff, fine shape, good substance and quality; 4, another nice Yorks., well shown, not much between the three; 2, Chapman, true type of a Yorkie, shown well; 4, r, Hingley; vhc, Russon. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Groves, grand team, well put down, 1, varieg. dark Crest, crest of good size, nice length of feather, coming well over beak; 2, varieg., dark Crest, nice size and shape; 3, rattling good Crest-bred, capital feather, nice wide entrance, some preferred for second place; 4, cl., body dark, crest good one; r, Russon. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Hingley, very good Goldie-Bullfie, nice flush face and breast col., fine size, wins; 2, 4, r, Barret, varieg. Goldie-Can., small but very neat; 4, nice dark Goldfinch Mule; r, another nice varieg. Goldfinch-Can.; 3, Russon, dark Goldfinch-Can., in fine feather; vhc, Wardle; No. 7, Russon, soft when judged. (10/-) (20/-) and BRIT. SMALL cancelled. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Hingley, good Starling, and a well-spangled Thrush in the order named. FOR. (5): 1, 4, Hingley, blue-fronted Amazon leading, in grand condition; 2, Woolridge, nice Grey; 3, Smith, another nice grey; r, Smith.

DOUGLAS (Lanarkshire).

The 23rd annual show was held on December 11th, and it proved a great success. Entries were well up to those of former years, and the cage birds were a grand collection, some real gems being out in the Border Fancy section. Mr. A. Walker had quite a field day, accounting for no less than eight 1sts in this section. His foul yellow ben proved the best in section, and won the B. F. C. medal, being closely followed by the yellow uneven cock. British birds were a fine show, and the classes contained some real hot ones, especially Bullfinches and Greenfinches. Special for best in this section was won by Messrs. Telfer Bros.' Redstart, one of the best on the show bench. Mules were also a nice lot. The cage birds were comfortably staged in a warm class room in the school, and every care was taken of the exhibits. Stewards and committee are all fanciers, and were headed by a genial secretary, Mr. McCulloch, who had everything in apple-pie order. One good feature was the splendidly prompt return of exhibits from a distance. Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (6): 1, A. Walker, nice one, fine weight, lovely carriage, good all over; 2, Findlay, nice front, in grand bloom; 3, J. Walker, wee shade slim in front, but neat wing carriage and fine style; 4, Watson, good shape, nice front; hc, Inglis; c, Smith. BUFF (11): 1, 2, A. Walker, leader nice one, finely drawn, A1 wing carriage, in grand bloom; 2nd, nice shapely bird, well rounded; 3, Holden, lovely quality feather, grand style, inclined to be a shade long; 4, Montgomery, again nice shape, beaten only in finish; hc, Watson; c, Inglis. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 4, Walker, leader nice quality feather, good front and head, fine style; 4th, rare style, should make a good one; 2, Watson, close up on winner, not quite so well finished in wing carriage, but grand front; 3, Swanson, good type, fine style; hc, Smith. BUFF (11): 1, 3, A. Walker, 1st nice typical bird, tight as wax, well moulded and well put down; 3rd, shade strong in front, but grand head and quality of feather; 2, Waye, real gem, correct shape and mould, lovely wing carriage; 4, J. Walker, nice type and weight, broken in wing flights; hc, Sandilands; c, Watson. EVEN MARKS (5): 1, Shearer, good buff, grand quality feather, well balanced in markings; 2, Holden, very typical yell., rare head and shape, nice wings; 3, Park, another yell., neat eye and wing markings; 4, Hay, buff, neat shape. VARIEG. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Walker, leader hot, grand varieg. yell. cock, round as possible, marvellous bloom and finish; 3rd, nice shape and feather; 2, Shearer, lovely feather, nice body and head, just lacks the position and taper of winner; 4, Hay, grand feather and style, good 4th; hc, Waye; c, Walker. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Walker, beauty for shape grand style, feather like box-wood; 2nd, nice quality, just lacks the roundness of winner; 3, J. Walker, shade strong in build, but good head and quality of feather; 4, Holden, nice one, good feather; vhc, Swanson; hc, Smith. FOUL (10): 1, B. F. C. medal, 2, 3, Walker, grand trio, leader real gem of a foul yell. hen, correct weight, lovely carriage, fine head and taper; 2nd, close up, grand body and finish; 3rd, buff, fine feather and finish; 4, Holden, inclined to be longer, fine quality feather; hc, Waye; c, Watson. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Kerr, good all-round yell. green, finely pencilled and deep in ground col., in rare bloom; 2, Watson, buff cinn., grand type, rare head and front; 3, Dickson, good buff green, grand type, and lacing; 4, J. Walker, also buff green; hc, Smith. SELL., CK. (13): 1, Watson; 2, Walker; 3, Findlay; 4, Sommerville; hc, Smith; c, Sandilands. HEN (6): 1, 3, A. Walker; 2, Smith; 4, Waye; hc, Robb; c, Watson. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Hillier, good Goldie, fine tannings, dense square blaze, lovely moons, good bars; 2, Telfer Bros., Bullfie, close up, rare size and col., grand cap and bars, lovely bloom; 3, Dickson, Goldie, fine deep face, well cut; 4, Kerr, nice Bullfie, good depth of col.; hc, Sinclair; c, McGillivray Bros. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Aikman, topper for shape, rare front and head, grand style, in lovely bloom, nat. col.; 2, 4, Johnstone, 2nd bouncing fed buff, not so full in front perhaps as winner, nice nat. col. yell. good size; 3, Morrison, dense fed yell., grand finish; hc, c, Halliday; fine class all through. LINNET (5): 1, 4, McCall, leader gem for size, splendidly mkd., very distinct in lacing, shown to perfection, in fine bloom; 4th, nice size and feather; 2, McGillivray Bros., shapely Finch, in full bloom; 3, Johnstone, nice size and shape, good flights; hc, Sinclair. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1: McGillivray Bros., [illegible] 2, Kelk, grand size, rare cap and bib, shown to perfection; 2, Selkirk, lovely Lesser Redpoll, good cap and bib, dense col., in rare bloom; 3, Graham, nice Siskin, plenty of size; 4, hc, Shankly, neat Twite, well laced, good col.; c, J. Walker. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, spl best British, 2, 3, Telfer Bros., clinking Redstart, in full bloom, grand size, staged to perfection, Spotted Flycatcher, very steady, beautifully mkd., a little rough in feather; 3rd [illegible] I, Telfer Bros., grand col. Chaffinch, rare cap and bars, steady as a rock, splen[illegible] very nice Yellowhammer, good head, fine V-marks ings; 3, 4, Shankly, good sized, very finely col. and steady Hawfinch, well put down; 4th, neat Bramblefinch, plenty of size; hc, Telfer; c, Morrison. GOLDFINCH, ETC. FOR. (3): 1, Johnstone, romping Bullfie hen, rare size and col., in splendid trim, good one; 2, Aikman, fine Goldfinch, scarcely up in face yet, but good in other points; 3, Telfer Bros., dense faced Goldfinch. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Johnstone, leader hot fed Jonque light varieg. Goldie, demon for col. and quality; 2nd, nice Linnet-Bullie, well up in size; 3, hc, Sommerville, good Dark Greenfinch, fine size; 4, Morrison, romping buff varieg. Goldie; c, Swanson.

BROMSGROVE.

The ninth annual show was held in the Drill Hall on Dec. 14th, when some first-class exhibits were staged in nearly every class. The members' classes, too, contained many nice exhibits, and made a good display. All the cage birds were nicely staged at one end of the room, and they received every attention from the chief steward, Mr. J. W. Rose, who was most assiduous in his attentions. Mr. F. Jeffrey again held the secretarial ribbons, and as usual he had matters well in hand, and was most obliging and courteous. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, which appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. A.V. (11): 1, spl., Harrison, cl. yell., lovely col. and full of quality, good shape, nice head, neat wings and tail; 2, Gibbons, unflig. buff, short cobby body, nice back, head, neck, and chest, short flights and tail; 3, Lawranee, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, grand col. and quality, lovely back, not quite so full in chest; 4, c, Dipple, cl. buff, grand quality, nice back, nest chest; vhc, hc, Guest. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, 2, Smith, even wing, breast mkd, dk. crest, capital frontal, nice droop and well radiated, 2nd yell. C.-B., nice shaped skull, good entrance, well feathered; 3, Jones, left wing mkd., dark crest, neat well-formed crest, nice droop; 4, Muscott, left wing mkd., D.C., nice droop, not quite so well filled in at sides; vhc, he, Chatwin; c, Souls. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, spl., vhc, Jeffrey, Grey Wagtail, splendid feather, well mkd., grand tail and as steady as a rock, in grand order; 2, Lawrance, Bramblefinch, grandly sprugled, nice col, and feather; 3, Hingley, Nightingale, rare size, shape, and feather, good one but for slightly damaged tail; 4, c, Souls, Skylark, nice size, well marked, and capital feather; hc, Mason. LARGE (5): 1, spl., 2, 3, Jeffrey, Hawfinch, good shape aud feather, well cut bib, 2nd and 3rd two nice Thrushes, good colour and well spotted; 4, Perry. MULES (8): 1, spl., c, Chillingworth, Can.-Bullfinch, in grand order, tight feather, good shape and colour; 2, 3, Lawrance, wing tkd. buff Goldfinch-Can., lovely coloured wing bars, splendid feather, in the pink, 3rd Can.-Bullie, grand colour, rare cap, wee bit open on breast to-day; 4, Hingley, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice col. and feather; vhc, hc, Hall. FOR. (6): 1, spl., 2, Morecambe, Parrot Aviaries, Barnard's Parrakeet, and Blue Mountain Lory, both grand in col. and feather, two gems, and put down in grand pomp; 3, Woolridge, capital pair of Budgerigars, nice feather and well mkd.; 4, vhc, Smith, nice coloured Grey Parrot. SELL. (10): 1, 2, Jeffrey; 3, Hingley; 4, c, Dipple; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Viggers Bros. MEMBERS—BRIT. HARD (9): 1, spl., 3, c, Jeffrey, Hawfinch and nicely mkd. Siskin; 2, Rose, Bullfinch, lovely coloured breast, good cap and bars; 4, Laywell. Hawfinch, nice feather; vhc, hc, Perry. SOFTBILL (8): 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Jeffrey, Grey Wagtail, Nightingale, and Thrushes, all in capital feather and well shown; vhc, hc, Laywell. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Guest, nice team of Nor., leader nice unflig. yell, wing mkd., good shape, short flights and neat tail. FOR. (7): 1, spl., 3, 4, hc, Rose, nice Rosetta, good colour and feather, 3nd nice feathered Alexandrine, 4th capital pair of Cockatiels, splendid condition; 2, Jeffrey, nice coloured Paradise Whydah; vhc, c, Guest.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, held on Dec. 4th, when 112 birds were staged in 10 classes. Messrs. Cruise and Dean judged, and gave general satisfaction. The principal point winners were Messrs. Swaile and C. Hardaker, 26 points, Geo. Hudson 25, J. Lawson 20, and W. Mann 16. In the selling classes the competition was again keen, and the points were scored by Mr. D. Thornton 23, George Ackroyd 17, and S. Shaw 8.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Swailes; 2, Jowett; 3, Mann; 4, hc, Bastow; vhc, Hudson; c, Town. BUFF: 1, 3, Swailes; 2, Lawson; 4, Hudson; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Hillas; c, Hiley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Mann; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Musson; vhc, Swailes; hc, Lawson; c, John Crowther. BUFF: 1, Swailes; 2, Hardaker; 3, Musson; 4, Lawson; vhc, John Crowther; hc, Taylor Bros; c, Lister and Woodhead. UNEVEN: 1, c, Hudson; 2, Lawson; 3, Wilman and Beaumont; 4, John Crowther; vhc, Hillas; hc, Swailes. FOUL MKD.: 1, Shaw; 2, Bastow; 3, Lawson; 4, Wilman; vhc, Wright. CL., ETC., YELL HEN: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, c, Swailes; 4, Lawson; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Musson. BUFF: 1, Town; 2, Hudson; 3, Mann; 4, John Crowther; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Wilman; c, Musson. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Hudson; 2, Jowett; vhc, John Crowther; hc, Hillas; c, Lister and Woodhead. SELL., CK., £1: 1, 2, Thornton; 3, c, Ackroyd; 4, Taylor Bros; vhc, Shaw; hc, Bastow. HEN, 12s. 6d., Bird and Cage: 1, vhc, hc, c, Ackroyd; 2, 4, Thornton; 3, Shaw.—E. W. Johnson, Hon. Sec.

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PONTYPRIDD.

Held under the patronage of the Welsh C.B.C., the show of the Pontypridd and Rhigwaun F.F.S., which was held in the Town Hall, on December 15th, was a most successful fixture. Entries came up well, and competition was very keen in most of the classes. Some most excellent Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders were shown, but it was in the British section where the strength of the fixture was to be seen. We have a very recollection once of seeing 37 Goldies in one class at Pontypridd in the days when the ever-to-be-remembered Job Williams was in his prime, and from then till now has Pontypridd been a hot-bed of Britishers. The Goldies and Linnets were indeed most excellent, whilst the Bullies, although only few in numbers, were very close on each other in merit. All the arrangements were most ably carried out by an earnest and enthusiastic lot of stewards, whilst Messrs. McLucas and James, the hon. secs., were indefatigable in their efforts to do all they could for both exhibits and exhibitors. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (17): 1, 2, Thomas, two lovely-feathered birds, rare col. and shape, variey. and cl.; 3, r, Pritchard, stout, shapely cl., grand col.; vhc, Sloccombe; hc, Pole; c, Davies. BUFF (11): 1, c, Jones, very neat and shapely, close feather; 2, Sloccombe, excellent body and col., good feather; 3, Thomas, grand, but seemed to feel the cold; r, vhc, Sheldon; hc, Rees. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Byard, neat, smart and shapely, lovely feather; 2, Pritchard, grandly feathered and shown well; 3, r, Gregory, shorter, grand stylo and feather; vhc, Baker; hc, Thomas and Son; c, Bowen. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Gregory, two lovely feathered birds, slim, and well shown; 3, Baker, grand type and style, not so close in front; r, Byard; vhc, hc, Pritchard; c, Thomas and Son. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Jenkins, bonnie green and cl., rare shape, style and feather; 3, Simpson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Jenkins, two neat clears. SCOTS. (2): 1, 2, Jones, rare shape, nervy buff and yell. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Pritchard, two very typical, high quality, rich-coloured, four-pointed Nor., the yell. scores on eye marking; 2, Jones, nicely drooped, well shaped crest; r, Lewis and Dymond; vhc, Morris; No. 1, Rees, cinn. mkd. Yorkie, should have been in Yorks. section. MULES, GOLDIE (10): 1, c, Edwards, well-known, 4-pointed buff, in rare form; 2, Locke, noted four-pointed yell., beaten in condition; 3, Lees, another noted four-pointed buff; r, Thomas; vhc, hc, Lewis. A.O.V. (8): 1, Lees, very nice light Linnet, large, and good col.; 2, Pole, rich-coloured, nicely-shaped Linnet-Bullie; 3, Pimmell, beautiful Greenie-Bullie; r, hc, Thomas; vhc, Edwards; c, Wilkins. BRIT. GOLD. (12): 1, spl, Rees, fine big square, rich-coloured blaze, grand body and style; 2, Edwards, splendid col. and shape, nice feather; 3, Hopkins and Allsop, splendid face, cheeks and collar, not so tight; r, Davies; vhc, White; hc, Woodall; c, Locke. BULL (7): 1, Longden, noted winner, in rare form; 2, Thorne, lovely hen, grandly mkd.; 3, Pole, wonderful col. and shape, not so tight; r, Jeffreys; vhc, White; hc, McLucas; absent, Yeo. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, Longden, rich coloured, well mkd. Chaffinch; 2, Wilkins, nice quality, high-coloured Greenie; 3, Lewis and Dymond, neat, close-feathered Greenie; r, White; vhc, Davies; hc, Yeo; c, Rees; 3rd prize is doubtful, it may be Lewis and Dymond or White, owing to an error in numbering. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Hopkins and Allsop, a gem, rare col., shape, and markings; 2, Lewis and Dymond, rare col. and feather, nice shape; 3, c, Yeo, very neat in shape and well mkd.; r, Longden; vhc, Caddy; hc, Jeffreys. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Longden; 2, Sampson, very nice Twite and Siskin. HARDBILL (4): 1, 3, spl, Morgan; 2, Thomas. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Castree, lovely Bearded Tit and Blackcap; 3, McLauchlan; r, Heath. FOR. (6): 1, Castree, very fine Toucan, in good form; 2, Bennett, magnificent King Parrot; 3, spl, Eborne, grand pair Yell. Budgerigars; r, vhc Thorne; hc, Welsby.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

Cage birds had only a small classification at this show on December 14th, but entries were in advance of last year, and a few very nice exhibits, especially in Yorkshires, faced the judge, and competition was close. Messrs. Page and Chapman, the hon. secretaries, were most courteous and energetic, and they were well backed up by a good committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Pigg, beautiful even col., lovely quality, nice round head and deep chest; 2, Lees, well-known saddle-mkd. yell., looking well; 3, withheld; 4, Wilmot; vhc, Smith; hc, Giddings. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, Lees, nice short chubby body, neat wings and tail, rare quality; 3, Peddar, capital body shape, sound colour, nicely feathered; 4, Pigg; vhc, Wilmot. HEN (3): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Smith, rich, even col., shapely yell.; 4, Peddar; vhc, Notely. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Miss Cooke, nicely formed, well centred, and neatly drooped crest, varieg. body; 4, Giddings; vhc, Pigg; hc, Smith. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Buckingham, two fine feathered, racy clears, capital heads, nest wings and tails, very nervy and stylish; 2, vhc, hc, Hawes, very smart, close feathered wing tkd., handles well; 4, Pigg; c, Mole. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Hawes Bros., very stylish, shapely, well drawn team, beautifully feathered and well shown; 3, vhc, Auton, nice shape and feather, not so steady. MULES (5): 1, 3, 4, Lees, well-known light Linnet, and Linnet-Bullie, both in grand form, and a Canary-Bullie, very rough in feather; 2, withheld; vhc, hc, Rudd Bros. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, Burnell, smart, little Goldie, very bright and clean-cut blaze, capital bars and buttons; 2, withheld; 3, hc, Jupe, another Goldie, possibly better, but would not stand handling; 4, vhc, Wilmot; c, Gough. LARGE: Cancelled. SELL. 10/6 (8): 1, 3, Baker; 2, hc, Mole; 4, Osborne; vhc, Wilmot; c, Livermore. LOCAL—NOR. (4): 3, Hiley; 4, Yirrell Bros.; vhc, Harper; hc, Bishop.

ROCHDALE O.C.

The 29th annual back-end show held December 11th. Messrs. Turner, Naden, Whitehead, Hordern, Woodall, Faulkner, Wild, McKim and Blincoe staged some grand birds. Mr. Turner's Young Clear Yellow Coppy was much admired by a large number of visitors. Mr. L. Butterworth (Rochdale) judged, and we heard no grumbling.

CL. YELL. COPPY: 1, Turner. BUFF: 1, Turner; 2, Whitehead. YELL. PH.: 1, Whitehead; 2, Hordern; 3, Naden. BUFF: 1, Naden; 2, Whitehead; 3, Hordern. TKD. YELL. COPPY: 1, Turner; 2, Whitehead; 3, Hordern; 4, West. BUFF: 1, Hordern. YELL. PH.: 1, Turner. BUFF: 1, West. BC. GOLD LIZ.: 1, Naden. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Faulkner; 2, Wild. BUFF: 1, Faulkner; 2, Wild. TKD. YELL.: 1, Faulkner. BUFF: 1, Faulkner. HEN: 1, Faulkner; 2, 3, Wild. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Woodall; 3, McKim. BUFF: 1, Faulkner; 2, 3, Woodall. TKD. YELL.: 1, Woodall; 2, McKim; BUFF: 1, Woodall. HENS: 1, 2, Woodall; 3, McKim; 4, Faulkner. MULES: 1, McKim; 2, Wild; 3, Naden. FOR.: 1, Blincoe.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

High Wycombe.—Dec. 28th, Oakley Memorial Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 12 open (20-mile radius) classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Dec. 17th, to S. C. PEARCE, 114, Oxford-road.

Elgin.—Jan. 1st, Corn Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Strachan. 36 open classes: Scot. 1, Nor. 16, Crest 2, Bord. 1, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 24th, to A. D. Mc. CASKIE, 2, Commerce-street.

Kilmarnock.—Jan. 1st and 3rd, Agricultural Hall.—Judges, Messrs. R. Price, J. Calderwood, T. Findlay, and A. A. Mauchan. 40 open classes: Scot. 10 (2 sell.), Crest 2, Nor. 7 (1 sell.), Bord. 7 (1 sell.), Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Dec. 25th, to J. BLANE, 10, Hill-street.

Thurso.—Jan. 5th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Anderson.—23 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 5, Crest 4, Bord. 2, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Pairs 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/6, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 28th, to J. D. MILLIKIN, Castle-street.

Carlisle (C.B.U., B.F.C.C.).—Jan. 1st, Queen's Hall, Victoria Viaduct.—Judges, Messrs. T. McCreadie, J. Stanger, G. Goulden, and J. Maddison. 54 open classes: Bord. 14, Nor. 10, Crest 4, Yorks. 3, Mule 3, Sell. 5, Brit. 10, For. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 28th, to W. H. WRIGHT, 35, London-road.

Plymouth.—Jan. 5th, Plymouth Market.—Judge, Mr. T. Pope. 19 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, Crest 2, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, and 12 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 28th, to W. E. CHAPPLE, Robin Cottages, York-street.

Dunfermline (G. and W.C., N.M.B. and F.B.C.).—Jan. 1st and 3rd, Drill Hall, Bruce-street.—Judges, Messrs. T. Smith, T. Merrilees, A. Lambie, P. Pettigrew. 40 open classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 2, Crest 5, Bord. 4, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 6, Brit. 7, For. 1, Dove 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 27th, to J. TEMPLEMAN, 61, Maitland-street.

Waunarlwydd.—Jan. 6th, Sheppard's Hall.—Judge, Mr. P. Prond. 6 open classes: Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Dec. 25th, to J. WALTERS, Mynydd, Bach-y-Glo, Waunarlwydd, nr. Gowerton, S. Wales.

Pembroke.—Dec. 29th, Market House.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 9 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 1, and Hyde's. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 22nd, to T. SINNETT.

Paisley (S.C.C.).—Jan. 1st and 3rd, New Drill Hall.—Judges, Messrs. R. Menzies, J. A. Stewart, A. Sommerville, G. Fulton, A. Livingstone, J. Kelly, A. Malcolmson, J. Smillie, and G. Marlin. 63 open classes: Scot. 17 (1 pairs, 2 sell., and 2 limit), Belg. 2, Crest 5 (1 sell.), Nor. 9 (1 sell.), Cinn. 1, Yorks. 3, Bord. 8 (1 sell.), Mule 4, Brit. 12, For. 2. Prizes, 14/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Dec. 25th, to A. M. BAIRD, 23, Neilston-road.

Kingswood (C.B.U.).—Dec. 29th, Drill Hall, St. George's.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 5, Sell. 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 23rd, to A. BOLE, Hon. Sec.

Forfar.—Jan. 1st and 3rd, Reid Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Hampton, W. Mossie, and W. Sharp. 31 open classes: Nor. 12 (2 sell.), Bord. 10 (2 sell.), Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 24th, to J. M. FINDLAY, Myrtle Cottage, Brechin-road.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 17.—**High Wycombe.**—S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford Road.
Dec. 18.—**Truro.**—J. Tippett, 6, Alverton Terrace.
Dec. 18.—**Pwllheli.**—J. Rowlands, Maes Apiaries.
Dec. 18.—**Peterhead.**—A. Clark, 79, King Street.
Dec. 19.—**Tamworth.**—T. S. Bishop, Church Lane.
Dec. 20.—**Mountsorrel.**—J. Pannell.
Dec. 22.—**Pembroke.**—T. Sinnett.
Dec. 23.—**Kingswood.**—A. E. Bole.
Dec. 24.—**Scottish National.**—Jas. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.
Dec. 24.—**Forfar.**—J. M. Findlay, Myrtle Cottage, Brechin Road.
Dec. 24.—**Elgin.**—A. D. McCaskie, 2, Commerce Street.
Dec. 25.—**Guisborough.**—R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.
Dec. 25.—**Paisley.**—A. M. Baird, 23, Neilston Road.
Dec. 25.—**Waunarlwydd.**—J. Walters, Mynydd, Bach-y-Glo.
Dec. 25.—**Kilmarnock.**—J. Blane, 10, Hill Street.

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LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

First table show of the season was held at the White Swan, Market Place, on Dec. 7. Mr. G. Wheatley judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

OPEN: CL. ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Hulse; 2, Peberdy; 3, Pole; vhc, Needham. MKD., ETC., YELL. (1): Gibbins. STOCK PAIRS (9): 1, c, Gibbins; 2, Needham; 3, Hulse; vhc, Sarson; bc, Peberdy. NOVICE: CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Wood; 2, Kilsby; 3, Miles; vhc, Bent. MKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Kilsby; 2, Mothersole; 3, Barratt; vhc, Bell; hc, Sherriff, jun. STOCK PAIRS (14): 1, Buck; 2, Mothersole; 3, hc, Boulter; vhc, Wood; c, Miles.—J. E. WOOD, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

The 3rd members' show, held on December 7th, at headquarters, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 120 birds being staged. Messrs. Holroyd Bros. won special for best bird. The following were the winners of most points: Messrs. Holroyd Bros., T. Smith, A. Grange, W. Suggitt, A. Huddleston, Ackroyd Bros., I. Newton. Mr. W. Mundell judged, and gave every satisfaction.

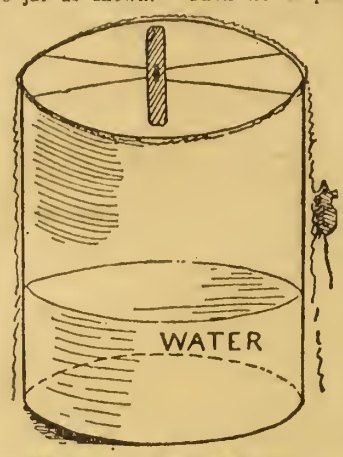
CLASS 1: 1, 3, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Ackroyd Bros. 2: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Huddleston; 3, Ackroyd Bros. 3: 1, Suggitt; 2, Smith; 3, Hersey. 4: 1, Smith; 2, Suggitt; 3, Bennett. 5: 1, Huddlestone; 2, 3, A. Grange. 6: 1, F. Grange; 2, 3, A. Grange. 7: 1, 2, A. Grange; 3, G. Bedford. 8: 1, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Huddleston; 3, W. Suggitt. 9: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, I. Newton; 3, Brook. 10: 1, Hersey; 2, Suggitt; 3, Holroyd Bros. 11: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Brook; 3, Nutter. 12: 1, Smith; 2, Bedford; 3, Ward. 13. 1, 2, 3, A. Grange. 14: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, 3, A. Grange. 15: 1, Ward; 2, Newton; 3, Huddleston. 16; 1, Lunn; 2, Dent; 3, Newton. 17: 1, G. Bedford; 2, Ackroyd Bros.—W. ACKROYD, Secretary.

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No. 370.
A Useful Swivel Mousetrap.
Sent by Mr. J. S. Cooper, Wellington Street, Matlock.

The sketch is of a swivel mouse-trap. It is easily made by getting a large jar or tin, and fixing a piece of cardboard on a piece of elastic or worsted twisted, and tied on the jar as shown. Then tie a piece of

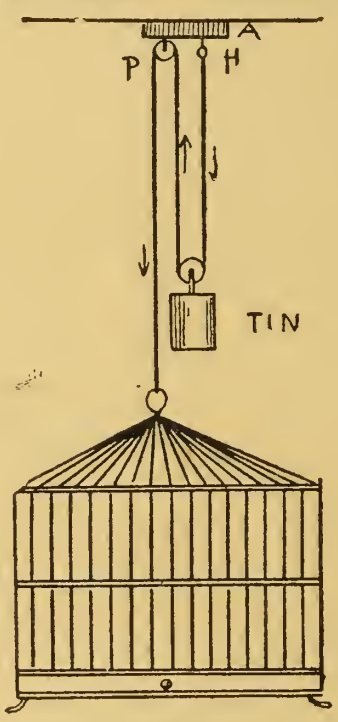


An Effective Mouse Trap.

cheese in the centre of board, or glue a few sunflower seeds on for bait. Fill the jar about two inches up with water to stop the mice from jumping out. Then tie a piece of old sack round the jar for them to climb up. This completes a trap that is always ready set. I have several in my room, but this takes best.—J. S. COOPER.

No. 371.
A Useful Device for Hanging Cages.
Sent by Mr. W. B. Jepson, St. John's Vicarage, Lewisham High Road, S.E.

Instead of standing on a chair to feed a bird whose cage hangs some seven feet from the ground, the cage can be lowered by the device shown in the sketch. A block (A) should be let into the ceiling or wherever the cage hangs from. On either side of it, about three inches



A Novel Cage Balance.

apart, screw in a hook and a pulley, as at (H) and (P). Next remove from a treacle tin its lid, a tightly-fitting disc. Fit the concave side of tho lid with a circle of wood, and secure it with screws. Into the wood screw another pulley. This and the upper one, should have screwed heads. Their wheels should just take ordinary blind-cord, or whatever the cage hangs by. The tin should be filled with lead, or other heavy material, of a weight equal to twice that of the cage, feeders and all. Secure the lid by the ordinary method, and pass the blind-cord in the direction of the arrows. The cage may now be raised or lowered, and will remain at whatever height required. The cord should be about 5 feet long.—W. B. JEPSON.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

A highly interesting bird-washing exhibition was given by Mr. T. Smith (Cleckheaton) on December 6th at the Commercial Hotel. It was very instructive to all. Mr. Smith put the birds through in clever style, at the same time explaining good points he knew. Many fanciers learned something beneficial to their hobby. Questions were asked and answered. A vote of thanks brought a very busy and pleasant evening to a close.—J. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.



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Singing Contests.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, on Dec. 11th, when 16 birds competed. Result: 1, Gurden; 2, Coates; 3, Smith; 4, Harrison. Judge, Mr. Berry. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual Linnet contest, held at Prince Albert Inn, Cambridge Street, when 24 birds sang for three good prizes. For once we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Soloman's champion birds. Result: 1, 2, Soloman; 3, shared between A. Binns and Butler. Judges, Messrs. J. Clark, and G. Towers. Timekeeper, Mr. P. Madden. A Canary contest on Dec. 19th, at 7.30 p.m., open.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Dec. 12, when 14 birds sang:—1, Ward; 2, Thirkill; 3, Simmonds. Judges, Messrs. Renton and Gallic.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on December 11th, when some very good singing was heard. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Foley; 3, Sellers. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Whittaker. Also on December 12th, when 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor and Mella. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Sissons. Grand Canary concert will be held at above house December 19th, when Mr. W. Tillotson will give three good prizes; commence 7.30, open to all. Also on December 27th a grand Christmas Linnet contest at same house. Friends new and old invited; open to all England.—WILSON NAYLOR,

Grand Roller singing contest held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, on December 12th. Mr. A. Kendall gave three capital prizes, contested for by 20 of the best Rollers in Leeds, admirably judged, and conducted to the satisfaction of all by Messrs. Summers, Binner, and Sissons. 1, Coop; 2, Jowitt; 3, Green. Next contest, Boxing Night, December 26th; open to all.—JOE HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on December 9th, Mr. Meades in the chair. The report of the annual show and the general balance-sheet were brought up and adopted. Though the society had a deficit on its open show, there is cause for congratulation in the fact that both open and members' prize monies have been paid, and that all accounts in connection therewith have been settled. Further cause for satisfaction lies in the fact that eight new members were elected. The general balance-sheet still shows a balance on the wrong side, but there is every possibility that within the next two or three months we shall be quite straight, and will then get a balance in hand. Mr. E. Meades was again elected chairman, with Mr. H. W. Cook as vice-chairman. The following gentlemen were elected members of the committee:—Messrs. W. Allison, E. G. Jordan, E. S. Lugg, G. Phillips, L. J. Richardson, A. Roxburgh, and E. Simants. All communications for the society should be addressed to the joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. Hamer and Putner, at 26, Woolwich-road, East Greenwich, S.E. Two gold medals have been given by Mr. F. Putner for competition, one for the best attendance at meetings, and one for the member making most new members during the year, not less than four to count. Any fancier desirous of becoming a member (and the society is increasing in popularity), may obtain full particulars if he or she will communicate with the secretaries.—HAMER AND PUTNER, Hon. Secs.

Club Reports.

LEITH (Jubilee) O.S.

Monthly meeting held on Dec. 6th, in Liberal Club rooms, Leith Walk, Mr. McEachern presiding. The balance sheet showed a good balance on the right side. The present office-bearers were all re-elected for the ensuing season on the motion of Mr. Begg. There were five new members, proposed and admitted into the club, and promise of a few more at next meeting. After the business of the evening, Mr. Graham was the recipient of a handsome barometer as a wedding present, subscribed for by members, Mr. Begg kindly making the presentation. Mr. Graham having suitably replied thanking the club for their handsome gift, informed us that his labours in the past were small in comparison with what he hoped to do in the future for the welfare of the right Scotch Fancy Club in Leith.—JAS. SINCLAIR, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual general meeting held Dec. 6th, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding. The following officers were elected for the year: Chairman, Mr. A. Towl; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Booth; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Metcalf; hon. secs., Messrs. W. H. Moore, Jun., and H. Harding; committee, Messrs. Moore, Senr., Stubbs, Cartwright, Cotterill, Dowie, Oliver, Beaumont, Anglis, Way, Pett, Good and Peers; hon. auctioneer, J. W. Harness, Esq.; auditors, Messrs. Oliver and Booth. The balance sheet was passed, showing a credit balance of £3 4s. 1d. There was a loss of £5 4s. 2d. on the annual open show. The annual members' half-day show will be held on January 1st next, at Mr. Slatter's rooms, birds to be staged by 2 o'clock. Judge, Mr. W. Clows (Grimsby). Mr. J. T. Cotterill has kindly presented a smoker's cabinet for a special prize.—MOORE and HARDING, Secs.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

We had a splendid meeting in the Rochdale O.C. club room, when Mr. J. Naden presided. Moved, that we have the next meeting at Rochdale British Bird show, when the presentation of medals will be made for the year 1909. At the same time a very important question will be brought up relative to the Lancashire. The points for the year are as follows:—Champions, Messrs. Adams 114, Lee 96, Hardy 47, Lowe 36, Nadin 35, Oldham 33, Conaghy 34, Garner 34, Laycock 6; Novices, Messrs. E. T. Turner 98, Fitten 70, Fish 76, Beathie 22, Whitehead 17, Woodhead 4, Melia 3. If this list is correct, the winners are: Champions (gold) Mr. Adams, (silver) Lee, (bronze) Hardy 47; Novices, Messrs. E. T. Turner (gold), Fish (silver), Fitten (bronze). If the list is not correct will fanciers kindly let me know?—CHARLES WHITEHEAD, Sec.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

The following is the result of the points competition for the Cage Bird Points Cup, 1909:—Messrs. A. J. Kilby 164 (winner), L. J. Richardson 123, Lee and Kearney 117, A. Medlycott 63, H. J. Horton 60, G. F. Males 54, A. Biss 48, F. White 35, A. Scott 30, F. Putner 25, S. Hariss 25, G. Thomas 14, A. W. Holland 10, G. Munday 9, G. Kearney 5. Novice section: Mr. J. E. Tarrant 82 (winner of points prize at annual show), Mr. J. Luckham 51, Mrs. J. E. Tarraut 49, Messrs. Dewherry 43, G. Moore 30, F. Bizley 22, G. Phillips 20. Mrs. J. Barnard 16, G. Starano 14, F. Robinson 13, the Rev. H. A. Soames and Messrs. J. A. Roberts, J. Elliot, and G. Bidgway 8 points each. Cage Bird members are particularly requested to attend annual general meeting in January, when a notice of motion will be discussed to alter and amend the definition of a novice, notice of which has been given by Mr. A. Medlycott. Mr. A. Seyer was the winner of special for most points gained throughout the anual show.—G. A. JEFFREYS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The Points to Date.

The points gained in our "Bowls and Cups" competition at Canterbury Show on Dec. 8th are: Norwich: E. Jordan 6, H. E. Taylor 9, Gibbs 12, Meades 8; Yorkshires: Reeve 2, Gibbs 8, Lockett 8; Crests (No competition); Borders: Dr. J. A. Bowes 13, H. Weaver 4; Lizards: E. J. Wood 10; British: F. J. Wickham 10, L. A. Brett 9, E. Jordan 11; Mules: H. E. Taylor 10 This competition will close for the present season at Plumstead Show on January 6th, 1910. The grand totals up to date are:— Norwich: Gibbs 38, Taylor 41, Meades 20, Jordan 14; Yorkshires: Reeve 16, Gibbs 14, Lockett 24, Eade 9, Austen 1; Crests: Broad 26, N. Campany 9; Border: Weaver 17, Dr. J. Bowes 36; Lizards: E. J. Wood 45; British: Jordan 27, Brett 32; Austen 24, Wickham 41; Mules: Taylor 24, Eade 5. We propose holding a Table Show in the Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, on December 22nd. Entrance fee 3d. each cage. Birds staged at 6.30 p.m. Proceeds devoted to the funds of the association; E. M. Birch, Esq., judging.—GEORGE SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A Highly-successful Smoker.

At the Avondale Hall, Clapham (Masonic Room), on Dec. 8, the members held a highly successful smoking concert, the object being, as explained by the chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, to provide a fund for the purchase of cups for competition between the members at future shows. The entertainment was well attended, and if all those fanciers who had taken tickets had attended the room would have been filled to its utmost limits. A capital programme had been arranged by the energetic hon. sec., Mr. A. C. Askew, assisted by his committee, and the entertainment was voted a great success. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and the Misses Harris, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Frostick, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. and Misses Askew, Messrs. C. T. Maxwell, Silverthorne, R. J. Pretty, Thorpe, Pearce, Yeoman, Mr. and Mrs. Warley, Mr. Stephens, Baker, and many others. The musical arrangements were undertaken by Messrs. Askew and Baker. Amongst the artistes who contributed to the enjoyment were the Misses Harris, daughters of Mr. Chas. Harris (Bethnal Green Road, whose songs and duets on the pianoforte and violin were much admired, and received rapturous encores; Charles Forde, whose living marionettes were a great success, especially the impersonation of Harry Lauder; Messrs. Michael Keane, Percy Cunningham, Jack Austin (humourist), Bert King, Miss Dorothy Leslie (serio and dancer), Chas. Embley (whose description of a visit to a police court presided over by a somewhat deaf magistrate caused roars of laughter). Keen disappointment was felt at the non-appearance of Mrs. G. M. Hayward, whose name figured on the programme for a song. The concert was brought to a close at a late hour with the singing of the National Anthem.

BARTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting held on December 9th it was unanimously decided to hold our show on January 15th in the Oddfellows' Hall. The show will be open to Barton and District, and there will be seven classes in all, viz.: 1, Yell. Yorks. Cock or Hen; 2, Buff ditto; 3, Members' Class, 1909 bred Yorks. Buff or Yell., Cock or Hen; 4, A.O.V.; 5, Goldfinch and Linnet; 6, A.O.V. British, Hard or Soft Bill; 7, Mule or Hyb. All classes except No. 3 are open. Prize money: 1st, 4s.; 2nd, 2s.; 3rd, 1s.; entry fee 6d. An efficient judge will be engaged, and we have already good prospects of a large entry. We hope that every bird lover living in and around Barton will rally round us and help to make the show a success. An efficient Show Committee has been appointed, and the birds will receive every attention. Schedules and entry forms are being prepared and will be sent out as soon as completed.—G. E. GASTALL, Hon. Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting will be held at Carlisle on January 1st. The time and place of meeting will be advertised in show rooms. The following is the business to be brought forward: Minutes of previous meeting, balance-sheet, election of office bearers. The following motions come up for discussion:—1, "That Border fancy show cages have no distinguishing marks such as white or brass knobs, nor side doors, and cages having such to be disqualified in their respective classes at any shows where they have club patronage"; 2, "That no society get club patronage unless they engage a club member as judge"; 3, "That the rule restricting judges be extended to three open shows, radius shows not to be counted"; 4, a motion regarding even and uneven birds—what the markings should be; 5, "That any society who have at least four classes for Greens or Cinnamons to be granted a medal for those classes"; 6, "That members be allowed to judge as many shows as they wish"; 7, "That no member be allowed to win more than two club medals each show season.—M. JAMIESON, Hon. Sec., 3, Green Terrace, Hawick.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

The secretaries of societies having our patronage have reason to congratulate themselves, as although the classification is rather extensive, entries have been really good. The average per class in both sections up to and including Tamworth show, held December 11th, is a decimal under fifteen. The largest class so far was the Unflighted one for novices at the City of Birmingham show, which had 25 entries; this is closely followed by several others with 20 and over. Below is the order in which members stand at present for points, specials, and I should be glad to hear from any member whose "tally" does not agree. Champion section: J. H. Millincamp 53, P. V. Williams 44, H. C. Wells 44, A. E. Bishop 34, A. Harris 24, T. Hawley 19, A. Paddock 16, W. Rayhould 9, E. Sutton 6, S. Mole 4, and J. Burke 1. Novice section: E. J. Evans 28, H. Bryan 25, W. P. Foster 20, J. C. Calne 20, J. W. Lawton 18, E. Freer 12, A. Weekes 11, J. Clempson 6, F. Jennings 4, and J. H. Allen 1. Sectional medal winners are Messrs. Williams, Millincamp, Wells, and Paddock in champion, and Messrs. Foster, Bryan and Evans in novice.—A. PADDOCK.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Annual Meeting.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., on December 9th, Mr. J. W. Ramsden in the chair. A large number of members attended. The Treasurer read the balance-sheet, which showed assets, cash at bank and in hand, £117 19s. 4d., with other assets (after writing off 10 per cent. for depreciation), £43 8s. 6d, showing a grand total of £161 7s. 10d. Subscriptions were rather below the average, a good number of which have still to come in. Mr. Mortlock moved the adoption of the balance-sheet, remarking that the affairs of the society were in a very satisfactory state, and congratulating the show manager upon his very successful efforts at the late Palace show, and also the joint secretaries of the late Novcmber show upon their successful venture. The election of officers resulted as follow:—President, Right Hon. Lord Decies, 36 votes; Treasurer, G. Crahh, Esq., 37 votes; Auditors, F. S. Matthes and G. Mortlock, 35 and 33 respectively; Committee, J. W. Ramsden 42, H. E. Tringham 42, T. J. Day 42, F. Lathleiff 42, J. Oldaker 42, R. J. Pretty 42, G. H. Couzens 41, J. E. Graves 39, W. Hodson 39, C. T. Maxwell 39, J. Hazell 37, J. Hodder 36, G. H. Dring 29, G. Morton 27, H. K. Picard 28, W. Gilbert 25, H. J. Hawes 24, G. H. Boaler 18, with Mr. L. J. Richardson runner-up with 10. The retiring secretary was elected to act as secretary to the meeting. The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. H. J. Hawes, "That the committee he composed of an equal number of British Bird and Canary Fanciers, etc.," was seconded by Mr. C. T. Maxwell, and upon its being put to the meeting was declared lost, 3 for, 16 against. The motion standing in the name of Mr. C. T. Maxwell, "That from Rule 10 be deleted the words 'And shall he ineligible for re-election'" was seconded by Mr. H. J. Hawes. Mr. R. J. Pretty moved an amendment that instead of the words proposed to be deleted we do delete the words "21 days from such suspension or expulsion." This being put to the meeting, was declared lost—6 for, 13 against. The original motion was then put and was also lost, 6 voting for, 13 against. Mr. Crabb's motion, framed to give trouble to the non-paying or the long-winded gentry, was such that would deprive them of the right to show at members' shows, or to compete for members' specials at shows held or supported hy the society, or to vote on any matter affecting the management of the society. This was seconded hy Mr. T. Heath, and supported by many others, and was carried by 17 for to 1 against. The second part of Mr. Crahb's motion was to make it a compulsory duty of the secretary to send to all members of committee and officers a list of the names and addresses of all candidates for election, together with the names of the proposer and seconder, at least three clear days before the date of such election. The alteration was declared carried—13 for, 5 against. A motion, proposed hy the Chairman, to accord a vote of thanks to the secretary for his success during the past year was carried. The hon. assistant secretary was the recipient of a similar distinction. The committee, auditors, and vice-presidents were thanked in like manner. At a subsequent meeting, which sat to elect secretary, hon. assistant secretary, chairman of committee, and vice-chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham was elected to the first, and Mr. W. Hodson to the second position, Mr. J. W. Ramsden and Mr. G. H. Couzens to the third and fourth respectively. The committee meet at an early date to arrange programme for 1910, which opens with the annual dinner at the Horse Shoe Hotel on Thursday, January 20th (members please note), and would feel grateful for any suggestions or really hright ideas for the encouragement of the existing and prospective members. It is the wish of the committee to carry out an ambitious programme during 1910.—H. E. TRINGHAM, Secretary.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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S. W. BIRCHLEY, "Ivydene," Marsland Road, Brooklands, Cheshire. Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.
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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.
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ROBERT LAMBIE, Whithurn, Linlithgowshire. Judge of all varieties; specialist Border Fancy; 20 years' experience.
E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage hirds; all varieties.
J. W. METCALFE, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road. Liverpool, judge of cage hirds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Brad ford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
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C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
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FRASERBURGH Jan. 5th, 1910. Schedules, etc., **Alex. Grant, 76, Broad Street, Fraserburgh.**

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Western Fanciers' Society 3rd Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and CAGE BIRDS. Prizes 8/-, 4/- 2/-. Entry fee 1/-. Judge, Mr. T. Pope. Entries close **December 28.** Schedules from Cage Bird Secretary, **W. E. Chapple, 4, Robin's Cottages, York Street, Plymouth.**

WAUNARLWYDD SHOW. Jan. 6, 1910.
Cage Bird Judge—T. Prond, jun. No prizes withheld. No cancelling Schedules ready from **J. WALTERS, Mynydd Bach y Glo near Gowerton.**

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BELPER Jan. 29th, 1910. Stillman and Holden, Secs.

Twitterings.

Kindly note my change of address from Grantham Road, to 78, Tivoli Place, Little Horton, Bradford.—H. S. NAYLOR.

North London Show report credits Hale with first in the unflighted buff (novice), whereas I claim that honour.—A. T. BILLINGSLEY (Leyton, E.).

Milngavie report credits Mr. Martin with 1st prize Norwich cock, whereas that honour belongs to me.—ALEX. M. GARDINER (Newton-grange).

I must thank you for the splendid report of our recent show which you gave us in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. Balloch, hon. secretary of the Lochcraig F.A.

Kindly note that I have moved from Colchester to Bedruthan, Robin Hood Road, Brentwood, where all enquiries in future should be addressed.—JOHN BROAD.

At Six Bells' Show, I took second prize and not fourth in the Buff Class, and in the Unflighted Class, second and third with "no name" to these awards.—J. PRITCHARD (Abertillery).

Please accept the thanks of the members and committee of the Musselburgh O.S., writes Mr. Wm. Nisbet, the hon. secretary, for the grand report you gave us in CAGE BIRDS of our recent show.

"The Avicultural Magazine" for December contains several interesting articles, among them being one on "A Little-known Pose of the Kagu," by Mr. Arthur Denman, M.A., another on "Wild Birds about Hoddam Castle," by Mr. H. Goodchild. Mr. C. Barnby Smith writes on "The Turning of the Turnstone," Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., on "The Nesting of the Blue Grosbeak," and Mr Denman again on "In Memory of 'George,' and in praise of Hangnests."

The annual dinner of the London and Provincial O.S. will take place on Thursday, January 20th, at the Horseshoe Hotel (Tottenham Court Road, W.), writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, the hon. secretary. The committee would feel grateful to members for any suggestions or bright ideas for the encouragement of the existing and prospective members, as it is the desire of the committee to carry out an ambitious programme during 1910. New members will be given a hearty welcome.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Blyth C.B.S. The show hitherto has been a very small members' show, but with help I intend to push forward and make it a huge success. So far I have made progress in obtaining a beautiful silver cup from a local gentleman. I have also been successful in getting for our president of the show, the Right Hon. Viscount Ridley, Bart. During the course of the coming year, I shall do my very utmost to further the interests of the society.—WM. ROWELL hon. secretary, c.o. Mr. J. Keenlyside, Blyth, Northumberland.

I was delighted on opening CAGE BIRDS to see such a splendid report on my birds at Middleton Show, and wish to thank you for same. I also beg to say that the clear yellow coppy (of which you say, "almost faultless, often described") has only been exhibited twice, first time out Littleborough, second Middleton, and got 1st and special for best Lancashire both times. He was hatched on July 14th, 1909. He is following in his father's footsteps, for he was bred from my clear yellow Coppy, 1st at Rochdale O.C., Rochdale Good Intent, and Manchester, and he has not been out since.—E. T. TURNER (Rochdale).

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Twitterings.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS regularly now for two years; I find it a great help.—W. BRERETON (Over, Winsford).

We hear that Mr. Warr (of Twickenham) is reluctantly compelled to sell the whole of his well-known stud of Yorkshire Canaries.

The winning numbers of the Gateshead and District C.B.S. draw for birds in the gift class were: Nos. 500, 810, 497, 676, 399, 665.—G. BUCK, Secretary.

We have sold the winning Greenfinch at the last Horticultural Hall Show to a prominent London fancier, write Messrs. Livingstone and Sharp (Bathgate).

At the recent Newport (Isle of Wight) Show I won second in the A.V. Canaries (pairs); also third in the 20s. selling class, not Lowe, as reported.—F. BULL (Newport).

Six Bells' (Abertillery) Show report credits Mr. Parfitt with winning 1st prize in Class 22, A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid, whereas my light Mule won that honour.—J. LOCKE (Bristol).

Many thanks for the insertion of my photo in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Cockerill (Stockport). There are four exhibition British birds depicted, and the two in top cages are Yorkshires.

At Hasland Show in the Hardbill Class, my Bullfinch (4th at Goole) won 4th prize. I may say that he has never been out of the tickets yet, and has been in some good classes.—W. WOODHOUSE (Sheffield).

Annan Show report credits Robison and Dalziel with v.h.c. in Class 19 A.O.V., whereas it should have been Hunter, with the Lizard that was 4th at Dundee the previous Saturday. —GAVIN HUNTER (Ayr).

After paying out expenses we paid 17s. 3d. per class at our club show on November 13th, writes Mr. G. R. Henderson, hon. sec., Ashington, C.B.S., and special on points; for instance, if a member won a C ticket he received a special prize. We have a balance of £5 9s. to our credit at the bank.

The photo of Messrs. Milne Brothers (Keith), which appears in our supplement was taken along with a few of their winning Britishers in front of one of their outside aviaries. The names are (from left to right): D. D. Milne, George Milne (centre), and their father, J. Milne, senr.

I visited Cockermouth Show on December 3rd and found all in good order and under the best of management, writes Mr. Wm. Park, C.B.U. representative. Mr. Limb, the secretary, is the right man in the right place, and all the committee are true fanciers and most obliging. All birds were in good health, except Class 69, No. 3, and Class 70, No. 4, which were rather soft, caused no doubt by the journey to the show in the very severe weather.

The balance-sheet of the London and Provincial O.S. for 1909 (year ending November 30th), must be a very gratifying one to the members and to the officials who so ably control the destinies of the society, for despite a loss on the November (members') show, there remains the fine total of £117 19s. 4d. cash in hand, while the assets as a whole amount to the really splendid sum of £161 7s. 10d. The L. and P.O.S., we note, is to adopt a forward policy, and cater thoroughly for every section of the members.

The balance-sheet for 1909 of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., whilst it discloses a balance on the wrong side, due to a loss on the recent open show, reveals a healthy state of affairs generally, the amount of members' subscriptions, for instance, being £4 19s., as compared with £2 4s. in the previous year. The result is satisfactory, and the outlook, we hear, very promising; which facts reflect credit on the secretary for the past year (Mr. F. W. Hamer) and the other officials of the society.

I regret to say that, for business reasons alone, I am compelled to retire from the Fancy, for a short time at least, writes Mr. E. J. Banks (Cardiff), and have disposed of the whole of my Yorkshires (including my winners at Cardiff and other shows) to Mr. J. H. Ormond (bird specialist and taxidermist), 25, Wyndham Arcade, Cardiff. I am exceedingly sorry to have to take this step, but I hope it will not be many years before I am able to take up the old love again. I fully intend to keep in touch with the fancy by taking in CAGE BIRDS (all the numbers of which I have for the past eight years), and to also continue my membership of the Cardiff Society.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 34, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.Sd.

1910.

*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Bridge Row). J.C.B.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Boucey and Watt, Bulls Head Hotel), J.R.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2?, Smith Street),

Oct. 22—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street.)

Nov. 5—**Rochdale "Good Intent"**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R. and W.H.

Scotland.

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street. Uphall), T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.R.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W.W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.G.W., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Jan. 22—**Auchterardor**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L. R.V.R.

Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—(W. Foster, College St.).

Wales.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

Jan. 7 and —**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

Nov. 10 & 11—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

An Irish Record.

"Sligo Show is a record for Ireland this year, the quality exceptionally good, and the arrangements perfect." So telegraphs our representative there.

Y.U. Record at Halifax.

Yorkshire Union record broken at Halifax with 808 entries.—THACKRAY, Secretary. This eminently satisfactory telegram reaches us from the secretary of Halifax Show just as we are going to press.

Our Christmas Number.

Every reader should receive with this, our 'Xmas Number, a coloured plate entitled "Three Favourite British Finches,' also a photographic art supplement. We anticipate that Mr. Norman's charming coloured picture will stand high in favour with our readers, who all know, and have a warm corner in their hearts for, the three common, but none the less beautiful, British birds he has so skilfully depicted. An article concerning their management in captivity, written by Mr. G. G. Henderson, will be found on another page.

THE "WHITE-EYED KAFFIR" APPEALS TO OUR READERS.

DEAR MISTER,—Since sending my little contribution to your Christmas Number, it has occurred to me that many of my bird-loving friends (if they will allow me to term them such) might care to aid a little charity whose cause is near my heart—I refer to the Variety Artistes Benevolent Fund, of which I am the President. This Fund does a grand work amongst those variety artistes who have (usually from no fault of their own) fallen upon hard times, and at no time are its ministrations more acceptable and needed than during the winter-time; and at this Christmas season we hope to bring at least a ray of happiness into some otherwise cheerless homes. Any of my readers who care to send a contribution, however small it may be, addressed to Chirgwin, care CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., will earn my gratitude and the heartfelt thanks of some of the less fortunate of that brotherhood which maybe has helped to bring laughter and bright hours into their own lives. I wish I could hand round my "tambourine" to you! We have a matinee in aid of the funds on Tuesday next (December 21st) at 1.30 p.m., at the Coliseum, St. Martin's Lane, W.C., with a "star" programme (which will contain mention of Starlings, too!), and we shall be glad to see you there and give you a good time. Thanking you, dear mister, and all readers. G. H. CHIRGWIN.

The Bird in Legend, Lore and Reality.

By REGINA M. BLOCH.

The bird, in all its manifold shapes, colourings and varieties is such an interesting item among the living things of our mother earth, that it is no wonder all minds and all hearts are sooner or later turned towards it. The small, domesticated Canary was a bird of great price in former times on account of its rarity, and thus great fashion leaders of the feminine gender were often painted with a pet Canary perching upon their fingers. As everyone is aware, the fierce Hawk and the Falcon were highly esteemed in olden days for hunting purposes, and many a curious picture still exists of fair ladies riding forth to the chase with a Hooded Hawk on their wrists, gaily decorated with bells and jesses.

Perhaps some of my readers remember the story of "The Falcon and Ser Frederigo," by Longfellow, and the Northern goddess Freya was also sometimes symbolized as seated in a chariot drawn by Falcons, much as Venus by her Doves and Juno by her resplendent Peacocks.

In China, Kingfishers are used by the native Izaak Waltons to aid them in catching their hapless prey, and the pigeon has been used as a letter-carrier in the Land of the Willow Pattern Plate for almost countless centuries. The Stork and the Flamingo are beloved by both Chinese and Japanese artists. The Nipponese god of Good Fortune and Wisdom is represented with a Stork, which bird also figures in one of Andersen's exquisite fairy tales, whilst most people will recall Longfellow's graphic description of Flamingoes whilst soaring in his popular "Slave's Dream."

"Before him like a blood-red flag,
The bright Flamingoes flew;
From morn till night he followed their flight,
O'er plains where the tamarinds grew,
Till he saw the roofs of caffre huts
And the ocean rise to view."

The Chinese symbolize the two ruling principles of Nature by twin birds named respectively Yan and Yn, for which their Japanese neighbours also have a mystical sign sometimes found on their potteries.

In Japan there are some very queer gateways or "Torü" erected by the disciples of Shintoism for the following reason: The Shintoists believe that "the sun at divers times and places, comes down to earth in the form of the great and wondrous Ho-Wo bird or Heavenly Phœnix, using for its perch one of the many Torü Gates, which the good people of Japan have built and placed throughout the land for that most exalted purpose."

The strange and Oriental fable concerning the Phœnix seems to have permeated every country, though in former ages the Phœnix was regarded as a reality, and thus Pythagoras is made to speak of it in this wise: "There is one bird which renews and reproduces itself. The Assyrians call it the Phœnix. It lives not on corn or grass, but on drops of frankincense and the juices of the amomum. This bird, when it has completed the five years of its life, with its talons and its crooked beak constructs for itself a nest in the branches of the holm-oak, or on the top of a quivering palm. As soon as it has strewed in this cassia and ears of sweet spikenard and bruised cinnamon with yellow myrrh, it lays itself down on it, and finishes its life in the midst of odours. They say that then, from the body of its parent, is reproduced a little Phœnix which is destined to live as many years."

Pythagoras goes on to relate that as soon as this new-born Phœnix is strong enough, it bears its own nest, which is at once the grave of its parent, to "the city of Hyperion," or the sun, and leaves it there.

(To be continued.)

Xmas Holidays.

SPECIAL OFFER to senders of Undisplayed SMALL PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS. Two Insertions for Price and a Half.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, advertisements for the issue dated DEC. 25 must close on Monday, Dec. 20, and in order to save both our advertisers and ourselves a deal of time and trouble we will accept advertisements for our next two issues, dated Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, for the price of one and a half insertions, provided the wording remains exactly the same. Write plainly on your order "Two Weeks Special Offer" and enclose the fee for the two insertions. REMEMBER! Last post Monday night, Dec. 20th.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS in for about three years now, and I do not know what I should do without it. The paper is most delightful, and I find it very useful in the pursuit of my hobby.—W. VESTY (Wimbledon).

We learn that Mr. Lawrie, of Falkland, one of the oldest Norwich breeders in Fife, has had and refused some tempting offers for his Clear Yellow Non-fed Cock, a bird which has won nine firsts, two seconds and one third.

I have mislaid several applications for schedules of our show, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary of Carlisle Show. Anyone who has not received a schedule may have one on application to me at 35, London Road.

Owing to the Christmas holidays entries for our Boxing Day Members' Show will close on Thursday, December 23rd, at headquarters, Mowbray Arms Hotel, writes Mr. Wm. Holroyd, secretary of the Manningham C.B.A.

Mr. Charles Wentworth Evans has, we are informed, opened a bird shop in Margate (9, Duke Street) with a fine stock of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, and all appliances for fanciers, together with seeds and foods.

When in a hurry to open CAGE BIRDS do not tear the pages, but hold the paper in the left hand and cut round the edges with a pair of scissors, writes Mr. A. J. Weston (Catford, S.E.) This may be a "tip for some of your readers.

We have done well at the shows recently, write Messrs. McGillivray Brothers (Boness), having won a second and two thirds at Kilmarnock, a first and second at Lochcraig, two seconds at Castle Douglas, a first at Whitburn, and a first and second at Douglas.

I must thank you for the splendid manner in which my winning buff was depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS last week. I am pleased to add that your capable artist, Mr. Norman, has represented him true to life. With best wishes for CAGE BIRDS.—G. T. JONES (Brecon).

Since August last I have had an exceptionally busy time (thanks to CAGE BIRDS), and intend having a week's holiday at Christmas, writes Mr. W. Gore, the well-known Birmingham naturalist, and should therefore esteem it a favour if you will kindly mention that from December 24 to 31 the mail-order department of my business will be entirely suspended, and during that time no correspondence will be attended to, nor orders despatched by rail or post.

Allow me to thank you, on my own behalf and on behalf of my committee, for the very able and splendid report of our show which appeared in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. All prize-money has now been paid out. I also desire to thank the exhibitors for the way in which they supported our show.—J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Secretary Y.C.C of Ireland.

In enclosing the photograph which appears in our Supplement this week, Mr. H. Robinson (Harrogate) writes: I thought you would like to hear of my results as a novice. In my first year of breeding I reared 50 from ten hens and six cocks, and I only had one die after leaving the nest. I have won, too, a silver rose-bowl, also a silver medal. The bowl was for most points gained in novice classes at two first feather shows. I scored 74 points in three classes at each show taking two firsts, two seconds and one third, besides other cards. The medal was for most points gained with Canaries throughout the show; so I consider I have made a good start, thanks to such a useful paper as CAGE BIRDS, through which I have learned what I know about Canaries.

A magnificent 88-page catalogue of cages (both breeding, stock and show), cage fittings, seed and egg mills, travelling hampers, seeds, and all the thousand and one items appertaining to the cage-bird hobby, reaches us from Mr. Jeffrey Walsh (Penny Street, Blackburn). It is a production which reflects the highest credit on Mr. Walsh's business ability, for would-be purchasers will find in it everything they can desire, set out in plain terms and at very low prices. The lists of medicines and special food mixtures (for both seed-eating and insectivorous birds) are very extensive, and the result of lengthy practical experience. Readers should send at once for a copy of this illustrated catalogue, which will be forwarded, post free, by Mr. Walsh if they mention CAGE BIRDS when applying for it. A postcard will do.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas Holidays we go to press one day earlier next week. Will Correspondents and Advertisers therefore kindly note that all matter intended for insertion in our next issue MUST REACH US BY MONDAY NEXT'S POST, Dec. 20th. "CAGE BIRDS" will be on sale on the Thursday.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds," re six colour-fed Yorkshires. I had so many replies that I could not answer all. Wishing "Cage Birds" every success.—GEORGE BURTON (Bridlington).

I have sold by Girl Bunting, which I advertised in last week's issue of your valuable paper, "Cage Birds." Many thanks to all enquirers.—R. ALLAN (Glasgow).

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From a painting] *[by George Rankin.*

THE BLACKBIRD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The birds now quit their holes and lurking sheds,
Most mute and melancholy, where through night,
All nestling close to keep each other warm,
In downy sleep they had forgot their hardships;
But not to chant and carol in the air,
Or lightly swing upon some waving bough
And merrily return each others notes.
No; silently they hop from bush to bush,
Can find no food to stop their craving want,
Then bend their flight to some low smoking cot,
Chirp in the roof, or at the window peck,
To tell their wants to those who lodge within.

J. Baillie: "Winter's Day."

Readers, we are sure, will be only too happy to provide their feathered friends with crumbs, water and other "creature comforts" during the hard times winter may have in store.

My Friend "Spottie."

By STANLEY CROOK.

A Charming Story of a Greater Spotted Woodpecker.

TOWARDS the end of May last, whilst looking for the nests of Garden and Blackcap Warblers in order to obtain photographs, a friend and myself heard the persistent calling of nestlings. The sound was soon traced to a certain hole in an old birch tree some little distance away, and, judging from the size of the hole and state of the tree, we at once concluded it was the home of one of the Woodpeckers. We thought it probably the "Green," this being the most common species, but wishing to make sure we retired some distance into the wood and awaited events.

Father Comes on the Scene.

A few minutes later a very fine male "Great Spotted" made his appearance, but evidently he must have "spotted" us, as he flew away immediately. Shortly afterwards the bird reappeared, but seemed very uneasy and suspicious (all this while the young were incessantly calling); so after moving about the branches of a neighbouring tree, he flew on to the nesting tree, darted round the side, and a moment later flew off. He reappeared in a few minutes and repeated the trick, which we thought rather strange, because the hole was in full view and the bird had certainly not entered it.

Both birds were now in the neighbouring trees. We made a slight noise, when they immediately made off, and we approached the tree to find another hole just around the side, which proved to be the one in which were the young. This hole was partly overhung with fungus, and therefore in the shade, which accounted for our not observing the entrance of the bird.

A Private View.

Not having previously found a nest of this species, we particularly wished to see the young and gauge the depth of the nesting hole. But the tree was a beastly one to climb, rather high, and having only one branch, just underneath the nesting hole; added to this it appeared very doubtful if the tree was safe to ascend. The birds generally use old decayed trees in which to excavate their nesting holes.

However, it was obvious that if we wished to see the young it must be attempted, so I climbed up cautiously, only to find that I could not get my hand in the hole in which the young were now "swearing" dreadfully at my intrusion. My friend, fortunately, had a clasp knife with which I was able to enlarge the hole sufficiently to get my hand in and find the nest, if nest it could be called (simply the chippings of the wood made by the birds when pocking out their habitation), at a depth of about 12 inches.

It contained four young, about nine or ten days old, and having taken them all out and placed them in my cap, I descended to the ground, where we examined them. I thought I would try and hand-rear one, so chose the biggest, boldest and most prominently marked one, which I felt sure was a male.

Now arose the question of putting the other three back into the nest. This was an undertaking I did not particularly relish, as having had to cling to the tree for some time whilst enlarging the hole, one arm felt quite numb. Well, it had to be done, so, after a couple of attempts, I managed to climb the tree, and my friend threw up a thin rope to which was attached his army knapsack, which contained the young, and they were hauled up to their birthplace.

"Spottie" Emulates the Suffragettes.

"Spottie" as we named our "find," was fed several times on the way home with flies, which about this time of the year prove most annoying to people roaming the woods. When I again attempted to feed him, after reaching home, he absolutely refused to open his mouth. So the "passive resister" had to have it opened, and a few mealworms inserted; these at first were cut in half. Having, fortunately, a number of Softbills, including Nightingale, Great Tit, Blackcap, Robin, Redstart, etc., I was in the position of having an excellently stocked larder from which to supply the newcomer with a good and varied "bill of fare." He still adopted "suffragette" methods, however, and refused to open his mouth for several days; so, of course, gentle force had to be employed every time he was fed. Meals commenced at about half-past five a.m., and lasted until nine p.m., at intervals of half-an-hour.

By placing a few drops of water on his beak, I eventually got him to open his mouth, and after this I had no further trouble with him. He was always ready for any caterpillar, spider, earwig, etc., I could procure for him, in conjunction with an excellent insectivorous food composed of ants' eggs, dried flies, egg flake, powdered dog biscuits, meat meal and Osborne biscuits. On this miscellaneous diet he progressed famously, and acquired a taste for milk, which was placed in a spoon, into which he would thrust his sword-like tongue again and again with apparent relish.

Early Quarters.

He was at first kept in a large colander, with flannel placed at the bottom, but in about a week he became very restless, desiring to see more of his surroundings, and would scramble up to the edge and sit for some considerable time attending to his toilet, nibbling at and helping his wing and tail feathers to cast the sheaths of their quills. He became wonderfully tame, and if you sat reading would perch on your shoulder for half-an-hour at a time.

"Spottie's" general plumage was "black and white," black on the crown and upper parts, a patch of crimson on the back of the head, white scapulars, and underneath a dirty white, with crimson under tail. He was about nine inches in length.

The first few weeks he had the dining-room for his cage, and the curtains, much to his mistress's annoyance, made for him an excellent "stage" on which to perform acrobatic feats. At last it became necessary to find fresh apartments for his lordship, as he began to do a good deal of damage to the picture frames, incessantly tapping all wood-work he could find. When interfered with, he would call his sharp, quick note for several minutes. He was the most untidy and destructive carpenter I ever came across.

A House-breaker.

Having no spare cage at hand, he was consigned to a three-flight Canary cage, which already had a Robin and Goldfinch as occupants, with whom he soon became on friendly terms, although at first they appeared to be somewhat alarmed by his intrusion.

"Spottie" did not take very kindly to cage life; he had been spoilt by having had too much freedom. He generally ignored the perches, and was always to be found clinging to the cage wires when I went in to feed him the last thing at night.

I thought it might be advisable to have a tin-lined cage, but hoped that his bad habits would not make this necessary. However, one noon I went in to feed him, and found him "outside"; and he had not come out by the "front door." I patched up the cage and replaced him, but next day he was out again. Not wishing to have the cage completely ruined, I then let him have the run of the bird-room.

He commenced operations on the window-frames, and passed on to the other cages, the wall paper and the linoleum; nothing, in fact, seemed to come amiss. He was a fine "perforator," but a most untidy workman.

Once weekly he was allowed an "airing" out in the garden. An old Spruce fir trunk, about 5ft. high, was procured for him. Here he had a fine time, chasing up and down and round the trunk. I decided to take his photograph, but this he resented very much, especially at first. The camera was placed some little distance away and left for some time. Gradually the distance was lessened, and eventually I was able to secure a series of photographs, although he was always suspicious. Many a game of "hide and seek" we had, as he would persist in being "off side."

Finding that he was very fond of bathing, I decided to take advantage of this weakness, and allowed him to bathe almost daily in a developing dish, which was placed on the floor of the bird-room. One fine morning I put the dish out in the garden, fixed up the camera, and focussed sharply on it. I then brought "Spottie" down and released him, when he at once made for the water, and I was able to give exposures of one twenty-fifth of a second and secure a few good negatives.

Good Bye!

His fondness for bathing regained him his liberty, for a week later I attempted to make another series of "bathing scenes" on a much larger scale, to include a few pictures of him preening himself, etc., afterwards. Everything was ready for an exposure, the bird being near the bath, when a neighbour who had been watching opened his bedroom window suddenly, and put his head out, which startled the bird, who immediately flew over the few intervening back gardens which separated him from the open country, a small wood being only a quarter of a mile away. I had no idea he could fly so well, having some six weeks before slightly cut the flight feathers on one wing. I went after him at once, but failed to find the slightest trace of the truant, and can only trust that he may be safe "Over the hills and far away."



The Outdoor Foreign Bird Aviary of Mr. H. Lewis (Handsworth).

Inset are two Cockatiels and a Budgerigar, bred and tamed by Mr. Lewis, and perching on his hand.

A descriptive Article concerning the Aviary and its inmates will be found in the body of the paper.



Mr. Lewis' little daughter Connie, playing with "Viola," a talking Amazon Parrot, afterwards sold for £10.



AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE—
Eggs of the Ringed Plover on the Shingle.



OF PROTECTIVE COLOURATION.
The Ringed Plover engaged in Incubation.



Photographs by] A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF "SPOTTIE." [*Stanley Crook.*

1: The old Home. 2: The Invader at hand. 3: Suspicious of the Camera. 4 and 5: At his ease, playing about the trunk of the spruce fir. 6: A visit to the garden plants. 7: Before the morning "tub." 8: After. 9: "There's Spottie, calling." 10: "I wonder where he can be?" 11: Found—to his sorrow, a painful ear being the result.

A STAR AND HIS STARLINGS.

That world-renowned Comedian, Mr. G. H. Chirgwin (popularly known as "The White-eyed Kaffir") entertains readers with a humorous account of his talented pet Starlings. Specially written for "Cage Birds" Xmas Number.



Photographs by [*Foulsham & Banfield, Ltd.*

DEAR MISTER,—Having been a subscriber to your excellent CAGE BIRDS for the past four years, during which time I have gleaned a wealth of most useful information respecting the treatment of my birds through the columns of Misters G. E. Weston and Wesley T. Page respectively, I have often felt a desire to send you some little item for publication. But, to tell you the truth, up to the present I have not had the *cheek* to do so. Now, if it has ever been your extreme joy, or sad fate, as the case may be, to have seen my performance, you probably consider me the most impudent and nerveless rascal extant. But, believe me, Dear Mister, there is a vast difference in simply facing huge audiences and entertaining them with quips and cranks and songs, and addressing the Editor of CAGE BIRDS in cold ink, being perfectly certain *you* have forgotten everything I could tell you about birds (with the exception perhaps of the goose). However, it is not for your enlightenment that I am writing you, but for the hosts of your readers who, like myself, keep birds as pets.

At the present moment I have a flight of 150 homing pigeons, 50 fancy pigeons (Magpies, Runts, Jacobins, Owls, and Almond Tumblers), 30 Black Spanish fowls, six ducks and a drake (the latter, by the bye, I named Doctor Bodie—I'm going to kill and eat him on Christmas Day. I'm not doing this because he's such a **M**erry **D**evil, but because he is such an inveterate quack-er). Then I have two Linnets, one Parrot, one Canary, and three Starlings. It is with my young Starling, "Jacko the Second," that I wish to deal.

In the early part of this spring I came across an account of a tame pet Starling that was said to whistle tunes and say almost everything but its prayers, and amongst its repertoire (as it was grandiloquently described), was the whistling of a matter of ten notes, popularly known as "Half a pint of mild and bitter." This is a whistle I introduced into a song of mine, viz., "My Town Girl," so, as the author of the article invited those who considered him to be a "Holy Friar," to go and see and hear for themselves, I quickly accepted the invitation. And what I saw and heard was really most wonderful, Dear Mister. I hereby make avowal that if anyone can produce a Starling in London—aye, or in England—that can beat the "Jack the First" that I saw, I'll—well, I'll eat him, Mister, I will, honest.



CHIRGWIN ON THE HALLS.

The popular favourite in the garb so well known to the thousands of people he has entertained.

I naturally thought at the time this was a freak bird, or at any rate quite an exceptional talker, etc. But after failing to do a deal for the purchase of him, I was told by a certain method of training, etc., it was not only possible but probable that any young Starling could be taught just the same. I therefore asked the gentleman if for a consideration he would get me a young one and train it for me. "Certainly, with pleasure," he replied "I will do my best."

After the lapse of a few days I forgot all about the matter, but about a month ago I received a letter from this gentleman in which he said that he had a young Starling which imitated the Roller Canary, whistled "Half a pint of mild and bitter," and in time would probably imitate the human voice in talking, as it was emitting guttural sounds that were certainly not the natural notes of the Starling. Two days later, Jack the Second (as I have named him), a particularly fine bird, arrived, and upon his being put into a large cage he made himself at once at home, and took food from my hand and the hands of my children with all the cheek (including mine) imaginable. I was so delighted with him that I said I did not mind if he did not utter a sound, his handsome appearance, tameness and quaint little friendly ways being a revelation to me.

And I now wonder how on earth it was that I never kept Starlings before! Oh, yes, I have got two others, for fearing that something might happen to Jack II., I got my friend to get me four more, two of which, however, have died. The two remaining are Jack the II.'s understudies. They have become very tame, but, of course,



Jacko the Second whistling Chirgwin's familiar catch-tune "Half-a-pint of mild and bitter."

have not spoken to me yet. I think they must have acquired the Parrot habit, and think a lot. But as I now possess the knowledge of how to train and feed them, I have every reason to believe I shall bring them up and educate them.

Speaking of their food, I want to ask you, Dear Mister, if you have ever inhaled the perfume of dried flies? If not, take steps at once to do so. You can with every assurance take my word for it that it will be an experience you are not likely to forget in a hurry. I have travelled a great deal and have consequently had the opportunity of experiencing and studying different sorts of smells, but when I opened my first supply of dried flies it was borne in upon me at once that I had never tackled anything quite so "niffy" before. Whew! I have tried to find a word in Nuttall's dictionary to describe that aroma. There isn't one. The best I can find is the word WEIRD. There may be people not educated up to appreciate this odour. I will give them a hint or two, free, gratis and for nothing. When you mix up your flies, ant eggs, crissel and biscuit meal—get someone else to do it. Failing this, first take a deep breath and hold it like grim death whilst these ingredients receive a little water. Then hold the vessel in one hand and, hey presto, pop it round to the back of your neck. Then, and only then, you may stir it! Another breath and into the cage with the mixture. Then "get"—and breathe again.

The Worms which did not turn (up).

After all this, we have the mealworm to get on friendly terms with. When I was told that mealworms were a great treat for Starlings, I thought at first, Dear Mister, that they were *worms* given at *meal* times. So I forthwith started to get some by digging up the garden and mauling about the lawn. But I only came across the worms that turn when they are trodden upon. After spending the whole of the morning digging unsuccessfully, I had to spend the whole of the afternoon in raking over and making things tidy again. I took one of my little children with me in case I should need support in resisting the temptation to say things, and I enclose you a photograph my wife took of me at my "labour of love."

Now, I had always understood that it was necessary to cut the tongue of a bird in order to get it to talk. I innocently asked how I should go about the operation with my two other Starlings. I was given a look that in a measure resembled the smell of dried flies!—it could positively be felt. Then came the reply: "Certainly not, you ——," but anticipating some nice complimentary adjective, I broke in here with, "I thought not." "Well," continued my instructor, "you can cut their blessed throats if you like, but you'll find that won't assist them in talking, either."

Whilst I think of it, Dear Mister, may I tell you a story about this tongue cutting business? Thank you. It's nothing to do with my Starling, and I am aware that I am wandering about all over the shop. My excuse is that I don't know what method means, and even when I make my entry on the stage I never know until I'm "on" what I am going to do. But I do something, then say something,



CHIRGWIN AT HOME.

Seeking the succulent worm wherewith to feed his Starlings.

then sing something, then play something, then do somebody—I mean something else, and so on and so forth. And so this wandering habit has become second nature. Anyway, here is my little true story. I don't know whether you'll like it, ladies and gem-'men, but being Christmas-time you'll have to have it.

The Comedy of a Comedienne.

One Saturday afternoon, many years ago, I was standing in the entrance of the Oxford Music Hall, when the late Belle Bilton (afterwards the Countess Clancarty) came up to me and said: "Oh, Mr. Chirgwin, see what a lovely little Jackdaw I have just bought. There were six of the dears in a big cage marked up 2s. 6d. each. The man at the shop kindly allowed me to select one, and when I chose this one he said: 'Ah, Miss, I can see you are a judge of Jacks, for you have picked out the best, and he's the only one that has got his tongue cut, and so he's bound to talk in a week or two. But I want 5s. for him, and he's well worth a sovereign,' so I bought him. Wasn't I lucky? *You ought to buy one, Mr. Chirgwin.* Still, this is the only one that has its tongue cut. Isn't he a darling?"

After I had finished my "show," I drove down to the shop in Seven Dials indicated by Belle Bilton, and there were the five young Jackdaws, marked "Fine young Jacks,



Jacko the Second endeavouring to eclipse the mellifluous strains of Chirgwin's pet Canary.

in perfect health, only 2s. 6d. each." Whilst looking at them, the man came up and said: "There's a fine little lot, guv'-nor. Can I sell you one? Pick 'em where you like, all warranted cocks."

I was tempted. When I'd picked out my bird the man remarked: "I knew you was a goin' to pick 'im. You ain't 'arf a bad judge, you ain't; 'e's the only bloke wot's got 'is tongue slit, so 'e's *bound* to be a talker, 'e is."

And with one eye on my brougham, and the other on my jewelry (I was younger at that time, remember), he continued: "I shall 'ave to charge you three 'arf dollars for 'im, guv'nor."

"But," I expostulated, "you only charged a lady an hour ago 5s. for one."

"That's quite right, guv'nor, but between you and me and the gate post, guv'nor, the one she picked" (whispering in confidence) "was a hen."



THREE FAVOURITE BRITISH FINCHES.

THE CHAFFINCH.

THE GREENFINCH.

THE BRAMBLEFINCH.



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1: THE APTERYX.
2: THE WEKA RAIL.
3: THE KAKAPO, or Ground Parrot.
4: PENGUINS (the Cape, or Black-footed).
5: THE OSTRICH.
6: THE CASSOWARY (Becaris).
7: THE EMU.

An article by Mr. Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., giving a graphic account of these interesting birds, will be found in this issue.

A STAR AND HIS STARLINGS—(*continued*).

Anyway, I bought my bird for 5s., and a grand one, too, he turned out, but "never a word quoth he." It dawned on me, too, that none of these birds had its tongue cut, until a would-be purchaser hove in sight. Then, and then only, were its talking capabilities assured!

Reverting to Jack the Second, time unfortunately won't permit me to tell you all I would like to about him. Suffice it, therefore, to say that he is about 6 months old, gives a faithful imitation of the notes of the Canary, whistles my "Half a pint of mild and bitter" in a delightfully quaint manner (a photo of him actually whistling this I will enclose), comes on the table at breakfast time and goes round to each person for some little tit-bit, flies about the room and returns to his cage when I want him to, opens the hand that holds a mealworm by inserting the beak between the fingers, so prising the hand open, and indulges in other amusing little antics too numerous to mention, all of which are a source of great delight to me, and to everyone who sees him. I am now teaching him to whistle a little melody I have composed by frequently playing it on my phono-fiddle. He is getting on with this tune splendidly, and has already caught the mellow tone of my one-stringed instrument.

There are, however (alas! that I should have to say it), disadvantages attaching to the keeping of a tame Starling mimic, as I discovered when I told some of my professional friends about him. To be brief, they absolutely refuse to believe you, and call you uncomplimentary names and things. But you, Dear Mister, knowing (as I said at first), all there is to know about birds, know as well as I do what the Starling *is*, and what its capabilities *are*.

One night, when I had finished talking about him (it was very late—or, rather, early), my listeners said: "All right, George, you'll do; we'll buy it if it's a catch. New 'gag,' I suppose, George? Going to work it to-night, George? Why don't you change his name from Jack to Ananias?" Only yesterday two ladies asked: "Does your Starling that sits down to meals with you, that takes his bath in your soup, and walks on the butter, etc., *really* play your bagpipes, Mr. Chirgwin?"

Ink isn't thick enough, Dear Mister, to express here what my replies (whenever possible) to these queries are like!

The only sympathy I get outside my own family circle, and my friends who have seen Jack II., is from the gentleman of whom I obtained him, for after telling me about the absurdity of cutting their tongues, he added: "And if you keep a cat, don't on any account put it in his cage for companionship, if you should fancy he is lonesome. I should advocate your at once exchanging any cats you may have for mongrel dogs, and then—shoot the dogs!"

I will add one warning "on my own"—never teach your birdies naughty words. You may think they'll forget them. But they won't. And there is no cure. I remember a seafaring friend of mine who owned a Parrot that could talk very well and swear very badly. A passenger, a rich old clergyman, wanted to buy, but shied at the "cuss" words. "Well," says the sailor, "that's easy mended. When he commences to cuss, collar 'is cage, and pop it inter a but o' water, and twist it round, fast like, once or twice. Arter that he'll talk like an innercent babe." The parson swallowed that story, and the sailor pocketed the pelf. When the old gentleman got his Parrot home, it started in at once to turn the air blue. He flew for a pail of water. In went the cage. Poll emerged looking dazed and queer. She shook a quart of water off her feathers, then cocked a dim but enquiring eye at the parson and yelled: "Say, mister, were you in that —— blizzard?"

I will now wish you, Dear Mister, and all your staff, together with all your readers, a Merry and Happy Christmas, not forgetting continued prosperity to CAGE BIRDS.

Yours truly,

G. H. Chirgwin

We would draw our readers attention to the appeal made by Mr. Chirgwin for a very worthy object on page 548 *of this week's issue.*—EDITOR.

My Norwich Plainheads.

By C. E. COAD (Truro).

A Well-known West-country Fancier tells how his winners are produced.

THERE is no doubt the Norwich Plainhead has more devotees than any other breed of Canary. For my own part I am not surprised, when I think of his bold, jaunty carriage and rich colour, that so many are captivated by this noble bird. I have bred Norwich for several years with some little success, and am as keen to-day as when I started as a Norwich "specialist."

My Method of Pairing.

My general way of pairing is as follows: Buff cock to yellow hen, or yellow cock to buff hen. I like the cock to be as large and as typical as possible, with plenty of colour. The hen must have fine, silky feather, and a good round head and well filled neck; it must be deep-chested with broad back, short flights and tail. I should like to state here that I have found, however good the cock bird has been, if the hen has not had the typical Norwich properties, the percentage of typical youngsters has been very small; but if you have the hen right, and the cock is not exactly all you could desire, if he is bred right don't be afraid to try him. I have bred many good ones this way.

I also try as far as possible to mate an over-year, or two-year-old bird to a non-flighted, and I prefer the cock to be the older of the two. I am sure that if you have the patience to keep a few, and not breed them until the second season, you will get more young and larger birds.

To Maintain Colour and Increase Size.

In pairing for colour, I put the variegated or marked bird with a clear one, and I then get a much deeper yellow than if I paired two clears. I find that if I let the marked bird be the hen, the percentage of marked youngsters is not nearly so high as when I use a marked cock bird and a clear hen; and also that the marked young are often the opposite sex to their marked parent. A good bronze yellow green hen paired to a stout, short-feathered yellow cock should produce youngsters with colour enough to keep your stock right in this respect for many years. Always try and get your birds for double yellowing very short in feather, as this procedure has a tendency to lengthen the feather.

To increase size I get the largest, shortest feathered, marked buff cock, and pair him with the most typical, fine feathered, ticked buff hen. The hen I like of medium size, as these are generally of better quality, and will throw the young just as large as do the larger ones, without the disadvantage of being coarse. My reason for having both birds with green blood is because you can then maintain the colour to a greater degree than by pairing two clears. I should like again to impress upon any novice intending to double-buff that it is important to use only short-feathered, typical birds, otherwise he will get very coarse youngsters. Buffs bred from double-yellowing are invaluable for this purpose, and if you have the patience to keep a pair until the second season before breeding them, you will be amply repaid for your trouble.

When the Hen is Sitting.

I always take away the eggs until the third is laid, placing an artificial one in the cage to solace the hen until her own are returned. By this method your young ones will hatch out more nearly at the same time, and you have a greater chance of rearing the lot. Another good plan is to give the hen a little egg food on alternate days when sitting, especially on cold days; this will make her more contented, and she will not be so likely to forsake her eggs.

Management of the Young.

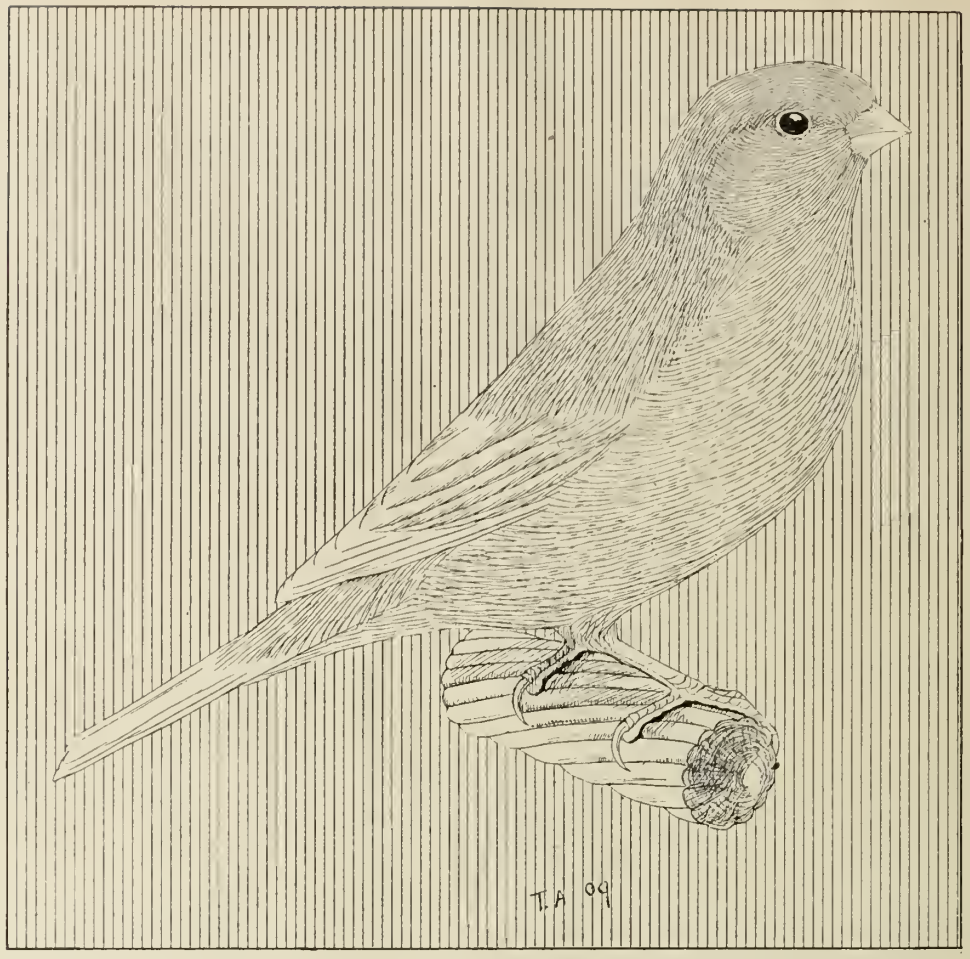
On the evening of the thirteenth day, when the young are due to hatch, I mix the yolk of an egg (boiled 20 minutes) to a couple of crushed Osborne or similar biscuits, and after three days I give both white and yolk to five biscuits with hemp and rape ad lib. After the third day I begin to give sparingly such green food as watercress, chickweed, etc., giving more as the young get older. I find that a little milk sop occasionally encourages the old bird to feed her young.

I leave the young ones with the old birds as long as the latter will feed them without plucking their feathers. When this happens, I put them in a nursery cage, so that the old ones may feed, yet cannot pluck them. When I finally take them away I never hurry to get them on to hard seed (I think many young die through not being able to crack and digest the hard seed), but I always give them egg food, crushed seed and milk sop right up to the time I start colour feeding, which is when they are from eight to ten weeks old, when I pen them by themselves. I always take away all sand and sawdust for three weeks, or they would otherwise eat it, which would set up inflammation. After this they get more sensible, and you may give sand and sawdust without fear.

My Method of Feeding.

It seems somewhat superfluous to write about how to feed Canaries after the splendid hints we get every year in that most valuable and cheap little book, CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and also every week in CAGE BIRDS. I am sure every breeder of Canaries, or of any other birds, is placing himself at a great disadvantage if he does not read everything contained in both the ANNUAL and weekly paper. But, seeing that feeding is one of the most important items connected with the keeping of birds, I will state my method.

During the winter months, when the birds are neither breeding nor being colour fed, I feed chiefly on Spanish Canary, with a teaspoonful of hemp and rape two or three times weekly, adding a little more hemp on cold days. About the beginning of February I begin to give a little egg and biscuit (which I prefer to bread and egg, as the biscuit being drier is not so likely to turn sour and upset the birds), and also the following mixture on alternate days: one part hemp, one part rape, quarter-part niger, quarter-part maw, quarter-part gold of pleasure, and quarter-part linseed. This treatment brings the birds into fine breeding condition, and you can pair them at any time from the middle of March to April, weather being suitable.



Drawing by [*T. Aitken.*

ONE OF SCOTLAND'S NOTED NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Clear Buff Hen exhibited by Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Shawlands, Glasgow.) Winner of First Prize at the City of Glasgow Show and of many other honours.



A LOVELY OUTDOOR AVIARY.

This charming aviary is owned by Mr. W. Scott (Montrose), and is devoted to foreign birds.



"HARK! MOTHER IS COMING."

Young Song Thrushes in eager anticipation of the coming meal.



THE HOME OF THE BULLFINCH.

This week Master Bullie, one of the most popular of birds, is depicted upon our coloured plate.



THE HOME OF THE CHAFFINCH.

The Chaffinch, which builds one of the most beautiful of nests, is also depicted upon our coloured plate.

MY NORWICH PLAINHEADS

(Continued).

An Important Point.

Now I come to the last, but not by any means the least, important question the best method of keeping or housing young. I have tried cages and flights, etc., but find that the best method, whether in an indoor room or outdoors, is the use of pens, which are the simplest and best. My pens are 18in. square, with two perches, running from the back to within 1½in. of the front, and another perch at the same height, about 9in. from the bottom of pen, running parallel with the wire front, from which the birds feed.

Sawdust Advocated.

All water, seed, grit, egg drawers, etc., are "getatable" from the perch running parallel with the wire front, thus keeping it high away from the sawdust, of which I always keep a good layer at the bottom. I verily believe that if the sawdust was not cleaned out for a month you would get no bad air, as the sawdust dries up everything. In fact, in some of my busy times I have often exceeded this, and can honestly say at the end of such times my aviary has smelt far sweeter than has been the case in some of the rooms I have visited where the breeder has used sand and cleaned the cages out every week. I am quite certain that my aviary with 18 pairs of birds, kept in faultless condition, does not take one hour per day to clean, so that I think few need give up or refuse to undertake the hobby on the score of time.

During the Moult.

When I start colour-feeding I like to put two or three birds in a pen together, as by so doing they eat their food better; and if any get quarrelsome I single them out. I start feeding the young when they are about eight or ten weeks old, and the old birds in July, giving first one teaspoonful of tasteless with a pinch of hot Natal to an egg and biscuit, gradually increasing it to six teaspoonfuls of pepper to an egg.

I take away all seed at night, and return it at midday, giving one teaspoonful of feed to each bird, each morning first thing. I also give a little ground linseed in the feed towards the end of the moult, and a small bit of sulphate of iron in the water two or three times weekly. Under this treatment birds should come out a nice colour, with a good gloss.



Mr. A. Brown (Wood Green) and some inmates of his birdroom.

In the left-hand picture Mr. Brown is holding a favourite Yorkshire Canary. In the background is the large flight The right hand picture shows the breeding season in full swing. A Yorkshire show-cage in use as a "nursery" is a conspicuous object in this photograph.

The Present-day Winning Norwich.

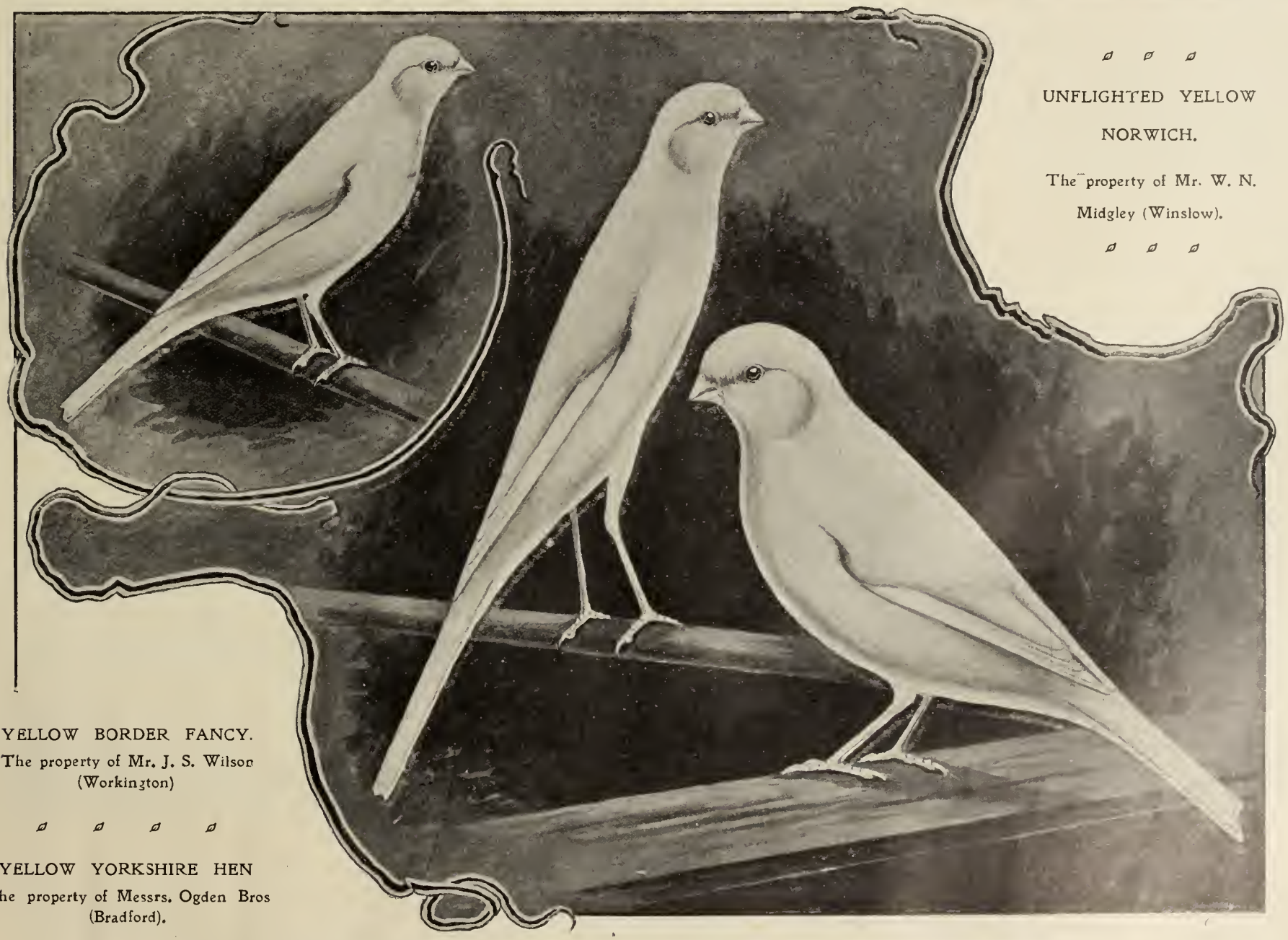
I will draw my remarks to a close by referring to the popular question: the present-day winning Norwich. We all seem agreed that a Norwich Canary should first of all have a good, large, round head, with wide entrance to beak, a well-filled neck, a deep wide chest, back well filled in, short flights and tail and silky feather of a good deep yellow colour. My opinion is that most judges pay far too much attention to size and colour, and a large, well-coloured, oft-times coarse and long bird, will win over a bird of type and quality; perhaps it is not fed so hot, but it is a far more valuable bird in every respect to a Norwich breeder. But I must admit that as far as my experience as an exhibitor goes, in the majority of cases that have come under my notice the best bird does the most winning.

If I shall have enlightened any novice, or induced anyone to start in a hobby which I am sure will pay him and give him much pleasure, I shall feel well rewarded for having penned this article.

A Bird's Clothing.—Feathers do not grow from the whole surface of a bird, but only in certain parts, and from those places they spread over the remainder of the body. These tracts are not always alike, but differ somewhat in form in certain species.

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UNFLIGHTED YELLOW NORWICH.
The property of Mr. W. N. Midgley (Winslow).

YELLOW BORDER FANCY.
The property of Mr. J. S. Wilson (Workington)

YELLOW YORKSHIRE HEN
The property of Messrs. Ogden Bros (Bradford).

A Trio of Clear Canaries that Score Clear Wins.

















THE CAMERA IN THE CAGE BIRD FANCY.

1: Messrs. Milne Bros. (Keith), with some of their winning British Birds. 2: Mr. G. Reed (Brandon Colliery), and one of his noted contest-singing Linnets. 3: Old Shildon (Workmen's Club) C.B.S., taken at the recent annual show. Names (left to right).—Top row: Messrs. A. Alderson, R. Foster, J. French, T. Parnaby, G. Hougill, M. Allen, F. Dent, W. Proud, T. Orton, and G. Charlton. Bottom Row: W. Webb, T. Boddy and J. Elwell (Secretaries), W. Gray (Judge), W. Dunn, J. Gray (Judge), T. Richardson, and G. Bradley. 4: Mr. H. Robinson (Harrogate), with some of his treasures, birdy and otherwise. 5: Members of the West Bromwich and District C.B.S. Names (left to right).—Top Row: Messrs. E. E. Carter, F. H. Viles, D. Parks, F. Norris, W. Russell, J. Plant, W. Fellows, N. Lea, W. Bye, J. L. Beck, E. Armstrong, and C. E. Palmer. Bottom Row: A. Lewis, J. H. Jennings, E. Bayliss, G. Key, W. I. Bassett and Son, T. Duffield, T. Green, A. Armstrong. 6: A peep into the bird-room of Mr. J. Best (Battersea), and at some of the trophies his birds have won. 7: Outdoor aviary, belonging to Mr. J. Smith (Kendal). In it is housed a choice collection of foreign birds. 8: The officials and Judge at the last exhibition held by the Falmouth and District C.B.A.



A view of the Cage Bird Section at Utrecht (Holland) Show, with Messrs. C. L. W. Noorduyn and W. J. M. De Bas, the Judges, and J. Van Elmpt, Steward.

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We have decided to again hold a Christmas Literary Competition, to meet the wishes of readers, and the **Editor** offers **five One Guinea Cash Prizes** under the following conditions:—

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Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

There must be thousands among the readers of Cage Birds with much knowledge stored away in their heads upon the above subjects. Utilise the Christmas holidays to put that knowledge on paper for the benefit of your fellow bird-keepers, and in exchange for your experiences there may be a cash prize waiting that will help you to buy some bird or other acceptable item you are a-wanting. Turn your spare moments to profitable account. Remember that all articles published by us will be paid for (note rules), also that photographs and drawings may accompany articles.

The Closing Date, remember, is January 24th next.

RULES.

(Read these very carefully.)

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of the paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of Cage Birds, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

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Under the White Rose.

KEIGHLEY district has, I am sorry to hear lost by death one of its well-known fanciers in Mr. Wright, senr., father of the present secretary of the Keighley C.B.S., and I am sure all fanciers will sympathise with Mr. W. Wright in his sad bereavement. Mr. Wright had been in ill-health for some considerable time, and parted with all his birds in consequence of not being well enough to attend to them, a thing that he did not like to do, so enthusiastic was he in pursuance of his favourite hobby.

PATRONAGE of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. has now run through five shows, viz., Middlesbrough, York, Malton, Hull, and Harrogate, and the competitions now stand as follows:—Champion Section: D. Duncan, junr., 69 points, Wilkinson and Danby 52, J. P. Stamp 50, T. H. Inman 47, T. Boyle 47, W. Woods 45, J. Meadows 36, J. Isherwood 27, J. Bousfield 25; Amateur Section: J. Wilson 23, B. H. Wilson 18, J. Lane 10. The members of the club have done their utmost to further the interests of the birds they have at heart, having at the five shows staged 204 birds—an average of just over 40 per show, and with great success. It is rumoured that several well-known British exhibitors have signified their intention of joining the club next year, and if they do, things will hum to a great extent in this section.

HALIFAX Show, which is being held this week-end, have provided the largest classification for the season, and they have all the patronages of the specialist clubs. Without doubt the show will be worth going a long way to see.

"STRAIGHT 'UN.

TWO CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Prize for Birdie Artists.

Our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of half-a-guinea (10/6) for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Monday, January 3rd next. The medium to be employed is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, wherever possible, and have the sender's name and address written on the back. The whole of the front page should be coloured, not merely the frontispiece alone.

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

For all to Answer.

Half-a-crown will be paid to the reader who sends us the best answer on a postcard to any of the appended questions (that is four half-crowns in all).

We ask competitors to adhere strictly to the following simple rules:—

1.—Answers must be written clearly on post cards only, with name and address at bottom and number of query at top.

2.—Each answer must be written on a separate post card.

3.—Answers must be written on one side of the post card only.

4.—All answers must be received by Thursday's post, December 30 next.

We should like competitors to understand that length of answer of itself will not count; nor will mere brevity The point and pithiness of the answer and its general helpfulness (where possible) to novices are the main things to be considered.

The Questions.

1. What new variety of Canary ought breeders to strive for?
2. What British bird is best for the beginner—and why?
3. Is cage or aviary the best for Hybrid breeding purposes—and why?
4. What foreign bird makes the best ladies' pet—and why?

In both competitions entries are accepted only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be final.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Onward Hall, 8. Payment of prize money, distribution of specials, etc.—J. Spencer.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Dec. 25, Forrester's Arms, 7.30. New members enrolled.—G. Harper.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Bankfoot Schools, 7. Balance-sheet for members' show, and washing exhibition by Mr. F. Allen (of Cleckheaton), arrangement for tea and concert.—E. Gelder.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 21, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Addressing schedules for annual show, etc.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 21, Ablett's cafe, 8. Table show of Yorks. and Norwich greens, birds staged 8 p.m.; judge Mr. Hadwin (Liverpool).—J. Richards.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 18, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers for 1910; members' subscriptions are now due.—F. Rhodes.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 20, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Payment of show prize money and specials. All tickets to be either returned or paid for to clear up.—H. Rutter.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Show report, draw for members' specials, etc.—R. Binks, jun.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Dec. 23, Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6. First annual meeting, election of office bearers for next year, presentation of cup and medals, etc. Auditors meet 5.30.—A. Dickson.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Dec. 18, 7.30. Finish of year, etc.; drawing of pells, specials, etc.—D. Hann.

London and Counties O.A.—Dec. 20, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8.30. Special monthly meeting.—W. Gilbert.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Centre Hotel, 8. Important matters connected with the coming show.—D. John.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 21, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Table show: Cl. or tkd. buff, mkd. or var. buff, old birds, open, and same classification for novices.—J. E. Wood.

Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Crown Hotel, 1.30. Members' show.—A. Wake.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Schedules of January show; nomination of officers for 1910.—E. H. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 23, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Entries for Boxing Day show. W. Holroyd.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, prize money, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Musselburgh O.S.—Dec. 25, Brown's Room. Election of office bearers and committee.—W. Nisbet.

Middleton C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Old Bear's Head, 8. Balance-sheet of show; important correspondence.—J. Oldham.

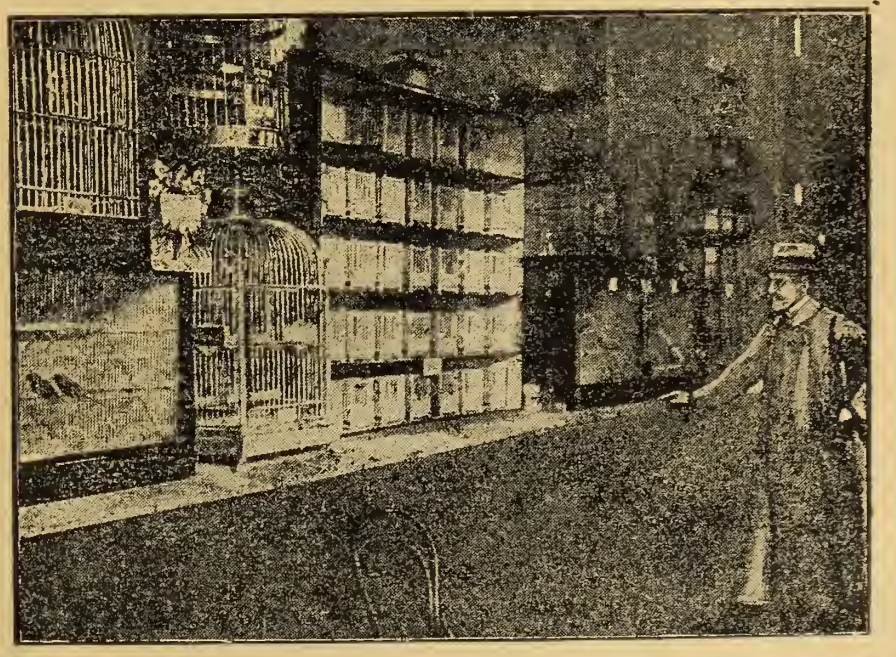
Northern Yorks. C.C.—Dec. 22, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table show: 1 yell., 2 buff, 3 hens, yell. or buff 4, 1909 bred. Judge, Mr. J. Davison (Blaydon).—T. C. Crawhall.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Dec. 18, Textile Hall, Bury, 6. Respecting next show.—A. Percival.

Pudsey, Stanningley, and Dis. O.S.—Dec. 23, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Entries for members' show.—J. Butler.

Queen's Park (Glasgow).—Dec. 25, Marie Stuart Hall, 8.—G. N. Thomson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Commercial Hotel, 8. Arranging Christmas show.—J. Lewis.



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St. Helens O.S.—Dec. 20, George Inn, 8.30. Show accounts, etc.—R. Gibbie.

Southall C.B.S.—Dec. 20, St. John's Schools, 8. Table show; members please bring as many entries as possible.—T. G. Jeffery.

Stockport B.F.A.—Dec. 21, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, 8. Allotment of special prizes; entries close on this date.—F. Washbourne.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Presentation of cup and a supper.—W. Elliott.

A Bird's Clothing.

Feathers do not grow from the whole surface of a bird, but only in certain parts, and from these places they spread over the remainder of the body. These tracts are not always alike, but differ somewhat in form in certain species.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sits Puffed Up.

J. E.—Your hens appear to be suffering from over-feeding and most likely a constipated condition. Their position in a dull corner where they do not get much light is also likely to cause them to be dull and listless, more or less, during these weeks of generally depressing weather, even though they were in the best of health. If you could move them to a brighter position, but still out of the way of draughts, they would doubtless be much better for the change. Feed them on plain Canary seed only as a staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and once a week a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a few grains of inga scattered over it. Three or four times a week give a sprsy of watercress, or some other green food if it is obtainable, free from frost and wet, in preference to any kind of fruit. Limit the diet to this for a month. Keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Fighting, Feeding, Bathing.

No Name.—(1) Certainly not. Looking at the matter from a moral standpoint it is perfectly scandalous that two hens should fight, especially at night. But you cannot reason with them, you know. Perhaps they are avine viragoes, with no proper sense of decorum. More likely still one covets the other's sleeping position, and this is how the strife begins. The only way to end it is to separate them, or let them go their own misguided way, so long as no real damage is done to each other. There is no reason to doubt their sex on account of this behaviour. (2) If stock birds for breeding next season, give a staple of plain canary seed only. Three times a week a pinch of summer rape; twice a week a few grains of hemp; once a week a small pinch inga; and once a scrap of bread and milk, crushed sponge cake, or egg food—one or another, or each in rotation, but not all in one week. A little green food when fit to use three or four times a week, at other times a little sweet fruit, as a substitute. (3) Depends upon the birds' robustness and where kept. If in a cold room and the birds appear to be chilled and shivering after bathing, only allow the bath in quite mild weather, and then only about twice a week. If birds are very robust, quickly dry themselves after bathing, and do not seem affected by it, you may let them bathe as often as they care to do so, by hanging on the bath for a quarter of an hour daily to give all that wish to bathe the opportunity to do so.

Jaundiced Roller.

Wormy.—The bird is suffering from a badly deranged liver, for which your method of feeding is very largely, if not solely, responsible. The diet is far too stimulating for any save the most casual use. It is doubtful whether you will be able to do much for the bird at this advanced stage. First of all see that it is kept in as equable a temperature as possible—rather on the warm side, but not too much so, and above all avoid exposure to sudden variations and chills. Keep the cage and perches very clean and strewn with clean gritty sand. For staple diet, give plain Canary seed only. Every second day give a small pinch of summer rape separately; and a small piece of bread sealded with milk pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with maw seed, once a week. Give a spray of watercress or other greenstuff daily, if obtainable in good condition; otherwise give a small piece of ripe banana as a substitute every second day. The greenstuff is preferable, if obtainable. Restrict the diet rigidly to these items for a month or six weeks at least. In the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts, for three or four consecutive days, and afterwards dissolve in the water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give ten drops of tincture of gentian. Then miss a week, and if it appears necessary, recommence and repeat the fortnight's treatment in the same order.

A Physical Wreck.

J. E. B.—It is extremely doubtful whether you will be able to do more than temporarily alleviate the suffering of this bird. Had you given a few more particulars as to how and where it is kept I might have discovered where your management was at fault, as it undoubtedly is wrong somewhere, and is the cause of the bird's condition. See that the bird is not kept too near a fire, where it is subject to extremes of heat, and cold continually, nor in a draughty position, nor where the air is foul and contaminated with the fumes of burning lights during the evenings. Do not keep it too warm, nor yet on the cold side. Then see that the bird and cage are both quite free from insect pests. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape; and twice a week give a small pinch of a mixture of maw, inga, and gold of pleasure. Three times a week for the next fortnight, and once a week afterwards, give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and three times a week, on the intervening days, give a little watercress, or a morsel of ripe banana as a substitute. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three, for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

About the Germans.

Hartz Mountain Roller.—In breeding Rollers there is no fixed type at all to breed to, so far as size, colour, shape, markings, etc., are concerned. The only technically valued point about a Roller is in its singing powers. To sing is its one and only vocation, so to speak, in life, apart from reproducing its kind for posterity. Whether it is worth while showing them or not must naturally depend upon whether you have birds sufficiently well trained and good enough performers (in your own estimation at least), to be worth showing, and also to the value you are inclined to attach to the honour of winning. If they are shown they are judged solely by their powers of song—a certain number of points being given for purity, variety, delivery, of song, all of which are extremely difficult to convey to a novice in writing. Neither is it possible to deal with the question as to what is the correct song in one of these replies. If you could refer to a volume of CAGE BIRDS back numbers, you would find several long articles dealing with the subject, and also the method of training the birds to sing. It is, however, too late now to think of commencing training birds. The young cocks must be put under the tuition of superior and faultless singing adults—generally described as schoolmasters—as soon as they can be removed from their parents, and the greatest care taken to prevent them hearing any undesirable bird notes which might corrupt their song. Mechanical organs are also sold which are useful aids in training the birds to sing.

A Roller Unwell.

W. Livesey.—Keep bird in a rather warm place, but see the temperature is equable, and the air pure and fresh, and either keep its box partly closed, or cover the cage with a light linen cover to quite avoid draughts. Keep its cage and perches very clean, and strew the floor with pine sawdust, until the diarrhœa is removed, and clean out sawdust daily and burn it at once. Feed on plain canary seed as a staple, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days give a small piece of bread and milk, slightly sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of maw seed, and vary this once a week with a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give a bit of ripe banana four times a week, but no green food for a time. If available a mealworm may be given daily, and the diet restricted to these items for the present. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days. After this give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give six drops of dandelion juice and five of tincture of opium. Discontinue the latter as soon as the diarrhœa is checked, and give instead twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, for a week. You might bathe the bare places twice a week with a teaspoonful of strong vinegar, in half a teacupful of hot water—not too hot—dry afterwards, and be careful the bird does not get chilled after it.

Bird Fever.

G. Dear.—I am sorry for you on several counts. First, that you have discovered the very faulty structure of the outhouse, which I suspected from the first; next, that you should have discovered this wretched disease among your stock; and, more than all, that you should have made such a grave error as to caging up the birds and taken them indoors when you found this disease was amongst them. If you had taken steps to make the outhouse drought and rain-proof, even temporarily, and well ventilated, the birds would have had a far better chance of resisting attack than now in the cages. The only way to prevent the disease spreading to the other birds on the first floor is to get someone else to attend to them, and observe the most rigid isolation possible between the two lots of birds. Allow nothing, and no one, to have communication with both groups. Cut off every kind of soft or moist food and feed solely upon the seed diet advised, with occasionally a very little boiled rape, or a bit of dry crushed plain biscuit. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts twice a week, and on three other days each week six drops each tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid, for a few weeks. This may help to keep the digestive system in good order and act as a general tonic, but you must rely solely upon the above method of feeding, combined with absolute cleanliness and frequent disinfection. Keep cage floors well strewn with pine sawdust, which burn frequently. As you are so far from everywhere, why not get what you want from one of the large firms of universal providers in London who make a speciality of post orders? You make a very common mistake in thinking that septic fever always carries off a stock with lightning-like rapidity. There is a non-virulent type which may run on very slowly for months, ready at any time to be worked up by suitable conditions into the rapidly-fatal type. The fact of one bird dying with the disease, and another occupying the same cage at the same time remaining apparently quite healthy is accounted for by the fact that the living bird possesses powerful resisting powers. You could not do better than get Dr. Clarke's handbook on the subject, 7d., post free, from our manager, and read up the subject.

A Sleepy Yorkshire.

W. Shepherd.—"How much less" to do is more to the point. You must not give him bread and milk "nearly every morning," and must curtail his luxuries generally. The bird is being treated too generously. As a staple give plain Canary only, and every second day separately, half a teaspoonful (not more) of summer rape, and once a week only a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, and gold of pleasure. A scrap of bread and milk may be given once a week, and a little green food, if obtainable in good condition, three or four times a week. If greenstuff is unobtainable, substitute a small piece of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and, two days in every three for a week, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and during the following week six drops tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the next two weeks, if bird is not quite well, repeat first two weeks' treatment in same order. See the bird is not kept too near fire, nor in a draughty position, nor yet subject to extremes of heat and cold; and, if possible, keep it in a well lit and bright position.

Brevities.

Breed for Songsters (R.M.O.).—To breed any kind of songsters in an outdoor aviary you must be careful to introduce none but hardy birds bred and kept always in a normal temperature as stock birds. With these precautions you cannot do better than go in for common Germans, or a cross between German cocks and either Yorkshire or Norwich hens.

Loss of Plumage (J. H. Crosswell).—Feed and treat the birds for a month as advised to "W. Livesey" in this issue, with the exception of the medicines advised to be given in the water. In your case give the rhubarb and salts for two consecutive days, and then give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of Chemical Food. You might also bathe the bare places as advised.

Breed to Start With (Dublin).—The Border Fancy certainly ranks amongst the highest for hardiness, prolificacy, and general ease of management, so you could scarcely do better than start with it, as you say you have already a predilection for it. They are usually good feeders, rear the young without trouble, and the cocks make very fair singers. Feed the same as you see advised here for Norwich, or with a compromise between this and the oft-repeated German dietary. You should get a very fair pair of birds for your purpose at the price named.

Second Moult (Constant Reader).—I take it you have been moving the birds about from somewhere near some door—though you do not say what door it is; it looks a very likely position for cold draughts to be of common occurrence—to the kitchen, another place which usually means constant fluctuations of heat and cold. First of all try to remedy this condition of things and keep the birds in a fairly equable temperature, free from draughts, even if you have to transfer them to a room where no fire at all is kept. Having attended to this matter, feed and treat for a fortnight as advised "C.G.L." Give a bit of banana in preference to other fruit, instead of green-stuff, when the latter is out of condition for use. A mealworm a day for a time would be very beneficial to these birds if they will eat them.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Roller Hen Bare (Kelly).—Follow advice given to "J. H. Crosswell." Also see that the cage is quite free from red mites, as I am inclined to think this is partly the cause of the trouble in your case, although you say you cannot see any sign of mites. Examine the cage closely, and if you find any white powdery-looking marks about it, you may be sure there are mites hidden somewhere close at hand. Probe the joints of the door, any holes, or cracks, or open joints with a pin, and you may soon surprise yourself at the result. Remove perches and examine the ends. In short, thoroughly overhaul the cage, and if you discover any mites, see they are quite eradicated.

Bad Plumage and Scab (Faith).—Am inclined to think the cage is infested with red mites. Examine it thoroughly, probing any suspected crack or joint with a pin, and scraping out on to a piece of white paper. If you find any mites, give cage a thorough overhauling, first scraping out, then washing with a fairly strong disinfectant, and finally touching up afresh with distemper or enamel inside, and painting or staining and varnishing outside. Do similarly with the appliances, etc., and the wall where it hangs or stands. As regards the scab, pay particular attention to the holes leading to the food and water vessels, and the arrangement of the perches, and see if these are the indirect cause by rubbing, or causing the bird to rub, its head in order to gain access to the food and water vessels. If this is the case remove the cause. Feed as advised "J.H.L.," but give the mixed seed only once a week, and for the next month give the bread and milk twice a week, and sprinkle first with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and finally dust over with soft sugar. Anoint the place once a week with a little sulphur ointment.

Protracted Moult (C.G.L.).—I would advise you to look well to see there are absolutely no draughts. Keep him in a comfortable, but not necessarily a very high, even temperature, with plenty of fresh pure air. Also carefully examine cage to see if there are any red mites, and, if so, exterminate them. In addition to the usual staple give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, every second day, and on the alternate days a small pinch of hemp. In the drinking water give six drops tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight. By this time the moult should be stopped, and if the cold has not also disappeared give twenty drops whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, for a few days.

Continuous Laying (Caledonia).—It is probable you are either keeping the hen too close to the kitchen fire, and in an overheated condition, or are feeding too highly. Had you said what your "usual Canary mixture" consists of, I might have discovered the cause. Put her on a diet of plain Canary only for a month, with a pinch of summer rape twice a week, and a little green food, or fruit, when greenstuff is not fit to use, every second day. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week. Do not keep her too near the fire; but at the same time, see that she is not exposed to draughts, or to foul and vitiated air.

A Bad Sneezing (W.D.B.).—You are feeding bird wrongly, and have got him now in very high breeding condition in consequence. Gradually alter his staple diet to a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, instead of all rape seed. But do not make the change all at once—let it extend over about a fortnight. In addition to this staple, give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure once a week, and on one other day a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Give a spray of watercress three or four times a week, when obtainable in good condition, and at other times substitute a morsel of sweet fruit. Make sure there is no draught in the cage. If there is really no draught, see if there are not extremes of heat and cold between day and night, and remedy either if they are found to exist. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards twenty drops whisky, six oxymel of squills, and two eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week.

How to Feed (F.H.).—You are feeding him rather too generously, although he may show no ill-effect for a fairly long period. As a staple give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and if you occasionally leave out the rape altogether for a day or two, so much the better. Twice a week only give half a teaspoonful, not more, of the seed mixture you now give every second day. About once a week give a piece of bread scalded with milk and sprinkled with soft sugar, or a few crumbs of sponge or madeira cake, as a treat, though neither is really essential. Egg-food is not necessary, and is all the better omitted from the dietary. Apple is a good substitute for green food, when the latter is not fit for use, so also is banana. Give a small cube something like an inch in size stuck in the wires three times a week. Give green food when possible, and daily in summer.

Squat and Sleeps (Anxious).—It is evidently taking life philosophically, and assuming a congested and plethoric condition in consequence. For a fortnight limit diet to the staple of plain canary, with just one pinch of gold of pleasure and sesame seed mixed in equal parts each week, and a spray of watercress, if obtainable in good condition, every second day; otherwise substitute a grape with the skin broken, or a bit of banana. In the drinking water give ten drops syrup rhubarb and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. At the end of the fortnight add half a teaspoonful of summer rape, given separately every second day, to the diet, and gradually bring the bird on to the diet recommended to "J.H.L.," but be very sparing with all kinds of soft food, and avoid egg food, during the next few months at least. If the bird does not seem alright at the end of the fortnight, omit the medicine for a week, and then repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order, with the addition of a mealworm daily if the bird will eat it.

Wasteful Feeding (J.H.L.).—It is quite usual, when giving such a mixture, to find the birds make a frightful amount of waste. Give a mixture of three parts canary and one part summer rape only as a staple, which you can mix yourself quite conveniently by buying a pound of each kind separately and mixing with some kind of measure in the above proportions. Then make a separate mixture of one part each hemp, inga, and millet, and a half-part each maw, gold of pleasure, teazle, and linseed. A slight sprinkling of yellow mustard may be added to the bulk sometimes, but not regularly. Of this mixture give half a teaspoonful twice a week. Once a week give a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with sugar, as advised to "F.H.," and three times a week a bit of green-food, or a bit of banana, or other fruit, as a substitute, when green-stuff is out of season. In summer give green-food daily. The sample is composed of hemp, inga, linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure, and contains a good deal too much linseed. The above recipe will give you a similar mixture in better proportions.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Young Hens (Anxious).—Yes; young Canary hens (one year old) are quite suitable to use for mule breeding. Older hens usually carry more size, but have no other advantages worth consideration.

A Goldfinch and Linnet (E. G. V.).—I do not advise you to do anything now to the Goldie which has not moulted; he may quite likely suffer no inconvenience from it. Seed mixture, canary and teazle three parts each, hemp two parts, linseed a half-part. Very much hemp is not good for linnets as a regular thing. Try this mixture: Canary seed two parts, teazle one part, summer rape, charlock, and linseed a half-part of each. Give the packet mixture occasionally.

Siskin with Cold (A. N. Brooke).—Get a chemist to mix the following: Glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuhana wine, one fluid ounce of each. Of this stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give for 24 hours, then for 12 to 14 days let him have medicine on for half the day, and plain water for the rest of the day. All medicines of this kind must be given over a period if good is to result.

A Choice (T. H. M.).—My own experience leads me to say unhesitatingly that the Linnet-Bullie couple will be easier for you to make a commencement with than the Greenie-Bullie couple. A box pattern cage (wired at front only) is the best, size about 36 inches long, sixteen high, and 14 to 18 (the latter is to be preferred) from front to back. The extra width affords seclusion.

Two Items (Doubtful).—1. I do not think it possible to give Goldfinches so much thistle, hardhead and dandelion seed as to be "injurious to their health." But it is not policy to give over-much, as doing so would be calculated to "put them off" their usual stock mixture, which should be considered as the "daily bread." 2. "Going light" is the expressive term used to denote a bird that is losing flesh and becoming so emaciated as to threaten its very existence. The breastbone (owing to the absence of flesh) stands out sharply to the touch—hence the phrase, "has a breastbone like the back of a knife."

A Lark's Fractured Leg (Caledonia).—You cannot do anything further. Your treatment (binding up the fractured lower part of the leg in splints made out of a quill) was quite correct, and I hope will turn out successful. The bandage should be left on at least 14 days.

Siberian Goldie Ailing (Sadler).—You ought to have given an aperient at once. Stir half a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for 24 hours, and repeat the dose after a day's interval on plain water. Afterwards give tincture of gentian (note reply to "Anxious"). All the hemp and sunflower should be cracked, and niger and maw offered freely as well, in addition to a little thistle.

A Matter of Time (Constant Reader).—Our winter has of recent years had a habit of turning up when spring should be with us; still, it ought not to hurt British and Siberian Goldies to be turned out of doors into an aviary (especially if a well-sheltered one) about the middle of March. If the indoor room is a heated one, however, you would do well to wait until a spell of settled fine weather appears to have arrived. May is the Goldie's great month for serious "housekeeping."

A Skylark (Berwyn).—Your feeding is good enough; still, the bird may be a cock, and not break into song until some spring-like weather puts in an appearance. I presume it had been but newly-captured when you bought it about the end of August? Cock and hen are alike in plumage The cock, however, is always a bigger, more massive-looking bird than the hen. If your bird is on the small side, then it is most likely a hen.

Concerning Linnets (Anxious).—I. In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water let this bird have stirred in half a teaspoonful of tincture of gentian for 7 or 8 days. It is a useful tonic and "appetiser." 2. Look at the bird's wing, and if the butt (shoulder) and also its upper back are a decided warm "nutty" brown colour, then it is a sure cock bird. You will find, too, that the breast feathers have a "mooned" appearance at the tip on being ruffled (if a cock); test this alongside your undoubted males.

Points of the Exhibition Goldfinch (Vectis).—1. The Norwich (or chubby) type of Goldfinch is the one generally preferred. 2. I have heard the term "mooning" applied to the shape (sharpness of outline) of the half-circle described by the black band of the head when coming round

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the cheeks, likewise to the half-moon shaped marks on the wings, and to the white tips to the tail feathers. The wing markings, however, are more correctly termed "buttons." 3. The brown patches (or "tanning") on the breast should not be light, but a deep, warm chestnut.

A Goldfinch Ailing (J. H. Crosswell).—Your letter is much too brief to help me to give you an answer. I want to hear in what room (heated or otherwise) and cage you are keeping the bird, how feeding it, whether it has moulted, and how old it is (if known). Then I might be able to remedy matters. In the meantime give the bird a tonic or strengthening medicine; an excellent one is Parrish's chemical food (obtainable at all good-class chemists), a small teaspoonful stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. Give in a glass or pot vessel only.

Chaffinch "Weak." (F. C. C.).—Give the bird a lengthy course (at least 14 days) on Parrish's chemical food, as advised "J. H. Crosswell" this week, but allowing occasional intervals of a few hours on plain water. The cage is not big enough (12 by 7in.); it should be at least 16 by 8 inches. You do not say how you are feeding, but give at least a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower seed daily (in addition to its stock mixture), and 4 or 5 mealworms.

A Goldfinch "Off Colour" (Retford).—Give at once two doses of syrup of buckthorn, as advised "Sadler" in this issue. Canary seed is of little use for Goldfinches; give the stock mixture recommended to "E. G." Let the hemp be cracked until the bird picks up again, and give a few cracked sunflower seeds daily, and a little mixed niger, thistle, and maw seeds. Feed the bird correctly, or you must expect to have trouble.

A Curious Item (Smith of Kennington).—Candidly speaking, I cannot think there is anything seriously wrong with your Goldfinch which has suffered for so long a time with "a kind of funny noise which sounds as if it smacks its beak together for several times at a stretch." It may be only a little mannerism the bird has acquired. If it were anything serious, then graver symptoms would have put in an appearance long before this. Is either the upper or the lower mandible at all overgrown? How does the bird's health seem, generally speaking?

A Hen Goldfinch Ailing (G. E. F.).—This is another bird which should be given a couple of doses of syrup of buckthorn, and he fed as advised "Retford" in this issue. Feed her up on crushed hemp and sunflower, with teazle, niger, thistle, and maw. A cock Goldie can be successfully paired with either a hen Linnet or a hen Canary (not both at the same time, if this is what you mean).

A Snow Bunting.

Bert.—Like all the Buntings, the Snow seems to care for little of any seed other than canary; mine also pick over and eat small quantities of wild seed mixture, likewise groats and hemp (crushed by being passed through a seed mill), also my Finch mixture treated in the same way. They like a little insectivorous mixture (such as I prepare for my small Softbills), among which I mix a few cut-up mealworms. This I consider most beneficial. Of mealworms they should have one or two daily; other suitable forms of live food they also relish. Green food they are not keen after, but take "nibbles" at any of the kinds I put into the cage (young leaves of watercress, rape seedlings, shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc., according to season). A long, low cage (like a glorified Lark "runner") is the best type, with a canvas top for fresh-caught examples. I put in two stoutish perches, which, of course, are low down. But they spend a lot of time on the floor of the cage, and their feet should be looked to, so that they do not get clogged. Coarse sawdust is an excellent covering for the cage floor.

A Skylark's Food.

Colonial.—The "fancy foods," as you term them, which one sees recommended, must certainly be useful, seeing the good results obtained by those who write of them. I often give some good "German paste" (which is similar in composition) myself. I do not care for such "fatty" foods for regular use, however. A good and simple stock food, which will keep for a very long time when stored in a dry place, in tins, and which any good corn dealer or seller of birds' foods will mix for you, is:—Puppy (or dog) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold mashed potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, especially spiders. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of Canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Your bird will thrive and sing right enough on this menu.

A Lengthy Death Roll.

Stock.—You ought, of course, to have a post-mortem made, but from the description you give of the bird's appearance, and the way in which they die off one after the other, I have little hesitation in saying that you have the dreaded bird fever amongst your stock. All the remaining healthy (apparently) birds should be taken to another room, and be put into fresh cages (boxes with wire-netting at front would do) and any that turn queer be taken from amongst them at once. These cages should be cleaned out daily, and the draw-boards sprinkled with diluted (but strong) Jeyes' fluid. Treatment of the birds (assuming the trouble to be bird-fever) is not often of any avail. But you should certainly carry out the advice given in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS some few months ago (you can get the copy containing this for 1½d. in stamps by writing the publisher at 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.) It is, of course, too long for me to reproduce here. There is nothing wrong (to the eye) with the seed samples sent.

Bird Lice.

B. J. Waters.—It is annoying, I admit, but the bird probably had the mites on it when bought, and no blame attaches to your management. Skylarks are very susceptible to bird lice (the grey kind, such as those your bird is worried with). The bird should be dusted thoroughly with Keating's insect powder, especially under the wings, at root of tail and round the neck, then wrapped in a piece of flannel for about 15 minutes; then put into a temporary cage. The powder must be worked well amongst the plumage; a small camel hair "mop" brush is handy. Keep it out of the eyes of the bird if at all possible. The old cage should be painted all over with turpentine, letting it run into every crack and crevice, whether in front or otherwise; when dry, distemper it out. Perches, seed and water vessels, must also be washed and cleansed. To complete the cure the bird wants skilfully hand-washing with carbolic soap. Don't you know some experienced fancier who would do it for you? Half measures are no good if one wishes to exterminate lice. Afterwards see that it has a deep dust-bath, into which a good portion of Keating's insect powder has been mixed. You are feeding it fairly well. See reply to "Colonial," this week.

Feeding Fresh-caught Linnets.

Puzzling.—It is puzzling, I agree, to lose so many birds. Are you quite sure they are "sound" when you get them, and that you are feeding aright? I have often dealt with the latter matter. Fresh-caught specimens should always be kept in cages with inside seed troughs, so that their food is directly under their noses, so to speak. It is well to have the water inside; if this cannot be managed, then be absolutely certain they get at it. I prefer to give them a few days or so in a cage resembling a catcher's store cage, with canvas top; such is very useful to get them well on to seed, and over the first stages of captivity. The great mistake is to condemn them at once to a diet of dry, hard seed. The sudden and complete change upsets them. Fresh-caught Linnets should have soaked seed of some kind (such as soaked rape). For their stock food mix one pint of each of best canary, and sound ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish, I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and niger, also lightly cracked hemp seed. These I gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve to fourteen days. As green food (or "soft-seed" food), I provide summer rape seed soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable. If I think my birds were caught during a wet spell, I soak the stock mixture for them at first (you should try the effect of doing this), I very seldom lose a bird on the above treatment. The crushing of the hemp seed (all the stock mixture if you like), is most important at first; use a seed mill, a very handy thing.

A Blackcap Warbler.

Devonian.—As your bird has a black cap, it is most certainly a cock. He will not sing until thoroughly settled down in his new quarters; possibly not until the spring is approaching. They do not want keeping too warm; just protected from feeling the extreme cold of winter (especially during the night). The stock food should be that which I recommend for small Insectivorous birds, viz., powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, two parts, dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold mashed potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.), one can obtain, as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or, more generally, part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, occasionally, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Ripe fruit should enter largely into the menu; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes. Remember that the Blackcap is passionately fond of fruit, either mixed with the soft food or, preferably, hung up in the cage, or wires, or, better still, given in a separate dish.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

What Bird is it?

"Strathmore."—I have little doubt but what you have a Brazilian Hangnest. At least, your description fits this bird exactly. It should have quite a roomy cage, as it is a restless, active bird; its present shyness should soon disappear; make a practice of offering it a mealworm with your fingers several times a day; it will soon forget its fear to obtain this dainty. When it has once become tame a fly ronnd the room occasionally will be beneficial to its health. If you have any small birds in cages in the room, these should be removed while the Hangnest is out for exercise, or it will slaughter all it can get at. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit, and live insects (mealworms, and such beetles, caterpillars, spiders, etc., as you can capture). The song is a rather ragged collection of notes, but full and flute-like, and mostly commences with "Hookaree, Hookaree." It cannot have too much ripe fruit.

Virginian with Fits.

Sparrow.—I certainly consider a cooler place will be better for it. These are hardy birds, and only need to be kept out of draughts. In the case of another fit, I think you will find the pouring of cold water over bird's head will give relief. Also, so long as the voidings are not too watery, stir a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its soft food mixture. I would suggest as a possible cause, rather confined quarters, only moderate exercise, with the natural result of its becoming over-fat. Give it as much ripe fruit as you can get it to take, this with seed and soft food, and two or three mealworms per day should meet its needs. If at all possible, I should advise you to let it have a fly round the room daily; this will do more for your bird than medicine; it can easily be lured to its cage again by throwing in a mealworm, or it will return of its own accord when hungry.

A Sick Amazon.

Dixon.—You do not state how you have been feeding, and this may have been a contributing factor. Dissolve three drops of tincture of opium in a little syrup, or rather, take a tablespoonful of chilled water, a small lump of sugar, and three drops of tincture of opium, and when dissolved supply to the bird; if the water be taken away overnight, it will then readily take the prepared water in the morning. Continue the above for three days, and note result; if relief is not given then try another dose or two—it should not be necessary to continue the apericuts. Get a box of honey and borax, and with a camel hair brush or feather put a little on its tongue several times daily; better still, if the bird will permit you to do it, paint the interior of the mouth with the honey and borax—the brush should be well cleansed for each occasion. In its present condition, I do not care to advocate a change of diet. Send particulars of how you are feeding, and I can possibly give further assistance. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. The following are all wholesome: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, boiled maize, plain biscuit and nuts. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and the cage tray well covered with gritty sand.

Parrot Finches Bald.

Anxious.—Grassfinches and Waxbills seem specially liable to this annoying trouble, and disfigurement. In many instances it is merely that they pluck each (appearing all the while to be merely preening other's feathers. I am inclined to advise you to separate these birds for the time being, and not to put them together again till the baldness has disappeared. For one day make their drinking water, just saline with Epsom salts, giving say, 3 or 4 doses with three days between each dose. In between and continue for some little time, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If they will take it, and most of them will readily, give them a little fresh lettuce

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wherever convenient, also a little of such ripe fruit as they will take, try them with different kinds, and so find out their taste; it varies with individuals. Only leave the bath in sufficiently long for them to have their tub, or they may drink therefrom instead of taking the prepared water. You may take it that the disfigurement is but temporary, though it may continue some weeks. Crush some cuttlefish to about the size of white millet, and sprinkle this over the sand and also mingle a little with their seeds.

Grey Out of Condition.

J. Hamilton.—Get a bottle each of Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food, also a box of honey and borax from your chemist. Soak into the boiled maize one teaspoonful of the magnesia every third day so long as its voidings are not watery. Well colour the drinking water daily with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till the bird is really fit again. If the bird will permit you to handle it, well smear the inside of its mouth with the honey and borax, using either a feather or camel hair brush for the purpose, which must be well cleansed for each occasion. Try half filling its tin with the ordinary seed mixture and putting the boiled maize on top of same. This may induce the bird to take the mixture. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best); keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. If there is any running at the nostrils, well spray and cleanse these, as required, with diluted glycothymoline.

Birds for Outdoor Aviaries.

G. Andrew.—In the aviary, 7 by 4 by 6 feet, providing you have a shelter to which they can retire at night, or a glazed shutter to shut in the entire front of aviary, you could keep pairs of the following: Zebra, Ribbon, and Spice Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Zebra and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, with a pair of Diamond Doves and a pair of the small Chinese Quails. In the circular aviary you could keep a dozen pairs of Finches, Waxbills, or Mannikins; or make a really fine display with two or three pairs of Parrakeets, such as Rosellas, Stanley, Many-colour, Redrump, or Ringnecks. The following would make a really grand display: Rosellas, Redrumps, and Many-colours; with half-a-dozen log nests, fixed high up for nesting purposes, placed as far apart as space will permit. I should advise you to securely cover round the north and east sides of this aviary with canvas, during the cold months of the year. You would find Foreign Birds for Beginners (1/1 post free, from "C.B." Office) a great help in treating your birds.

Feather-plucking Cockatoo.

Metrogas.—Your Sulphur-crested Cockatoo was evidently a confirmed feather-puller when you first received it, as well as probably having been very improperly fed, and, I fear, the prospects of a complete cure are not rosy. Still there has been a temporary improvement, so you must hope for the best. Keep its bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and when not giving this, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray the bird twice a week with quassia solution (at this season of the year taking every precaution against draught), you can procure this preparation ready for use from an advertiser; use according to maker's instructions. Also keep cuttlefish, wood and cotton reels, in its cage, for it to play with and chew up. If the bird is tame, and accustomed to you, you might try a little judicious chastisement with a light stick when you find it pulling out its feathers; Parrots and Cockatoos are quick to recognise punishment.

Brevities.

Another Feather Puller (G. Brown).—There are several other replies in this issue which will meet your case. Your diet is fairly correct. Let it have a piece of plain biscuit in lieu of the cake, it will do no harm if the bird moistens it in the water, and most Parrots do thus. Also give it Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food. For directions, see aforementioned replies. Write again with fullest details if the plucking becomes more pronounced. Carefully examine the bird, and if there are any signs of parasites dust it with pyrethrum powder.

Red-tail Grenadiers and Waxbills ("Dod").—It all depends on how they are kept. Will you give me some idea of sizes of cage or aviary? I can then give you definite advice. At present all I can say is that when not overcrowded I have always found them to agree together. One mealworm per bird per day should be sufficient for Waxbills. I should give them one or two doses (one teaspoonful to each ounce of drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia, say, every other day, but this must be stopped as soon as the voidings become watery, when it would be advisable to lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some time. Let them have a little of such ripe fruit as they will eat. It will be very beneficial, as also will sponge cake moistened with milk that has been boiled. If they will take it.

Grey and Its Value, Etc. (Clarkson).—I have not my previous reply by me, but if you diet correctly as advised it should continue to improve. The following are all permissible and wholesome, and should enable you to keep up a varied diet. Staple seed mixture, with ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits at intervals; a piece of clean cuttlefish should be continually hanging in cage, and it must have water and grit. Keep its bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (see other replies), and also give Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water when not giving the magnesia. As regards value, a Grey Parrot, healthy, in good feather, and a good talker, is worth anything from £5 to £15, according to talent.

Grey in Poor Feather (Crofspa.—It is your dietary that is causing the trouble. Stop giving sago, rice and Yorkshire pudding, also bread soaked in tea, and do not give slops, sop or table scraps of any kind. An ample diet is as follows: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, cuttlefish, grit and water. (For full details see other replies in this issue.) Also give Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food, for quantity and method of giving see other replies in this issue. There is probably not much harm done yet, but if you persist in giving sops and table scraps the bird is almost sure to become a confirmed feather puller and a pitiable object, if it does not "shuffle off." If you carefully read replies re Grey Parrot in this issue, you cannot be in doubt as to treating the bird.

Indian Green Parrot (India).—"Popular Parrakeets," obtainable from this office, will give you useful advice on this species. It is not a difficult thing to keep them fit, providing you do not give them a bit of everything. Note: Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, Canary, white millet, oats, hemp, maize, dari, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Well mix and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, according to season and the bird's taste; plain biscuits and a few nuts (shelled walnuts are good). Keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage, keep the cage where its occupant will be free from draught, yet not in the stagnant corner of the room. If the bird is kept where it hears plenty of conversation, and is petted, talked to and fussed with generally, it will soon begin to repeat what it hears and mimic various sounds and calls common to its vicinity.

Virginian Cardinal (J. C.).—Glad to hear the bird is recovering, and trust there will be no recurrence of the fits; but if so, do not hesitate to use the cold water on the head, no matter what the weather is. These birds need roomy quarters and plenty of exercise, and they certainly do not need any artificial heat. No bird ought to be subjected to extremes of temperature—a cold room would be far preferable to such quarters.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird: for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Linnet (P. H. Harris).—Chronic softening of liver, then acute inflammation involving the bowels and lungs. I do not think it was field-moulted.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

What Issue (Marchpane).—In the current number.

A Seed Hopper (J. Howard).—We have given several very similar hoppers.

A Tit-bit Holder (J. Gillespie).—Several similar tit-bit holders have been illustrated, we think.

A Round Door Cutter (J. S. Noble).—We have illustrated a somewhat similar door cutter before.

To Prevent Seed Litter (J. Jones).—We illustrated a lot of "litter" savers some little time ago, including one similar to your own.

Information Wanted (W. Anbray).—We will see if we can secure an article dealing with the points you mention.

The Model Plainhead (G.H.G.).—We can send you the plate on which the model Norwich Plainhead appeared post free for 3d. It is not in colours.

Entries at Muirkirk Show ("Mr. Moss").—Your letter cannot be published until you send us your correct name and address. We cannot take notice of anonymous communications.

An Exhibition Crest (A. March).—One of the Crests had been washing, and our reporter thinks it must have been your bird, hence the absence of comment upon it.

A Letter (Lewis and Co.).—Matter for publication must be written on one side of paper only: neglect of this rule necessitated the holding over of your letter until it could be copied out.

Visiting Mapperley (J. N. Mate).—We appreciated your delicate sarcasm, and enjoyed reading your letter, but as there are others who might not do so, we don't think we will venture on its publication.

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Wild Bird Life.

Gregarious Birds.

Rooks are perhaps the most gregarious birds we have. Winter and summer they are always in flocks. Many species band together during the short days and disperse in pairs during spring and summer, coming together again as autumn approaches. Among these may be numbered the Finches, although occasionally we get exceptions to this rule. In our summer wanderings across some wide stretch of breezy common-land, we have found a patch of furze and undergrowth alive with rosy-breasted Linnets; patient search has revealed a neat cup-shaped home in almost every bush. Whether such can be called a gregarious gathering or simply a taking possession of a suitable nesting site, it would be hard to decide. In the same way I once found a dozen or so nests of the Yellow Bunting among the brambles covering the sloping bank of an old chalk pit. The spot was warm and sheltered, it appeared to me an ideal place for nests of birds building near the ground.

Such things are occasionally met with in one's rambles, but they are the surprises of the countryside, and keep one constantly interested. We never know what we may find. One day we think we have discovered some new fact concerning bird life, the next it is exploded, and another idea forces itself upon the mind. I once read a book in which the writer affirmed that "the eggs of the Missel Thrush are four in number, never more, and seldom less," and the very next day I found a nest with three highly incubated eggs in it, and another with five perfectly fresh ones. This to my mind did not prove that the writer was entirely wrong, so many accidents happen in bird life. The three eggs may have been the remaining eggs of a clutch from which one had been abstracted, and the five the produce of two hens, although it is highly probable it was the whole clutch of a very prolific bird. Such finds as these prove how unwise it is to dogmatize upon anything in Nature, although I must say that from some years of observation I have found four eggs to be the normal clutch of the bold Stormcock. It is certainly strange that this fine bird, which has such an independent bearing, should be the only one of our resident Thrushes to flock in the winter months. The gatherings are seldom large; eight to a dozen birds appear to be the usual number. They are shy and wary, very difficult to approach, and seldom seen on the lawn and in the garden.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**My Little Friend.

Last week I went into the garden to play with my ball, and to my surprise I found a Sparrow against the greenhouse fire. It was half dead with the cold and from want of food. I took it in and fed it with bread crumbs and seeds, and an hour later the little fellow began to chirrup and fly, seeming quite happy and contented. I gave it fresh food and water every day. It has now become quite plump, and I shall try and keep it till the weather gets a little warmer. Then I shall let it fly in the open air. Every day when I have done school at 4 o'clock, I spend the greater part of the evening with my little friend "Dick."—Sent by George Thomas Hatton (age 10), Chapel Street, Tickenhall, near Derby.

*A Wise Old Owl.

Sang a wise old Owl in a belfry old,
"The ivy is green and the air is cold;
The day is warm, the night is chill;
The sky is grey behind the mill.

I care not for the dark, not I!
I see in the night when out I fly,
I screech and hoot all over the world,
And I live high up in a belfry old."

Taken from story book, and sent by L. Anderson (age 14), 8, Batchelor Road, Chatham.

*Clever Sparrows.

My grandma feeds the birds every morning, and a great many come looking for their breakfast—Sparrows, Starlings, Blackbirds, Robins, and others. One morning last February a Sparrow was building its nest near grandma's house, and it flew down into the garden and tried to carry away a piece of woollen material. After trying in vain to lift it, grandma saw it fly away. It shortly came back again bringing another Sparrow. The two got hold of the piece with their beaks and flew away with it to where they had their nest.—Taken from Morning Magazine, and sent by Allan Moore (age 8), 73, Mallinson Road, Clapham Junction, London.

Gilbert White and the Chaffinch

Gilbert White was one of the first to notice the flocks of Chaffinches during the winter composed of one sex. He says: "We have vast flocks of female Chaffinches all the winter, with hardly any males among them." He also mentions the fact in a subsequent letter.

SHOWS.

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DRI FIELD.

The Driffield and Dis. F.S. Christmas show was held on Dec. 3, in the Temperance Hall, an ideal place for a show. The cage bird section contained many creditable birds. Mr. J. T. Holliday judged. YORKS. COL. FED: 1, 2, 4, Watts; 3, Ireland. MULE, COL. FED.: 1, Ireland. CAN. NOT COL. FED.: 1, 2, Bean. BRIT.: 1, 2, Watts. SELL. (7/6): 1, Ireland; 2, Watts.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Considering the limited classification the entry at the show of the Highbridge Society, on December 10th, was very good indeed, whilst the quality was well up to the average. The birds were nicely staged, and their requirements well attended to by th committee. Mr. Buttle made an efficient and obliging secretary. Mr. C. I. Young judged, and we heard no grumbling.

NOR. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Broomfield, nice shaped varieg., close in feather; 2, Mrs. Southcombe, stylish, nicely-feathered cl. buff; 3, Richards, nice varieg. buff; r, Bolwell; c, Baker. YORKS. (18): 1, spl, Guppy, nice slim stylish buff; 2, r, Andrews, another good shapely nice-feathered buff; 3, Martin, lovely yell., full of quality and style, grand shape, we liked much; vhc, Alfred, Gilling; hc, Hayward. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, sp, Dodge, nice stylish pair of Borders, the buff leading; 2, Richards, neat and shapely, green Crest; r, Burgess and Son; vhc, Wells. BRED 1909 (8): 1, Burgess and Son, nice, shapely, well-feathered varieg. C.B.; 2, Dodge, grand little buff Border; 3, spl, Hayward, stylish wing mkd. yell. Yorks.; r, Richards; vhc, Martin. BRIT. SMALL (11): 1, r, Mrs. Southcombe, rich-coloured, nice-feathered Goldfinch; 2, Bobbett, fine-coloured, nice-feathered, well-shaped Bullie; 3, Harden, fine, big, good-coloured Goldie; vhc, Richards; c, Greenstock. LARGE (5): 1, spl, Bond Bros., well-known Chough, in good form; 2, Long, beautifully mkd., rich-coloured Magpie; 3, Mrs. Young, very fine Jackdaw; vhc, House. FOR. (4): 1, Dyer, very pretty Ring-necked Parrakeet; 2, Miss Fletcher, really good Red-fronted Amazon, a splendid bird and well shown; 3, Gore, a very fine Lemon-crested Cockatoo. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, Southworth; 2, Bobbett; 3, Chivers. LOCAL, CAN. (8): 1, spl, Lewis; 2, Stowar; 3, Bolwell; r, Baker; vhc, Toogood; hc, Worth; c, Mrs. Bartholomew. GOLDFINCH (9). 1, Roach; 2, Lewis; 3, Stowar; r, Toogood; vhc, Long; hc, Slocombe. A.O.V. (8): 1, Lewis; 2, Coombes; 3, Foster; 4, Tout; vhc, Wells; c, Long.

ASHINGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual club show held on Nov. 13, in the Harmonic Hall, and it proved a bugo success, Norwich and Borders being especially fine. Entries totalled 250—100 more than last year. Mr. J. Miles (Ashington) secured special for best unflighted in show, and Mr. J. King (first) Sandiford's cup for hottest fed. Mr. S. P. Lackey (Bothal) won special for best pair in pair classes. Mr. T. Dixon, the judge appointed, met with an accident during the week, and being unable to attend Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) kindly officiated. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. Geo. R. Henderson.

NOR. CK. YELL. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, Miles; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Rowell; hc, c, Floyd. BUFF (16): 1, Rowell; 2, Miles; 3, King; vhc, Lackey; hc, Floyd; c, Scott. HEN. UNFLIG. (17): 1, vbc, Miles; 2, Thompson; 3, Miles; hc, Richardson; c, Scott. BORD. CK. YELL. (13): 1, Rowell; 2, Dippie; 3, Henderson; vhc, Graham; hc, Charlton; c, Davison. BUFF (15): 1, Rowell; 2, 3, Henderson; vhc, Riddle; hc, Armstrong; c, Grabam. HENS (20): 1, hc, Charlton; 2, 3, Graham; vbc, Anderson; c, Rowell. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, King; 2, Hall; 3, Floyd; vhc, Charlton; hc, Rowell; c, Amos. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Hall; 2, c, King; 3, hc, Charlton. HENS (8): 1, Rowell; 2, c, Floyd; 3, Charlton; vhc, bc, Hall. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Rowell. BUFF (3): 1, Rowell; 2, 3, Thompson. CREST OR C.-B. (2): 1, Rowell; 2, Floyd. A.O.V. (9): 1, Henderson; 2, Grabam; 3, Rowell; vhc, Smith; hc, Thompson; c, Armstrong. NOR. PAIRS (17): 1, Lackey; 2, Scott; 3, vhc, Miles; hc, Richardson; c, King. BORD. PAIRS (11): 1, vbc, Ross; 2, Anderson; 3, hc, Graham; c, Armstrong. A.O.V. PAIRS (8): 1, Floyd; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, Charlton; hc, Rowell; c, King. NOR. CK. NOVICE (9): 1. Barron; 2, Smith; 3, Riley; vhc, c, Grabam; hc, Henderson; HEN (8): 1, c, Henderson; 2, Hall; 3, vhc, Graham; hc, Barron. BORD. NOVICE (12): 1, hc, Ross; 2, 3, Henderson; vhc, Smith. A.O.V. NOVICE (8): 1, Henderson; 2, 3, G. Hall; vhc, Smith; bc, Amos; c, W. Hall. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Miles; 3, Charlton; vhc, Lackey; hc, c, Floyd. LINNET (10): 1, Rowell; 2, c, Miles; 3, Armstrong; vbc, hc, Floyd. HARDBILL (15): 1, 3, Dipple; 2, hc, Miles; vhc, Floyd; c, Smith. GIFT (14): 1, King; 2, Armstrong; 3, Floyd; vhc, Anderson; hc, Miles; c, Lackey.

SOUTHPORT.

Southport and District C.B.S. annual show was held on December 11th, in the Old Castle Rooms. The sec., Mr. B. Bullough, had all arrangements well in hand, and the stewards, Messrs. Milburn and Kay, put up the cards in every class as soon as judged. Mr. J. M. Walsb, of Blackburn, sent down a strong team of British and Foreign birds and Mules, which were a great attraction to the visitors, and he won special for most points in show. Mr. B. Bullough won the society's cup, and Mr. E. Sutton the Paton challenge cup. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Sutton, amateur Birmingham winners, nice shape, good col and quality; 3, Kay, unflig., rare col, nice head and neck, close up; vhc, Millburn; c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Sutton, wing mkd unflig, rich col, nice shape, good substance; 2, 3, Hawkes, varieg, good head and neck, latter cl, good type and size; vhc, c, Sutton; hc, Johnson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Sutton, unflig, cl, good head and neck, rare chest, latter another youngster, nice type and feather; 2, Johnson, varieg, short chubby, deep chest; vhc, he, Bullough. BUFF: 1, Johnson, nice col, rare feather, extra size and shape; 2, Sutton, unflig, cl, short, cubby, good quality; 3, vhc, Millburn, grand col, and quality: hc, Kay; c, Bullough. GREEN, NOR., SELF, ETC., YELL.: 1, Dr. Martin, self, good sound col, nice type; 2, 3, vhc, Hawkes, self, rich col, good size: 3rd, well up in size; hc, c, Miss Soton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, c, Hawkes, self, sound col, foul tail, fine type, foul throat, good shape; vhc, Dr. Martin; hc, Fawcett. YELL. HEN: 1, Hawkes, foul tail, rich col; 2, Martin, rich col, close up. BUFF: 1, Dr. Martin, self, nice type. NOR. FED CK.: 1, 3, hc, Dr. Martin, cl buff, plenty of size, good shape; 3rd, cl, yell, fine feather; 2, Johnson, short and chubby, nice quality; vhc, Hawkes; c, Millburn. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hawkes, cl, yell, good shape and substance, cinn varieg yell, varieg buff. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, Bullough, thigh tick, well up on legs, good back; 2, c, Kay, mkd head and wings, g nd quality, rare length; 3, Linaker, cl, rare length; vhc, Hosker; hc, Floyd. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Bullough, extra good in position, stands like a guardsman; 3, slim, good back and wings; 2, Kay, grand col and type, well drawn out, loses only in wing carriage; hc, Linaker; c, Parry. YELL. HEN: 1, Sutton, rare position, good col, plenty of size; 2, Bullough, nice quality and shape; 3, Floyd, fine head and neck, good feather; vhc, Wright; hc, Kay; c, Linaker. BUFF: 1, Kay, cl, nice head, good quality; 2, Linaker, fine feather, good position; 3, Bullough, cinn, mkd, good shape; vhc, Floyd; hc, Ainscough; c, Parry. NON-FED CK.: 1, Hesketh, slim, and stylish, well up on legs; 2, Linaker, varieg, grand feather and shape; 3, Wright, nice feathered. HEN 1, Linaker, tick head, cl, nice quality, rare length; 2, Linaker, cl, good feather and shape; 3, Kay, yell; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Hesketh. GREENS (four classes amalgamated: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dickinson, grand team, sound col and good type; c, Floyd. A.O.V.: 1, Hosker, buff, cinn, rare size, sound col; 2, Millburn, another buff cinn, rare col, lovely type, loses only in condition; 3, vhc, Bullough, nice Borders; hc, Millburn; c, Sutton. SELL. (15/-): 1, vhc, Bullough; 2, Williams; hc, Spencer. (10/-): 1, Johnson; 2, hc, Bullough; 3, vhc, Kay; c, Williams. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Walsh, really grand team, shown well, Greenfinch-Bullfinch leading, rare size and col, Goldfinch-Bullfinch following, with Goldfinch-Canary lightly marked, and a Linnet-Bullfinch bringing up the rear; hc, Kay; c, Bullough. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Walsh, Linnet, rare size, good col, well staged; 2, Kay, fine Greenfinch, shown well; 3, o, Bullough, nice Siskin; vhc, hc, Ainscough. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Kay, really fine Bramble-finch and Chaffinch; 3, Ainscough, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good wing bars; vhc, Spencer; hc, Bullough; c, Marshall. SOFTBILL: All the awards went to Mr. Walsh, with some charming specimens in rare form, Chough, Hoopoe, Nightingale, and Grey Shrike. FOR.: Again all the prizes to Mr. Walsh, with his well-known Shama, Black-faced Lovebirds, White-eyed Wood Swallow, and Red-headed Finch.

EDINBURGH O.S. (Open).

The fifty-sixth annual exhibition was held in the Artillery Hall, Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, on Dec. 11, and was a decided success. The entries were about the same as last year, and the quality was all that could be desired, the cream of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries taking part in the contest, which was very keen. The judges here were Messrs. Fulton, Watson (Glasgow), Hogg (Oakley) and Nisbet (Galston), for Scotch Fancy, and Mr. Dewar for Belgians. The exhibits were well placed. The cups were won for the cocks by Mr. McClure, and for the hens by Mr. D. Black; the latter is the seventh cup she has gained this season—a wonderful feat. The weather was wet, which was against the attendance. Great praise is due to Mr. McLennan, the president, and Mr. Meikle, the secretary, for the excellent way in which they carried out the arrangements. Their efforts were ably backed up by a splendid working committee.

Critique

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Gordon, erect, neat head, fine neck and drive, solid back, clean front, grand body and wing; 2, Thornton, erect, fine head and neck, rare drive and shoulders, good body and wing; 3, King; grand size, well set on pins, good back; 4, Muirhead, typical exhibit; 5, Brown; 6, Park; 7, McClure; 8, Crossbie. HEN (15): 1, McLennan, erect, sweet head, good neck, fine droop, nice round back, long side and wings; 2, Gordon, erect, neat head, fine neck, solid back, good body and wings; 3, King, hard up, neat and stylish, rare body and wings; 4, Muirhead, well set on perch; 5, Black; 6, Howden; 7, Simpson; 8, Dalgleish. YELL. PIED. CK. (11): 1, McClure, cup winner, erect, nice head and neck, rare droop, fine round back, good body and wing, very steady; 2, McLennan, erect, nice head and neck, solid back, fine side and wings; 3, 7, Caldwell, 3, grand size, erect, neat head, solid back, long body; 4, Melrose, neat and stylish; 5, Hope; 6, Rodger; 8, M'Dougall. HEN (11): 1, Dalgleish, large, erect, fine head and neck, solid back, rare depth of chest, grand length; 2, 3, McClure, 2, well set on pins, neat head, long, reachy neck, solid back; 3, good size, rare qualities; 4, Dodds, very neat; 5, Drysdale; 6, Hope; 7, Crossbie; 8, Pringle. FOUL YELL. CK. (7): 1, Strathearn, erect, fine head and neck, solid back, good body and wing; 2, Thomson, erect, fine droop, round back, nice body; 3, Kean, fine stylo, solid back, good body; 4, Melrose, hard up, sweet head; 5, Dalgleish; 6, McLennan; 7, Dunsmore. HEN (12): 1, 4, Melrose, superior pair, erect, fine head and neck, solid back, long body and side; 2, Brown, erect, typical head and neck, round, solid back; 3, Caldwell, well up, nice reach, clean front, solid back; 5, Cooke; 6, Maxwell; 7, Hope; 8, Crossbie. YELL. GREEN CK. (5): 1, Brown, superior style, erect, neat head, rare droop, well rolled over, grand body and wing; 2, Veitch, erect, sweet head, solid back; 3, Rodger, neat, typical, solid bird; 4, Muirhead, good quality; 5, Dalgleish. HEN (8): 1, 7, Maxwell, 1, neat head, fine reach, solid back, body and wing; 2, Robertson, smart and stylish; 3, Strathearn, well known, often described; 4, Cook; 5, Petrie; 6, Caldwell; 8, Bain. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Menzies, massive frame, erect, determined drive, heavy top end, rare body and wing; 2, Craig, erect, fine head and reach, solid, heavy top end, grand body and wing; 3, McLennan, fine style, erect, neat and very smart, full of action; 4, Muirhead, well known; 5, Montgomery; 6, 7, Curtis; 8, Whitefield. HEN (18): 1, 6, Brown, 1, erect, neat head, rare neck, solid round back, good body; 2, Burgess, erect, fine reach, solid back, long body and wing; 3, 4, Montgomery, grand pair, erect, determined drive, rare solid top end; 5, Hendry; 7, Melrose; 8, McClure. BUFF PIED CK. (10): 1, McMillan, erect, neat head, fine droop, heavy top end, rare body and wing; 2, McLennan, rare size, grand substance, long body and wing; 3, Black, erect, decided droop, fine back, clean front; 4, Morrison, good size and substance; 5, Beattie; 6, Morrison; 7, Pringle; 8, Whitefield. HEN (11): 1, Black, cup winner, looking better than ever, very erect, pronounced reach, rare top end; 2, McClure, erect, decided reach, grand body, full of style; 3, Menzies, erect, fine reach, good body and wings; 4, McLennan, well set on perch, good style; 6, Dalgleish; 7, Maxwell; 8, Carron. FOUL BUFF CK. (11): 1, McClure, erect, neat head, solid back, rare body and wings; 2, 3, Brown, stylish pair, erect, determined drive, good shoulders, body and wings; 4, Dalgleish, nice size and style; 5, Muirhead; 6, Melrose; 7, Hope; 8, Smith. HEN (15): 1, Allardice, erect, decided drive, solid back, long wing and body; 2, Muirhead, good stamp all over; 3, Rodgers, neat and smart; 4, Thornton, rare size; 5, Rodgers; 6, Crosbie; 7, Pringle. BUFF GREEN CK. (8): 1, Veitch, erect, fine reach, good back, body and wing; 2, Maxwell, well known; 3, Strathearn, often described; 4, Beattie, good stamp; 5, Hope; 6, Hardie; 7, Bybie; 8, Hastie. HEN (11): 1, Porteous, beauty, well rolled over, neat head, fine neck, solid back; 2, Allardice, good quality; 3, Rodgers, fine size and style; 4, Beveridge, good stamp; 6, Hope. BREEDING PAIRS (10): 1, 8, Thornton, 1, an ideal pair, full of quality, rare size; 2, Black, well matched, both full of quality; 3, 6, McLennan; 3, rare size and style; 4, Melrose; 5, Hope; 7, King. SELL. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Allardice; 2, Johnstone; 3, Robertson; 4, 5, Hendry; 6, Pringle; 7, Wynnes; 8, [illegible]. HEN (13): 1, Sharp; 2, Gorrie; 3, Hendry; 4, Wallace; 5, Gillanders; 6, McAdam; 7, Hardie; 8, Somerville. BUFF CK. (28): 1, Hope; 2, Noble; 3, Menzies; 4, Thorns; 5, Johnstone; 6, Thornton; 7, Crossbie; 8, Gillanders. HEN (9): 1, Pringle; 2, Craig; 3, Carmyllie; 4, Muirhead; 5, Crossbie; 6, Noble; 7, Thorns; 8, White.

BELG., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Carson, grand top weight, sweet head, fair body, takes good position when worked up; 2, 4, Greig, nice pair, good head and neck, solid top end; 3, Brown, neat and smart, well built, close in feather; 5, Baker; 6, Hope; 7, Beveridge; 8, Fairley. HEN (8): 1, Curtis, typical, very fine head, solid back, nice body, well set on perch; 2, Strathearn, grand position, neat head, fine shoulders; 3, Greig, smart and typical, close in feather; 4, Hope, worthy of place; 5, Black; 6, McMillan; 7, Thornton. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Thornton, nicely positioned, fine head, solid top, and good body; 2, Fairley, well built, close in feather; 3, Brown, smart and typical, good top end; 4, Gilkes; 5, Hope; 6, McNiven; 7, Gladstone; 8, Trail. HEN (7): 1, 3, Baker, typical pair, 1st neat head, solid top end, good body; 3rd, similar type; 2, 6, Black, 2nd, smart, well built, and close in feather; 4, F. Fairley, 4th, nice size, splendid quality; 5, Greig. BELG., 1909 (18): 1, Greig, smart, well built, promising; 2, Hunt, neat and close in feather, draws well when handled; 3, Melrose, very typical; 4, Gladstone, good quality; 5, Fairley; 6, Baker; 7, not in catalogue; 8, Greig.

UTRECHT (Holland).

(See photographs on page 557 this week.)

The 16th annual Grand International Show of the Utrecht O.S. was held in the Fruithall at Utrecht, on Dec. 10th, 11th, and 12th. One of the points in the management on which this exhibition differs from those held in our own country is that all the exhibits had to be in the hall on Dec. 8th, ready for the judging, which took place on Dec. 9th, on which day the general public were not allowed in the exhibition. By this arrangement the public were able to obtain catalogues with awards on the morning of the first day of the show. The exhibition was well arranged, and decorated with flags and plants, and the place from the staging to the floor was draped with a green material, so that no empty hampers or boxes or other lumber was visible. The cage bird exhibits were nicely staged in a well lighted room, suitably heated by stoves. The glass case containing the cups and specials made a really grand display. The specials included a very handsome silver medal, presented by Her Majesty the Queen of Holland. The society is very fortunate in possessing such an affable and businesslike secretary as Mr. N. Wafelhakker, who is well supported by the other officers. The judges for the cage bird section were: Messrs. W. J. M. De Bas and C. L. W. Noorduyn. We were sorry to find the competition in this section confined to but a few exhibitors. The birds were well looked after, so it is hoped the number of exhibitors will be greatly increased next year.

The Critique.

CAN., DUTCH (6): All exhibited by Mr. W. A. van Leeuwen, the winning birds were of nice quality and good feather, the first being a cl yell, and the second an evenly marked one. GERMAN (10): 1, Maréchal, smart cl yell, shown in good form; 2, van Santen, also nice bird, of good quality. These birds are very similar to a Norwich in shape, but not very much larger than a Border Fancy. CINN. (7): Good lot; 1, Schaurman, nice col. and shape, in very good form; 2, van Leeuwen, nice style and col. LANCS. (2): Exhibited by Mr. van Leeuwen. CREST (6): Mr. van Leeuwen had the class to himself; 1, nice green, good crest, fine quality of feather. NOR. PLAINHEAD (6): 1, 2, van Leeuwen, 1st, nice shape and carriage, good col; 2nd, fine feather and size, wee bit too upright in carriage. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, van Leeuwen, nice quality birds, some preferred the second as winner, being far better in shape and carriage. BORD. FCY. (6): 1, 2, Leeuwen. MULE (15): 1, 2, Sluis, nice col and quality. DUTCH BIRDS (21): A good class; 1, and 2 spls, Sulis, Great Spotted Woodpecker, well shown; 2, Nieuwenhoven, very fine Redstart; 3, Maréchal. FOR. (10): 1, 3, Sluis, 1st, good Glossy Starling; 2, Maréchal. BULLFINCH (16): 1, Sutherland; 2, 3, Maréchal. CARDINALS (5): 1, 2, 3, Sluis, winner very good Red-crested; 2nd, nice Black-crested; 3rd, Cardinal Grosbeak. PARRAKEETS (5): 1, 2, Sluis; 3, Sutherland. PARROTS (5): 1, 2, 3, Sutherland.

DIPTON.

Members' fourth show held on December 4th, in the Co-operative Hall, judge, Mr. R. Bewick (Newfield). The arrangements of same were admirably carried out by the sec., Mr. Matt. Mason.

NOR. CL. YELL., ETC. (10): 1, c, Humpbrey; 2, Mason; 3, Herdman; vhc, Crosby; hc, Piper. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Atkinson; 3, Slater; vhc, Mosley; hc, Humphrey; c, Atkinson. YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Herdmau; 2, Stobbs; 3, E. Atkinson; vhc, J. W. Atkinson; c, W. Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Herdman; 2, Gowland; 3, Humphrey; vhc, W. Smith; hc, Crosby; c, Mosley. YELL., CL., ETC., UNFLIG. (7): 1, Herdman; 2, Humphrey; 3, Godland; vhc, Stobbs; hc, J. W. Atkinson; c, Mosley. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Masou; 3, Crosby; vhc, Humphrey; hc, Stobbs; c, Gowland. YELL. HEN (7): 1, J. W. Atkinson; 2, Herdman; 3, Slater; vhc, E. Atkinson; hc, Humphrey; c, Stobbs. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Humphrey; 3, Stobbs; vhc, Williams; hc, Mason; c, J. W. Atkinson. NAT. COL. CK. (3): 1, Mason; 2, Herdman; 3, J. W. Atkinson. HEN (6): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, E. Atkinson; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Williams; c, W. Smith. YORKS., CL., ETC., CK. (6): 1, c, Forster; 2, Bell; 3, vhc, Turnbull; hc, Pryde. HEN (5): 1, Stanger; 2, Williams; 3, vhc, Turnbull; hc, Bell. YORKS. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Bell; 2, Pryde; 3, Forster; hc, Williams; c, Turnbull. HEN (8): 1, spl, 3, Bell; 2, c, Turnbull; vhc, Forster; hc, Stanger. NAT. COL. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Bell; 2, hc, Stanger; 3, Slater; vhc, Pryde; c, Gowland. CREST (4): 1, spl, 3, Turnbull; 2, Herdman; vhc, Mason. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Herdman; 2, Forster; 3, vhc, Turnbull. C.B. (4): 1, spl, Herdman; 2, W. Smith; 3, vhc, Turnbull. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Herdman; 2, Turnhull. BORD. CL., ETC., CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, Elliott; 3, Mosley. HEN (5): 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Elliott; vhc, Boyd; hc, Mosley. CK., UNFLIG. (5): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, 3, Elliott; vhc, c, Mosley. HEN (3): 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Elliott. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Mason; 3, Elliott; vhc, Boyd; hc, c, Piper. SELL. (10/-): 1, Stobbs; 2, Boyd; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Mosley; hc, c, Turnbull. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Piper; 2, Elliott; 3, Taylor; vhc, Humphrey; hc, Williams; c, Westgarth. FIELD-MOULTED DO. (6): 1, E. Atkinson; 2, Stobbs; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Brown; c, Boyd. BULLIE (9): 1, spl, Crosby; 2, 3, Piper; vhc, E. Atkinson; hc, Pryde; c, Elliott. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Turnbull; 2, Taylor; 3, Elliott; vhc, W. Elliott; hc, McGurk; c, Stanger. A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, spl, 3, Boyd; 2, Herdman; vhc, Pryde; hc, Stanger; c, Taylor. FOR. GOLDIE (2): 1, 2, McGurk. MULE (4): 1, spl, Humphrey; 2, Stanger; 3, vhc, Bell. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, hc, Boyd; 2, Pryde; 3, McGurk; vhc, Stanger; c, Slater. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, spl, 2, W. Elliott; 3, vhc, Piper; hc, Slater. GIFT (6): 1, Herdman; 2, Forster; 3, vhc, Turnhull; hc, Mason; c, Stanger.

DUMBARTON (Vale of Leven).

Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire O.S. held their 37th annual open show in the Co-op.rative Halls, Bank-street, Alexandria, on December 11th. The Halls are well lighted and heated. The cage birds were staged in the small hall, and were very comfortable. There was plenty of light from large windows, and a nice even temperature. The entries were about the same as in past years, although the fog and frost kept a lot of entries back. Mr. W. Webster (Greenock) and Mr. Hugh Moreland (Falkirk) judged, and their decisions met with general approval. Mr. Comely, the secretary, had everything in good working order, and was ably assisted by a hard-working committee. We were sorry to hear that Mr. Comely is leaving the district to take up a position in Greenock; but what one society loses will be another's gain. Considering the wet day there was a large turn-out of visitors in the afternoon.

The Critique.

CREST CK.: 1, Young, fine, big, drooping Crest; 2, Saunderson, nice Crest, lovely laid on, grand-sized body; 3, Loudoun, good one, some thought should have changed places with 4th; 4, Hutchison; 5, Mauchan. HEN (3): 1, Loudoun, lovely drooped crest, nice centre, fine large body; 2, Young, long crest, nice centre, good length of feather, pressing hard; 3, Ritchie. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Mauchan, grand head and wide frontal, great length of feather, big body; 2, Young, another good one, fine broad frontal, plenty of feather; 3, Sanderson, wee bit narrower in skull; 4, Ritchie; 5, Loudoun; 6, M'Innes. HEN (2): 1, Sanderson, grand head and feather, fine length, very broad skull; 2, Mauchan, narrow frontal, fine length feather, good body. NOR. CK. (15): 1, spl, Mauchan, lovely head, grand back and chest, good wing carriage, in excellent condition; 2, Ritchie, good head, fine wing carriage, lovely feather; 3, Shaw, nice head, lovely feather, very typical; 4, Davidson; 5, Young; 6, Robertson. HEN (6): 1, spl, Robertson, grand back and chest, well laid short wings, fine body substance; 2, Campbell, grand head, nice typical body, wee bit hollow at neck; 5, Davidson, fine head, good body, in splendid order; 4, McNeill; 5, Mauchan; 6, Adam. NOR. SELL. (9): 1, Loudoun; 2, Kernohan; 3, Davidson; 4, McNeill; 5, Ritchie; 6, Barr. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Syson, fine back and wing carriage, well up on leg, in grand order; 2, Braidy, nice head, good-filled back wings, well laid on; 3, 5, Girvan, good head, lovely wing carriage, A1 position; 4, Paterson; 6, McDougall. HEN (8): 1, Gibb, lovely head, splendid wing carriage, grand position, in fine order; 2 (no name), nice bead, good length of body, wings, well laid on, well staged; 3, 4, Paterson, leader lovely head and body, fine free poise, splendid wing carriage; 5, McDougall; 6, 7, Braidy. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Syson, nice length of side, neat head, well up on leg, good position; 2, Webster, good head, well-filled back; 3, Paterson, neat head and neck, grand tapered body, good wing carriage, in lovely bloom, pressing hard; 4, McDougall. HEN (10): 1, 4, Paterson, leader a real beauty, lovely head, grand tapered body, splendid wing carriage, in pink of condition; 2, Syson, another nice one, good head and body, standing well up on legs, closely-packed tail; 3, Girvan, good body substance, fine position, in good order; 5, Webster; 6, Braidy. SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (2): 1, McAdam, good head, neck, and shoulders, fine drive, and position; 2, Wilson, good neck and shoulders. HEN (4): 1, 4, McAdam, leader grand head, neck and shoulders, lovely drive, fine body substance, easy win; 2, Wilson, nice head and neck, fine drive; 3, Hamilton, nice drive, good body. BUFF CK. (3): Few, but choice; 1, four spls, McAdam, also 2, three spls, McAdam, splendid head, neck and shoulders, magnificent drive, tail coming well under, lovely position; 2nd, very similar; 3, Wilson, also all there, grand body substance, fine drive, free poise. HEN (2): 1, Wilson, good head and shoulders, fine drive, splendid position, good worker; 2, McAdam, fine neck and shoulders, nice drive. BORD. FCY. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Murdoch, lovely round head and free neck, well-filled back, splendid wing carriage, feather like wax, in splendid bloom, easy win; 2, Buchanan, wee shade longer than 1st, grand head, well-filled back, very typical; 3, Stirling, neat head, nice length body, well-laid wings; 4, Nicholson; 5, Mauchan; 6, Buchanan. BUFF (14): 1, Miller, lovely head and neck, nice round back, good position, well-packed tail, in lovely condition; 2, Campbell, nice round body, good wing carriage, well staged; 3, Buchanan, real beauty, neat head, and neck, round body, lovely wing carriage, fine pipe tail; 4, Mauchan; 5, Stirling; 6, Robertson. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Mauchan, leader even mark, splendid eye and wing markings, neat head, good wing carriage, fine position, in lovely bloom; latter nice round body, good wing carriage; 3, Buchanan, neat head, grand free poise, well-filled back, good wings and tail, pressing 2nd hard. BUFF (5): 1, Webster, even mark, neat head, nice round body, well-filled back, good wing carriage, fine position; 2, Murdoch, neat bead, fine round back, good wing carriage, close-packed tail, in fine bloom, pressing; 3, Mauchan, nice round head, good wing carriage; 4, Campbell; 5, Hutchison. BORD. SELL. (14): 1, Buchanan; 2, Robertson; 3, 5, Mauchan; 4, Murdoch; 6, Campbell. DARK MULE AND LIGHT (Amalgamated) (13): 1, 2, Mauchan, leader lovely even mark Goldie-Mule, beautiful eye and wing marks, fine big body, in splendid condition; latter, nearly even mark, Goldie Mule, fine head, good body substance, fine wing carriage; 3, Mauchan, Dark Greenie Mule, fine body substance, good col., splendid position; 4, Hutchison; 5, Aitchison Bros.; 6, McInnes. HYB. (5): 1, 2, Mauchan, leader Linnet-Bullie, showing cross well, fine body substance, nice red breast, good size; latter, Goldie-Bullie, with great blaze, fine size and position; 3, Kerr, Goldie-Greenie, fine head, good body substance; 4, Ward; 5, Hutchison. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Henderson, lovely cap and bib, fine breast colour, and deep chest, good size; 2, Mauchan, good cap and bib, fine sized body; 3, Begg, nice cap. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, Mauchan, lovely blaze, good tannings, fine size, very steady, in grand order; 2, Gibson, good blaze, nice body markings, fails only in size to winner; 3, Henderson, nice square blaze, best of tannings, very steady; 4, McInnes; 5, Hannah Bros.; 6, Hutchison. DITTO FOR. (3): 1, Ward, lovely blaze, rich body tannings, well-barred wings, fine size, in lovely condition; 2, Mauchan, lovely face and blaze, good rich body markings, hard up on 1st; 3, Henderson, good-sized body, rich in feather. LINNET (6): 1, Ward, nice head, fine round body, well-laced sides, good carriage, rich nutty-brown col.; 2, Henderson, good head, nice col., well-laced sides, coming well in centre; 3, McKirdy, nice level col., good size body, steady; 4, Buchanan; 5, Rafferty; 6, Mauchan. FIELD-MOULTED (4): 1, Cameron, grand size and col., well-laced sides, well-barred wings, very steady; 2, Gibson, nice level col., good head, neat wings; 3, Mauchan, good size, nice col., well-laced sides, and barred wings; 4 (no name). TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, spl, Hutchison. Twite, grand size and col., well-laced sides, beautifully-barred wings; 2, Cameron, Siskin, nice cap, fine big bib, lacings, in good condition; 3, Rafferty, Redpoll, neat bib, nice round body, good level col., steady; 4, Lawson, Twite; 5, spl (no name), Siskin; 6, Gibson. BRIT. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Henderson, Waxwing, in beautiful feather, great variety col. in wings and tail; 2, Quin, Pied Blackbird, in excellent condition, very steady; 3, McKirdy, Pied Wagtail, very taking exhibit. HARDBILL (6): 1, spl, Henderson, Yellowhammer, grand size, splendid body markings, good colour; 2, Henderson, Hawfinch, fine big bib, grand size, lovely feather; 3, Stirling, Yellowhammer, in nice condition; 4, Frame; 5, McKirdy; 6, Taylor. GIFT (7): 1, Ritchie, Crest; 2 (no name), Yell. Bord.; 3, Kernochan, Green Bord.; 5, McDiarmid; 4, Stirling; 6, Buchanan. GREENFINCH (3): 1, spl, Miller, grand size and col., well barred wings, fine feather, in good condition; 2, Mauchan; 3, Buchanan. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Henderson, Chaffinch, great size, best of col., good body markings, very steady; 2, Campbell, Chaffinch, nice body markings; 3, McKirdy, Bramble, good size, lovely body markings, in good condition, pressing. FOR. (10): 1, spl, Hamilton and Wallace, Glossy Starling, in lovely bloom, shining like satin; 2, Henderson, Sugar Bird, nice colouring, in the pink of condition; 3, 5, 6, Sellars, all very taking exhibits, some thought could have gone up a bit; 4, McPherson.

WAKEFIELD (Roller).

The Wakefield Roller C.C. held their seventh annual contest on December 10th and 11th, in the Guild Room, Co-operative Hall, and drew a record entry of 152 birds. The quality of the birds was far in advance of any of the other shows held by the club. Mr. Randall was most successful, with 6 birds, winning 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third, and 1 fifth. Mr. Foulds won Wakefield Members' Cup, to be won twice before becoming the absolute property of winner. The winner of the novice young bird class was soon claimed; no wonder, when it was only catalogued at £2—a good cheap bird. The second in the £2 limit was claimed. There are plenty of buyers of good birds if these are put at reasonable prices. There was a good number of the exhibitors present; but the weather was too wet for the local public. A good feature was the early closing, as this allows one plenty of time to get the birds off; and the hall was clear of the birds that had to go by rail by 7.30 p.m. All praise is due to the sec., Mr. Netherwood, for the way he got through his work. It is to be hoped the young bird competition will be held next year, as it has proved a complete success to all shows that have been held so far. We hope this show will have proved a financial success. Messrs F. A. Lester, J. B. Hedling, and F. Oldroyd judged.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (35): 1 and cup, 2, 3, 5, and spls., Randall, hol. roll 8, bass roll 3, schockel 5, flute notes 3, water glucke 4, deep bubbling water tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 31 points; 2, hol. roll 7, holl. bell 4, bass roll 4, schockel 4, water roll 3, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 30 points; 3, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schocked 4, flute notes 2, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, bell tour 2, G.E. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, 36; 4, sp., and Wakefield members' cup, vhc, hc, Foulds, holl. roll 8, bass 3, schockel 5, fluto notes 3, water glucko 2, G.E. 4, 25 points; 6, Percival, 23 points; vhc, hc, Willows, vhc, 22 points; hc, 21 points; c, Foulkes, 19; c, Fisher, 19; No. 5 abs.; No. 9, no song; No. 28, also no song, and looked bad. NOVICE YOUNG BIRD (32): 1 and sp., Cole, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water glucks 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 29 points; 2, sp, Harper, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 27 points; 3, sp, 6, hc, Pattison, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water roll, 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, Aufzug 1 off, sharp flutes, 1 off, sharp bell tour, 1 off, 26 points; 6, 25 points; hc, 23 points; 4, sp, Pilling, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schockel 5, water roll 2, D.B.W.T. 3, G.E. 2. 25 points; extra 4, c, Sagar, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 2, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 25 points; 5, Cole, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 2, G.E. 4, 1 off Aufzug, 25 points; vhc, Smith, 24 points; vhc, Percival, 23 points; vhc, Schluter, 23 points; hc, Harper, 23 points; c, Frith, 21 points. Nos. 6 and 14, no song. OPEN ANY AGE (26): 1, 2 and spls, Randall, 1st, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schockel 4, flute notes 3, water glucke 2, deep bubbling water tour 2, G.E. 6, 31 points; 2, holl. roll 7, bass 4, schockel 4, flute notes 3, water glucks 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 5, 30 points; 3, sp., Whittlestone, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schockel 4, water roll 3, bell tour 2, G.E. 6, 29 points; 4, sp, Collins, holl. roll 8, bass 3, schockel 5, flute notes 4, water glucke 4, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, Aufzug 1 off, sharn flutes 1 off, 28 points; extra 4, Hanbury, holl. roll 8, bass 3, schockel 4, glucke 3, flute notes 3, G.E. 4, 25 points; 5, Percival, holl. roll 7, bass 3, schockel 5, flute notes 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 24 points; 6, Fisher, holl. roll 7, bass 3, schockel 5, flute 3, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, sharp bell tour 1 off, 24 points; vhc, Waring, 23 points; vhc, Willows, 23 points; hc, Oldroyd, 22 points; hc, Craig, 21 points; c, Hesling, 21 points; c, Tomlinson, 21 points. AMAT. (32): 1, sp, Simpson, holl. roll 7, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, sharp bell tour 2 off, 21 points; 2, sp, Schluter, holl. roll 6, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, deep bubbling water tour 2, G.E. 3, sharp flutes 2 off, 19 points; 3, sp, White, holl. roll 6, bass 2, schockel 3, Glucke 2, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, G.E. 1, 18 points; 4, sp, Miss Thomas, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 2, flute notes 3, water roll 2, bell tour 2, G.E. 2, 1 off. 17 points; vhc, Tomlinson, 17 points; hc, Bew, 17 points; c, Gostling, 16 points. £2 LIMIT (27): 1, sp, Freeman, holl. roll 6, bass 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, bell tour 2, G.E. 3, 21 points; 2, sp, Wareing, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schockel 5, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, 19 points; 3, sp, Taylor, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schockel 4, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, 1 off Aufzug, 2 sharp bell tour, 19 points; 4, sp, Gostling, holl. roll 6, schockel 4, flute notes 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 18 points; vhc, Orton, 17 points; hc, Harper, 17 points; c, Fisher, 16 points; No. 27, no song; Nos. 14 and 16 one tour only.

TAVISTOCK.

Annual show of the Tavistock and Dis. F.S. was held on Dec. 1, at the Town Hall, which is a very suitable venue for the purpose. Many very good birds were staged, and the quality throughout was considered tip-top. Mr. A. R. Glanville, the hon sec., had all the arrangements admirably carried out. Mr. R. Browning judged.

NOR. (10): 1, Wooldridge; 2, Jenkins; 3, vhc, hc, Brown; vhc, Robinson. CREST, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Smale and Son; 3, Hoblyn; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Wilton, A.O.V. (7): 1, vhc, Doidge; 2, Bond; 3, Ash; hc, Smith; c, Hill. MULE, ETC. (7): 1, Atwill; 2, Friendship; 3, Martin. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, J. Kidwell; 2, Martin; 3, Foot; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Friendship; c, Atwill. A.O.S. (7): 1, Wilton; 2, hc, Wilmot; 3, Martin. SELL. (7/6) (4): 1, vhc, Martin; 2, 3, Brown. FOR. (5): 1, sp, Jenkins; 2, Brown; 3, Hoblyn; vhc, Smale; c, Northcott.

THORNTON (Fife).

Fifth annual show of the Thornton and Dis. O.S. took place on Dec. 11th. The show, which is a combined one, was held in the Public Hall. The cage birds were staged in a side room. There was a grand entry of a little over 250, which was considered very good compared with some of the shows held lately. The quality all over was exceptionally good, and some grand birds were staged in the Norwich and British sections. The arrangements were all that could be desired, and not the slightest detail was omitted. The society are to be congratulated on possessing such an able secretary in the person of Mr. J. Noyes; the manner in which he performs his duties deserves the highest praise. He, along with the president, Mr. A. Leslie, ably assisted by a hard-working committee, had everything in apple pie order when the judges commenced their task, which was in the capable hands of Messrs. T. Merrilees (for Scotch Fancies), J. McLay (for Norwich and Borders), and J. Lowe (for British and Foreign birds), and their awards seemed to give satisfaction to all. Despite the miserable weather, the show was well patronised by the public.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL., CK.: 1, Beattie, fine depth of chest, good top and reach; 2, McIvine, rare size, grand substance, nice length of wing; 3, Watson, neat exhibit, very stylish. BUFF: 1, McIvine, erect, decided drive, prominent shoulders, good depth through chest; 2, Lowe, hard up, typical, good body and action; 3, Merilees, rare top and droop; 4, Wright; 5, Cook; 6, Thomson. YELL. FLD., ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Lowe, both pied, 1st grand size and reach, good solid back, 3rd neat, gets tail well under; 2, Cook, good square top, fine length of wing; 4, Leslie. BUFF: 1, Beattie, very elegant, [illegible] up, good top and reach; 2, Danskin, nice decided drive, fine depth, plenty of substance. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Gilmour, grand reachy hen, neat head, stylish lady; 2, Beattie, fine style and action, nicely set up, good one; 3, Hunter, well rounded on top, good action; 4, Leslie; 5, Cook. BUFF: 1, 5, Lowe, 1st grand head and top, rare substance, solid back, wins; 2, Beattie, very stylish, fine position, sweet head; 3, Wilson and Cainpbell, fine deep chest, splendid drive; 4, Thomson; 6, Watson YELL. PIED, ETC.: 1, Lowe, green, neat head, extra long in neck, well set up; 2, Beattie, erect, gets head well forward, good length of wing; 3, Gibson, good top end, splendid drive; 4, Wright, nice one. BUFF: 1, Melville, grand hen, nice proportion, good shoulders, rare action; 2, Leslie, prominent top, reachy, solid body; 3, 4, Beattie, fine bead and neck, barp up, sweet action. SELL.: 1, Gibson; 2, Moyes; 3, Danskin; 4, Merilees; 4, Melville; 6, Leslie. CREST CK.: 1, Howie, wing mkd., dark crest, of excellent formation, good win; 2, Lindsay and Summers, nicely radiated crest, good feather; 3, McDonald, neat crest, fine feather; 4, Davie. HEN: 1, Brown, green bird, large crest, fine droop, good qual.; 2, Moreland, buff variog., good crest, nice radiation, fine frontal; 3, Lindsay and Summers, grand leafy crest, of good formation; 4, Buchanan. C.B. CK.: 1, Macdonald, slashing green, rare skull, abundance of feather; 2, Buchanan, good lash; 3, Brown, cl. buff, grand head, fine width of skull. HEN: 1, 4, Macdonald, grand cushioned head, nicely lashed, good substance; 2, 3, Lindsay and Summers, fine pair, nice wide skulls, well lashed. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Bishop, grand head and front, splendid col. and quality; 2, Gardiner, nice size and col., well rounded front and back. BUFF: 1, Dickson, grandly moulded, rare shape and bloom; 2, Peters, cobby bird, nicely rounded front, good short flights; 3, Gardiner, cl., good one, excellent col. and quality; 4, Keddie; 5, Burt; 6, Howie. YELL. HEN: 1, Bishop, cl., rare head and front, nice col. and quality; 2, Kerr, cap mkd., grand size and substance. BUFF: 1, Gardiner, nice size and substance, good col. and quality, a bit browy; 2, Burt, nicely mealed, lovely col. and bloom; 3, Spence, fails only in substance, nice tight feather. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Bishop, cheek and wing mkd. buff, very typical, good head and front, neat wings; 2, Gardiner, varieg., lovely col. and quality, grandly rounded in front; 3, Logan, good size and substance; 4, Alcorn. HEN: 1, Dickson, buff varieg., grand shape, nice size and substance; 2, Harris, eye and wing mkd., bonny col. and quality, well placed; 3, Howie, good head and front, nice feather; 4, Gardiner; 5, Malloch; 6, Thomson. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, sp., Finnie, lovely buff varieg., grand shape, head and chest, shown in A1 bloom; 2, Kerr, cl. Yell., nice col. and quality, good wing; 3, 5, Gardiner, good col., fine quality and shape; 4, sp, Bishop; 6, Morgan. HEN: 1, 3, Gardiner, leader grand size and substance, rare head and neck, good quality, 3rd gem of a yell., fine level col.; 2, Craig, Locheraig winner, beaten to-day; 4, Thomson; 5, Howie; 6, Lindsay and Summers. NON-FED CK.: 1, Howie, splendid model, capital size and shape, well put down; 2, Gardiner, good col. and quality, nice substance; 3, Lister Bros., nice varieg., good head and chest; 4, Malloch; 5, Hunter; 6, Logan. HEN: 1, Kerr, well known winner, grand head and front, wins; 2, Davidson, eye and wing mkd. buff, splendid shape and quality; 3, 5, Barr, cl. yell. nice size and col.; 4, Gardiner; 6, Hunter. SELL.: 1, Malloch; 2, Alcorn; 3, Logan; 4, Brown; 5, Crawford; 6, Finnie. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Lambie, foul on neck, good head and front, well filled back, nice taper; 2, Burt, fine shape and carriage, beautiful col. and quality; 3, Kay, rare col. and shape, fine jaunty carriage; 4, Sharp; 5, Alcorn; 6, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, Paterson, good bird all through; 2, Shields, grand quality and type, nice round head, grand position; 3, 4, Miller, well rounded head and front, nice wing carriage; 5, Easter; 6, Cargill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Cargill, rare quality and type, very stylish, neat head, splendid wing carriage; 2, Williamson, gem for shape and col., well packed wings and tail; 3, Thomson, fine head and neck, good front; 4, Paterson, wrong class. BUFF: 1, Burt, grand type and quality, nicely moulded, well rounded front and back; 2, Williamson, wing mkd., good head and front, wee shade weak on back; 3, Robertson, good cl., fine wing and tail carriage; 4, Shields; 5, Cargill; 6, Berwick. UNEVEN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Miller, mkd. eye and head, yell., good head and front, nice quality; 2, Paterson, gem of a cinn., wing mkd., rare type and quality, lovely bloom; 3, Robertson, eye and wing mkd. yell., splendid carriage. BUFF: 1, Easter, griz. on back, neat head and neck, nicely rounded front and tail; 2, Paterson, best of type and quality, grand wing and tail carriage; 3, Lambie, rare type and col.; 4, Shields; 5, Dodds; 6, Hutchison. EVENLY MKD: 1, 2, Paterson, two gems, well balanced markings, grand type. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, Lambie, leader splendid type and pencilling, grand col., 3rd wee shade slimmer, nice markings; 2, Shields, fine type and col., grand pencilling; 4, Barrie. SELL.: 1, Paterson; 2, Lambie; 3, Berwick; 4, Anderson; 5, Barrie; 6, Dodds. BRIT., BULLFINCH: 1, McLaren, grand cap, nice crimson breast, fine wing bars; 2, Thomson, well known winner, good front and cap, clear cut bars, grand size, 3, Roy, well defined cap, and bars, nice col.; 4, Chalmers; 5, Oswald; 6, Philips. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lindsay, good square cut blaze, nice moons and buttons; 2, McLaren, rare square cut blaze, good tanning, grand wing bars; 3, Wilson and Campbell, fine Finch, rich body col.; 4, McCall and Henderson, one of the best; 5, Leitch Bros.; 6, Palmer. GREENFINCH: 1, Bishop, fine head and shape, good wing bars and col.; 2, Hodge, good nat. col., grand size and shape, slight yell. tick on eye, which no doubt kept it back; 3, Davidson, good col. 4, name missed; 5, Salmond; 6, Logan. LINNET: 1, Palmer, fine size, nice pencilling; 2, Morgan; good dense col., well pencilled; 3, Chalmers, grand size, nice tone of col., fine polish; 4, Cowan; 5, Salmond; 6, Dick. BUNTING: 1, 3, Kerr, grand col., Yellowhammer, good head and markings, 3rd lovely tone of col., fine head and front; 2, Malcolm, nice Corn Bunting, very showy. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hodge, lovely col. Twite, grand markings, beautiful polish, 2, Bishop, good sized Siskin, dense cap, well laced; 3, Wishart, nice Redpoll, fine bib and lacing; 4, White; 5, Morgan. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, Gilmour, Wryneck, lovely plumage, well staged; 2, Russell, sweet Willow Wren, rare exhibit; 3, Lister Bros., good sized Bramble, fine spangling; 4, Peter; 5, Ritchie. LARGE: 1, Mackie, Jay, staged in grand feather and condition; 2, Barrie, good sized Hawfinch, fine col. and bloom; 3, Hutchison, grand col. Thrush, well mooned on breast; 4, Cousins. LIGHT MULE: 1, Murray, lovely variog. yell. Goldie, shown in rare bloom; 2, Lindsay, another nice Goldie; 3, Murray, Goldie, nice feathers and condition; 4, Chaplin, DARK: 1, sp, Chalmers, grand sized Linnet Mule; 2, Reidie, nice col. Greenie Mule, fine size; 3, McMillan, well known Siskin Mule, a trifle loose in feather today; 4, 6, McEwan; 5, Nichol. FOR., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Howie, demon for size and col., grand square cut blaze, nice moons and buttons; 2, Nicol, big, bounding Bullie, grand breast col., fine wing bars; 3, McGorum, Goldfinch, lovely tannings and wing bars; 4, Roy; 5, McLennan. HYB.: 1, Nicol, fine sized Linnet-Bullie, in nice condition; 2, Dick, small Redpoll Siskin, good feather. FOR., A.O.S.: 1, Grime, grand Parrot, in lovely plumage; 2, Peters, grand pair of Parrakeets, in nice condition; 3, Gilmour, good pair Budgerigars, in lovely bloom; 4, Taylor. COMMON CAN.: 1, Murray-Arnett; 3, Cargill; 4, Chalmers; 5, Kerr; 6, Graham.

POPLAR.

The annual show of the Poplar C.B.S., held on December 11th, was a most successful and pleasant venture. The entry was good, whilst the quality was far in advance of that seen at previous shows of the society, the novice Norwich being particularly strong and superior to those of the amateurs. In Yorkshires, however, the position was reversed, and the fine team put down by Mr. Mottram carried everything before them. His ticked yellow won the specials for best in Yorkshire section, best amateur's bird, and best bird in the show. It is a fine, lengthy, well tapered specimen, standing on good legs, and showing plenty of style and nerve. Mr. Thomasson was the most successful exhibitor in novice Norwich, winning the specials and best and second best with his winners in the two unflighted classes, and being reserve for the cup with his ticked yellow, a bird of rare type and quality, and only wanting a little more substance to make him a flier. The manner in which this exhibitor's birds were staged was most commendable. The special for third best fell to Mr. Francis's winning buff in the adult class, a bird full of quality and colour, beautifully mealed and well staged. The special for the best novice Yorkshire fell to Mr. Bastable's winner in the unflighted buffs, a bird of rare style and feather, a very fine-feathered buff hen of Mr. Spink's secured the second special, whilst the third fell to Mr. Wyatt's ticked yellow. The special for the best British was taken by a remarkably fine hen Bullfinch shown by Mr. Barber, the second special being taken by Mr. Teasdale's Goldfinch, a bird of very rich colour and fine quality of plumage. Mr. Thomasson's winning Goldfinch secured the special for best Foreign bird, and that for the best hen in the show was taken by a lovely little yellow Norwich owned by Mr. G. Cowles. The exhibits were very nicely staged, and the arrangements generally well carried out by Messrs. T. G. Hunt and A. Mottram, who acted as show managers. The committee responsible for the fixture were Messrs. T. G. Hunt (chairman), A. Mottram (vice-chairman), G. Cowles, H. Priesman, T. Blackley, J. Kidman, J. Braithwaite, A. E. Martin, A. Plumb, S. Lowrie, with Mr. H. W. Cook as hon. sec. The day was most unpropitious, and up to the time of our leaving the gate was not great. We hope, however, in the evening it was better, and that the balance will come out on the right side. The society is doing good work in the East-end, and we wish it much success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

AMATEURS: Mr. J. Reeves had all the Norwich, Cinnamons, and Crests to himself, but his team deserved competition, and the same remark applies to Mr. Mottram in the Yorkshires. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Thomasson; 2, Cowles; 3, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Ash; hc, Perry; c, Francis. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Francis; 2, hc, Teasdale; 3, Cowles; vhc, Perry; c, Ash. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Teasdale; 2, Francis. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Ash; 2, Teasdale; 3, Cowles; hc, Prior; c, Kidman. HENS, YELL. (6): 1, spl, Cowles; 2, Thomasson; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Francis; hc, Ash. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Thomasson; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Perry; hc, Ash; c, Cowles. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 2, spl, Thomasson; 3, spl, Cowles; vhc, Ash; hc, Teasdale; c, Barber. BUFF (14): 1, 3, vhc, two spls, Thomasson; 2, hc, Teasdale; c, Francis. NON-FED (2): 1, Braithwaite; 2, Joyce. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Francis. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Bastable; 2, vhc, Thurling; 3, Hunt Bros.; hc, Spink. BUFF (3): 1, Spink; 2, Wyatt; 3, Bastable. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, sp, Wyatt; 2, 3, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Teasdale, hc, Bastable. BUFF (3): 1, Spink; 2, Bastable; 3, Wyatt. HENS, YELL. (4): 1, Wyatt; 2, Spink; 3, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Depradines. BUFF (3): 1, 2, spl, Spink; 3, Huut Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 3, Teasdale; 2, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Spink; hc, Wyatt; c, Bastable. BUFF (8): 1, two spls, Bastable; 2, Wyatt; 3, vhc, hc, Spink; c, Teasdale. NON-FED (4): 1, vhc, Spink; 2, 3, Depradines. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Thurling. MULES, GOLDFINCH-CAN. (12): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Thurling; 2, hc, Joyce; c, Heaven. LINNET-CAN. (4): 1, Braithwaite; 2, Wyatt; 3, Thurling; vhc, Heaven. A.O.V.: 1, 3, spl, Thurling; 2, Bastable. BRIT. GOLD. (6): 1, spl, Teasdale; 2, Braithwaite; 3, c, Lowrie; vhc, Pine; hc, Stockwell. GREEN (4): 1, spl, Kidman; 2, Stockwell; 3, Priseman; vhc, Hunt Bros. LINNET (8): 1, vhc, Kidman; 2, Heaven; 3, Bristow; hc, Pine; c, Priseman. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Prior. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Kidman; 2, 3, Priseman. HENS (2): 1, spl, Barber; 2, Kidman. SOFTBILL: 1, Heaven. FOR. SEED-EATING (3): 1, spl, Thomasson; 2, Francis; 3, Heaven. PARROT, ETC.: 1, Hunt Bros.

RAUNDS.

First annual open show of the Raunds and Dis. F.S., held on Nov. 27 and 28, in the large room of the Woodbine Working Men's Club. Mr. R. Reynolds, the energetic secretary, had everything well in hand. Mr. F. Hunt (Kettering) judged.

CL., ETC., UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Priesty. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Howe; 2, Belcher; 3, Bosworth. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, sp, Haxley; 3, Reynolds. UNFLIG: 1, 2, 3, Haxley. A.O.V.: 1, Reynolds; 2, Head; 3, Atkins. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Belcher; 2, Miss Eaton. CHAFFINCH, ETC: 1, Belcher; 2, Underwood; 3, E. F. Howe. FOR.: 1, E. F. Howe; 2, Mrs. Ashby; 3, Smith. MEMBERS': GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Reynolds; 2, 3, Atkins. HARDBILL. A.O.S.: 1, Downing; 2, Atkins; 3, Reynouls. SOFT.: 1, Johnson; 2, Atkins; 3, Green.

Correspondence.

Lowestoft Fancier's Sad Loss.

SIR,—In this week's CAGE BIRDS there is a letter from Albert Parko respecting the sad loss of the birds of Mr. J. Lay. If Mr. Lay will communicate with P. Victor-Williams, Esq. (Hinstock Hall, Market Drayton, Salop), who is very sorry to hear of his loss, he will give him a pair of Norwich, to help him to start again. F. HALLDEN.

The Lochgelly Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Gothenburgh Hotel, on December 11th. The number of fanciers present was very satisfactory. It was unanimously agreed to form the above-named society, and to hold an open show on October 15th, 1910. The following officials were elected:—Mr. T. Taylor (president), Mr. W. Whiteford (secretary), Mr. T. Wildridge (treasurer), with nine as a committee. Another meeting will be held on December 25th, at 7 p.m., to report progress and enroll members, of whom we expect to see a large number.

WM. WHITEFORD, Secretary.
81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.

Borders at Cockermouth.

SIR,—Seeing Mr. Hopper's note, re the above, in your last issue, and being an exhibitor in the same class, I would (with your permission) like to add a few words. My bird, No. 6, being passed for being colour-fed, I may say, like Mr. H., that no Border Fancy of mine has ever touched colour-food of any kind, and as a member of the B.F.C.C. I feel this rather strongly. We try to breed colour into these birds, and then are put back like this and blamed for using artificial matter. I am also prepared to allow any reasonable test of my bird to prove that it was shown honestly. I think the B.F.C.C. should, at their New Year's meeting, reconsider this colour question, where a show is being held under their patronage. J. ELLWOOD.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead

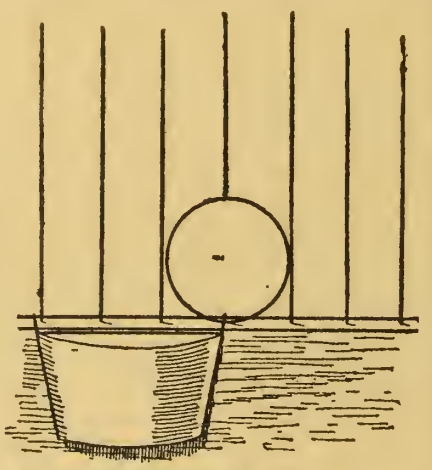
The Licensing of Our Judges.

SIR,—In thanking Mr. R. E. Worthington for his courteous reply to my letter, may I assure him that I quite realise that he did not advise Mr. Jowett (in so many words) to pair his birds to please any individual judge? I simply placed my construction upon his letter and, as it were, traced out the result of acting upon the advice given therein; if I advise any young fancier to show only under judge A, then surely I am advising him to breed or to purchase (which others must breed) to please the individual taste of Judge A, and this advice, I repeat, can only end in chaos in the Fancy. In reply to Mr. J. Bastock I will endeavour to answer his questions, trusting, at the same time, to afford him a little more amusement. How would I examine a person applying for a judge's license? I should require him to give me a practical demonstration of his ability to judge a class of birds before a committee of fanciers representing the breeders and exhibitors of that particular bird. I should require him to prove to that committee that he was able to recognise the *good points* and the *faults* of each particular bird, and that he was, in their opinion, able to select from the exhibits the one nearest approaching the model decided upon by the club representing the breeders and exhibitors of that bird. In the opinion of the judge, the model set up as the national type by the majority of breeders may not be a good one, but that is merely a private and individual opinion, and should not be introduced into his judging. One must have a type to breed to in every particular line of the Fancy, and it is for the breeders and exhibitors (who pay the piper) to decide what that type shall be; having decided, it is for the judge to judge to that type, and not to individual likes or dislikes. As the matter stands at present, any people with a fair amount of cheek can advertise themselves as judges of birds, with a fair chance of obtaining an engagement, especially if they have a little influence "behind the scenes." This, in my opinion, is absurd, and must be remedied before any great improvements can be made in the Fancy. As regards many breeders having no confidence in their own judgment, there is nothing strange in that. Successful judging necessitates an extremely acute power of observation to detect and notice the slightest faults. A good judge may be a very bad practical breeder of birds, and a most successful breeder may be an extremely bad judge. I know a very large dealer who owns that all birds of a species look exactly alike to him; Yorkshires all look the same, and Norwich all seem to him the same, unless some have been fed and some are non-fed. Yet this man, if he advertised or used his influence, could undoubtedly get engagements as judge. How long are exhibitors going to tolerate this? As things stand at present, show managers, if they wish to hold successful shows, will have to classify their exhibits as follows: Norwich Plainheads, Judge A's type, Judge B's type, Judge C.'s type, and so on, for how can you expect an exhibitor possessing birds which please Judge A to exhibit where Judge B is advertised to officiate? After all, most exhibitors are possessed of a little common-sense, and do not throw their money away in useless exhibiting; they like to have a chance when they do show. Every week we hear secretaries complaining of lack of entries; under present conditions entries must rule small; if Judge A is judging they cannot expect the whole Fancy to exhibit under him—only those possessing Judge A's type of birds will exhibit; the others will keep their birds at home. Let us combine and decide upon the type to be the national type of each variety, then see that our judges judge to the model, then we shall get larger entries, larger prizes, better birds, and less grumbling. As regards certain men being appointed judges because they happen to be engaged on the Fancy Press, I must say this, that being on the staff of a paper does not qualify a man to pose as an expert; but, on the other hand, it certainly does not disqualify. An editor certainly uses his judgment to discover whether the would-be reporter knows anything of his subject or not; and regular attendance at shows must tend to improve the knowledge of the reporter if he has the slightest interest in his work.

HARRY MOORE.

How to Prevent Birds from Bathing While at Shows.

SIR,—I enclose a sketch showing how to prevent birds from washing at shows. If the committee of a given show will take the trouble to put the fountains on as per sketch,



A Hint to Show Stewards.

the birds can drink but cannot wash. Sometimes we find birds late in the afternoon that have been without water all day, and are very thick for want of water; then the poor judge is blamed after it recovers.

A WELLINGS.

Whose Should the Prize Card be?

SIR,—Mr. Bastock does not answer the question asked. The question is, whose should it be? Not who should claim it. But we will take it for what it really means, that is, whose property is the prize card? My opinion is that when you enter your exhibits for a show, you put the price on for bird and cage as sent to the show. Whatever is awarded to the exhibit at the show is not included in the catalogue price; therefore they belong to the exhibitor. You may just as well take the prize money as take the card, as one entitles the bird to the other.

A. WELLINGS.

Cage Bird Union, District No. 1.

The Wallsend Sensation.

SIR,—Please notify your readers that Mr. H. Bennet, whose cages were protested against at Wallsend Show for having marked perches (and who has exhibited for seasons under the most prominent judges in England and Scotland, his cages fitted exactly as they appeared there, without any complaint being made), has been cautioned not to send his cages out with any marks whatever likely to create suspicion of the integrity of a judge when placing awards. Messrs. J. Currah and Son were exonerated, as having removed the perches without knowing there were marks on them from one of Mr. Bennet's cages, which was in their possession. By instruction of District Committee No. 1.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

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A Complete Bird Spray.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Frederick Ellis as to my idea submitted to you on October 9th, I may say I have had one of these sprays in use now for the last twelve months, and find it a perfect and complete spray. I have also shown it to various friends, who are highly pleased with it. If Mr. Ellis has not had the patience to draw his glass tube fine enough to break off to the most minute hole, then he must expect failure or a stream of water strong enough to knock his birds off their perches, or, probably, through the back of the cage. I advise Mr. Ellis to try again.

C. F. KILLICK.

Suggestions for Societies and Specialist Clubs.

SIR,—After attending several shows held in the North, and mixing amongst fanciers of the Northern societies, and hearing, too, the complaints as regards judging at shows I beg to make the following suggestions. Members of societies who are now paying about 6s. or so subscriptions to their clubs, I suggest should join the specialist club now existing for all varieties, and have the 2s. 6d. deducted from their annual subscription to their society, each member to join the specialist club through his own society. The judges, I suggest, too, should be nominated by the specialist clubs, and voted for by the members of societies. These suggestions, if adopted, might enable a show to have all sections properly judged, and with the increase of membership of the specialist clubs the cost of judging ought not to be any more. Perhaps the cost would be less if the scheme were successful. And all disputes arising in each section could be settled by the specialist club concerned. I may say I am in no way connected with any specialist club whatever. The idea came to me after reading over the Gateshead show schedule. I do not wish to go any further with the matter; I only make the suggestion for an abler pen to take up with.

J. NORTON.

Even-marked Borders at Biggar Show.

SIR,—In your issue of November 27th there the two letters with regard to even marked Borders, the writers asking what is an even-marked bird. As one who has bred these birds for many years, and who dearly loves to see a good even-marked one, either 4-pointed or 6-pointed, either in a Norwich, a Yorkshire, a Border, or a Mule, I have always been given to understand that an even-marked bird may be one with only eye markings (of course, even); these are called 2-pointed. Those with even on wings as well as eyes are called 4-pointed, and those with even tail markings are called 6-pointed. Any other markings, no matter where, or if even, are not counted as even marks. I hope these few lines will be sufficient to explain the meaning of even marks.

4-POINTED.

SIR,—I consider the plate in the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL of this year of an even-marked Border, bred and exhibited with many honours by that enthusiastic Border Fancy breeder, Mr. F. Wardleworth, is sufficient to go upon in deciding what a 4-pointed Border Fancy is. I trust this will be of benefit to your readers, and I wish your valuable paper every success. REDROB.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the various letters appearing in CAGE BIRDS on the above question. The letters of last week's correspondents which appeared under noms-de-plume would have carried more weight if the writers had given their names. Surely, to breed a perfect marked bird and to see the markings of our birds settled either one way or another, is worth striving for; and no one need to be ashamed to show his mind on such an important question. I have a motion before the general meeting of the Border Fancy Club which I trust will receive due consideration, as this is a point which gives rise to a deal of vexation and misunderstanding between exhibitors and judges. The motion is that the B.F.C.C. issue a list of markings, so that all members may know how to classify their birds. Birds with two marks above and with thigh marks; birds with marked eyes, wings, and vent, such as the Canary in point; also birds in whose case the eye is broken by light feathers either above or below the eye—all birds so marked, in my opinion, should be classed as "uneven," being in reality either 5 or more pointed. I agree with our popular secretary, Mr. Jamieson, that if birds are marked at base of tail, those marks should count against them, and be avoided as much as possible when this runs in a strain. Mr. Hocking will see from the above that a bird marked as above ought to be shown in the uneven class, in my own opinion, and that also of many more breeders. Indeed, I may say I see birds so marked in uneven classes continually, and I don't W.C. them, providing the vent mark is quite discernible and larger than a threepenny-piece. We all know the difficulty there is in breeding an even-mark entirely clear below at thigh and vent; and I think if, in even-marked birds a mark was allowed at thighs, the vent markings to be smaller than a threepenny piece, this would go a long way to solve this problem. The above points I have shown under and also judged as such for some years now. I trust to see a free and friendly exchange of opinion through your pages.

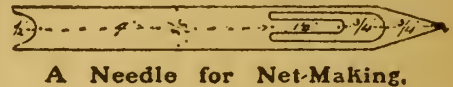
J. PATTERSON.

SIR,—I read with great interest Messrs. Jamieson's and Hocking's letters concerning the above, but I was a little taken aback at not seeing Mr. Gardner standing to his guns, as he did on the night of Biggar Show. So I myself and other fanciers in this district take it as an open confession from Mr. G. that he admits he is wrong. If he has read with care the two letters from the above-mentioned gentlemen, I think he ought to, and if breeders and exhibitors understand Mr. Jamieson's letter, there will be no more visible rings or marks where they should not be on even-marked birds. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

CRITIQUE.

How to Make a Capital Netting Needle.

SIR,—In your issue of December 4th, I read with much interest the notes on "The Art of Net Making." If it would interest any of your readers, who wish to make their own nets, they may find the needle (of which I



A Needle for Net-Making.

send a sketch) very useful, and much easier to use, than the one described in Fig. 1., in "The Art of Net Making." It is best made out of the wood of orange boxes, but you must be careful it does not split. The sketch is drawn to the exact size from one of my own needles. I have made and used them myself, so I hope your readers will find this as useful as I have. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success and a prosperous new year.

A. M. PENFOLD.

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR,—It was with infinite amusement that I read Mr. Jones' feeble and contemptible endeavour at retaliation in your previous issue. It is immediately obviously noticeable that he has entirely failed to disprove either the statistical or other statements I have previously enunciated, re the W.C.B.C. patronage. Therefore, I believe my ultimate object is attained, in exposing to the Fancy the corruptible state of the W.C.B.C., though under a cunning disguise. Although Mr. J. may be an adept at "bluff," "Magna est veritas et prevalebit." You have inadvertently "put your foot in it," Mr. J., and do your society a great injustice in exposing it to the ridicule of the Fancy, especially at Swansea. I am inclined to doubt your vaunted mathematical proficiency. Judging by your recent lamentable attempt at subtraction, it is immediately apparent that you are still ignorant of even the rudimentary stages, which, of course, your infantile brain failed to grasp at the age of nine. Do not be discouraged, however, Mr. J., as I am positively assured that it is possible to make an impression upon even the hardest variety of "wood," if suitable instruments are employed, i.e., hammer and chisel. Should I ever find it necessary to subtract from anyone' letters, I can assure you I will choose one worthy of the name, not a miserable apology as your recent deplorable attempts, which were but a repetition of my own. Your base insinuation re the leaflet is only an unworthy suggestion from a misguided and fertile imagination. The leaflet is intact, Mr. J., just as I received it, and as I have previously mentioned, the classification is conspicuous by its absence. It contains 70 words, and you have twice attested your signature, which you cannot disprove. It is not presumption on my part to say that I can substantiate my statements, but a stubborn fact contained in "black and white." To revert, however, to your ineffectual attempt to boycott our recent show, I beg to state that, far from being a stretch of imagination on my part, it was a deliberate and premeditated act of your own infantile brain. Perhaps Mr. J. is ignorant of the fact that I have in my possession some correspondence which he posted previous to our recent show, advising the said boycott, which if published would cause sensational results among fanciers? I intend using this only as a last resource, therefore, advise Mr. J. to apologise and admit his mistake, realising that the "trump card" has yet to be played, and is at present secure in the possession of

ALF. HITCHINGS, Hon. Sec., Swansea C.B.S.

Interesting "Beak" Experience.

SIR,—The following may perhaps be of interest to some of your readers. One of my aviaries contains Budgerigars, Lovebirds, Rosellas, etc. One out of the last nest of Yellow Budgerigars had the misfortune to lose the whole of its top beak. How this happened I don't know, but I give a cock Rosella credit for it. At first I thought I would kill it at once, but on second thoughts I let it remain, and kept careful watch over it. As the old birds were able to feed it, it kept strong and healthy. At the end of a fortnight its beak was growing again, and is now about a quarter of an inch long. It tries to eat but cannot crack the seed, but the old birds and also a pair of Lovebirds keep feeding it. At the present rate I judge it will take about 2 months to grow an entirely new beak. This is a very interesting experience to me as I have never heard of a similar case. I should be willing to show this bird to anyone who could call.

H. LEWIS,
154, Hutton Road, Handsworth Birmingham.

The Late Entry Nuisance.

SIR,—I think if all secretaries were as prompt in payment of prize-money as Mr. Treasure we should hear less about the late entry nuisance. It certainly seems very bad luck that hard-working secretaries should suffer for the faults of others. Personally, I am at present owed about a sovereign from three different shows, one of which was held nearly a month ago. I don't expect to make showing pay, but I do expect to make it balance or nearly so, and how a working man can afford to go on showing when he is always paying out, while what prize-money he wins may, or may not, turn up in a month's time, I can't make out. Why doesn't the C.B.U. enforce the payment of prize-money within seven days? Surely it isn't such a frightful lot of work for the secretary to get through. I should have thought that any business is much better settled up at once. Also, I think if the date of the closing of the entries was advertised to be as late as it is convenient for the secretary, and no extension were given, exhibitors would soon find they would have to enter at the stated time. Judging by myself, I often think entries for such and such a show close on the Monday; the show isn't till the Thursday in the following week, and I'll just wait and see if my birds are all right from the show they are at the week before, and trust the entries are extended. I then have to wait a day longer till I get my papers on Friday evening. The entries are posted Saturday, and the poor secretary suffers. I don't defend my conduct in the least, but between railway charges, half prize-money and delayed at that—what is an unfortunate exhibitor to do?

M. J.

Rebellion in the North.

Trouble about a Special.

SIR,—I may say that I have nothing further to add to my statement in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, re special. But I must again correct some of the statements made by "Canny Toon" in the last issue. He goes on to say that the young Crest had in other competitions been placed first. Now, the young Crest was only placed first in the young Crest class, and in no other competition was it placed first. I may inform "Canny Toon" that my Crest was not in competition for the challenge bowl, as he was over age; the bowl is given for the best young bird in the show, bred and exhibited in the current year, so that there could not have been any discussion on this point. I may also inform "Canny Toon" that the bowl was won by a Siskin-Canary Mule, which only took second prize in a Mule and Hybrid class of five entries. On another occasion during the judging my Crest was brought forward with other birds to be judged for best bird in the show. Now, this special was won by a foreign bird, so you see, even the bowl winner did not get this valuable prize. I can safely say that I have never made any such remark to a bystander as "Canny Toon" suggests; I must therefore ask him to verify his statement. I, myself, heard many times during the show that my old Crest was much larger than the young Crest. Perhaps this is what "Canny Toon" heard also. With regard to the young Crest-bred, "Canny Toon" has also been wrongly informed. In the open Crestbred class 25, for young birds, I entered a Clear Buff cock, No. 11, and a Variegated hen, No. 10. The Clear took 2nd prize, and the Variegated did not get a card. Now, the Clear Buff was entered in the members' Class 79, and was No. 9; it was again awarded 2nd prize, and the two prize cards were duly fixed on the cage. The Variegated hen was entered in the members' hen class 80, No. 5, and took first prize. When the catalogues were issued I found that the award for the Clear Buff was placed to the credit of another bird; I might say that this "other bird" was shown in the open, and was not in the cards. I drew the secretaries' attention to this, and was informed by them that I would have to stand by the judge's slip, but that I could write the judge and see where the error was. I was subsequently informed by the secretary that the judge said the bird standing out of the prizes in the members' class "is probably the one out of the tickets in the open"; if not, he must not have seen it when judging the members' classes. So that on the face of this letter, it will be clearly seen that the judge has not recommended any alteration in my favour in the members' Crestbred bird class 79. So that the awards remain the same as when judged. Thus, in the young Crestbred class I was told that I would have to stand by the judge's slip. But in the case of the carvers, where this prize was duly awarded to me, I am asked to agree to a revised decision. In conclusion, I would like to impress upon "Canny Toon" the necessity of verifying his statements got from questionable authorities, before putting them in print.

A. LISTER.

Leicester Cage Bird Society's Open Show.

SIR,—I must congratulate your reporter on his report of our late show. On behalf of the above society, will you kindly allow me to thank those exhibitors who helped to make our show a success. I said ours was "the show of the Midlands," and so it turned out to be; 640 exhibits, and out of this only one members' class. Every class in the schedule stood; none cancelled or amalgamated, and no prizes withheld. I also wish to thank those exhibitors who have written to me congratulating us upon the manner their exhibits were returned. I have not had one complaint, and I am proud to receive such acknowledgements, when you consider the distance some of the exhibits had to travel. All those who came to tho show marvelled at the collection got together, and appreciated the ideal hall in which the show was held, and the manner in which the birds were cared for. I can assure you, Mr. Editor, that some of the letters I have received I shall cherish for many a day, and certainly I should like to make the personal acquaintance of the gentlemen who wrote them. I especially wish to thank those exhibitors who sent from a distance, there were 125, so it was no local show. This being my first show, I was rather anxious over the entries, but I was pleased to see they rolled up well at the finish; the day of closing I had not got a dozen entries. However, "all's well that ends well." All prize-money and specials (money) have been paid within four days, and if there should be any exhibitor who has not received them, will he please let me know at once? I am sorry we had such bad weather, as this told very much from a gate point of view.. However, we hope fates will deal more kindly with us in the future.

J. A. TYLER, Sec.

SIR,—It is with very much pleasure I have to inform your readers of the splendid condition in which my birds were returned from the Leicester Show. They came home equally as fresh as when they left; in fact, my Linnet, "Browny," struck up into full song as soon as the case was opened. Also, I am delighted with the prompt payment of prize money, as I received mine the second day after the show. I herewith tender my sincere thanks to the secretary, Mr. Tyler, and the other officials concerned, and shall not forget them at the next annual fixture.

A. J. MARLEY.

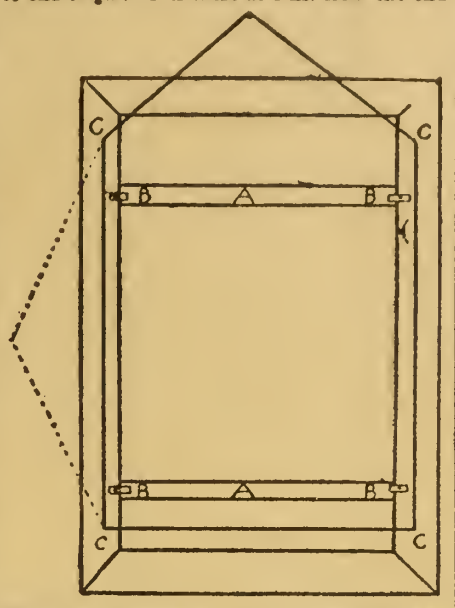
How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—In reply to "Amateur," on the arming of nets, he should have no difficulty in doing it. Being made on the square mesh plan, all he requires to do is to pick up four meshes and use a 3-in. mesh for the arming that will bring it quite right. With the diamond plan it is more difficult. The best thing to use for the arming is the same sort of line they use for fishing. You can get it at any fishing tackle shop; it is stout and of brown colour. Should this not be sufficiently clear, give me your address, and I will send you a piece armed, so you can see more fully. In regard to the sharped (?) Goldies, are your nets a good colour, viz., match the ground on which you set them? Also, do you cover your call-bird cages up with dry grass, and use iron pins for your staves instead of wood (as they do not show)? Also, when you hear your birds "shout," raise your flirt bird, and keep her steady there until you see them approaching; then let her drop. You should get an 80-yard pull line, and get under cover of hedge. If you require a stain for your nets, the best I have ever found is walnut husks. Boil them and put the nets in the hot liquor. you can stain them any shade you like, and they will stand any weather. I trust the above will be of some use to you, and I hope to hear you have netted those Goldies. I should like to have a pull at them myself.

NETTER.

Framing "Cage Birds" Plates: A Useful Suggestion.

SIR,—To enjoy to the full the excellent coloured plates issued by CAGE BIRDS, I have adopted the following plan. Provide a frame of ordinary picture moulding, 14½ins. by 10½ins. (inside measure), with a deep rebate. Upon the usual thin wood back, fix as shown in sketch at (A), two strips 1¼ins. by ⅜in. thick. Taper same on one side from centre to end to ⅛in. Fix these at 3ins. from the end



When Framing our Coloured Plates.

of loose back (tapered side of board), with two Paull pins. Select your choice of picture for the front, and the remainder upon it (I have more than a dozen in). Place back. Then fix four small buttons at (B) to hold down back in place. To hang vertical or horizontal screw in the frame, as shown at (C), four screw eyes. Pass your cord through three and fasten at the fourth, leaving the cord long enough to hang either way.

EDWIN SHARRATT.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Shows.

SIR,—I am delighted that I have touched Messrs. Duffield, Irlam, etc., where they are a little tender, and if I could make an impression on all secretaries, delegates, etc., who are accredited to any Union in connection with the cage bird Fancy, then I could flatter myself I had done a little good to the Fancy. Then the question of railway neglect would be taken up by a number, and not a unit like myself, for I should only receive again from the railway company what has been sent in the past, an acknowledgement of my letter of complaint—its contents duly noted and "shelved." What is the good of any single Union? Why, none. Let all federate for the purpose of protecting the fancier from the Moloch Railway. I do not blame any secretary of any society particularly, for, taken as a class, they are courteous, hardworking fanciers, but many times are not as ably supported at the close of shows by their stewards as they ought to be, and, of course, if anything goes wrong, the first person to "go for" is the secretary. So I am justified in making my complaint a wider one through your esteemed journal, CAGE BIRDS. Will Mr. Duffield kindly enquire for a telegram directed to him by me at 6.30 p.m. Nov. 19th at the Dartmouth Hotel? It is no "paltry thing," Mr. D., to receive the birds in the condition I did, and of which I made no complaints. You would feel a "bit off" were you kept in a dark room for twenty hours with nothing to drink, and a dry crust to chew, which was the position of my exhibits, and the indictment by Mr. Irlam of the Railway Co., which I hold in his handwriting is terrible. But as I don't like trespassing upon your valuable space too much, I again repeat that if the Unions will use their strength, something can and must be done to bring home to the railway companies a knowledge of their gross neglect. I thank you, sir, for your great kindness, as this is my last word in the matter.

MRS. C. M. SUNDERLAND.

SIR,—Last week a letter appeared in your columns written by Mr. J. H. O'Neile (Lurgan) complaining of the late arrival of Mr. J. Lavery's birds from the Y.C.C. of I. Show, held on 25 and 26 Nov. The following facts will go to show that neither my committee nor your humble was to blame. Mr. Lavery wrote me asking to have his birds sent by last train leaving Dublin on the Friday night, which was 8.20 p.m. The show did not close till 10 p.m. I brought the matter before my committee, and it was unanimously decided not to send Mr. Lavery's birds on at 8.20, as the committee was of opinion that if Mr. Lavery was made an exception (I may mention that the committee thought bad of having to uphold the rules in his case), that other exhibitors would be grumbling that they were not treated in the same manner. It is strange that Mr. Lavery did not receive his birds earlier than he did. I handed over the birds to the carrier (Mr. Tidy, Ship Street) at 8.35 a.m., and the same were delivered at Amiens St. Station at about 9 o'clock, and should have left Amiens St. at 10 o'clock for Lurgan. Evidently the railway company did not send by the 10 a.m. train. I hope this explanation will prove that the Y.C.C. of I. committee is in no way to blame for the late arrival of Mr. Lavery's birds.

J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec., Y.C.C. of I.

Alleged Mix-up of Awards at Margate Show.

SIR,—Excuse us taking up your valuable time, but we think the following ought to be put to the Fancy and judges, especially Judge North. I exhibited here at Ramsgate four birds in the foreign class and received labels numbered Class 134, 886a, 886b, 886c, 886d. Before the show I sold the first two, and exhibited the other two, 886c and 886d. I visited the show and found 886d had taken a third prize, and my cage had a prize card on, which I still have. When catalogue was printed, instead of my name it was another exhibitor's. I saw the secretary, and he said they had sent a wrong label to the other exhibitor, and so there were two birds 886d, but he would award a prize to each. I received the prize money for first and special I took with a Light Mule, but not for the third in Foreign Class. I personally saw the secretary, who informed me they had decided to award the prize to the other exhibitor. He was kind enough to show me the entrance sheet, and there were my entries, 886c, 886d as follows: 886c, Lewis and Co., Spice Birds; 886d, (here a blank space was left in the book); 886e, here another exhibitor's name had been crossed out, and put in my place (886d) in pencil; in 886e it was entered in ink. So you see, I entered my exhibits before the one to whom they awarded the prize. As a cage bird judge I contend that as my exhibits were entered first, and the judge's list was 886d, I was entitled to the prize, and that really the other exhibit was not entitled to compete, owing to the mistake. It is not the value of the prize money I care about, but fair is fair, so I should like to hear others' opinions on the matter, as I consider it a serious matter to other exhibitors if this kind of thing should happen to them.

L. LEWIS (of Lewis and Co.).

Some Current Topics Discussed.

SIR,—Re the proper classification of Ticked, Marked and Variegated Canaries of any variety, I think it would be a great advantage if reporters of shows or anyone writing copy for your valuable paper would exercise the greatest care in the use of technical terms. Strictly speaking, there are only six recognised technical marks on a Canary: each eye, each wing, and each side of tail, constituting two, four and six pointed birds respectively. In face of this I frequently notice in reports of shows judged by one of our most competent judges of many years standing, and who invariably reports the shows, where he officiates, the comment: "Ticked on eye." This indiscriminate use of terms is responsible for much confusion and creates wrong impressions in the minds of novices, who, it must be remembered, are ever joining the ranks. There is no such thing as a ticked-eyed bird. It is a mark, however small. Last week but one we were gravely informed that a bird could not be six-pointed if it had more than one coloured feather each side of the tail. If it had three coloured feathers each side of tail and also marked eyes and wings, it would still be a six-pointed bird; but two or one each side would be preferable. In the report of an Irish show, Norwich are credited with being "well drawn." This comment cannot be used in connection with Norwich. It is a Yorkshire phrase, meaning a long-bodied bird, as though the natural substance of body had been drawn longer. But the climax is reached when in reporting Buff cocks a winner is accredited with being of good size and substance "for a Buff cock." Where indeed do we expect to find more size and substance in Norwich Plainheads than in Buff cocks? I feel sure much misunderstanding is caused through these loose methods of reporting, and young fanciers become possessed of erroneous ideas and rush into print (perhaps myself included). I have been much interested in the Modern Norwich Plainhead controversy, and regret the attack on an old fancier and his birds, but I am pleased to see he is able to take care of himself.

W. WATSON.

Several Letters unavoidably held over

Flitting Through Space.

It is thought that while on migration the majority of birds fly at the reat speed of one hundred miles per hour.

Birds That Never Fly.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

Being notes upon the birds seen in the photographs on page 553.

The usual argument employed by those who consider all keeping of birds in captivity to be cruel is to point out the fancied suffering inflicted on the birds by the deprivation or restriction of their flying exercise. It is assumed that there is nothing that a bird likes so much as flying; yet the fact that there exists many species of birds which cannot fly at all, shows that they cannot think so very much of their aorial rights, for it is in every case quite obvious that the flightless bird has descended from some more or less remote ancestor that could fly, and, in one family and another, all stages of degeneration of the wings may be found.

The Degraded Apteryx.

The Apteryx of New Zealand shows us a bird in the farthest depth of degeneration as far as wings are concerned; it has bartered away its birthright, not for a mess of pottage, but for a diet of worms. It is all beak and legs; a long, slender, groping beak, with the nostrils at the tip instead of at the middle or the root, as in all other birds, and a pair of strong thighs and short sturdy shanks, wherewith it trudges about the forest to seek the feeding-grounds, in which it scents out the wriggling proy. The wings are so very small that they can only be found by feeling among the bird's long hairy-looking plumage; they are bent at the elbow, but not at the pinion, and terminate in a little claw.

Small as they are, however, the bird uses them as a bill-rest when it goes to sleep; at any rate it tucks its head over its back in the usual way at such times. When thus roposing, it is so very sleepy that it can be picked up without awaking it, and even when it is awake, it does not strike one as very bright. Its sight appears to be very poor, even at night, the proper time of its activity, and it goes about sniffing for food like any beast. When not on the prowl, the Apteryx has the beast-like habit of living in a den; in such places it lays its two great eggs, which are extraordinarily largo for the size of the bird, and are sat upon—or rather lain across—by the male only, for in these birds the hen is much the superior sex. Apteryx have laid in England, but no young have ever been hatched as yet here.

The Wily Weka.

The Weka Rail, also a New Zealand bird, shows wing-degeneration in a very early stage; there is nothing much wrong about its wings, except that they are rather small and very soft in the feather, and this softness of its plumago is seen more or less elsewhere, though it has not arrived at the hairiness of the more ancient flightless birds. The Weka, in fact, bears much the same relation to our Landrail as an Orpington does to a Game Bantam. But, while its powers of flight are gone, its mind and senses have remained bright and acute.

In habits it is remarkably like a Crow; omnivorous, cunning and cowardly; it is the terror of overy bird that has eggs or young on the ground, and as it slips through bushes with such ease that a dog cannot catch it in thick cover, and is active by night as well as by day, it is an enemy that is always prosent.

It even resembles the Crow tribe in its habit- of stealing things that are of no use for food, for it is well known as a camp-robber, which will carry off any small object which it can lift; and it has another Crow-like trick of holding down food with its foot while tearing at it. Writers on New Zealand birds have talked as if the whole country was a sort of happy-family cage before we started introducing British birds, but with a largo population of Wekas the other native birds must have found quite sufficient to keep them on the alert. Wekas are nearly as bad as cats, and will catch small flying birds if these are incautious enough to give them a chance. Wekas (of two different species or races, one light and the other dark) have bred at the Zoo, and reared one chick. They are excellent parents, like the Rails generally, but their thievish ways make them so unpopular in New Zealand that they are the only birds, except the Kea or sheep-killing parrot, that the Colonial Government allows to be exported.

The Curious Kakapo.

The Kakapo, or flightless Night Parrot, of New Zealand. is, if anything, less degenerate than the Weka. Its wings look quite all right, although short, but they havo very little in sole and are so useless that when the bird is up a treo, it jumps down when forced to descend. Generally it spends most of its time on the ground, where it waddles about with considerable activity, considering its clumsy build, browsing on any convenient vegetable matter.

In captivity one feeds it much like a rabbit, on carrot, cabbage, and so forth, and it displays an enormous appetito. The Kakapo has been oxhibited at the Zoo moro than once, but it is so nocturnal that it has to bo turned out for visitors to get a view of it. Its plumage of mottled green is very handsome, and if the bird were easier to get, it would probably be in great favour as a pet, for some specimens have been found to get very tame, and even playful and affectionate.

It is a big bird, as large as the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. No doubt it could be bred by turning it out in an enclosure, but this would need to have a fence of corrugated iron, brick, or hard wood, as the bird has not lost the parrot's power of climbing, so that wire-netting would be of no use to confine it, unless topped by an unclimbable arrangement of overlapping sheet-iron, such as is to be seen at the Squirrels' enclosure at the Zoo. There is a little night Parrakeet in Australia which is in general appearance quite a bantam Kakapo, but curiously enough it has largo wings, and should be a good flier; but it is a curious fact that good fliers are almost as likely to lose the power of flight as poor ones. For instance, the Wild Duck flies far more strongly than the Wild Fowl, being a long-distance traveller, which the other is not, but, as everyone knows, the average tamo duck has lost its power of flight much more completely than the fowl has.

The Paddle-winged Penguin.

The flightlessness of the Penguins is of quite a different character from that of the birds we have been discussing. It is true that at some very ancient period in the history of the race the Penguins gave up flying in the air, but instead of letting their wings run to waste, they have developed them into paddles. The Penguin, in fact, flies under water, with just the same stroke as a flying bird in the air, and even when swimming on the surface he still propels himself with his wings, the feet trailing behind as a rudder. To fit them for use in the water, the Penguin's wings have lost the power of folding up, and become stiff narrow blades, while there are no quills, but an uniform clothing of little scale-like feathers, offering the least possible resistance to water

The Penguin can also use his wings as fore-legs when he wants to travel rapidly on land, since when pressed he finds he gets on better as a quadruped than a biped; while in a fight he uses them to great effect, being a born boxer as well as biter. The species of Penguin in the picture (*Speniscus demarsus*) comes from the seas about the Cape, and is the kind most commonly imported. They have plenty of them at the Zoo, where they breed, at any time of the year, in holes and crannies in the beautiful rock-work enclosure, which they share with the sea-lions. Lest, however, anyone anxious to embark in the Penguin fancy should be discouraged by his inability to provide such accommodation, I may mention that this same species bred in Paris years before it did here, in a small enclosure with a tiny pond, which could be easily installed in any suburban back garden, and only dog-kennels as nesting-places.

The Honourable Ostrich.

Of all the flightless assemblage, the Ostrich is the only one which can claim to be a member of the aristocracy of the bird world. He is no skulker in forests where no beast of prey ever prowled till civilization came with dogs and cats, like the Now Zealand birds, nor does he spend half his time at sea like tho Penguin. He is, as an African bird, the inhabitant of a country teeming with big beasts, and he lives as a beast, running better than any of them, and roaring in a way to match the lion himself. Indeed, he has so fallen in with the ways of quadrupeds that ho associates with them, the Gnu and the Zebra being those especially honoured by his friendship.

Nevertheless, being a bird, the Ostrich cannot rid itself of the habit of laying eggs, on which both parents sit, the hen by day and the cock by night, reversing the custom so familiar to us in pigeons and doves.

As the photograph shows, the hen Ostrich is of sombre inconspicuous tints, but tho cock is very handsome, his body-colour being black, while the beautiful soft plumes of wings and tail are snow-white, and make a grand display when the bird is courting. At such times, after strutting about with erected wings, he squats down on his hocks and swings his expanded wings from side to side, while he rolls his head about on the small of his back.

Ridiculous as he seems when thus engaged, he is not to be trifled with in this state of mind, and, as one of his single-legged straightforward kicks will puncturo corrugated iron it is easy to understand how he can make him self respected in quadruped circles, and also how ostrich-farming is a pursuit not altogether unattended with danger. Tho domestication of the Ostrich, however, may justly be regarded as the greatest triumph of aviculture and if other "plume-birds," such as the Egrets were worked for plumes in tho same way, it would be very much better for all parties concerned, especially the birds.

The Cassowary Tribe.

It must have been a Cassowary to which the ancient Greek naturalist alluded when he spoke of the *hippalectryon*, or horse-cock; for there is something about this strange bird which recalls both the poultry tribe and the equine; not only is its size large, though not approaching the Ostrich's, but its plumage looks very much more like black horsehair than feathers. The wings are absurdly small, and the quills are only represented by spines like porcupine-quills; there has been some statement made about the use of these in combat, but this is not correct. The Cassowary's real weapon is his foot, for on the inner toe he bears a long straight claw, which has a terrible ripping effect when wielded by the powerful leg.

The hen Cassowary is stronger and fiercer than tho cock, as is usual in the case of birds in which the latter sex does all the sitting, as is the case with Cassowaries. The eggs aro very peculiar, with a bright green colour, so that they look like some huge unripe fruit. Young Cassowaries are very pretty playful little things, clad at first in striped down, and then chestnut-hued in their first feathering; the horny helmet first appears as a flat plate, and the bright colours on the bare neck, which differ much in the different species of Cassowaries, are like the black plumage peculiar to the adult. There are quite a number of species, all found in New Guinea, or the countries adjoining.

The Amiable Emu.

The Emu is the least distinguished, in some ways, of all our non-flyers. It has not the plumes of the Ostrich, nor the martial helmet and spear-armod toes of the Cassowary, nor has it the quaint shape of the Apteryx or Penguin. It is, however, a very attractive bird in one way, being of a highly genial disposition, and showing a dog-like desire for being caressed and petted, even when full-grown, while it is seldom dangerously vicious. Its speckly-grey plumage cannot be mistaken for that of any other bird, and its tiny wings, which have no bend in them, are clothed with the same plumage as the body, and so are hardly noticeable.

As in the Cassowaries, to which it is nearly related, the sitting in the Emu is performed by the male, which is the smaller and weaker bird, and much more timid and less noisy than the female, which often utters a hollow, "pumping" note." He has to sit about a couple of months—tho longest known period in any bird—and does not take any food during all this time. The beautiful granulated-shelled dark green eggs are quite well known through being so often used as ornaments, and are often to be seen beautifully carved. That, and the use of its skin for a rug, and its fat as a lubricant, are tho chief uses civilized man discovers in the Emu, but I hope its noble appearance—it is tho next largest bird to the Ostrich—and pleasant disposition will long secure its preservation in its native land, Australia, and its cultivation in our parks, where it breeds more freely and rears its young more easily than any other flightless bird.

A Foreign Bird-keeper's Early Experiences.

See photograph in the Art Supplement accompanying this issue.

By H. LEWIS.

I havo kept birds (in fact, live stock of almost every description) ever since I was a boy at school. It is about eight or nine years since I purchased my first pair of Budgerigars. These I turned out in a small garden aviary, about 10ft. long, 4ft. wide, and 7ft. high. Although the hen was continually going in and out of the cokernut husk, she never laid.

The following year I thought I would like to purchase some moro foreign birds off some well known fancier, so I sent to Mr. D. Seth Smith for a pair of Cockatiels, a pair of Budgerigars (which bred me four good strong youngsters in the first nest), and a pair of Chinese Painted Quails.

The Painted Quails.

The last-mentioned pair of birds were to me a source of continual pleasure. They keep on tho ground, seldom fly, and never roost on a perch. The cock is very attentive to his mate, calling her to all the dainty morsels, and is seldom, if ever, seen far away from her. They scratch about on the ground and are very fond of a dust bath.

In June (I believe) the hen laid her first egg, and very proud they both seemed. They couldn't leave it alone. They rolled it in, and rolled it out of the nest, which is a shallow hole lined with a few sticks and bits of hay. Each day another dark-brown egg appeared, until she had laid seven in all. Tho hen sat very steadily.

One morning (before I expected them) I was surprised to find six tiuy Quails, the size of a black Spanish nut, running about with the pair of old ones. This is the most interesting sight I have ever seen amongst birds—the old birds, the size of a day-old chicken, with a brood of tiuy chickens, which run through ½in. mesh netting quite easily. There are numerous disappointments in foreign bird-keeping. All my young Quails died.

Buying and Selling.

Shortly after this I went in for foreign bird dealing, buying newly imported birds, which I turned out into my outdoor aviary, and then selling those which did not die, at the same price as most dealers sold newly imported ones. At the end of the year I found that I had been losing money, but I did not mind this much, as by this means many birds had passed through my hands, birds which probably I should never have seen otherwise. Still, I was not prepared to go on losing, so I gave it up for a time.

Of course, like everyone else who has ever had the bird fever, it is sure to break out again, so you see me (in the illustration) here again with larger aviary and more birds than ever.

The Aviary.

The aviary depicted is a fairly large one. The view in the photo is a south one, and is of about 13ft. of the aviary, the total length of it being 35ft., which I am sorry I cannot show. At the far end a small brook runs through the aviary, which ensures a constant supply of fresh water for drinking and bathing purposes.

This aviary contains Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Lovebirds, Rosellas, and several other species of birds, together with a pair of Mandarin Ducks. Although Mandarin Ducks aro not strictly cage birds, it would no doubt interest some to know that I successfully exhibited the drake last year, winning 1st and special at Sanquhar, 2nd at Owestry, 3rd at Birmingham, besides two other thirds, a reservo, and three times was "very highly commended."

My breeding with the foreigners this year has been fairly successful, especially in the cases of the Cockatiels and Budgerigars. I tamed one nest of four young Budgerigars, which were soon disposed of after an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, so I decided to tame some more, and also some Cockatiels.

Taming Cockatiels and Budgerigars.

If taken in hand as soon as they leave the nest, it is not so very difficult to get them as you see them in the illustration. I find that the Cockatiels get tamo quite as readily as the Budgerigars, and make most charming pets.

The chief thing in the taming of Cockatiels and Budgerigars is to start as soon as they leave the nest. Catch them at once, give them a lesson, and thon put them back to be fed by the old ones. Repeat this every day as often as possible, until they can feed for themselves. Then remove them to a large cage in tho house. If you have a little daughter, you will find your task much easier, that is, if she will play with them, like "Connie" (see illustration). You will find it necessary to cut the bird's wings if you want to take it out of tho house, as the tamest of birds aro easily frightened off your finger in a strange place.

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Three Favourite British Finches.

By GEO. G. HENDERSON.

A thoroughly practical article written round our Coloured Plate by one of Scotland's best-known British Bird enthusiasts.

The Greenfinch.

Once the Greenfinch was known as the "poor man's cage-bird," but now he is everybody's favourite. Who does not know him? He will be found in every bird shop of any city, and may be bought for a few coppers. Greenfinches are prolific breeders, therefore are very plentiful. In winter they mix with the Sparrows on the outskirts of towns, and where I live (in the vicinity of Glasgow) they come to my back door every morning to be fed, and are not at all afraid once you gain their confidence.

Cocks are easily to be discerned from hens, being of a much richer colour, the hen being really more of a grey bird than a green. Both are invaluable, from a Hybrid breeder's point of view; the cocks are in great demand for mating with Bullfinch hens, and the hens make grand mothers when once they take to cage life. I have found them make the best of foster mothers; they will sit, hatch, and rear the young right up till they can do for themselves.

In the springtime out in the country it is delightful to watch the cock-bird at the time of pairing, flying from one clump of trees to another, flapping his wings and uttering his peculiar whistle to his mate, leading her on to his own favourite haunts, reminding you of the decoy cock pigeon some unscrupulous persons keep flying single to lure away the hen pigeons from other fanciers' cotes to their own lofts.

Fearless Parents.

Greenfinches build their nests in hedges dividing fields or in any small bushes in gardens. I remember a pair that became domiciled in a small hedge at the side of the main carriage drive at my father's residence, where people were continually going to and fro. This constant traffic did not interfere in any way with their family duties, for they reared a fine nest of youngsters. When they were ready to fly I put them into a small cage and placed the latter in the heart of the bush, wherein the nest had been, and the old birds fed the young through the wires without one moment's hesitation.

After a day or two of this, I removed the cage to another small hedge nearer my bird-house, and still the parents followed their offspring—feeding the long day through. I persisted in this "step by step" method of securing the young Greenies, and before long I had the cage with the youngsters on a table at my bird house door, with the old birds coming and going. To give them every encouragement, I placed "tit-bits" near at hand, to coax them so they should not forsake their nestlings, and so destroy my cherished hopes. Once I saw the young Greenies feeding themselves, I took cage and all into the bird-house, and put the same on a shelf right opposite the open door. Would you believe it, the old birds came in and fed as if they had been located there all their lives! Many may think I should have closed the door and kept the parents in; but I didn't, I let them have their liberty, for I considered they wrought hard for it, and certainly they made me the possessor of a nest of beauties—2 cocks and 1 hen. I also kept in mind the thought that perhaps at some future day they would do me another good turn.

As a Hybrid Breeder.

Hand-reared, or Canary-reared Greenfinches, make the best of pets, and may be trained to sing the song of other birds. I have one myself at present which can imitate the Chaffinch to perfection. To see him in the springtime flying about in my aviary uttering "pink, pink," to the utter bewilderment and loving admiration of his mate (a hen Chaffinch) is quite a treat!

Greenfinches are at times a bit jealous towards, and boisterous with, their mates, so when breeding with them in cages, I prefer to use the double breeder. In this cage you have your Hybrid breeders better under control, and can save your hens from too much attention, as they cannot resist the ardour of your cock Greenie. This keeps them in robust health, and if it is a hen Bullfinch you have up with Master Greenie, you stand a better chance of getting full eggs. No doubt many of you are aware that when once Bullie hens begin to cry for their mate, there is then no end to it, and if the male Finch is continually beside her, in time he goes out of breeding form, and pays her the least attention just at the very time the Bullie hen is coming on to lay, i.e., when he should be in the most forward breeding condition.

When you have paired your birds, separate them with the sliding partition, and the first thing in the morning place a handful of nesting material in the Bullie hen's part of the cage, let her get a mouthful, then pull out the division, and let the Greenie in for a time. Then run him back to his own part. Repeat this in the middle of the day and in the evening. This I consider the best way to procure Hybrids. Others may have their own ideas and ways; but this is mine and is well worthy a trial.

A Great Trencherman.

The Greenfinch has a splendid appetite, and is always ready for his daily supply of food; nothing seems to come amiss to him in this line. There is one thing he will never take except under force, and that is colour-food. He seems to abhor it, and if you don't watch him he lets himself down into such a low condition that nothing will bring him back to his normal self, and the result is you lose him.

If you are inclined to colour-feed one or two, I advise you to mix cold feed with maw seed, linseed meal, crushed hemp, and wild weed-seed mixture. There will always be a certain amount adhere to the soft food, so he is bound to get it, and this should give him all the colour required for show.

Sunflower and Colour.

Sunflower seed is the very best food you can use as a staple diet for your Greenie, and I give it all the year round, except at any time he gets rather fat and lazy. This sunflower seed is the "fountain of colour" in a Greenie, and a bird well moulted on sunflower heads, fresh daily, is enhanced in colour tenfold. You have only to test it to prove what I say is true.

The best of Canary seed give at all times, German and English rape in the spring and summer, and about the end of the moult linseed and hemp, and in cold, wintry weather I add groats and crushed wheat. He will not object to a mealworm at times, although some take no heed of such dainties.

For green food I find they prefer groundsel to anything else, and this is an article which helps greatly to put a sheen on the feather. Dandelion heads, chickweed, shepherd's purse, thistle, and hardheads he will partake of, and all do him good. For a downright delicious morsel offer him some new corn gathered fresh from the field, and watch him devour it. How pleased he is at such a treat!

I give them a bath every other day, as nothing will keep a Greenie in better order and show condition than cold water. It is cheap; so why not make use of it?

Obtaining the Exhibition Article.

In obtaining a Greenfinch for show, I would call on a bird dealer who trades extensively in British birds, and ascertain when he is likely to get some fresh-caught birds in. When that day arrives, select your own by looking out for the largest one or two you can put your eyes on, massive in build, broad and full chested, with large round heads. The colour should be of the richest golden grassy green, all of one shade, no lighter (greyer) parts underneath, but solid all through. The feather must be tight and of fine texture, and as close as that of a Border Fancy Canary. The outer flights of the wings and edging of tail feathers should be of the deepest yellow.

The bird I have described is termed a yellow (or jonque) Greenfinch. Buffs are paler (and greyer) in colour, and do not stand any great chance against a good yellow, except in colour-fed classes. Buffs are generally larger birds and make the best for colour-feeding purposes. Many a good fed buff have I noticed being described in some show report or other as a "yellow." For natural colour or non-fed classes I prefer the South of England birds, these being a much purer and richer colour than their Scottish brethren. For colour-fed classes give me a large one, no matter where caught, and if he "takes it," many blemishes will be hidden by the feed that would have told against the bird had it been in its natural colour.

The show cage should be of the box pattern, and painted inside (wires and all) French grey, pale blue, or silver colour—any will show off your bird to the best possible advantage.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

A Successful Canary Breeder's Experiences and Methods.

— By A. BROWN. —

(See the photograph on page 555 of this issue.)

It is five years since I started breeding Canaries, which was through buying CAGE BIRDS. I purchased two pairs of birds—one pair of Norwich and a pair of Yorkshires through your advertisement columns. Although I had many disappointments, I finished up with ten good youngsters. The next year I increased my stock, and bred 40 youngsters, and have gone on increasing my stock each year. Last year I bred 100 youngsters, and last year was my first year in showing. I was very pleased with the result.

As early as June last I had nearly 100 youngsters from 15 hens, and about 40 eggs to hatch out on the third round. Now I will say how I prepare for and breed my youngsters.

I keep my hens in a large wire flight (shown in the photograph). I believe in plenty of flight for the hens, as I have proved that it prevents egg-binding, and I have not had an egg-bound hen for 3 years. I feed my hens on best Spanish Canary seed as a staple diet, with a mixture of hemp, best German rape and niger seed twice a week, egg food once a week up to the end of February, after which I increase my egg food to twice a week. I always find my hens ready at the right time.

I keep my cocks in the breeding cages, which are double ones with wire and wood slides. I feed them the same as the hens with the exception of the niger seed.

I never pair up before the first week in April, and I can assure you that experience has taught me not to pair up earlier as the weather is more settled by then. In about two weeks my hens are all down. I like to get my hens all down together as near as possible, so that I can transfer youngsters to other nests if necessary.

About the thirteenth day, I put egg food in the egg pans, prepared as follows: One tea biscuit to the same amount of bread, a teaspoonful of sugar and one egg. I prefer egg and bread, as the egg food is not so dry, nor is it too wet. I also give the hens plenty of hemp seed. I might say that I always give the white of egg with yolk, and when the youngsters are three days old I give watercress, which I always use in plenty. I have tried other green foods, but cannot beat this.

When the youngsters are three weeks old, I find my hens want to go to nest again. I transfer the youngsters to a Yorkshire show cage. I always use these as nursery cages, as I find my Yorkshires get steady and in position sooner in these, and besides, keep cleaner than in the ordinary nursery cages. I am never troubled by bad feeders, and as I have some large Crest and Crest-bred hens, that are always left to feed their own youngsters; and I find they feed quite as well as my Yorkshires and Norwich. But one thing I am convinced of, you can work up a good feeding strain. I always find that youngsters bred from a good mother turn out good feeders. For instance, I made an exchange with a friend of mine; I gave him some small Norwich for feeders in exchange for a Crestbred hen, as he complained of not getting his hens to feed. Now this hen he gave me would not feed, no matter how I tried her. Or you can inbreed a bad feeding strain.

When my youngsters are a month old I transfer them to the flight, giving them egg food, and crushed hemp, Canary and rape seed. I never stop the egg food too soon; I gradually stop it up to the time I start colour-feeding, when they are about eight weeks old.

I have tried different ways of mixing my colour-feed, but I find you get as good results from the following. I make the egg cake, so often mentioned in CAGE BIRDS. I begin by mixing one teaspoonful of pepper to half-a-pint of egg cake, gradually working it up to full strength—four teaspoonfuls of pepper. I always put two ozs. of hot to a pound of cold pepper, and all the fanciers that have seen my stock have remarked what a colour I get, and several have decided to try the same. This egg cake saves a lot of trouble, and you can moisten as much as you require.

I might say that I mix the colour with the cake, and put in tins a few days before use, as by doing this the colour gets into the cake better. My birds eat it without any trouble, and I never remove the seed hoppers. I moult and colour-feed my birds in the flights, as I find they then get on the colour-feed better, and when they are half-way through the moult, I pick out the best youngsters and cage them in twos to finish off. One thing I never miss is to give them a bath. This is one of the best things to put a good finish to one's birds' moult.

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A Great Gathering at Gateshead

ANOTHER TYNESIDE RECORD AT THE PALACE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

The tenth annual Gateshead Show, "the Palace of the North," was held on Friday and Saturday, December 10th and 11th, in the Burt-terrace Drill Hall, Bensham-road, and was in every respect the greatest success ever achieved by the society. A grand hall, in close proximity to the railway station, a record entry, a magnificent array of exhibits, a splendid attendance of the public, and real hard work by a most efficient body of fanciers, all contributed their quota towards this great success—great as it was well deserved.

The arrangements, as befits a show of such magnitude, were most complete, and were all in the hands of the secretary, Mr. George Buck, a sterling fancier, very efficient in the performance of the arduous duties that are ever associated with the secretarial position. We have heard much lately about the late entry nuisance, but we doubt if any secretary ever had the same dose inflicted upon him as had Mr. Buck. We learn on good authority that on Wednesday morning (two days before the show), entries did not number 400, yet on counting up the entries in the catalogue we find a grand total of 1,875, an increase on last year of 155, thus constituting a record for the society. It will be seen from this that on the last day possible for taking entries Mr. Buck had nearly 1,000 late ones to deal with, necessitating hard work, day and night, and well calculated to worry and upset any man less efficient, and we heartily congratulate Mr. Buck on coming through with flying colours. His efforts were very ably seconded by the assistant secretary, Mr. H. Johnson, who, like Mr. Buck, we always found very courteous and obliging. The arrangements for the feeding and watering of the exhibits were in the hands of the show manager, Mr. F. F. Hawkins, who performed his duties in a highly creditable manner, and was continually on the move seeing that nothing had been overlooked. He was ably backed up by a band of real fanciers, consisting of the chairman (Mr. T. Almond), vice-chairman (Mr. Shafto Robson), treasurer (Mr. T. Taylor), and the committee, Messrs. W. Mather, E. Wright, W. Longstaff, A. T. Hodgson, J. Moor, W. J. Smith, P. Rule, J. Campbell, G. E. Robson, J. Jonasson, E. B. Hooper, and D. E. Kent.

Perfect Management.

The staging of the exhibits was grandly carried out in five rows, four tiers high, with the Foreign birds in another row at the end of the hall. If we indulged in offering suggestions to societies for their "guidance," we are afraid that we should have to complain because there was nothing to find fault with. "Perfection" describes the arrangements. Although on the Saturday the weather was miserable in the extreme, we are pleased to record a grand attendance of the public, and during the afternoon the hall was crowded. CAGE BIRDS stall, near the doorway, tastefully decorated, and exhibiting the many hooks, plates, etc., calculated to educate the fancier in the art of cage bird keeping, was a source of much attraction, and was well patronised by fanciers and visitors, and did a good business, the attendant in charge not having much time to himself. We noticed the genial chairman, Mr. T. Almond, very busy in charge of the sales office, and from the way he was working, it appeared that many of the exhibits were changing hands. Owing to the many late entries, it was found impossible to get the catalogues out before Saturday morning, but as soon as they arrived they were despatched at once to those requiring them. This was the only blemish in connection with the show, and through no fault of the officials, for the remedy obviously lies in the hands of exhibitors, who should send their entries earlier.

Coming to the exhibits themselves, they made a grand collection, about the best ever seen in the North. Every section contained birds of superlative merit, and, this being the case, it would be invidious to select any section as taking precedence. Norwich were grand, both in numbers and quality, 215 in 12 classes, an average of 18 per class. All the "dons" were here, of true Norwich type, short cobby birds, with plenty of substance, grand colour and short silky feather. It would do some of those who are criticising the winning Norwich of to-day, good to see them. Many well-known winners were put down a bit, notably Mr. Sandiford's variegated buff, which had to be content with 3rd place. The special for best Norwich went to Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins' (Bolton) clear buff.

Once Again Best.

Crests, although grand in quality, were once again poor in numbers, notwithstanding the fact that the show was patronised by both specialist clubs. Only six per class, in nine classes. We are afraid that Crest fanciers will have to "buck up" a bit, and devise some means of keeping the champion birds in a class by themselves if they wish societies to continue the extended classification they are giving to the Crests and Crest-breds. This section again supplied the winner of the challenge cup for best bird in show, Mr. R. Armstrong's champion Dark Crest, "King of Kings," again securing the honour, the second year in succession. Borders came up well, averaging 13 per class in 11 classes, and here again birds of the highest quality were staged, Mr. A. Gilchrist winning the special for best in section with a gem of a yellow hen. The Yorkshires were splendid, 14 per class in nine classes, practically the pick of the country, birds true to standard, and excelling in beauty and grace. The unflighted yellow exhibited by Mr. W. Crahtree is indeed a gem of the first water, and was, we believe, runner-up for the special for best in show. This bird secured special for best Yorkshire, and well deserved it. In Scots Fancies Mr. W. B. Cobh secured the special with a grand yellow hen. The Belgian section special went to Mr. J. Greig's yellow hen, a fine specimen. Other special winners were: Gold medal most points in Crest section, diploma best young Crest, diploma best young C.B., Messrs. Dobson and Son; diploma best old Crest, Mr. Armstrong; diploma best old C.B., Mr. E. G. Piper; Border Fancy medal, Mr. A. Gilchrist.

The Linnets in Force.

The British Hardbills were really one of the features of the show. Seldom has such an array been seen in the North; in fact, it was more in the shape of an International competition than anything else. Some real gems were on view in all the classes. The Bullfinches were a grand lot, with the Greenfinches close up. The Linnets can be said to have been the feature of the show; such a collection has rarely, if ever, been seen before. All types and shades of colour were on view. Goldfinches all over were good, while the variety Finches, although not so strong in numbers, were a very representative lot. Softbills were a shade disappointing in numbers, but some really outstanding birds were present. Mules made a fine collection, in point of quality, Mr. Duncan's Clear Linnet being greatly admired. Unfortunately for its owner, on receiving same from the show, we hear that it had got its tail badly damaged, some of the feathers being broken. Foreigners were a grand array, the "tropical colours" being here, and no mistake. That they were greatly admired by all present goes without saying. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged all these sections, and his awards, on the whole, were very well received.

The judges were: Nor. and Cinn., Mr. J. Robson; Crests, Mr. T. Taylor; Yorks., Mr. R. Halliday; Borders, Mr. Dixon; Mules, Brit., and For., Mr. J. F. Dewar; Scots and Belg., Messrs. Robson and Dewar, jointly. The awards of these gentlemen seemed on the whole to give every satisfaction.

The Norwich Plainheads.

NOR. YELL, CL., ETC. (14): 1, Haigh and Son, red hot col., beautiful shape, grand head and neck, well carried wings and tail, beautifully cut away behind; 2, c, Trengove, rare type, grand col., nice size, deep, full chest, beautiful head and neck, beaten a wee trifle only in wing carriage; 3, Snowden, grand size, hot col., nice shape, good chest, fine neck; 4, vhc, Sandiford, not quite the substance of winners, perhaps, but grand col. and quality, beautiful shape, good head and neck; hc, Davies. BUFF (16): 1, sp, best Nor., J. and J. Hopkins, grand type, rare hot col., good quality, neat head and neck, short, close feather, well carried wings and tail, clean cut; 2, Pickering and Wright, grand size, rare front, beautiful head and neck, fine col. and quality, good wings and tail; 3, G. Dobinson, looks like last year's Palace winner, beautiful shape, grand col., deep, broad chest, rare head and neck, good wings and tail; 4, Sandiford, beautiful shape, clean cut head and neck, grand quality, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Waters; hc, Marsh; c, Lawson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, J. E. Davies, tkd. behind left eye, red hot, grand shape, splendid quality, beautiful head and neck, fine wings and tail, clean cut behind; 2, Evans, tkd. right eye, grand shape, beautiful front, good head and neck, nice col., lovely quality, well cut away; 3, Seed, mkd. head and right wing, nice shape, rare quality and col., neat head and neck, grand pipe tail; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, "Preston Wonder," mkd. head and wings, beautiful shape, clean front, grand head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Lawson; c, Stanger and Herdman. BUFF (13): 1, Seed, mkd. face, rump and wing, grand shape, beautiful col., nice quality, good size, grand head and neck, well carried wings and tail, clean behind; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, tkd. head and left wing, nice size, grand shape, deep full chest, rare head and neck, good wings and tail, fine col. and quality; 3, Sandiford, grand type, deep broad chest, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality, little to choose between these three; 4, A. Grey, lightly varieg., grand shape, beautiful quality, neat head and neck, wings and tail, good one; vhc, Butler; hc, c, Evans. HEN YELL. (14): 1, J. Wilcock, grand size, beautiful shape, short and cobby, grand head and neck, rare col. and quality, short wings and tail, clean cut away; 2, Snowden, beautiful shape, nice size, neat head and neck, grand col., well carried wings and tail; 3, A. Grey, rare size, beautiful col., grand quality, neat head and neck, fine wings and tail; 4, Cooke, nice size, grand col., good chest, nice head and neck, clean cut, wee trifle longer wings and tail; vhc, Baker; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Waters. BUFF (20): 1, Pickering and Wright, grand shape, rare chest, beautiful head and neck, grand col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, A. Grey, beautiful shape, grand head and neck, rare col., fine quality, short wings and tail, clean cut away, not much to choose between the two; 3, Lawson, beautiful type, grand front, best of wings and tail, neat head and neck, fine quality; 4, Waters, fine size, nice shape, grand wings and tail, good col. and quality, neat head vhc, hc, Dobinson; c, Cundiff. UNFLIG. YELL. (24): 1, Davies, varieg., red hot col., grand shape, rare head and neck, beautiful wings and tail, nice size, grand quality, well cut away; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, "John Bull 11.," dark tail and wing tips, beautiful shape, deep chest, grand wings and tail, rare head and neck, good col. and quality, close up; 3, Waters, cl., grand col., fine quality, good type, rare head and neck, nice wings and tail; 4, Forster, cl., scarcely so massive, grand shape, beautiful col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Holden and Todd; hc, Mugley; c, Cundiff. BUFF (20): 1, Kirkpatrick, head and wing mkd., nice size, good shape, beautiful col. and quality, neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail, clean cut away; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, "Pride of Preston," griz. cap, good size, beautiful shape, rare full chest, grand front, grand head and neck, beautiful wings and tail; 3, Seed, varieg., grand size, hot col., good quality, rare front, grand head and neck, good wings and tail, scarcely so well finished behind; 4, Davies, nice size, rich col., good head and neck, clean cut, good wings and tail; vhc, Dobinson; hc, Turner; c, Haigh and Son. HEN (27): 1, Harland, "Queen of Queens," yell., beautiful shape, nice size, deep, broad chest, rare head and neck, grand col and quality, short flights and tail, clean cut away; 2, c, G. Dobinson, we could not find (probably in Members' section); 3, Cooke, beautiful shape, grand hot col., good quality, short close feather, neat head and neck grand wings and tail; 4, hc, Lawson, nice size, good shape, neat head and neck, fine front, short flights and tail; vhc, Griffiths. NAT. COL. (16): 1, 4, Aitchison, leader cl. yell., good size, magnificent shape, beautiful col., grand quality, rare chest, grand head and neck, beautiful wings and tail, clean cut away, a gem; 4, varieg., buff, rare shape, grand front, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, yell. varieg., nice size, grand shape, full front, good wings and tail, neat head and neck, fine quality; 3, Smith, cl. buff, fine shape, good quality, neat head and neck, deep broad chest; vhc, Winter; hc, Cooke; c, Richardson; absent, Coxon and Lee. NOR. YELL. (18): 1, McMillan, cl., rare size, red hot col., rich quality, fine shape, good head and neck, grand wings and tail, clean cut away behind; 2, Cundiff cl., red hot, grand size, good quality, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail clean cut away; 3, Machin, cl., nice size, good col., correct type, fine head and neck, full chest, close, short feather; 4, Tose, cl., good size, nice col., fine quality, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Smith; c, Richardson. BUFF (20): 1, Tose, griz right side of neck, rare size, grand col. and quality, fine type, thick head and neck, well carried wings and tail, clean cut away; 2, Hodgson, cl., grand shape, neat head and neck, grand front, rich col. and quality, good wings and tail, nice size; 3, Cundiff, good size, cl., correct shape, clean front, good head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 4, Stevenson, grand shape, good thick head and neck, deep chest, nice quality, paler in col.; vhc, Duckett; hc, Richardson; c, J. Reed.

The Cinnamons and Crests.

CINN. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, spl best in section, Dormer, leader grand size, rare shape, beautiful rich, level tone of col., fine quality, grand wings and tail, 2nd scarcely so massive, perhaps, grand shape, good rich tone of col., very level, neat head and neck, 3rd fine size, rich col. and quality, good shape; 4, hc, Brown Bros., nice shape, good size and col, not quite so well polished; vhc, Godley; c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Dormer, leader, great size, correct shape, thick head and neck, grand, level col., extra quality, well polished, 2nd another monster, nice shape, good wings and tail, scarcely so rich perhaps in breast col.; 3, Riding, good size grand shape, rare head and neck, grand quality, 4, Brown Bros., rare size, fine shape, good wings and tail, not quite so deep in col.; vhc, hc, Godley; c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 4, Dormer, leader yell., grand size, good shape, grand wings and tail, rich, level col. throughout, magnificent quality, finely burnished, 4th yell., nice size, correct Nor. type, good col. and quality, 2, hc, Riding, yell., scarcely so massive, perhaps, as winner, correct shape, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, 3rd buff, Dormer, fine shape, good size, nice body col.; vhc, Godley; c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. CINN. NOVICE (11): 1, c, H. Fenwick, yell., beautiful Nor. shape, neat head and neck, grandly cut away, beautiful rich, level col.; 2, 3, hc, Hayes, 2nd medium size, good shape, neat head and neck, grand polish, not quite so level in col, 3rd buff, good size and shape, grand col. and polish; 4, Douglas, buff, great size; vhc, Haworth. CREST, YELL. (6): 1, Armstrong, green, grand-shaped Crest, of good size and formation, very densely feathered for a yell., grand quality, nice droop; 2, Dobson and Son, cl. body. D.C., extra col. and quality, crest of nice size and shape, good centre, not quite so dense or so long in frontal; 3, Evins Bros., wing mkd. D.C., grand col. and quality, neat shape, good formation and droop; 4, Currah and Son, varieg. D.C., scarcely so massive, perhaps, but good centre; vhc, Hutchinson, absent, T. Almond. CL. BODY, ETC. (5): 1, Armstrong, "Suggested Model," cl. body, grey Crest, great size, very dense in feather, beautiful shape, wonderful droop, grand centre, lovely exhibit; 2, Evins Bros., cl. body, D.C., good size, grand formation and droop, radiating nicely from a very neat centre; 3, Brotherton, grey Crest, good shape, wonderful droop, beautiful centre; 4, vhc, Hands, griz. wing grey Crest, nice size, good shape, drooping nicely from a good centre. BUFF CK. A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, spl best bird in show, Armstrong, 1st well known, king of kings, needs no comment, 4th nearly green, neat shape, fine droop, good centre; 2, 3, Currah and Son, 2nd varieg. D.C., grand drooping crest, beautiful shape, splendidly radiating from a very neat centre, not quite the spread of winner, perhaps, 3rd varieg. D.C., grand size, good formation, fine droop, very neat centre; vhc, Dobson and Son. HEN (6): 1, Piper, varieg. D.C., great size, grand droop, beautiful shape, grandly radiating from splendid centre, very densely feathered crest, well over beak end, an eye opener for the Northern men; 2, vhc, Dobson and Son, varieg. D.C., grand shape, beautiful droop, splendid radiation, best of centres, Sunderland winner; 3, R. Armstrong, tkd. right wing, good size, grand shape, beautiful radiation from very neat centre; 4, Evins Bros., green, nice size and shape, good droop, neat radiation; hc, Richardson. CREST, 1909 (7): 1, 3, Dobson and Son, leader, varieg. D.C., grand size, densely clothed with broad, leafy feather, grand droop, neatly radiating from splendid centre, 3rd wing mkd. D.C., very shapely, beautiful formation, splendid droop, neatest of centres; 2, Evins Bros., varieg. D.C., good size, grand shape, splendid droop, radiating nicely from a fine centre; 4, Brotherton, varieg. D.C., nice size, good shape, fine droop, neat radiation; vhc, hc, Currah and Son; c, W. F. Swan. C.B. (9): 1, Dobson and Son, varieg. great size, grand width of skull, wonderful lash, excellent rise in front, wonderful flow of broad veiny feather, Sunderland winner; 2, Widdowfield, foul tail green, nice size, grand skull, well lashed, fine rise in front, abundance of good leafy feather; 3, 4, Currah and Son, 3rd varieg., good size, grand lash, fine quality feather, 4th varieg., nice size, fine lashing, broad skull, not quite so high in front; vhc, Mole; hc, Almond; c, W. F. Swan. C.B. CK. (9): 1, Piper, nearly green, massive, broad skull, rare quality feather, grand size and width, wonderful lash, good one; 2, Jim Taylor, wing mkd., great size, broad, massive skull, grandly lashed, rare rise and entrance; 3, Longstaff, varieg. scarcely so massive in skull, well lashed, nice rise and width; 4, Hutchinson, varieg., fine size, grand lash, good entrance; vhc, Dobson and Son; hc, Brotherton; c, J. Grey. HEN (5): 1, Bewick, well-known "Duchess," wonderful size, massive skull, flowing over with long, broad, leafy feather, grand rise and width; 2, R. Armstrong, wing mkd., grand size, massive skull, beautiful lash, not quite so massive as winner; 3, Dobson and Son, varieg, nice size, good lash, good length of feather; 4, Jim Taylor, great size, good rise and width, grand lash, plenty of good, broad feather, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, W. F. Swan. PAIRS (6): 1, Dobson and Son, foul tail green crest, grand shape, nice radiation and droop, and varieg. C.B., great size, rare width of skull, well lashed; 2, hc, Armstrong, 2nd varieg. D.C., nice shape and droop, good centre, and varieg C.B., grand skull, nice rise and lash; 3, 4, Bewick, 3rd varieg. D.C., good size and shape, not so neat in centre, and varieg. C.B., rare skull, beautifully lashed, 4th foul tail, green Crest, grand size, good shape and droop and foul tail, green C.B.; vhc, Almond.

The Borders and Yorkshires.

BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Pearson, beauty for shape, grand feather, tight as a bottle, rare col., grand wings and tail, beautifully cut away; 2, Thompson, very similar to first, grand shape and feather, not quite so smooth underneath as yet; 3, Duncan, grand feather and condition, well carried wings, fails just a wee trifle in tail; 4, Hopper Bros., grand shape, well braced wings and tail, beautifully drawn; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Whittaker; c, Hawkins. HEN: 1, spl, best Bord., Gilchrist, model for shape, beautiful col. and quality, sweetly moulded, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, well cut away; 2, Patterson, another gem, grand shape, beautiful wings and tail, clean cut, close, compact feather, neat head and neck; 3, Chapman, beautiful shape, fine col. and quality, neat wings, scarcely so tight, perhaps, in feather; 4, Currah and Son, grand shape, sweet head and neck, grand pipe tail; vhc, Mugford; hc, Poole; c, Thompson. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Pennington, grand type, richest of col., rare quality, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, beautifully moulded, a gem; 2, Gilchrist, good shape, rich col. and quality, finely braced wings and tail, neat head and neck; 3, Currah and Son, rare shape, grand wings and tail, sweet head and neck, a wee bit paler in colour; 4, Patterson, we could not find; vhc, Poole; hc, Whittaker. HEN (15): 1, Mugford, model, grand, close feather, beautiful shape, finely braced wings, fine tail, grand col., and quality; 2, Bennet, grand shape, rich col. and quality, sweetly moulded, rare back, wings and tail, little to choose between 1st and 2nd; 3, Hawkins, grand shape, a trifle stouter in built, splendid quality, good col., neat head and neck, close up; 4th Currah and Son, rare shape, grand head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Whittaker; c, Stanger and Herdman. EVENLY MKD. (5): 1, 3, Patterson, leader buff, grand shape, sweetly moulded, grand wings and tail, neat head and neck; 3rd we could not find; 2, Currah and Son, yell., "Queenie," beautiful shape, grand col., well braced wings and tail, rare feather and condition; 4, Gilchrist, buff, scarcely so shapely as winners, perhaps, but good wings and tail, neat head and neck; vhc, Thomas. UNEVEN. YELL. (12): 1, Duncan, grand shape, beautiful col. and quality, well braced wings and tail, neat head and neck, finely drawn; 2, Pennington, fine shape, grand back, rare wings and tail, good head and neck; 3, Hawkins, fine style, good shape, grand col. and quality, neat wings and tail, fine head and neck; 4, Whittaker, nice type, grand col., fine quality, good back and wings; vhc, Patterson; hc, Graham; c, Thomas. BUFF (8): 1, Patterson, gem for shape, grand body, good head and neck, rich col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Pennington, very shapely, rare head and neck, fine back, wings and tail, close feather; 3, Smart, nice body, neat head, good col. and quality, fine wings and tail, a wee trifle too full in neck; 4, Chapman, cinn. mkd., good shape, fine col., good back and wings; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Duncan; c, Pearson. TKD. (14): 1, Hawkins, griz. head, buff, grand shape, rare col. and quality, beautiful wings and tail, neat head and neck, very tight in feather; 2, Graham, cinn. mkd. yell., fine shape, rich col., good quality, grand wings and tail, neat head and neck, close up; 3, Chapman, we could not find; 4, Gilchrist, griz. left eye, buff, good col. and quality, scarcely the grand shape of winners, good wings and tail; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Poole; c, Bennet. GREEN OR CINN., ETC. (17): 1, 3, Johnston, leader grand, yell. green, model for shape, grand, rich tone of col, very level throughout, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, 3rd buff green, grand shape, good col., neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Milligan, another yell. green, grand shape, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck, good pencilling, fails a wee trifle in wing carriage; 4, Bennet, we could not find; hc, Young; ex vhc, hc, McQuillan. YELL., NOVICE (21): 1, Smith, cl. grand shape, sweetly moulded, rich col. and quality, grand head and neck, rare wings and tail, feather close and compact; 2, Scott; 3, Montgomery, yell. green, grand shape, good col and pencilling, nice wings, good head and neck; 4, Jenkins, variegated, yell., nice shape, neat wings and tail, good quality; vhc, Gibson and Waugh; hc, Gardner; c, J. Reed. BUFF (21): 1, Smith, rare shape, grand col., fine quality, good back, well braced wings, and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Young, grand shape, even mkd., rare wings and tail, neat head and neck; 3, Montgomery, buff green, grand shape, good col. and quality, nice head and neck; 4, Rowell, good stamp, finely rounded body, neat wings and tail, good head and neck; vhc, Fuller; hc, Charlton and Anderson; c, Walker. YORKS., CL., YELL. (10): 1, Binns, grand length, beautiful shape, fine narrow shoulders, neat head and neck, grand position, fine wings and tail; 2, Bailey, very lengthy, scarcely so slim, perhaps, as winner, neat head and neck, grand stamp, very erect on perch, well placed; 3, Cuthbertson, extra length, grand shape, very slim, good position; 4, Woodhead, nice length, grand wings and tail, fine shape, good position; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Wilcock; c, Watmough. BUFF (10): 1, Thornton and Bower, grand length, good col. and quality, grandly braced wings and tail, stands very erect, neat head and neck; 2, Messrs. Hartley, grand length, fine shoulders, neat head and neck, rare wings and tail; 3, Wilcock, fine length, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, nice position, not quite so well tapered; 4, Bailey, very erect, grand wings, nice col. neat head and neck; vhc, Stewart; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Shackleton. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Wilcock, griz. back of head, buff, fine length, good position, grandly braced wings, neat head and shoulders, good col. and quality; 2, Crabtree, yell., hotter col. than winner, griz. right of neck, grand length, gets well up, good head and neck; 3, Cuthbertson, griz. head, buff, good length, sweet head and neck, good col. and quality; 4, Bailey, tkd. right side of neck, a gem, good position, grand head and neck, rare length; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Douglas; c, Walsh. HEN (12): 1, 2, 4, Shackleton, leader cl. buff, grand shape, fine length, good col. and quality, neat head and neck, narrow shoulders, well drawn, 2nd cl. yell., not quite so long, very slim, finely drawn, good col. and quality, neat head and shoulders; 4, cl. buff, nice length, good position, nice wings, neat head and neck, not quite so rich in col.; 3, J. Bailey, cl. buff, fine length, grand wings and tail, neat, narrow shoulders, good head and neck; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Binns; c, Douglas. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, spl, best Yorkshire, Crahtree, cl., grand length, red-hot col., magnificent quality, straight as a rush, good legs and wings, fine tail, gem all over; 2, Shackleton, cl., grand length, hot col., neat head and neck, fine wings and tail, very erect on perch; 3, Thornton and Bower, tkd. wings and right eye, grand shape and position, rare legs, good wings and tail, lovely col and quality; 4, Bailey, cl., grand position, fine length, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; vhc, c, Messrs. Hartley; hc, Parker. BUFF (16): 1, Binns, cl., grand length, good col. and quality, lovely shape and position, very erect, on good legs, fine wings and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Walsh, cl., fine length, scarcely so slimly built, perhaps, as winner, but grand wings and tail, very straight up, good col. and quality; 3, Bailey, tkd. back of head, beautiful position, gets well up, rare wings and tail, nice col., fine shoulders; 4, Radley, tkd. left side of neck, fine length, good shape, well braced wings and tail, neat head and neck; vhc, Woodhead; hc, Bradley; c, Cuthbertson. HEN, 1909 (9): 1, Thornton and Bower, mkd. eyes and wing, yell., grand col., beautiful position, grand wings and tail, neat head and neck, grand legs, very erect; 2, Parker, yell., tkd. back and head., rare shape and position, good length, fine wings and tail, slim built; 3, Walsh, griz. left side of neck, buff, nice length, very slim, good shoulders, neat head and neck; 4, Douglas, yell., tkd. left wing, grand quality, good wings and tail, neat head and neck, good position; vhc, Elsmore; hc, Stewart; c, Binns. YORKS. CK., NOVICE (25): 1, Johnson, yell. mkd. eyes and both wings, very slim, fine length, gets well up on perch, rare wings and tail, neat head, good quality and col; 2, hc, Tindale, buff, grand length, fine shape, good wings and tail, grand position, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 3, Ireland, yell., cl., hot-col., nice length, good head and neck, rare wings and tail, hardly so slim, perhaps, as winners, but good position; 4, c, Cockburn, wing mkd. buff, fine length, nice wings and tail, gets well up, good head and neck; vhc, Davison. HEN (15): 1, Robinson, buff, grand length, fine position, fine wings and tail, good col. and quality, gets well up on perch, neat head and neck; 2, Cockburn, buff, nice length, good shape, neat head and neck, fine shoulders, good wings and tail; 3, Mather, wing mkd. yell., grand length, fine position, beautifully drawn, neat head

and neck, good col.; 4, Carrick, buff, nice length, good style, gets well up, neat wings and tail, good head; vhc, Davison; he, Moore; c, Curry.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

SCOTS YELL. (8): 1, Summerhill, cl., grand size, rare shoulders and drive, good length of side, fine position, quick action; 2, Little, variegated, good size, nice shoulders, fine thickness, nice length of side, not quite the action of winner; 3, Sloan, cl., fine size, good substance, rare sides, plenty of nerve, good drive; 4, Chapman, good drive, quick action; vhc, Willison; he, Holmes; c, Little. BUFF (10): 1, Thompson Bros., cl., grand size, very nervy, splendid position, good length of side, good shoulders; 2, Patterson, variegated, grand substance, nice length of side, gets head well down, prominent shoulders; 3, he, Little, good thickness, nice drive, scarcely so good, perhaps, in side, free action; 4, Harvey, very quick action, good drive, nice shoulder; vhc, Cobb; c, Willison. HEN (11): 1, spl, best in section, W. B. Cobb, cl yell, a gem, not very large, but perfectly modelled, grand shoulder, nice length of side, grand drive, beautiful quick nervy action, head well down, a treat to handle; 2, 3, Chapman; 2nd, cl yell, good substance, nice length of side, good drive, thick shoulders; 3rd, buff, grand shoulder, prominent drive, head well down; 4, Thompson Bros., var buff, a good substance, barely the length of side; vhc, Patterson; he, Craig; c, Summerhill. BELG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Hovill, good size, grand position, fine back and wings, grand reach, good col and quality; 2, Fairley, not quite substance of winner, perhaps, but good shoulders, nice back and wings, fine position and drive; 3, Butts, good shoulder, nice back and wings, good col. and position. BUFF (5): 1, Baker, grand shoulder, good size, very fine reach, good back and wings, grand position; 2, Horrill, not quite substance of winner, grand back and wings, good position and drive; 3, Little, nice shape, good back and wings, nice col and quality, scarcely the reach of leaders; 4, Fairley, we could not find. HEN (3): 1, spl, best in section, Greig, yell, grand shape, rare top end, grand back and wings, beautiful drive, good col and quality; 2, Fairley, buff, very nice style, hardly so rich in col, nice back and wings, good reach; 3, Horrill, good size, fine back, nice shoulders. 1909 (11): 1, Horrill, grand size, good back and wings, grand position, splendid drive, very prominent shoulders; 2, vbc, he, c, Greig; 2nd, scarcely so massive, perhaps, as winner, but nice shoulders, rare back and wings, good position and drive; 3, 4, Fairley, good shoulder, nice drive and position; 4th, fine size, nice back and wings. PAIRS, A.V. (except Crests) (14): 1, A. Grey, Nor., yell ck, grand size and col, and buff hen, beautiful shape and quality, grand pair; 2, Hodgson, buff cock, nice size and col, and var yell hen, of good type and quality, another good pair Nor.; 3, Riding, cinnamons, buff cock, great size and col, and yell hen, good size and quality; 4, Walsh, Yorkies, yell cock, grand length, good col, and very typical buff hen; vhc, Smith; he, Godley; c, Graham. SELL. PAIRS (30/-) (14): 1, Swan; 2, Dormer; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Richardson; vhc, Dormer; hc, Crass; c, Hirst. SINGLE (20/-) (25): 1, Jim Taylor; 2, Douglass; 3, Lawson; 4, Riding; vhc, Forster; he, Richardson; c, Bewick. (15/-) (21): 1, Holden and Todd; 2, Watmough; 3, Riding; 4, Hands; vbc, Pickering and wright; he, Bradley; c, Riseborough. (10/-) (28): 1, Baker; 2, Coutts; 3, Thompson; 4, McFarlane; vhc, Riding; bc, Dixon and Bainbridge; c, Hooper. (7/6) (13): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Vallens; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Hands; vhc, Crass; hc, Hawkins; c, Butler. BRIT. OR MULE (10/-) (21): 1, Greive; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Forster; 4, Currah and Son; vhc, Almond; bc, Maddison; c, Riseborough.

The Mules, British and Foreign.

MULE, CL., ETC.: 1, Duncan, "Perfection," well-known Clear Linnet Mule, staged to perfection, grand size, lovely tone of colour, a gem of the breeders' art. UNEVEN, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Maddison, 1st, very lightly ticked Buff Goldie, rare size, nice flush face, lovely shape and quality feather, staged in grand bloom; 4th, variegated. Buff Linnet in very nice trim, just lacks the finish and quality of winner; 2, Duncan, romping, very lightly ticked Greenfinch, grand size, and in very nice feather, wee shade loose compared with winner; 3, Hill, very light mkd. Goldie Mule, almost cl., again in fine bloom, nice Buff; vhc, Dixon; bc, Walsh; c, J. Hill. VARIEG. MULE (HALF DARK): 1, Duncan, curiously spangled Linnet Canary, good for shape, showing the cross well, staged to perfection, real topper and no mistake; 2, Master Dixon, romping Greenfinch, wee shade heavy marked, but lovely quality feather, grand flights, good one; 3, Maddison, hot fed variegated. Goldie, good flush face, A1 quality feather; 4, Hutchinson, grand shaped Linnet, heavier mkd. on head than winner, staged in fine order; vhc, Coffey; he, Meadows. DARK MULE (except Can.-Bullie) (10): 1, Coffey, romping yell. Greenfinch Mule, grand colour, very good in shape, lovely type, staged to perfection, good one; 2, c, Well, fine large Jonque Goldie, grand flush face and A1 shape and colour, plenty of size, very nicely fluished; 3, vhc, Maddison, good Jonque Linnet, plenty of col., very nicely mkd., staged to perfection, well placed; 4, Johnston, nat. col. Siskin, yell., well up in size and well laced, good cap, lovely quality feather; hc, Johnston. NOVICE MULE (20): 1, Meadows, romping var. yell. Greenie Mule, fine size, very lightly marked, nice tone of colour, well up in size; 2, Anderson, large romping Siskin Mule, well laced, good cap, real topper all over; 3, Kitchener, neat yell. Goldie Mule, shade slim, but good face and col., well up in size; 4, ex, vhc, he, Johnston, large var. buff Goldie, lightly marked, very nice exhibit; vhc, Carr; ex., hc, Charlton and Anderson; c, Hutchinson; ex., c., Young. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (17): 1, Nicholson and Son, nicely made Finch, lovely nutty brown hue throughout, grand cut blaze, fine nape, in fine condition and finish, well known winner, very well staged; 2, Duncan, good faced bird, fine square-cut blaze, in fine bloom; 3, Maddison, taking Finch, wee shade loose in feather, but fine flights, good shape and well staged; 4, Brown, dense face, inclined to be on the light side, but a good bird; vhc, Watson; hc, Maddison; c, Smith. BULLFINCH (27): 1, Howe, fine sized bird, good large expansive cap, very neat in bib, nice breast col., clear in bars; 2, 4, Walsh, 2nd, gem for col. and shape, real tip-top Finch, lovely hue, neatly made dark shiny cap, great depth of breast colour, fine bars, and back, in lovely bloom; 4, shapely bird, good one for breast col. and finish, nicely staged; 3, Woods, another good all round Finch, fine depth of colour throughout, massive shape of body, again staged to perfection; vhc, Duncan, jun.; he, Howe; c, Forster. GREENFINCH (23): 1, Howe, real gem, grand size, real tip-top form, lovely nat. col., noble shape, regular Norwich type, lovely quality feather; 2, Beaty, also fine, romper, great size, bright, good colour and quality of feather; 3, Howe, still they come, another bouncer in full song, stronger in chest than winner, fine feather, good colour; 4, Livingstone and Sharp, nicely fed, smart, grand condition, well placed; vhc, Peel; he, Greenwell; c, Duncan, jun. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Howe, good conditioned Bramble, well laced on head and back, nice breast col., in lovely bloom; 2, McVay, romping Chaffinch in full bloom, great size, splendid head and breast col., some preferred; 3, Duncan, jun., good sized Bramble, shade larger, good bird; 4, McVay, fine all round Chaffinch, well up in size and col.; vhc, Coffey; he, Steel; c, Marley. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (21): 1, Marley, lo grand bloom, nice tone of col., grandly laced, shows to perfection, taken all over a real good one; 2, Maddison, light in tone of colour, but neatly marked, clear and distinct in pencilling, steady, well staged; 3, Walsh, lovely shape and markings, very fine tone of colour, beautifully marked, nice flights, shapely; 4, Duncan, jun., nutty brown shade, lovely colour, deep throughout, rare back and flights; vhc, Shephard, well known winner, soft to-day; he, King; c, Eleanor. FIELD-MOULTED (37): 1, Mrs. Scope, good size and markings, very nice tone of colour, well pencilled on front, good flights, steady, in grand trim; 2, Maddison, grand flighted bird, not quite so full on breast, neat shape and finish, steady, well staged; 3, (no name), good shape, also well up in spangling, fine tone of col., good flights; ex. 3, Bertram and Storey, close up, again A1 eye and markings, good flights; 4, Forster, large one, plenty of work on front, grand markings and flights, well worth its place; ex. 4, Maddison, small, but grand shape and well pencilled; ex. 4, vhc, Leech and Leckie, another good one, well marked; ex. vhc, he, Walsh; ex. he, Varley; c, King; ex. c, Taylor. LINNET, NOVICE (24): 1, Cope, grand col., very nicely marked on breast, good shape, staged in lovely order; 2, McGuire, well laced, lighter, not quite so shapely, but showy, steady and well up in size, fine flights; 3, Buck, sweet exhibit, fine size, good depth of colour, very sweetly marked, in rare bloom; 4, Bainbridge, neat all round, fine shape, well pencilled, inclined to be a shade unsteady; vhc, Curry; ex. vhc, Richardson; hc, Machin; ex. he, Lumley; c, Douglas; ex. c, Hamilton. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Marley, Lesser Redpoll, good one, grand size, dense in col., rare cap, splendid bib, lovely tone throughout, staged to perfection, real good one; 2, Waters, Siskin, good cap and bib, nice col., lovely size, fine deep cap, grand bars, staged in excellent bloom, well placed; 3, Coffey, Twite, good one all over, well pencilled, good depth of col., grandly finished off; 4, Stamp, Lesser Redpoll, very neat cap and bib, steady, in grand feather; vhc, Walsh; he, Coffey; c, Taylor. SEED EATING, ETC. (8): 1, Beaty, good Hawfinch, fine size, good bold head, well cut expansive bib, fine tone of col. throughout, in rare bloom; 2, Marley, Yellowhammer, nice size, neatly marked, could be better on head perhaps, but fine front and good cheek markings; 3, Bruce, Corn Bunting in lovely feather, nice tone of col., well laced, very steady; 4, Waters, Hawfinch, fails in size, not quite so large in bib as winner, good quality and condition; vhc, Shepherd and Son; he, Patterson; c, Beaty. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 1st, Thrush, nice one, grandly marked on front, good tone of colour; 3rd, Starling, good one, maze of spangle, staged to perfection, lovely exhibit in lovely bloom; 2, Telford, Blackbird, nice dense colour, rare shade, fine bloom; 4, Bruce, Thrush, well kuown winner, larger than winner, looking a shade seedy to-day; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Bates Bros. A.O.V. SOFTBILL, LARGE (6): 1, 3, Boyd, 1st, Chough, in fine bloom, plenty of size, dense col. and bill, well shown; 3rd, Jay, large one, in very nice order, steady, good colour; 2, Woodhouse, Great Grey Shrike, in fine order, nice size and steady, interesting exhibit; 4, Bates Bros., Magpie, nice col., well marked, shade on the small side, nicely staged; vhc, Wilson. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Blue-throated Warbler, steady, in grand feather, fine size, grandly marked, good exbibit; 2, 3, Wilkinson and Danby, 2nd, Tree Creeper, nice size, well marked, artistically staged, well shown; 3rd, Wryneck, good one, grandly laced, fine col., in lovely order, real taking exhibit, worth its place; 4, Hackworth, Yellow Wagtail, well up in size, nice tone of colour. SKYLARK, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Alloway, 1st, good one, fine bold front and head, well laced, lovely back and flights, A1 quality throughout; 2nd, unsteady a shade, marked nicely, well up in size, good colour; 3, Watson, nicely marked, good head and front, very showy, taking exhibit; 4, King, all there for markings and feather; vhc, McVay. FINCH, ETC., NOVICE (14): 1, Buck, Hawfinch, in nice order, neat bib and colour, good shape, steady, and in rare bloom; 2, Ridley, Goldfinch, fine flush face, well tanned, full bloom, in nice trim; 3, Duckitt, jun., Bullfinch, good one, grand cap and colour, plenty of size, as tight as wax, worth its place; 4, Irving, Chaffinch, good size and markings, shade unsteady, but grand feather; vhc, Markwell; hc, Markwell; c, Wilson and Adams. PARROTS, ETC. (9): 1, Beaty, Hawk-headed Parrot, in full bloom, very interesting exhibit when he shows his necklace; 2, Porteous, King Parrakeet in full bloom, dense colour, well staged; 3, Reeves, Stanley Parrakeet, lovely exhibit, gem for col., in rare bloom; 4, Nicholson and Son, Blue Bonnet parrakeet, nice one, rather quiet looking, in fine bloom and lovely colour; vhc, c, McKenzie; hc, Alexander. SMALL FOR. (14): 1, Howe, pair Diamonds, well up in size and very nicely marked, in grand condition; 2, Beaty, pair Nutmeg Finches, in full bloom, lovely tone of col.; 3, Leach and Leckie, pair Golden-breasted Waxbills, small and very taking, in nice order; 4, Walsh, pair Australian Grassfinches in full bloom, grandly marked, well staged; vhc, Atkinson; he, c, McKenzie. SEED-EATING BIRDS (11): 1, 4, Porteous, 1st, very nice Parrot Finch, in full bloom; 4, well-known winning Noupariel, looked as if he was going into moult; 2, Shephard and Son, fine all round Russian Greenfinch, in very nice order, well up in size, good blaze; 3, Walsh, Black-headed Gouldian, fine size, in full bloom; vhc, Reeves; he, Brunskill; c, Walsh. INSECTIV., FOR. (8): 1, Nicholson and Son, well-known winning Glossy Starling, rare size, staged in tip-top bloom; 2, 4, Beaty, 2nd, Green-billed Toucan, in very good feather; 4th, splendid Tanager in full bloom, nicely staged; 4th, Walsh, Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, deep col., grand bib, in fine order; vhc, c, Nicholson and Son; he, Woodhouse.

The Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Forster; 2, vhc, he, Holden and Todd; 3, c, Dobinson; 4, Hermiston. BUFF (19): 1, Hermiston; 2, Dobinsou; 3, c, Holden and Todd; 4, vhc, he, Smith. HEN (24): 1, 3, Dobinson; 2, 4, Holden and Todd; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; he, Hermiston; c, Moore. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, H. Fenwick; 3, Roy; absent, Wiater. BUFF (3): 1, 3, H. Fenwick; 2, Hermiston. CREST CK. (6): 1, vhc, he, Currah and Son; 2, Bewick; 3, Swan; 4, Hutchinson. CREST OR C.B. HEN (16): 1, 2, Currah and Son; 3, Swan; 4, Bewick; vhc, c, Almond; he, Hutchinson. C.B. CK. (5): 1, 3, Almond; 2, Swan; 4, Bewick; vhc, Longstaff. SCOTS YELL. (4): 1, Chapman; 2, 4, Little; 3, Harvey. BUFF (4): 1, Harvey; 2, 4, Little; 3, Chapman. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Kent; 2, Mather; 4, Robinson; vhc, Fenwick; he, c, Carr. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Carr; 2, Kent; 4, c, Mather; vhc, he, Robinson. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, Mather; 2, Carr; 3, c, Fenwick; he, Kent. BORD. YELL. (15): 1, 2, vhc, Patterson; 3, Chapman; 4, he, Hawkins; c, Reed. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Hawkins; 2, he, Patterson; 3, c, Bennett; vhc, Chapman. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, Johnson; 4, Kent. DARK (5): 1, 4, Johnson; 2, vhc, Riseborough; 3, Kent. LINNET (10): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, Buck; 4, Taylor; vhc, Patterson; he, Johnson; c, Bertram and Storey. FINCH OR BUNTING (21): 1, 3, J. Maddison; 2, Buck; 4, Ridley; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; he, Patterson; c, Riseborough. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Ridley. FOR. (11): 1, c, McKenzie; 2, he, McGurk; 3, Donsle; 4, Taylor; vhc, McKenzie; ex c, Patterson. GIFT (6): 1, Hawkins; 2, Holden and Todd; 3, Johnson; 4, Almond; vhc, Smith; he, Mather. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (12): 1, c, Hooper; 2, Reed; 3, Coutts; 4, Thompson; vhc, Bairstow; he, Mrs. J. A. Blair. BUFF (21): 1, Hodgson; 2, Coutts; 3, 4, Hooper; vhc, Adams, Jr.; he, Thompson; c, Kent. CREST OR C.B.: Cancelled. YORKS. (16): 1, vhc, 2, Kent; 3, Bairstow; 4, he, Mather; c, Robinson. BORD. (10): 1, c, J. Reed; 2, he, Walker; 3, 4, Carmichael; vhc, Rose. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (6): 1, 2, Johnson; 4, Brown. BRIT. OR FOR. (12): 1, Buck; 2, 4, McGurk; 3, Gladstone; vhc, Patterson; he, Ridley; c, Robinson.

WHITBURN, N.B.

Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S. held their fourth annual show on December 11th, in the Town Hall, a nice compact little place for a show. The society are to be congratulated on having such a nice lot of patrons, and with the following office bearers, everything seemed to pass off very smoothly: President, Mr. W. Livingston; Vice-President, Mr. W. Lambie; treasurer, Mr. W. Johnstone; committee, Messrs. Hamilton, Easton, Whitelord, Clelland, M'Laren, Johnstone, and T. Lambie, with Mr. J. Forrest, an able and hard-working secretary. Unfortunately, the weather was bad for judging, this having to be done in gaslight; an attempt was made with the lights out, but in vain. Norwich, although disappointing in numbers, lacked nothing in quality. Borders came out well in numbers, and all the leading lights were here. The British birds, etc., were also a nice collection, and the various winners were very difficult to sort out. The judges (whose awards were evidently well received), were: Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), for Norwich; Mr. A. Hay (Tweedmouth), for Borders; and Mr. S. Ward (Glasgow), for the remainder.

The Critique.

CREST (4): 1, Easton, Buff, marked on back, dark crest, well formed; 2, Whiteford, very similar in col, a wee trifle weak in crest feather; 3, Allan, another buff, grey crest, will improve yet in condition; vhc, spl, Forrest. C.B. (1): Easton. NOR., CL., ETC. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Simpson, leading with a left wing marked, hot col, grand head and chest; 2, Buglass, cl, nice one, hard lines to meet winner, grand wings and chest, almost as good as 1st; 3, Ferguson, another cl, fails in type only; hc, Crawford; c, King. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Crawford, head ticked, very shapely, well staged, wins well; 3rd, cl, grand head, fails only a trifle in body; 2, Simpson, cl, grand quality, all there; vhc, spl, Ferguson; he, Blackley. A.O.V. COL. FED (5): 1, Simpson, wings and neck mkd, best of head and chest, short, compact wings, easy win; 2, Buglass, left wing mk., good tore end, fails only in wing carriage, otherwise well up; 3, Crawford, marked top of head, and wings, staged in good order; vhc, Saul, nice cinn; he, Blackley. YELL. CK., NON-FED (2): 1, Robb, l. wing mkd, grand head, Bullie breast, wins well; 2, Lambie, fails only in skull to winner, very good one otherwise. HEN (3): 1, 3, Lambie, leading with nice cl, best of beads, grand chest, well staged; 3rd, fails just a bit in head and condition; 2, Wallace, another good bird, presses hard. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Lambie, leading with nice cl, again good in head and chest, compact wings, well filled in behind; 3rd, good one, nice quality; 2, c, Connelly, mkd on back and cheeks, grand type, presses winner hard; vhc, spl, King; hc, Shields. HEN (2): 1, Ferguson, cl, fine head, grand body, well staged; 2, Lambie, varieg, well up, good one. SELL. (12/6) (5): 1, Doig; 2, Ferguson; 3, hc, King; vhc, Dunsmore. BORD. FCY. CY. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Smart, grand type, neat head and chest, tapered well off behind; 2, Boag, not quite so neat in head and wing carriage, good bird otherwise; 3, Christon, another capital Border, but inclined to cross feathers on chest at times; vbc, Forrest; he, Craig; c, Ramsay. HEN (7): 1, 2, Hamilton, two sweet ones, 1st nicely moulded, best of wings and tail, well set down; 2nd, very similar, nice one; 3, Craig, in grand condition; vhc, Taylor; he, Christon; c, Shields. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Bennet, like wax, correct type, faultless; 2, Craig, presses winner hard, nice round head, splendid body, well staged; 3, Hamilton, not quite so shapely as winners; vbc, Brown; he, Shields; c, Lambie. HEN (14): Grand class; 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Voy, perfect gem, wonderful bead and wings, nice pipe tail, shown in spotless condition; 2, Smart, another lovely lady, fails ouly a wee trifle in condition; 3, Gilchrist, grand type, best of head and chest, not quite so well finished bebind; vhc, spl, Rowe, close up; he, Boag; c, Bennet. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Smart, another nice exhibit, sweetly moulded, wins well; 2, Craig, ticked back of head, good one, well up; 3, Gilchrist, tick on top of head, fails only in chest, nice exhibit; vbc, Dunsmore; hc, Glass; c, Forrest. BUFF (6): 1, Smart, thigh tkd, grand head, best of wings and tail, like wax; 2, Bennet, tkd back of neck, presses hard for 1st; 3, Craig, grizzle cap, good third, nice bird; vhc, spl, Taylor; bc, Sidey; c, Lambie. YELL. GREEN (14): 1, spl for best green or cinn, A. Forrest, sweet hen, best we have seen out this season, direct from Altrincham, where she was 1st, and B.F.C.C. medal, runner-up for medal here, with a little more grass col would be unbeatable; 2, Thomson, rich in col, but lacks type and condition, hard lines; 3, Gordon, sweetly pencilled, beaten to-day, good one; vhc, Clelland; he, Gentleman; c, Murray. BUFF (11): 1, A. Forrest, another of the same, nice type, sound level col throughout; 2, Thompson, nicely moulded, good one; 3, spl, Murray, grand one for type and markings; vbc, Laing; hc, Boag; c, Lambie. FOUL (7): 1, 2, A. Forrest, held same place here last year, 1st a gem, well staged, 2nd fails only lu col and condition, both fine birds; 3, Bennet, good one, close up; vhc, Buglass; hc, Lambie; c, spl, Ramsay. CINN. (4): 1, Buglass, grand, rich col throughout, well staged, wins well; 2, Laing, not quite so shapely, perhaps, but a good one; 3, Lambie, fails only in condition, grand 3rd; vhc, Flood. The nature of the day told greatly against several good greens, the darkness preventing them showing their rich green col. A.O.V. BORD. CK. (7): 1, Saul, variegated, yell, all the way from Lancashire, and well worth his place, an easy win; 2, Voy, nicely marked varieg yell, fails only in condition; 3, Glass, close up; vhc and spl, Gilchrist; he, Boag; c, Peel. HEN (4): 1, Gilchrist, wing marked yell, grand head and body, well put down; 2, Thomson, eye and wing marked yell, good bird, well placed; 3, 4, Lambie; 3rd, eye and neck mkd buff, nice type, presses 2nd hard. SELL. CK. (7/6) (7): 1, Voy; 2, Christon; 3, Glass; vhc, Shields; he, Whiteford; c, Lambie. HEN (5/6) (7): 1, Forrest, cl buff; 2, Dunsmore; 3, Rowe, buff; vhc, Forrest; he, Lambie; c, Shields: a cheap lot of birds in both classes. BRIT., BULLFINCH CK. (4): 1, Fleming, enormous size, like paint, well put down; 2, Hoyle, fails only in cap and breast colouring, another real topper; 3, Hogg, smaller, but otherwise good and well up; vhc, Calder. HEN (9): 1, 3, Storrie, two grand sized hens, little between them; 2, Nicol, presses winner hard; vhc, McGavin; he, c, Leach and Leckie. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Jamieson, handsome Goldie, wonderful blaze, nice moonings, well put down; 2, Hoyle, on the small side, perhaps, but a sweet little Finch; 3, Lawson, grand blaze, good bird; vhc, Dalling, he, Calder; c, Huggan. LINNET (7): 1, Malcolmson, magnificent size, nicely pencilled, nut brown col, 2, Wason, not quite so good in breast col, perhaps, but a nice exhibit, 3, Cowie, nice col; vhc, Erskine; he, Kerr, c, Livingston. FIELD MOULTED (10): 1, Bald, all there for size, good bird; 2, Sodlie, grand one, we liked, lovely col underneath; 3, Fleming, grand col, good bird, vhc, Prosser; he, Gibb; c, Wason. GREENFINCH, COL. FED (7): 1, Bald, wonderful size, rich col, nice exhibit; 2, Malcolmson, lacks only in col, grand Finch; 3, Marlin, another nice one, close up; vhc, spl, McLean; he, Bald; c, Calder. HOUSE-MOULTED (7): 1, 2, Bald, nice pair, little to choose between them, rare heads and body; 3, Minto, nice col, good 3rd; vhc, Sharp; he, Lawson; c, Easton. FIELD-MOULTED (7): 1, Nicol, sound col, grand size, well staged; 2, McGavin, good one, very stylish, 3, Harris, nice head, close up; vhc, spl, Calder; he, Wason; c, Leach and Leckie. HEN (7): 1, he, Laing, leading with a grand sized hen, with well carried wings; 2, Hoyle, stylish lady, good bird; 3, Calder, nice head, in grand bloom; vhc, M'Callum; c, Bald. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Malcolmson, grand size, nicely marked; 2, Hoyle, we liked very much; 3, Dick, close up; vhc, Fullerton; hc, Gentleman; c, Peel. FIELD-MOULTED (14): Grand class, 1, Marlin, rare size, grand col, well staged; 2, Gentleman, every inch a gentleman, too, good 2nd, fine bird; 3, Hoyle, as good almost, grand bird; vhc, spl, Martin; he, Jamieson; c, Livingston. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Martin, Glasgow and Stonehaven winner, looking as sound as ever, easy win; 2, Malcolmson, falls only in size, grand second; 3, Leach and Leckie, another nice bird; vhc, Bell and Dewar; he, Lawson; c, Hoyle. SISKIN (4): 1, Hoyle, wonderful size, good bib, nicely laced, in very fine bloom; 2, Shields, smaller, but very nice, and well laced; 3, Laing, again a good one; vhc, Reid. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Reid, Bramble, large, well-spangled, shown in tip top order; 2, Sharp, Challie, nicely marked, very steady; 3, Wilson, Bramble, fails only in size and spangling, grand one; vhc, Gentleman; he, Lawson; c, Cockburn. BUNTING (5): 1, Martin, Yellowhammer, gem for size and col.; 2, Erskine, Snow, well put down, very steady; 3, Dunn, Corn, in good order. HEN (7): 1, Gentleman, Hawfinch, looking well, grand bib, good col throughout; 2, M'Lean, Bramble, nice lady; 3, Calder, Yellowhammer, very close up; vhc, spl, Blackley; he, Johnstone; c, Livingston. LARK, ETC. (2): 1, Hoyle, nicely staged Stonechat; 2, Cowan, good Lark, both well staged. BRIT. SELL. (5/6) (13): 1, Marlin; 2, Calder; 3, Whiteford, Greenie; vhc, Gentleman; he, Livingston; c, Dalling. HYB (2): 1, Marlin; 2, Wilson, both good birds, well shown. DARK MULE (6): 1, Marlin, Goldie-Canary, well staged; 2, Jamieson, Linnet-Canary, good one; 3, M'Lauchlan, Goldie, fails only in size; vhc, Hogg; he, Laing; c, Hogg; some nice birds in this class. LIGHT (2): 1, Borthwick, variegated Goldie, grand one; 2, Jamieson, eye and wing marked buff, well staged, some preferred for 1st. HEN (3): 1, McGillivray Bros.; 2, Wilson; 3, Calder. SELL. (7/6) (6): 1, Bell and Dewar; 2, Cowan; 3, Wallace; vhc, Strachan; he, Calder; c, Livingston. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Dunn, two nice Goldies, little to choose between them; 3, Gordon, another very similar one; vhc, Kerr; he, Forrest. A.O.S. (1): 1, Sidey, pair of Grey Javas, shown in sparkling condition.

WEST STANLEY.

West Stanley and Dis. F. and F.S. held their third annual show on November 27th, in the Albert Hall, Stanley, which is in every way suited to the occasion. Mr. J. Cousins, the hon. sec., was courteous and obliging to all, and everything possible had been done for the comfort of the exhibits, and the exhibitors. The cage bird section, as usual, received every attention, the birds being staged well and away from draughts. Mr. T. Dixon appeared to give every satisfaction as judge.

NOR. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Piper; 2, Stanger, Jr.; 3, Bright; vhc, he, Christon and Lane; c, Burdett. BUFF: 1, c, Butler; 2, Stanger, Jr.; 3, Pears; vhc, Burdett; he, Bright. HEN (7): 1, 2, Stanger, Jr.; 3, Hunter; vhc, Slater; he, Christon and Lane; c, Butler. NOR. NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, 2, Hunter; 3, Stanger, Jr.; vhc, Snaith and Greener; he, Wilson. YORKS. 13): 1, Pryde; 2, Ellwood; 3, Colling and Turnbull; vhc, Burden; he, Bright; c, Moffitt. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, Ellwood; 2, 3, c, Pears; vhc, Dickinson Bros.; he, Snaith and Greener. BORD. FCY. (13): 1, Christon and Lane; 2, Ellwood; 3, E. R. Henderson; vhc, Snell; he, Lindsay; c, Peart. A.O.V. (5): 1, Butler; 2, Brown; 3, Piper; vhc, Hunter. PAIRS (9): 1, spl, Pears; 2, Butler; 3, Ellwood; vhc, c, Stanger; he, Piper. LINNET (9): 1, c, Eleanor; 2, Piper; 3, Snell; vhc, Butler; he, Brown; c, Hunter. BRIT. A.O.S. (8): 1, Boyd; 2, Wilson and Adams; 3, Stanger, Jr.; vbc, bc, Peart; c, Hunter. FOR. (7): 1, Craven; 2, 3, vbc, he, Elliott; c, Wilson.

CARDIGAN.

Thirtieth annual show held in the Market Hall on December 8th. All the arrangements were very carefully carried out by the capable and courteous Secretary, Mr. D. Morgan Jones, and a large staff of committee. The hall is a charming building for an exhibition of this kind. The committee deserve all the support they got. The quality in the majority of the classes was excellent, the competition in the Norwich and Yorks. being very keen. In both classes Mr. Portman put down good teams and annexed the majority of first prizes. Mr. O. E. Hodge judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. (5): 1, he, Portman, yell., nice size, good shape; 2, Muscott, buff, A1 feather, fails only in size to first; 3, Trigg, yell., good quality and shape, clean cut; r, Ray. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, a good lot, winner yell., lovely feather and col., lengthy and leggy, full of nerve, well up on leg wins; vhc, he, Davies. A.O.V. (8): 1, r, Muscott; 2, Rogers; 3, Portman; vhc, Griffiths; he, Rees. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 2, George; 3, Portman; vhc, Thomas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Ray, good square blaze, nice shape, wins; 2, vhc, Thomas, another good bird, steady, not quite ready; 3, r, Portman, nice size, not quite up in blaze; vhc, Griffiths; c, Miles. BULLFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Ray, nice greeny, well put down, wins well; 2, George, Hen Bullie, very steady; 3, Davies, Greeny, must have run very close; r, Portman, good shaped Bully, good cap; vhc, Thomas, nice shaped Bully, good condition; he, Spurry. A.O.V. BRIT. (12): 1, 3, Davies; 2, Ray; r, Thomas; vhc, c, Morgan; c, Spurry.

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LUTON.

The fourth annual show of the Luton C.B.S. was held in the Corn Exchange on December 8th, when nearly 600 birds were on view. As there were only 14 entries at the date fixed for closing, it was another case of late entries coming in with a rush, which necessitated the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Cherry, working day and night. When will exhibitors have a little pity upon the hard-working secretaries of shows by sending in their entries at the proper time? Mr. Cherry, who makes an ideal secretary, was ably assisted by his committee, all of whom are enthusiastic fanciers, including Mr. G. Bennett (chairman), Mr. E. Bloomfield (vice-chairman), Mr. L. Titmus (treasurer), and Messrs. Horwood, Brewer, Tiring, Smith, Meadows, Webb, Eling, and Tupwell. There was a very good show of Norwich, while in the Yorkshire, British, Mules, and Foreign classes the competition was very keen indeed. Mr. Hollins won the guinea special with a very fine pair of Blue Mountain Lorrikeets; Sandiford's special was won by W. Morris with his licked yellow Norwich; Hyde's by Mr. Mabey's marked yellow Yorkshire (catalogued at £1,000); while the members' cups were won as follows:—Norwich, Mr. A. Brewer; Yorkshire, Mr. F. Webb; Crest, Mr. G. Bennett; Mules, Mr. E. Cherry; British, Mrs. Vernon, with a grand Black Redstart. The judges were Mr. J. Robson (Canaries) and Mr. A. Silver (remainder).

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL (11): 1, Jeffs, big bold bird, nice sweep of chest, good wings and tail; 2, Kilby, bird of lovely col. and good quality; 3, Kilby, red-hot, nicely made; 4, Morris, fine big bird, nice quality, a wee bit open in front, which doubtless put it back; vhc, c, Moore and Son; hc, Irons. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Kilby, beautifully moulded, well mealed, and teeming with quality, wins well; 2, Morris, nice type, good head and wings, but fails only just a trifle in body to winner; 3, Irons, excellent quality, grand head, nicely-folded wings, perhaps a wee bit long; 4, Goodman, very nice head, and good sweep of chest; vhc, Pedder; c, Keech, some thought this bird unfortunate, of lovely quality and good type. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Irons, mkd. yell. of correct type, teeming with quality, rich col.; 2, hc, Jeffs, tkd. buff, rare bold bird, extra good head, lovely eye, nice type; 3, Irons, tkd. yell., wonderful rich col., excellent body properties, pair of good short wings, well folded; 4, Morris, one of the best in the class, typical, short, thick-set bird; vhc, Kilby; c, Midgley. 1909 BRED (19): A grand class; 1, Midgley, fine bird, excellent type and quality, rich col., and put up in prime condition; 2, Jeffs, grand-headed buff, very bold looking, nice body and wings; 3, ex. 3, Irons, buff and yell., both well made, excelling in type and richness of plumage; 4, Morris, grizzle-headed yell., very nice, typical bird; vhc, Kilby; hc, Moore and Son; c, Silk. NOR. A.V. NOVICE (8): 1, vhc, Isom, tkd. buff, very smart, clean-cut bird, good quality; 2, Rutt, another good buff, nice type and quality; 3, Brown, yell., wee bit low in head, otherwise very nice; hc, Livermore; c, Gough. YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Jones, nice length, rare col., full of nerve, tight as a Java, excellent wings and tail; 2, Richmond, similar to 1st, just beaten a trifle in head, good one; 3, Buckingham, very choice, stands well on perch, very straight, in good fettle; 4, Mole, very lengthy, upright as a dart, good head; vhc, Dykes; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Hawes Bros. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., couple of very typical Yorks., lovely quality, in excellent condition, good wings and tail, not much between them; 3, Dykes, all there for smartness and general Yorks. qualities; 4, Mabey, stands well on a good pair of legs, well-carried wings and tail, tight as wax; vhc, Jones; hc, Halliday and Chittenden; c, Richmond. TKD. ETC. (17): 1, cup, Mabey, very fine mkd. yell., rare length, nice oval head, good wings and tail, excellent col., wins; 2, Dykes, tkd. buff, lovely quality and condition, which no doubt stood it in good stead; 3, Hawes Bros., good buff of excellent shape; 4, Jones, tkd. yell., very smart, nice col. and quality; vhc, Richmond; hc, Dykes; c, Halliday and Chittenden. 1909 BRED: Grand class of 19; 1, Richmond, lovely clnn. mkd., put up in splendid condition, credit to its breeder; 2, Hawes Bros., lightly mkd. yell., good length, very straight, rare good legs, in nice condition; 3 (no name), mkd. yell., in lovely condition, correct type; ex. 3, Richmond, very similar to last, good one; vhc, Green; hc, Dykes; c, Jones. YORKS. A.V. NOVICE (8): 1, 4, Eborn, mkd. yell. and cl. buff, both nice length, steady, good quality all through; 2, Sears, cl. yell., rare length, takes perch well; 3, Brown, mkd. yell., nice type and quality; vhc, Cox; hc, c, Dell. CREST (8): 1, 2, Mills, both heavily varieg., winner has very fine, expansive crest, well filled in behind, good frontal, nice centre; 2nd, dark leafy crest of lovely quality and good formation; 3, 4, c, Mrs. Haysom, both nearly all green, very nice round crests, well filled in centre, also abundance of body feather of nice quality; vhc, Osborne; hc, Mrs. Galloway. C.B. (9): 1, 2, Mills, wonderful-headed bird, feather considerably over end of beak, one of the very best; 2nd, also grand-headed bird, broad skull, well lashed; 3, Osborne, another good bird, nice broad head, well lashed; 4, Mrs. Haysom, fine head again; vhc, Mrs. Galloway; hc, South; c, Lowe. BORD. FCY. YELL. (6): 1, Hocking, typical yell. green, very smart and jaunty; 2, vhc, Thomas, very smart four-pointed, in grand trim; 3, 4, Wright and Harinson, yell. mkd. and green, both very smart and jaunty in carriage; hc, Phillips. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Wright and Harinson, 1st nearly evenly mkd., excellent type and condition; 2nd, mkd. on head, wee trifle larger, close in feather, very jaunty; 3, vhc, Thomas, tkd. on head, excellent carriage; 4, Hocking, self cinn., of nice quality.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. (10): 1, vhc, F. Webb; 2, 4, Litchfield and Sons; 3, Brewer; hc, F. J. Webb. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, F. Webb; 2, Litchfield and Sons; 3, Brewer; 4, Litchfield; hc, c, F. J. Webb. HEN (13): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Brewer; 2, F. J. Webb; 3, F. Webb; 4, Litchfield; c, Smith and Son. YELL. UNFLIG. (Cup class): 1, hc, Brewer, cup winner, very fine young bird, good head, well carried wings and tail; 2, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, Litchfield; 4, vhc, F. Webb. BUFF (9): 1, Brewer; 2, 4, vhc, F. Webb; 3, c, Litchfield; hc, F. J. Webb. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 4, F. Webb; 3, hc, Cherry; vhc, F. J. Webb; c, Smith and Son. BUFF (9): 1, F. J. Webb; 2, Codd; 3, 4, hc, F. Webb; vhc, Reddall; c, Smith and Sons. HEN (8): 1, F. J. Webb; 2, 3, 4, F. Webb; vhc, Codd; hc, Smith and Son; c, Cherry. YELL. UNFLIG. (Cup class) (7): 1, vhc, hc, F. Webb, cup winner, correct length, good position on perch; 2, Cherry, very close up; 3, Reddall; 4, F. J. Webb; c, Ball. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, F. Webb; 4, Cherry; vhc, F. J. Webb; hc, Horwood. CREST (7): 1, spl, 2, hc, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, 4, vhc, Bennett; hc, Ball. C.B. (7): 1, 4, Bennett; 2, 3, c, Bloomfield and Rose; vhc, F. Webb; hc, Ball. CREST AND C.B. (Cup class) (9): 1, cup, vhc, Bennett, very nice young bird, well made crest, good quality feather; 2, 3, 4, hc, Bloomfield and Rose; c, Ball. A.O.V. (4): 1, F. J. Webb; 2, Smith and Son; 3, F. Webb; 4, Cherry. NOR. NOVICE (4): 1, spl, 4, Rhodes; 2, 3, A. Brewer. YORKS. (7): 1, spl, Ball; 2, 3, Rhodes; 4, vhc, Lewis; hc, c, Jackson. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Ball. UNFLIG. (Cup class): 1, cup, 3, Brewer, winner capital buff Nor., rare type and col.; 2, hc, Rhodes; 4, Ball; vhc, Horwood; c, Codd.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE, CAN. CROSS (20): 1, 3, ex. 3, 4, vhc, Bond, rare team, old champion cl. leading, still looking well, really wonderful bird; 3rd, mkd. yell., rare col. and size; ex. 3, nearly cl. buff, hardly ready, will soon improve, and will then take some stopping; 4th, very smart four-pointed yell.; 2, Goodall, nearly evenly mkd. buff, in very prime condition; hc, Lee; c, Acland. HYB. (including Can.-Bullie) (4): 1, Bond, very fine large Can.-Bullie, lovely col. and condition; 2, Andrews, well-known Goldie-Bullie, good blaze, rich col., in nice condition; 3, Lees, excellent Linnet-Bullie, well-known winner; 4, Lees, Canary-Bullie, good one. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Mays, very smart and steady, rich col. blaze, lovely quality, well buttoned; 2, Prior, very rich, deep blaze and body col., hardly so forward in condition as winner yet; 3, Andrews, has grand square blaze, very smart appearance, we fancy this was the Stamford winner; 4, Jupe, rich col., blaze; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Goodall; c, Quantrell. BULLFINCH (18): 1, Brandon, typical Britisher, very steady, rich breast col., and well-formed dark cap; 2, Gunnell, excels in body, nice col., quite steady; 3, Woods, very fine large bird, rare broad head, well-defined cap, also good breast col.; ex. 3, Hinds, another good bird, close up; 4, Taviner, nice-shaped bird, fine cap; vhc, hc, Jupe; c, Mrs. Warren-Vernon. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, Prior, charming Linnet, lovely shape, rich plumage, well pencilled, wins well; 2, Andrews, very smart Siskin, in grand condition, rich plumage; 3, Quantrell, equally good Twite, rich col. and markings; 4, Pickles, charming Lesser Redpoll, well mkd., nice size; vhc, Mays; hc, Laviner; c, Marley. A.O.S. FINCH (17): 1, Acland, very nice Hawfinch, good col., well-formed bib, in prime condition; 2, Carter, rich col. Bramble, good markings on breast and thighs; 3, Quantrell, large Greenfinch, rare col., excellent condition; 4, Miss Thomas, large Chaffinch, in full bloom; vhc, c, Prior; hc, Mays. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Prior, one of the very best Yellowhammers, nat. col., very distinct head markings, in perfect condition; 2, Bloomfield and Rose, very pretty Snow Bunting, steady, in good condition; 3, Mays, grand Yellowhammer, nice col.; 4, Gunnell, another smart Yellowhammer; vhc, Dell; hc, Goodall; c, Pigg. HEN, BRIT. (8): 1, W. Howe, very fine Great Grey Shrike; 2, Dell, very nice Reed Bunting; some, we heard, made Mr. Cocks' Tree-creeper (vhc), in prime condition, an easy 2nd; 3, Underwood, very fine well-spotted Thrush; hc, Watts, Bearded Tit; c, Osborn. INSECTIV. BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, Mays, very pretty Goldcrest, in prime order, looked as happy as a king; 2, 4, c, Mrs. Warren-Vernon, 2nd charming Black Redstart, in really lovely condition; 4th, capital Grey Wagtail, in good feather; 3, Cocks, exceptionally fine Tree-creeper, grand markings and condition; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, Watts. LARGE (10): 1, Underwood, charming Waxwing, polished like satin; 2, Dell, large rich col. Missel Thrush, excellent markings; 3, Pickles, very fine large Waxwing, in grand condition; 4, Underwood, excellent Cornish Chough; vhc, Mrs. Warren-Vernon; hc, Stocker; c, Mays. FOR., MACAWS, ETC. (17): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Hollins, lovely pair of Bluo Mountain Lorrikeets, 3rd very nice Barnard Parrakeet; 2, Bennett, large, rich col. King Parrot; ex. 3, hc, Timæus, lovely Scaly breasted Lorrikeet, in brilliant plumage; 4, Watts very fine Bauer Parrakeet, in good condition; c, Page, Bluo Macaw. BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (5): 1, 2, F. Howe, pair of Yellow Budgerigars and pair of Grey Javas, both pairs in the pink of condition; 3, Timæus, equally choice pair of Yellow Budgerigars, very close run; 4, Miss Galloway, also good Yellows. WAXBILLS (9): 1, 2, 3, Meadows, pair of Zebra, Crimson-eared, and Blue-breasted Waxbills, all in the very pink of condition; 4, F. Howe, St. Helena Waxbills, in prime order; vhc, Miss Bousfield; hc, Watts; c, Miss Galloway. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (14): 1, F. Howe, splendid Crimson Finch, in excellent col., polished like satin; 2, vhc, Mrs. Galloway, pair of charming Bluo Grosbeaks, in lovely form; 3, Meadows, pair of very choice Parrot Finches; 4, Miss Galloway, pair of Red-headed Gouldians, also in nice condition; hc, Miss Bousfield; c, Watts. INSECTIV., ETC. (15): 1, F. Howe, charming Tricolour Tanager, in rich plumage, well staged; 2, Fairey, Green-billed Toucan, looking very well; 3, Mrs. Warren-Vernon, excellent Black-headed Sibia, in nice condition; 4, hc, Watts, capital Archbishop Tanager; vhc, Stocker; c, Mrs. Galloway. SELL. (20/-) (14): 1, Midgley; 2, Jones; 3, Litchfield; 4, c, Markham; vhc, Warr; hc, Mabey.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, Tiring; 2, 4, Smith and Son; vhc (no name); hc, F. J. Webb. MULE (Cup class) (6): 1, cup, Cherry, lovely Siskin Can., good size and col., nicely mkd.; 2, Smith and Son; 3, Ball; 4, vhc, Horwood. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, spl, 2, Morris; 3, Smith and Son; 4, Bloomfield and Rose; vhc, Tiring; hc, Horwood; c, Gregory. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, three spls, 3, Cherry, 1st Hawfinch, Bedford and Luton winner; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Tiring; c, Webb. INSECTIV. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Smith and Son. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Meadows.

BERKELEY VALE.

Fourth annual show of the Berkeley Vale and South Cotswold F.A. was held on December 8th and 9th, in the town hall, a place in every sense suited for the purpose. Two classes only were provided of cage birds, and these filled well. Mr. O. A. Pearce had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by a willing committee of true fanciers. Messrs. Dutch and Brackstone judged the cage bird section.

CAN. A.V. (7): 1, 2, 4, Carter; 3, Neems; res, Gardner; vhc, Mardling; hc, Miss Slade. A.O.V. (7): 1, Bond Bros.; 2, Lock Bros.; 3, hc, Pace; vhc, res, Hunt.

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TAMWORTH.

Third annual show, held in the Town Hall, on December 11th. This hall is a splendid place for a show of this kind, the light being A1, and the hall itself very spacious, lofty, and free from draughts, and capable of staging 800 birds. The birds were grandly staged down each side, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Each exhibit had every care and attention. The entries came up wonderfully well, which made the show a record for this society. The Norwich were a choice lot, and some really fine birds were staged. The quality in the Yorkshire classes was all that could be desired. Competition was very keen here, the pick being shown by L. Dykes. The Border class was a very nice one, and the Mules were also a good class. In the British bird classes some real toppers were shown. Goldfinches were a keen lot, as well as the Bullfinches, Mr. Harrison's noted Bullie again scoring once more. The Hawfinch shown by Mr. W. S. Poole is truly a grand one, and found many admirers. There were also some very cheap birds in the selling classes. The management is all that could be desired. The worthy secretary, Mr. G. Spencer, was ably assisted by Mr. Brown, and these are the right men in the right place, and were always most courteous and obliging. The stewards, though few are true fanciers, and work hard, viz., Messrs. W. Wells, S. Allsopp, J. Clempson, M. Hatton, G. Barber and J. Kitchen. The cards were promptly fixed immediately the slips were handed in. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. Judging was over early, and the public were admitted by 2 p.m.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Lingard, cl., hot col., beautifully feathered, A1 quality and substance, neat head, nice wings, back and tail; 2, Willoughby, cl., nice size and shape, capital col., lovely head and neck, nice quality and condition; 3, Silver, saddle mkd., very hot col., nice wings, good size; 4, Harrison, rare col., cl., grand head and neck; vhc, Walton and Noakes, lovely col. and quality; hc, Grimes; c, Martin. BUFF (19): 1, Grimes, head mkd., nice size, good col., A1 substance, neat wings and tail, had been bathing at time of taking notes; 2, Silver, very shapely head and tail, mkd., good substance and carriage; 3, Walton and Noakes, cl., rich col., nice wings, good front, well up in size; 4, Wilcox, cl., lovely col., splendid head and neck; vhc, Tams and Sons, cl., nice shape and size; hc, Christian; c, Weaver. UNFLIG. (20): 1, 2, Walton and Noakes, 1st cl. buff, teeming with quality, nice col., rare head, neck and chest, nicely frosted, 2nd varieg. yell., hot col., grand shape and quality, lovely carriage of flights, in grand bloom; 3, c, Broadbent, nice col. and quality, very shapely, capital feather and carriage; 4, hc, Fox, two real good ones for col. and quality, both good size and shape; vhc, Russell, nice size and grand shape. NOR. HEN (16): 1, 2, Walton and Noakes, 1st cl. Buff, magnificent quality and col., A1 shape and size, splendid front, one of the best, 2nd varieg. yell., rare head, neck and chest, A1 quality and col.; 3, Dipple, good size and carriage, very shapely, lovely col. and quality, A1 bloom; 4, Broadburst, eye mkd., yell., lovely col., A1 shape; vhc, c, Lingard, cl. yell, nice shape, good col.; hc, Fox. NAT. COL. (10): 1, hc, Colloby and Brown, very stylish beadmkd. buff, A1 feather, nice head, neck and chest, rare size and substance; 2, Howe, varieg. yell., grand shape and col., A1 quality and col., splendid head and neck; 3, Stephenson, cl. buff, grand size and shape, splendid head, neck and substance; 4, c, Howe, again two fine exhibits from these rooms, grand shape and substance; vbc, Christian, A1 quality, we heard a noted winner. YORKS., NAT. COL.: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL. (15): 1, Rhodes, cl, splendid length and position, very neat head and neck, lovely col. and quality, stands on pair rare legs, in the pink; 2, Shaw Bros., wing griz., splendid length, well up in position, very racy-looking; 3, Wells, nice col., cl., splendid length, rare quality, fine bib; 4, Richmond, cheek mkd., nice, stylish specimen, lovely col. and length; vhc, Wall, fine length and position; hc, Dykes; c, Millincamp. BUFF (13): 1, Dykes, cl., capital col. and quality, grand head and neck, very slim and upstanding, grand wings and tail, wins well; 2, Wilcock, head mkd., fine, long drawn, capital col., and stand, neat wings and tail; 3, Shaw Bros., cl., lovely col. and condition, well filled back, neatly carried wings and tail; 4, Paddock, well-drawn, cl., very stylish and lengthy; vhc, Halliday and Cbittenden, smart bird, lovely col. and condition; hc, Wells; c, Richmond. MKD., ETC. (15): 1, 2, Richmond, 1st eye and wings cinn. mkd., yell., magnificent quality, straight as a rush, lovely col., good wings, back and tail, 2nd again wings and neck cinn. mkd., buff, lovely col. and quality, wonderful length, grand wings and tail, in the pink of form; 3, 4, Wells, 3rd eye and wing mkd., yell., straight as a rush, lovely feather and col., nice quality, 4th wings mkd. buff, very slim and upstanding, grand col. and quality, A1 bloom; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden, neck mkd., lovely bird, splendid length and position; hc, Ellis; c, Raybould. UNFLIG. (17) Wonderful class for quality: 1, Dykes, cheek mkd., must be by now a noted winner, again in lovely bloom to-day; 2, 3, Richmond, wing mkd. buff, feathered to perfection, nice back, tail and flights, splendid length and position, 3rd wing mkd. yell., nice col. and quality, very slim, stands on splendid pair of legs, A1 bloom; 4, Millincamp, very stylish cl. yell, well up in position, nice head; vhc, Ellis, lovely cl. buff, grand quality; hc, Hatton; c, Rhodes. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Wells, cl. yell., nice length and position, somewhat thin in neck, good bird, will improve in wing carriage; 2, Dykes, lovely exhibit, wonderful length and position; 3, Rhodes, eye and thigh mkd., nice length, very slim, and upstanding, good legs; vhc, Millincamp, cl., nice col., splendid length, A1 stand, in the pink; vhc, Halliday and Chittenden, capital cl., very nice col. and position; hc, Raybould. BUFF (12): 1, Hallilday and Chittenden, simply a walk over, with a grand eye mkd., splendid style and position, perfect wing and tail carriage; 2, Hawley, cl., nice length, very slim and upstanding, well up in position; 3, Paddock, cl. neatly carried wings, well filled back, fine col. and stand; 4, Dykes, cl., very stylish specimen, grand stand, lovely col and condition; vhc, hc, c, Williams, three nice birds, shown in grand form and condition. BORD. FCY. (11): 1, Tyler, cl. buff, nice model, rare col., A1 quality, in grand order; 2, Tyler, wing mkd. yell., feathered to perfection, grand type and finish, lovely quality; 3, Edwards, cl. buff, beautiful quality, grand col. and condition; 4, hc, c, Wardleworth, nice trio, in capital feather, well shown; vhc, Barber, nice style and type. DARK MULE (12): 1, Somerfield, noted Can.-Greenie, good shape and size, lovely col., and quality, shown in the best possible condition; 2, Somerfield, Siskin-Can., nice size, good col., lovely quality of feather, in fine order; 3, Edwards, Gold-Can., fine shape, size and col., capital feather and condition; 4, Ward, Linnet-Can., splendid shape and size, A1 condition; vhc, Shaddock, very nice Greenie-Can., nice col. and feather; hc, Robinson; c, Colloby and Brown. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (6): 1, Howe, lovely light Goldie-Can., beautiful col. and condition, noted winner, in the pink of condition; 2, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, splendid col. and condition, nice size and shape; 3, Tams and Sons, noted cl., Goldie-Can., lovely feather; 4, Grimes; vhc, Hingley. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Marsh, fine shape, large square-cut blaze, of excellent col., well polished, good body and breast col., well shown; 2, Tams and Sons, really good Goldie, splendid, square-cut blaze, lovely col. and markings; 3, Hallam, nice Finch, linc size and shape, in good condition; 4, Tonks, well up in size, well defined blaze, rare whites and moons; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Joynson and Davies; c, Hatton. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Harrison, old champion, fine model, sound head, with well defined cap, grand wing bars, nice shade of body col.; 2, Edwards, fine size, splendid cap, nice wing markings, grand back, lovely col.; 3, Osborne, good size and shape, nice breast col., good bars; 4, Robinson, nice Finch; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Baseley; c, no name in catalogue. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Marsh, rich coloured Linnet, nice size and shape, grandly pencilled, very steady; 2, Morgan, also Linnet, nice size, grand col.; 3, Poole, fine Siskin, splendid size, good cap and bib, lovely col. and condition; 4, Bessell, Redpoll, nice size, good col. and markings; vhc, Hallam; hc, Tams and Sons; c, Joynson and Davies. HARDBILL (10): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, lovely shape and size, splendid col. and condition, grand bib and marking, faultlessly shown; 2, Osborne, Bramblefinch, capital col. and markings, good size, in perfect feather; 3, Bessell, Yellowhammer, nice size, good markings, lovely col., in nice order, good 3rd; 4, Brotherhood, Bramblefinch, nice size; vhc, Shaddock; hc, Baseley; c, Clempson. SELL. 30/- (7): 1, Dripple; 2, Tyler; 3, Silver; 4, Edwards; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Grimes. 20/-. (14): 1, Ford; 2, Cooper, pair; 3, Wells; 4, Dripple; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Hatton; c, Wilcock. 10/- (18): 1, Willoughby; 2, Roberts; 3, Well; 4, Edwards; vhc, Allsopp; hc, Uzzell; c, Quarman. MEMBERS' NOR. (4): 1, Hatton; 2, Clempson; 3, 4, Colloby and Brown. The Yorkshire members' class contained some very nice specimens, but owing to the names being rather mixed in catalogue, a full report of same cannot be given.

EGREMONT (Cumberland).

The Egremont (Cumberland) P.P. and Cage Bird Society held their fourteenth annual show in the Market Hall on November 26th and 27th. The cage birds were very nicely staged all round the room over the poultry pens, and seemed to be a great attraction to the visitors. The entries in our section were not over large, perhaps, but some very fine specimens were on view. Mr. Lewthwaite, the capable hon. sec., had all the arrangements well in hand, and with a willing lot of stewards the cards went up after each class was judged by Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), whose awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Wilson, hot col., nice type, good quality all through; 2, vhc, Sumpton Bros., good head and neck, rather long-sided, perhaps, but nice one; 3, hc, Moffat, fine shape, well up in size, loses only in condition. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Davies, both good in quality and shape, well shown; 3, vhc, Moffat, nice type, larger, lovely feather. TK. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Moffat, leader variegated, solid col., nice shape and quality; 2nd, close up, good youngster well shown; 3, hc, Sumpton Bros., rare col., nice quality all over. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Reed Bros., good head and neck, rare quality and shape, tick under wing, good one; 2, Davies, mkd. head, unflig., chubby, good quality; 3, Sumpton Bros., tick neck, nice feather; vhc, hc, Moffat. HEN (4): 1, spl, vhc, Davies, buff, lovely col., grand shape and feather; 2, 3, Moffat, two fine hens for size and shape. LIMIT (20/-): 1, 3, vhc, Moffat; 2, Wilson; hc, Reid Bros.; c, Davies. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, vhc, Stewart, nice feather, pale col., good head and neck, well up on legs, rare length; 2, Rennicks, nice length, good position; 3, Douglas, hot col., well drawn out, beaten only in quality; hc, Todd. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Stewart, nice pair, good feather and position; 2, Rennicks, fine head and back, good length; vhc, Douglas. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Douglas, tick head, lovely quality, stands well; 3rd, green-mkd., nice quality and length; 2, Ferguson, cinn. mkd., rare length, well up on legs; vhc, hc, Stewart. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Stewart, three grand birds, well up in position, good in feather, plenty of length; vhc, Rennicks; hc, Douglas; c, Miers. BUFF HEN (5): 1, spl, 3, Stewart, cl., well drawn out, good feather, latter very nice cinn. mark; 2, Douglas, bonny hen, feather like glass; vhc, Douglas; hc, Ferguson. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Douglas, leader wing mark, good neck and back, nice quality; 3rd, neat but a trifle smaller; 2, vhc, Ferguson, rare length, well up on legs, fine hen. SELL. (20/-) (4): 1, 3, Douglas; 2, Ferguson; vhc, Stewart. BORD. CL. ETC. (11): 1, spl, Wilson, nice type, lovely quality and carriage, well shown; 2, Hopper Bros., nice quality and col.; 3, vhc, Large, wing tick, good in type and feather; hc, Levason; c, Ellwood. HEN (7): 1, 3, Wilson, both cl'ears, stylish, jaunty carriage, grand birds; 2, Moore and Son, cl., lovely in quality and bloom; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Large; c, Plaskett Bros. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Levason, wing tick, good shape, grand carriage, well placed; 2, Wilson, lovely col., cl.; 3, Poole, wing tick, good shape, stylish; vhc, Davies; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Large. HEN (7): 1, spl, Wilson, bonny cl., in really grand form; 2, Hopper Bros., cl. lovely feather, grand type, good 2nd; 3, Poole, tick rump, grand shape and quality; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Levason; c, Plaskett. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. UNEVEN MKD. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Levason, yell., eyes and head mark, grand shape, rare feather and carriage; 2, Wilson, buff, eyes and wings mkd., rich quality, good 2nd; 3, Hopper, another buff-mkd. eyes and wings, smart and stylish; vhc, Reid Bros. GREEN OR CINN.: Can. SELL.: 1, 3, hc, Moffat; 2, Ellwood; vhc, Jenkinson. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, 3, Davies, rich col. Linnet, good quality, and shows well; 3rd, fine Greenfinch; 2, Wilson, Linnet, rare size, good col.; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Armstrong Bros. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Carlyle Bros., leader a gem, rich face, nice col., breast nicely tanned; 3rd, fine wings, nice face, trifle paler in col.; 2, Young, rich square cut blaze, nice wings and buttons; c, Rundle, fine class. LINNET (13): 1, 2, c, G. Wilson, pair of gems, extraordinary size, rich nut-brown col., well laced, best we have seen for some time; 3, Sumpton Bros., really fine size, good col., well mkd.; vhc, hc, Mrs. Jenkinson.

ENFIELD.

Cage birds were not very strongly represented at the show of the Enfield and Winchmore Hill Society on Dec. 10th, still, several very useful birds were staged, and the section attracted much attention from visitors. The Challenge Shield for the best young bird fell to a very typical variegated yellow Norwich, shown by Mr. Tickner. Messrs. Neve and Edwards, the hon. secs., had all the arrangements in good order, and the show passed off most successfully. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, shield, Tickner. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Irving. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Irving. YORKS.: 1, Sexby. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Irving. MULE (2): 1, 2, Williams. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Williams; 2, 4, Sexby. A.O.V. BRIT. (2): 1, 2, Williams. FOR. 1, 2, 3, Williams.

UDDINGSTON (N.B.).

A cage bird show was held at Uddingston on Dec. 11th, and taken all over was a success. The Public Halls presented quite a lively scene, and many well-known faces were to be seen. The birds were staged in two small halls. Scotch and Border Fancies and Norwich were staged in the west hall, Yorkshires, Mules and British occupied the east hall. Scotch Fancies were a well balanced lot, Norwich Fluffheads made a decent show, and Crests and Crestbreds were a good lot, and added tone to the exhibition. Borders, although not numerous, contained some grand specimens, and the Yorkshire classes were well filled. This latter variety is making giant strides in these parts. The Light Mule or Hybrid class was a good one, while that for Dark Mules contained some wonderfully well moulted specimens. British birds made up the show, and some well known winners put in an appearance. The show was well patronised during the day. Judging was got through in good time, and the awards all over were well received. The following gentlemen placed the cards:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Watson (Glasgow); for Norwich Crests, Borders, and Yorkshires, Mr. A. Mulcolmson (Glasgow); and for Mules and British birds, Mr. J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh). Mr. A. W. Forrester, the hon. secretary, is deserving of every praise for his able and in every way successful management of the show.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Dunlop, cl. yell., fine size, hard up, good drive and depth, well set on pins; 2, Higgins, good solid top, fine reach and thickness all through; 3, Bullions, fine size, good length, well up, long neck and stylish; 4, Craig; 5, Jenkins; vhc, Park. HEN: 1, Lang, fine size, good solid top and drive, in nice order; 2, Fleming, neat and typical, well placed; 3, Dunlop, good reach, fine length. BUFF CK.: 1, Fleming, rare size, good top end, fine free drive, rare substance, good length; 2, 4, Dunlop, 2nd nicely set away, hard up, fine style and finish; 3, Galston, taking exhibit, well placed. HEN: 1, Fleming, good reach, hard up, fine depth through, good length, wins; 2 (No. 5, no name), sweet head, neck and shoulders, rare substance; 3, Tait, good back and shoulders, fine worker; 4, Dunlop; 5, Young. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, 5, Hutchison, 1st rare size and substance, well up, free drive, good length of wing; 2, Hyndman, fine top, rare length, good substance; 3, Young, fine length, well placed; 4, Fleming; 6, Galston; 7, spl, c, F. Dunlop. HEN: 1, Higgins, yell. green, well-known winner, still adding to her laurels, well staged; 2, Hutchison, yell. pled, fine length, good substance, rare top; 3 (No. 4), Newman, yell. green, good solid top, nice drive and substance, in lovely order; 4, A. H. Dunlop, junr., another yell. green, in nice trim. BUFF CK.: 1, Higgins, another topper, grand thickness through, fine solid top, rare length; 2, C. F. Dunlop, nice size, hard up, good reach, fine substance; 3, Craig, good reach, fine style; 4, Lang. HEN: 1, (No. 8, no name), buff pled, good size, rare body, fine drive, hard up, grand shtyle; 2, C. F. Dunlop, buff pied, rare style, good drive and top, fine substance; 3, Bullions, well-known exhibit, put down in lovely bloom; 4, Fleming; 5, Jenkins; 6, Dunlop; 7, Park. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Gartshore, good size, fine substance, fine head and neck, well balanced wings, short tail, rare col.; 2, Morrison, mkd. head, good col., nice type, in fine condition; 3, Hutchison, cl. yell., in fine bloom; 4, Grey; 5, Mitchell; 6, Donnan; 7, Wilson. HEN: 1, spl, Muir, nice size, rare chest, good head, neck, wings and tail, fine col. and finish; 2, Mitchell, lovely quality feather, good col., grand head and neck; 3, Hope, splendid col., fine type, in lovely order; 4, Gartshore; 5, Gentle; 6, Watt; 7, Donnan. BUFF CK.: 1, Jeffrey, tkd., fine col., rare quality, round as a bottle, fine back, best of wing and tail carriage; 2, Hutchison, cl., fine chest, rare col., fine silky feather, well mealed, lovely bloom; 3, Cant, tkd., fine size, good substance, rare quality feather, in lovely condition; 4, Crawford; 5, Muir; 6, McFadzean; 7, Taylor. HEN: 1, Morrison, cl., good col., well mealed, fine quality, good substance, nice condition; 2, Hutchison, fine stamp, some preferred for 1st place; 3, Jeffrey, well staged and placed; 4, Scott and Houston; 5, Hope; 6, Wilson; 7, Taylor. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, spl, Muir, varieg. yell., fine head, good neck, rare substance, grand wings and tail, in rare order; 2, Jeffrey, neat and typical, good col., fine bloom; 6, Taylor, good col., fine quality, fine chest, well placed; 4, Donnan; 5, Morrison; 6, Kilpatrick. HEN: 1, Cant, varieg. yell., good col., fine quality, well put down; 2, Gentle, varieg. buff, nice stamp, good head and neck, fine substance, in rare bloom; 3, Gray, varieg. buff, good stamp of a Plainhead, fine head, good crest, grand wings and tail, some preferred for first place; 4, Muir; 5, Hutchison; 6, no name; 7, Semple. NON-FED CK.: 1, Gentle, cl. buff, fine stamp, good all over, clear win; 2, Watt, fine substance, wings and tail, in rare order; 3, Gallacher, well put down; 4, Roddie; 5, Mrs. Greig; 6, Semple; 7, Donnan. HEN: 1, Gartshore; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, McFadzean; 4, Coutts; 5, Crawford, all well shown, nice hirds. SELL. (10s.): 1, Muir; 2, Burnett; 3, Nisbet; 4, Roddie; 5, Gallacher; 6, Begg; 7, Donnan. CREST CK.: 1, Dick, green, full size, crest of good shape, nice centre, in lovely bloom; 2, Roy, varieg. buff, neat crest of good centre, well placed; 3, McFadzean, well staged and placed; 4, Bennett; 5, Kirkwood; 6, Brown; 7, Duncan. HEN: 1, 7, Shepherd, varieg. buff, dark crest, beautiful radiation and droop, good centre; 2, Crawford, fine shape, nicely drooped, wee bit shorter in frontal; 3, 4, Kirkwood, 3rd varieg. buff, nice stamp, well placed, 4th green, in lovely order; 5, McFadzean; 6, Pearson. C.-B. CK.: 1, 3, Brown, 1st varieg. buff, fine size, rare substance, well lashed, good entrance, fine length of feather, 3rd green, well staged and placed; 2, Cringles, green, fine substance, loses a wee trifle in entrance; 4, Dick; 5, 7, Shepherd; 6, Burnett. HEN: 1, Roy, varieg. buff, fine length of feather, good skull, rare entrance, wins; 2, Forsyth, cl. buff, fine size, good substance, rare feather, of nice length; 3, Kirkwood, head and wing mkd. buff, grand exhibit; 4, Dick; 5, Shepherd; 6, Cringles; 7, Pearson. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Haddow, wee gem, round as a bottle, fine wings and tail, rare finish; 2, Shepherd, grand type, rare wings and tail, lovely bloom; 3, Tod, fine stamp of a Border, lovely carriage; 4, Congan; 5, Kilpatrick. HEN: 1, Wm. Hamilton, good one all over, nicely drawn, well tapered, grand wing carriage, rare finish; 2, Tod, neat and natty, well finished off; 3, Kilpatrick, all there for type and quality. BUFF CK.: 1, Haddow, good feathered one, nicely drawn, grand carriage, well put down; 2, W. Hamilton, sweet exhibit, beautifully moulded, presses hard, slashing quality; 3, Shepherd, fine size and weight, neatly drawn, grand finish; 4, Tod. HEN: 1, Haddow, fine head and finish, well drawn, fine silky feather, in grand condition; 2, Hamilton, fine stamp, possessing true Bord. properties; 3, Shepherd, good all-round exhibit, fine finish. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, Haddow, yell. green, good solid col., well pencilled, in slashing condition; 2, Tod, eye and wing mkd. yell., nice mould, grand wings, well staged; 3, Lambie, green, well-known, in grand trim; 4, Shearer, varieg. yell., in nice bloom; 5, Lappin, green; 6, Cochrane. HEN: 1, Lambie, round as a bottle, fine pose, neat wings and tail, in fine bloom; 2, Bennett, sweet exhibit, fine size, rare shape, best of wing and tail carriage, well placed; 3, Haddow, nice shape, good front, well drawn; 4, Congan; 5, Lappin. YORKS. CK.: A fine class: 1, Cockburne and Son, cl. yell., good col., fine quality, grand wings, well up on leg; 2, Ireland, cl. buff, straight as a dart, in fine bloom; 3, Heggie, yell., fine, upstanding ldrd, grand wings, rare col.; 4, 5, Wood, 4th buff, well up, in lovely bloom; 6, Muir; 7, Heggie. HEN: 1, Cockburne and Son, buff, good size, fine position, well up on leg, well mealed, in good order; 2, Lappin, yell., fine col., rare pose, straight as a gun; 3, 4, Heggie, buff and yell., pair of neat Yorkies, in very fine condition; 5, McLellan; 6, Mackenzie; 7, Sinclair. CAN., CONFINED: 1, Donnan; 2, Taylor; 3, McKay; 4, Young; 5, Shepherd; 6, Morton. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, H. A. Begg, varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., good size, fine substance, in lovely bloom; 2, McQuiston, Goldie-Bullie, well-known, good size, fine substance and col., in lovely condition; 3, Ward, Redpoll-Goldie, quite a nice cross, in fine fettle; 4, Neilson, Linnet-Bullie, good size, substance, and col., well staged and placed; 5, Dunlop, Siskin-Twite, in lovely bloom; 6, Scott and Houston; 7, Gartshore. DARK MULE: 1, McQuiston, Goldie-Can., lovely col. and quality; 2, no name, buff Linnet-Can., good col., well placed; 3, Raine, buff Goldie-Can., fine size and substance, lovely blaze, in nice order; 4, Allan, yell. Linnet-Can., fine size, good substance, rare polish, 2nd at Stonehouse, hard lines; 5, Begg; 6, Coutts; 7, Keys. GOLDFINCH: A good class: 1, Raine, Stonehouse winner, in spanking fine form; 2, McQuiston, another nice bird; 3, Kirk, good rose, fine collar, neat tans, fine wings, well put down; 4, Ingram; 5, Haddow; 6, Martin; 7, Cochrane. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, McQuiston, fine size, good col., fine cap, good bars, in lovely bloom; 2, Allan, magnificent col., loses only a wee trifle in tail carriage; 3, Ingram, good size, fine bouncing exhibit, in nice order; 4, Roddie, good one, presses 3rd hard; 5, Beunett; 6, Raine; 7, Lawson. LINNET (housemoulted): 1, 4, McQuiston, 1st well-kuown, good ground col., in fine bloom; 2, Roddie, large, grandly laced, good solid col., some preferred for 1st place; 3, Ward, stylish exhibit; 5, Allan; 6, Williams; 7, Neilson. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Kirk; 2, Bibby; 3, Jamieson; 4, Stewart; 5, Cochran; 6, Parker; 7, Ward, all well staged. GREENFINCH: 1, McQuiston, fine size, good col., rare polish; 2, Christie, lovely shape, good head, staged A1; 3, Crawford, bouncer for size, fine finish; 4, McAlpine, grand stamp of a Greenie, rare substance, beautiful polish, some preferred for 1st or 2nd place; 5, Neilson; 6, Prentice; 7, McKay. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Ward, 1st Chaffinch, good size, fine col., grand whites, in lovely bloom, Stonehouse 2nd, 2nd Bramblefinch, Stonehouse winner, good size, rare col., fine head and markings; 3, McQuiston, Bramblefinch, in nice trim; 4, Prentice, grand Chaffinch; 5, Raine; 6, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Dunlop, Siskin, elinker for size, fine col., well laced, rare jet cap, fine bib. In lovely bloom, popular win, Paisley and Hamilton winner in new hands; 2, 3, Prentice, 2nd Siskin, in lovely bloom, well marked, 3rd 'Poll, good size and substance, in fine order; 4, Cochrane, good 'Poll, LESSER REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Scott and Houston, 'Poll, fine size and col., well put down; 2, McQuiston, Twite, lovely col., good 2nd; 3, Williams, 'Poll, City of Glasgow winner, in rare bloom; 4, Roddie, grand little 'Poll, well put down; 5, McFarlane; 6, Young. BUNTING: 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, well-known winner, in grand condition; 2, McAlpine, Yellowhammer, in nice bloom; 3, Dunlop, Cirl Bunting, in lovely condition; 4, Easton, Corn Bunting. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Colvin, Song Thrush. BRIT. CONFINED: 1, Dunlop, Twite; 2, Nisbet, Bullfinch.

WINDHILL & SHIPLEY.

The 23rd annual exhibition of the Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S. took place on Dec. 11. The Library (Windhill), in which the specimens were housed, is a capital venue for such a function, lofty and light, spacious and well ventilated, being also centrally situated and very cosy. The patronage of the following specialist clubs was given, viz., Y.C.C., and C.M.Y.C.C., and the show was held under the Y.U. rules. This being a cup show the cream of the Fancy was present, truly a magnificent collection. The Cinnamon marks we thought a decided improvement upon the last season or two. Entries came up well, upwards of 670 birds being staged, and competition was exceedingly keen. Condition decided the issue in many instances. The Committee consists of a band of excellent fanciers, headed by Mr. R. W. Alderson (chairman), and Mr. R. Sutcliffe (vice-chair), and supported by that good old fancier, Matt Broadley. Matt is a most useful, enthusiastic and practical man to be about when work has to be done, and is the right man in the right place. Mr. Ernest Broadley is a "chip off the old block," and the manner in which he worked as secretary reflects much credit on him. He evidently knows the correct workings of an open show. The staging had been well thought out, and every bird could be seen at a glance. As each class was adjudicated upon prize cards were affixed promptly, and the general management throughout was superb. During judging mist and fog prevailed, and we did not envy Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) his task in the placing of the cards. His awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Beaumont, capital quality, A1 position, fine length well up on leg, beauty; 2, Bailey, straight as a rush, smooth as glass, rattling back flights and tail, close up; 3, Chippindale, shooty and of nice feather, long sided, stands well, good third; 4, Cruise, very lengthy and of rich quality and colour; vhc, Lane; hc, White; c, Wilson. BUFF (10): 1, Hellewell, magnificent quality, full of true character, beautiful back, wings and tail, clever legs, topper; 2, Shackleton, wonderful length, stands like a guardsman, lovely feather, not quite so close around neck, well known; 3, Bailey, straight as a gun barrel, tight as a Java, true character; 4, Mitchell, well up in position, beautifully clothed, capital back and flights, good legs; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wood; c, Lingley. TKD. YELL. (18), grand class: 1, Bailey, thigh tkd., feathered to perfection, grand position, full of col., very lengthy and leggy, real "knock out," wins; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing and neck, wee shade longer, straight as a pencil, well up on leg; 3, Shackleton, marked eye, stands delightfully, lovely quality, finely filled back, neatly carried flights, nice tail; 4, White, mkd. neck, marvellous length, superb feather; vhc, Cruise; hc, Lane; c, Walsh. BUFF (11): 1, Bailey; noted cheek mkd., not a feather out of place, real model; 2, Robertshaw, mkd. wings and eyes, rare quality, wonderful length, stands finely, wee bit thicker in waist, yet a real charmer; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, great length, A1 quality, a beauty; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, very similar to 3rd, little between them; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Ross; c, Shackleton. YELL. UNFLIG. (20), slashing lot: 1, Bottomley, cl., very lengthy, neat and narrow, full of style, best of position, teeming with quality, lovely col., clever legs; 2, Shackleton, mkd. neck, beautifully drawn, richly clothed, wonderful length, stands like a rush; 3, Fawcett, very smart, lengthy cl., capital position, good back and wing carriage, neatly folded tail; 4, Dewhurst, thigh tkd., lengthy and upstanding, rich col., nice back flights and tail; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (22), rare collection: 1, Armstrong, cl. of marvellous character, bordering on perfection, quite a treat to look upon and a study as to what can be produced; 2, Lane, mkd. head, if anything shade longer, rattling position, A1 back and wing carriage, well on leg; 3, Bailey, cl., lovely salmon tinged col., richly feathered, true type, one of the best; 4, Fortnam, very stylish cl., lovely quality and col., stands finely, rare back and flights; vhc, Bentley; hc, Shackleton; c, Mitchell. YELL. HEN (20): 1, 2, Hill, brace of charming damsels, both cl., former straight as a pencil, magnificent feather, neat and narrow, lovely back and wings, most clever legs, latter shade longer, capital stand, nice col.; 3, Farrer, fine long drawn cl., capital position, good length and feather, beauty; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, slashing quality and col., tight as a drum; vhc, Bailey; hc, c, Shackleton. BUFF (23): 1, Bottomley, cl., marvellous length, grand shoulders, back and flights, lovely feather, well on leg, real charmer; 2, Shackleton, cl., full of quality, grand shape, neat and narrow, very stylish, beaten to-day in length and length only; 3, Chippindale, cl., nicely feathered, grand stand, finely filled back, A1 wing carriage; 4, Hill, cl., full of breed, straight as a gun barrel, slim and upstanding; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Beaumont; c, Ross. CINN. TKD. YELL. (16): 1, Cooper, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, lovely position, rare length, very nervy; 2, Shackleton, mkd. wing and neck, capital length, stands well, grand sided, well up on leg, rich quality; 3, Drake and Son, mkd. head and breast, red hot, magnificent quality, very lengthy; 4, he, Towers, mkd. wings and head, A1 position, full of quality and col., grand back flights and tail; vhc, c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (15): 1, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, nice stand, rattling length, full of nerve; 2, Towers, mkd. wings and head, fine long-drawn specimen, richly clothed, A1 col., well filled back; 3, Bentley, mkd. wings and eyes, very lengthy, grand position, good col., very bonny; 4, Cooper, mkd. wings and eyes, thereabouts equal to third, little separates them; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 3, Jowett, with a brace of charmers, winner, mkd. wings, eyes and head, teeming with quality, superb col., lengthy, neat and narrow, well up on leg; 3, mkd. wings, all there for quality and col., nice position; 2, Beutley, mkd. wing and neck, clinking col. and position, lengthy and leggy, very close on heels of winner; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and head, slim and of good length, capital quality and col.; vhc, Moss; hc, Cooper; c, Towers. BUFF (11): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, delightful feather and col., beautiful position, capital length, best of backs and wing carriage; 2, Bentley, mkd. wing and eyes, slim and upstanding, lengthy, good back flights and tail, beaten a wee shade in quality; 3, 4, Towers, both mkd. wings and head, former great length, lovely feather and col., grand specimen; 4, about equal in merit, and might be out of same nest; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, c, Cooper. NOVICE CK. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Richmond, buff, mkd. wing and eyes, tight as a Java, full of col. and quality, stands well, good length, in the pink; 3, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, nice feather and col., good position and length, very neat; 2, Gregson, yell., mkd. wings and head, very lengthy, slim and of nice col. and feather; 4, Brown, and Son, yell., mkd. wings, eyes and neck, slim and upstanding, good length; hc, Clegg; c, Tinker. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Richmond, very neat trio, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, neat and narrow, lengthy and leggy, full of col., lovely feather; 2, vcll., mkd. wings and eyes, A1 quality and col., capital position and length, good back and wing carriage, close up; 3, buff, mkd. wings and eye, rich salmon tinged col., stands well, richly clothed; 4, hc, Gelder, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, slim, good length; vhc, Tillotson; c, Tinkler. SELL. (15/-) (22): 1, Fawcett; 2, Chippindale; 3, Lunn; 4, Broadley. HEN (12/6) (14): 1, 3, Broadley; 2, Fawcett; 4, Chippindale. NOVICE CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Clark, capital feather and col., A1 position and length, nicely filled back, neatly carried flights and tail; 2, Crabtree, stands well up, good length and quality, nice col., full of style, and well up on leg, close up; 3, Hall, straight as a rush, good col. and quality, lengthy, well worth its place; 4, Hartley, straight up, capital feather, very stylish; vhc, Thomas; hc, Elsegood; c, Dinsdale. BUFF (18): 1, Northrop, well clothed, shone like satin, lovely position, fine length, very clever legs; 2, Craven, stands like a soldier, grand quality, lengthy, full of style; 3, Whiteley, neatly drawn, of good length, nervy, and of rich quality; 4, Cooper, nice position and feather, neat shape; vhc, c, Swaine; hc, Elsegood. TKD. YELL. (16): 1, Bennett, thigh tkd., wonderful length, rattling quality and col., beautiful position, showing breed; 2, Elsegood, mkd. wing, perfect position, nicely feathered, capital col.; 3, Crabtree, mkd. wing, full of character, A1 quality, good back wings and tail; 4, Martin, mkd. wing and neck, red hot, rich quality, good length, not shown well yet, good one when steadied; vhc, Hutton; hc, Dimsdale; c, Haigh. BUFF (20), fine class: 1, Thomas, neck splashed, fine length, neat and narrow, stands beautifully, clinking back and wing carriage, one of the best; 2, Greenwood, mkd. head, capital position, lovely quality col and frosting, lengthy; 3, Shepherd, thigh tkd., magnificent col., well clothed, nice stand, not quite the length; 4, Cooper, mkd. wing, rare length, good quality and position; vhc, Sindd; hc, Craven; c, Martin. YELL. HEN. (16): 1, Hutton, cl., slim and upstanding, rattling col. and quality, lengthy and full of style; 2, Whitley, cl., still hotter, good length and quality, nice back and wings, just beaten in position; 3, Turton, neck mkd., rare feather and col., capital position, clever legs; 4, Dinsdale, mkd. neck, good in quality, position and col; vhc, Turton; hc, Stables; c, Firth. BUFF (23), rare class: 1, Stables, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, rare position and length, grand back and wing carriage, gem; 2, Whitham, lovely col. cl., very lengthy, grand feather, close up; 3, Martin, wonderfully lengthy cl., nice stand, good 3rd; 4, Elsegood, mkd. wing, very lengthy, nice quality, neat back and flights; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Dinsdale. NOR. CK. (12): 1, he, Ball, magnificently feathered cl. buff, red hot, fine substance and shape, grand carriage, clean cut; 2, Plowright, very shapely cl. yell., full of col., richly clothed, jaunty carriage, 1909 bred, should make up; 3, 4, Naylor, cl. yell., good col.; 4, buff, tkd. eye, ablaze in col., good feather and substance; vhc, Brown and Son; c, Horsfield. HENS (14): 1, 3, 4, Naylor, with a nice team, cl. yell., cl. yell. and cl. buff, in the order named, all good col. and feather, winner best shape; 3, cobby, but not quite so neat in carriage; 2, Horsfield, cl buff, short and thick set, good col. and feather, moves nicely; vhc, Ball; hc, Plowright; c, Thomas.

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CANTERBURY.

The Canterbury F.S. held their annual show on Dec. 8 and 9. The entries came up in grand form. The quality was excellent, many well-known winners having to be satisfied with cards. Norwich and Yorkshires were especially good, and the Hybrid class contained some champions. Mr. Sargeant, the secretary, is a most courteous official, and everything was got ready for judging by 8 a.m. So keen was the competition that the judge in the cage bird section did not finish until 4 p.m.—not a bad day's work. The committee consists of well-known fanciers, Messrs. W. T. Fowler, R. Patterson, D. Easton, C. Collard, G. Harris, E. Hobday, A. J. Brock, A. Attwood, H. E. Taylor, S. Taylor, A. Webb, W. H. Eastman, J. Johnston, C. Fox, H. Slatter, and E. Cook, all of whom worked well with Mr. Sargeant. Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Meades, real good one, nice short flights and tail, teeming with quality, shone like satin; 2, Ellis, not quite so good in wings, perhaps, but a good one; 3, 4, Gibbs, lovely quality, nice bird; 4, another good one, well up; vhc, Taylor; hc, Jordan, Squier, Kew. BUFF: 1, sp for best Can., Taylor, regular stunner, type and quality all there; 2, Burton, not quite the substance of winner, perhaps, but quite as good otherwise; 3, Gibbs, nice exhibit all through; 4, Taylor, good quality; vhc, Brumhill; hc, Spurles. TKD., ETC., YELL.: Here all the prizes went to Mr. Gibbs with a real good lot, winner saddle mkd., grand birds following. BUFF: 1, Taylor, wing mkd., rare size, beautiful type and quality; 2, Kew, real good Nor., beautifully mealed; 3, Patterson, not quite the size of those before it, but a real smart bird; 4, Acland, nice exhibit, well shown; vhc, Jordan, Gibbs, Jeffries; c, Castle. HEN. CL.: 1, sp, 2, Gibbs, with a brace of good ones, winner bit shorter of the two, both wonderful hens; 4, Meades, nice col., grand bird; vhc, Kew; hc, Jordan, Spurles. TKD., NOR.: 1, r, Gibbs, bonny hen, put down in the best of form; 3, Taylor, good, typical Nor., well shown; 4, Patterson, all there for type and quality; vhc, Brumbill; hc, Jeffery. YELL. CK., BRED 1909: 1, 3, Gibbs, grand clear leading, with another moult will want some beating; 3, not quite so stout as winner, but a good one; 2, Ellis, another good one, hard to separate from first; 4, Kew; vhc, Taylor; hc, Spurles, Taylor, Jordan. BUFF: 1, 2, Ellis, two toppers, first grand type, teeming with quality, beautifully mealed, credit to anyone; 3, Gibbs, well up in size, not quite so well mealed, perhaps; 4, Jordan, nice exhibit, Cook; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bellamy, Gibbs, Taylor; c, Meades. YELL. HEN, BRED 1909: 1, Meades, rare size, beautiful type and col., good hen all over; 2, Taylor, grand type, good quality feather, fine bird; 3, Ellis, fine bird, loses in col. only; r, Cook; vhc, Kew; hc, Gibbs, Jordan; 967, Gibbs, good hen, had been washing. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Ellis, two real good birds, nice silky feather, well mealed, put down in the best of condition; 3, Taylor, good all-round bird; 4, Spurles; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Taylor; c, Kew. CREST OR C.-B.: 2, 3, 4, Gale, winner nice leafy feather, not quite fit yet; hc, Carter. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Miss Dawson, one of the best Yorkies we have seen this season, feather like wax, beautifully drawn, a charming exhibit; 3, Gibbs, hot col., not quite the quality of winner; 4, Miss Hall; vhc, Newman; hc, Gibbs; c, Inge. BUFF: 1, sp, 4, Gibbs, both feather like wax, one of the hottest col. Buffs we have seen for a long time; 3, Taylor, good one, well placed; vhc, Rayner; hc, Taylor, Miss Hall. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: All the prizes here went to Mr. Gibbs, with four really grand birds. CL. HEN: 1, Miss Dawson, finely drawn, nice col., well shown; 2, Rayner, nice and stylish, good one; 3, 4, hc, Gibbs; r, hc, Taylor; c, Lockett. TKD., ETC.: 2, Gibbs, good length, nice type and quality; 3, Taylor, again a good one; 4, Newman; vhc, Reeves; c, Gibbs. BRED 1909, a good lot: 1, Lockett, with a real gem, wonderfully well put down; 2, Taylor, hot in col., of correct type, well up; 3, vhc, Gibbs, two smart birds, well shown; 4, Rollington; hc, Reeves, Taylor, Eade; c, Lockett. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, 3, Dr. Bowes, winner very smart bird, beautiful carriage, nice and jaunty; 2, cl. yell., not quite the style of winner, perhaps, but a fine bird; 3, good buff all through; 4, Hooper, nice style and finish; vhc, Weaver; hc, Prior (2); Hooper; c, Weaver. LIZ., GOLD, ETC.: 2, 3, 4, Wood, three nice Liz., well spangled, very nice caps, all well put down. A.O.V.: 1, Gibbs, with fine, even mkd. Nor., rare size, fine bird, well shown; 2, Chatwin, Belg.; 3, Ditch, Scot. Fcy. PAIRS (matched for breeding): 1, Gibbs, bouncing pair of Nor., yell. ck. and buff hen, well matched pair, win well; 2, Castle, another good pair, nice col.; 4, Taylor, good pair of Yorks; vhc, Gibbs; c, Holness. A.V. NON-FED. CK.: 1, sp, 4, vhc, Williams, good cl. Nor. leading, well staged, well placed; 3, Patterson, nice Yorks.; hc, Hobbs. HEN: 2, 3, Taylor, two good Nor., rare size, nice type and quality; 4, Patteson, fine bird; vhc, hc, Williams. SELL. PAIRS, 25/-: 1, Gibbs; 2, Patterson; 3, Goodwin; 4, Ingles. 20/-: 1, Taylor; 2, r, Miller; 3, Cook; 4, Patterson. 15/-: 1, Woods; 2, Reeve; 3, Rev. Miller; 4, Gibbs. 10/-: 1, Gibbs; 2, Taylor; 3, Gibbs; 4, Patterson. LIGHT MULE: 2, 4, Lamb, a six-pointed Goldie leading, wing mkd.; 3, Taylor, nice mule, well staged, good class. DARK HYB., a hot lot: 1, 2, Lamb, winner monster Can.-Bullfinch, grand col. and condition; 2, Linnet-Bullfinch, one of the best we have seen for some time; 3, 4, Taylor, 3, grand Jonque Goldie-Can., regular blaze of col., bard lines to meet the winners, would be hard to beat in almost any Goldie.-Can. class; vhc, Webb; hc, Wright, Burr; c, Wright. GOLDFINCH. ETC.: 1, sp, Jordan, smart, well-polished Goldfinch, nice square blaze, beautifully tanned breast; 2, Carter, another good Goldie, loses in face only a trifle; 3, Burr, Bullfinch, not one of the largest, perhaps, but magnificent breast col., put down in grand form; 4, Jordan, r, Wickham; vhc, Burr, Kew; hc, Carter. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Wickham, grand col. Linnet, nice and steady, well shown; 2, topping Greenfinch, lovely feather, steady as a rock; 3, Pankhurst, nice Twite; 4, Acland; r, Pope; hc, Pankhurst, Carter; c, Webb. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Ackland, monster Hawfinch, best of col., lovely bib and cap, A1 condition; 2, Borman, lovely Nightingale, in grand fettle, nice as we see them in the spring; 3, Brett, another grand Hawfinch, nice col., good enough to win at many shows; 4, Webb, very nice Redstart; r, Wickham; vhc, Cushing; hc, Brett. SELL., 15/-: 1, Patterson, takes sp. for best local bird; 3, Ackland; 4, Brett. FOR. 2, Mrs. Saunders-nice silver-grey Parrott; 3, Taylor; 4, Cushing; vhc, Lady Harris; hc, Mrs. Foster. GIFT: 1, Gibbs; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Patterson.

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THE L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall).

Held Nov. 26th, 27, and 29th, in the hall of the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, Westminster. This hall is undoubtedly the finest in the kingdom for such a purpose, and such an attractive schedule as was here offered would be difficult for any exhibitor to resist. We do not hesitate to say that had the cage bird Fancy at large been made aware of the show's existence, the entry would have been as large as the merits of the prize list undoubtedly called for.

As it was, the entry was officially stated to be a record, 2,011 birds, an increase of 284 over the 1908 total. The new section added for Norwich and Yorkshire Greens accounted for 112 of these extra entries, and the aggregate entry was further increased by the ingenious expedient of including in the "Extra Stock Classes" a large consignment of birds appearing on the stall of a well-known bird dealer (105 altogether). This extra stock class, by the help of other large entries from loyal and open handed members, actually contained 209 birds (a jump of 196 in this class alone on last year's figures!) Thus the "record increase" over the whole show is not difficult to account for.

We would not have felt it necessary to refer to this in itself harmless bit of "swmaking" but for the childish action of the officials in allowing the show to be plastered with posters derogatory to this journal and deriding its influence as an advertising medium. It certainly was laughable to see these truculent posters exhibited in scores on long rows of empty benches. And here, again, we may be pardoned for observing that in our humble opinion any show that so sells itself body and soul to a commercial concern as to allow the whole aspect of its catalogue and hall to be smothered and disfigured with advertisements can certainly not claim to be improving the tone of the hobby. We fearlessly risk the charge of "sour grapes" in making these remarks, knowing that whenever we have advertised this particular exhibition, it has always been with financial loss to ourselves.

We must give our readers this notice: That if the identity and individuality of this show is to continue to be submerged in that of trade advertisers, we shall not consider it our duty to report it, but regard it merely as a trade device.

The arrangements, so far as the feeding and care of the exhibits are concerned, were admirably carried out. In the hall were splendidly arranged stalls of foods and specialities by Messrs. Hyde and Co., Trower and Co., and Fox and Lewis, whilst Messrs. C. Palmer and Sons had a striking display of cages and various fitments appertaining to the hobby. Mr. Dawson, the "Chelsea Naturalist," also had a fine stall of birds, cages, etc.

The judges were Messrs. P. Mason (Yorks.); J. Trengove (Nor.); J. Robson (all other Cans.); F. A. Lester, J. W. Norris, C. Rochl and J. Netherwood (the Roller Contest); J. Frostick (Hybrids and Brit. Softbills); S. H. Mays (Brit. Hardbills); and H. D. Astley (Foreign). We heard very few adverse comments upon their placings.

The Crests and Yorkshires.

CREST., YELL.: 1, Mrs. Crow, green, nice type, good head, capital shape, droop and centre; 2, Ley, another green, not far behind, good shape, nicely radiated; 3, Shearman, cl., dark head and tail, neat crest, good shape, capital brow; vhc, hc, Drake; c, Evins Bros. BUFF: 1, c, Tyson, grand bird, cl., dark crest, good size, coming well over beak, splendid droop; 2, Ley, grand grizzle crest, rare size and shape, nicely radiated front; 3, Franz, another griz., hardly the size and shape of second, will improve; vhc, Evins; hc, Taylor. BUFF, A.V. (7): 1, Taylor, grand bird, immense size, perfect shaped crest, well radiated front, good centre, easy 1st; 2, Tyson, wing mkd. dark, nice size, good long front, well filled back; 3, Ley, another wing mkd. dark, very neat headgear, good front; vbc, Mills; bc, Calver; c, Turner. HENS (12): 1, vbc, Tyson, bonny back mkd. hen, good front, splendid droop, very shapely bird; 2, Dobson and Son, heavily varieg. bird, good front, well filled back, nicely veined; 3, c, Taylor, grand bodied green, very neat well-formed hend; hc, Cory. C.B., YELL. (9): 1, Slade, heavily varieg. bird, beautifully shaped head, good dense feather, well lashed; 2, Brotherton, another heavily mkd. one, very shapely, good full head, grand entrance; 3, Ley, big bird, good entrance, nicely domed; vhc, hc, Mrs. Crow; c, Drake. BUFF (15): 1, Brooks, bonny bird, grand head, full of feather, nicely lnshed, beauty; 2, Turner, cl., good size, splendid head, nice full cushion; 3, Mills, green bird, good size, wonderful head, grand entrance; 4, Franz, another very fine bird, close up; extra 4, Taylor; vhc, Tyson; hc, Cory; c, Sadd. C.B. HEN (11): 1, c, Taylor, bonny green, lovely head, nice entrance, splendidly lashed; 2, Lazarus, heavily mkd., good spec.; 3, Franz, another heavily mkd. bird, good size, grand head; vhc, Mills; hc, Tyson. CREST, 1909 (12): 1, Taylor, grand bird, splendid size, lovely beadgenr, capital front, splendidly veined; 2, Dobson and Son, wing mkd. dark, good shape nnd size, very neat head, nice droop and centre; 3, c, Bale, another wing mkd. dark, splendid headgear, lovely size; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Sadd. C.B. (15): 1, Turner, bonny bird, grand size, splendid head, good formation, thickly clothed; 2, Dobson nnd Son, very shapely specimen, nice entrance, well lashed, good one; 3, Bale, heavily mkd., grand size, good shaped head; 4, Cory, good sized bird, splendid hend of capital shape; vhc, Taylor; hc, Shearman; c, Mills. NOVICE.—CREST. (8): 1, Penny, wing mkd. dark, neat, nicely shaped crest, good front and droop; 2, Mayhew, beavily mkd. bird, grand size, good shaped crest; 3, Salisbury, wing mkd. dnrk, very neat crest, good centre; vhc, Salisbury; hc, Mugford; c, Pickard. C.B. (6): 1, Mugford, green, good size, nice head, fine shape, well lashed; 2, Pickard, beavily mkd. bird, grand head, splendid entrance, well lashed; 3, Mugford, bonny green, well shaped head, good entrance, nicely cushioned; vhc, Archer; hc, Young; c, Meyhew. £3 LIMIT, CREST (21): 1, Lazarus; 2, Mills; 3, Dobson and Son; 4, Turner; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, c, Tyson. £2, C.B.: 1, Slade; 2, Mills; 3, Turner; 4, Shearmnn; vhc, Evins; hc, Dobson and Son; c, Taylor. MEMBERS', CREST. (9): 1, hc c, Broad; 2, Slade; 3, Tyson; vhc, Turner. C.B. (6): 1, Slnde; 2, Turner; 3 c, Broad; vbc, Horton; hc, Tyson. CREST., 1909 (4): 1, vhc, Tyson; 2, Franz; 3, Broad. C.B. (3): 1, Turner; 2, Tyson; 3, Cook. AMAT., CREST. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Litchfield; 3, Shepherd; hc, Mrs. Galloway; c, Offord.. C.B. (9): 1, 2, c, Shepherd; 3 vhc, Litchfield; hc, Galloway. CREST: 1909 (5): 1, Mrs. Galloway; 2, vhc, hc, Litchfield; 3, Offord. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Litchfield; 3, Mrs. Galloway; vhc, Shepherd. NOVICE, CREST. (5): 1, 2, Belsey; 3, vhc, Pickard; hc, Hunter. C.B. (2): 1, Belsey; 2, Hunter. CREST., 1909: 1, 2, Belsey; 3, Penney. C.B.: 1, Belsey; 2, Penney. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (18): 1, Halliday, bird of grand length, good head, nice front, wings and tail; 2, Wilcock, clean typical bird, nice clean rim, grand wings, lovely quality; 3, Mabey, grand size, beautifully cut away, good back; 4, Parrott, beautifully shaped; vhc, Rorke; hc, Crisp; c, Baker. BUFF (16): 1, Wilcock, bonny buff, good length, nice clean front, good head, lovely quality; 2, Elsmore, well filled back, good wings; 3, Whittaker, sweet typical bird, lovely contour, well filled back and front; 4, Halliday and Co., grand bird, nice length, good feather; vhc, c, Hawes; hc, Rennie. VARIEG. (11): 1, Mabey, rare length, beautifully cut away, gem for col. and condition; 2, Wilcock, another beauty, nice full front, splendid wings; 3, Beeney, beautiful buff, wonderful shape, nicely rounded; vhc, c, Hawes; hc, Pattrick. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (12): 1, Rennie, bird of grand size and contour, beautifully moulded, lovely condition; 2, c, Hawes, another good one, fine head, nicely rounded; 3, Pattrick, grand typical specimen, lovely shape, nice wings; vhc, Pattrick; hc, Crisp. BUFF (14): 1, Elsmore, grand type of bird, lovely quality, nice length of body, good wings; 2, Halliday and Co., sweet little hen, nicely moulded, good length of wing, grand feather; 3, Hawes, another beauty, nice length, very shapely; vhc, Rennie; hc, Mabey; c, Green. HEN, VARIEG. (12): 1, Wilcock, lovely clun. mkd., grand size and col., good head nnd back; 2, Rennie, beautifully moulded, grand back and wings, splendid condition; 3, Halliday and Co., evenly mkd., lovely shape, good head and wings; vhc, c, Pattrick; hc, Crisp. 1909 (27): 1, Cook, bonny, shapely bird, good head, well filled back, lovely feather; 2, Elsmore, sweetly moulded, grand length, good wings, lovely quality; 3, Rennie, very lengthy, well filled back, good front; 4, Hawes, nue length of side, good front; vhc, Parrott; hc, Richmond; c, Franks. NOVICE, YELL., CL., ETC. (11): 1, Jeffries, grand bird, rare length, good front and back, stands well; 2, Whittome, fine length, nice clean run, good head, nicely moulded; 3, Reade, smart bird, nice length, well filled throughout; vhc, Harris; hc, Mrs. Gill; c, Ayers. BUFF (14): 1, Whittome, grnnd bird, nice full front, well filled back, good wings and tail, grand condition; 2, Tebbs, bonny bird, good length, benutifully moulded, splendid wings, nice position; 3, Underwood, well filled, nice quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Atkins; c, Mrs. Gill. VARIEG. (5): 1, Ayers, wing and capped mkd., rare length and stylc, beautifully rounded, lovely feather; 2, Jeffries, another bonny specimen, good length, nice clean run, grand condition; 3, Dixon, sweetly moulded, nice length, lovely quality; vhc, Underwood; hc, Cousins. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Dewsnap, a beauty for length nnd type, nice head, well filled back; 2, Walker, grand bird, we liked immensely, nice clean run; 3, Lacey, sweet specimen, nice front; vhc, Tebbs, grand bird, nice size and quality; hc, Smith; c, Jeffries. BUFF (14): 1, Reads, lovely, lengthy bird, well filled, wee shade narrow at shoulders, good wings; 2, 3, Ayers, 2nd beauty for type and condition, well filled back, 3rd another typical specimcu, nice clean run; vhc, Mrs. Gill; bc, Underwood; c, Walker. 1909 (17): 1, Dewsnap, fine length bird, plenty of daylight, beautifully moulded; 2, Atkins, grand buff, rare length, nice head, good wings, lovely feather; 3, Mrs. Gill, hot col. yell., nice head, well up on legs; 4, Walker, fine quality, spleudid lengtb; vbc, Ayers; hc, Dixon; c, Phipps. 30/- LIMIT, YORKS. (17): 1, Hawes; 2, Page; 3 vhc, Rennie; 4, Franks; hc, c, Crisp. MEMBERS', YORKS. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Gibbs; 2, Crisp; 3, Mabey; 4, Easterling; vhc, Jones; hc, c, Jeffrey. BUFF (11): 1, Rennie; 2, Mabey; 3, Burton; 4, vhc, Easterling; hc, Crisp; c, Boxall. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, Crisp; 2, Knight; 3, Rennie; 4, Gibbs; vhc, Easterling; hc, Jones; c, Maybank. YELL. HEN (6): 1, hc, Rennie; 2, Burton; 3, Knigbt; vbc, Elsmore; c, Gibbs. BUFF (9): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Elsmore; 3, Rennie; vbc, hc, Maybank; c, Burton. 1909 (25): 1, cup, c, H. Smith; 2, 3, Easterling; 4, Cook; vhc, Rennie; hc, Rorke. AMAT., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Angear; 3, Ayers; vbc, Penton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Angear; vhc, Whittome; hc, Penton. HEN (4): 1, 2, Angear; 3, Ayres; 4, Whittome. 1909 (8): 1, 3, Angear; 2, Neal; 4, Dixon; hc, Penton; c, Whittome. NOVICE YELL. CK.: Cancelled. BUFF (3): 1, Lacey; 2, Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, Laccy; 2, 3, Smitb. 1909: 1, 3, Smitb; 2, Laccy. YORKS. GREENS, YELL. SELF (18): 1, c, Clayton, rare stamp, well up on leg, good head, grand col; 2, 4, Rowlands, 2nd fine lengthy bird, nice back and wings, well pencilled, 4th fine length, nice type, grand col.; 3, vhc, Atherton, typical, sweetly moulded, good back and wings; hc, Western. BUFF (19): 1, Clayton, good type, capital head, well up on leg, grand col.; 2, Robinson, capital length, nicely pencilled; 3, 4, c, Rowlands, 3rd grand bird, we liked immensely, beautifully moulded, 4th rare length, good wings and tail; vhc, Atherton; hc, Williams. YELL. FOUL (19): 1, 2, Clayton, beautiful clean cut, well up on leg, good head and back, sound col.; 3, Wright, nnother beauty, well filled front, beautifully pencilled, rich col.; 4, Robinson, fine shapely bird, well up on leg; vhc, bc, Rowlands; c, Western. BUFF (13): 1, hc, Rowlands, grand length, nicely moulded, good clean run, capital wings and tail; 2, Atherton, another good one, very close up, sound col.; 3, Wardale, smart npstanding bird, well filled in; vhc, Robinson; c, Atherton. BORD., CL., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Simpson, good size, nice length, fine wings and tail; 2, Alexander, beauty, well filled in back, nicely moulded; 3, Smitb, grand bird, very typical, sweetly moulded, lovely condition; 4, Dr. Bowes; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Eliwood. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Wilson, nicely moulded, good front, capital wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, hc, Pearson, neat type, nice clean run, wants tubbing; 3, Alexander, nicely rounded, good wings, well filled back; vhc, Roberts. CL. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Thynne, nicely moulded, wee shade weak in bead, but lovely condition; 2, hc, Simpson, grand bird, nice quality, well moulded, beautiful feather; 3, Pennington, good one, clean run, good wings; vbc, Wilson; c, Thomas. HEN (10): 1, Dr. Bowes, sweetly moulded, beautiful head, well filled back, grand wings; 2, Dixon, full size, good front, lovely condition; 3, Simpson, nicely moulded, good wings, lovely condition; vhc, Bowes; hc, Webster; c, Smith. EVENLY MKD. Cancelled. UNEVEN (22): 1, Dixon, sweet little bird, lovely contour, grand wings and tail, superb condition; 2, Wilson, beautiful shape, nice clean run, good wings, grand head; 3, Pennington, fourpointed yell., fine quality, shapely; 4, Alexander, another good one, nice build, lovely head; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Richards; c, Saytch. GREEN OR CINN. (14): 1, Richards, grand green leading, rare type, beautiful head, sound col.; 2, Dixon, another green, nicely moulded, capital wings and tail; 3, Stovin, yet another green, we liked immensely, lovely head, grand type; vhc, Saytch; c, Bayley.

The Norwich Plainheads.

OPEN CHAMP.—NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Jeffs, grand feather, good body, trifle weak over beak; 2, Baker, lovely feather texture, good head, col., and neck; 3, Richardson, good body, fine feather, seemed a trifle weak on legs; vhc, Whetstone; hc, Morris; c, Baker. BUFF (12): 1, Morris, fine feather, bonny shape; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand quality and shape, nice bird; 3, Withers, good body, nice quality; vhc, c, Baker, former grand type and quality; hc, Taylor. TKD., YELL. (11): 1, Irons, fine quality, good body and col.; 2, Morris, tkd., grand tone of feather; 3, Midgley, very smart, good head, lovely quality; vhc, Whetstone; hc, c, Baker, lovely quality nnd colour. BUFF (11): 1, Baker, very shapely, bloomy, rich in burnishing, showing grand undercolour; 2, Lowe, varieg., bonny shape, silky feather; 3, Rennie, rare head properties, nice quality; vhc, Jeffs; hc, Hodder; c, Morris. HENS, YELL. (10): 1, Whetstone, fine shape, level back, grand feather, little square behind; 2, Irons, nice quality; 3, Baker, bouncing bird, short, thick-set, rare col.; vhc, Matthes; hc, Hodder; c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (12): 1, Whetstone, grand quality of feather; 2, Baker, typical, silky feather, neat head, wing carriage and tail; 3, Midgley, a bird of fine tone of feather, rare type, closely packed; vhc, Matthes; hc, Jeffs; c, Irons. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Midgley, sweetly pretty head, fine, silky feather, rare chest and back; 2, 3, Whetstone, two bonny birds, yell. and buff, in order named; 4, Jeffs, variog. yell.; vhc, c, Baker, the former grand yell., we liked; hc, Francis. OPEN NOVICE—NOR. CL., YELL.: 1, Botel, nice quality, and shapely; 2, Stevenson, neat head, good type; 3, Brooks, good shape, quality and col.; vhc, Byne; hc, Jeyes; c, Walmsley. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Stockwin, nice and shapely, silky feather, good undercolour; 3, Stevenson, grand quality, lovely bird (is it a hen?); vhc, c, Thursby; hc, Sawyer. TKD. OR YELL. (9): 1, Flemons, nice one, good shape; 2, Berry and Mitchell, varieg., fine shape; 3, Sawyer, shapely; vhc, Billington; hc, Brooks; c, Thursby. BUFF (7): 1, Jeyes, nice shape and quality; 2, Walmsley, nice type; 3, Botell, neat all through; vhc, Hamer; hc, Peunells; c, Lathlieff. HENS (16): 1, Sawyer, saddle mkd. buff, short and thick-set, nice one; 2, hc, Thursby, yell., fine shape and quality; 3, Billington, neat, nice feather; 4, Morris; vhc, Corric; c, Brooks. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Billington, grand type and quality; 2, Morris, typical, rare silky feather; 3, Law, nice tone of feather and shape; 4, Stockwin, buff; vhc, Pennell's; hc, Stevenson; c, Jeyes. LIMIT, 30/- (15): 1, Bellinger; 2, Matthes; 3, Richardson; vhc, Hnmer; hc, Keech; c, Godfrey. MEMBERS' CHAMPION—NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Rennie; 2, Baker; 3, Buckman; vhc, c, Marley; hc, Gibbs. BUFF (11): 1, Hodder; 2, Baker; 3, Rennle; vhc, Withers; c, Battison. HENS (11): 1, Godfrey; 2, hc, Hodder; 3, Rennie; vhc, Luff; c, Baker. CUP CLASS, NOR. 1909 (17): 1, c, Richardson; 2, Morris; 3, hc, Godfrey; 4, Cooper; vbc, Gibbs. AMAT., NOR. CK. (4): 1, vhc, Lack; 2, Dixon; 3, Litchfield. HEN (4): 1, 2, Lack; 3, Dixon; vhc, Litchfield. CUP CLASS—NOR. 1909 (5): 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Lnck; vhc, Litchfield; hc, Dixon. NOVICE SECTION—NOR. CK. (8): 1, Knight; 2, c, Podd; 3, Hart; vhc, Hart; hc, Knight. HEN (5): 1, 3, Knight; 2, hc, Hart; vhc, Podd. CUP CLASS—NOR. 1909 (4): 1, 2, Knight; 3, vhc, Hart. OPEN NOR. GREENS, YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Deacon, all of sound col., grand shape, rich quality; hc, Lawson; c, Curtis. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Walker, leader nice col. and type, good quality; 2, vhc, Deacon, grand bird in every way, splendid type, close as wax in feather; 3, Harrison, good col.; c, Lawson. HEN YELL. (7): 1, c, Hnrrison, very shapely, good col.; 2, Walker, smaller, but rich quality; 3, Lawson, very typical bird, rare feather properties; vhc, hc, Deacon; c, Harrison. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Harrison, botb rare shape, latter foul tail, very good col., silky feather; 3, Lawson, nice col.; vhc, Barker and Abbot; hc, Francis; c, Deacon.

A.O.V. Canaries.

CINN. CK. (16): 1, 2, 4, Brown Bros., fine team, rich and sound coloured yell. leading, with grand shaped buff, fine quality 2nd; 3, hc, c, Godley, another rattling team, leader topping buff, we liked; vhc, Deacon. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, grand trio, beautiful yell. leading, with a buff close up; 3, bc, Deacon; c, Shearman. LANCS. COPPY, YELL. (3): 1, Fitton, grand breedy points, good win; 2, Hordern, nice length, good body and coppy; 3, Adams, excellent bird. BUFF (5): 1, Boxall, very smart bird, good front, nice headpiece; 2, Fitton, grand body, nice coppy; 3, vhc, Adams, two good ones; hc, Tburling. PLAINHEAD, YELL. (4): 1, Hordern, grand skulled yell., built on strong lines; 2, Hardy, buff, fine body, good front, nice head; 3, Adams, good type and pose. These classes were rather disappointing. GOLD LIZ., CL.CAP (11): 1, Baines, lovely ground col., nicely cut cap, splendid rowing, very clear and and distinct; 2, 3, Rukin, the former a gem all round; vhc, Dewsnap; hc, Rukin; c, Hampshire. BROKEN (10): 1, 3, hc, Rukin, grand team from Rawtenstall, one and all of the correct ground col., and finely spangled; 2, Hnmpshire, full of grand work and rich col., hard on leader; vhc, Oliver; c, Cartwright. SILVER, CL. CAP. (11): 1, Barnes, lovely rowing, sparkling col.; 2, vhc, Dewsnap, very brlgbt col., good gronnd and cl. spangles; 3, Oliver, nice; hc, Hampshire; c, Cartwrigbt. BROKEN (10): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Dewsnap, another rattling team, all of high merit; 2, Rukin, sweet bird, full of col. and work; c, Cartwright. GOLD, ANY AGE (except 1909) (7): 1, 2, Dewsnap, two lovely Golds, for work gems; 3, vhc, Rukin, another beautiful bird, grand ground col., splendid rowing; hc, Hampshire; c, Martin. SILVER (7): 1, 2, vhc, c, Dewsnap, sort to send, full of Liz. qualities; vhc, Rukin, frequent winner, grand one; hc, Hampshire. LONDON FCY. (6) of which Mr. Filby staged 4, and won all the prizes and vhc. These show little advance either in numbers or in approach to the breed points, which is a pity, as they are a beautiful variety; hc, Clegg.

The Roller Canary and Cage Classes.

The Roller Canarles made n magnificent display; in fact, were quite the feature of the show, mustering 142 in the six classes provided. Needless to say, they were a great attraction to the visitors. In the members' young bird class Mr. F. J. Randall repeated his triumph of the previous year, even more emphatically, too, as six money prizes out of seven fell to his exhibits, and all his team secured a mention. In the champion class Mr. Hanbury sprung a surprise by putting down the winner of first and special; the only bird he had in the show, too. We heard it said that some of the best birds "failed to open out" (our informant is a man of note amongst the Rollers), but this, of course, is one of the little ironies connected with the exhibiting of these sweet-voiced birds

CHAMP., YOUNG BIRDS: 1, cup, spl, 2, 3, ex 3, 4, ex 4, 5, vhc, and many spls, Randall, holl. roll 13, bell 7, bass roll 8, schockel 9, flutes 6, deep-bubbling water tour 6, bell tour 2, do. roll 4, gen. effect 10, faults 3 off—total 62; 2, holl. roll 11, do. bell 5, bass roll 7, schockel 10, flutes 5, water roll 2, deep-bubbling tour 6, bell tour 4, do. roll 4, gen. effect 10, faults 4 off—total 60; 3, holl. roll 13, do. bell 7, bass roll 8, schockel 9, flutes 3, water roll 2, deep-bubbling water tour 6, bell roll 2, gen. effect 10, faults 2 off—total 58; ex. 3, holl. roll 10, do. bell 5, bass roll 8, schockel 8, flutes 5, wat. roll 2, wat. glucke 3, deep-bubbling wat. roll 2, bell roll 1, gen. effect 8—total 52; 4, holl. roll 11, do. bell 4, bass roll 6, schockel 8, flutes 2, wnt. roll 3, wat. glucke 4, deep-bubbling wat. tour 4, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 7—total 50; ex. 4, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 4, bass roll 4, schockel 9, flutes 5, wat. roll 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4—total 44; 5, holl. roll 11, holl. bell 2, bass roll 6, schockel 8, wat. roll 2, wat. glucke 4, deep-bubbling tour 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5—total 41; vhc, Percival—total 43 pts.; vhc, hc, Fisher; hc, c (2), Foulds; hc, Massey and Riding; hc, c, Walton; hc, Cole. No. 23, Fisher, wins spl for best holl. roll. Nos. 5, 11, 21, 26, did not open up. NOVICE (34): 1, cup, spl, Harper, holl. roll 15, holl. bell 6, schockel 10, flutes 2, water roll 4, water glucke 2, deep bubbling tour 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 10, faults 6 off—total 54; 2, 4, spls, Pattison, holl. roll 10, bass roll 5, schockle 7, flutes 4, wat. roll 2, wat. glucke, 2, deep bubbling tour 2, bell tour 3, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 3, faults 4 off—total 35; 3, spl, Ives, holl. roll 9, holl. bell 2, bass roll 4, schockel 6, flutes 4, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 1—total 29; 4, holl. roll 10, bass roll 6, schockel 7, flutes 4, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 1, faults 1 off—total 29; 5, spl, Smith, bass roll 9, schockel 9, flutes 5, bell tour 2, bell roll 3, gen. eff. 4, faults 3 off—total 29; wins spl for bass roll; vhc, Schluter. No. 23, Pattison, wins water glucke spl. Nos. 1, 14, 15, 27, 28, 31, 32, failed to open up. CHAMP. (18): 1, two spls, Hanbury, holl. roll 15, holl. bell 4, schockel 9, glucke 8, flute 6, bell roll 4, gen. eff. 7, faults 5 off—total 48; special for holl. roll; 2, two spls, Randall, holl. roll 13, bass roll 5, schockel 9, flutes 4, wat. glucke 6, gen. eff. 8—total 45; 3, two spls, 4, spl, Foulds, holl. roll 12, schockel 9, flutes 5, wat. roll 4, wat. glucke 2, deep bubbling tour 2, bell tour 4, gen. eff. 4, faults 1 off—total 41; 4, holl. roll 8, holl. bell 8, bass 5, schockel 7, flutes 3, bell roll 4, gen. eff. 2—total 37; 5, spl, Randall, holl. roll 11, bass roll 4, schockel 9, flutes 4, wat. roll 2, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 3—total 35; vhc, Hesling; hc, Wilsdon; c, Lyons; Nos. 3, 11, 15, failed to open up; Nos. 14, 17, 18, 19, abs. AMAT. (21): 1, two spls, 5, Fisher, holl. roll 12, bass roll 6, schockel 6, glucke 6, flutes 4, wat. glucke 3, gen. eff. 5, faults 1 off—total 41; 2, 3, Schluter, holl. roll 12, bass roll 6, schockel 7, flutes 5, wat. glucke 4, gen. eff. 8, faults 3 off—total 39; 3, holl. roll 10, bass roll 6, schockel 5, glucke 6, bell tour 4, gen. eff. 4—total 35; 4, spl, White, holl. roll 9, bass roll 6, schockel 5, glucke 4, flutes 3, deep bubbling tour 4, gen. eff. 4, faults 4 off—total 31; vhc, spl, c, Willows; hc, Collins. No. 20, Willows, spl for best glucke. Nos. 0, 16, 21, abs. NOVICE (19): 1, two spls, Collins, holl. roll 11, bass roll 7, schockel 6, glucke 6, flutes 6, gen. eff. 8, faults 2 off—total 42; wins spl for best flutes; 2, two spls, Smith, holl roll 15, holl. bell 2, schockel 6, flutes 6, bell tour 4, gen. eff. 6—total 39; wins spl for best holl. roll; 3, two spls, Miss Thomas, holl. roll 11, bass roll 5, schockel 6, flutes 6, deep bubbling tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5—total 36; 4, spl, Williams, holl. roll 10, bass roll 5, schockel 6, glucke 5, flutes 5, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, faults 3 off—total 35; 5, spl, Keiynack, holl. roll 10, bass roll 6, schockel 6, glucke 6, flutes 5, gen. eff. 4, faults 4 off—total 33; vhc, Bowley; hc, Burton; c, Colc; No. 14, Orton, wins spl for best glucke; Nos. 8, 17, failed to sing; No. 10, abs. SELL. (7): 1, 3, 4, Roehl; 2, Wilsdon; vhc, Merrick.

CAGE CLASSES: These are always interesting to the fancier, and there was a nice display here, though the section was practically monopolised by one firm, Messrs. C. Palmer and Sons, who "swept the deck" with a choice lot of cages, well made and finished, and very low in price. SHOW OR STOCK (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Palmer and Son, very practical and ingenious stock cage for Wagtails, etc. took the chief award, followed by two Thrushes (one show, one house), and a Waxwing cage. BREEDER (15): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Palmer and Son, again a fine display, excellent Crest double breeder leading, grand muling cage, with separate compartment for the Finch; 2, Norwich double breeder and a Yorks. breeder following; vhc, Lindsey and Son, also a splendid breeding cage, very practical and well made; A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Palmer and Son, three very fine and cheap Parrot cages leading, 1st a beauty in brass, good Chough show cage vhc, then stock cage for Jay, and a travelling case, neat and strong.

OPEN SELLING (30/-) (35): 1, Steed; 2, French; 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Hampshire; vbc, Butterfield, Bellinger, Miller; hc, Maybank, Hawes Bros. Richardson; c, Eade, Helliwell. DITTO (20/-) (35): 1, Steed; 2, Rev. Miller; 3, Mills; 4, Richardson; vbc, Hampshire, Laurence; hc, Eade, Goodwin and Lampkins; c, Butterfield, Dawson. STOCK, CLASS 229: 1, Tyson; 2, Tomsett; 3, Mills; 4, hc, Gibbs; vhc, (2), Crisp, Angenr, Palmer; hc (2), Palmer.

The Hybrid Section.

The Hybrid section, while not so great a failure, perhaps, as that for British birds, was far from what it ought to have been, seeing that this is the N.B.B. & Mule Club's show. There were 89 entries in the 9 classes, and the quality of the exhibits was really good, taken on the whole. Mr. J. Frostick was the judge, a venture into a more or less strange sphere for him. Little fault could be found with the placing of the cards, the merits of the birds being weighed up to a nicety in almost every instance. We have only one grumble. In the Dark Mule classes every money prize was given to a jonque, the buffs (and there were many grand ones present) being ignored. This is placing far too much stress upon colour and bloom (which, we presume, the judge went for); if the buffs get treated like this, then they will soon have as little value as hen Mules. A curious customer turned up in the Clear class, and was awarded 2nd prize, after, we understand, it had been under the inspection of several other judges officiating in the hall. One of the latter, a very well-known judge indeed, said it was undoubtedly a clear Greenfinch-Canary. The owner had it entered as a Linnet-Canary. Its only claim to being a Mule lies in a quick flapping motion of the wings in taking the perches in the head not a trace of Linnet (or any other wild bird) is to be found; it has not the white flight features characteristic of the true light Linnet Mule (seen to perfection in Miss Duncan's exhibit); its colour is purely Canary colour. Judging by its leg action and shape of wing, we should say it is a cross between a Scots Fancy and a Yorks. or bad Norwich.

CL., ETC. (7): 1, Miss Duncan, gem of a cl. Linnet, grand size and shape, fine col., for this cross, like box in plumage; 2, Webster, catalogued as "Linnet-Canary," the bird referred to above, we took to be the 1st prize winner at the recent Glasgow and West of Scotland show; 3, Arrighi, cyo mkd. Goldie, lovely exhibit, grand size, wax-like in feather, very hot in col., in great form; vhc, Goodall; hc, Lamb; c, Mortlock; absent, Archer. VARIEG. GOLDIE (11): 1, Malcolmson, truly a grand yell., enormous size, fine shape nnd style, full of col. and quality, wins hands down; 2, Bond, 5-pointed, grand, big Mule, also very hot in col., rare bloom, stylish; 3, Taylor, mkd. wings and head, good one for build, nice earriage, silky, rich-coloured; vhc, Lamb; hc, Arrighi; c, Mendows. A.O.V. VARIEG. (10): 1, Mrs. Asklnm, very nice Can.Bullic, with n pied tail, n "varieg. Canary Mule," certainly, but we think ought to have gone into class 125, which reads "Any Variety Bullfinch Hybrid," lucky not to have been marked "wrong class"; 2, Bond, the well-known head and neck mkd. Siskin-Can, a beauty, looking very fit; 3, c, Lees, fine, lightly mkd. Linnet leading, grnnd size and shape; vhc, Leighton; hc, Archer; "wrong class," Duncnn, almost cl. Greenfinch, griz. slightly each side of the neck. If "ticked" means one tiny mark (which we thing is a rational interpretation), then

this was its correct class. If "ticked" can mean more than one small mark (up to how many?), then the judge was right in marking it "W.C." Hard lines, anyway, for it is a gem of a Mule. DK. GOLDIE CAN. (15): 1, Taylor, Jonque, fine build and shape, nicely mkd., carries a wonderful bloom, and is a remarkable tone of col—"red-hot" hardly describes it; 2, c, Arrighi, jonque, fully equal in size and shape, better markings, not so warm in col., very sleek and fit; 3, Marlin, romping big jonque, rare size and style, good feather, bit "brassy" in blaze; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Jones; No. 7, Bald, good one. All the bulls "out in the cold." DK. LINNET (13): 1, hc, Dring and Morton, well-known winner of last year, real good Jonque, fine size and shape, silky, rich sound col. jacket; 2, R. W. Jones, fine Jonque, also well-known on the bench, in nice order; 3, Coffey, another Jonque, in a winning record, grand bold well-polished bird; vhc, Cooper; c, Ward; No. 11, Arrighi, a clinking good buff. A.O.V. DARK (12): 1, Coffey, Jonque, Greenie, real topper, big, grand, head and chest, lovely rich sound col., wins well; 2, Crabb, with a very smart Jonque Siskin, full of col., very silky and tight in feather, nicely mkd.; 3, Smith, very big Twite, deep, sound col., well mkd., stylish, in grand form; vhc, Goodall; hc, Ackland; c, Maxwell. A.V. BULLIE (5): 1, Bond, the champion Can.-Bullie, great size, wonderful col. and polish; 2, Colton and Dawn, the champion Redpoll-Bullie, wheezing badly when we saw him, and going wrong in head feather, a pity; 3, Arrighi, real good Greenie-Bullie, splendid size, shape and col., but getting a film over the left eye; vhc, Mrs. Askham; hc, Lamb. A.O.V. (8): 1, vhc, Coffey, noted Chaffinch-Bramble leading, in very nice condition, latter smart Redpoll-Goldie; 2, Taylor, big, finely mkd. Siskin-Greenie, bred from the South American Siskin, we should say, judging from the head; 3, Arrighi, about the smartest thing in Goldie-Greenies we have seen, good shape and style, big, rich face; hc, Marlin, splendid Redpoll-Greenie; c, Lamb. PAIRS (8): 1, Page, Goldie-Bullie, really grand couple, cheap at catalogue price; 2, Ackland, Goldie-Canary, another splendid pair; 3, c, Askew, Bramble-Chaffinch, two beauties; vhc, bc, Watson, Lyle, fine pairs, beaten only in condition.

The British Bird Section.

The British bird section came as a keen disappointment. Although 24 classes were provided, only 194 entries were received (an average of but 8 per class!). This is all the more astonishing when one considers that this was the official club show of the National British Bird and M.C., with all their cups and a generous allowance of medals in competition. No fewer than six classes were cancelled outright, a deplorable happening, and one not calculated to help the British bird Fancy along with show committees. Fancy a class of but eight Goldfinches; it seems incredible. Fortunately there were many grand specimens in the classes that survived, notably the Grasshopper Warbler, shown by Mr. Cocks, which secured the diploma for best British, beating Mr. Maxwell's Black Redstart. Another softbill worthy of special mention is the charming Nightingale owned by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, who is to be congratulated upon possessing such a gem. This class also provided an attraction in the shape of a Nightingale shown by an artistically inclined owner, who provided its cage with woodland scenery and a pale blue canopy! Mr. S. H. Mays placed the cards in the hardhill classes, and Mr. John Frostick judged the insectivorous birds, and we heard but little criticism of their awards. Some placings at recent London shows got turned topsy-turvy, which interested and not a little amused the metropolitan connoisseurs present.

GREENFINCH (19): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, good shapely Greenie, not the largest, but good sound col., nice head, clear yell. flights, very steady; 2, 4, Howe, both birds we liked much, former rare size, cl. rich col., fine bold head, very shapely, latter also a good bird, very stylish, fine silky texture of feather; 3, Coffey, another good Greenie, rich in col., bold in the head, fine bright wing bars, very steady, nicely shown; vbc, Maxwell; bc, Beaty; 3, Lowne. HAWFINCH (8), a hot lot: 1, Beaty, "Midland Chief" in new hands, wonderful size, very rich head and cheeks, fine breast and back, splendid bib, shows to perfection; 2, vhc, Maxwell former a very tame bird, hot col. head, very broad skull, good wings, warm col. throughout, hardly so large as winner; 3, hc, Ackland, another good bird, slightly smaller head, good bib and wing bars, nice square skull, well up in col.; c, Page. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Herbert, real bonny Finch, beautifully finished, well tanned, perfect buttons and moons, lovely wing bars, rare skull and underblaze, as steady as could be; 2, Maxwell, another fine Goldie, just beaten for premier honour, clean cut, square blaze, massive skull, capital buttons, well tanned; 3, Murton Gill, big, very square underblaze, fine shapely Finch, perfect flights, good even buttons, might show itself a little better; vhc, Mortlock, well tanned, good face, grand condition; hc, Goodall; c, Dawson. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Francis, good colour-fed Siskin, nice size and shape, wants a little more bib, trifle slack at times; 2, Quantrell, very rich col. Twite, fine size, very shapely and well pencilled, nice whites, in fine bloom, steady, pressed hard; 3, Marley, rare big Lesser Redpoll, nice red cap, and has a wonderful bib, very steady, we do not remember ever seeing a bird of this species before with so large a bib; 4, hc, Howe, bonny Twite, smaller than 2nd, but has good pencillings and nice whites, well polished; vhc, Lowne; c, Coffey, another Twite, not much between this bird and those above. CHAFFINCH (14): 1, Cherry, good size, nice deep breast, very steady, might be a bit clearer in whites, good shape, shows nicely; 2, Marley, trifle smaller, but good col. and stylish, perfect plumage, close up; 3, c, Prior, former rare size and shape, bot colour, good in whites, fine silky plumage, in splendid condition; vhc, Pennels; bc, Coffey. BRAMBLEFINCH (9): 1, Carter, well-known bird, gone up a peg to-day, good shape, deep breast colour, coming well down the flanks, very even spangling, well up in condition; 2, Coffey, deeper col. and larger than winner, very stylish and well spangled, a noted winner, must have pressed very hard for 1st; 3, Howe, neat Bramble, good spangling and wing bars, very steady, shapely bird; vbc, Marley; hc, Prior; c, Beaty. LINNET (11): 1, Maxwell, capital nutty-brown bird, rare shape and quality, good pencillings, plenty of work on the head and cheeks, fine polish, steady as possible; 2, hc, Marley, "Browney," beaten today, but a good bird, splendid col. and pencillings, nice shape, shows well; the latter "[illegible] big winner, in good order; 3, c, Prior, both good specimens, former wonderfully well mkd. throughout, good col., splendid shape and size, shows to perpection, claw off left centre toe, which no doubt put him down; vhc, Coffey, rare pencillings and throat mkd., plenty of bloom good one. BULLFINCH CK. (10): 1, 2, Francis, grand cobby bird, lovely deep breast, cl. back, good wing bars, clear cut cap, shines like ebony, well shown, claimed at catalogue price, 2nd similar type, another beauty; 3, c, Brandon, very typical bird, good round head, cl. back and wing bars, nice pink breast, good size; vhc, Vincent; hc, Howe. BULL., HEN (11): 1, 2, vhc Howe, fine team, leader a clinking hen, nice size, rich chocolate tint of colour grand cap, good wing bars and in splendid order, 2nd similar bird, close up in all points; 3, Bald, fine cobby Bullie, jet black cap, very clean cut, good wings, nice silky plumage; hc, Grahame; c, Cocks. YELLOWBUNTING (5): 1, Marley, large, rich-coloured, grand head and cheek marks, fine bloom, steady as a rock, well shown; 2, Prior, natural col., perfect head marks, beautiful pencillings, wonderful bloom, fine size, nothing between the two except col.; 3, Martin, another rich fed bird, hardly so good in head markings, nice size, perfect feather; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Batting. A.O.S. BUNTING (7): 1, Beaty, gem of a Cornbunting, large, rich body col., beautifully pencilled, rare shape and size, steady, shown to perfection; 2, Lowne, nice white Snow Bunting, good size and feather, will be a topper when steady, some thought should have given way to, 3, c, Francis, really good Lapland Bunting, fine size, good black cap and throat, well shown; vhc, Howe, Reedhunting, coming well up in col; hc, Wynn. HARDBILL, HEN (17): 1, Prior, topping Hawfinch, rare size and col., good bib, shows to perfection, very nice exhibit; 2, Howe, big Yellowhunting, good feather, nicely marked, very steady; 3, Lowne, Crossbill, stead as a rock, good size, in very nice condition; 4, Law, Bramble, nice steady bird, good col.; vhc Francis, somewhat lacky [illegible]; hc, Wynn. THRUSH, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Howe, 1st splendid Blackbird, very shapely, good orango eye, cere and bill, fine size, 2nd very good spotted Thrush, nice shape and size, rich col., a beauty; 3, Maxwell, Blackbird, in capital trim, very shapely, shows well; vhc, Price, Thrush, bonny bird, but wants legs scaling very badly; hc, Dyke; c, Askew. LARK, ETC. (10): 1, P. Walsh, fine Skylark, good size and shape, well mkd., nicely shown; 2, Lowne, Shorelark, very steady case moulted bird, [illegible] pale in yellow markings, perfect feather; 3, vhc, Howe, well-known Treepipit, looking very fit, splendid col. and markings, plenty of bloom, nicely shown, latter nice Rockpipit; hc, Shirley. MAGPIE, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Maxwell, his now well-known pair, Chough and Magpie in order named, former beautiful sheen, fine red legs and beak, latter very cl. in whites, lovely metallic sheen on flights and tail; 2, Dewhurst, capital Magpie, a newcomer, very fine bird, seems a shade longer in tail than third, shows well, beautifully staged; vhc Dawson. RARE FEATHERED (8): 1, P. Walsh, lovely silver-spangled Starling, very taking bird, quite tame, pretty sheen, perfect feather; 2, Wyse, pied Linnet, white head and back, nice size and shape; 3, Smith, very pretty Cinn.-Greenfinch, striking bird, yel.-green all over, very showy; vhc, Swaysland, whitish sky dark, in nice feather; hc, Lamb, Cin.-Redpoll; c, Colton and Dawn, pied Linnet. BLACKCAP, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, two beautiful specimens, leader perfect champion, rich chestnut coloured back and tail, good bold eye, very shapely bird, latter similar style of bird, not quite as large, perfect feather, beautifully shown; 3, Puck, sweet Blackcap, tight as wax, rare silky plumage, nice cap, very tame, well shown; vhc, Cocks, good 'Gale, paler than winners, soon claimed at catalogue price; hc, Maxwell; c, Lindquist. SMALL INSECTIV. (5): 1, Cocks, Grasshopper Warbler little gem, in splendid feather, nice marking, seemed quite at home and contented, lucky to be so perfect at this time of the year; 2, 3, Maxwell, Black Redstart and Yellow Wagtail, both well-known winners, former a large specimen compared with others, Wagtail a very rich colour; vhc, hc, Lowne, pied Flycatcher, good black and white specimen, but did not appear in the best of condition, or might have gone up. MEMBERS.—BULLFINCH (8): 1, 2, vhc, bc, Howe; 3, c, Maher. LINNET (3): 1, Howe; 2, Askew; 3 Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Howe; 3, Maher. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, Howe; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Maher; c, Dewhurst. SMALL INSECTIV. (2): 1 2, Miss Shepherd. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, Howe; vhc, Mrs. Cooper.

The Foreign Birds.

This was certainly the best series of Foreign birds gathered together of recent years; there were 120 entries in the eleven open classes and 10 in the classes for members. Rarities were numerous, and several of them were clad in regal splendour. Two Birds of Paradise were present, viz., Mr. Millsum's Hunsteins' Magnificent, and Mr. Maxwell's King, both truly regal birds, and of very opposite types of beauty, the former clad in refulgent gold, bronze, black, scarlet, and very pure pale buff; the latter in glistening carmine, snow-white, buff and metallic green. Hunsteins figures on the show bench for the first time, and carried off premier honours, while the well-known King was a good second and Mr. Maxwell is certainly to be congratulated on the grand condition in which he has kept it. Another rarity, and also a first appearance, was Mrs. K. Leslie Miller's lovely Rainbow Bunting, rivalling in its chaste beauty and pure colouring the gorgeous Tanagers. Other first appearances were Verditer and Great-billed Flycatchers, beautiful and interesting cage birds, as well as most excellent show birds. Yet another first appearance on the London bench was Levaillant's Barbet, a quaint and beautiful species, which bas appeared once before this season in the provinces. Then we had the Golden-shouldered Parrakeet, which I think bas appeared once or twice previously, but many years ago; Red-fronted Lories, elegant Grass Parrakeet, Black-throated Rufous-throated, and Spotted Emerald Tanagers, Indian Nuthatch, and Giant Barbet. It was also delightful to once more renew acquaintance with that old favourite, the Blue-winged Green Bulbul, which we believe we are correct in saying has not been seen on the show bench for many years. Foreign bird keepers are certainly to be congratulated on the strides made in their hobby; the almost uniform excellence of the exhibits amply proves this, and with a still further improved classification Foreign bird keeping and exhibiting is sure to become very popular. Mr. H. D. Astley judged, and though with such an array of talent some disappointment is unavoidable, his awards were, on the whole, well received.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (14): 1, S. M. Townsend, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeet, one of the finest we have seen, very rich col., tight as wax; 2, hc, Mrs. K. L. Miller, lovely pairs of Peach-faced and Guiana Lovebirds; 3, F. Howe, grand pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds; vbc, C. T. Maxwell, good Black-checked Lovebirds, and Miss Greeven, very fine Red-faced Lovebird; c, Mrs. Hodgkin; R. J. Watts; also exhibited excellent specimens of Yellow Budgerigars and Grey-headed Lovebirds. PARRAKEETS (15): Containing many rare and beautiful species, a class worth a long journey to see: 1, 2, 4, O. Millsum, a grand team, 1st Red-fronted Lories, a rare and beautiful species, which have been but once previously exhibited; 2nd Brown's Parrakeet, rare, not showy, but the harmony and markings are very beautiful; 4th Golden-shouldered Parrakeet, another great and attractive rarity. A pair of this beautiful species was exhibited by Mr. Maxwell at the Balham Show in November, 1899; 3, Beaty, Pileated Parrakeets, birds very difficult to see, owing to solid top cage, very beautiful birds; vhc, Rev. Raynor, good yell.-vented Blue-bonnet, and W. Oakey, good Crimson-wing; vhc, hc, Maxwell, elegant Grass Parrakeet, very fine, and pair Brown's Parrakeets; hc, Mrs. Miller, good Purple-naped Lory; e (2), Miss Frances, Alexandrine Parrakeet and Cockatiels. PARROTS (9): 1, Beaty, Hawk-headed Parrot, very fine, rare and interesting exhibit; 2, Rev. Raynor, Meyer's Parrot, beautiful, uncommon, and very fit; 3, vhc, Mrs. Miller, fine pair Cuban Amazons, beautiful col., and a Hawk-headed Parrot; vhc, Mrs. Cooper, good pair Black-headed Caiques; c, T. Miller, very fine Grey Parrot; e (3), Miss Frances, Grey Parrot, good and well mkd., Blue-fronted Amazon, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, very clean and tight. AVADAVATS, ETC. (15): A very pleasing class, fully illustrating how beautiful many of the freely-imported species are, and what a magnificent scene can be quite cheaply obtained: 1, R. J. Watts, Golden-crested Waxbills, grand col. and very tight; 2, 3, c, F. Howe, St. Helena and Golden-crested Waxbills and Green Avadavat in the order given, all in exquisite condition; vhc, Townsend, good Golden-crested Waxbills; hc, c, C. H. Row, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, grand col., very tight, and a very sleek Cutthroat; c (3), Botting, good team; c, Mrs. Maher, and Beaty, a beautiful pair of Cordon Bleus were shown here in their wrong class. WAXBILLS, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Maxwell, 1st Violet-eared Waxbill, very rich col., like silk, 2nd Black-cheeked Waxbills, very uncommon and interesting exhibit, chastely beautiful plumage of subdued hues; 3, H. Willford, Melba Finch, very rich col., tight, quite one of the best we remember to have seen; vhc, Mrs. Miller; c, Miss Greeven. GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (16): Grand class, many very beautiful and still uncommon birds being staged, notably, Painted, Parrot and Bearded Scaly-fronted Finches: 1, Mrs. Miller, Painted Finches, very rich col., like silk; 2, hc, Maxwell, also Painted Finches; 3, c, Row, exquisite pairs of Parrot and Black-headed Gouldian Finches; 4, vhc, Mrs. Galloway, Scaly-fronted Finches, weo bit soft or would have been higher; vhc (2), Meadows, Stoakley; hc (2), Frost, Sladden; c (2), Mrs. Hodgkin, Atlas Weavers, J. J. Rattigan. GROSBEAKS (5): Not so numerous as usual, yet all the five exhibits were uncommon and beautiful, while one, the Rainbow Bunting, is quite unique: 1, 3, Mrs. Miller, 1st Rainbow Bunting, words simply fail to describe this lovely species, for it certainly rivals the most beautiful Tanager for gorgeous tropical plumage, 3rd Hooded Siskin, good, rich col.; 2, Mrs. Galloway, Black-faced Serin, though this has now been known on the bench for two or three seasons, it is still uncommon; vhc, Townsend, well-known Rock Bunting, perfect; hc, Mrs. Hodgkin, Pilcated Finch, very tight and silky. TANAGERS (8): A beautiful crowd, and the resplendent hues of their plumage simply beggar description. Mr. Maxwell's grand team, both for rarity and condition, being easily ahead of all competitors: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Maxwell, Rufous-throated Black-throated, Spotted Emerald, and Maroon Tanagers, these species, beautiful and flawless as they are, have already been described in our pages, and, besides, no pen can paint the refulgent hues of their plumage; vhc (2) Townsend, grand Magpie Tanager, and Mrs. Maher, very sweet Tricolour Tanager; hc, Mrs. Miller, Striated Tanager, an uncommon species, and will make a grand specimen when it has moulted out its tail. SUGAR-BIRDS, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Townsend, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, glorious col., perfect condition, never seen one of richer hue or in better conditiou, Red-eared Bulbul, exquisite condition, Black-faced Sugar Bird; 2, Millsum, Blue-winged Green Bulbul, very uncommon, gorgeous plumage, very sleek and lustrous; 3, Maxwell, Black-beaded Sugar Bird, good col., tight; vhc, Mrs. Galloway, fine Blue Sugar Bird, good col., nice and sleek; hc, Rattigan; c, Puck, Malahar Bulbul, this specimen was the ordiuary Gold-fronted Bulbul, I don't think the Malabar bas ever been imported alive to this country, they can easily be distinguished apart; the Malabar has the centre of throat black right up to the base of lower mandible, while the Gold-fronted has this portion blue. A.O.S., SMALL (14): Almost every exhibit in this and next class was a gem: 1, vhc, Millsum, Levaillant's Barbet, beautiful and quaintly mkd. a unique exhibit, and an Indian Nuthatch, somewhat similar to our indigenous species, but smaller and with a very flat crown; 2, 3, Maxwell, White-capped Redstart, beautiful col. and tight as wax, Great-billed Flycatcher, unique and beautiful, in our opinion this should have been 2nd; 4, Dewhurst, well-known Coleys, looking almost better than last season; vhc (4), Miller, Verditer Flycatcher (hen), rare, a first appearance, Mrs. Miller, Ruby-throated Warbler, uncommon and beautiful exhibit, Mrs. Maher, Red-sided Tit, in beautiful feather, Townsend, White-eyebrowed Woodswallow, exquisite plumage, and O. Puck, good Shama; hc, Mrs. Maher. A.S., LARGE (9): Grand class, and a centre of attraction to the visiting public, were the two Birds of Paradise, the gorgeous carmine, red and exquisite condition of the King won for it many admirers, while not one whit behind it was the rarer and equally beautiful Hunstein's Magnificent, though it is beauty of another type, and, of course, also had the advantage of being exhibited for the first time—it certainly merited its position—but both are birds which any exhibitor should be proud to possess: 1, Millsum, Hunstein's Magnificent Bird of Paradise, first time ever exhibited, perfect and grandly beautiful, described in a previous issue; 2, Maxwell, King Bird of Paradise, now well-known, not a feather out of place, without a flaw, gorgeously beautiful; 3, Townsend, Giant Barbet, another grand exhibit, a beautiful and interesting bird, absolutely perfect; vhc, Sandy, fine Mexican Green Jay, grand colour, like silk; hc (2), Rattigan and Dewhurst, glossy and metallic Starlings in the order given; c, Shepherd, very fine Hill Mynah. Also exhibited Lesser Barbet and Long-tailed Glossy Starling. CLASS 171: Cancelled. CLASS 172: Cancelled. INSECTIV. (3): 1, 2, Dewhurst, Bluish and Superb Tanagers in the order given. FOR., SELL. (7): 1, c, Maxwell, Indian Pitta and Chestnut-breasted Finches; 2, 3, vhc, Townsend, Dinca Finch, Archbishop Tanager and another; hc R. J. Watts, Lincolated Parrakeet; c, Easterling, White Javas.

EPSOM.

The annual show of the Epsom F.S., held on Dec. 1, was a grand success all over; in fact, in many respects surpassed the expectations of the officials. the cage bird section in both the open and the members' classes contained birds of excellent merit, and the latter filled very well indeed. The society are to be congratulated on having such a splendid secretary as Mr. A. H. Hicks, to whose energy and tact the success of the venture is chiefly due. Mr. G. Bennett judged the open classes, and Mr. T. B. Mason the members'.

BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, Gunnell, first Goldfinch; 2, Hinds, Bullfinch; bc, Inch; c, Botting. MEMBERS: NOR. (13): 1, cup, 3, hc, Muscutt; 2, vhc, c, Saunders. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Miss Hall; 2, hc, c, Blaker; 3, vhc, Truelove. BUFF (7): 1, cup, 2, Miss Hall; 3, Truelove; vhc, hc, c, Blaker. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, vbc, c, Saunders; 3, Truelove. MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lamb; c, Gunnell. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, Gunnell, Goldfinch, Linnet, and Yellowhammer; vbc, Wilson. FOR. (7): 1, 2, Botting, Orange Weavers; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. S. Willson, Diamond Finches. CHILDREN (7): 1, vhc, Master F. Lake, Goldfinch Mule; 2, Wood; 3, Miss N. Henris; c, Blaker.

WATFORD.

Held in the Clarendon Hall on Dec. 14th, in connection with annual Fat Stock and West Herts F.A. The Clarendon Hall is a spacious building, and makes a fine venue for a show. The management was in the experienced hands of Mr. Clem Watson, hon. secretary, and the Committee are good fanciers. The entry in many classes was not at all such as the classification deserved, but the quality throughout was very good. Yorkshires were a capital lot, and so were the British birds, the Goldfinches and Chaffinches especially. There were also some capital foreign specimens. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Critique.

NOR. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Quantrell, very fine, silky feathered bird, thick set body, nice carriage; 2, Buckingham, also typical body, just a trifle free at thighs; 3, 4, Battison, both bonny birds, good heads and nice undercolour; hc, Goodall. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Hawes Bros., fine upstanding bird, well up on leg, nice back, free mover; 2, 4, Buckingham, former grand quality, shoots up like a rocket, neat head; 3, Burbidge, stylish, rare quality of feather; vhc, Sears; hc, Fryer; c, Hawes Bros. BUFF (9): 1, sp, 2, Hawes Bros., two beauties, feather like wax, nice bloom, rattling good style; 3, Burbidge, very straight, good quality, just a trifle open at chest; 4, vhc, Buckingham; hc, Williams; c, Alford. HEN A.V. (7): 1, Hawes Bros., very typical Yorks., stands well up, nice quality feather; 2, Battison, good Nor., well up; 3, Buckingham, yell. Yorkie, very stylish; 4, Wright and Fox, another typical Nor.; vhc, Williams; hc, Buckingham; c, Mrs. Owen. A.O.V. (3): 1, Dunham, neat green crest, good body; 2, Watson, nearly green Crest-bred, nice skull and turn back; 3, Bassett, Cinn., good body shape, nice bird. MULE (9): 1, Gunnell, 6-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., well shown; 2, vhc, Goodall, former smart and large Redpoll-Can., good 2nd; 3, Alford, fine-sized buff variegated Goldie-Can., well up; 4, Quantrell, Greenie-Can. of good size; hc, Alford; c, Jelfs. SELL. (21/-) (3): 1, Wright and Fox; 2, Hawes Bros.; 3, Sears. GOLDIE (15): 1, Gunnell, fine face, deep and lustrous, nice chestnut, clean cut, good bars and buttons; 2, Goodall, close up, not quite so full in face, but a nice bird; 3, Hireson, charming Finch, rich face, very shiny in feather; 4, Harris, grand col., not quite so full in face, perhaps; vhc, Quantrell; hc, Freeman; c, Tebbutt. BULLIE (8): 1, Gunnell, rare shape, fine breast col. and lustrous poll; 2, Harris, another grand Fiuch, hardly so deep, perhaps, in breast col.; 3, vhc, Brandou, very lustrous, good shape; hc, Wornhwell; c, Chamberlain. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, Goodall, topping Chaffinch, beautiful markings and sheen; 2, 4, Hireson, both Chaffinches, very metallic, rare markings; 3, Quantrell, nice bramhling, looking a wee bit soft when we saw it. GREENIE (4): 1, 4, Quantrell, leader bonny shape, rich in depth of col., grand bird; 2, Harris, fine one for shape, not quite so rich in col., well up; 3, Garduer, nice col., good third. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Quantrell, wiuner nice Twite; 3, well-mkd. Siskin; 2, good col., steady, well mkd. Linnet; 4, Gregory; vhc, Offord; hc, Goodall; c, Mrs. Owen. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Goodall. LARK, ETC. (1): 1, sp, Quantrell, very pretty Pipit, well staged. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Quantrell, bonny Blackbird, nice hill and eere, and a charming Song Thrush; 2, 4, Goodall, former nicely spotted Starling, the latter grand Missel Thrush. INSECTIV. A.O.V. (1): 1, Goodall. HENS A.S. (2): 1, Goodall, Goldie; 2, Watts. SELL. (15/-) (1): 1, Watts, yell. Budgerigars. FOR. SEEDEATER, SMALL (5): 1, Watts, Black-faced Lovebirds; 2, Frost, splendid Long-tailed Whydah; 3, 4, Watts, St. Helent Waxbills and a Cardiual, all beautifull staged. LARGE (14): 1, Watts, Bauers Parrakeet, grandly shown; 2, Edwards, lemon-crested Cockatoo, nice one; 3, 4, Allen. INSECTIV. (3): 1, sp, 2, Watts, Tanagers, very grand specimens; 3, Quantrell, magnificent pair of Pekin Robins, all well staged.

CARSHALTON.

Held in the splendid Public Hall on Dec. 14th. This is a well-lighted building, and the birds were staged on the platform, a most suitable position. The hon. secretary, Mr. P. H. Hudson, with his assistant, Mr. A. J. Hudson, have a splendid grip of the secretarial duties, and their kindliness and courtesy have endeared them to all the members. The Committee, too, worked with a will, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The open classes did not fill, but those for members were well supported, and the quality was of the highest order. Mr. A. J. Kilby won special for best bird in show with a really typical grand quality ticked yellow Norwich. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received. Cards were up and catalogues out early, and the attendance of visitors was very good.

NOR. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Kilby, leader chubby, beautifully headed bird, of rattling fine feather; 2, sweetly pretty fine-feathered, short tailed, unflighen, grand back, head and neck; 3, hot col. buff; r, Botell; vhc, hc, Muscutt; c, Saunders. YELL. (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, Kilby, grand team, tkd. bird, being first, rich col., grand silky feather; 2, cl., typical, fine quality; 3, rather more feather, perhaps; r, vhc, c, Muscutt; hc, Botell. A.O.V. (14): 1, Saunders, rich and sound col. yell. Cinn., good shape; 2, c, Blaker, former smart yell. Yorkie; 3, bc, Truelove, former neat crested bred; r, Saunders. BRIT. (13): 1, sp, Jones, rich-faced, steady, well mkd. Goldie; 2, Jones, grand Bullie, in fine feather and gloss; 3, Truclove, Goldie, not quite so clear or full in face, but a good one; r, vhc, hc, Gunnell; c, Tapper. MULES (6): 1, sp, 2, r, Gunnell, two leaders light Goldie-Can. cross, well shown; 3, hc, Truelove, third dark Goldie-Can., large, and good face; vhc, Muscutt.

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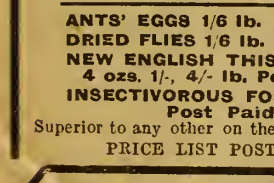
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WANTED, real good buff Norwich hen.—Sargent, 14, Kensey, Launceston, Cornwall.

WANTED weekly, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Canaries, Parrots, and poultry.—Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED, any kind of Canaries, for table cutlery or electro-plated goods.—Hill, 95, Eyre-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, Bull Terrier dog puppy, tea service; exchange Yorkshires to value.—Williams. (See Yorkshires.)

WANTED, Foreign birds or Canaries; exchange pair of Bantams; winners.—Wormald, Westfield-ter., Heckmondwike.

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WANTED, one pair good stock Borders, will give Norwich in exchange; must be high-class birds.—Methven, 92, Alexander-st., Alexandria.

WANTED, Roller cock Canary; exchange lovely carved meerschaum cigar holder and case; approval pleasure.—Axhorn, Boden Villas, Chard.

WANTED, six Norwich, 1909, yellow hens, four clear, two green; exchange Norwich.—Barlow, Grocer, Tame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch; exchange gold-filled watch, pebble case, going order, or sell, 10/-.—Manley, 31, Colne-rd., Earby.

WANTED, small Foreigners or gent's cycle; exchange eight Green, three Yellow Budgerigars, cock Cockatiel.—Maxwell, 10, Railway-st., Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED, a good Hawfinch cock for show; exchange for dark Greenfinch Crested Mule; or sell 15/-. Yours first.—McKirdy, 66, Alexander-st., Alexandria, N.B.

WANTED, offers for hand-reared Bullfinch, comes out of cage, feeds from hand, etc., a novelty; also Hawfinch, caught six weeks.—W. Penston, 104, High-st., Uxbridge.

WANTED, two 1909 half-bred Manchester coppy hens, very large, feathery birds, greens preferred; exchange Crests.—G. Carter, 21, Park-view, Willington, Durham.

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ONE suit length and one costume length in exchange for Canaries, Border or Norwich, or sell with breeding cages.—Richard Kenna, Main-st., Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

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HAND-REARED Thrush, full song, 3/6; hand-reared cock Chaffinches; offers; exchange.—Patterson, 79, Southey-st., Workington, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE two grand cock Bullfinches for good cock Goldfinch; must have good square blaze; approval.—T. Carter, 42, Vine-st., Norton, Malton.

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LARGE exhibition house-moulted Linnet and Canary, bred Mules, cages complete, 10/-; approval, deposit; exchange anything.—Darby, 149, Lyng's-lane, West Bromwich.

HAND-REARED cock Blackbird, perfect, 5/-; two cock Bullfinches, perfect, 2/6 each; offers in Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; approval.—Hook Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

FOR sale, four cocks, all large birds, house-moulted, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Redpoll; sell 12/-, or exchange large 1909 yellow clear Norwich hens to value; on approval, hens first, or Norwich show cages.—Binks, 62, Farady-st., Deanbank, Ferryhill.

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The Shows.

HALIFAX.

All Yorkshire Union Records Broken.

The Halifax O.S. held their annual open show on Dec. 17th and 18th, in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute, Crossley Street. The room is a grand one, very lofty and free from draughts, is within very easy reach of both trams and trams, in fact, as central as possible. This, coupled with good tram services, helped, no doubt, to make the show a great success. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., Y.C.B.H. and M.C., and the gentry of Halifax. A very liberal classification was given, one catering for all, and the society had the very gratifying response of 809 entries in the 42 classes provided—an average of over 19 per class throughout. Open Yorkshires came up well, totalling 109 in the six classes, and, strange to say, this was exactly equalled in the six classes of the Norwich section, these also containing 109 birds. Green marks were not so strong, hens in particular being weak. Cinnamon marks were a good lot; the four classes held 64 birds, as also did the live British, etc., classes. Two of the latter classes came up badly, and only half prize money was paid. The two classes for Green Yorkshires were very strong, with 43 entries, whilst the two for the Novices of this variety contained 29 birds. Cinnamon marked (Novice) birds mustered 28 birds, but without doubt the strength of the show was in the Yorkshire Union Novice classes. The society had given an extra class to the Novice Yorkshires, and they were well repaid, as the seven classes received an entry of 184—an average of over 26 per class. The Novice Norwich exhibitors completely annihilated all records in their section by staging 64 birds in the two classes. In Open Yorkshires Mr. W. H. Shackletou secured special for most points, Messrs. Ogden Bros. and J. Bailey being on level terms for second place, and Mr. F. Clayton in fourth position. Mr. Waters took premier position in the Norwich section, with Messrs. J. Haigh and Son in close attendance; Mr. H. W. Axe proved the winner of special for British, etc., Mr. D. Duncan, jun. securing that for second place. In open Novice classes (Cinnamon marks and Green Yorks), Mrs. Nimmo took special with a good team of Greens, and in Yorkshire Union Novice Yorkshires Mr. J. Thomas held premier position, Mr. A. Whitley coming in for second special. In Norwich Novice Mr. Ball secured most points, and took special. Mr. J. Sandiford's cup for the best coloured bird was won by Mr. L. C. Casey, and Hyde's teapot by Mr. A. Ross. The management is in excellent hands. Mr. J. F. Thackray makes a courteous and efficient secretary, and is well understudied by his assistant, Mr. H. Whitaker. These excellent officials were well backed up by a large and enthusiastic committee, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. Walsh, Ball, Cundall, Robertshaw, Jeffreys, etc. On the Saturday afternoon there appeared to be a very good attendance, many fanciers attending from a distance, and the room presented a very animated appearance. Also all who had prize money to draw, and were in attendance, were paid out during the afteruoon. Messrs. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) and W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite) judged, the first-named taking Yorkshires, Mules, and Hybrids, and the latter Norwich and British classes, the awards of both leaving little if any room for adverse comment.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (24): 1, 3, vbc, Bailey, leader lengthy, nice shape, straight, good position, neat feather, nice col.; 3, noted winner, exquisite quality and col., good type and style, smart Yorkie; 2, Shackleton, long, good-shaped bird, smart feather, gets up well; 4, Cruisc, tkd. cheek, great length, beautifully drawn, straight, leggy nice quality; hc, White; c, Parkes. BUFF (19): 1, Shackleton, looks like the old winner, grand length, wonderful position, nice leggy style, lovely quality; 2, Bailey, noted tkd. cheek, lovely type and style, feathered to perfection; 3, Simpson and Son, slim, good shape, nice quality, trifle low on perch; 4, Crabtree, good length and shape, rich quality; vhc, Hartley; hc, Lumb; c, Whitaker. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Crabtree, tkd. eye, grand shape, slim, full of quality, nice position, excellent wings and tail; 2, 3, Bailey, 2, tkd. cheek, well up in position, very typical, smart feather, 3, very slim, shapely and good style, all there for quality; 4, vhc, Shackleton, typical, very leggy, lovely quality; hc, Simpson and Son; c, Hartley. BUFF (20): 1, Armstrong, good length, shapely, nice back, neatly feathered, well on legs; 2, Bailey, tkd. head, extra good quality, not a feather out of place, nice shape, well up; 3, Radley, grand shape, leggy, good position, lovely feather; 4, White, tkd wing, good shape, rich col. and quality, grand hack; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Shackleton; c, Show Bros. YELL. HEN (18): 1, 4, Shackleton, leader clinking length, typical, lovely quality; 4, very compact and neat in feather, nice shape and style; 2, Bailey, good shape, stands well, neat head, smart feather; 3, vhc, Hill, grand length, perfection in feather, stylish, well drawn; hc, Barnes; c, Cruise. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 4, Shackleton, grand trio, leader lengthy, grand shape, well up in position, lovely feather; 2, extra smart in feather and shows well; 4, good position, typical, nice feather; 3, Drake and Son, lengthy, grand position, lovely quality; vhc, Hill; hc, Bailey; c, Cundall. GREEN MKD. YELL. (16): 1, hc, Thornton and Bower, mkd. one wing and eyes, extra position, grand type, lovely col. and quality, good bird; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, good mkgs., very slim and good shape, leggy, nice position, grand feather; 3, Walsh, foul mark, straight as a rush, good shape, very leggy, full of col. and quality; 4, Towers, grand col. and quality, plenty of leg, good, typical bird; vhc, Clegg; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (13): 1, Ogden Bros., lengthy, grand type, splendid col. and quality, well up in position; 2, Smith, nice length, grand shape and position, good feather, smart bird; 3, Armstrong, foul mark, wonderful position, grand shape, rich col. and nice quality; 4, Cooper, good long bird, well up in position, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Clegg. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheeks, lovely type, leggy, grand position, compactly made, faultless in feather; 2, hc, c, Ogden Bros., grand mrkgs., feather like wax, very shapely, smart style; 3, Bailey, tkd. wing and tail, extra type and style, stands straight as a rush, lovely quality; 4, Hill, foul mkd., lengthy, leggy, grand shape, well drawn, nice feather; vhc, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Mason, mkd. eyes, wings and head, grand shape, excellent position, steady as a rock, marvellous quality; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., good marks, grand colour and quality, nice shape and style; 3, Edmondson and Son, very typical, nice position, very neat feather; 4, Townsend, wings mkd., grand position, typical and neat quality; hc, Ross; c, Bailey. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Ogden Bros. grand shape, extra good position, lengthy, all there for quality; 2, hc, Towers, 5-pointed, slim, grand type, stylish, lovely quality; 3, Shackleton, tkd. wings, neat shape, good position, nice feather; 4, Drake and Son, lengthy, very good shape, stands cleverly, all there for quality; vhc, Richmond; c, Wilcock. BUFF (17): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, eyes and cheek, grand shape, stands well, very erect, good quality, smart; 2, Cooper, lengthy, stylish, good position, neat feather; 3, Dykes, good type, nice position, fair quality, soft when we saw it; 4, Bentley, very typical, straight, smart position, lovely quality; vhc, Priestley; c, Towers. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Jowett, marvellous col. and quality, stands well, nice shape and size; 2, Richmond, slim, stylish, good shape, nice back, smart feather; 3, Bentley, extra quality, grand wings and tail, typical; 4, vhc, Towers, very typical, leggy, good position, nice quality; hc, Cooper; c, Wilcock. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, good shape, nice position, full of quality and col.; 2, Towers, 4-pointed, typical, good position, all there for quality and nice col.; 3, 4, hc, Cooper, good brace, both good shape and position; grand feather; c, Hodgson. GREEN, SELF, ETC. (26): 1, 3, hc, Clayton, leader self buff, lengthy, grand shape, leggy, rich, grassy col. and nice quality; 3, self yell., well up in position, typical, lovely col. and quality; 2, Pilling, self yell., leggy, good shape, grand quality, good grass green; 4, Pickup, slim, good shape, nice feather and col.; vhc, Priestley; c, Wharton. HEN (17): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Clayton, self yell. leading, grand type and style, rich col., 2, self buff, grand position, typical, very showy, good col. and quality; 3, Pilling, self yell., good shape, stylish, good grass col.; 4, Weston, typical, full of style, well pencilled; c, Tidswell and Greenwood. YELL. NOR. (20): 1, Houghton, good size and substance, classy, nice colour and quality; 2, Snowden, grand shape and size, good head, grand quality and col.; 3, Moore and Son, good type, fine substance, all there for quality and col.; 4, Hargreaves, variegs., plenty of col. and quality, good size, rather long behind; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Eyre. BUFF (18): 1, Houghton, extra good substance, very massive, good head, very rich col. and grand quality; 2, 3, Waters, 2, grand shape and size, very compactly made, lovely col. and quality; 3, thick set, excellent col. and quality, not quite as neat in wings; 4, Holmes, good type, extra col, nice quality; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Harland; c, Hargreaves. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Greenwood and Pickles, variegs., grand type, cobby, and compact build, nice col. and exceptional quality; 2, Moore and Son, tkd. check, good chest, typical, nice quality; 3, Waters, good shape, neat quality, grand head and neck, full of col.; 4, Harland, good head, chesty, good shape, grand col. and quality; vhc, Leach; hc, Eyre. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Haigh and Son, leader, short, cobby, compact, wonderful col. and quality; 3, full col. and quality, neat shape, good substance, nice head; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, grand cobby head, well finished off, smart col. and quality; 4, Shore, variegs., good substance, lovely type, plenty of quality and nice col.; vhc, Mottram; hc, Harland; c, Hirst. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Harland, Queen of Queens, magnificent substance and size, grand head, lovely quality and colour; 2, Shore, extra good shape and substance, good head, neck and chest, good quality 3, Wilcock, fine thick-set lady, very cobby, smart quality; 4, Waters, typical, cobby, well-finished, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Eyre; hc, Moorhouse; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (20): 1, Pickering and Wright, very thick-set, grand substance, good head, smart feather and col; 2, vhc, Sutcliffe, variegs., grand size, good shape and substance, lovely feather and col.; 3, Lloyd, variegs., marvellous substance, grand chest and head, rich col. and quality; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, grand type, short and cobby, neat throughout; hc, Harland; c, Hirst. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (23): 7, Stamp, Bullie, great size, chesty, grand cap, eols. clean cut, hardly as bright on chest as some like them, grand condition; 2, 3, Axe, 2, Goldie, nice size, good blaze, neat wing bars, rich nut brown on back; 3, Bullie, good size and shape, grand col., very steady; 4, Veitch, Goldie, neat bird, nice clean-cut blaze, rich wing bars, and well buttoned, grand order; vhc, c, Duncan; hc, Lane. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Inman, Twite, grand col., rich pencilling, good whites, first-class condition; 2, Duncan, jun., Linnet, deep col., good mrkgs., steady, good bird; 3, Stamp, Linnet, plenty of size, fine col., nicely pencilled; 4, Isherwood, Linnet, nice size, good nut-brown col., neat pencilling; vhc, Parratt; hc, Meadows; c, Green. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, 3, Axe, winner yell. Bunting, good size, plenty of body, grand col. throughout, in fine order; 3, Corn Bunting, in grand trim, good size, lovely mrkgs., rich col.; 2, vhc, c, Duncan, jun., Bramble, steady, grand spangling, rich brown breast, good col. throughout; 4, Isherwood, Hawfinch, nice size, good bib, clean cut, grand col; hc, England. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Danby, leader Redstart, grand size, rich silvery sheen on head and neck, brilliant red behind, marvellous trim; 2, Wryneck, good size, nice col., beautiful mrkgs., gem; 3, hc, Miss Fishburn, Grey Wagtail, good bird, in fine condition, lovely col., very steady; 4, Isherwood, Thrush, plenty of size, lovely mrkgs, well up in col.; vhc, Mackwell. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, 4, Bond, leader Can.-Bullie, good size, lovely col., shows good cap, in grand order; 4, yell. 3-pointed Goldie, neat feather, good col., wings rather out of order; 2, Meadows, buff 4-pointed Goldie-Can., extra good quality, nice blaze and wing bars, smart bird; 3, Lloyd, Linnet-Bullie, good size, very rich col., lovely breast, interesting hybrid; vhc, Lane; hc, Inman; c, Walsh. SELL. CAN. (15/6) (40): 1, Lindley and Sons; 2, Hudson; 3, Lumb; 4, Mallinson and Son; vhc, Spencer; hc, Clark; c, Cundall. HEN (12/6): 1, Walsh; 2, vhc, Tidswell and Greenwood; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Jowett; hc, Mottram; c, Parkes. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES: CINN. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, 3, c, Richmond, 1, buff, grand shape and style, lovely quality and col.; 3, buff, typical, good position, nice quality; 2, 4, Clegg, both yells., 2, extra slim, nice type and position, grand quality; 4, slim, well drawn out, leggy, nice col. and quality; vhc, hc, Gregson. HEN (16): 1, Spencer, buff, grand type, extra position, grand quality; 2, Gelder, yell., slim, well on legs, excellent position, grand quality; 3, c, Richmond, buff, typical, nice style, extra col. and quality; 4, Smith, buff, extra position, shapely, neat narrow shoulders, lovely quality; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Shoesmith. GREEN CK. (17): 1, 4, Mrs. Nimmo, self yell. leading, grand shape, stylish, lovely col.; 4, self-buff, lengthy, good shape, nice quality and col., wee bit horned; 2, 3, vhc, Simpson, 3, self-yell., slim, grand type, excellent col. and nice quality; 2, self-buff, nice length, good type, good quality and col; hc, Speak; c, Briarley. HEN (12): 1, Smith, foul buff, slim, grand shape, well up in position, good quality and col.; 2, Maude Bros., self yell., typical, leggy, nice position, extra col and nice quality; 3, 4, Mrs. Nimmo, 3, self buff, stronger, all there for col. and quality; 4, self yell., good type, slim, leggy, nice col. and quality. YORK-SHIRE UNION NOVICE CL., SEC. CL., ETC., YELL. (27): 1, Crabtree, extra length, grand type, good back and wings, leggy, lovely quality, smart bird; 2, Fowle, extra position, type, good well-carried wings, smart feather; 3, Hudson, full of col., lengthy, nice shape and quality; 4, Haigh, good shape, straight, grand wings and tail, nice quality, vhc, Burton and Son; hc, Hall; c, Elsegood. CL. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Thomas, two beauties, very much alike, good shape, well up, nice feather; 3, Craven, grand type, well up in position, good quality, trifle patchy in col.; 4, Jowett, grand shape, full of col., very erect in position, neat feather; vhc, Morrison; hc, Elsegood; c, Hutton. UNFLIG. YELL. (32): 1, Womersley, mkd. bird, grand shape, leggy, lovely quality, good head, smart; 2, Crabtree, tkd wing, lengthy, grand shape, neat head, lovely feather; 3, Hall, tkd. wing, grand shape, well cut away, straight, full of col. and quality; 4, c, Dinsdale, tkd. neck, good type, leggy and nice position, smart feather; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Elsegood. BUFF (22): 1, Whitley, lengthy, good shape, nice back, grand quality; 2, hc, Thomas, variegs., nice type, leggy, good quality, well up in position; 3, Tattersall, good shoulders, typical, nice head, smart feather; 4, Elsegood, tkd. wing, extra type, stylish, grand back, nice quality; vhc, Sutcliffe; c, Tyas. YELL. HEN (26): 1, Fergusson, nice length, good shape and position, grand back, wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Smith, good type, plenty of leg, nice position, good feather; 3, Whitley, good shape and position, fine quality and plenty of col.; 4, Turton, good shape, well up, leggy, nice back, trifle uneven in col.; vhc, Priestley; hc, Tinkler; c, Firth. BUFF (37): 1, Stables, extra type, stands well up, very clean built, neat head, nice col. and feathered to perfection, looks exceedingly smart; 2, Whitley, good length, nice position, lovely quality; 3, Shepherd, good shape, straight, nice position, all there for feather; 4, Morrison, extra quality and col., neat type and good position; vhc, Mann; hc, Ellis Bros.; c, Wood. MKD. (22): 1, Craven, buff, grand shape and style, leggy, extra good quality; 2, Thomas, foul yell., grand type, straight as a rush, very leggy, good col. and quality; 3, Womersley, foul yell., marvellous quality, grand type, well up in position; 4, Ellis Bros., foul buff, grand position, typical, good quality, smart bird; vhc, Shoesmith; hc, Turton; c, Sykes. NOR. CK. (33): 1, 2, Ball, leader yell., grand size and substance, good shape, plenty of col.; 2, buff, cobby, grand size, thick-set, extra quality and col., good head; 3, Thomas, yell., rich col., nice shape, cobby, neat feather; 4, Clegg, buff, grand substance, shapely, nice quality and col.; vhc, Heap; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Naylor. HEN (31): 1, Naylor, yell., grand substance, shapely, good chest, compact, lovely col. and quality; 2, Horsfield, buff, grand shape, short and cobby, full of quality and col.; 3, Jeffreys, yell., good type, size and substance, nice col.; 4, Heap, buff, good shape, nice quality, rather small; vhc, hc, Robinson; c, Thomas.

HILLFOOTS.

Annual show under the auspices of the Hillfoots O.A. was held in the Town Hall, Tillicoultry, on Dec. 18th. The weather was bitterly cold, but the day was dry and bright. It was a treat to get into the cosy hall to view the cage birds. The president (Mr. Baxton), vice-president (Mr. Whitehead), treasurer (Mr. Morrison), secretary (Mr. Sommerville), and the hard-working committee deserve great credit for the way the show was managed. All were imbued with that energy which ensures success. The entry was satisfactory, and the quality excellent. The judge, Mr. Moreland (Falkirk) gave satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. (3): 1, Harrower, buff ck., fine head and neck; 2, 3, Ferguson, fine couple, good action. CREST (6): 1, Beaton, good size, fine crest, nice feather and droop; 2, Angus, cl. body, dark crest, good size and shapely; 3, Campbell, nice shape, good crest, well drooped; 4, Kemp. C.-B. (5): 1, Beaton, fine bold head, good shape, head feather dense, nice leafy texture; 2, Camphell, nice size, shapely, leafy head feather, good col.; 3, Angus, good quality head; 4, R. T. Campbell, grand quality; 5, Kemp. NOR. (11): 1, 6, Mitchell, 1st good size and shape, fine col. feather, excellent col., rare wing carriage; 2, 3, 4, Paterson, grand trio, fine col., shape and quality; 5, Hamilton and Wallace; 7, Love. BORD., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Wilson, nice shape and col., close feather and jaunty carriage; 2, Munro, followed closely, fine shape and feather; 3, 4, Auld, lovely pair, full of quality, in beautiful condition; 5, Hunter; 6, Carmichael; 7, Campbell. BUFF (9): 1, Jeffrey and Stephenson, grand shape, good close feather, rare quality; 2, Hunter, good quality, fine feather; 3, Wilson, nice size and shape, very jaunty; 4, Munro, fine carriage; 5, Auld; 6, Arnot; 7, Brimmer. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Wilson, very smart, nice feather and wings, jaunty carriage; 2, Campbell, beautiful shape and feather, very smart; 3, Arnot, fine shape, lovely feather, jaunty movement; 4, Donaldson, good quality; 5, Hunter; 6, Jeffrey and Stephenson; 7, Carmichael. VARIEG., ETC. (14): 1, Wilson Bros., smart, stylish, rare quality, fine jaunty air; 2, Campbell, a gem, fine shape and quality, jaunty carriage; 3, Jeffrey and Stephenson, finely moulded, smart, excellent carriage; 4, Arnot, good quality; 5, K. Wilson; 6, Hunter; 7, Anderson. COMMON CAN. (confined to county): 1, Donaldson, neat, smart Piebald, beautiful plumage; 2, Morrison, lovely yell. Piebald, good shape and quality; 3, 6, Liddle, 3rd in grand condition, very smart; 4, Angus, good shape; 5, Wilson; 7, Small. SELL. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Burnett; 3, Angus; 4, 5, Harrower; 6, Kemp; 7, Munro. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice shape, square blaze, well tanned, neatly buttoued, bold bars; 2, Arnott, good quality, fine blaze and buttons; 3, McCall and Henderson; 4, Brown; 5, Liddle; 6, Hunter. BULLFINCH (11): 1, 7, Brown, 1st fine size, good cap, neat bars, rich breast col.; 2, 5, Hunter, 2nd deep col., neat cap, fine shape; 3, Campbell, rich in breast; 4, Michie; 6, Aitken. LINNET (5): 1, Campbell, fine size, grand shape, nicely pencilled, tight as wax; 2, 4, Brotherton, charming pair, nice shape, well pencilled; 3, Brimmer, rare size and shape, grand feather; 5, Dawson. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, 7, Allan, 1st large bouncing Linnet-Can.-Mule, grand length of body; 2, Brimmer, Yellowhammer, in pink of health, some preferred for 1st place; 3, Michie, very fine Goldfinch-Can.-Mule; 4, 6, Brown, 4th good Bramblefinch, well staged; 5, Wilson, Snowbunting, fine size and shape. RED-POLL (11): 1, Liddle, gem, in pink of condition, all there in markings; 2, Michie, nice size and shape, well marked; 3, Arnot, grand condition and quality; 4, Millar; 4, Mitchell; 6, 7, Whitehead. FOR.: 1, 3, Peggie, fine pair Yellow Budgerigars, in pink of condition; 2, Hamilton and Wallace; 4, Arnot; 5, Brotherton.

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SLIGO.

The Sligo C.B.S. held their ninth annual show in the Gillooly Memorial Hall, on December 15th and 16th. This fine hall is second to none for the purposes of a cage bird show, it being lofty, well lighted (day and night), and beautifully warmed. The show is run by a small body of enthusiasts. Mr. C. J. Mulligan, the secretary, is to be congratulated on his very successful management. The other leading officers are Messrs. E. J. Tighe, C. Mulligan, J. Devins, J. Osborne, and a few more of the "bhoys," who were always ready to lend a hand when required. The management was perfect in every way, and although it was late on the second day before the hall was closed, all the birds were dispatched by the early morning mail, and the majority would reach home by mid-day. Mr. H. Norman, from Surrey, judged, and had the finest entry ever seen in Sligo, and a record number for Ireland this season. The Yorkshires and British birds were both well represented, many fine birds being staged in both sections. A few birds came through from Dublin, but quite a fine collection was sent up from Cork. But the Sligo men well held their own, some grand birds being put down by Messrs. J. Devins, C. Mulligan, and E. J. Tighe. In the Plainhead section the principal winners were Messrs. J. Thompson, C. J. Mulligan, E. J. Tighe, and J. Stewart, of Belfast, who staged a fine buff, which secured for the second time the special for best bird in show. The hall, so kindly lent for the occasion, was well packed with visitors on both days, many well-known residents taking a keen interest in the exhibits. During the evening a small string band played a nice selection of charming old Irish melodies, much to the delight of everybody. One of the features of this show is that the birds are railed off as soon as judging is over, and visitors are not allowed to handle any exhibit. A Goldfinch exhibited by Mr. P. Mulcahy, of Dublin, was disqualified for alleged staining. The winners of the principal specials were Messrs. Lavery, Dawson, Stewart, and Tighe.

The Canary Classes.

BELG.: 2, McConnell, fine shouldered bird, A1 position, very steady. SCOT. FCV. CK. (5): 1, 4, Birch, 1st plenty of size, grand position, moves well, full of nerve, 4th smaller, but very nervy, moves well; 2, McConnell, quick in position, rare shoulders, grand head and neck; 3, vhc, Waddy, fine length, good depth, moves well, very quick. HEN (5): 1, 2, Birch, 1st grand bird, fine depth, very quick in position, grand shoulders, 2nd smaller, but little beauty for shape, lovely head and neck; 3, 4, vhc, Waddy, 3rd grand shape, good depth, good length of wing, 4th good size and position. CREST CK. (4): 3, 2, 3, 4, Stewart, 1st grand size and shape, good crest, of nice formation, fine frontal, 2nd very neat crest, good centre and droop, 3rd fine, big bird, good size headpiece, 4th very shapely. HEN (4): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st capital size and shape, very neat crest, nicely veined, 2nd shapely bird, nice droop, well packed crest; 3, 4, Gilfillan, 3rd another big one, 4th neat bird, nice width of feather. C.B. HEN: 2, Gilfillan, big bird, good broad skull, well lashed. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Tighe, grand shape, good head and chest, splendid wings, nice clean run; 2, Thompson, wee shade longer, but rare head and chest, well filled back; 3, Stewart, bonny bird, grand size and shape, good wings; 4, Forrest, good one, capital head, very shapely; vhc, Thompson; he, Forrest; c, Hanna. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Stewart, beauty, lovely type, good head, well filled neck and shoulders, capital wings and tail; 2, vhc, Thompson, grand conditioned bird, lovely head, well filled back, good second; 3, Forrest, beautiful type, good front, nice head and neck; 4, Osborne, another beauty, well filled bird; he, c, Mulligan. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st wing and tail mkd., grand head and chest, short flights and tail, 2nd bonny cap. mkd. bird, grand chest and back, good wings; 3, Forrest, wing and head mkd., grand head and neck, capital front; 4, Mulligan, very typical and short. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Thompson, sweet, typical specimen, lovely head and chest; 2, O'Neale, wee shade larger, hardly so typical, good wings and tail; 3, Forrest, bulky bird, good neck; vhc, he, c, Mulligan. BUFF: 1, Thompson, lovely type, short all over, shown in grand condition; 2, 3, 4, Mulligan; 2nd another typical specimen, capital wings and tail, well-filled back, 3rd very typical, lovely condition, wee shade small, 4th another beauty, same stamp; vhc, Forrest. VARIEG. (4): 2, Tighe, cap mkd., good, bold front, lovely condition; 3, vhc, Mulligan, 3rd neat, good chested bird, short body, wee bit pinched; 4, Forrest, another smart bird, well filled back. NON-FED. (4): 2, Verdon, very typical bird, nice and short, good wings and tail; 3, 4, Hanna, 3rd good green, capital head and neck, 4th another green, same stamp. YORKS., CINN. MKD. (6): 1, Mrs. Taylor, smart, long, upstanding wing and eye mkd. bird, grand wings, in A1 condition; 2, 4, Hawkins, 2nd very smart, typical specimen, nice clean run, well rounded bird, 4th rare length, good wings; 3, Devins, another well rounded specimen, grand head and neck, nice whip tail; vhc, O'Keeffe. CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Forrest, grand specimen, rare length, stands well, beautiful head, lovely condition; 2, Devins, another beauty, showing plenty of daylight, grand position; 3, Devins, grand length, good head, beautiful wings and tail, lovely feather; 4, Buckley, fine, upstanding bird, good length of wing; vhc, Mulligan; he, O'Keeffe; c, McDonnell. BUFF (11): 1, Keating, good head, neck, well filled back and front, lovely feather; 2, 3, he, Devins, 2nd rare length, grand wings and tail, lovely shoulders and back, 3rd another beauty, very close up, grand back and wings; 4, vhc, Buckley very typical, lovely feather; c, Fortune. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, M'Caughey, beautiful bird, well filled back, good front; 2, Fortune, smart one, mkd. wings and cap, very typical; 3, he, c, Tighe, very typical, good wings and tail; 4, Mulligan, smart cap mkd. bird, in lovely condition; vhc, Devins. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Mulligan, 1st very sweet, typical specimen, lovely quality, A1. wings and tail, a beauty, 3rd another good one, grand back and wings, pressing closely; 2, Devins, fine, long, upstanding bird, very clean run, grand feather; 4, vhc, Buckley, another beauty, nice position and feather; he, Forrest; c, Keating. CINN.MKD. HEN (4): 1, 2, Devins, 1st., beauty, rare length, good head and neck, nice, clean run, in grand condition, 2nd sweet, typical lady, grand head, well filled back and front. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 4, Tighe, 1st nice, shapely bird, lovely head, well filled neck and shoulders, beautifully moulded, 4th smart, upstanding bird, good back and wings; 2, Devins, another beauty; 3, Buckley, fine lengthy bird, in grand feather; vhc, M'Donnell; he, Keating. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Devins, stylish bird, beautifully moulded, grand wings and tail; 2, Hawkins, another beauty, very close up, grand head, lovely quality; 3, M'Donnell, grand type, nice, clean run, A1 feather; 4, Keating, very sweetly moulded specimen, good wings and tail; he, Mulligan; c, Tighe. VARIEG. YELL (11): 1, 3, M'Donnell, 1st a beauty, grand head, back and wings, beautifully moulded, lovely quality, 3rd head and wing mkd., well moulded, smart wings; 2, Buckley, mkd. wings and head, good length, well filled bird; 4, vhc, O'Keeffe, neat bird, lovely quality; he, Devins; c, Tighe. BUFF (9): 1, Mulligan, good length, head and back, well rounded throughout, lovely quality; 2, Fortune, smart bird, lovely position, good feather; 3, M'Donnell, very typical, A1 wings and tail; 4, O'Keeffe, good, long bird, grand quality; vhc, c, Devins; he, Tighe. NON FED CK. (7): 1, Hawkins, beauty, lovely type, well rounded, grand quality; 2, Devins, very typical, nice back and wings; 3, Buckley, smart wing mkd. bird, grand length; 4, Verdon, typical specimen, good wings, stands well. HEN (8): 1, Fortune, shade small, but grand type, A1 quality, good wings; 2, Hawkins, rare size and length, good head; 3, Taylor, good bird, wants a tun; 4, Forrest, another good one, in same condition; vhc, Ross; he, M'Donnell. NOVICE CL. YELL. CK.: 1, M'Mulligan, good, long specimen, grand head and back, lovely wings, A1 quality; 2, Woods, rare size and length, lovely head, well rounded bird; 3, Rooney, another topper, grand length of wings, lovely feather; 4, O'Reilly, rare length, splendid back and wings; vhc, Carroll; he, Len; c, Hanney. BUFF (14): 1, Gaskin, rare length, capital head, splendid wings and tail, beautifully Moulded; 2, Reilly, very close up, if tubbed might have won; 3, Rooney, slashing long bird, good length of limb, lovely quality; 4, Coughlan, another beauty, close up, grand back; vhc, M'Mulligan; he, Coughlan; c, Reilly. VARIEG. (16): 1, Carroll, gem for size, perfectly straight, well moulded, grand wings; 2, Lea, another beauty, plenty of daylight, splendid wings, A1 quality; 3, vhc, c, Coughlan, grand length, splendid back, close up; 4, M'Entegart, very typical, stands well, grand condition; he, Mulligan. CL. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Woods, grand type, beautifully rounded, lovely wings, stands well; 2, Mc. Mulligan, fine, long bird, splendid position, A1 quality; 3, Forrest, good length, lovely type; 4, Forrest, another good one, grand wings; vhc, he, O'Reilly; c, M'Ardle. BUFF (10): 1, Gaskin, splendid position, good length, grand wings, A1 quality; 2, Carroll, another good one, very close up, splendid feather; 3, Coughlan, long, slim bird, good wings and tail; 4, Forrest, another same stamp, pressing hard; vhc, c, Mulligan; he, O'Reilly. VARIEG. (12): 1, Entegart, very smart, typical lady, beautifully rounded, A1 quality; 2, Lea, smart, upstanding bird, good wings, capital feather; 3, Rooney, rare length, lovely wings and tail, well shown; 4, Forrest, smart bird, very clean run, hot col.; vhc, Reilly, he, Mulligan; c, Coughlan. NOR. NOVICE CK. (6): 1, Smith, good variegated bird, nice front, good wings and tail; 2, Cooke, good, big cl. yell., capital head; 3, Gallagher, another good cl.; 4, c, Forrest, good headed yell., grand col.; he, Cooke. HEN (8): 1, c, Williamson, fine, bold bird, nice skull and entrance, very chubby shape; 2, he, Forrest, four-pointed bird, good chest, lovely quality; 3, Anderson, chubby bird nice, short wings; 4, Anderson, good front, capital wings; vhc, O'Hara.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE (9): 1, 2, 4, Lavery, very fine 4-pointed buff, nice size, good shape, lovely condition; 2nd real good lightly mkd. Linnet, pressing hard, lovely shape and feather, 4th big, bold bird, grand shape, lovely quality; 3, Mulcahy, four-pointed yell., Goldie, wee bit out of condition, or might have gone up; vhc, Dawson; he, Mulligan; c, Tighe. DK. GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, Owens and Magee, very fine buff, marvellous one, highly col., well cut blaze, grand shape and size, wins; 2, Hanna, topping yell., capital size and shape, full of quality; 3, 4, Dawson; 3, good Linnet, big, bold bird, nice col. and quality, 4th another Goldie, good size, grand leather; vhc, Devins; he, Osborne; c, Arnistein. A.O.V., DK. (6): 1, O'Hara, topping Siskin-Can., rare size, good shape, very rich col. throughout, beautifully pencilled; 2, Owens and Magee, good Greenie, capital size and shape, grand col.; 3, Lavery, another good Greenie, rare size; 4, vhc, Dawson, Siskin, of nice size, good cap; he, Arnistein. HYB.: 1, 2, Lavery, 1st lovely Goldie-Bullie, very shapely, of grand col. and markings, 2nd good Greenie-Bullie, very hot col.; 3, Dawson, fair Goldie-Greenfinch, nice size. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, 2, 4, Lavery, two topping Goldies, nice size, beautifully tanned, winner the wider blaze, both well up in col., 4th smart bird, beautifully tanned, nice square blaze, capital wings; 3, Gerrard, good size, fine width of blaze, nicely tanned; he, Arnistein; c, Tighe. GREYPATE (13): 1, 4, Lambert, 1st good size, nicely tanned, capital blaze, grand wings, well shown, 4th steady, shapely bird, good blaze, wee shade pale in tanning; 2, Mulligan, big bird, lovely shape, big square-cut blaze, capital wings; 3, Ross, smart bird, nice, rich blaze, shows plenty of yell., will improve; vhc, Rooney; he, Jennings; c, Coulon. BULLFINCH (18): 2, Mulcahy, fine, bold bird, grand head and neck, rich col., well polished black; 3, Owens and Magee, lovely shape and col., good cap; 4, Ross, grand bird, lost a few breast feathers or would have stood higher; vhc, McArdle, house-moulted bird, of good quality and shape; he, Carroll; c, Tighe. LINNET (16): 1, Carroll, smart, shapely bird, grand col. throughout, nicely mkd., good wings; 2, c, O'Neille, another similar bird, in lovely condition, 3, 4, Lavery, 3rd fine, bold bird, good full chest, grandly mkd., in nice condition, 4th smart bird, good cone shape, splendid wings; vhc, O'Hara; he, Tighe. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Ross, fine, bold bird, very rich in yell. and green, grand head and wings; 2, 3, Arnistein, 2nd another beauty, lovely shape and size, beaten only in col., 3rd big bold bird; lovely head and chest; 4, he, Mulligau, hand-reared bird, biggest in class, bit soft to-day; vhc, Carrol, SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, O'Neille, bonny Siskin leading, splendid shape and size, beautiful wings, lovely condition; 2, Mulcahy, grand Twite, fine shape, well pencilled, close up; 3, c, O'Reilly, bonny Redpoll, good size and shape, grand bib; 4, vhc, Aronstein, fine bold Twite, beautifully mkd.; he, Tighe. SEEDEATERS A.O.S.: 1, Mulcahy, very nice Hawfinch, capital bib, good, sound col., grand wings, well shown; 2, Mulligan, good Yellow Bunting, fine, bold bird, good, sound, nat. col., nicely mkd.; 3, Lavery, another yell., grand col., capital back and wings; 4, Arnistein, very nice Bramble, well spangled, good col. HEN (5): 1, Mulcahy, bonny Bullie leading, grand shape, and feather, good col.; 2, 3, Tighe, 2nd another good one, grand head and neck, good wings, 3rd nice Greenie, very shapely, capital col.; 4, Gallagher, lovely Siskin, beautifully mkd.; vhc, Carroll, Dawson. SMALL INSECTIV. (5): 1, 2, 3, Aronstein, 1st grand 'Gale, very shapely, good, sound col., in lovely condition, 2nd fine, bold Shore Lark, nice size and col., beautifully mkd., 3rd bold, Lark, grand shape and size; vhc, Ross; he, Carroll, Dawson. THRUSH, ETC. (44): 1, vhc, Dawson, grand Song Thrush, nice size and shape, beautifully spotted right through; 2, McCormack, another Thrush, very close up, fine bird; 3, Hughes, yet another Thrush, hardly the size of winner; 4, Clancy, still another, small, but grand col.; he, Buchanan. A.O.S.: 1, Tighe, very fine, bold Missel, very shapely, good conditioned bird, beautifully mkd., grand col. WORKMEN'S CLASSES—CAN. CK.: 1, McPartland, good type Nor., capital head, big bird; 2, Reilly, good Yorks., nice position. HEN: 1, Reilly, well rounded Nor., good condition; 2, McPartland, typical Yorks. BRIT. (5): 1, Reilly, topping Linnet, grand size and shape, lovely col.; 2, Loftus, good Goldie, nice square blaze, good wings; 3, Reilly, another smart Goldie, has good blaze; 4, McCormack, nice Linnet, good size; vhc, Jennings. CAN. CK. 2, Connolly, bold Nor., very shapely bird; 1, M'Cullagh, smart Yorkie, capital length, good wings and tail. CAN. HEN 2, M'Cullagh, very good Nor. hen, nice shape; 3, Connolly, smart buff Yorkie, good feather. BRIT.: 1, Reilly, capital Goldie, lovely tanning, nice blaze; 3, Sweeney, good, bold Bullie, nice col.; 4, M'Cullagh, another good Goldie; vhc, Flood. FOR.—PARROTS: 2, Gallagher, fine, big Amazon, grand col. PARRAKEETS: 1, Bell, lovely Rosella, one of the best we have seen, a beauty for col. and markings. SEEDEATERS: 1, Aronstein, grand col., Virginal Cardinal, very shapely, in fine feather; 3, Verdon, very good Siberian Goldie, nice blaze. SOFTBILL: Aronstein, lovely pair of Sugar Birds, grand col., and in very fine condition.

RUTHIN.

This popular North Wales show was held on Dec. 16th, and was a great success. With that genial and well-known fan cier, Mr. O. Pierce Williams as M.C. and Mr. W. E. Roberts as the capable secretary, everything went smoothly, and was in perfect order. Mr. H. Tams judged.

The Critique.

TKD., ETC., YORKS.: 1, W. H. Williams, grand tkd. buff, good length, in nice feather; 2, R. Wadeson, typical eye and wing mkd buff; 3, J. C. Williams, tkd. buff, similar bird in shape to 2nd; 4, Thompson; vhc, Roberts; he, Price; c, Hughes. CL. YELL.: 1, Thompson, fine yell., col. and type grand; 2, he, Walker and Alcock, good length and stylish Yorks.; 3, Pritchard, sweet feathered buff, good one; vhc, Roberts; c, Butler. NOR.: 1, spl, W. H. Williams, nice even mkd. well staged buff; 2, c, Winnard, large, good col., lovely type yell. Nor., hard lines to meet a Crest; 3, he, Griffiths, very fine buff, good col. and type; vhc, J. E. Roberts. LIGHT, ETC., MULE: 1, 2, vhc, Trevor Williams, nice variegated buff and yell.; 3rd variegated buff. DARK: 1, spl, Winnard, grand col. Goldie-Bullie Hyb.; 2, he, Butler, good large dark Linnet and Can.; 3, Roberts, Siskin and Can., very fine one, deserves its place; vhc, John Williams; c, R. Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, he, Parry, fine Finch, large square blaze, good body col.; 2, J. Williams, typical Welsh bird, nicely rounded blaze, very stylish color, good; 3, D. E. Williams, similar bird to 1st, but not quite so large; vhc, James Williams; c, E. Jones. GOLDFINCH, 1909: 1, John Williams, real beauty, steady as an old one; 2, Watson, large, well-cut square blaze, good body col., make up well with a moult; 3, short, thick, good col. bird; vhc, Hughes; he, R. H. Hughes; c, Griffith. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Miss D. Williams, fine large Hawfinch and Yellowhammer, well shown; 3, James Williams, very steady, good col. Bullfinch; vhc, R. H. Hughes; he, c, Price. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, Salisbury; 2, vhc, E. E. Griffiths; 3, J. O. Williams; he, John Williams; c, W. H. Williams, Butler. CHILDREN'S PET: 1, 2, Trevor Williams; 3, R. H. Hughes. OPEN TO RUTHIN UNION: BEST CAN.: 1, 2, J. W. Hughes; 3, W. Davies. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, John Williams; 2, R. Williams; 3, c, Edwards; vhc, H. Roberts; he, E. Davies. BEST BRIT.: 1, 2, Miss D. Williams; 3, D. Williams; vhc, R. H. Hughes; he, Mac. Roberts; c, T. Williams.

NARBERTH.

Held on Dec. 15th at the Victoria Hall, a very suitably lighted place, and in other ways most adaptable for a cage bird show. The Goldfinch class was the feature of the show, the Greypates making a very nice show. In the Canary classes both Yorkshires and Norwich were extra good. The hon. secretaries, Messrs. J. Owen and J. Harris, conducted their business in a very methodical manner, and proved themselves valuable officers to the society. Mr. T. W. Richards, the noted Goldfinch specialist, put down a lovely team, winning all the cards in the old bird class. Mr. Trevor Gamage judged, and appeared to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. (10): 1, vhc, Dummett, lovely col. yell., fine type, good head and neck; 2, Owens Bros., another large sized yell., good silky feather, typical throughout; 3, c, Hughes, very nice stamp of Buff-Nor., fine quality feather, very shapely; he, Coombes. YORKS (9): 1, Hughes, clinking good Buff, rare length and position, well carried wings and tail; 2, Andrew, very similar, not quite so free as leader, perhaps, neatly clothed, well braced wings; 3, he, Mortimer, very good quality yell., very good position and movement; vhc, Williams; c, Narbett. DARK MULE (4): 1, withheld; 2, Webb, splendid large Buff, fine square face, well-defined, in fine feather; 3, Thomas, very neat yell., marvellous col., nicely polished, close up; r, Adams; vhc, Richards. GOLDFINCH (9): 1 sp, 2 spl, 3 spl, 4, r, Richards, a really wonderful team, leader fine square cut blaze, of beautiful cut and lustre, scores in whites, bars and tans, 2nd Jonque, bird of neat proportion, very good polish, well polished blaze, of correct shape, plenty of size, 3rd typical Taffy, also well up in face col., with plenty of expanse, clean cut at sides and under blaze, 4th one of the best, excels in face bars and body colour; he, Eaton; c, Williams. GREYPATE (7): 1, Webb, extra big-bodied one, carried plenty of blaze, well contrasted col., fine exhibit; 2, vhc, Richards, very neat cut, good face and col., grand back, warmly tanned front, vhc, very good blaze; 3, Faithfull, neat bird, white legs, small white dot under beak stopped from going higher; he, J. Williams; c, C. Williams. BRIT., A.O.S. (4): 1, Jones, clinking good Whinchat, very clean and neat, well mkd., credit to the exhibitor; 2, T. Webb, Bullfinch, fine size and col., shown very fit; 3, T. Richards, Bramble, good spangle and shield, fine size; 2, T. Webb; vhc, G. Webb. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (10): 1, vhc, he, c, G. Webb; 2, Davies; 3, res, Coombes. CAN., LOCAL (7): 1, he, Owen Bros.; 2, 3, G. Webb; 4, C. Williams; vhc, Narbett; he, J. Williams.

HAWICK.

The cage bird section of the Hawick O.S., held Dec. 11, was very popular, and proved a great success.

SCOT. FCY CK.: 1, Dodds; 2, Dick. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Dick. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Middlemas and Son; 2, Ford. HEN: 1, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, Amos. BUFF CK.: 1, Ford; 2, Middlemas and Son. HEN: 1, 2, Ford. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Ford; 2, Arnot and Jamieson. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, Middlemas and Son. BUFF: 1, Amos; 2, Ford. YELL. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Amos; 2, Arnot and Jamieson. BUFF: 1, Amos; 2, Middlemas and Son. SELL.: 1, Ford; 2, Arnot and Jamieson. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Hesketh. BUFF: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Bell and Redhead. A.O.V. PLAINHEAD: 1, Welsh; 2, Hesketh. BEST KEPT CAGE BIRD: 1, sp, Bell; 2, Bonsor. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Welsh; 2, Bell and Redhead. GOLDFINCH: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Hesketh. BULLFINCH: 1, Welsh; 2, Dryden. LINNET: 1, Hesketh; 2, Borthwick. GREENFINCH: 1, Hesketh; 2, Robson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Bell and Redhead. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Laidlaw. A.V. BUNTING: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Bell and Redhead. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Bell and Redhead. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Laidlaw. BRIT. HEN: 1, 2, Laidlaw. SELL.: Laidlaw. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, Laidlaw. NOVICE CLASS: 1, Dryden; 2, Lumsden. FOR., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: Hesketh.

ALLOA, N.B.

The Clackmannanshire and Dis. C.B. Show was held in the Co-operative Hall, on December 4th, and it proved a success. President, Mr. P. Arnott; Vice-President, Mr. F. Love; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Boocock. The committee are composed of fanciers of the proper stamp, and everything passed off in a way highly creditable to the officials. Mr. P. Arnott is to be complimented on the manner in which he marshalled his men, and Mr. J. H. Boocock makes an ideal secretary. The Co-operative Hall is quite a nice place for a bird show. The Scotch Fancies, Crest and Crest-Breds and Norwich were well to the fore; the Borders were also well represented. British birds, Mules and Hybrids were very interesting, while the Foreign class was quite an eye-opener, but the most interesting class in the show was the one provided for the school children, mustering the grand total of 17 good birds. The show was well patronised by visitors, and judging was got through in good time. Judges: for Canaries, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow), Mules, British and Foreign, and school children's class, Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow).

The Critique.

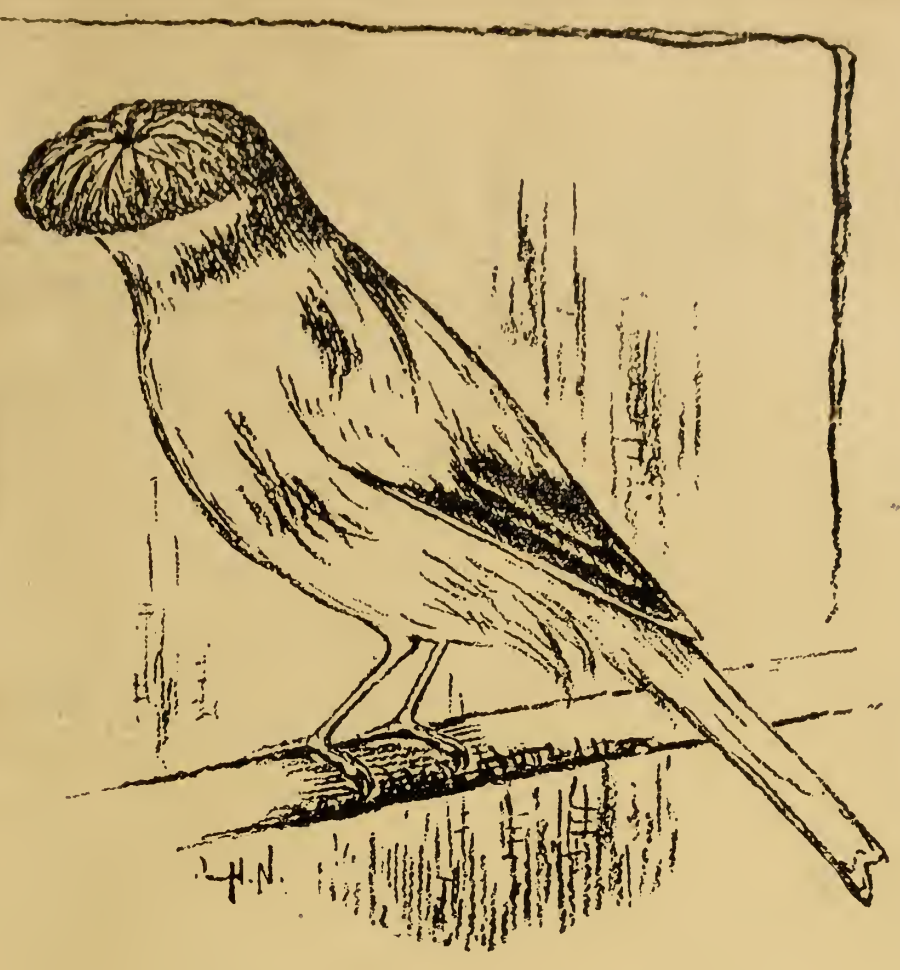
SCOTS FCV.: 1, 4, 6, Brown, 1st cl., yell., fine size, good, solid top end, free drive; 2, Stewart, another yell., fine drive; 3, 5, 7, Anderson, buff, good top, fine reach. CREST, OLD: 3, 4, 5, Beaton, 1st variegbuff D.C., neat and shapely, good centre; 2, 3, Angus, 2nd green Crest, fine centre, good front; 3rd wing marked buff, dark crest. C.B.: 1, 3, Moir, green, good size, fine substance, well lashed, good entrance; 2, 6, Beaton, head mkd. buff; 3, Angus, variegbuff; 4, Harrower. CREST, YOUNG: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, Moir, first three nice trio of young crests, not much between them; 4, Harrower, nice stamp. C.B.: 1, Cup 4, 5, 6, Moir, 1st green, good entrance, well lashed, fine, long feather, good substance; 2, Love, variegbuff, fine substance; 3, Angus, griz. head, well worth. CREST OR C.B. SELL. 15/-: 1, 6, Love; 2, 3, Harrower; 4, Angus; 5, Beaton. PLAINHEAD CK., OLD: 1, 2, Love, 1st cl. buff, good chest, nicely tapered off, sweet head, full neck, 2nd buff green, fine type, rare head and chest; 3, 4, 5, Burnett, 3rd buff, good head and neck, fine wings; 6, Rodger. YOUNG: 1, Hyde's teapot, 2, 4, 5, Burnett, 1st cl. yell., rare col., fine, silky feather, good head and neck, 2nd 3-pointed yell., good all-round exhibit, in lovely bloom; 3, Rodger, variegbuff; 6, Angus. NON-FED: 1, Brown, cl. buff, fine quality feather, good substance, wings and tail; 2, Moir, another cl. buff, nicely mealed, fine wings; 3, Burnett, tkd. yell., fine colour, rare quality; 4, Boocock; 5, 6, Arnott. SELL. 12/6: 1, 4, 5, Burnett; 2, Love; 3, Moir; 6, Harrower. BORD., CL., YELL. CK.: 1, Brenner, grand col., nice shape, beautiful feather, neat wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 2, Carmichael, another wee gem, close on heels of winner; 3, Wilson, nice mould, fine feather; 4, 5, Arnott; 6, Boocock. HEN: 1, 2, Arnott, 1st nicely drawn and well tapered, well braced wings, 2nd sweet head, grand mould, beautiful action; 3, Allan, nicely rounded, fine carriage; 4, Carmichael; 5, 6, Brenner. BUFF CK: 1, Brenner, neat and typical, fine, silky feather, good wings and tail; 2, Boocock, fine colour, sweet head, fine neck; 3, Wilson, round as a bottle, nice, jaunty style; 4, McAulay; 5, 6, Carmichael. HEN: 1, 6, Brenner, cl., sweet little lady, rare type, fine quality feather; 2, Arnott, another wee gem, fine, stylish carriage; 3, Carmichael, sweet typical exhibit; 4, Carmichael; 5, McQueen. TKD. CK. (1 and 2 mkd.): 1, Arnott, round as you make 'em, full front, well tapered off; 2, Carmichael, stylish exhibit, fine quality feather; 3, Donaldson, yell., presses hard; 4, Brenner; 5, Carmichael; 6, Allan. HEN: 1, Arnott, eye mkd. buff, grand carriage, rare col., nice neal, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Carmichael; 2nd griz. cap, fine mould, neat taper, good head, neck, 3rd well-staged and placed; 4, Boocock; 5, Harrower; 6, Wilson. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 5, 6, Arnott, 1st eye and wing mkd. buff, good mould, fine wings and tail; 2, McAulay, variegyell.; 3, Boocock, buff, smart and typical; 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, Brenner, 1st yell., nicely rounded, well tapered, best of wing carriage, 2nd buff, well staged and placed; 3, 5, 6, Arnott; 4, Donaldson. GREEN OR CINN. CK.: 1, 2, Arnott, brace of yell. greens, neat and typical, rightly placed; 3, Brenner, yell. green, good head, fine wings and tail; 4, Carmichael, buff green; 5, McQueen; 6, Harrower. HEN: 1, McQueen, yell. green, nice shape, beautiful feather; 2, 3, Arnott, buff green and yell cinn. respectively, put down in lovely order; 4, Allan, yell. green, many preferred; 5, 6, Brenner. SELL. 7/6: 1, 3, 4, 5, Arnott; 2, Anderson; 6, Brenner. A.O.V.: 1, Donaldson, variegyell. Yorks., good length, well up on leg; 2, Brenner, Yorkie, mkd. head and back, fine size; 3, 4, Harrower, Lancs. coppy, 4th Cinn. Yorkie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, Brown, fine size, good, square face, grand hue, well-cut collar; 2, Arnott, fine rose, neat tans, in lovely bloom; 3, Brotherton, very neat Finch, fine blaze; 4, Arnott; 5, Brenner; 6, Mitchell. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Brown, 1st Bannockburn winner, fine Finch, of rare sheen and polish, 2nd better size, fine back, wings and tail; 3, Arnott, good, dense cap, fine col. and polish; 4, Love; 5, Anderson; 6, Arnott. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Arnott, winner Bramblefinch, fine size, shape, spangle, and col., grand jet head, 2nd Chaffinch, grand Chaffie; 3, Brown, Bramble, fine size, good spangle; 5, Donaldson; 6, Anderson. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 3, 5, Arnott, 1st. Titlark, lovely size, fine col., well defined markings, 3rd Robin, well staged; 2, 4, Brenner, Yellowhammer, good size, fine col., will make nice one; 6, Newman. LINNET (a good class): 1, 4, Brotherton, fine size, rare substance, grand ground col., well laced; 2, Arnott, fine, nutty-brown, nice shape; 3, Mitchell, field-moulted, good colour, well laced, steady; 5, Mitchell; 6, McAuley. GREENFINCH: 1, Arnott, good size, fine substance, good head, fine breadth, rare col.; 2, Mitchell, fine size, col. and condition; 3, Stewart, grand Greenie, of good substance; 4, Brenner, good exhibit; 5, F. Love; 6, D. Love. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 5, Arnott, Twite, grand size, rare col., well defined markings, good substance; 2, F. Love, Siskin, buff, good size, fine, expansive cap; 3, Long, Twite, fine stamp of a "Heather," beautifully staged; 4, D. Love, Redpoll, jaunty little chap, in slashing order; 6, Harrower, Poll. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Donaldson, Siskin-Redpoll, good size, fine col., neat markings, showing cross well; 2, Angus, dark buff Goldie-Can., fine Col., good size, rare substance; 3, Arnott, dark Greenfinch-Can., fine size; 4, Benholm, variegBuff Goldie-Can.; 5, Arnott; 6, Mitchell. PAIRS (for Hybrid Breeding): 1, 5, Arnott, slashing Greenie, mated to a typical British hen Bullie; 2, 3, Brenner, 2nd Goldie-Greenie, smart Goldie, mated to one of the best of hen Greenies; 3rd Siskin and Redpoll, grand Siskin; 4, Anderson, Siskin-Bullie, in grand fettle; 6, Mitchell. SMALL FOR. (a fine class): 3, 2, 3, 4, 6, Brotherton, grand team, Paradise Whydah leading, good size, fine col., 2nd yellow Budgerigars, in lovely bloom, 3rd charming pair of white Javas, 4th jaunty little Zebra; 5, McQueen, Paradise Whydah. BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLASS: 1, Master Foster, grand Goldie, fine face, neat tans, good collar, stylish Finch; 2, 5, Arnott Bros., Diamond Sparrow, fine exhibit; 3, Miss Ivy Boocock; 4, Master Walker; 6, Master Mitchell.

KILSYTH.

Kilsyth and Dis. F.A. (founded in 1879) held their annual open show on Dec. 18th, in the Drill Halls. President, Mr. Alexander Hardie; vice-president, Mr. W. Irvine; treasurer, Mr. W. Morton, hon. sec., Mr. Andrew D. Duncan; executive, Messrs. J. Pollock, J. Barrie, A. Methben, T. M. Aulay, W. McGreachan, J. Nash, W. Ingles, A. Loudon, W. Russell, R. Reid, John Aitken, G. Roberts, J. Bunell, and W. Menzies. Secretary Mr. A. D. Duncan, as usual, had all his arrangements made to perfection, and was ably backed up by a hard-working committee of true fanciers. The entries in the cage bird section were barely up to last year's numbers, owing to the fact that no less than seven or eight shows were being held on the same date. Norwich and Borders mustered well, and British were a splendid lot. Sec. Duncan has worked hard to bring this section to the front, and on this occasion his efforts met with much success. The Foreign section was also a good turn-out. The principal winners were as follows: Silver cup for best in British section, Mr. A. D. Duncan (this is his fifth year as winner in succession); for best Mule or Hybrid, Mr. A. H. McWatt; Bullie Allison's handsome special, Mr. G. Shillinglaw: Hyde's, Mr. R. Martin. Mr. W. McGreachan carried off the two specials for best Yell. ck. and best clear or ticked Yellow in the open, also special for best clear or ticked Buff hen. Norwich and Border classes were judged by Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), and Brit., etc., by Mr. J. L. Burnett (Govan); and not a single discordant note was heard as to the judges' selections. There was a large turn-out of visitors and fanciers from a distance, and the day's proceedings ought to total out satisfactorily, considering the counter-attractions elsewhere.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (5): 1, spl, 3, Shillinglaw, 1st Crest, good size and shape, dense feather, 3rd nice shape and size; 2, 4, McLay, 2nd neat shape and droop, 4th varieg., good shape and size; 5, Chaplin. HEN (2): 1, 2, McLay, 1st nice crest and droop, grand size, rare thick body, in lovely feather, 2nd varieg., nice dark crest, grand formation, nice length of feather. C.-B. (4): 1, 4, Shillinglaw, varieg. C.-B. of rare size of body, looking well to-day, 4th grand length of body, nice thickness, good bird; 2, 3, McLay, 2nd varieg cock, nice size of body, good skull, plenty of feather, 3rd good head and body, nice thickness and feather, rare condition. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, McLay, 1st and 2nd both of fine size and shapely heads, nice long head feather, 1st better skull than 2nd, 4th Green, nice body, good head; 3, Shillinglaw, good bird, nice head feather and length. NOR. CK. (5): 1, spl (2), Martin, winner of Hyde's spl, grand shape, rare good head, neck, wings and tail; 2, Watt, cl., nice shape, col. and quality; 3, Bishop, very nicely mkd. ck., grand shape and size, nice head and neck; 4, McLay, nice shape, good head, lovely quality. HEN (3): 1, Martin, cl., nice shape and size, good head wings and tail, A1 quality; 2, Bishop, another cl., grand shape, lovely quality and col.; 3, McClement, nice shape and quality of a clear, fine head and wings. SELL. (10s.): 1, Martin; 2, Irwin; 3, Chaplin; 4, McLay; 5, Muirhead; 6, Hardie. BORD. FCY., CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl (2), McGreachan, very typical Border, close feather, rare action, very smart exhibit, wins; 2, Irvine, another cl. yell., of nice jaunty carriage, feather like wax, lovely shape and condition; 3, 5, Russell, 3rd cl., splendid shape and quality; 4, Brown, very much the same as 3rd. HEN (2): 1, spl, Irvine, nice hen of rare and equal merit, in lovely feather; 2, Russell, another cl. yell. of nice quality and in rare condition, very jaunty and neat carriage. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Simpson, very compact Bord., nice waxy feather, rare head and wing carriage, very jaunty; 2, McGreachan, cl. yell., very nice carriage, rare substance and quality, feather close and compact; 3, McAulay, nice model, very close feather, grand wing carriage; 4, Tirney, cl., all-round good bird. HEN (8): 1, spl, McGreachan, best cl. or tkd. B.F. winner, very smart and typical, lovely head; 2, Simpson, cl., nice size, smart jaunty, nicely modelled Bord., in rare condition; 3, 6, Irvine, 3rd really nice Bord. perfect wing carriage, very close feather, some preferred; 4, Shields, all-round Bord.; 5, Russell. EVEN MARK (2): 1, McWatt, eye and wing mkd., neat and compact, and in rare condition; 2, Miller, very nice typical Bord. of even merit, presses. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, spl, McWatt, varieg. hen of rare merit, and staged in the pink of condition; 2, we were unable to find; 3, McIntosh, nicely mkd. hen, very close feather, tight as wax; 4, Brown, nice close wing carriage; 5, Irvine; 6, McGreachan. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, McAulay, nice size and shape, green Bord. of outstanding all-round merit, wins; 2, Brown, green of good type and quality, nicely rounded back, well carried wings; 3, Irvine, neat tapered body, nice size, fine bold head; 4, Brown, nice Bord., in fine condition; 5, Irvine. SELL., (CKS. 7s. 6d., HENS 5s.): 1, Shields; 2, Miller; 3, 5, McGreachan; 6, Irvine. COM. CAN. (6): 1, spl, Reid, best com.; 2, Brown; 3, 4, 5, Miller. GIFT: 1, McGreachan; 2, Irvine; 3, 4, K.F.A.; 5, 6, A. D. Duncan. BRIT. BULLFINCH (7): 1, spl, Henderson, grand size, rare dense cap, lovely rich back and chest, and well barred wings; 2, Arnott, another fine size, but fails in colour a trifle to winner; 3, Martin, all there for col. and marking; 4, Raine; 5, Wilson; 6, McGreachan. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (12): 1, Arnott, nice size and shape, large full blaze, square cut, grand colour; 2, Kirk, similar in size and col., fails in size of blaze only to winner; 3, Raine, very nice Goldie, lovely face, clean cut; 4, Gauld, fine bird, lovely feather; 5, Taylor; 6, Lawson. GREENFINCH (9): 1, McWatt, large and shapely Greenfinch, excellent col., grand condition; 2, Martin, another good one; 3, Crawford. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Erskine, rare size, well-defined markings, perhaps a wee shade darker on chest; 2, A. and M. McPhearson, nice size, very level col., nicely pencilled, steady and shapely; 3, Johnstone, also good one; 4, J. and H. Parker, very nice Linnet, of nice even merit; 5, Arnott; 6, Cooper. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Erskine, Redpoll, really typical Redpoll for col., shape and markings, in the pink of condition; 2, Dunlop, Siskin, smart Siskin, good cap, and nicely laced and staged; 3, Arnott, Twite, rare size and shape, good col. and markings, nice condition; 4, McAulay, Lesser Redpoll, nice steady exhibit of all-round merit; 5, Bishop; 6, Wilson. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, 6, spl, Erskine, 1st Black-headed Bunting, in lovely feather and condition, nicely staged; 2, Simpson, Hawfinch, "Lochabor Chief," rare size, shape and col., clean cut bib, in splendid condition; 3, Martin, Yellowhammer, splendid bird, good head, and ear marks, in the pink of condition; 4, Crawford, Bramblefinch, lovely markings, beautifully finished, feather like wax; 5, Dickson and McLeary. BRIT. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Richardson, Missel Thrush, lovely size and markings, and shown in splendid condition; 2, Wands, senr., very fine Song Thrush, nice, rich col., lovely breast marks. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, McWatt, dark Goldie-Mule, best in class, good col., and nice feather, very steady; 2, Borthwick, light Goldie-Mule, nice body col., staged in, perfect condition; 3, Richardson, Linnet-Bullie, good col., nice feather; 4, Reid, dark Goldie-Mule; 5, J. and H. Parker; 6,



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A. D. Duncan. HEN FINCH (6): 1, Reid, Brit. Bullie hen, nice size and col., in rare condition; 2, 3, c, A. D. Duncan, Bramble hen, 2nd typical Finch, in splendid condition, 3rd Siberian Bullie hen, nice feather and size; 4, Gentleman, Hawfinch hen, nice size and feather, in splendid condition and col.; 5, McAulay; 6, C. Duncan. FOR.: 1, spl, Wilson, Swainson's Lorrikeet, beautiful feather and condition; 2, Henderson, Bib Finches, nicely mkd., lovely rich col. and steady, nicely staged; 3, Aitken, Yellow Love Birds (pair), or Budgerigars, a very nice pair, nice pure col. and condition; 4, A. and H. Parker, Foreign Goldfinch, grand size, rich blazes, nice high tone of col.; 5, A. D. Duncan, Ring Parrakeet. SELL. (7s. 6d.): 1, Raine; 2, Marshall; 3, A. D. Duncan; 4, Reid; 5, C. Duncan; 6, Martin.

WEATHERBY.

The Weatherby F.S. held their 15th annual open shown in the Town Hall recently. The room allotted for the cage birds was an ideal one, having plenty of light, and being free from draughts. Mr. Raine makes an ideal secretary, and had his work well under his control. He received capital assistance from his brother fanciers. Entries did not come up to expectations, but the society should have advertised the show in CAGE BIRDS; perhaps another year they may be able to do so. Mr. Robinson won the medal for most points gained in the cage bird section. The awards were placed by Mr. Hewson (York).

YORKS. CL. ETC. (10): 1, Scales, fine size, good back and head; 2, 3, hc, Haines, three very nice birds, good shape and colour; 4, vhc, Robinson, fine bird, but a trifle soft; c, Bell. HEN (6): 1, 4, vhc, Robinson, good trio, lovely quality and shape, well staged; 2, Scales, nice bird, wants a bath; 3, Merrin, very neat damsel; hc, Owen. NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Owen, very nice level team, credit to their owner. BRIT. (14): 1, Wilson, capital Waxwing, shown in splendid style, easy winner; 2, Merrin, Bearded Tit, another capital exhibit, in fine form, good 2nd; 3, Wilson, Goldfinch, good one, wants a wash; 4, hc, Watson; vhc, Winterburn; c, Fozzard. SELL. (9): 1, Scales; 2, Merrin; 3, hc, Winterburn; 4, Coultar; vhc, Rolshaw; c, Wilson.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second members' winter show held on Dec. 7th at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Mr. Matt Broadley adjudicated, and gave general satisfaction, 101 birds being staged. On the whole the exhibits were of excellent quality. Mr. H. Martin won special for best bird in show, and Messrs. H. Martin and Towers tied for most points for cup.

CL., ETC., YELL. 1, sp, H. Martin; 2, Crossland; 3, Long; vhc, J. B. Martin; hc, Dobson; c, Towers. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, 3, J. B. Martin; vhc, Batty; hc, Crossland; c, Briggs. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Towers; 2, Dobson; 3, Grange; vhc, Tillotson; hc, Crossland; c, Hudson. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, H. Martin; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Batty; vhc, Crossland. BUFF: 1, Tillotson; 2, Long; 3, c, H. Martin; vhc, Crossland; hc, J. B. Martin. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, c, H. Martin; 2, hc, Batty; 3, Crossland; vhc, J. B. Martin. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, hc, Martin; 3, Crossland; vhc, Long; c, Dobson. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Grange; 2, vhc, Towers; 3, Long; hc, H. Martin; c, Bradshaw. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Tillotson; 2, Towers; 3, Padgett; vhc, Dobson; hc, Tillotson. HEN: 1, Towers; 2, Padgett; 3, Grange; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Batty; c, Briggs. FOUL MKD. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Robinson; 2, Armstead; 3, Grange; vhc, Tillotson. CL., ETC., CK. (NOVICE): 1, Pearson; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Leighton. HEN: 1, vhc, Leighton; 2, hc, Garnett; 3, Brown and Son; c, Pearson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Brown and Son; 2, Leightou. SELL. CK. (15/-): 1, Parker; 2, Batty. HEN (10/-): 1, Dobson; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Garnett; vhc, Hudson.—J. ROBINSON, Assistant Secretary.

CARMARTHEN.

This show was held on Dec. 16, at the Provision Market. The weather was very wintry, and no doubt affected the attendance to a marked extent. Unfortunately the printer who had the contract for the catalogues of show had a mishap—his machine smashing, the result being that no catalogues were available up to close of show. This means a dead loss to the society, and the officials are to be sympathised with on this account. Mr. F. King (assisted by Messrs. Thomas and Jenkins) makes a capital and hard-working secretary. The classes in most cases contained some good quality specimens, and the winning birds gave the judges difficulty in separating from other good ones. Many leading fanciers attended the show. The cards were placed by Messrs. C. A. House and T. Gamage, both of whom gave satisfaction.

The Canary Classes.

CRESTS, ETC.: 1, Edwards, fine bodied C.B., good entrance and length of feather, wins well; 2, Rogers, very well clothed bird, fine size and quality, correct type; 3, Muscott, plenty of length of feather, stout body, lovely shapely head; 4, vhc, Beaven. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Dummett, splendid typical Nor., wonderful col., fine short flights and tail, put down in good trim; 2, Edwards, large one, not quite so tight in feather, good wings and tail; 3, Portman, neatly feathered, cobby in build, well conditioned, typical; 4, Williams. BUFFS: 1, Jones, large sized one, good head and body properties, very short throughout, well clothed; 2, Punder Bros., fine substance, well braced wings, correct short sided type, silky in feather; 3, Williams, very good type, well filled up body, neat wing and tail carriage; 4, Dummett, very neat specimen, good Nor. stamp. YORKS. YELL (8): 1, Morris, well-known, fine length and carriage, good wings, tail and position hard to beat; 2, Portman, very smart, slim specimen, nicely filled in at neck and shoulders, erect and lengthy; 3, Williams, very tightly feathered, one of good type and position; 4, Thomas; vhc, Jones. BUFF: 1, Morris, good length and position, fine carriage, well braced wings, good fold of tail; 2, Portman, again excellent length and type, well filled in, very smart, sleek appearance; 3 Beaven, good length and type, straight as possible, fine quality feather; 4, Williams; vhc, Beaven. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Thomas, very typical, good wings, neatly folded tail, fine mover; 2, Clee, another well staged bird, well finished off, grand head and neck properties, neatly braced wings; 3, 4, Morris, couple of real good youngsters, rare length and position, feather like boxwood; vhc, Thomas; hc, Williams. A.O.V. YORKS. (3): 1, Portman, typical one of correct shape and style, put down in fine trim; 2, 3, Morris, couple of beauties, plenty of style, well shown. BORD. (5): 1, 2, W. Sampson, pair of neatly clothed ones, fine type, lovely movement, wins in good style; 3, Jenkins, neat model, well cut away, grand wings and tail, well shown; 4, Prosser, beautiful shape and quality of feather, gay movement, neat fit of wings and tail. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 3, Jones; 2, Hudson; 4, Morris; vhc, Bevan. A.V. (LOCAL) (4): 1, 3, Thomas; 2, 4, Bevan.

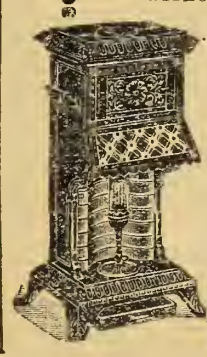
The Remaining Classes.

DK. MULE: 1, 2, R. W. Jones, Linnet and Goldie, rare col. and polish, shown in usual good style; 2, 4, Longden, well known Goldie and Cinn. Greenie, very large, well shown couple, immense for quality and general finish. SELL. 1, Morris; 2, Muscott; 3, Bancroft; 4, vhc, Ray. A.O.V. MULE, ETC.: 1, Shellham, splendid young Goldie, Bullie, fine size shape and col., shows immense blaze of good bright crimson, wins spl. for best bird; 2, Longden, fine exhibit, shows parents to a nicety, well conditioned exhibit. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, 2, 3, T. W. Richards, well-known team, leader fine size of blaze, well cut, sq. as possible, good clear whites, and profusion of tan, wins well; 4, good Jonque buff, teeming with quality of feather, preponderance of rich tan throughout, well polished blaze, in smart form (3), good sq. face of bright red, well polished nice bars, and buttons, good back col.; 4, D. Ray, well shown little Welshman, good cut and col. of blaze, splendid spread of tan, fine wings, bars, and buttons; vhc, Morgan; c, Evans. GOLDFINCH GREYPATE (14): 1, T. W. Richards, fine large bodied one, possessing the necessary points, long, sq. bright blaze, good tails, bars and buttons, and very shapely, good win; 2, Lewis, well up in face col., neatly cut, good body col., and wing mks.; 3, Edwards, neatly contrasted colours, bright face of good polish, fine tannings, neat bars and buttons; 4, Thomas and Jones, good quality, neat face, rich tans; r, Morgan; vhc, Evans; hc, c, Thomas. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Longden, fine cobby Bullie, rare colour a moulted bird, rich velvety black cap, very distinct bars, in beautiful trim; 2, Price, a good stamp of Bully, rare col. on breast, wee bit long sided, will improve with a moult; 3, Evans, neat type and col., very nicely defined cap, well defined bars; 4, Lloyd; vhc, Isaac; hc, Evans. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Bancroft, well-known, fine polish, level colour, good bold carriage and appearance, wins comfortably; 2, Lee, nice sloped one, good colour, nicely fed, deep bars on wings and tail, well staged; 3, Price, very taking one, fine quality and col., very shapely; 4, Johns; vhc, Wilkins and White. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Longden, finely laced Lesser Redpoll, good large distinct bibs, teeming with colour; 2, 3, Bancroft, good quality Linnet lending, well pencilled, level col. in front; 3, Twite, good col., well mkd., close up to leaders; 4, Hughes, Linnet; vhc, Reynolds. SOFT BILL SMALL (3): 1, Jones, Whinchat, real beauty, not a feather out of place, and quite at home, rare col. and polish, very distinct eye and wing markings; 2, Longden, Bramble, fine col. on chest, well spangled on head and thighs, good bars, well shown; 3, Bancroft, Chaffinch, good body col., fine blue on head and neck, full of the necessary polish; 4, Jones, fed Siskin in good feather, good eye mks., well shown bars; vhc, Prosser, Bramble; hc, Price, Reed Bunting; c, Lewis. LARGE (4): 1, Price, noted Thrush in rare form and feather to-day, shows moons on breast, very prominent, fine movement and position; 2, Lee, very good Blackie, fine dense lustrous black throughout, good bill and cere, lovely shaped specimen; 3, Ray, Hawfinch, of decent size and polish, fine col. and bib; 4, Cole, Thrush. FOR. (5): 1, Edwards, gaily col. King Parrakeet, not quite in the form we have seen, looks show-worn, but obviously a good one; 2, Thorne, Yellow Tanager in rare form, well contrasted cols., shown very fit; 3, Davies and Wilkins, White Crested Jay Thrush, in very good feather, behaved rather wildly when inspected; 4, White; vhc, Bevan.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

First annual members' show held in the Primitive Methodist schoolroom on Dec. 11th. Judge, Mr. H. Abbot (Farnworth). Special for most points in show was won by Mr. T. Baxter, total, 50 points; Mr. J. Guy was second, 49 points. Special for most points in British and Foreign classes, Mr. Houghton. There were over 150 entries, and 24 members competed. The secretary (Mr. Baxter) had made excellent arrangements, and everything passed off well.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Baxter, winner cinn. mkd., best Yorks. in show, splendid bird; 2, Glover (Sandford's spl), good bird. BUFF: 1, Glover, nice bird, good feather; 2, Ditchfield, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Lea, grand bird. YELL. HEN: 1, Ditchfield, nice cinn. mkd., straight as a pencil, lovely feather; 2, 3, Boote, 2nd nice bird, shown well, 3rd nice varieg., wee shade thin in neck. BUFF: 1, Ditchfield, splendid hen, wins easy; 2, Lea, good bird; 3, Forster, good bird. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Ditchfield, very good, splendid quality; 2, Boote, well up to first; 3, Baxter, nice bird. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Boote, winner good straight bird, splendid position; 2, Baxter, cinn. mkd., splendid feather. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Forster, good one. NOR., GREEN BUFF: 1, 2, Guy, winner fowl buff, splendid feather and shape. GREEN HEN (1): 1, Baxter, nice bird. NOR. YELL.: 1, Baxter, grand bird, good col.; 2, 3, Guy, well up to 1st; 3, Bigger, but a wee shade rough in feather. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Guy, 1st best Nor. in show, three fine birds, splendid feather, not much to choose between them. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Guy, two very nice exhibits, well shown. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Guy, 1st big hen, heavily varieg., good bird, 2nd nice bird 3rd rather too long. YELL. unflgh.: 1, 3, Guy, two very good exhibits, fine quality; 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, 3, Guy, winner good big bird, splendid quality; 3rd plenty of size; 2, Peck, not far behind 1st. CRESTS AND C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Guy, 1st fine slashing green C.-B., plenty of substance, 2nd Crest hen, good crest, 3rd nice C.-B. hen. A.O.V.: 1, Rone, yell. cinn., 2nd Cook, nice non-fed Nor. MULE: 1, 2, Houghton, 1st winner at Crystal Palace, grand Mule, even mkd. wings, 2nd Siskin-Mule, nice exhibit; 3, Lunt, Linnet-Mule. HYB.: 1, Houghton. SELL. (15s.): 1, Houghton; 2, Baxter; 3, Lea. BROWN LINNET: 1, Houghton; 2, Woods; 3, Peck. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Houghton, 1st very nice Goldie, 2nd Bullfinch, another good bird; 3, Lea, Goldfinch. HARDBILL: 1, Houghton, Greenfinch, splendid bird, good position; 2, Baxter, Bramblefinch, nice exhibit; 3, Bradbury, Green Linnet. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, Boote, very nice exhibit; 2, Baxter, fine bird, heavily varieg.; 3, Jones, nice feather. BUFF: 1, Glover, nice bird, splendid feather and type; 2, Boote; 3, Baxter. UNFLIG.: 1, Glover, heavily varieg., good chest and feather; 2, Baxter, big yell.; 3, Jones, buff. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Ratcliffe, cinn. mkd. hen, well shown; 2, Pye, mkd. on head, nice bird; 3, Waterworth, good col. BUFF: 1, 3, Ratcliffe, grand bird; 2, Capper, yell., cinn. mkd. UNFLIG.: 1, Baxter, cinn. mkd. buff, fine carriage; 2, Sutton, nice bird; 3, Woods. A.O.V.: I, Lunt; 2, Capper.



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The forty-eighth exhibition was held in the Volunteer's Hall on December 18th. The hall was well lighted from the top, and the exhibits were well staged, and could be seen without handling. Owing to the cold weather, many of the exhibits were a little humpy, and would not pull themselves together in time. Mr. Colin W. Paterson, the hon. secretary, worked remarkably well, and had the birds nicely staged, and the cards placed as soon as the award slips were handed in. The hall was packed during the afternoon and evening with visitors, and we had the pleasure of meeting many old fanciers from the surrounding districts. In the Norwich section Mr. Muir won 1st and spl for best Nor., also taking 1st in the hens. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Walsh staged some fine Yorkshires, Mr. Rhodes' cl. yell. won spl for best Yorks., and Mr. Walsh took spl for hens. The Borders were a fine lot, but this section had suffered most from the cold Mr. Massie secured spl for best Border, with his buff cock, a lovely bird. Some grand Mules and Hybrids were benched. Mr. W. McQuiston staged some toppers, and won in both classes. His Lin.-Can. cl. body, even wings won the spl for best Mule or Hybrid. The British birds were in strong force. The Goldfinches and Linnets were a treat to see, and Mr. Hanney's Goldie is a gem with good blaze and beautiful buttons, and of grand condition. Mr. McQuiston benched a pair of clinking Greenies, taking 1st and 2nd with them. Some beautiful Twites, Siskins and Redpolls were to be seen amongst the exhibits, and it took the judge, Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, well into the afternoon before he sent in his awards. The competition was very keen throughout.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (10): 1, spl, Muir, cap and wing, good head, rich col., boxey feather, short wings and tail, buff; 2, McKay, yell. mkd. wing and neck, rich col., full of quality, short and chubby, fine head, well filled neck; 3, c, Mrs. Martin, 3rd buff, good head and neck, boxey feather, short and chubby; hc, J. and A. Tunnock; vhc, Brown. HEN (5): 1, Muir, buff tkd., lovely feather, good head and chest, grand wings and tail, short and chubby; 2, Crawford, variег. full of quality, true Nor. type; 3, Brown, full of quality, good head and neck, nice type; vhc, Devoy; No. 2, four tail feathers out. YORKS. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (14): 1, Walsh, neat head, clean on breast, grand wings, piped tail, lovely quality and position, A1; 2, Rhodes, rich col., full of quality, good head, well braced wings, grand position, fails a trifle in tail, or would be a champion; 3, M'Dougall, very slim, lovely quality, grand wings and tail, fine position; vhc, Walsh; hc, Stewart; c, Paterson. HEN (12): 1, spl best hen, Walsh, grand position, magnificent quality, long flights, well braced, piped tail, good head, rich col.; 2, Paterson, rich col., very typical, lovely quality, wants just a little more training; 3, c, Stewart, wing tkd., very slim and stylish, full of quality; vhc, M'Dougall; hc, Broadley. YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, best Yorkie, Rhodes, position and feather A1, good head, clean on breast, stands on a pair of good legs, well braced wings, piped tail, wins well; 2, Walsh, wing tkd., lovely feather, nice sound col., good wings and tail, neat head; 3, Stewart, unflig., lovely quality, position A1, neat head, piped tail, will make a good one when full moulted; vhc, Paterson; hc, Braidy; c, Broadley. HENS (13): 1, Paterson, unflig col., good head, and clean on breast, graud wings and tail, wants a little more training; 2, Rhodes, rich col., well up on leg, long flights and tail, fails only in throat; 3, Broadley, face col., well up on leg, good flights and tail; vhc, Walsh; hc, Cockburn Dysen; c, Stewart. VARIEG. (5): 1, Walsh, yell. uneven mkd., grand wing carriage, position A1, piped tail; 2, Stewart, buff variег., lovely quality, grand position, long flights and tail, we liked much; 3, Cockburn Dyson, yell., uneven., blaze of col., nice type; vhc, Paterson; hc, Carrick. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Mossie, good head, nice wing and tail, tecuing witb quality; 2, Smillie, nice type, full of quality, well braced wings, piped tail, wec bit wild; 3, Graham, nice type and quality, neat bead, good wings and tail; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Murdoch; c, Findlay. BUFF (15): I, spl for best Border, Mossie, boxey feather, good head, wings and tail, a gem; 2, Walker, neat head, good wings and tail, teeming with quality, true to type; 3, Findlay, capital head, boxey feather, lovely type, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Crosbie; hc, M'Dowell; c, Price. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Findlay, eye and wing magnificent quality, neat, round head, grand wing carriage, nice tail; 2, Hutchison, good neck and wings, boxey, feather; 3, Wright and Harrison, eye, neck and wing, boxey feather, good wing and tail; vhc, Smillie; bc, M'Lachlan; c, Crosbie. BUFF (7): I, Wright and Harrinson, eye and wing, true to type, lovely quality, grand wing carriage, neat round head and tail; 2, Findlay, eye and wing, shade too long, grand carriage, full of quality; 3, M'Lachlan, variег., teeming with quality, good wings and tail, neat bead; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hutchinson; c, Crosbie. A.O.V. (13): 1, vhc, Hainey, 1, variег. Scotch Fancy, full of nerve, grand reach and substance; 2, Hannay, yell. Scotch Fancy, grand reach, full of nerve and substance; 3, vhc, Paton, c, Hunter. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (9): 1, 2, M'Quiston, 1st wiu spl best Mule, Linnet and Can., clean body, even wings, a gem, 2nd Goldie-Bullic, lovely blaze, showing tbe two crosses distinctly, a beauty; 3, Hill, lovely 4-pointed Goldic-Can, lovely condition, very steady; vhc, c, Wilkie; hc, Heron. DARK (9): 1, M'Quiston, Goldie-Can., lovely condition, grand blaze, well staged; 2, M'Nairn Bros., Goldie-Can., rich col. full of quality, not so large as 1st; 3, Sellers, buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Henry; c, Hutchinson. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (20): 1, Hannay, grand blaze, bars and buttons, lovely condition, and very steady, a gem; 2, c, Conkie, 2nd good, deep square cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, a wee bit down at time of judging; 3, vhc, M'Minns Bros., 3rd lovely quality and condition, not quite so full or deep in col. of blaze as wiuner, or as distinct in buttons, very steady; hc, Bell. GOLDIE, FOR. (4): 1, Morton, good blaze and condition, bars and buttons; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Buchanan; vhc, Guthrie. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Woods, good cap, rich col., grand type, shown in the pink of condition, and very steady; 2, Gribbon, rich col., nice cap, fine condition; 3, M'Quiston; vhc, Brown; bc, Wilson; c, Findlay. LINNETS (12): 1, and members' cup, Wason, rich col., good pencilling, fine type, very steady; 2, Roddie, col, nicely pencilled, steady; 3, vhc, M'Quiston; 3rd, lovely type, nicely pencilled, very steady, might bave come up a little higher, we liked; vhc, Jamieson; c, M'Lean. WILD LINNET (not moulted) (11): 1, Cameron, lovely nut-brown, nicely pencilled, very steady; 2, Wason, rich col., well pencilled; 3, Loudon, pencilled, nut-brown, not quite so steady as winner; vhc, Tierney; hc, Stewart; c, Jameson. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, M'Quiston, two gems, lovely col, grand head, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Henry great size and col; vhc, Graham; hc, Barnard; c, Crichton. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Roddie, nice pencilled, and type; 2, Lawson; 3, Gentleman; vhc, Roke; hc, Campbell; c, Crosbie. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Hutchison, Twite; 2, 3, M'Quiston; vhc, Cameron; hc, Martin; c, M'Nairn Bros.; all good birds, well staged. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, 4, M'Quiston; 2, Morton; 3, Mrs. M'Cluny. LARGE BRIT. (3): 1, Millar; 2, M'Quiston; 3, Millar. FOR. (5): 1, Morrison; 2, Irvine; 3, vhc, Sellars; hc, M'Kencll. SELL., 7s. 6d., LINNET (6): 1, Cassidy; 2, London; 3, Cowan; 4, Gentleman; 5, Watson. SELL. (10/-) (12): 1, M'Comb; 2, Paterson; 3, Muir; vhc, M'Kay; hc, Paton; c, M'Quiston. 5/- (5): 1, Cowan; 2, M'Quiston; 3, M'Caw; vhc, Gemmell; hc, J. and A. Tannock. GIFT (6): 1, M'Quiston; 2, 3, Paterson; vhc, Waitt; hc, Cowan; c, Wilson.

ASHFORD.

The six classes provided at this shew held on Dec. 16th were well represented, considering competition was restricted to a radius of 25 miles. Mr. Ricketts won specml for best in show with a clinking good yellow Yorkshire. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. COL.-FED. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, r, vhc, Berry and Mitchell, 1, bonny yell., very level in col.; 2 grand shaped bull, a nice team. NON-FED. (5): 1, 2, 3, Browne, very good trio, winner best shape. YORKS. COL.-FED: 1, spl, 2, Ricketts, 1, good length, straight, nice wing carriage, 2, stands well, good col. and style; 3, r, Graut, long and slim. NON-FED. (9): 1, Ricketts, very stylish and good length; 2, Grant, nice length; 3, r, Olfen, good quality feather; vhc, Jackson. BRIT.: 1, Ricketts, Goldie, grand blaze, nice meons and bars; 2, 3, Berry, very good Chaffinch and Goldfinch respectively. SELL. (10/-): 1, Grant; 2, r, Berry; 3, Offen.

BIDEFORD (North Devon).

A Goldfinch shew was held at the Strand Hall on Dec. 18th, and was a great success. The hall presented quite a lively scene, and many well-known faces were to be seen. The birds were staged in two classes. Mr. C. Short, the hon. secretary, had all the arrangements admirably carried out. Mr. W. Sussex judged.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): Good class: 1, Taylor, real bonny Finch, beautifully finished, well tanned, perfect buttons and moons, lovely wing bars, rare skull and under-blaze, steady as could be; 2, bc, Shadwick, very smart, beautiful rich col. blaze, lovely quality, well buttoned; 3, Taylor, fine shape, large cut blaze, lovely col. and markings; 4, F. Taylor, small, well-defined blaze, rare whites and moons; vhc, Crend, not quite ready; c, Taylor. FIELD-MOULTED (10): A rare class: 1, Harris, topper, all there for size, good bird, bandsome Goldie, wonderful blaze, nice moonings; 2, Pulman, another good size bird, not quite ready, will steady down; 3, Griffiths and Son, nicely made, lovely nutty brown hue throughout; 4, Symons, smal', good faced bird, fine square cut face, in fine bloom; vhc, Paddon, runs former very tight, wee sbade loose in feather.

JERSEY O.S.

The 22nd annual sbow held in the Vegetable Market on December 8th and 9th. The cage birds were judged by Mr. G. H. Billett. There were a fine lot of Yorkshires, many grand birds being staged. The challenge cup for the best team of three was won by a fine trio of ticked buff Yorkshires, shown by Mr. J. L. Le Rossignol, Mr. T. J. Lowen running close with a team of Crests.

YORKS. COL.-FED CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, tbree spls, Bartlett, grand bird, long, good quality, blaze of col.; 2, 3, r, Gellender, nice birds. BUFF (7): 1, Gellender, fine bird, good back and wings; 2, 3, r, Bartlett, tbree nice birds, 2nd runs winner close; 3, hc, Le Rossignol. TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Bartlett, well up on leg; 2, 3, r, Gellender, grand birds again. BUFF (5): 1, 3, r, Le Rossignol, the team winners, nice birds; 2, bc, Bartlett. CL. ETC. HEN (8): 1, 3, vhc, Le Rossignol, winner sweet hen, grand col.; 2, Bartlett, fails only in wings; r, hc, Gellender. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, Harding, fine birds, good quality; r, vbc, Hodgetts. HEN (8): 1, 3, vhc, Le Rossignol, winner sweet hen, 2, 3, r, Harding, nice quality; hc, Perchard. CREST (5): 1, 2, 3, r, Lowen, good crests, well covered; 2, hc, Bray. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, Lowen, nice feather, well shown; r, Bray. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Leslie, wins easy, grand skull. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Leslie, nice hen, wonderful type. MULE, DARK (5): 1, Hodgetts, Linnet-Can., nice quality; 2, Corbin; 3, r, vbc, Benest. LIGHT (5): I, Leslie, nice bird, full of col.; 2, Gellender; 3, Benest; r, Le Feuvre. GOLDFINCHES (12): I, Leslie, good square cut blaze, house-moulted; 2, 3, r, Tostevin, fine birds; vhc, Gellender, Hodgetts; hc, David. FINCHES OR LINNET, A.O.S. (3): 1, Hodgetts, nice Bullfinch, good cap and breast; vhc, Melville. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Melville, nice Tbrush. PARROT (4): 1, Good Green Macaw; 2, 3, Shambrook; r, Turpin. A.O.S. FOR. (2): 1, spl, r, Benest, two groups of Foreign birds, well shown. SELL. (15/-) (2): 1, Gellender; r, Le Rossignol. GIFT (2): 1, spl, Bartlett; r, Le Rossignol.

WOOD GREEN AND DISTRICT F.A.

First annual members' sbow held in the Alexandra Council Schools, Dec. 4. This society, wbich has not been so very long established, bas made a rapid advance in point of membership and of interest. Dr. Corner is the president, and the Association bas influential support. Mr. T. Callegari is tbe bon. secretary, and he bas laboured hard to bring about the success which bas attended the society's career. Tbe entry of cage birds was a good one, and the quality was of a high standard in some sections, even better than that seen at many members' shows of much longer standing. Norwich were a really fine collection. Crests also were good, and to a bird in tbis section, owned by Mr. E. J. Gill, was awarded special for best in sbow, as well as two otbers. Yorksbires were a very fair collection. The birds were comfortably staged, the room being cosy and free from draught. There was a nice attendance of visitors during the evening. Tbe society had got together a nice list of specials for a first event. The other special winners were Messrs. J. Pettitt (3), P. Brooks (2), G. T. Green, H. Clay, J. Griffin, B. Hanson (2), W. Penney, and Pledger. Mr. G. Gardner judged.

NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Griffin; 2, Ayling; 3, Johnson. TKD., BUFF AND UNFLIG. (amalgamated): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Ayling. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Clay. HENS (3): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Griffin. CREST (10): 1, 2, Penney; 3, Clay. C.-B. (5): 1, 2, Pledger. YORKS. YELL (3): 1, Cobden; 2, Hudson. BUFF AND TKD., ETC., BUFF (amalgamated): 1, Clay; 2, 3, Boston. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Boston; 2, Brucc. HENS (2): 1, Clark; 2, Bruce. ROLLERS (1): Lewis. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Griffin; 2, 3, Penney. CHAMP. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Brooks. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Brooks. HENS AND UNFLIG. (amalgamated): 1, 2, Brooks. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Green. BUFF: 1, 2, Green. HENS, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Green. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, Griffin; 2, Johnson; 3, Penney. LINNET (2): 1, Johnson; 2, Hurrell. A.O.S. (2): 1, Groom; 2, Rand. SELL. (15/-) (1): Pettett.

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Club Reports.

PAISLEY AND DISTRICT O.A.

General meeting held on Dec. 18th, in Mrs. Adam Kelly's, 2, St. James' Street, Mr. James Allison presiding. The Treasurer submitted balance-sheet for last show, which, after being criticised as regards certain items, was passed. The members were sorry to see a deficit on the year's working. The meeting agreed to the levy of 1s. on each member to clear off the deficit, the same to be remitted to the secretary, who will acknowledge receipt of same.—JOHN KELLY, sec., 7, Underwood Lane, Paisley.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters Dec. 18th, with a very fair attendance, Mr. D. R. Jones in the chair. The hostess of our headquarters (Mrs. Williams) has presented to the society a handsome silver cup, to be won tbree times (open to the County of Carmarthen). A most hearty vote of thanks was unanimously given to the donor. As the time for our annual show is drawing near, it was passed that no more specials can be allotted in schedule after the next meeting. Exhibitors should note that all our classes are open at our show, and we trust they will give us their hearty support.—D. JOHN, secretary.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held recently at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle. It was proposed by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, and agreed, tbat Dr. Henry become a member. Mr. Taylor proposed that Mr. Shepherd give a few remarks on Light Mule breeding. The speaker related some very interesting incidents, which opened a long discussion. Messrs. Robson and McKenzie also gave their views. Proposed by Mr. Taylor, and seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that we hold a table show at our next meeting, and that it be held in conjunction witb the Northern Y.C.C.; which was agreed to, the following classes to be provided: Linnet, Greenfinch, Hen Finch or Bunting, fieldmoulted, Foreign, and A.S. that has never won a money prize, Mr. J. Maddison, judge. A hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman, Mr. Shepherd, brought a very interesting meeting to a close.—J. BERTRAM, sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held on Dec. 4th at the Old Boar's Head, Middleton. Only a moderate attendance of members put in an appearance, Mr. John Swalwell in the chair. A fair amount of correspondence was gone through. It was decided to leave the allotting of tbe Toronto silver medals over till next season, as most of our cup shows are completed; that special given by Mr. Vickers for best Lancashire be given to Mr. Adams, Mr. Hardy not being a member. Mr. Dewsnap wins Ramsden's special at Horticultural Hall, and also silver medal given by Mr. J. Rukin, for best bird shown by a novice. Next meeting will be at Manchester on Jan. 8th, to thoroughly tbrash a question out relating to one of the members. A bearty vote of thanks to Mr. Swalwell for so ably presiding brought the meeting to a close. Challenge cup and medals, points to date: Lancashires: Champions: W. Adams 111, W. Lee 67, J. Vickers 40, J. Oldbam 33 points. Novice: A. Hordern 41, and W. Ridgard, 11 points. Lizards: Champions: J. Dewsnap 170, J. Rukin 154, J. Hampshire 113, and W. R. Barnes 81 points. Novice: W. Dewsnap 61, A. Martin 31, J. Lee 30, A. Bosworth 3, W. Bacon 2, and B. Salway 2 points.—J. RUKIN, hon. sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The specials offered by tbe club have been won as follows:—N.P.C. cup and medal, J. E. Davies, 85 points; medal for runner-up, T. Seed, 73 points; tea urn, presented by J. E. Davies, Esq., J. and J. Hopkins, 74 points; J. Trengove 56, S. Cook, 56; Ramsden's 32s. tea pot, T. Seed, 67 points; J. Trengove, 56 points; Mr. Aitchinson's special, H. F. Marsh, 38 points; W. Cundiff, 33; money specials at Burnley, Rochdale, Pendleton, Birmingham, and Gateshead, Messrs. Crimes, Hayburst, Trengove, Seed, and Sandiford; gold medal for best bird in champion section at Pendleton Club Show, Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor; Toronto medal for best bird opposite colour, T. Sandiford; money specials for best birds at club show, Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor, J. E. Davies, H. F. Marsh, S. Cook, R. W. Mercer, and J. Trengove. Amateur prizes: Tea pot, coffee pot, and cream jug for first, second, and tbird most points gained by an amateur at cup shows, C. Sutton, 41 points; W. Cundiff, 33; and J. Oliver, 26; bound volume for most points gained by an amateur in hen classes at club sbow, presented by Mr. F. Carl, proprietor of "Cage Birds," G. Deveril; gold medal for best bird shown by an amateur at club show, Mr. H. Peak; money prizes for best birds at club show in amateur section, Messrs. H. Peak, W. Cundiff, C. Oliver, G. T. Fletcher, and E. Sutton (2). On behalf of the committee, I beg to give the best thanks of tbe club to all donors to the special prize fund, and the donors of special prizes. I should be much obliged if those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions would do so before December 31st, as I want to get revised list of members out as soon as possible after, and bave books, etc., audited.—JNO. HOPKINS, bon. sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The gratifying number of 45 members attended the meeting held Dec. 13th at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, to do honour to that brilliant and accomplished fancier, Mr. J. S. Clarke. Although the Crest and crest-bred breeders are at the present time in the minority, there were no less than 25 of tbat variety staged for a judging competition, and for tbe purpose of welcoming Mr. Clarke as the final judge. With Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair, letters were read from Mr. F. W. Thorpe (tendering his resignation), Mrs. Barker (giving an intensely interesting account of her feathered pets), and Mr. J. Radford (giving an explanation of a special prize). A resolution was moved by Mr. P. Adamthwaite, seconded by Mr. Prance, and supported by Mr. G. Pile, that the secretary be directed to interview Mr. Thorpe, with a view to inducing him to reconsider his decision. The Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Mr. B. Pankhurst, and Mr. B. Thrower were elected members, and Mr. W. Clark was nominated for membership, and prize money won at the recent show was awarded, also special prizes. Twelve diplomas and six silver and plated cups were presented by the chairman. There being ties for three splendid prizes, it was decided to draw for tho same, viz.: Mrs. Weston and Mr. W. Francis (Wyse Cup), Messrs. W. Shepherd and E. C. Offord (2s. 6d.), Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. J. Buckman (2s. 6d.). Silver and plated cups were promised by Messrs. R. L. Crisp, R. J. Watts, A. J. A. Marley, and V. Wynn, the same being enthusiastically thanked. The nomination of officers for 1910 was then taken, also judges for the pair show on Jan. 29th, viz., Messrs. R. L. Crisp, T. Heath, J. S. Clarke, G. E. Weston, J. Robson, and C. A. House. Upon a vote being taken, Mr. J. Robson (with 20 votes) and Mr. J. S. Clarke (with (19) were elected to be submitted to the members. A collection was made on behalf of Mr. Gardner's "Old Folks' Fund," which realised £1. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Shepherd for the use of the Council Chamber for the year, and also to Mr. H. Dickinson for defraying the cost of filling in the diplomas. The Crest and crest-bred competition then took place, with three champions, nine amateurs, and twenty novices taking part. There were two classes, viz., 13 Crests and 12 crest-breds. The closing time having been reached, Mr. Clarke, unfortunately, was prevented from making any general remarks, but confined himself to explaining his reasons for placing his awards, and answering questions, which he did with consummate skill. For making the most entries Messrs. H. W. Dickinson and E. C. Offord were each presented with half a peck of canary seed. A hearty vote of thanks was enthusiastically accorded to Mr. Clarke for his kind services, which was acknowledged in generous terms, including the splendid classes before him and the number of members present. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—VICTOR WYNN, hon. sec.

LEITH O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, on Dec. 11, the president, Mr. J. Hendry, in the chair. The financial report was considered highly satisfactory, and showed the society to be in a flourishing condition. The retiring officebearers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. Lumsden as vice-president. It was agreed to hold a table show and judging competitions on Feb. 11. A motion was also carried that the society be open to fanciers residing within a radius of 12 miles. Eleven new members were proposed and admitted, bringing the total up to 53, with the promise of a good many more. Fanciers are invited to become members, as this is the only society in Leith which provides classes for all the different varieties. Anyone desirous of joining may obtain full particulars if they communicate with me.—GEORGE BROWN, I, Coalhill, Leith.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A highly successful dinner (incidentally the first) was held at the Constitutional Club on Dec. 14th, when between 40 and 50 fanciers of both sexes gathered, and it was decided to make it an annual event. Amongst those present were Mr. and the Misses Mallett, Mr. and Miss Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Horsup, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Shankley, and Messrs. B. F. Forse, A. B. Forse, Rhodes, Carr, White, Wallace, Stevens, Tringham, Billingsley, Marley, Teasdale, and many others whose names I did not get. It had been arranged that Mr. Robson should preside, but to the regret of all a wire was received from him announcing his inability to keep the engagement. At the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. B. F. Forse), and readily acclaimed by all, Mr. J. S. Clarke was elected to take the chair, and a good start was made. The viands soon spoilt the appetites of the diners, but nothing could have spoilt the harmony that prevailed from start to finisb; it might have been one big family party, and a happy family, too. The room in which it was held measured some 60ft. by 30ft. (originally the dining room of a grand old mansion). Only one man could sit for any length of time at the end of the table nearest tbe fire, namely the hon. secretary (Mr. B. F. Forse), who did justice to his dinner, and seemingly revelled in a scorch at tbe same time. Five minutes' interval sufficed to clear the tables, and as if by magic a well-appointed stage and piano made its appearance. "Where is the programme?" quotb the Chairman. "Make it yourself," said the "forceful" bon. sec. Mr. J. S. C., who was in his very best form, rose to the occasion, and having tbe reins he never permitted the pace to slacken from start to finish. Mr. Councillor Smitb, a vice-president and a generous patron of the Association, having to leave immediately after the dinner to attend a Council meeting, expressed his delight at having been able to attend, and promised continued and hearty support. The Chairman announced that all the gentlemen must sing one song and all the ladies two songs. And they did it, and what's more gaily doubled the quantity asked for. During the evening the toasts of the "Fancy Press," "The Ladies," "The Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. and Kindred Societies" were ably proposed and replied to. Mr. Rhodes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, who suitably replied, and to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," a thoroughly enjoyable evening came to a close.—J. A. BARTLETT.

Singing Contests.

HINCKLEY,

Usual contest for Linnets held at White Hart, when 16 birds sang for the usual prizes. Some good singing was heard. Result: 1, Garner; 2, Growdridge; 3, Moore. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Leason. Timekeeper, Mr. Moore. Open to all England contest on Dec. 27, at 10.15 a.m.—THOS. TOWERS, sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest held Dec. 19th, when 15 birds sang for three prizes: 1. Soloman; 2, Chippindale; 3, Binns. Judges, Messrs. Hineson and Towers. Also a Canary contest on Dec. 19th, when 14 birds sang: 1, Askham; 2, Baxter; 3, Jowett. Judges, Messrs. Binns and Towers.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, on Dec. 19th, when 15 birds were bung. 1st, Ward; 2nd, Shirkell; 3rd, shared between Ward and Green. Judges, Messrs. Gally and Pease.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., Dec. 18th. I, Hardcastle; 2, Sissons; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Sellers. Also on Dec. 19th. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Melia. also Canary contest; result: 1, Rowe; 2, Green; 3, Stead. Judges, Summers and Naylor.—W. NAYLOR, hon. sec.

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HALIFAX Show, held on Friday and Saturday last, was a great success. The members had gone in for a good, generous classification, and had the very gratifying experience of breaking all records for Yorkshire Union shows. They had secured the patronage of all the specialist clubs of the West Riding, and therefore absolutely the cream of the Fancy was on view. It is rare indeed that fanciers have the opportunity of visiting such a show within a reasonable distance, and they turned up in full force to take the chance whilst there.

UNFORTUNATELY, on the Friday the weather-clerk was in a bad mood, and withheld as much daylight as possible, which made judging very difficult. But on the Saturday it was somewhat pleasanter, in the evening turning to a crisp frost, making the carrying home of cases (especially those that held winners), a light task.

BY the time these lines appear we shall be within a few hours of Christmas, and fanciers will be preparing for their members' shows. A great many are to be held on Monday (Boxing Day), amongst others Leeds, Keighley, Gt. Horton, Wibsey and Skelmanthorpe. So fanciers will not miss their weekly "day out" (there being no open show during the week-end). I wish all a merry Christmas.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Scottish National (S.P.C.C., S.C.C., N.C.C., B.F.C.C., S.N.P.C., Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., U.K.B.C.A., L. and L.F.A., G.C.A., N.B.B. and M.C., S.B.B. and M.C. and F.B.C.), Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Corn Exchange, Grass Market, Edinburgh. Judges, Messrs. Booth (Nor.), A. Watson (Nor.), T. Taylor (Crests), R. Wright (Scots), J. Elder (Scots and Belg.), J. Robson (Greens, Yorks., Cinn, and Liz.), J. Patterson and J. W. Bruce (Bord.), J. Dixon (Mules and Brit.), C. T. Maxwell (Brit. and For.), J. Goodfellow (Brit. and For.), and T. Arnot, ex. stock). 128 open classes: Nor. 19 (1 pair and 4 limit), Nor. Greens 4, Crest 10 (3 limit), Scot. 10 (2 limit), Belg. 3, Bord. 19 (1 limit), Cinn. 2, Yorks. 6, Yorks. Greens 4, Liz. 4, A.V. Can. limit 1, Mule 9 (1 limit), Brit. 23 (1 Sell), For. 9, Juvenile Brit. 1, Ex. Stock 1, Gift 1, and Hyde's 2. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, many cups and spls. galore. Entry fee 2/-. Entries close Dec. 25 to J. WINTER, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.

Dawley, Jan. 11, Lord Hill Hotel. Judge, Mr. H. Tams; 8 open (to six miles radius) classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Jan. 4, to URBAN CALLEAR.

Broadstairs, Jan. 6 and 7, Assembly Rooms, Victoria Parade. Judge, Mr. T. Taylor. 25 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 1, Yorks: 3, Pairs 1, Non-fed Can. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/3. Entries close Dec. 28, to O. H. SPAIN.

Dalbeattie, Jan. 1, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. A. M'Meeking. 18 open (to Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, and Wigtown) classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 25, to G. C. ROBERTSON.

Plumstead and Woolwich (C.B.U., K.C.B.A., and Lond. Fed.), Jan. 6 and 7, Trinity Schools, Beresford Square, Woolwich. Judge, Mr. Robson. 50 open classes: Nor. 10 (3 novice), Yorks: 10 (3 novice), Crest 3, Bord. 3, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 11, For. 4, Sell. 4, and 39 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many valuable spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Jan. 3, to PAWLEY and NEWNHAM, 13, Olven Road, Plumstead.

Wishaw, Jan. 1, Factory Bldgs. Judges, Messrs. A. S. Nisbet and J. M'Lay. 23 open classes: Scot. 4, Nor. 4, Crest 2, Bord. 5 (1 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 27, to W. H. LIVINGSTON, 28, Kennedy Street.

Burry Port (C.B.U.), Jan. 4, Copper Works School. Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks: 3, Bord. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell. 1, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 27, to E. J. MAUNDER, New Street.

Yarm, Eaglescliffe (Y.C.B.B. and M.C.), Jan. 8, Central Hall, Yarm. Judges, Messrs. T. Hill and C. Houlton. 28 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Mule 2. Brit. 10, For. 2, Gift 1, and 18 members. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Jan. 4, to WILKINSON AND DANBY, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees.

Hertford (C.B.U.), Jan. 12 and 13, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. Robson. 15 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Roller 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 29, to F. LOOKER, "Dunnroyd," Ware Road.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 25.—**Guisborough.**—R. Mays, 58, Bolchow St.
Dec. 25.—**Paisley.**—A. M. Baird, 23 Neilston Road.
Dec. 25.—**Waunarlwydd.**—J. Walters, Mynydd, Bach-y-Glo.
Dec. 25.—**Kilmarnock.**—J. Blane, 10, Hill Street.
Dec. 27.—**Dunfermline.**—J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.
Dec. 28.—**Carlisle.**—W. H. Wright, London Road.
Dec. 28.—**Plymouth.**—W. E. Chapple, 4, Robins Cottages, York Street.
Dec. 28 (1st post).—**Bolton R.C.S.**—W. Massey, 105, Oxford Grove.
Dec. 28.—**Broadstairs.**—O. H. Spain.
Dec. 29.—**Hertford.**—F. Looker, "Dunnroyd," Ware Road.
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Jan. 1.—**Frizington.**—D. Bell, 7, Main Street.
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw.**—Jas. Watson, 16, Young Street.
Jan. 1.—**Dalbeattie.**—G. C. Robertson.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 25.—**Scottish National.**—J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.
Jan. 2 (1st post).—**Burry Port.**—E. J. Maunders, New Street.

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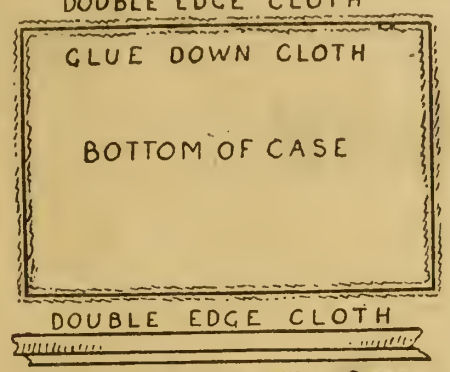
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No. 372.
A Pad For Travelling Cases.
Sent by Mr. W. M. Thomson, Eastgate. Moffat.

I forward you an idea, which I have on my travelling cases, and which saves the birds many a bump and shock on their way to shows, and also has the advantage of saving the case from chipping. First, cut a piece of cloth one and a quarter inches wide, from any old garment. Cut enough to go round bottom of case.

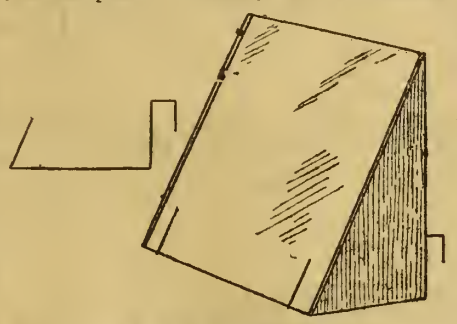


A "Buffer" for Travelling Cases.

Now double the material over, so that one is a quarter of an inch narrower, and stitch it to keep it in place. The double piece of cloth is brought to the edge of case—a little over the edge is better, with the narrow part underneath. Put a tack here and there, till you have been round the case, then glue the single part of cloth to case, and the pad is complete. The sketch will help anyone to understand.—W. M. THOMSON.

No. 373.
A Handy Seed-box Fastener.
Sent by Mr. W. H. Symes, 28, Back Lane, Bradford.

Below I give a sketch of a fastener for a seed-box, which I hope will be of use to many of your readers. All you have to do is to secure two pieces or ordinary wire, long enough



A Hopper Holder.

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*The Tame Canary.

There was an elderly lady who had a Canary. At first it was very wild, but she was kind to it till it got quite tame, and would come out of its cage. When she was having her dinner it would come on the table to have something to eat. Then it would hop back again into its cage.—Sent by Frank Kilner (age 8), 387, Revidge Road, Blackburn.

**Found, Fed and Freed.

One day in the springtime I went for a walk up a lane in Oxford, and I found a nest with five eggs in it. I went up every two days after. In a fortnight I found a young bird in it. It was feathered four days after. We brought it up on soaked bread and seed. It feeds itself now, and I like it very much. It is still alive, but it is in a wild state of nature now. It is a Hedge Sparrow.—Sent by Henry Handy (age 9), 58, Helen Road, Oxford.

*The Fate of the Greenfinch.

One day, while taking a walk through the fields I espied a pair of large Hawks circling in the air, when all of a sudden they both shot down in the high hedge where some Greenfinches had perched. One of them mounted into the air with a yellow cock in his claws, the other Hawk following, and then a terrible battle ensued in midair, the feathers flying in all directions, the Hawks finally parting with a piece each.—Sent by Alfred Arthur Darby (age 11), 149, Lyng Lane, West Bromwich.

The Bird in Legend, Lore and Reality.

By REGINA M. BLOCH.

(*Continued from page* 548.)

Shakespeare makes mention of the Phœnix on several occasions. Possibly the immortal bard also credited the story with veracity, as not alone the Phœnix, but the griffin and the unicorn, too, were regarded as actually living creatures by Elizabethan naturalists.

An old Greek King named Picus was changed into a Woodpecker by Circe, according to myth, and from the flames of Ardea, a burning town, the Heron is said to have arisen, which melancholy bird haunts the "Song of Hiawatha."

The birds known to lore as Memnonides were believed to have been created from the ashes of Aurora's son, Memnon, whom Homer mentions in "The Iliad." The daughters of Anius were transformed into Doves and Periclymenus, the brother of the Argive hero, Kestor, became an Eagle, which bird was dedicated to Jupiter, because it could fly higher than any other feathered creature, was supposed to be unharmed by lightning, and could look into the sun without blinking.

The mention of an Eagle evermore reminds me of the weird fairy-child in W. B. Yeats' poignant little play, "The Land of Heart's Desire," who declared herself to be "older than the Eagle, that blinks and blinks on Ballygawley Hill, and he is the oldest thing under the moon." Coyx, the monarch of Claros, having been drowned, his wife Halcyone was so grieved at his death that the pitying deities metamorphosed them both into Kingfishers, and they were again united in that form. The sea was always believed to be calm when the female Kingfisher was sitting, from which the superstition the popular phrase of "Halcyon days" has its rise.

Among other Greek fables Cæneus was changed into a bird, Daedalion into a Hawk, Æsacus into a Sea-bird, known as the "Didapper," Skylla and her purple-locked father King Nisus into birds, Perdix into a Partridge, Ascalaphus into an Owl, and the Sirens into half-birds.

The Nightingale and the Swallow were once two sisters named respectively Philomela and Progne, and were changed into these birds for slaying Progue's child, Itys, a fable to which Æschylus refers in "Agammemnon, and which Swinburne has adorned with some exquisite stanzas.

A Vulture devours the liver of Prometheus, and the Raven was originally white according to the Greek story. This latter bird seems to have possessed an unusual fascination for the poets, and not alone did Edgar Allan Poe write his divinely melodious poem, "The Raven," concerning it, but Heinrich Heine also embodied it in a part of one or two poems. Heine besides this produced some verses on a Seagull, whilst Tennyson glorified both the Owl and the Blackbird. The Greeks believed the Magpies to have originally been some presumptuous maidens who dared to compare themselves with the Muses, and were changed by them in punishment.

Geese were venerated by the Romans since their startled flocks once aroused the sleeping guardians of the Capitol by their chattering when it was beset by the Gauls. The Goose is really a far more intelligent bird than it is vulgarly thought to be, and I have often seen a Geese-herd in a Bohemian village, go off with a boon companion, and leave the Geese to their own devices, upon which the birds would wheel round like a regiment of soldiers and go home all by themselves amid much clamour and tribulation; although they never seemed to dream of going in at any other door but the right one, before which they would stop and plead admittance in an unmelodious chorus.

King Solomon who, like the Anglo-Saxon Singurth, understood the language of birds said that every bird-cry was either a praise to the Creator or an adjunction to remember Him. That wise King was also credited with always keeping a Peewit with him, as this bird was supposedly able to look through the earth as through a sheet of glass, and could therefore tell the sovereign where treasures and springs were hidden within our mother earth's breast.

According to the Assyrians, the chiefs of Hell were like birds, and covered with feathers.

The Indians love the Persian Bulbul and the Kokali, and the Egyptians once worshipped the grey and very filthy Ibis, a bird suggestive of tombs and pyramids, whilst their sun-god Ra, was pictured with the head and beak of a Parrot.

The Peacock, as before remarked upon, was the sacred bird of Juno, who is fabled to have placed the hundred eyes of the watchful Argus in its tail, after he was slain by Mercury. Curiously enough, the Peacock's beautiful feathers are ever regarded as unlucky by the superstitious. Buddha caressed a wild Swan when it was wounded by his cousin Devadatta whom Professor Rhys Davids calls the Judas Iscariot of Buddhism and in Sir Thomas Malory's "Noble History of the Court of King Arthur," Merlin once appeared in a magic guise with a brace of wild Geese in his hand.

The Arabs cherish the odd fable that the Ostrich hatches its eggs by merely looking at them. These people also have a bird they call the Abmelee or eater of locusts. This Abmelee only appears (according to tradition) when it is cajoled in the following fashion: When the locust plague distresses the agriculturists, it may be stopped by fetching a pitcher of water from a certain fountain near the city of Cuerch in Persia, whose water possesses miraculous properties. This pitcher, if carried in the open air, without passing through house or vault appears to prove a Pied Piper of Hamelin to the birds, for it will be followed by feathered creatures "in great flocks of a red and black colour," which fly and cry after the men who carry the water from the fountain and come to the place whereon it is fixed, which is usually one of the spots which the locusts are beleaguering, when the birds will destroy them all. If the water, however, be lost or spilt, the birds will disappear immediately.

The Emperor Charles of Spain once left his tent standing in the camping-place because a Swallow had built its nest upon it, and the great German statesman Bismarck was fond of the Plover, of whose eggs he received whole parcels on his birthdays, whilst the late Pope Leo loved the feathered inhabitants of his Vatican garden. The Red Indians called the Seagulls "Kavoshk," or "the Noble Scratchers," since they clawed an opening for the legendary hero, Hiawatha, to escape by, when he was swallowed like a second sort of Jonah, by a giant sturgeon. Seagulls, according to the ancient Scandinavians, were the souls of the dead sea-kings, which I think a truly lovely poetical superstition.

Penguins always strike me as being most weird birds, and whenever I have seen them on Arctic photographs, stalking upright in long processions amid the snow, it invariably seems to me as if they were a strange race of half-men, wrapped in dark mantles and full of the mysteries of the great unexplored Northlands, which probably lie beyond the farthest and frozen Arctic chains.

TWO CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Prize for Birdie Artists.

Our Front Page last week was designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of half-a-guinea (10/6) for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Monday, January 3rd next. The medium to be employed is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, wherever possible, and have the sender's name and address written on the back. The whole of the front page should be coloured, not merely the frontispiece alone.

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

For all to Answer.

Half-a-crown will be paid to the reader who sends us the best answer on a postcard to any of the appended questions (that is, four half-crowns in all).

We ask competitors to adhere strictly to the following simple rules:—

1.—Answers must be written clearly on post cards only, with name and address at bottom and number of query at top.

2.—Each answer must be written on a separate post card.

3.—Answers must be written on one side of the post card only.

4.—All answers must be received by Thursday's post, December 30 next.

We should like competitors to understand that length of answer of itself will not count; nor will mere brevity. The point and pithiness of the answer and its general helpfulness (where possible) to novices are the main things to be considered.

The Questions.

1. What new variety of Canary ought breeders to strive for?
2. What British bird is best for the beginner—and why?
3. Is cage or aviary the best for Hybrid breeding purposes—and why?
4. What foreign bird makes the best ladies' pet—and why?

In both competitions entries are accepted only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be final.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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Poultry, Pigeons and CAGE BIRDS, **JAN. 12 and 13.** C.B.U rules. **Judge, J. Robson, Esq.,** 15 Classes—Specials each class (guaranteed). Yorks, Norwich, Crests, Rollers, A.O.V. Canary, Mule or Hybrid, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin Redpole, or Twite, A.O. Seedeater, A.V. Insectivorous, Foreign, Selling **20/-. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** fee **1/6. Entries close December 29. F. LOOKER, Hertford, Herts.**

NORTHALLERTON FANCIERS Sat., JAN. 22nd.

BROTTON Fanciers' Society's Annual Show, Jan. 22nd, 1910.

Of Rbts., Pgns. and C.B. Judges, T. J. Ambrose and R. Cockburn. Full classification on **Jan. 14th, 1910.** Schedules now ready, **W. J. Beaglehole, Sec., 4, Broadbent Street, Brotton, Yorks.**

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of Cage Birds on **Jan. 22, 1910.** Judges—Canaries, (22 classes), John McLay Kirkintillock; British Birds (17 classes), R. V. Raine Cathcart. Prize Money—**9/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee **1/6.** Cups, Medals, Specials, GALORE. —Schedules from **JAMES DOW, Junr., Hon. Secretary, Auchterarder.**

The Crested Canary Club.

Will C.C.C. members bear in mind that the "Roberts" Silver Challenge Cup is offered for competition at the Scottish National,—J. S. CLARKE, hon. sec.

Canaries Set Free.

It is reported by the daily Press that a large case containing over a hundred Canaries was smashed by falling from a cart outside the railway station at Stettin (Germany), and all the birds escaped.

Utrecht Show.

The two photographs of Utrecht Show which appeared in our last issue were the work of that talented and versatile artist, Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton, whose skill in brush and pencil has on so many past occasions given pleasure to our readers.

Liverpool to Edinburgh.

A few Liverpool fanciers are running a saloon to the Scottish National Show, writes Mr. V. H. Deacon (21a, Exchange Station, Liverpool). Will anyone in Lancashire or Cheshire who would care to join the party please communicate with me?

Was it a Cuckoo Clock?

I should like to ask lovers of bird life if they have ever known the Cuckoo to have been heard at this time of the year, writes Mr. J. Day (Swanage) to the "Dorset County Chronicle," on December 7th last. I heard it quite distinctly about quarter to eight on Thursday morning. I was riding my bicycle along the Ulwell Road when I heard the Cuckoo in a tree in the field on my left calling "Cuckoo" quite twenty times. No doubt some of your readers will laugh, but I can assure them my statement is quite correct. The notes were not quite so clear as one hears in the spring, being rather more hoarse, but they came from a Cuckoo right enough.

A Correction.

The letter in our last issue headed "Alleged Mix-up of Awards at Margate Show," should in reality have been entitled (as the context clearly indicates) "at Ramsgate Show." We have to tender our apologies to the officials of the Margate Show for this regrettable confusion of names by our printer. The secretary of the Isle of Thanet F.S. (Mr. S. C. Boncey), who promotes the Margate Show, to be held on Jan. 26 and 27 next, writes: "My society has always held a name for straightforward dealing, and testimonials in my possession will answer for same." We may point out, however, that no question of "straightforward dealing" was involved, and so far as Margate Show is concerned, we have never heard any reflection cast upon its good name.

Our Xmas Competitions.

We have received one or two answers in our Query Competition of last week, which do not conform to the rules by being written on a postcard. Competitors must adhere strictly to the rules; replies sent other than on the back of a postcard cannot compete. Remember that the closing date is Thursday next, December 30th.—In the Painting Competition all efforts must reach us by Monday, January 3rd.—Our Literary Competition promises to be a highly popular one, and we hope all our readers will put part of their holiday leisure to profitable use by penning their experiences in the hobby, and endeavouring to help young beginners; also to annex a prize. There is no limit—a reader with the essential all-round knowledge can send in an article for all five sections. Then there is the handsome original painting of birds, value £4 4s., which awaits the writer of the essay adjudged the best over all those sent in. This competition remains open until January 24th next. Full particulars of all three competition will be found on another page.

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Twitterings.

This year more than ever we have received a huge number of seasonable messages from readers conveying in the kindliest terms their appreciation of CAGE BIRDS and its efforts to cater for their hobby. We take this opportunity to most heartily reciprocate the good wishes expressed towards our journal and its staff. The continued growth of CAGE BIRDS, with its ever-widening circle of readers—the past year has been one of gratifying progress in every direction—we are keenly sensible is due to its many old and valued friends, with their good-will towards and affectionate regard for their journal, and the tolerant eye turned upon any shortcomings of ours. We wish readers the world over

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Leeds Cage Bird Society.—See Club Notices column.—(ADVT.)

Mr. Bullough, we hear, won special for most points at the recent Southport Show, and not Mr. Walsh, as reported.

Our annual show, writes Mr. C. W. Law, hon. secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S., was financially a great success.

Mr. W. P. Barnes, the well-known cage bird judge, has, we hear, removed from Launder Terrace to 23a, London Road, Grantham.

Uddingston report credits McQuiston with 4th prize in the Linnet class, whereas I won that honour.—S. WILLIAMS (Burnbank).

Guisborough Show, January 1st. Splendid prize list and specials. Entries close December 25th, to R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.—(ADVT.)

Class 38 in our schedule should read: "Variegated or Dark Mulo or Hybrid," writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary of the Carlisle and District C.B.S.

Entries for Dunfermline Show close on December 27th. Lose no time, but send your entries to the secretary, J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.—(ADVT.)

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. NORTH (Reading).

It is with the deepest regret that we learn from his daughter of the demise, after a very short but painful illness, of that old and widely-esteemed fancier Mr. J. North (Reading). Only some few days ago Mr. North was officiating as judge at one of our shows, and the absence of any knowledge concerning his illness serves to deepen the shock occasioned by the suddenness of his passing away. Mr. North has been connected with CAGE BIRDS from its very earliest days, and his work in its pages, and also his work for the Fancy at large, redounded infinitely to his credit, and made for him a host of friends, even though to many of them he was known only by name. Our "Post-Mortem" column has been under Mr. North's charge, and he discharged this task with ability. In our next issue we shall hope to give a more adequate sketch of Mr. North's long and interesting career in the Fancy. He was in his fifty-ninth year, and passed away on the evening of Dec. 19th last. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and relatives.

The 2nd bird in the Green or Cinnamon Border Class, at Gateshead Show, should read in the report Millington and not Milligan.—JOHN W. MILLINGTON (Cockermouth).

The Border City (Carlisle) O.S. are holding a members' show at headquarters on December 27th, when 21 classes are being provided, and Messrs. Dolan and G. Davidson will judge.

The Guisborough and District "Priory" C.B.S. entry forms arrived too late from the printers, so will fanciers send their entries on, and we will classify them all right.—R. MAYS, hon. secretary.

Our entries are practically nil, and we are bound to extend to Thursday, December 30th; so that all bearing that date will be in time.—J. WALTERS, hon. secretary, Waunarlwydd P.P. and Cage Bird Society.

I have received a communication from Mr. J. Fletcher, with no further address (but post mark Wolverhampton), writes Mr. E. E. Pass (Hucknall). If he will send his address I shall be pleased to attend to his requirements.

Exhibitors should not overlook the annual show of the Wishow O.S., to be held on January 1st, in the Factory Buildings. Twenty-three classes are provided for cage birds, and Messrs. A. S. Nisbet and J. M'Lay are the judges appointed.

Of the many rarities in the Foreign bird classes at the recent Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show, we are informed that the majority were originally imported by that well-known firm, Messrs. De Von and Co., Ltd. (Bethnal Green Road, London, E.).

Line 46 of my letter, on page 565 last week, should read, "I prefer biscuit and bread" (not egg and bread), writes Mr. A. Brown (Wood Green). This is to stop the egg food being too wet, and, besides, it is not too dry, as when made with all biscuit.

I have moulted 24 British birds this year, including 12 Goldies, and have not lost a feather, as the saying goes. Needless to say CAGE BIRDS had something to do with this, as I used to lose birds in considerable numbers, and more quickly than I could buy them. I never miss "C.B." on a Friday night.—J. SCOTT (Gateshead-on-Tyne).

We have again extended our classification in some of the sections, writes Mr. Jas. Winter, secretary, Scottish National Show, notably the Foreign Birds Section, in which the awards will be placed by that well-known expert, Mr. C. T. Maxwell (London). Preparations for the show are completed, and we now appeal to all fanciers to second our efforts by sending us a record entry.

I am sorry to say that I shall have to discontinue my advertisements for a few weeks, writes Mr. H. Orford, bird cage manufacturer (Eccles, Manchester). I have had a fire in my workshop which has done a good deal of damage, but fortunately it has not touched my boards. I hope customers who see this will kindly excuse any delay in the delivery of orders. I hope to be able to get in working order in a week or two.

The "Ever-ready Movable Bracket" (as advertised in our columns) is, we hear, meeting with great success, and quite superseding the old-fashioned method of hanging up cages by means of nails, chains, and the like. It is certainly a most ingenious appliance, and simple and thoroughly satisfactory in use, while an improvement, which obviates all possibility of friction on the suspending wire, has now been made, giving practically ever-lasting wear.

To Advertisers and Readers.

We have been regretfully compelled to hold over a large number of small prepaid advertisements from the present issue, owing to the senders' neglecting, or overlooking, our notices in the last issue that all matter for this week must reach us on the Monday (owing to the holidays necessitating publication one day earlier than usual). All these advertisements will duly appear next week, and we ask those who find their announcements omitted from the current number to kindly accept this explanation of their non-appearance.

Many letters, show and club reports have also had to be held over a week for the same reason.

Our entries closing date is January 3rd and not as stated in our schedule, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. Also classes 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 are for 1909 birds only. We are giving good classes for British and foreign birds, and are hoping exhibitors of these birds will support us. The Mayor of Woolwich has consented to open the show on the first day, and several extra specials are coming to hand.

I notice in your excellent report of the L.C.B.A. show, several inaccuracies, owing, I fancy, to mistakes in placing prize slips on cages, viz., Class 96 (any age Lizards except 1909) should read, 1st and 2nd, Rukin, and not J. Dewsnap, as given, as I was awarded those prizes, and have received prize money for them; also Class 97, I win 3rd prize, and not vhc, as given, I also having received prize money for this.—JOHN RUKIN, (Rawtenstall).

At Felinfoel third annual show, held December 18th, writes Mr. T. J. Davies, the secretary, the day was beautifully fine, and we were glad to see so many prominent exhibitors present, and we beg to thank all the fanciers who supported us. The show, as a whole, was a great success, and some very fine specimens were staged. Messrs. Hammacott and Card (Swansea) won the open cup for most points. Mr. Longden and Mr. Edwards were the runners up. Mr. Jones (Llanelly) won the members' cup for most points.

I was greatly pleased, and also surprised, on opening my CAGE BIRDS at 8 a.m. on Friday last to find a splendid reproduction of the picture of myself and birdroom. I thank you heartily for same, and hope personally to see the time when CAGE BIRDS will appear each week twice the size and price. I might say that, after clearing all my stock some time back, I had decided to have a rest, but, oh! I soon missed my birds, and I have got together again a fine stock. I must say that I greatly enjoyed Mr. Chirgwin's letter in your supplement. Many a laugh have I had at this gentleman's expense, and may this good-hearted comedian live long to make others laugh.—A. BROWN (London, N.).

Sutton-in-Ashfield O.S., a very old society which had, unfortunately, been allowed to fall in popularity, is now making a fresh start, we are informed, a new secretary in Mr. E. Parnell (2, Station Street), and a president in Mr. Jesse Briggs (a well-known local and Notts. county fancier), having been appointed, and the society bids fair to be its old self once again. It has become affiliated to the C.B.U. The membership at present is upwards of 20, including Mr. W. Vardy (Huthwaite), Messrs. Norwood Bros. (Sutton), and other widely-known fanciers; headquarters, the Railway Inn. They propose holding their annual show on January 8th, 1910, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.Str., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mayes, 58, Bolckow Row). J.C.H.

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.

Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Bouccy and Watt, Bulls Head Hotel), J.R.

*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

Oct. 18 and 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 28, Embankment Road.)

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 23, Smith Street),

Oct. 22—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street.)

Nov. 5—**Rochdale "Good Intent"**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R. and W.H.

*Nov. 12 and 14.—**Nottingham.**

Scotland.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.Bh., A.W.W., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.Dxn., J.Gw., C.T.M.

Jan. 1 and 2—**Dunfermline**—(J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.)

Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L. R.V.R.

Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—(W. Foster, College St.).

Wales.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

The coloured plate of the Hawfinch was really splendid. I am having it framed.—S. ANNETT (Wareham).

We have received from Mr. F. Parkinson (Grosvenor Street West, Birmingham), a sample of the 12 by 12 punched bar wire front he is offering at 2½d. through our advertisement columns, and we must say that it seems remarkable value for the money, very strong and serviceable.

The Golden Plover.

In the poulterers' shops and markets may now be seen strings of waders and wildfowl. Plovers are generally numerous, as the Lapwing is probably as plentiful as any of our larger wild birds. Among these may frequently be seen a few Golden Plovers. These are easily identified by the golden-speckled plumage of the back. They are more highly prized for the table than the more common Lapwing, and more difficult to obtain.

Scotland's National Show.

The prize list of the forthcoming great Scottish National (Edinburgh) Show reaches us from the secretary, Mr. J. Winter (11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh), and will be found reviewed in this issue. The classification is magnificent, and the prizes and specials of a very generous description, our Scottish friends being evidently set upon breaking all records north of the border. We anticipate fanciers will respond with a great entry, such as the endeavours of the officials merit. The express train service is unequalled from all parts, and the show-room is very comfortable and nicely heated. Entries close this week-end; be in time.

More Convincing Proof.

Allow me through the columns of "Cage Birds" to thank those who answered my advert. Having had so many letters and cards, it is impossible for me to reply to any except those who enclosed stamp. Wishing "Cage Birds" the success in the future it has had in the past—and more.—W. RAND (Middlesbrough).

Through my advertisement I have sold upwards of £30 worth of birds, and have several more transactions in progress.—H. WILLFORD (Havenstreet, I.O.W.).

Kindly thank all who answered my advert. in "Cage Birds" re Monster Buff Norwich cock. I have had so many replies I cannot answer all. This speaks volumes for your valuable paper.—JAMES NELSON (Oldham).

Please thank all who answered my small advert. in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," re Lady's Cycle. I may say I received dozens of replies from all parts, and that I had quite a task to decide upon the best offer. I disposed of it satisfactorily to both parties within a short time, thanks to "Cage Birds."—H. PRIEST (Henley-on-Thames).

I find "Cage Birds" a splendid advertising medium, having received orders from all parts, and one from Ireland; which speaks well for its circulation.—ERNEST G. KEW (Margate).

Last week, through my advertisement in your paper, "Cage Birds," I received no less than 73 orders for my Rollers, from all parts of England, and I can say that "Cage Birds" is the best, and really the only paper to do one any service.—WHOLESALE CANARY CO. (London, N.E.).

I wish to thank all who answered my advertisement in "Cage Birds," re Cinnamon Borders. I have not been able to answer half the enquiries, or to supply half the demand; which says a lot for your valuable paper, "Cage Birds."—ROBT. YOUNG (Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

I called last week on a person in our locality, in answer to an advertisement of his in "Cage Birds," but he was already suited, and quite proud of the transaction. I saw a drawer full of correspondence in reply to the "ad."—about 100, I was told. Well done, "Cage Birds."—M. W. MORGAN (Aberdare).

I am sorry I could not possibly answer all the applicants for Gold bangle which I advertised in "Cage Birds." I have been a reader for 4½ years.—S. H. CANTER (Aberdare).

"Cage Birds" Grand Xmas Literary Competition.

£9 9s. IN PRIZES.

We have decided to again hold a Christmas Literary Competition, to meet the wishes of readers, and the **Editor** offers **five One Guinea Cash Prizes** under the following conditions:—

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Canaries.** Competitors may deal with any one variety (such as the Norwich), or more than one variety (such as the Norwich and the Crest together), and questions relating thereto, or may take the general management, breeding, etc., of Canaries from either the domestic or exhibition side.

One Guinea Cash for the best ance and management, etc., of any one original essay on any topic relating to **British Birds.** The habits, appear- particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the desire or knowledge of the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on the art of **Mule or Hybrid Breeding,** whether in cage or aviary, and between any species of bird (either British or Foreign).

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Foreign Birds.** The habits, appearance and management, etc., of any one particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the desire or knowledge of the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay written from the aviarist's point of view, embracing the **fitting up, stocking, and general management of an aviary,** whether of Canaries, British Birds, or Foreign Birds, or a suitable combination.

An original **Painting** of birds, **Value Four Guineas,** will be awarded to the best essay, in the opinion of the judges, out of all the sections.

Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

There must be thousands among the readers of CAGE BIRDS with much knowledge stored away in their heads upon the above subjects. Utilise the Christmas holidays to put that knowledge on paper for the benefit of your fellow bird-keepers, and in exchange for your experiences there may be a cash prize waiting that will help you to buy some bird or other acceptable item you are a-wanting. Turn your spare moments to profitable account. Remember that all articles published by us will be paid for (note rules), also that photographs and drawings may accompany articles.

The Closing Date, remember, is January 24th next.

RULES.

(Read these very carefully.)

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of the paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, January 24th next. Write "Essay Competition," on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

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Bradford East O.S. Dec. 27, Park Chapel Schools. Members' show. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley). Birds to be staged by 10 a.m. Last show of the year for specials.—H. Hill.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S. Dec. 27, members' show. Jan. 5th, annual general meeting for adoption of balance sheet and election of officers.—J. C. Bell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 27, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show: 12 Yorks, 2 Nor., 2 Brit. classes. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley). Birds staged 10.30 a.m.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 27, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Last members' show for cup and medals; birds to be staged at 2. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Important open show business. Entries to be brought in sealed envelopes.—Parker and Parkes.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Saville Hotel. Members' show. All birds must be staged at 10.30. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.—N. Rayner.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Dec. 27, Fountain Inn, 11. Members' show. Judge, Mr. A. Bottomley.—T. Elsegood.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 27, Barley Mow Hotel. Final show of year. Birds staged at 10 a.m. prompt. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—L. Booth.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 27, Butchers Arms, 11. Members' show. Judge, Mr. A. N. Other. Birds staged at 11.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Dec. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6. Receiving and paying out specials for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Dec. 28, Lello's, Market Street, 7.30.—W. Simpson.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley.—Dec. 30, Nutclough Tavern, 8. To discuss questions of an open show and borrowed birds.—W. Parratt.

Heywood O.S.—Dec. 28, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Balance-sheet back-end show, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Inverness O.A.—Dec. 29, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Secretary's and treasurer's financial report, and fix date of general meeting.—A. Urquhart.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Spencer Hall, 8. Judging competition for members; members please bring some birds; will any member not having paid ticket money in, please do so at once?—C. Law.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Dec. 30, White Horse Hotel, Ilford Broadway, 8. Report and balance-sheet for 1909. Election of officers, etc.—A. Webb.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 27 (Boxing Day). Annual Xmas members' show, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). 37 classes. 3 silver cups, one to be won outright, and a splendid lot of specials; on view at show. Judge, Mr. F. King. Birds staged at 9.30 a.m.; show open 1.30 to 7; admission 2d.—J. Chambers. —ADVERT.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec 24, Centre Hotel, 7. Important. Members note, no specials can be printed in schedule after this meeting.—D. John.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Dec. 28, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Draw for specials, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Daybrook Street School, 8. Please return unsold tickets and receipt for last exhibition.—F. Broadhurst.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Sycamore Hotel. Fifth members' show. Birds to be staged at 10 a.m. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley).—A. Gledhill.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 28, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Very important business.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—Dec. 30, Feathers Hotel, Westminster. Committee meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Pudsey, Stanningley O.S.—Dec. 27, Oddfellows' Hall, 2. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. Mann. Last show of the season for cup and specials.—J. Butler.

Rochdale O.C.—Dec. 27, club, 8.30. Committee meeting.—J. Rutterworth.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 29, Temperance Club, 8. Committee; show; dinner, etc.—W. Adams.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for members' show for 1910. Will members please straighten up contributions and bring or send ticket money for late show.—Lindsay and Hobson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Dec. 27, Liberal Club. Members' show. Birds staged 10. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford). Meeting after.—J. Lodge.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Holme Lane Hotel, 1 o'clock. Members' show, plenty of specials. Judge, Mr. P. Drake (Allerton).—J. Smith.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Dec. 27, Blue Bell Hotel. Members' show. Judge, Mr. Pettason.—E. Broadley.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Horse and Groom inn, 10 a.m. prompt. Members' show. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill).—E. W. Johnson.

CLITHEROE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual members' show held Dec. 4th, when his Worship the Mayor (Ald. J. T. Whipp) opened the exhibition, and Councillor W. Hardacre was chairman. The judge, Mr. R. Leonard (Nelson) gave every satisfaction with his awards. Mr. F. Turner won Dr. Barker's silver cup for best unflighted bird in show, and gold medal for best old bird. Mr. L. Grainger won gold medal for unflighted, and Demain and Brigg for best bird in mules and British classes. Mr. A. James won Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird fed on Royal Red. The arrangements for the show were ably carried out by the Sec., Mr. R. Lambert.

NOR. CL. YELL (4): 1, Barnes; 2, Turner; 3, Grainger; 4, Lambert, jun. BUFF (5): 1, Turner; 2, James; 3, 4, vhc, Barnes. TKD., ETC. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Demain and Briggs; 2, Bell; 3, Grainger; 4, Turner. BUFF (4): 1, Turner; 2, Grainger; 3, Barnes; 4, Bell. CL., ETC. HEN (11): 1, vbc, c, Turner; 2, James; 3, Grainger; 4, Barnes; hc, Demain and Briggs. BUFF (12) 1, 3, Turner; 2, Grainger; 4, hc, Demain and Briggs; vhc, Barnes; c, Southworth. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Grainger; 3, c, Demain and Briggs; 4, James; vhc, Southworth. BUFF (8): 1, Turner; 2, Southworth; 3, c, Bell; 4, Demain and Briggs; vhc, Lambert, jun.; hc, Grainger. CINN. (5): 1, Turner; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Bell. CREST (7): 1, 3, vhc, c, Wilkinson; 2, 4, hc, Hibble. C.-B. (5): 1, 2, Hibble; 3, 4, vhc, Wilkinson. YORKS (5): 1, 2, Turner; 3, vbc, Bell; 4, Clarke. NOR. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Grainger; 2, 3, Pinder; 4, Bell. NOR. AND YORKS. GREENS (4): 1, Turner; 2, Bell; 3, Grainger; 4, Clark. SELL. (12/6): 1, Barnes; 2, Grainger; 3, Demain and Briggs; 4, Lambert, jun.; vhc, Southworth; hc, Bell; c, Turner. CAN. MULE (7): 1, Demain and Briggs; 2, vhc, Hibble; 3, 4, Barker; hc, Grainger; c, Turner. GOLDIE (4): 1, Grainger; 2, Pickles; 3, Hibble; 4, Wilkinson. BULLIE (4): 1, Pickles; 2, Clark; 3, Wilkinson. GREENIE (5): 1, 4, Pickles; 2, Hibble; 3, Barker; vhc, Clark. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, James; 2, Clark; 3, Ross; 4, vhc, Lambert, jun.; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hibble.

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(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Crest-bred Mopy.

Duffer.—I suspect this bird is troubled somewhat with a constipated condition. There is nothing wrong with the diet, but you might cut down the mixed seed by one half for a few weeks, and give only half a teaspoonful twice a week. Also stop the egg food entirely for a month, and give instead a small piece of bread (about equivalent in size to the amount of egg food you have been giving) soaked in milk, pressed slightly, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Three or four times a week give a small spray of watercress when obtainable in good condition, at other times give a morsel of ripe banana or a grape with the skin broken as a substitute. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, two days in every three for a week. After that give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Moult Out of Season.

A.A.—You should have said how you have been feeding the bird, and where it is kept. Remove the cover from cage, and keep the latter in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, but where the temperature is fairly equable night and day. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor in the vicinity of burning lights in the evenings. Let it have plenty of fresh, pure air, but no draught of any kind. See that the cage is quite free from insect pests. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, as a staple. Give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry, and two of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a few grains of hemp, and a bit of ripe banana. Let the bird bathe as often as it desires to do so, provided it is not badly affected afterwards, and dries itself quickly. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for another four or five days. Finally, give six drops of tincture of steel and four of tincture of quinine in the water every second day for a fortnight. Continue this treatment for three weeks, and if the moulting is not quite stopped by that time, omit the last named medicine for a week, and then give it again for a fortnight, continuing the above dietary meantime.

Diarrhœa and Feather-Eating.

Emily Helps.—Stop giving the seed mixture you are using as staple diet, for a time at least, and feed on a more simple mixture, composed of two parts Canary seed to one part summer rape. See that the latter is the proper mild, nutty flavoured seed, and not the acrid stuff sometimes sold as summer rape. In addition, give separately, a few grains of hemp twice a week, on two other days, a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a pinch of maw seed. On each of the remaining days, give a morsel of ripe banana, but no other fruit, and no green food. Continue this treatment for a month. Keep the cage floor strewn with pine sawdust until the diarrhœa is quite stopped, and clean it out daily, and burn it at once. Also see that the perches are kept as clean as possible. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for one day only, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four each of aromatic sulphuric acid, and tincture of opium for two days. Then omit the opium, and continue giving the gentian and acid every second day for a week. Once formed the feather-eating habit is extremely difficult to break. Examine the bird and cage very carefully to see if insects are the cause of irritation, and, if so, exterminate them thoroughly. Let the bird bathe freely, and occasionally add a few quassia chips to its bathing water overnight. If you can get the bird to eat them give a mealworm a day for a week or two. Also tie a bit of coarse string to its cage wires for it to unravel, and thus divert its attention from its plumage.

Crest-bred Hen Unwell.

C. Spry.—The bird probably contracted a chill at the end of the moulting season, and has not sufficient stamina to shake it off. Move its cage to a comfortably warm place—not too much so, but just away from any sense of chilliness—where there are no draughts, and the temperature is unvarying. Give plain canary seed only as staple diet, and give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately every second day. On the alternate days twice each week give a pinch of the mixed seed, and on the remaining two days give once a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and once a small piece of bread soaked in cold milk, slightly pressed, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards for another week. You might also stick a morsel of fat boiled bacon in the wire for it to peck at occasionally.

Protracted Moulting.

C. Collins, Sheffield.—If there really are no draughts to which the bird is exposed, then I am inclined to think you either keep it in a kitchen which is frequently overheated, near a light that burns in the evenings, or some similar unhealthy situation where there are extreme fluctuations of heat. Hang its cage now in a place where the temperature, whatever the average is, remains fairly equable, and which is subject to no violent fluctuations. Do not keep it too warm, nor yet quite on the cold side. Try to strike the happy medium. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp, on two other days a small

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piece of ripe banana, and every second day give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give all these extras on different days in rotation, so that a different one is given each day. Keep the cage strewn with clean, gritty sand, and if the bird will eat them, give a mealworm each day for a week or two. Continue this dietary for a month. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two or three days, and after that give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight. If the wheezing does not disappear as the moult ceases follow up this treatment with twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week.

Brevities.

Wasteful Feeding (J. H. L.).—In this reply last week I find I accidentally omitted the word millet in saying what the seed mixture sent consisted of. The sample contained a fairly large proportion of white millet and a sprinkling of brown millet, in addition to the seeds named in reply last week.

A Suitable Mate (J. A. C.).—You are undoubtedly on the right track in seeking a mate for the Yorkshire hen you describe. The suggested mate you describe would in all probability be a half or three-quarter Belgian, and should produce some good useful birds for future work; but you may not get any quite up to show form the first year. This, however, would depend to a certain extent upon the breeding of the hen. Still, if you want to try for winners from the first cross, you would do better to get a good bold up-standing cock, with plenty of leg, and nerve, but one cross further removed from the Belgian. See that your cages allow plenty of head room for the birds. The price you name is certainly very moderate for such a bird as you require. You may perhaps get one for it, but from a breeder who knows the value of his birds—well, I ha' ma doots. Sorry I cannot recommend any particular person. I know nothing against the one you name.

Four in Brief (P. S. A.).—(1) At three months old a Yorkshire should be as big in bulk of body as it ever will be. The end of the first moult will add a very slight increase in length of feather, and if not tailed and flighted the second moult will give a similar increase of length in these feathers. But the actual difference in size is trivial. (2) If these hens have not been tailed and flighted they will show a slight increase in length after next moult. (3) Yes, June hatched birds will breed successfully if mated at the end of next March. Do not try to force them into condition, however, as they will be none the worse for waiting until the first or second week in April. (4) This should have been on a separate sheet for our British Bird expert. If the birds bathe freely and are not exposed to a dirty, smoky atmosphere no washing should be required.

Voracious Canary (C. H. C.).—Except saying the bird is much constipated you do not mention whether his continual feeding is responsible for any other apparent lapse from health. If it shows no other bad symptoms there can be nothing seriously wrong with it. Reduce its diet to plain canary seed only for staple for a fortnight, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week. Every day give a spray of watercress when it is to be had in good condition; at other times give a sweet grape with the skin broken, but stop these latter as soon as the droppings begin to get watery. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn every second day until the constipation is removed, after which the above diet should be all that is needed to prevent its recurrence.

Owing to the holidays, many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until next week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Exhibition Crossbills.

Hardbill.—The chief asset of the exhibition Crossbill is size—not mere length, but length combined with bulk of body and a wide, bold skull. A bird lacking in these characteristics is badly handicapped. You see some whopping big birds at times, while other Crossbills are by comparison quite small. The colour varies. If in field plumage the bird should be a bright red all over (which, by-the-bye, shows that it is a fully adult bird), but when house-moulted this red colour is lost, and the bird becomes a golden-green. The hen is always greyish-green, and built on less powerful lines than the average male bird. Yes; they will live in a large cage (singly) in an outdoor birdroom. A heated room is very undesirable. The privet berries will not harm the colour of your Greenfinch; rather the contrary, I should think. The food of the Crossbill I dealt with at length in CAGE BIRDS dated December 11th; however, it is given briefly this week in reply to "Novice."

A Bullfinch Ailing.

Bullfinch.—I should be inclined to change the bird's diet, so far as possible, allowing plenty of teazle and maw seeds, and giving ripe fruit freely; while some Bullies enjoy a little "egg-bread" (you can buy this now, ready prepared, through our advertising columns), or even made insectivorous food, such as is given small softbills. A change would be sure to benefit your bird. On alternate days for a week or ten days stir a half-teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; plain water, of course, in between. Wash the vent once daily with fairly hot water coloured a deep red by the addition of Condy's Fluid; use a smallish camel-hair brush, and let the point penetrate and cleanse the orifice of the vent.

A Linnet Problem.

Hilda.—It seems to me that your Linnet's curious songless state is easy of explanation. In short, I think you have a hen, and not a cock bird. Has it ever occurred to you to question the bird's sex? The disjointed, intermittent singing in the summertime is just the kind of music one gets from a healthy, vigorous hen; in the winter, silence. Song in a Linnet is not a question of price; it is possible any day in the week to buy for sixpence a bird that will become a charming singer. He will want taming, etc., of course. No method of feeding (as, I suppose, I need hardly tell you) can bring a hen into song such as one gets from the male Linnet. Has your bird a very streaky looking (thickly pencilled) breast? If so, that is a sign of the gentler sex. I should certainly say that the average healthy British Finch is a bigger eater than the average Canary. Glad you liked our Christmas Number.

More Crossbills & Snow Buntings

Novice.—You do not seem to have read your CAGE BIRDS very diligently of recent weeks, for only last week, in the Christmas Number, I told "Bert" how to feed and cage Snow Buntings. Kindly look up that answer. The hen is always very dingy looking, compared with the cock, and also is quite appreciably smaller. A good male is a beautiful snow white over the major portion of his plumage; the hen is a dingy ashen white, with a more or less brown tinge. A good Snow Bunting stands an excellent chance on the show bench; one was in the money at the last Crystal Palace Show. Respecting the Crossbill, note the reply given "Hardbill" this week. The adult

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cock Crossbill, when in wild plumage, has more or less scarlet coat (according to age), whereas the hen is an ashen-green, with a yellowish tinge here and there; she is the smaller bird. For food your Crossbill may be given sunflower, hemp and canary seed, and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other live insects you can get, according to season. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, oats, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good.

Brevities.

A Snow Bunting (Bert).—You make a very shrewd hit when you say that you have come to the conclusion that the Snow Bunting is "both softbill and hardbill." Strictly speaking, it is a seed-eater or "hardbill"; but, like all the Buntings, it is very fond of soft foods and live foods.

A Watery Eye (No Nom-de-plume).—Bathe the Bullfinch's "watery" eye twice daily (morning and evening) with fairly hot water, made a deep red colour by the addition of some Condy's Fluid. That will soon end the trouble. A small camel-hair pencil-brush is a useful implement for the purpose; or a piece of surgical lint (from the chemist), or soft old silk handkerchief.

Two Seed Samples (Warbler).—Your seed samples did not reach me. Have enquired about them, but they seem to have gone astray. Am sorry. Could you post on two more samples? Pleased then to give you an opinion. I may say that mixtures of the seeds of wild weeds can be given to all British seed-eaters to be picked over (except, of course, such birds as the Crossbill). Linnets, Greenies, Siskins, Redpoles, and Twites are those most fond of them; but Bullies and Goldies also appreciate a little.

Wild Seeds (B. A. C.).—In all "wild seed mixtures" that are formed of the residue from threshing machines, there is always a percentage left untouched by the birds. But they are so cheap that this waste is of little moment. I don't quite see why you want to "litter their sand-trays with it like using sawdust." What's the matter with giving it in a dish? A shallow cigar-box (you may, I hope, become the possessor of a few this Christmas) will make an excellent receptacle. This residue is quite safe to offer to British seed-eaters; and some Canaries are fond of "having a go" at it.

A Peathroat Goldfinch (Goldie).—(1) You must have patience. A Goldfinch cannot be got steady in a few days, or weeks. Some, in fact, never get really steady until they have moulted in captivity. Hang him up breast high in a room wherein people are constantly passing to and fro, and use a box cage (wired at front only). (2) There is no reason why a fairly steady black-legged Finch should not breed; some even go so far as to say they prefer such to house-moulted birds. (3) A "pea-throat" Goldie is of no use for the show bench; in the ordinary Goldie class, that is, for he might get a prize in a rare-feathered class if extra good.

A Trio (Ignoramus).—(1) The cock Bullie would no doubt be sociable enough, but cock Goldie Mules can be very vicious towards other birds. (2) A cock Linnet, Canary, and Goldfinch might agree with the Bullie very well. A "2ft. aviary" sounds very small, however, though it is not easy to grasp its size from this description. They would do very well on the same food. (3) To learn to pipe tunes, Bullies must be hand-reared (from the nest) old ones are of no use. We published an article three or four weeks ago entitled "The Beautiful but Persecuted Bullfinch." In this full and excellent information on the feeding and management was given; also information on teaching to pipe. Did you miss this article?

Linnets and Finches (Noviss).—Facing a hot (presumably) kitchen fire is not a good position for Finches, whether newly caught or otherwise. I should also think, from your sketch, that it is possible the spot is not very well lighted. For newly caught birds cracked seeds, especially the hemp, is desirable for the first week or two, and it should be put inside the cage in a flat, shallow dish; water inside too. Are your birds very thin when they die? If so, it looks as though they do not pick up sufficient nourishment. It is necessary to cut the claws of British birds from time to time. Your letter does not give any real clue to the cause of death.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Blue-fronted Amazon with Cold.

J. F. Beal.—Much of the trouble has resulted, I expect, from the varied atmosphere of the kitchen, very hot during the day, very cold at night, etc. It would be far better in a cold room, with the cage covered up at nights—that is, all round the sides, a space at the top, 6ins. in diameter, being left open for ventilation. Continue the treatment already advised, and if we have already advised it, get a box of honey and borax, and with a feather or camel hair brush put a little on its tongue and the inside of its mouth once or twice a day, and continue to use the diluted glyco-thymoline to cleanse its nostrils, several times daily if this should be necessary. Diet: A seed mixture of canary, millet, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds in about equal parts; ripe fruit, plain buiscuits and nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and do not give slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. I fear the bird has been subjected to draughts, and this, coupled with the variable atmosphere of the kitchen, has brought about a state of things that will not be easily remedied—you must persevere with the treatment advised above and in our previous reply.

Young Blue-fronted Amazon.

K.M.D.—Probably a bird of the year. The wing Very probably it is a bird of the year. The wing feathers will moult out in due course and be reproduced of normal size. Am afraid there is not much remedy for the frayed tail, but as these feathers will, after the bird has become acclimatised, be shed accurately, the bird should not at any time present a really shabby appearance. Your diet is about correct, though I prefer the following: Canary, millet, paddy rice, dari, oats, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts. As it is young and has to develop, I should put it on a rather lengthy course of Parrish's Chemical Food, well staining the drinking water with same, at the same time keeping the bowels well regulated with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. A few chillies in the seed mixture will probably check the sneezing. In the case of any running at the nostrils, keep same well cleansed with diluted glyco-thymoline. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage.

Parrot with Cold.

J. M. F.—Get the following mixture from your chemist: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. Mix a small quantity, one part mixture, two parts water. See that the bird has a good drink of this twice daily; you can easily secure this by withholding the ordinary drinking water. Cleanse the nostrils daily with diluted glyco-thymoline. I should also put a little honey and borax on its tongue once or twice a day. This will assist in clearing the mouth. Soak a small piece of plain biscuit in Dinneford's Magnesia, letting it become partially dry before supplying to the bird. Give this as often as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely. As your bird is weak, let it have a few sips several times during the day of very weak brandy and water (chilled), as well as the mixture. You give no details as to diet, but do not give slops, table scraps, or animal food.

Aviary for Foreign Finches.

Beginner.—Your little aviary should give good results, and with the proposed addition should accommodate ten to twelve pairs comfortably, some of which would undoubtedly breed. Re the suggested flight, I should certainly make this the whole length of aviary, viz., 5ft., and I should also advise you to make it 4½ to 5ft. high. It is of no consequence at all that it stands above the eaves of existing structure. I should also advise you to plant the flight with, say, a clump of bamboo and box, eunonyous, fir and privet, say a bush of each, and sow the ground with meadow grass, canary, rape, millet, etc. You should then get good breeding results. I would recommend you to start with, say, pairs each of Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grass Finches, Zebra, Ribbon, Spice, and Saffron Finches, White Java Sparrows, Zebra, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, with a pair each of Diamond Doves and Chinese Painted Quails—the two latter species make good ground birds, and are very interesting, making a pleasing variety by contrast with the Finches and Waxbills.

Amazon in Poor Plumage.

J. D. (New Zealand).—This bird is in an unsatisfactory condition of health, hence the improperly-developed plumage. When sending a query of this nature, full details of diet and treatment should be given. This lacking, it is impossible for me to give a satisfactory reply, as improper diet is probably the source of the trouble. However, keep the bird's bowels well regulated with occasional doses (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water) of Dinneford's magnesia; also, when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this indefinitely. Diet: Seed mixture (see reply to "K. M. D." in this issue), ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and if procurable, a cob of fresh-gathered maize when in season will be very wholesome. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and mingle a little grit with its seed mixture. If you have been dieting wrongly, do not make a sudden change, let this be gradual; from ten to fourteen days should be sufficient for you to change the dietary without risk.

Brevities.

Amazon Parrot with Cold (C. Spray).—Please write the Editor per return, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope, giving me full particulars as to how you are dieting the bird; also describe the affection it is suffering from as fully as possible, and I will send you a reply per post to save time. In the meantime, stop the cough mixture and keep its bowels well regulated with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. For directions see other replies in this issue. You will also find correct diet in several replies relating to Amazon Parrots, which you cannot do better than follow. At the same time, changes of diet should not be suddenly made, but gradually brought about.

Diet for Hanging Parrot (J.H.S.).—I gather the bird is doing well, but it is certainly not getting a suitable diet for this group. Are you sure you have a Hanging Parrot? If so, take away the water over-night, and give it a supply of milk sop (sloppy), also try it with grapes and any ripe soft fruit obtainable. Try the above regimen for a few days. I have heard of similar cases, but it is unnatural, and if persisted in I much fear it presages a rather short life for your bird, i.e., providing it is the species you suppose. Can you give me any further details? Give me as full a description of its plumage as you can, and I can possibly help you further. It would be well to ascertain how it had been fed before coming into your possession.

Hybridizing (H. M. H.).—(1) I am very doubtful of any attempt to breed hybrids from British and Indian species being successful; I have known odd birds (Foreign and British species) being kept together, but so far only know of English and foreign Sparrows, Blackbirds, and Serins having been successfully crossed. (2) The species which are most likely to be successful would be the Indian Goldfinch, Siskin, Greenfinch, and any species of Sparrows or Blackbirds your brother was able to procure—he would have no difficulty in obtaining some, or all, of the species named from the local catchers, or they would obtain or capture them for him. I should advise only cocks to be brought over, and to turn in with them an equal number of hens of our indigenous species, into as large an aviary as you can give them; the flight being planted with such evergreens (fir, box, heather, etc.) as flourish in your locality; a little wildness should be aimed at.

Cockatoo with Hard Growths (Constant Reader).—It is always better in such cases to consult a local vet., and to let him decide where the growths are better cut away or otherwise treated. However, it should be safe for you to try the following, viz., lightly painting the centres of the growths with tincture of iodine; and let me know the result later. Also keep the bird's bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia, and put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food (see other replies). As regards the wheezing, I do not think this is serious, but is more the result of the other trouble than a cold, but if it should become more pronounced, write again at once, giving fullest details. In case of there being any exusion from the nostrils keep these well cleansed with diluted glyco-thymoline.

What Parrot? (R. Long).—It is a Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo, an Australian species, hardy and robust, and only requires to be protected from draught. This species enjoys a good reputation as a talker in Australia. But in this country this is not the case; the majority of specimens, though accomplished acrobats, good mimics, droll and companionable birds, do not make great talkers. But I have come across and heard of some that were quite talented talkers. Keep yours where it will hear plenty of conversation; kiss and pet it, talk to it when it is quiet and restful, afterwards giving it some tit-bit, and there is no reason why it should not become quite a talented bird.

What Parrot Is it? ("Seedley"): Parrots mature slowly, and it is rather difficult to state definitely the species while a bird is in immature plumage, as yours evidently is. From your description I believe it to be a Blue-fronted Amazon, and if so, it should certainly make a good talker and mimic, though, as a rule, they are not so teachable as a Grey, nor yet quite so clear in enunciation. As a rule, Parrots do not commence talking till they have lost all fear and become quite settled and contented. If you repeat query after the bird has been through its next moult, I may be able to confirm or otherwise its species as above.

White Javas and Breeding (Jarrow).—Both male and female sing, but the male is much the noisier and energetic. The beak of the female is narrower at the base and more pointed than that of the male; this is readily observed if the birds are viewed in profile. I should say that you have a true pair, and that the probability is they will breed for you in the spring. I should also put a nest box in—say a cube about 6in. square—with a round hole in one side for entrance, supplying them with hay and coarse grass of good length for nesting material. They are probably young birds, and not yet in breeding fettle. In many instances dealers do not wilfully err in sexing the birds they send out; there is, with only too many species, so little distinction between the sexes that not to err is very difficult. However, with this species if you will carefully observe the beaks in profile, and you have a true pair, you will soon see and become expert in noticing the distinction I have pointed out above.

Grey with Irritated Skin (Anxious).—Paint the part with compound tincture of benzoin, and rub in among its plumage pyrethrum powder to get rid of possible parasites. Keep bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia, and as a tonic give it, say, Parrish's Chemical Food several times a week, as directed to others. The seed mixture should consist of canary, millet, small maize, wheat, dari, hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in equal parts. I should only give the boiled maize twice a week if it is eating heartily of the seed mixture, then reducing it to once a week a little later, and finally drop it altogether. In addition to the seed mixture supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually hanging in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

A Netting Needle (F. Hawes).—Thanks for your letter, which we will publish next week.

Do Unto Others, etc. (M. Jones).—Your letter is of too personal a tone to find a place in our columns.

Dead on Arrival (Fairplay).—Your letter comes too late to be dealt with this week If the birds were "on approval," then they remain the property of the sender until you notify him that you approve of them (subject to the expiration of the approval term, of course).

Correspondence.

Whose Should the Prize Card be?

SIR,—In answer to the letter in your issue of December 4th, by S. Stephens, I venture to express my opinion on the above-named conundrum as follows:—When birds are exhibited in open or gift classes, the card should go to the exhibitor. When birds are exhibited in selling classes, I consider the cards should go with the purchase. My reason for the latter course is that exhibitors invariably enter in selling classes with a view to effecting a sale, whereas this is not the case with open class entries.

J. ISHERWOOD.

The Scottish British Bird and Mule Club's Patronage.

I desire to draw the attention of my readers to a letter which appeared under the above heading in CAGE BIRDS for October 9th, 1909, and to state that that letter was published without my personal knowledge, and to further say that if anything in the said letter can be construed as reflecting in any way upon Mr. A. W. Watson, the hon. sec. of the above club, his character or conduct, I unreservedly withdraw and retract the same, there being no ground therefor, and I express my sincere regret for the occurrence.

F. CARL.

A Sex Problem at Egremont Show.

SIR,—I wish to clear myself concerning the treatment I received at Egremont (Cumb.) Show. In class 81 (Yellow hen), I entered a bird, which (per the secretary's letter) was disqualified as being a cock by the judge, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington). Now this is a vast error, for the bird is a hen. I bred from it this season, and it won (as a hen) 1st Harrington (under Mr. Patterson), 3rd Whitehaven (Mr. Wilson), 4th Liverpool (Mr. Barnes), 2nd Millom (Mr. Roe). Surely this is sufficient proof that it is a hen, and I am also willing to forward bird to you for examination. As such treatment as this will do me no good, I trust you will publish this letter.

WILLIAM POOLE.

How to Arm Nets.

SIR,—In reply to "Amateur," as to how to catch the sharped Goldies, I wish I was there. Get a set of iron staves about ¼in. thick. Cover four end pegs with a tuft of grass. Get two small call cages, all wire except bottom. let them into the ground a little, and cover up a little with thistles (open the tops of the thistles well). Do not leave any thistle standing anywhere near nets (except in the nets). The best call birds are hen Finches, because the birds will always follow hens, and hens do not "quark." I expect you have got a "quarking" cock bird, which frightens them like an "ipping" Linnet. NOVICE.

SIR,—In reply to "Learner" as to the mending of a rent in his nets (I presume he can net, as, if not, I am afraid my instructions will be of no avail), take the lines off and then take one corner (the corner that is square, as this is made from corner to corner, and two of the four corners have a round appearance), and put a string in and tie to a peg. Then pull the net, and the rows of knots will be in lines. Then with a pair of scissors cut out the rent just behind the knots, and knit to and from you, and when you get to the last line slip the needle in the mesh behind each line. You will then have your net sound as before. It will not show in the least if you do it correctly.

NETTER.

Rebellion in the North.

Trouble about a Special.

SIR,—I had no intention of entering into correspondence with Mr. Lister when I wrote my first letter in support of the Newcastle Society's action, but as Mr. Lister still claims that his bird was the best, I would like to ask him, first, how it was that Mr. Taylor's bird was awarded the Northern Crest Club's medal; second, how he controverts the fact that the judge in his letter to the Newcastle secretaries, states, "that if the young bird was entitled to compete, he undoubtedly won the special"; third, that if the awards in the members' class remain as when judged, why he accepted second prize money for his bird which through an error was not placed; fourth, that having accepted the prize money thus acknowledging the right of a judge to revise an error, why is he not man enough to accept the same principle when it is against him? I still adhere to my statement that in other competition the young Crest was placed first and in that I am supported by Mr. Thos. Robson's letter, which Mr. Lister ignores. I never stated that Mr. Lister's bird was in competition for the challenge bowl, but during the discussion Mr. Heath, the judge, to emphasise the merits of the young Crest showed its superiority over the old bird as he could not understand why the bowl should be given to a Mule which was beaten by an old bird when his young Crest beat his old Crest. This Mule was awarded the bowl by a majority of the judges after a prolonged and very heated discussion, not so much on account of its merits as an exhibition specimen, but on account of its rarity, being the first almost clear Siskin Canary to be exhibited. If Mr. Lister did not make the remark I was told he had done, as stated in my last, I will willingly withdraw it as the Newcastle Society's case is good enough without it; but I may say that such has been freely stated both in open meeting and amongst members when discussing the case. I have no desire to injure Mr. Lister nor to detract from the value of his bird, which was undoubtedly a good one, and well worth its place in its class, but still only second (in the judge's opinion) in the section. All I want is to see the Newcastle Society's position vindicated in the eyes of the public, and when such a strong supporter of the Cage Bird Union as Mr. Thos. Robson states that the C.B.U. executive have made an error, and when Mr. McPartling urges the Newcastle Society to acknowledge their ruling on grounds of prudence, stating that, "might is not always right, but might is law"—I think their stand for right is worthy of all praise, and the Newcastle Society will flourish when the last dirge has been played at the funeral of the Cage Bird Union.

CANNY TOON.

The New Selston and District Fanciers' Society.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Schoolroom, Selston, on December 18th, when a goodly number of members were present. It was decided to hold a table show of cage birds, etc., at our next meeting on January 8th, 1910, entry fee 6d., all over six entries in each class to go towards the society's funds. A working committee was also elected, consisting of 20 members, which should augur well for the society. We shall be pleased to make the acquaintance of any fancier in the radius of our society (5 miles), entrance fee, 1s., and subscription, 2s. 6d.

J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Shows.

SIR,—Seeing such a lot of lamentable complaints in CAGE BIRDS, I would like to have my little say. I sent two Borders to the contest at Altrincham, despatched from here per 2.17 p.m. on December 2nd, with instructions to be kept over the week-end. On the Monday night I called at the station to get my exhibits, but they were not there. They arrived on the Tuesday, per 8.55 a.m. train, and inside the box was a postcard, and written thereon: "Left Altrincham 9.15 a.m., hope they arrive safe." Yes, they arrived safe, and nearly dead. The box had been overturned as the oat husks and seed were in the bottom of same. Now I believe Mr. Harrison's postcard to be right, and put it down to either carelessness or weakness on the part of the railway company. I don't wonder at some fanciers being afraid to send birds a distance to shows.

A. BRYDEN.

SIR,—It is not very often I am drawn into a paper controversy; however, I feel it is my duty to enlighten Mrs. Sunderland on the points of show management, especially regarding the dispatch of birds from different shows. I often wonder if these exhibitors who from time to time rush into print over every petty grievance it is their misfortune to endure, ever regard or think of the sometimes stupendous work thrown on to a secretary's shoulders during the show days? These gentlemen give their time, and sometimes money, free, even working into the small hours of the morning, doing their best to further the interests of their society and the Fancy at large, and at all times under most trying circumstances are most courteous. It has been my pleasure to be connected with most of the societies in this neighbourhood, of which West Bromwich is amongst the number, and I may say the quick manner in which the birds are packed up ready for the Railway Co., leaves nothing to be desired. At West Bromwich I was in the show room until 10.15, and at that time nearly all the birds were packed up; again, at Wolverhampton I assisted in the packing of the birds, and every bird was ready for the railway company by 10.30 p.m.—480 in number. Now, Mrs. Sunderland, I think you are entirely to blame, running so head-long into print, and such letters are not only damaging to struggling societies, but also discourage the ambition of budding fanciers. However, readers of this letter will see that the societies and secretaries are not the parties to blame, but the railway companies; and if this lady wishes to further the interest of shows and exhibitors, she will make full inquiries before charging secretaries and societies with neglect. J. A. TONKS.

Entries Returned from Stonehouse Show.

SIR, Having sent on two entries to the above show, namely, Goldfinch, class 30, and Bullfinch, class 32, I received cage numbers back two days before the show, both full classes, 30, No. 13 and 32, No. 8. Judge of my surprise when about to despatch birds on the Friday morning to receive a note cancelling class 32, No. 8. I see by show report in your paper there were 7 in the class. Now I had no other plan to adopt but to keep the other exhibit at home, having no single case by me, and no time to get one. I have asked an explanation from secretary, but have got none, and I think in fairness to exhibitors in the Bullfinch class, it should be made public. I have enclosed also cage numbers and label for putting on case as I received them from the secretary, and I may say their schedule read: Unless more than 7 entries, first prize withheld.

MACKIE.

Alleged Mix-up of Awards at Ramsgate Show.

SIR,—Referring to the letter in your last issue, re an alleged mix-up of awards, at Ramsgate; in the first place I should be glad if you would make a correction, as your headline states Margate Show, instead of Ramsgate, and I should not like our neighbours to suffer for any apparent mistake of ours. In the first place I do not know Mr. Lewis, never having met him, although he writes that he interviewed me personally. The gentleman, I take it, is Mr. Adams (manager for Mr. Lewis), who has written, and who has seen me on the subject. The letter, I admit, is fairly correct, although with one or two mis-statements, which are immaterial and which, to save further controversy, I will not refer to. But the most important item of all has been left out. Mr. Adams came to me in the committee room on the day of the show saying the award was wrong. I found there were two numbers the same (8861), and said that owing to the error, to save further trouble, we should pay out two thirds in this class. Upon this he, Mr. Adams, stated that being a member of the society, he would willingly forego his claim; and so the third was sent to the other exhibitor, who, we consider, was the correct winner. I notice in the letter that Mr. Adams styles himself a judge, yet he entered a bird bred 1907 in the unflighted class, and when I pointed out this to him, his reply was that he thought birds were unflighted all the while they were maidens! Further comment is useless.

ALBERT E. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

New Cage Bird Society for Falkirk and District.

SIR,—I have seen in your columns that there is to be another society formed in Falkirk; also I have read the letter signed "Well Wisher." He, I may say, hits the nail on the head when he says this is the outcome of a member (or shall I put it members?) who, being in the minority, and refusing to be ruled by the majority, "take the huff," with the result that a new society is being formed. There are two already, as "Well Wisher" informs you. Now, I would like to put the question before your readers (especially those of the Falkirk district), if these men who are forming this society are doing so to benefit the Fancy? They seem to be a lot of dissatisfied men, whom nothing seems to please unless they are getting all their own way. Instead of having three cage bird societies in Falkirk, we as fanciers should combine and form one strong society, and do as "Well Wisher" says, hold an open show instead of a few small confined shows—an open show that would be second to none in Scotland. When I tell you, Mr. Editor, that we have such men as Dougal Maxwell, Jamie Carlow, Michael Smith, Hugie Moreland (hon. president of the Crest Club of Scotland, and who holds the same position in the Falkirk and District Cage Bird Society), and a host of others, who are among the leading exhibitors of Scotland, why, sir, it is deplorable that we have not an open show. I say that instead of forming another society and causing division, we should become one, and hold an open show, and make Falkirk prominent in the cage bird world.

T. R. WALLACE.

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A Cinnamon Chaffinch "Wrong Classed" at Aberdeen Show.

SIR,—I should feel much obliged if Mr. Livingstone would let us know through your valuable paper his reason for marking our Cinnamon Chaffinch "wrong class" at Aberdeen Show, as we are as yet unable to see our mistake. Would he kindly let us know in what class it should have been entered?

DAVID ROSS.

A Canary Astray From Carmarthen Show.

SIR,—Please publish that I have received by mistake a Clear Buff cock from Carmarthen Show; class 101, No. 714b, I believe. Owner can have same on applying for it, and I hope he will be found. Am writing the secretary. G. EDWARDS,

11, West Street, Leominster.

The Show-Cages of Norwich Plainheads.

SIR,—I think it is about time there was a standard show-cage for Norwich Plainheads, as at present their cages are a very mixed lot, most fanciers having their own special make. I always understood the Norwich P.H. show-cage was square, and painted Hedge Sparrow Blue inside. But when you visit a show, you find all colours, all shapes and all sizes, and you don't require to visit many shows before it becomes possible to know without the aid of a catalogue who is exhibiting. The cages will tell you. The Border and Yorkshire show cages are all alike, at least, all one pattern. Could the Norwich P.H. fanciers not take a copy?

V.H.C.

Cage Bird Union, District No. 1.

The Wallsend Sensation.

SIR,—In your last week's issue there appears a short, summary account in connection with the protest laid against my spars at the late show, held at Wallsend, and inserted by instruction of C.B.U. District Committee No. 1. If the C.B.U. mean to give fair treatment to all fanciers alike, then I consider it only fair and just that they should cause to be published all my explanation sent them in regard to this protest. By so doing, fanciers and readers of your valuable paper will then see for themselves how far this so-called "sensation" has been proven against me, as this short notice sent out by C.B.U. committee would seem to indicate. The explanation I sent to them clearly states, without fear, what marks were on my perches and what they were for. If this is placed before your readers, they can see what there was in this sensational case to lodge a protest against. It will clear the air a great deal for every one connected with the protest; also it will enlighten well-wishers and otherwise.

HENRY BENNET.

Will Owls Breed in Captivity?

SIR,—I have brought up a Tawny Owl from the nest. He was about three weeks old. For the first few months he had the company of his sister, who grew into a very large, magnificent bird, with the richest reddy-brown plumage. She was unfortunately attacked by a party of Carrion Crows when four months old, and, we fear, was killed. Both Owls were excessively tame, and the remaining one ist still so. I have never clipped their wings, and they have had full liberty, and would always come back to me when I called. I always liked to have them in at night. This male bird has caught mice and brought them to me, and also a toad. He loves staring up at the sun, and will sit for hours in the hottest, sunshiny place he can find. The other day he was staying away with me in a strange locality, and a boy accidentally let him loose from the cage he was temporaily confined in. I must say I felt very nervous about getting him back. There were about one hundred birds after him, and he had nine acres of tempting fir woods to hide in. He did this, but late in the evening I went out and gave my special call for him, and though it was quite dark I presently heard a "pluff," and he landed on the grass at my feet. We have now come to live not far from Newcastle, and on the high road, and I much fear letting him loose, although we have a very good garden. So I have had a wire house put up for him—dimensions about 6ft. square. The situation is very good, in the angle of a warm wall heavily overgrown with ivy. Some of this is included in the run, and better still, as there used to be a greenhouse there, the old ivied chimney is still standing. I am going to have a hole knocked through into this, and just wire netting put on the top of the chimney. Can any of your readers say if there is any chance of my being able to get Owls to breed if I obtained a hen bird? Also, would it be possible to mate him with a Barn Owl? I should be most grateful for any hints. Should I get a hen now, and let both fly together in the aviary, or wait till the spring? This Owl got h.c. card at Laskeard show in October, as reported in CAGE BIRDS, which I regularly take in.

THE OWL'S MISTRESS.

The Recent Carmarthen Show

SIR,—I am very sorry that owing to some accident at the printers, there was no catalogue issued for our recent show. This was a very serious loss to us, and a great inconvenience to the visitors. After months of hard work, it is a pity that a most successful show should be spoilt through no fault of the officials. One thing I know, it will mean hours and hours of hard work for me to make up for it. I am having special particulars printed of all awards, and a copy of this I will forward you. Will you oblige me by mentioning in your next issue that full particulars of Carmarthen Show will be published next week, and I thank you in anticipation.

FRED. KING, Gen. Sec.

A Suggestion to Bromsgrove and Birmingham Fanciers.

SIR,—A few cage bird fanciers in Bromsgrove have joined the City of Birmingham C.B.S. during the last few months, but find the travelling expenses to and from the meetings rather high, and in consequence would like to have a cage bird society in Bromsgrove. According to the correspondence now running in the Fancy Press, there are already too many societies, and Mr. de Maillet, of the Birmingham Society, suggests that the best way out of the difficulty would be to form a branch of their society here. Mr. de Maillet points out that his suggestion must not be taken as representing the views of his society, but that he has no doubt if a dozen fanciers at Bromsgrove will join the movement, his society will favourably consider the question. I feel sure fanciers here will appreciate his remarks, and I hope the matter will be brought to a successful issue. E. EDWARDS.

The Modern Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—I see another gentleman, Mr Harry Moore, has stepped in and does not approve of Mr. Worthington's advice to me. Also I see Mr. J. Bertie has replied to Mr. Worthington, giving him some very stiff "blows" on their little controversy. Anyone reading Mr. Bertie's letter of December 4th, I think, could not but come to the decision that he was about on the right side of the matter. As regards shows, I can honestly say they will always be left out by me, even if it were a fact that I had some real good "cattle," as there is no doubt it is an uphill business. I have not the slightest desire for fame; in the usual old-fashioned phrase, "winner of over 50 firsts and 30 seconds." No. I honestly love the bird and the Fancy in general, and when I have every hole at breeding season sparkling with from three to five young ones, hammer and tongue dogging at their mother for another lunch, I am happy among it all, and when they have left their parents, and are showing each other how they can crack away at seed, I usually say to them, "Well done." In conclusion, I say, keep on with your birds (it is a grand hobby, in my opinion), and be content with reading about the leading stars with 50 firsts and 30 seconds. You might possess some of equal quality and up to standard, that are a pleasure for yourself and friends to look at. When some other revised mode of showing is instituted, and with less expense for exhibitors to contend with, then I may be induced to be among the rank and file, and rise bit by bit.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

(Kindly write on one side of paper only; note rules.—EDITOR.)

Are Slow-Coach Members to Blame?

A Word for Society Officials.

SIR,—A thing that has struck me very much during the time I have read your valuable paper is the dearth of appreciation recorded to the many secretaries and committees for the arduous and worrying work they perform solely for the benefit of the respective membership. Who can say the societies of to-day are in a flourishing condition? True, one or two are, but the majority are not! To whatever cause it may be attributed by the reader, not many will lay it at the door of their own inactivity. The reasons I venture to put forward are several. The first and largest is the deeply-rooted idea that a man's obligations are fulfilled by the payment of his subscriptions. Some, of course, do not even do that. Another reason is that there are too many societies. Other evils are that persons belong to more societies than they can afford, and consequently neglect the birds and the home, to the general discomfort ot all. Districts, generally speaking, are not large enough to run a society, hence the membership is scattered and is detrimental to the interest and attendance. How many societies would like an average attendance of 20 throughout the year? A great many, I say, especially when I remember an instance of the secretary only putting in an appearance, and another a grand muster of two. Are not some monthly meetings but a repetition of the committee night? What fair-minded man can say this is fair and ought to be tolerated? I know only with deep sorrow that the rank and file expect these gentlemen to provide them with special prizes. No doubt it is a mistake, however praiseworthy, of the "workers" dipping their hands deeply into their pockets to prolong the lives of the societies and tide over the difficulties of the year. The memberships want educating to the fact that their attendance is necessary to the well-being of their society in addition to their subscription. It is a crying evil, and grossly unfair to allow the secretaries and committees to pay the wages of their own labour. They work as an honour to the club, and they certainly ought not to pay for that which is clearly the duty of the membership to provide. It should be remembered always that a good attendance is a ray of sunshine to those who give their services gratis, and a great encouragement. I also know that a notice in the "Press" brings an inflated attendance, and you can listen to the nice nothings and smoothings to induce them to continue in office. Far, far better to let them shift for themselves, and so let the idlers find to their cost that it is their own unconcern that has brought them to task. Let the members dip their hands in the future as deep down in their pockets as the secretaries and committees have done in the past, attend the meetings as regularly as they have done, and I predict, there will not be a society that is not in a flourishing condition, and with a balance to their credit in the bank.

IPSO FACTO.

The Crystal Palace Show.

Splendid Specials for Frill Canaries.

SIR,—Baron du Thiel, of France, has sent £2 to be awarded as a special prize for best Frill, £1 for 2nd best Frill, and £1 for third best Frill exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show, and he asks that the same shall be acknowledged in CAGE BIRDS.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

The Kent County C.B.A.'s "Bowl and Cup" Competitions.

SIR,—Your report of our "Bowls and Cups" Competition in the Christmas number contains an error for which I am myself responsible. The grand totals in the Yorkshire section credits Mr. Lockett with 24 points, whereas it should be 36. Dr. J. A. Bowes and Dr. J. Bowes should read Dr. T. A. Bowes, of Herne Bay, in each instance.

GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., Kent County C.B.A.

What is an Even-marked Border?

SIR,—May I ask you, Mr. Editor, to please alter the heading of this discussion, and name it, "What is an even-marked bird?" I am very glad to see friend Patterson entering into this, and have noted his remarks concerning the "uneven" bird, and as the meeting of the B.F.C.C. Club is to be held at Carlisle on Jan. 1st, I think this discussion a very timely one, and it may help the motion he is about to bring on. Now, although we strive to attain the ideal as the goal of our ambitions, we must not forget that there are a great many fanciers who think that if a bird has not got perfect markings it cannot be shown as an even-mark. I have come across two concrete cases in my own experience, where two well-known exhibitors did not know what an even-mark was. One of them had an even-mark in his room and did not know it, he thinking that because the eye-marks were not evenly balanced it could not be shown as such. Now to my way of thinking there are three kinds of eye-marks. There are the "anterior," or in front of the eye; the "posterior," or behind the eye, and the "entire," which covers the eye, making a lovely mark connecting back and front. We may have a bird with an "anterior" mark one side and a posterior mark the other side; still, it is perfectly eligible to compete as an even-mark, but if, as friend Patterson says, there is a break with light feathers disconnecting the "entire" marking, then, of course, the eye-mark is broken, and there are five marks instead of four. But I should not call that bird five-pointed. As I said in my last letter, I have always taken it that there are only six places on a bird's body that we can count for points, viz., the eyes, wings, and each side of the tail. If that bird is marked on the body in any way, then it is a variegated bird. Now I know that these birds are shown in the uneven class, and of course they cannot be wrong-classed, simply because the class reads thus, "uneven or variegated," and I said in my last letter that they ought not to be in a class that was *purely uneven*. What do we want the word uneven there for? We could call them all variegated, and I say this, that there is as much science required to breed a good uneven bird as to breed his more fortunate brother, the even-mark, and I hope that the time will soon come when we shall have the uneven class by itself, where only birds that are marked on their eyes, wings and tail, or in other words, the "pointed" birds, will count, be it one, three or five-

JOHN HOCKING.

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Advice to those about to begin in the Lancashire Canary Fancy.

By H. KEMPSTER.

The Lancashire by name is no doubt a Lancashire bird, at any rate up to the present the North is its home. In general characteristics the Lancashire is essentially a large, strong, massive bird, which has been so bred for some time past, but, nevertheless, like all other varieties, it must have some time or other been bred and inbred from the original little drab green wild Canary. Old fanciers can well remember the monster Lancashire with a coppy like a michaelmas daisy. Now, though size still predominates, the coppy is different to the daisy shape.

The Ideal Specimen.

The coppy of the present up-to-date ideal show bird must be round and neat, and should be close to the back of the neck, without the slightest trace of roughness (horse-shoe in shape), with feathers well packed in, and with not even the shadow of a split in its formation. The back must be long, well filled in (not hollow), the tail long to correspond with back, and feather of the very best quality. The bird must have a chest bold and wide. Its legs should be long and strong, but when standing up, its tail should droop somewhat, so as to give the bird the appearance of being slightly curved. It should move with ease and elegance.

Coming now to the Plainhead Lancashire, the properties should correspond somewhat to the coppy, but not in the head, as the head of the Plainhead should be broad and long, with eyebrows overhanging, with plenty of feather, good in quality—giving it the appearance of a sulky bird—but it must not be tucked in behind, and when the bird is perching it should not stand across the perch, but well up, as much as to say, "I am the King of Canaries."

On the Show Bench.

It is difficult to say why so few shows (especially in the South) provide classes for Lancashires, unless it is the doubt whether the classes will be filled; but I think the day is not far distant when the majority of shows will specify Lancashire classes in their schedules.

As it is, at present, should one wish to give the public a view of his majesty the Lancashire, he must enter him in the A.O.V. class, there to compete against Border Fancies, Cinnamons, Greens, etc., but nevertheless, when ever he is exalted to his high position in the show cage he generally commands the respect and admiration to which he is entitled, no matter what other varieties he may have to compete against.

The Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association have tried very hard to bring this magnificent bird to the front during the past few seasons (may their efforts be well rewarded), and if fanciers in the South were to encourage the breeding of the Lancashire equally as well as their brother fanciers in the North, it would not be long ere we had a Southern Lancashire Association.

When Starting with Lancashires.

Should any young fanciers contemplate interesting themselves in the Lancashire variety, let me advise them to procure the best birds they can possibly get, subject to the depth of their pocket. Go to a reliable breeder (and there are many advertising in CAGE BIRDS every week), tell him what you want, and leave the rest to him; you will not then go home disappointed.

Some fanciers have a pronounced objection to breeding Lancashires on the ground that they are bad feeders, but my experience has been that they are like all other varieties of Canaries—you will find good and bad amongst them. Some will feed and some won't; others will feed when the cock bird is left in with the hen, and others will not feed if the cock bird is taken out. But I find the best and surest way is to have a few proved feeders of any variety of Canary you fancy, then if there are one or two Lancashires who are not well disposed towards their young—well, hand them over to the tender mercies of their foster mother.

Always mate your coppy hen to a Plainhead cock, or vice versa, except in exceptional cases. There are times when it is advisable to pair two coppies together; for instance, for strengthening the coppy blood, etc. But it is only in cases of extreme necessity that this method should be resorted to, and only then with the most judicious care.

How to Feed the Young.

For the feeding of the young birds I find nothing better than the egg and biscuit, or egg and bread-crumbs, with hemp seed *ad lib*, giving a spray of watercress, dandelion, lettuce, or chickweed, fresh daily. I don't think it matters much which of the above-named green-foods you give, providing it is fresh; if it is not, you will soon see the effects in your young birds—inflammation, etc., will be the regrettable result. As to giving the young birds water when taken from the old ones, some fanciers say it is necessary, whilst others say not, as they do not need it until you have weaned them off the soft-food, there being enough moisture in the soft food to supply them.

Cleanliness.

In conclusion, let me impress on all beginners the necessity of thorough cleanliness. Keep your birds clean; they will be healthier, stronger, and better birds than if you neglected this most vital point. If at any time the red mite pest should make itself known (which is not at all improbable), extinguish them at once by cleaning out all cages, using any kind of disinfectant you like. Personally, I use Condy's or Sanitas. Well clean out all cracks and crevices, and after well drying them, sprinkle insect powder well in same. Also give your birds a bath, into which has been put a little infusion of quassia. The red mite will then disappear as quickly as they made their appearance.

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Annual Distribution of Prizes.

Annual general meeting held on Dec. 13th at headquarters, All Saints' Church Rooms, North Street. The chairman (Mr. A. Richardson) presided, and was supported by Messrs. D. Hunter (treasurer), T. Boyle (assistant-secretary), and the following members of committee: Messrs. H. Thompson, H. Warriner, T. Wright, J. Pickering, S. Campling, H. Shorney, H. J. Chittenden, and J. Davison. The Secretary read the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed that the finances of the society are in a good, sound condition. The election of officers for 1910 resulted as follows:—President, Rev. P. J. Shaw; chairman, Mr. A. Richardson; treasurer, Mr. D. Hunter; assistant-secretary, Mr. T. Boyle; committee, Messrs. T. Wright, J. Pickering, H. Shorney, A. Humphries, F. B. Sissons, J. White, S. Campling, H. Chittenden, and A. Simeson. At the close of the usual business, Mrs. Richardson (wife of our esteemed chairman), in a few well chosen remarks, distributed the prizes to the successful winners of most points gained at the shows held during the year. The following were the principal prize-winners: Most points throughout year—1, S. Campling, Riley-Smith's cup and 10s. 6d.; 2, T. Boyle, silver butter cooler; 3, A. Humphries, leg of mutton; 4, T. Wright, two stone of canary seed. Norwich section: 1, A. Humphries, beautifully bound volume of "Cage Birds"; 2, T. Wright, 2s. 6d.; 3, F. B. Sissons, 3s. bottle of pectorine. Yorkshire section: 1, S. Campling, beautifully bound volume; 2, A. Simeson, one stone of canary seed; 3, H. Warriner, show cage. Mule or Hyb. section: 1, H. Shorney, 2s. 6d. worth of Fox's food. British bird section: 1, T. Boyle, 2s. 6d.; 2, D. Hunter, 2s 6d.; 3, H. J. Chittenden, 3s. bottle of pectorine. For most new members proposed during the year, T. Boyle, silver-mounted pipe. Gold-centred medal given by T. Sandiford, T. Wright. The president's challenge cup offered for best young bird bred by a member, Mr. A. Humphries. Mr. F. B. Sissons proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Richardson for her kindness in presenting the prizes, which was carried unanimously. Mr. O. Rielly moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officials. He said that a good deal of the success of the society depended upon their secretary, Mr. A. Waud, who had been unanimously elected for another year, and the society ought to feel proud that they had such a hard-working official. Mr. Richardson replied on behalf of himself and Mrs. Richardson. He hoped the society would prosper for years to come; he felt sure it would, with such a body of good fanciers. He wished them all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This brought to a close one of the best meetings ever held by the society.—A. WAUD, hon. secretary.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

The Black-winged Mynah.

This very handsome Starling, of which there is a specimen at the Zoo at present, comes from Java, and is remarkable for its strongly contrasted colour, which is pure white, except for the black wings and tail quills, while the bill, feet, and a bare patch round the eye are yellow. Altogether the bird looks extraordinarily like a partial Albino of the common brown Indian House Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*), and at first sight one can hardly realise it is a true species. In Java, I am told, it is found commonly, and near houses, so that it evidently takes the place in that country which the other does in India. I have only seen four specimens of it here, however; the bird now in the Zoo, one they had there some time ago, and a pair in the aviary of a well-known aviculturist in the country.



(The Black-winged Mynah.

A Friendly Bird.

The last-mentioned birds were exquisitely clean and in tight condition, while the Zoo bird still looks a bit loose in feather—he was only imported this year—and is decidedly grubby. But he is one of the jolliest and tamest birds they have ever had in the Western Aviary to my knowledge. He will perch cheerfully on your finger, if you put it through the bars; so would "George," the late lamented Brazilian Troupial. But then George would also poke his sharp bill under your finger-nail to see what you would do then, which showed tameness, but not a kind disposition. There is no such malice about this Mynah, though he is not above mischief; the other day I saw him extract a keeper's collar-stud and fly off with it to a lofty ledge, where he left it after deciding upon examination that it was not fit to eat. I ought to mention that when he came over he was still quite a young bird, and had the upper parts shaded with grey, as this shows what is the young plumage in this rare species.

What is a Grackle?

This bird has been called the Black-winged "Grackle," and this name of Grackle has been applied to several other birds not bearing any great resemblance to each other; thus the talking Hill Mynahs are sometimes called Grackles, and so are some of the American "Blackbirds"—black, ground feeding Troupials. The fact is, that there is no such thing as a Grackle, and the name is merely a book-name, which never got into real popular language. It is a clumsy adaptation of the Latin *Graculus*, which means a Jackdaw, and was applied by the old ornithologists to a lot of big "soft-bills," which seemed to them to have something of the Crow about them. The birds included under the name have long been seen to belong to quite different groups, and the name "Grackle" is now practically dropped.

A similar case was the application of the word "Grosbeak" to any Finch with a very thick bill, from a Hawfinch to a Mannikin; it has practically been dropped for all birds except some near relatives of the Hawfinch, to which the name best applies, as the Hawfinch was no doubt the first Finch with a big "gross" beak which was noticed.

When to Use Meat.

As long as birds are kept there will be differences of opinion as to what is suitable food, everyone swearing by what in his own observation he has found to be successful or otherwise. Meat, bread and milk, and egg, are all abused by someone or other; all can be abused, and all used with benefit in certain cases. As far as I can observe, a good rule for the use of meat is as follows: If a bird is a coarse feeder, *i.e.*, if it devours large creatures, such as lob worms, fish, mice, young of other birds, etc.—anything with red blood in it, in fact—you can give it meat with safety, provided, of course, that you do not overdo the thing; *i.e.*, don't give too much, or in big lumps. Such birds, it will be observed, are usually of a fair size; but meat is liable to disagree with the small soft-bills, except a few gross feeders like the Robin, who makes enormous meals off lob-worms as big in proportion to him as a six-foot conger-eel would be to ourselves.

Wild Bird Life.

Hard Times for Finches.

The comparatively mild open weather is keeping wild birds to the fields and woods; even the Sparrows have not yet returned in their usual numbers to the gardens, farm yards and poultry runs. We have had no weather sufficiently severe to drive them to seek food and shelter round the houses. Just a Blackbird or two, a Song Thrush and Robin are our only visitors, but these we should see under almost any conditions during the winter. Certain forms of insect life have no doubt thrived during the past summer. So much moisture and wet must have been suitable to something, and possibly our resident Softbills are still having a good time. But are the Finches faring as well? During the autumn months we generally get a certain period of dry sunny weather, when the sappy shoots of brambles, trees and shrubs dry up and harden, so that they may withstand the cold of the coming winter. The seed buds of weeds and wayside plants fill up and ripen, but this year the crop has been bad. If we pick a seeding stalk of plaintain or thistle, we find it soft and musty, and even the common dock has failed to ripen as usual.

How then do the Finches fare? Their usual food has been considerably reduced. There cannot possibly be the abundance of former years. And it is just possible that when the severer weather comes, wild birds will feel the want of constant food and be so reduced in condition that many will perish before another spring. It is just possible, too, that all districts have not had quite the same weather conditions as we have had in Surrey, and wild creatures have a habit of migrating to lands more favourably situated. The food supply undoubtedly regulates the birdy population, and ours is not so plentiful as in former years. A good long tramp over fields and downs and along woods and hedgerows does not reveal the huge flocks of wild birds of former winters. The Linnets are in scattered companies, or in pairs. Some half-dozen green birds and a few Buntings form another gathering. Some of the flocks of Sparrows in former years numbered many thousands. Now one can almost count them. The ever-busy Starlings are still plentiful, and the conservative Rook haunts the elms and fields in the district as usual, but the Finches are certainly scarce.

Where Jays are Found.

Unlike many species the Jay is represented in both the old and the new world.

Safety for Large Sea Birds.

Among the birds benefiting by the Protection Act are the larger ones of the sea-shore, such as Cormorants, Guillemots, Puffins, Razorbills, and Gulls. Their close season is extended to the autumn, when they gradually leave the rocky breeding haunts, to fly out to sea, where they are practically safe from the along-shore shooter.

Pugnacious French Partridge.

The Red-legged Partridge was imported into this country from France many years ago, as additional game for sportsmen, but being larger and more pugnacious than the English bird it has in some places completely exterminated the little plump ones. The French bird is now severely dealt with, and on many estates efforts are made to keep it under.

Proof of Migration.

The Central Bureau for Ornithology in Hungary marked about one thousand birds last year. One of these (a Stork) was shot in Natal, the bird having travelled five thousand miles on migration. When Slatin Pasha was a prisoner with the Mahdi, a Stork was killed with a letter attached to it. This was brought to him to read, and it stated that the bird was reared in southern Russia. Upon his release Slatin communicated with the Russian naturalist.

The Perky Redpoll

It is said the Lesser Redpoll has nested in nearly every country in England, but, as may be expected, more often in the North and in Scotland. This perky little bird is also a resident in Ireland, but the species nest much more frequently in the North than in the South. It is difficult to say why the species should prefer colder latitudes; it appears to be so closely related to the common Linnet that what is suitable to one would appear to be suited to the other.

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The First Inmates.

My first foreign birds were a pair of Budgerigars. A cocoanut husk hung up in a cosy corner soon induced them to commence nesting, though, by the way, they made no nest, only just hollowing out the husk to their liking and widening the hole.

There were five or six young born at intervals, for Mrs. B. starts to sit on the first egg, so the first hatched young one was at least five days older than the last. They were funny looking little things when they left the nest, with dark eyes, just like beads. I have had as many as eighty young birds in a season, and such a pretty sight they were feeding on the ground together, running about, pulling the grass, tumbling over each other in their hurry, and carrying lumps of turf to drop in their drinking water.

Zebra Finches come next. They are sweet little birds, with scaling-wax-red beaks. The cock is mouse-colour above, and white underneath, with a chestnut patch spotted with white below each wing, and a chestnut ear patch; tail black, barred white. The hen is all grey, delicately shaded.

They will make their nest in any small box, but it must be well hidden away from all prying eyes. I never even dared to look at any likely spot, and never knew for certain there were young birds till they left the nest. The young are all grey with black beaks, which soon begin to change to red, and at the end of three or four months they are in full plumage ready to commence house-keeping on their own account. How different from the Saffron Finches—Canary-like birds, with a brilliant orange cap, who do not put on bright colours till their second year! A pair I had nested in a cocoanut husk, hung in a dead tree, but when the eggs (very like a House Sparrow's) were laid, the hen turned quite vicious, and literally scalped the cock, and hatched out and reared the young without his assistance. He, poor fellow, was in a terrible plight. Nearly blind, it did not seem possible he could live, but with care he pulled through, and the feathers grew again. But there was always a dividing line all round the cap, which made him look rather quaint. They had many a nest of young afterwards, and she always behaved in a most exemplary manner.

Tame and Cheeky Parson Finches.

I think the birds I cared for most were the Parson Finches, such tame, cheeky little things, with such prying little ways. If the seed jar (a glass pickle bottle) was left on the floor, there would be half-a-dozen in it in no time, waiting to be lifted out, for they had no idea how to get out again themselves. The very buttons on my shoes they would try to pull off. There were fourteen or fifteen of them, the progeny of one pair, and they went about in a flock.

The cock sings a funny little song. I cannot describe it, but there are two long-drawn-out notes, as if he said, "sit there." Their colouring is most delicately soft and pretty—silver grey on top of head, the body a lovely soft fawn, with a large black bib, perfect in outline, under the beak; the tail black, with some white marking.

Chinese Painted Quails.

Next to these, my favourites were a tiny pair of Chinese Painted Quails, no larger than a newly-hatched chicken, and so tame I had to be very careful not to tread on them. When I held out my hand they would jump into it and nestle down, or the little cock would stretch himself up and crow.

They were very fond of earwigs, or any other small game of that kind. There were lots of eggs laid, but none ever hatched. A pair of Crested Californian Quails were so wild, they upset the whole aviary, and beautiful though they were, I was very glad to get rid of them.

Cutthroats bred as freely as Sparrows. Their young leave the nest in full colour; that is to say, the cock has the crimson line below the beak, just the same as when adult.

I had several Weavers of different varieties, but none of these breed in this country. The Orange Bishops, one of the most beautiful, only wears his fine colour during the summer. In winter he is a little brown bird, exactly like the hen; so that if they are bought out of colour it is very difficult to tell them apart. I was most fortunate. I bought four, and every one was a cock.

A little colony of Mannikins, Three-colour, Black-headed, Nutmegs, Bronze-wings, and others, were quite at home, sitting in rows, and singing their silly little inaudible songs. It is a most ridiculous sight, with all the action of singing, and no sound. And the beauty of it is they are so pleased with themselves and each other.

My Magpie Mannikins.

I had a fine pair of Magpie Mannikins or Pied Grass Finches. These are rather rare, as very few of them are imported. They are black and white, with a beautiful metallic lustre all over their plumage, and are altogether very smart looking little birds.

Of course there were Java Sparrows, both the White and the Grey—always so cheerful looking with their bright rosy beaks, and close trim feathering. The Greys are the most handsome though much more common. There is a beautiful bloom on their plumage, and the white ear patch is so distinctive.

With me they did not breed so freely as the white. The latter had nest after nest of young, and although most of these were heavily marked with grey when they left the nest, after the first moult they were pure white, like the old birds.

A Quarrelsome Crew.

My Cardinals were much too quarrelsome for me to trust together, and even when divided they were continually trying to get at each other, and looking dark deeds. None attempted to nest, but one day the hen Red-crested behaved exactly in the same way as the hen Saffron Finch—she scalped the cock, and I found him apparently dead on the floor. She was still standing by him, her white breast stained with blood, giving him a few finishing vicious pecks. Like the Saffron Finch he recovered, and the crest grew again. I ventured to return him to the aviary, and all went well again; in fact, they were in a way quite an example to the other birds (Doves, in particular)—so peaceful and attentive to each other.

The cock is not a great singer, but he has a sharp cheerful whistle, and is always on the alert. They were very tame, and would take a green caterpillar or other (from their point of view) choice dainty, from my fingers. No moth, fly, or beetle, ever escaped them. Earth worms they will not touch. They delight in bathing, and would get so soaked they could hardly fly, but were soon dry again. With their breasts like snow, and crests erect, they seem to know what fine fellows they are.

The Green Cardinal is a fine fellow, too. His crest is black, and he has a bib-like marking under the beak. General colour: greeny yellow, pencilled and shaded with darker green tones. He is not nearly so striking as the Red-crested. He is in a way the handsomest bird.

The Pope, or Crestless Cardinal, is very similar to the Red-crested, but smaller, and (with me) very wild.

(To be continued.)

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Rare Insectivorous Birds of Norfolk.

By W. LOWNE.

A Lecture delivered before the London and Provincial O.S.

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The Black-breasted Dipper: An occasional visitant this, from Scandinavia. A pair in Norwich Museum were obtained at Buxton mills in 1864 and 1869. Others have been seen on the River Bure, which runs rapidly at that particular spot. I received one on November 4th, 1885, from Thurgaton. Another was obtained on November 9th, 1896, on the River Bure.

The Common Dipper: The so-called Common Dipper, which is equally as rare as the species previously mentioned, is also known as the Water Ouzel. It has occurred here occasionally. One (a fine specimen) was obtained at Yarmouth in 1849. It has also occurred since that date at Reedham and Hellesdon by Norwich. A Dipper was reported as being seen in 1907, but of which kind it was not stated.

Several attempts have been made to keep these birds in captivity, and I believe they have been shown occasionally, but not with much success. I myself have not yet seen one "in the flesh" as taken in Norfolk. So it may be considered rarer than the Black-breasted Dipper.

Rarities Among the Warblers.

We now come to a large family of the smaller species which consists of the Warblers, Wagtails, Larks, Pipits, and such like. I will confine my remarks to the rarest of these, as I have done in describing the larger British birds—those, that is, which do not come under one's notice every day.

The Aquatic Warbler.—An immature specimen was secured at Blakeney on the 9th of September, 1896. It was in very good plumage, with lines on the back more pronounced than the streak of buff over the crown. On dissection the contents of the stomach consisted of the remains of small earwigs and beetles. This is recorded as the fifth taken in Norfolk.

The Icterine Warbler.—This species has occurred three times in Norfolk, all of which occurrences were in the months of September—in the years 1884, 1893, and 1896, in the districts of Cley and Blakeney.

The Great Reed Warbler.—One of this species was seen by the Rev. — Bird at Horning. As it was only 15 yards away a good view was obtained. It was clinging to some reeds with its tail and wings half spread, so that he could not be mistaken. The same gentleman also believes he saw a pair on the River Bure in July, 1886, about a mile from where the first-mentioned bird was seen.

The Barred Warbler.—A young female of this species was secured about a mile east of Blakeney Point on September 4th, 1884. It also occurred in the same locality in August, 1906, and on August 27th, 1907.

The Dartford Warbler.—But two specimens of this Warbler have been recorded in this county, and in both instances on the Denes at Yarmouth. One, a young male, was caught by a dog in a furze bush on February 25th, 1859. It is thought by our local ornithologists that, by a careful search on our commons, others might be met with, as has been the case with the previous mentioned rarities.

Pallas's Willow Warbler.

Pallas's Willow Warbler.—In strong N.E. wind, in October, 1896, a very small bird was seen at Blakeney in company with other small birds; it turned out to be one of the rarest of our Warblers—Pallas's Willow Warbler. The account of its capture was reported in "The Zoologist," by Mr. T. Southwell. The specimen in question was secured by a local collector for the modest sum of £32.

It is somewhat difficult to understand the movements of these rare Warblers, which arrive on the East coast in different winds; the Aquatic Warbler arrived in a west wind, but the Icterine and Pallas's Warblers arrived with the wind in an easterly direction, and the Barred Warbler in a south wind. Much has yet to be learned as to the influence of the wind.

A Bird that is Becoming Commoner.

The Blue-Throated Warbler.—The occurrence of this species has been reported in the transactions of the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society on several occasions. It has been known to occur in Norfolk only since September, 1841, at which time one was found dead at Yarmouth, and another in September, 1867, was identified among a party of Wheatears, Larks, and other small migratory birds, which alighted upon a ship off the Norfolk coast. In September, 1881, a third was obtained at Cley while consorting with Redstarts and Whitethroats.

These were all the recorded instances in Norfolk of a bird which was considered very rare, but which can hardly be accounted so any longer, as in 1883 I received one which was shot on the Breydon banks on September 15th, at which date nine were secured at Blakeney. The following year, on the same date, another was brought to me alive, it having been caught in a greenhouse a short distance from the sea.

Many were observed on the coast at Blakeney at about this time, when a close observation was kept for any of these rare Warblers; and many have occurred along the coast since that time, all in the month of September. Several were seen in 1896, five in 1900, ten in 1901—all of which were unmolested.

The specimens obtained were all of the Red-spotted variety, although there is nothing unlikely about the White-spotted variety occurring in Norfolk some day.

Savi's and Wood Warblers.

The Savi's Warbler.—Six of these birds, including the first and last met with in England up to 1886, are recorded as Norfolk specimens, four of which are in the Norwich Museum. Another was in the collection of Mr. Stevenson, which was disposed of for seven guineas on the sale of his birds after his death. This bird was shot at Surlingham in June, 1856. Others have been seen near Yarmouth.

The habits of this bird much resemble those of the Grasshopper Warbler. Although one might be heard, it would be difficult to see On being alarmed, it drops instantly into the thickest sedge, when its pursuit becomes hopeless. It carefully eludes observation, seldom showing itself in open flight. Sometimes, however, its course may be traced by the shaking of reeds, as it springs from one to another.

The Wood Warbler.—This may not be considered rare, but in my experience it is much rarer than it is considered to be. As far as I can remember, I have not yet had one in my possession.

Although it is a summer migrant to our coast, arriving later than the Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler, the bird is said to resemble these species; but from what I saw one morning some fifteen years ago in the gardens adjoining our river bank (a bird which I took to be a Wood Warbler), it was a beautiful dense-coloured bluish-green. I had a good view of it as it flew in front of me and alighted on a post much after the manner of a Tree Creeper.

Shot by a Working Man.

The Yellow-Browed Warbler.—Eleven examples of this bird have now been met with in the British Isles. The first one in Norfolk was shot by a labouring man on October 1st, 1894; and, what is more, the man only wished to empty his gun, and little thought he was firing at the first known Norfolk example of this rare bird. It had a stripe on the crown very faint in colour, and had the appearance of being a young bird.

The Marsh Warbler.—This bird is little known in Norfolk, but a nest of three eggs was found by a boy at Sculthorp-by-Fakenham on May 24th, 1906, and taken to Mr. A. P. Macklin. The description of the situation in which the eggs were found was that the nest was on a tussock of a species of grass which grows to a height of two feet. The eggs were photographed, and also compared with Continental eggs of the same species being found to agree with them both in colour and markings.

A Stonechat, I may say, was shot on November 2nd, 1904, being very dark in colour, amounting to partial melanism, but showing white on the wings and neck. It was subsequently submitted to Mr. Howard Saunders, who identified it as being a Siberian Stonechat, it being erroneously stated in the previous report that it was a variety of the common Stonechat.

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BOWHILL.

Second annual show held on Dec. 18th in clear, frosty weather. The entry all over was above last year's—somewhere about 150 more birds—whilst the quality was all that could be desired, and the committee of management were highly elated with the success of the venture. The visitors at night simply swarmed in to view the exhibits. The Gothenburg Hall is, without doubt, the finest we have had the pleasure to be in. The Scotch Fancy section was a small one, but the winners were all birds of high-class merit. Mr. Reekie captured the special. Border competition was also keen, and the Norwich section contained many well-known winners. The committee are all true fanciers, and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. Kerr (Dysart) judged Scotch Fancies, and the remainder came under the eye of Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside); their awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT FCY. VELL. CK.: 1, Anderson, large, head up, good square shoulder and drive, nice neck; 2, Cairns, rare nerve and action; 3, Wilkie, buff ck. HEN: 1, Thomson, large, well filled, square shoulders, head well down, very ready; 2, Dow, rare free head and length of neck. BUFF CK.: 1, Corrigan, grand size, head up, decided drive, shoulders well filled; 2, Murrie, nice drive and action. HEN: 1, spl, Reekie, taking hen, splendid position, rare stylish swagger of head, prominent shoulder, lengthy drive; 2, Beveridge, splendid length of neck, well filled shoulder; 3, Reekie, tkd. on head, fine position; 4, Cairns, very nervy; vhc, Thomson. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, Wallace, nearly green, head up grand size, well filled shoulder, good drive and action; 2, Anderson, close up; 3, Dow, fine size and substance. HEN: 1, 2, Reekie, two good ones, perfect in neck, shoulder and drive, former freer in action; 3, Corrigan, nice size, free action. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, spl, Reekie, again leading with two good ones, former Pied, latter Green, little to choose between; 3, Ramage, nice size, free in action. HEN: 1, Dow, leader grand Green, good size, fine substance, well turned wings, handles well; 2, 3, Reekie, Pied, nice size and substance, good action, 3rd fine size. SELL.: 1, Wallace; 2, Dow; 3, Beveridge; 4, Fulton; vhc, Thomson; hc, Ramage. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Anderson, little beauty, splendid type, col. and quality, back well rounded; 2, McKenzie, another gem, lovely col. and quality; 3, Hutchison, close up, grand type, well braced wings, splendid col. and quality; 4, Voy, nice back and wing carriage, good head; vhc, Burt; hc, c, Brown. HEN: 1, spl, Voy, grand type, in the pink of condition, lovely quality feather, grand head and wing; 2, McKenzie, lovely type, splendidly modelled head and back; 3, Matthew, tkd. on wing, nice small head, grand back; 4, Frail, nice stylish hen; vhc, Henderson; hc, Arnott. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, McKenzie, first true model, splendid head, nice neck and back; 2, Peters, another good one, splendid col., quality and condition; 3, Frail, grand stamp all over, good col.; 4, Matthew, good one; vhc, Henderson; hc, Balloch. HEN: 1, Hutchison, grand type, lovely head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Burt, tkd. on eyes, nice col., style and quality; 3, 4, Peters, tkd. and clear, two nice hens well shown; vhc, Brown. EVENLY MKD.: 1, spl, Glass, grand col. and quality, nice type, well balanced markings. UNEVEN: 1, 3, Denholm, leader three-pointed Buff, exceptional feather, stylish in head, 3rd five-pointed, grand quality, col., and condition; 2, Glass, well known yell.; 4, Anderson, mkd. eyes, wings and vent; vhc, Campbell; hc, Morris. SELL. (15s.): 1, McKenzie; 2, Denholm; 3, Glass; 4, Voy; vbc, Peters; hc, Beveridge; c, Morris. CREST: 1, Brown, broken Green grand size, fine head feather, beautifully centered; 2, McLean, Green, nice size; 3, Innes, fine length of feather. C.-B. CK.: 1, Crearer, grand Green, rare size, nice length of head feather; 2, McLean, nice size, good head, shade narrower in entrance; 3, vhc, Fulton, varieg. fine size, good body feather; 4, Innes. HEN: 1, no name, nice bead, fine entrance and substance; 2, McLean, cl., nice size. SELL.: 1, Arnott; 2, 4, Innes; 3, Fulton. NOR. YELL., CK.: 1, medal, special 3, Fisher, champion, lovely col., quality and condition, fine bold head; 2, 3, Kerr, close up, similar in shape, head and substance, 3rd a shade smaller, but fine col. and quality; 4, spl, Barclay, good size, nice substance. HEN: 1, Gray, grand one, splendid head, well filled neck, splendid col. and quality; 2, Kerr, tkd. on head, fine col. and type; 3, McConville, very similar all over; 4, Barclay, nice size, good col. BUFF CK.: 1, Dempster, grand col. and texture of feather, nice bold head; 2, Kerr, grand stamp, would have won, but a shade dirty, rare head; 3, Pratt, grand col. and quality, nice substance; 4, vhc, McCue, nice stamp. HEN: 1, Phillip, grand size, good substance, bold in front; 2, spl, Spence, grand size, fine col. and quality; 3, no name, grand bead, bold front, fine col; 4, Ramsay, tkd. on head, nice size; vhc, Fisher; hc, Trail. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Kerr, leading with a charmer for type, col. and quality, all to the front; 2, Dickson, nice stamp again, splendid type and col.; 3, spl, Mallock, grand head, beautiful col. and quality; 4, spl, Ramsay, good size, nice col; vhc, Spence; hc, Hunter; c, Young. HEN: 1, medal, spl (2), Mathieson, tkd. eyes and cheek, grand model all over, taking exhibit, fine bold head; 2, Kerr, variegs., nice stamp fine col. and quality; 3, Dickson, similar in size, good col. and shape; 4, Kerr, nice one; vhc, Pratt; hc, Malloch. UNFLIG., CK.: Grand class; 1, spl, Gray, splendid buff, well modelled head, back and front, good wing and tail carriage; 2, McCabe, yell., grand type, rich col., fine quality feather; 3, Spence, buff again, a true Nor., splendid head; 4, Phillip, yell., large, fine col.; vhc, Barr; hc, Kerr; c, Dickson. HEN: 1, McCabe, charming yell., fine bold head, round back; 2, Kerr, tkd. buff, nice firm col. and quality; 3, Ramsay, cl., nice type and col.; 4, McDonald, good one; vhc, Phillip; hc, Barclay; c, Barr. UNFED, CK.: 1, Conelly, variegs., buff, nice type, good head, bold front; 2, Dempster, cl. yell., nice col., fine substance; 3, 4, Trail, 3rd cl. buff, fine head and col., 4th variegs. buff, nice stamp; vhc, Hunter; hc, Lister. HEN: 1, J. Barr, cl. buff, grand col., splendid quality, fine head; 2, McCabe, five-pointed yell., nice col. and quality; 3, spl, vhc, Kerr, cl. buff, nice stamp and quality; 4, Wm. Barr, grand type; hc, Trail; c, Connety. SELL.: 1, Mallock; 2, Philp; 3, hc, McDonald; 4, Kerr; vhc, Simpson. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Douglas, leader yell. tkd., grand length, stylish in head, finely braced wings, 2nd tkd. buff, nice one; 3, McDougal, yell., good one, fine length; 4, hc, Patterson, unfed buff, nice length, fine wing carriage; vhc, Crearer. HEN: 1, 2, Douglas, former yell. tkd., latter buff, grand pair, nicely drawn, stylish; 3, 4, McDougal, yell., nice length, fine col.; 4, Buff, nice col. and quality; vhc, Patterson, fairly charmed us with song. CINN.: 1, Ewenson; 2, Herd; 3, Arnott; 4, Trail; vhc, McGregor. COMMON (confined): 1, Ewinson; 2, Morris; 3, Yarley. LIGHT MULE: 1, yell., five-pointed, staved in wing, nice col. and quality; 2, Simpson, buff varieg., nice size, fine blaze; 3, Adamson, buff varieg.; absent, Murray. DARK: 1 (name missed), cinn., dark Greenie-Can., lovely col., splendid feather, nice wings, bars; 2, spl, Simpson, Linnet, good one for size, col., markings; 3, Stephenson, yell., Greenie, large, splendid col.; 5, spl, Balloch, Twite-Can., nice size; vhc, McLaren; hc, Bell and Dewar; c, Chambers. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Mackie, charmer, in lovely bloom, high rich blaze, square cut, nice moons and buttons; 2, McLaren, good col. blaze, fine buttons; 3, Lindsay, large one; 4, Bennet, nice head. FOR.: 1, McGurnin, rich deep scarlet blaze, fine square face, tanning well brought out; 2, Matthew, large, good col., fine moons; 3, McGregor, good head markings. BULLFINCH: 1, McLaren, rich, deep col. front, splendid cap, and good col. back, in the pink of condition; 2, Chalmers, large one, nice cap, well cut; 3, Wilson, splendid col.; 4, spl, Dewar, good size, nice shaped head; vhc, Bennett. LINNET: 1, spl Muir, charmer, of the first rank, splendid head, nicely spangled back; 2, Banie, large, good one, finely pencilled; 3, Brown, nice size, good col. and condition; 4, Morgan, fine size and steady; vhc, Mulligan and Whyte; hc, Rodan. GREENFINCH: 1, Stephenson, rich col. yell., steady as a rock, and in the pink of condition, grand col. wings; 2, Arnott, large buff, nice col., markings; 3, Hodge, buff, fine col. and markings; 4, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hodge, beautiful Twite, dressed in his Sunday best; 2, Hutchison, another Twite, splendid quality; 3, Bell and Dewar, mealy Redpoll, large, good one for col. and quality; 4, c, Wishart, Lesser Redpoll, grand col.; vhc, Morgan; hc, Morris. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Hutchison, large Missel Thrush, beautiful spangle, high in col.; 2, Mulligan and White, charming Song Thrush, well spangled breast. SMALL: 1, Gilmour, Wryneck, well known, splendid col. and condition; 2, Malcolm, Corn Bunting, steady, and well shown; 3, Black, Lark, nice one. SELL., BRIT., ETC.: 1, no name; 2, Lindsay; 3, Simpson; 4, Brown; vhc, no name; hc, Stephenson; c, McGornm. FOR.: 1, Gilmour; 2, Wallace.

MEDWAY C.B.S.

First annual members' show held at the Castle Hall, Rochester, on December 15th, and was very successful. It is but a year ago since a few fanciers in the district set their minds upon the establishment of a Cage Bird Society, and they had not very long decided upon a definite course of action before their ranks were augmented, and the society became an accomplished fact. Mr. H. W. Casemore is chairman, Mr. G. A. Acland the hon. secretary, and Messrs. Wade, Dewar, Giles, and Robinson members of committee. The year has been one of considerable activity, and the society has by dint of persistent effort on the part of the officers, done good work. The show was excellently arranged and carried out under the supervision of Messrs. Acland and Hunt; the room was a most suitable one, the entry a good one, and the quality excellent, especially in the British bird section. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Acland, grand shaped, rich col., cap mkd. and varieg. hen; 2, Smith, very smart. BUFF: 1, Acland, lightly varieg., rich under-colour, good feather and shape. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, Brumhill, a lovely feathered bird, of level col., nice body; 2, W. H. Smith, good shape and feather; 3, J. Smith, very neat; vhc, hc, Woodcock. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Brumhill, a really nice team, winner rattling fine body, neat head, nice feather; 2nd, lovely quality of feather; 3rd, good quality; vhc, Hunt; hc, c, Woodcock. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Acland, well-known Greenie-Can., in fine bloom; 2, Webb, same cross, large; 3, vhc, Smith. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Wickham, both Goldfinches, shown in topping fettle, former the more lustrous; 3, Smith, Goldie, wide face and very rich tanning; vhc, bc, Acland; c, Webb. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, Wickham, both really fine birds, former Gillingham, cup winner; 3, Acland, rich and nutty, bonny shape, wants a little more training; vhc, Brumhill; hc, W. H. Smith; c, Wade. GREEN FINCH: 1, spl, vhc, Wickham, has it in colour, fine shape; 2, Wade, good Finch for col., might be a little stouter perhaps; 3, Webb, bonny, bold Finch, fine shape; vhc, Wickham; hc, J. Smith, Brumhill. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Acland, Twite leading; 3, Webb, natty little Redpoll. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: Grand class; 1, spl, 2, 3, Acland, leader Hawfinch, Rochester, etc., winner; 2nd, similar species, well nigh as good; 3rd, beautifully mkd., large and lustrous Chaffinch; vhc, hc, Wickham. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Wade, rich col., well-spotted Missel Thrush, Rochester and Gillingham winner, in fine trim, bonny bird. SELL. (10/-): 1, Wickham; 2, Hunt; 3, Acland. While the show was in progress the members competed in a guessing competition, or, rather, it might be called a judging competition, for the benefit of the society's funds. The judge selected the three best British and the three best Canaries, placed the numbers in an envelope, which he sealed and handed to the secretary, to be opened at the close of the show, the competitor guessing nearest the judge's award to be declared the winner. We have not heard the result, but think the idea a capital one for augmenting the funds, a small entrance fee having been charged.

HYDE.

At the annual show of the Hyde and Dis. C.B.S., held at St. George's Schools, on December 4th, Mr. G. H. Massey (Stockport), judging, there was a really splendid entry of cage birds, and a fine turnout of visitors. One and all spoke well of the able sec., Mr. Barraclough, who was deserving of every word of praise.

GOLD LIZ. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Stansfield. SILVER (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Stansfield. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Wrigley; 2, Shaw; 3, Allsop; 4, Marlor. BUFF (5): 1, Barraclough; 2, 3, Wrigley; vhc, hc, Shaw. TKD. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Barraclough; 2, Allsop; 3, 4, Marlor. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Shaw; 2, Allsop; 4, Marlor. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Barraclough; 4, Marlor; vbc, Shaw. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Shaw; 2, vhc, Barraclough; 3, Wrigley; hc, Marlor; c, Allsop. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Marlor; 2, Allsop; 3, 4, Barraclough. BUFF (2): 1, Wrigley; 2, Shaw. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 4, Wrigley; 2, Marlor; 3, Allsop; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Shaw. BUFF (7): 1, Wrigley; 2, hc, c, Allsop; 3, Marlor; 4, vhc, Barraclough. SELL. (£1) (4): 1, Marlor; 2, Wrigley; 3, Allsop; 4, Mansfield. (10/-) (1): Mansfield. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Bardsley. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Prentice; 2, Fairclough; 3, Hopwood Bros. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Fields; 2, Fairclough; 4, Hopwood Bros.; vhc, Prentice. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Fairclough; 2, 4, Fildes; 3, Cambridge; vhc, Bray; hc, Hopwood Bros. BUFF (3): 1, Fairclough; 2, Prentice; 3, Rowbotham. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Cambridge; 2, Fildes; 3, Hopwood Bros.; vhc, Fairclough; hc, Bray. BUFF (3): 1, Fairclough; 2, Bray; 3, Cambridge. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Rowbotham; 2, Handforth. BUFF (7): 1, Prentice; 2, Rowbotham; 3, Fildes; 4, Cambridge; vhc, hc, Hopwood Bros.; c, Bray. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Gavin; 3, Handforth. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Webber; 2, Raine; 3, 4, Gavin; vhc, Thomas. GREENFINCH (1): Gavin. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Gavin; 2, 3, Webber; 4, Thomas. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Raine; absent, Diggins. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Webber; 2, Diggins; 3, Cambridge. OPEN NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Prentice; 2, Oliver. BUFF (5): 1, Shaw; 2, Wrigley; 3, Fairclough; 4, Kelsall; vhc, Foxall. BUFF, UNFLIG. (3): 1, Shaw; 2, Kelsall; absent, Jones. BUFF HEN (4): 1, Shaw; 2, Ramsbotham; 3, Marsland; absent, Jones. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Foden. HEN (1): Foden. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, 3, Gavin; 2, 4, Barron. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Rain; 2, Marsland; 3, Barron. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Webber; 2, Diggins; 3, Foxall.



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ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual members' show held on December 11th at the Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road. The ball is lofty, with a good top light, is well ventilated, and has hot water apparatus. The staging was arranged on both sides and at one end, with a platform in the centre of the room, on which were several of the special prizes. Exhibits were placed all round the outside of platform. This was pleasing to the eye and met with approval. There was a good attendance of fanciers and friends, and being a new feature in the district, the show was well patronised by the residents. Everything passed off satisfactorily, and the members are to be highly complimented on their exertions in trying to make the show a success. Several applications were made for membership. Entries came up splendidly, 171 birds being staged. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Coulson won special for best bird in show, Mr. H. Boothman for second best, also Sloper's Watch; Mr. J. Stirrup won special for best Yorks., Mr. J. Spencer that for best bird shown by an amateur. In the novice section, Mr. J. Thorneley won special for best Yorks., Mr. G. Belton that for best Norwich, also Sandiford's medal, and Mr. J. Lester won special for best Goldfinch, another for most points in show, and also a beautiful pair of oil paintings for most birds staged (given by Mr. W. Robinson). Other specials were won by Messrs. Barker, G. Simpson, W. Robinson, J. Valantine, S. Gibson.

OPEN AND AMAT. SECTION: YORKS., CL. YELL.: I, 3, Downing; 2, 4, Stirrup. BUFF: 1, Downing; 2, 3, Stirrup. TICKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Stirrup. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Stirrup; vhc, Downing. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Stirrup; vhc, Downing. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Stirrup; 3, Downing. GREEN CINN. SELF., ETC.: 1, 2, Stirrup. NOR. YELL.: 1, Boothman; 2, Coutson; 3, vhc, Fryer; 4, Spencer. BUFF: 1, Coutson; 2, Fryer; 3, Spencer. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Coulson; 3, Boothman; 4, Spencer. BUFF: 1, Boothman; 2, Coulson; 3, Spencer. UNFLIG. YELL.: I, Coutson; 2, 3, Boothman; 4, Spencer. BUFF: 1, Coulson; 2, 3, Boothman; 4, Spencer. SELL., 15s.: 1, Long; 10s.: I, Ely. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Lester; 2, Fryer; 3, 4, Parker, hc, Hudson. LINNET: 1, 3, Lester; 2, Robinson; 4, vhc, Parker. HARD BILL: 1, vhc, Parker; 2, 4, Lester; 3, Gibson. SOFT BILL: I, Hudson. FOR.: 1, Lester. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Lester. COTTAGE CLASS: 1, Mrs. Simpson; 2, J. Ashcroft; 3, Perfect; 4, Manchester. NOVICE SECTION: YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Valantine; 2, Mason; 3, Simpson. BUFF; 1, Thorneley; 2, Mason; 3, Valantine; 4, vhc, Simpson; hc, c, Lester. TKD. YELL.: 1, Thorneley; 2, Mason; 3, c, Lester; 4, Gibson; vhc, Simpson; hc, Valantine. BUFF: 1, Lester; 2, Gibson; 3, vhc, Thorneley; 4, Simpson; hc, Mason; c, Bank. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, vhc, Lester; 4, Mason. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, Gibson; 3, 4, Valantine; vhc, Simpson; hc, Banks. GREEN CINN. SELF., ETC.: 1, Thorneley. HEN, NAT. COL.: 1, Gibson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Belton; 2, Robinson; 3, Booth; 4, c, Lester; vhc, Annison; bc, Ely. BUFF: 1, 2, Thorneley; 3, Robinson; 4, Lester; vhc, Long. YELL. HEN: I, Robinson; 2, Booth; 3, Lester; 4, Long. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, Booth; 3, Lester; 4, Annison; vhc, Ely; hc, Belton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Booth; 2, Belton; 3, Annison; 4, Long; vhc, Thorneley. BUFF: 1, Belton; 2, Booth; 3, Robinson; 4, vhc, Annison; bc, Fulcher; c, Ely. YELL. HEN: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Belton; 4, Booth. BUFF: 1, Belton; 2, Robinson; 3, Ely; 4, Thorneley; vhc, Belton; hc, Fulcher; c, Valantine. NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, Belton. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Banks; 2, 3, Valantine.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

SELKIRK.

The 18th annual exhibition of the Selkirk Association was held on 18th Dec. The Victoria Hall is an ideal one for the purpose, being roomy, well-lighted, and free from draughts. President, Mr. W. O. Robinson; hon. sec., Mr. A. J. Brodie; assist. sec., Mr. A. Stibbe; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Lindsay, and auditor, Mr. T. D. Edgar. There was a good turnout in the various sections, some well-known exhibitors being represented. Quality was well maintained, and some of the Border fancy classes were very keenly contested. Mr. Brodie, the sec., had made excellent arrangements. Mr. A. J. Thomson (Newtongrange) judged, and his awards were very well received.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Gardner, nice breadth of waist, well rounded head, sound col.; 2, 4, Cameron, former variegs. wings, well carried, A1 bloom;; 3, Hughes, head tick, round body, full round head, hot col. 5, Lugton; 6, Wilson. HEN (6): 1, 3, Cameron, variegs., chubby, well-filled body, short on legs, wins well; 3, good quality; 2, Gardner, heavy varieg., strongly built, full round head, well up in col.; 4, Pringle, finely rounded head, good back; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Hughes. BUFF CK. (10): 1, sp, 4, Cameron, leading with a finely feathered varieg., good position, nice size of head, grandly mealed feather; 2, Gardner, also grand shape, head and body, close up; 3, Luglow, massive head and body, bright close feather; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Lambie. HEN (5): 1, 3, Cameron, winner very chubby made, neat round head, close waxy feather; 3, variegs. grand type; 2, Pringle, lovely col. and finish; 4, Gardner, heavy varieg., fine quality; 5, Luglow. BORD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, Bennet, winner one of the old brigade, looking very fit, free, and gainly style; 3, stylish make, A1 col.; 2, Lambie, neck tick, very smart carriage, nicely rounded chest; 4, Halliday, a fine bird, but rough in front-to-day; 5, Patterson; 6, Alexander. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Patterson, neat and graceful, well set on legs, finely rounded head and front; 2, Bennet, grizzle head, best of style, well drawn body; 3, Tossie, free and erect carriage, neatly tapered body, wings neatly carried; 4, Alexander, also full of nerve, neat shape, grand feather; 5, Pringle; 6, Rodger. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 3, Bennet, former very neatly rounded body, well set on bead, feather close and shiny; 3, A1 feather, good bead and wings; 2, Patterson, fine back and flights, close tail; 4, Alexander, nicely tapered body, close feather; 5, Tossie; 6, Rodger. HEN (6): 1, sp, best Border, 2, Bennet, winner real gem, first time out, we heard, sweetly rounded head; 2, also grand type and feather; 3, Watson, neat head, well carried wings; 4, Alexander, tick, lovely feather; 5, Patterson; 6, Aitken. EVEN MARK (6): 1, Alexander, lightly mkd, well balanced markings, type of the best; 2, 3, Patterson, 2 extra well defined eyes, good type; 3, Cinn., lovely feather, well tapered body; 4, Watson, grandly balanced markings; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Aitken. UNEVEN MARK (8): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Patterson, 3 pointed one of his noted winners in lovely bloom, level col., best of type; 2, Bennet, also eyes and wing, similar type, grand feather; 3, Murray, variegs., very close feather, neat and stylish; 4, Alexander, nothing bebind winners, grand shape; 5, Linton; 6, Rodger. GREEN OR CINN. (13), good class: 1, sp, runner up for club medal to-day; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, their old warrior, still going strongly wins well; 3, yell. cinn., fine warm col., good back and wings; 2, Patterson, grassy green, finely pencilled back; 4, Lambie, good sound grassy shade; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Murray, well known winner. SELL. (9): I, Alexander; 2, Bennet; 3, Linton; 4, Rodger; 5, Aitken; 6, Lambie. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, Melrose, finely coloured Bullfinch, good wing bars, cap well defined; 2, Blackie, neat Siskin; 3, Beattie, Goldie; 4, Brown, Yellowbammer; 5, Pringle; 6, Brown. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, sp, 2, Bruce, nearly even Goldie Can.; 2, well known Linnet Can.; 3, Pringle, extra long Greenie Can.; 4, Blackie, Greenie Can. FOR. (6): I, Bruce, Red-faced Gouldian; 2, Pringle, rose?faced Parraquet; 3, 4, Watson, ring-necked Lorrikeet; 5, Emond; 6, Wilson.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

Held December 11th in the Town Hall—a splendid room for the purpose. The president is Col. Colvin, M.P., and there is a strong body of fanciers on the committee, of whom Mr. W. D. Ward is the efficient and courteous hon. secretary and show manager. He had every arrangement in perfect order, catalogues ready, and the awards up promptly. The cage birds were a nice collection, and the competition good. Cup for best bird in show was won by Mr. W. C. Pamphlion, with a very typical grand-feathered varieg. Yellow Norwich. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

YORKS. YELL. (I): 1, Edwards, very neat upstanding bird, of nice easy movements. BUFF (I): 1, spl, Edwards, grand feather, nice length, quick action. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, cup, r, hc, c, Pamphlion, winner varieg., grand body, deep chest, short wings, legs and tail; 2, vhc, Mumford, also typical, full of quality; 3, Hodgetts, very neat. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, c, Mumford, leader very typical ct., nice quality; 2, Pamphlion, good shape and quality; 3, Hodgetts, fine shape; r, Rogers; hc, Titchmarsh. CREST OR C.B. (4): I, 2, Bulgin, two smart birds of grand breed properties; 3, Norris, nice turn back; r, Titchmarsh. MULE, VARIEG. (3): 1, Heggie Bros., dark jonque Goldie Canary, with a light tail feather or two, nice col.; 2, Titchmarsh, fine Goldie Can. DARK (7): 1, spl, 2, Hodgetts, both Goldie Canaries, winner best col.; 3, Mumford, Redpoll-Can., nice size and col.; r, Heggie Bros.; vhc, Watts. GOLDFINCH (3): I, Jay, very nice Finch, good in all points; 2, Mocock, also nice; 3, Savill. BULLIE (2): 1, Parker, good col., nice cap. LINNET, ETC. (3) 1, Roskilly, Linnet. LARK, ETC. (1): 1, spl., Burnett, nice Blackbird, good-coloured bill and eere. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hoare, nice team. SELL. (15/-) (4): 1, spl, Hodgetts; 2, Edwards; 3, Norris; r, Mumford. (10/-) (2): 1, Hodgetts; 2, Edwards.

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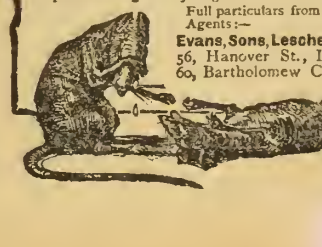
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ABERDEEN.

The Aberdeen O.S. held their 54th annual open show in the Ball Room, Music Hall, on 17th and 18th Dec., under the patronage of the Scottish Norwich P.C., the Scottish C.C., and the Y.C.C. of Scotland. The show was one of the largest yet held by this society; 600 exhibits were brought forward. The President, Mr. John Hector, and Secretary, Mr. J. Bryson and his committee, had worked hard to have all arrangements made to ensure success, and the ready response by exhibitors was much appreciated. This being a S.P.C. show, some grand Norwich were put forward, and the judges had some difficulty. The gold medal for best cock was won by Mr. Mitchell. Gold medal for best hen was won by Mr. R. Martin. The silver medals were won by Messrs. Grewar and L. Will in the open classes. The silver challenge cup for best young bird (confined) was gained by Mr. A. Thomson; the one guinea cash challenge prizes by Messrs. Wallace (for Crests), Aitchison (for yell. ck.), and Stewart and Milne (for buff ck.). Two classes for Yorkshires were provided and brought together 27 birds. British Mules and Foreign were quite a show in themselves. Sandiford's medal for best yellow was won by Mr. Grewar, and for buffs by Mr. Sandison; Ramsden's by Mr. Wm. Clubb. The judges were: For Norwich, Mr. Watson (Kilmarnock); for Crests, etc., Mr. McLay (Kirkintilloch); and for British and Foreign, Mr. A. Livingstone (Bathgate); and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

S.P.C. CLASSES (A) CL. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Mitchell, magnificent shape, grand substance, full deep chest, good head and neck; 2, Bishop, very typical, well carried wings and tail, hot col, tip-top quality; 3, Grewar, plenty of substance and col., grand head; 4, Martin, nice shape and col.; 5, Hector; 6, Sandison; 7, Clubb. (B) BUFF (16): 1, Grewar, beauty, good head and neck, grand substance, lovely set wings and tail; 2, 3, Clubb, two warm 'uns, rare size, grand level col., plenty of substance, well staged; 4, Martin, not quite so large, good shape and col.; 5, Hector; 6, Sandison; 7, Hampton. (C) YELL. HEN (6): 1, Sandison, plenty of size, good col. and quality, grand hen; 2, Dunn, good head and neck, rare type; 3, Smeaton, short, thick-set, one of the Bullie type; 4, Rae, good all-round; 5, Hutchison; 6, W. Dunn. (D) BUFF (12): 1, Martin, gem for shape and substance, fine head and neck; 2, Smeaton, very sweet exhibit, good shape and quality; 3, Aitchison, hen of grand quality and col.; 4, C. Thomson; 5, Harris; 6, Yeats; 7, Mackie. (E) YELL. VARIEG. (13): 1, 6, Clubb, 1st hen, one of the best, good head and neck, grand substance, lovely set wings and tail; 2, C. Thomson, also hen, good type, rich in col. and quality, well in front of any of the cocks; 3, Simpson, another tot one, well placed; 4, Harris; 5, Hutchison; 7, Thomson. (F) BUFF (12): 1, Thomson, lovely type, short thick-set ck. of rare col. and quality, nicely marked; 2, Will, good stamp, inclined to throw a wing sometimes, otherwise very good; 3, Martin, good col. and quality; 4, Mackie; 5, 7, Sandison; 6, Clubb. OPEN CLASSES—YELL. CK. (10): 1, Grewar, stormer for col., nice quality, well balanced across perch; 2, Yeats, nice soft feather, good quality, fine wing carriage; 3, 6, Will, 3rd excels in col., best of quality, must have pressed for second honours; 4, Dunn; 5, Sandison; 7, Taylor. BUFF (10): 1, Smeaton, not one of the largest, but all there for type and quality, some preferred the next; 2, Sandison, good substance, stands up well, nicely balanced, best of col. and quality; 3, Davison, another good one, plenty of size, grand head and neck; 4, Grewar, teeming with quality; 5, Cassie; 6, Martin; 7, Harris. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Hector, cap mkd., lovely exhibit, wins, grand shape, tip-top col. and quality, feather like wax; 2, 3, Smeaton, good type and col.; 4, Sandison, all there for type and col.; 5, Garden; 6, Scott; 7, Cassie. BUFF (11): 1, Clubb, grand substance, well up in size, fine col., good quality; 2, Hay, wing and two eye marks, gem for shape, nice quality of feather, level and deep in col.; 3, Smeaton, cap and wing mkd., typical, rich col.; 4, Strachan, not looking so well to-day; 5, Bishop; 6, C. Thomson; 7, W. R. Dunn. YELL HEN (9): 1, Smeaton, good shape, lovely quality, in rare condition; 2, Thomson, nice Bullfinch type, excellent col., stands well across perch; 3, W. R. Dunn, close in feather, grand col.; 4, Sandison lovely type, best of quality, good hen; 5, Davidson; 6, Clubb; 7, Grewar. BUFF (13): 1, Mitchell, grand hen for shape, shortness of wings, and tail, feather compact, good texture, A1 col.; 2, Aitchison, fine size and shape, full of quality; 3, Clubb, one of the right type, excels in quality; 4, Sandison, neat and well staged; 5, Smeaton; 6, Davidson; 7, Christie. VARIEG. YELL. (13): 1, Martin, tkd. on neck, rare good col., very nice in feather; 2, Smeaton, lovely quality; 3, Rae, wing mkd., one of the right type, lovely silky feather, teeming with col. and quality; 4, 6, Sandison; 5, Harris; 7, Garden. BUFF (10): 1, Will, gem, much admired, wing and two eye mkd., grand type and quality, wins; 2, Mitchell, in good condition; 3, Sandison, very nice variegd., hot col, best of quality, wings and tail; 4, 6, Smeaton; 5, Clubb; 7, Garden. NAT. COL.—YELL CK. (10): 1, Aitchison, good size and shape, nice col., a little damaged in tail; 2, Paterson, another typical specimen, rich in col. and quality; 3, Grewar, lovely texture of feather, put down in faultless condition; 4, McDonald, well up in size; 5, Will; 6, Campbell; 7, Lawrie. BUFF (11): 1, Stewart and Milne, good shape and condition; 2, Thomson, fine deep broad-chested bird of good quality; 3, Silver, well up in size, make a good stock bird; 4, Mackie; 5, Martin; 6, Rae; 7, Smeaton. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Martin, best of type, grand substance, A1 quality; 2, Milne, nice bird, close up; 3, Steven, stands well across perch, nicely staged; 4, Smeaton; 5, Hay; 6, Clubb; 7, Strachan. BUFF (19): 1, Campbell, all there for type and quality, good size; 2, Smeaton, very sweet; 3, Yeats, typical, fine texture of feather, neatly staged; 4, W. R. Dunn; 5, Hector; 6, Irvine; 7, Mackie. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, Ewen and Anderson, for type and quality all that could be desired; 2, Grewar, good col. and quality; 3, Martin; 4, Harris; 5, Smeaton; 6, Rae; 7, Skinner. 10/- LIMIT (8): 1, Thompson; 2, Taylor; 3, Hampton; 4, Duffers; 5, Will; 6, Scott; 7, McLeod. NOVICE—CK. (11): 1, 3, Kidd, both variegd., good type and quality, in fine bloom; 2, 7, Rennie, 2nd wing mkd., good head and neck, nice rounded front, well placed wings; 4, Steele, cl. buff, plenty of substance and grand quality feather, A1 col.; 5, 6, Allison. HEN (12): 1, Mutch, beauty of the right type, best of col. and quality, wins; 2, Gauld, good one; 3, G. Thomson, very sweet and neatly staged; 4, Rennie; 5, Kydd; 6, 7, Allison. YELL. CREST CK.: 1, G. Mackie. DK. CREST CK.: 1, 2, 3, Mackie, 1st good body, nice sized crest, fine droop and centre, 2nd not quite the substance of 1st, grand quality of feather, neat head feather. CL. OR GREY (2): 1, Mackie; 2, Craigen. C.B. CK. (4): 1, 3, Wallace, two stormers, grand substance, fine entrance, lovely skulls, well lashed; 2, 4, Mackie, 2nd best head properties, grand length of feather. HEN (2): 1, Mackie, a C.B. hen, closely followed by 2, Wallace. YELL. CINN. (5): 1, Ewen and Anderson, good size and col., nice shape and quality; 2, 3, Rae, both of rare substance and col; 4, Garden; 5, Wilson. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Rae, well placed, rattling good couple, nicely fed, right col.; 3, Wilson; 4, Ewen and Anderson; 5, Garden. HEN (7): 1, Irvine, well up in size, fine quality and col.; 2, Clubb, good type, nicely rounded front, A1 col. and quality; 3, Strachan, grand substance and teeming with quality, good one; 4, Wilson; 5, Garden; 6, Paterson; 7, Ewen and Anderson. BORD. FCY.—CL. ETC. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Craig, two beauties, and no mistake, both nicely drawn, neat heads, neck, and shoulders, grand movers; 3, Paterson, fine shape, holds himself up splendidly on perch, keeps wings and tail well braced together; 4, 6, Macleod Bros., 4th beautiful-bodied bird, grand jaunty carriage and nice silky feather; 5, Campbell; 7, Silver. BUFF. DITTO (5): 1, 2, Craig, 1st gem, full of quality, stands up well, lovely shoulders, nice wings and tail, 2nd neat head and neck, very smart action, rare outline, tapering away nicely; 3, Mackie, another picture, tight as wax; 4, Patterson; 5, Stables; 6, Rae. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Craig; 2, Rae. BUFF (5): 1, Craig, handsome neck and head, lovely soft feather, good style; 2, Campbell, lovely polish, good mover; 3, Rae, charming little Border, grand type, plenty of swagger, graceful carriage; 4, Silver, another nice shaped one, rare wing carriage, good col.; 5, Stables. YORKS. YELL CK. (13): 1, 5, Syson, 1st grand length, good shape, close feathered, fine quality, very rich in col., straight as a pencil; 2, Sargeant, fine length and position, grand quality and col.; 3, 6, McRobbie, 3rd best of type, very stylish, stands up well; 4, Girvan; 7, Paterson. BUFF (14): 1, MacDougall, lovely shape, beautiful quality, good wing carriage, well drawn; 2, 5, Paterson, 2nd hen, lovely feather, nice quality, well up on leg, good length, wings well braced, nice pipe tail; 3, 7, Girvan, 3rd very stylish, grand texture of feather; 4, Webster; 6, MacRobbie. BELG. (9): 1, 2, 3, c, Greig, all belong to same fancier, well known, need no comment. BEST MATCHED PAIR CAN. (6): 17, Clubb, rattling good pair, well matched; 2, Mackie, both of good size and substance; 4, 5, Garden; 6, Cassie. A.O.V. (4): 1, Milne; 2, Thomson; 3, Mackie; 4, Wilson. CL., ETC., HYB.: 1, 2, Garden, two light variegd. Goldfinch-Can. Mules. DARK (9): 1, Dalling, good size and col., nice quality feather; 2, 3, Stewart and Milne, 2nd Linnet-Can., A1 size, red-hot col.; 4, 7, Storrar; 5, Watt; 6, Anderson. VARIEG.: 1, Johnstone, nice Redpoll-Bullie, fine size and col. HYB. BREEDING PAIRS (4): 1, Dalling, well-balanced pair; 2, Allison, Goldie and Canary, in perfect condition; 3, Rae; 4, Fiddes. GOLDIE, BRIT. (6): 1, Fiddes, charming Finch, good blaze, bars, and buttons; 2, Dalling, nicely tanned, good wings and tail, fine blaze, in perfect bloom; 3, 6, Jackson, 3rd best of col. and fine quality of feather; 4, Hector; 5, Warden. BULLFINCH (17), grand class, and two sets of winners could easily have been picked; 1, Ross, steady as a rock, lovely cap, best of breast col., fine broad wing bars, in perfect condition; 2, Ewen and Anderson, not quite so steady, col. all there, nice cap and wings; 3, Johnston, good shape, lovely cl. col., grand cap; 4, Christie, nice black expansive cap, tip-top breast col., nice and steady; 5, Fiddes; 6, Craigen; 7, Webster. LINNET (14): 1, 2, McArdle and Stewart, two grandly pencilled Linnets, nice col. and quality, well turned out; 3, 6, Davidson, 3rd excels in col., rare type, full of pencilling, worth its place; 4, Webster, not quite so rich in col., well up in size; 5, Campbell; 7, Stewart and Milne. SISKIN (9): 1, Bishop, gem, well up in size and shape, nice bib, grand col., well laced; 2, Johnston, grand tone of col., nice cap, not quite so large; 3, Dalling, good col., grand cap, nice wings and lacing; 4, Smith; 5, Thomson; 6, Greig; 7, Rae. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Dalling, rich and even in col., lovely quality, bold head, nice wings and tail; 2, White, well staged, nicely fed; 3, Mackercher, rare type and col.; 4, Leach and Leckie; 5, Taylor; 6, Wilson; 7, Rae. REDPOLL OR TWITE (6): 1, Leach and Leckie, good size and grand col., staged to perfection; 2, Johnston, also well up in size and col; 3, Strachan, rare plumage and col.; 4, Jas. Johnston; 5, Steele; 6, Rae. BUNTING, ETC. (7): 1, Reid, clinking Chaffinch leading, rare col. and sheen, grand cap and wing markings; 2, Steele, Yellow Bunting, grand col. and size; 3, Jackson, good Bramblefinch, beautifully turned out; 4, Watt; 5, White., GOLDIE, ETC., FOR. (7): 1, Warden, Siberian Goldie, in rare bloom; 2, Jackson, similar; 3, Strachan, also Goldie, grand col. and markings; 4, 5, 6, 7, Whyte. PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, Walker, nice Macaw, in fine plumage; 2, Storrar, very fine Indian Mynah, in lovely bloom, good second; 3, 5, 6, 7, Whyte, 3rd Congo Parrot, in good plumage; 4, Fettes, Indian Parrot, in grand feather, perfect tail. FOR. SMALL (9): 1, Colville and Son, pair of lovely Yellow Budgerigars; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Whyte, 2nd Whydah, in good plumage, grand tail feathers, 3rd Tanager, 4th Zebra Finch.

(Members' classes next week.)

EARLSTOWN AND DIS. F.A.

Second members' show, held December 11th, in the Co-operative Hall, a very suitable place for the occasion. Earlstown has not run a show for some time previous to last year owing to lack of fanciers; they have now made another start with some young members, who seem to be true fanciers. We wish them success. There were 12 classes. The number of exhibits was not large, but the quality, for young fanciers, was good, and we trust there will be a larger muster for the next show. Mr. W. P. Fletcher, hon. secretary, had everything well in hand. Mr. Wellings judged.

YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Stout, good position, nice wing carriage; 2, Onions, sen., nicely cut, good legs; 3, Longworth, fine carriage of wings and body. BUFF: 1, Stout, nice quality, splendid back and wing carriage; 2, vhc, Fletcher, 2nd, little to choose between for 1st place; 3, Johnson. HEN: 1, sp, best Yorks., Fletcher, in very fine condition, tight as wax, pipe tail, good head and neck; 2, Longworth, another close on winner, full of nerve; 3, c, Stout; vhc, Onions, sen.; hc, Lawson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Longworth, 1st, nice and cobby, good 1st; 3, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Lawson, 1st, good quality feather, clean front; 2, nice quality; 3, c, Longworth; vhc, hc, Davis. A.O.V.: 1, Johnson, nice Crestbred; 2, 3, Onions, sen.; vhc, hc, Onions, jun. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, sp, 2, Mort, 1st, Goldfinch, good blaze, well tanned and mooned; 2nd, Bramble, well laced; 3, Sweetlove; Chaffinch, distinct in colours; vhc, hc, Bloor; c, Appleton. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Appleton, Thrush, well spangled, good col.; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mort; c, Sweetlove, jun. SELL., 7/6: 1, 2, Fletcher! 3, Johnson. COTTAGE CLASS, CAN.: 1, Lawson; 2, Barcroft; 3, Chaulk; vhc, Dickson; hc, Mrs. Humphries. BRIT.: 1, Clare; 2, Odlum; 3, Kenny; vhc, Taylor. No. 5 W.C. Goldfinch Mule. JUN.: 1, Sweetlove; 2, 3, Onions.

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Broxburn and Dist. C.B.S. second annual show was held on December 18th within the Public Hall. The officials are a small band of the right stamp, not afraid of work, and the result was, they were rewarded by the grand entry of 550 exhibits, being over 200 up on last year's total. The secretary, Mr. Anthony, is new to the position, but he soon made small work of the many difficulties which arise in connection with his duties, and the society would do well to "keep hold" of him. From the president, Mr. Thos. Sharp, downwards, everyone worked with a will, and the judges were started at an early hour, all judging being finished and cards up before one o'clock. All sections were well represented, with the exception of the Scotch Fancy section, the entry here being poor. Norwich were good, both in numbers and quality, some well-known teams being forward. Borders were out in strength, and contained some extra choice specimens, the most notable winner being the yellow hen belonging to Mr. J. Hamilton, Eskbank. This hen has created somewhat of a record, this being her 11th successive win this season. The Mules and British were a show in themselves, and competition was very keen. The Ure cup for most points over show was won by Mr. J. Howie (Dundee) with his noted team of Norwich, the same exhibitor also winning the society's cup for most points confined to members. Hyde's special was awarded to Mr. J. M. Gardiner, while Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird was won by Mr. A. Fleming. The show received a very fair amount of patronage during the day, and we noticed the prospective candidate for Parliamentary honours, (Mr. W. C. Smith, K.C.) and his daughter amongst the visitors. Judges: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. Rodger (Slateford); for Norwich, Mr. J. Walker (Edinburgh); for Border Fancies, Mr. G. Hyslop (Stirling); and for Mules and British, Messrs. J. Brown (Edinburgh) and W. Sharp (Bathgate).

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY.—CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Philip, good position, well up on legs, grand drive; 2, Somerville, nice size and thickness. HEN (2): 1, Menzies, grand stamp, fine length of wing, rare action, splendid droop; 2, Woodcock, fine action, rare drive. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Menzies, rare size, splendid depth of chest and lovely shoulders, drives well; 2, 3, Boag, nice pair, well up in size, fine action, lovely droop; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Anderson. HEN (2): 1, Menzies, fine type of hen, standing well up on legs, nicely braced wings, drives well; 2, McFarlane, nice stamp, sweet droop, good exhibit; 3, Easton, finely drawn, nice action. PIEBALD, ETC. CK. (4): 1, Anderson, rare size and substance, good top end, quick action; 2, Menzies, well set up, fine length of side; 3, Somerville, smaller than leaders, neat action; vhc, Philips. HEN (4): 1, Menzies, splendid stamp, grand top end and rare drive, fine thickness of body, works well; 2, Philips, neat model, well set up, stylish action; 3, McFarlane, fine size and depth, neat head and reachy neck; vhc, Somerville. SELL. (£1) (7): 1, Menzies; 2, 3, McFarlane; vhc, hc, Robertson; c, Boag. CREST CK. (9): 1, Howie, variegd. dk. crest, fine, radiated and well laid crest, beautifully centred, well-known winner; 2, vhc, c, Paul, leader even body dk. crest, lovely texture of feather, nicely laid crest; 3, Dick, green body dk. crest, good substance of body, neatly laid crest of good formation; hc, Kirkwood. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Paul, really grand team, leader variegd. body dk. crest, splendid substance of body and grand quality feather, crest of beautiful formation; 2nd, green body dk. crest, a youngster that ought to prove a champion with another moult, massive frame, broad leafy feather, very neat crest; 3rd, variegd. grizzle crest, well up in size, crest of fine dimensions; vhc, hc, Kirkwood; c, Holton. C.B. CK. (11): 1, 3, Paul, leader massive frame, broad skull, splendid entrance, and grandly cushioned; 2nd green, rare quality feather, nicely-domed skull; 2, vhc, Robertson, 2nd variegd., nice size and wide entrance, fine lashing; hc, Turnbull; c, Stirling. HEN (10): 1, Robertson, grand stamp, variegd., wide at entrance, and nicely-domed skull, splendid body feather; 2, Kirkwood, variegd., massive skull, rare cushion and entrance; 3, Dick, green, fine texture of feather, fine lashing and cushion; vhc, hc, c, Paul. SELL. (14): 1 (no name); 2, Stirling; 3, Purdie; vhc, Matthew; hc, Paul; c, Robertson. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Gardiner, fine type, rare frontal, clean cut under, short wings and tail fine quality feather; 2, hc, Howie, rare size and lovely quality of feather, neat head, hot col., crosses wings; 3, Henderson, nice quality feather, hot col.; vhc, Fleming; c, Ferguson. HEN (8): 1, Muir, grand stamp, short and chubby, neat round head, rare quality feather; 2, Gardiner, nice size, col., and quality, will improve in substance; 3, Sharp, very shapely hen; vhc, hc, Howie; c, Baird. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Ferguson, grand substance and quality, nice bold head, free from browing, nicely tapered at vent; 2, c, Howie, lovely quality of feather, well-packed wings and tail; 3, Gardiner, fine quality bird, wee bit lengthy; vhc, Thomson; hc, Crawford. HEN (6): 1, Gardiner, grand model, finely-rounded front, well tapered off, round head, short wings and tail, staged in faultless condition; 2, hc, Howie, rare quality bird, beautifully mealed, nicely moulded front; 3, Ferguson, nice colour and quality; vhc, Craig; c, Sharp. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Muir, nicely-moulded buff, neat head and grand flights and tail, staged in rare bloom; 2, Henderson, cl. yell., grand substance for a yell., nice quality of feather; 3, vhc, Howie, variegd. buff, in grand order, rare quality and condition; hc, Finnie; c, Gardiner. HEN (13): 1, Paterson, very shapely yell. variegd., neat head, and nicely-moulded front, close feather; 2, Ferguson, wing mkd. buff, lovely quality, neat head, presses hard; 3, Wilson, yell., wing mkd., neatly-rounded head and front, nicely tapered, short and well-carried wings; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Howie; c, Crawford. VARIEG. (12): 1, vhc, Howie, leader grizzle wing buff, grand substance, and very shapely, neat head, lovely quality; 2, hc, Gardiner, variegd. buff, bold head, nicely-moulded front, in grand condition; 3, Paterson, yell. variegd., short and neat, nice quality; c, Logan. NON-FED (9): 1, 2, Howie, leader cl. buff, shapely model, grand head, and staged in rare bloom; 2nd, yell. variegd., well up in size, and splendid type, rich nat. col., well placed; 3, Purdie, very shapely yell. hen, neat head, fine quality feather; vhc, Jack; hc, Rodger; c, Gardiner. SELL. (15/-) (18): 1, Brannigan; 2, Paterson; 3, Richardson; vhc, Finnie; hc, Paterson; c, Gardiner. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Hazzard, shapely model, neat head and wings, very close feather; 2, Craig, neat action, good bird; 3, Crighton, very neat type, sweet action; vhc, Watt and Storie; hc, Michie; c, Kerr. HEN (12): 1, Hamilton, noted winner often described, in best of condition; 2, Crighton, very shapely, neat action, fails only a trifle in wing carriage; 3, Windram, nice model, neat head; vhc, Spence; hc, Craig; c, Aitchison. BUFF (13): 1, medal, Craig, rare type, lovely quality of feather, very rich shade of col.; 2, Hamilton, nice head, front and back, neatly-packed wings and tail; 3, Michie, neatly tapered and rare quality, a trifle flat on head; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Spence; c, Leach. HEN (14): 1, Boag, neat little model, fine action and very close feather; 2, Shields, fine type, nice wing carriage; 3, Craig, very shapely, neat head, grand quality; vhc, McWatt; hc, Leach; c, McAdam. EVENLY MKD. (5): 1, Crighton, buff four-point, fine type and quality; 2, vhc, McWatt, 2nd four-point yell., nice markings and condition; 3, Aitchison, buff, neat type; hc, Coleman. YELL. VARIEG. (8): 1, Spence, slender type, good wings, open front; 2, Paterson, very neat and shapely, nicely tapered, good condition; 3, Hazzard, not far behind, lovely quality and condition; vhc, Watt and Storie; hc, Welsh; c, Alcorn. BUFF (14): 1, Craig, splendid type and finish, grand wing carriage; 2, Watt and Storie, sweetly-moulded and grand quality; 3, Boag, taking little Border, fine jaunty action; vhc, Paterson; hc, Crighton; c, Herson. GREEN OR CINN. (11): 1, Kerr, yell. green, sound shade of body col., nicely pencilled; 2, Kidd, cinnamon, pale col., droops wing a wee trifle at times; 3, Bickerstaff, yell. green, rare type and quality, grand col. and pencilling, presses hard; vhc, Whiteford; hc, Cleland; c, Lambie. SELL. CK. (7/6) (15): 1, Kerr; 2, Boag; 3, McWatt; vhc, Bickerstaff; hc, Crighton; c, Craig. HEN (7/6) (9): 1, 2, Crighton; 3, Forrest; vhc, Boag; hc, Welsh; c, Craig. COMMON CAN. (5): 1, Paul; 2, Boag; 3, Murray; vhc, Philips; hc, Workman; c, Kirkwood. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Gardiner; 2, Workman; 3, Kirkwood.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (13): 1, 2, Arrighi, leading with his well-known lightly-mkd. Goldie Can.; in grand bloom; 2nd, Greenie-Bullie, nice size and poor col.; 3, vhc, Douglas, 3rd, cl., Linnet-Can., lovely shade of col., shows parentage well; hc, Johnstone; c, Jamieson; a good class. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Arrighi, jonque Goldie Mule, nice size and quality, pure shade of col.; 2, Bald, dull Goldie, well up in size, large and deep blaze; 3, Bogie, jonque Goldie, failing only a wee bit in col. to winner; vhc, McGill; hc, Dick; c, Jamieson. A.O.V. MULE (13): 1, Douglas, Canary-Bullie, nice size and col., shows cross distinctly; 2, Johnstone, Greenfinch-Canary, nice size, sound col.; 3, Arrighi, cinn. Greenfinch Can.; vhc, Paterson; hc, Brannigan; c, Fyfe. SELL. (7/6) (12): 1, Sharp; 2, Calder; 3, Cowie; vhc, Sharp; hc, Strachan; c, Johnstone. BRIT. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Thomson, well-known winner, grand size and col., well-defined cap and wing bars; 2, Turner, rich tone of col., grand cap, in best of condition; 3, Howe, lovely-conditioned Bullie, not far behind; vhc, Bruce; hc, McGillivray; c, Kerr. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Hoyle, grand stamp, blaze of good proportions, and rich col., excelling in tanning and wing bars; 2, Whiteford, lovely tanning and moons, expansive blaze, in best of condition; 3, Taylor, finely got up, nicely tanned, rich col.; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Sharp; c, Forsyth. BULLFINCH HENS (10): 1, Storie, fine size, good col., nicely rounded head, with jet-black cap; 2, Bald, nice cap and bars, in lovely condition; 3, Henderson, rare type, lovely shade of col., well defined cap; vhc, Howe; hc, Arnot; c, Matthew. LINNET (10): 1, Arrighi, well-known face, looking as well as ever; 2, Cowie, nice size and rich tone of body col., nicely pencilled; 3, Brown, grand size, nice shade of nutty-brown, fine markings; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Williams; c, McGillivray. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Bald, fine size and shape, good col.; 2, Howe, very shapely Greenie, lovely shade of col., some preferred for 1st; 3, Strachan, hardly so shapely perhaps as leaders, but a good one of nice quality; vhc, Turner; hc, Aitken; c, Alcorn. GREENFINCH NON-FED (14): 1, Howe, grand size and quality; 2, 3, Bald, both correct shape and nice col.; vhc, McLaren; hc, Nicol; c, Dunn. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, Williams, smart little 'Poll, in good condition, nicely mkd.; 2, Hoyle, good sound col. and pencilling; 3, Turner, rare condition, well defined poll; vhc, Baxter; hc, Fullerton; c, Kirkwood. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Hoyle, 1st Siskin, well-defined cap and bib, nicely laced, rich col., and good condition; 3rd, Mealy Redpoll, fine size, col., and markings; 2, Turner, Twite, rare col., full of work, in grand trim; vhc, Anthony; hc, Arrighi; c, Kerr. SMALL SOFT-BILL (5): 1, 3, Taylor, leading with a nicely conditioned Wryneck; 3rd, Grey Wagtail, nicely staged, good one; 2, Hoyle, Red-backed Shrike, in really grand plumage, rather wild; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Arnot. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Henderson, grand Chaffinch, rare col., splendid wings, well shown; 2, Howe, Bramble, rich in spangling and body col. in best of condition; 3, Gardiner, Chaffinch, fine condition, fails only in col. to winner; vhc, Sharp; hc, Hoyle; c, Bald. BUNTING (20): 1, c, Kirkwood; 2, Hislop, Yellow Bunting, fine col.; 3, Raine, Snow Bunting, in really good plumage, the first prize bird in this class was a puzzle, and we could get no one to name it; No. 13, Taylor, grand specimen of the Meadow Bunting, some thought must have been missed; vhc, Henderson; hc, Kerr. FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (19): 1, Howie, grand size, rare col., full of work, and staged in perfect order; 2, Pearson, grand type and col., failing only in size; 3, Bibby, rare stamp, not far behind leaders; vhc, Smith; hc, Leach and Leckie; c, Brown. A.S. HEN (14): 1, Bruce, noted Song Thrush, in perfect bloom; 2, Taylor, Chaffinch, fine size and col.; 3, Baird, Corn Bunting, good one; vhc, McLean; hc, Irvine; c, Strachan. LARGE BRIT. (6): 1, Pollock, Magpie, in splendid order; 2, Henderson, Waxwing, one of the best seen for some time, a picture for condition; 3, 4, Gardiner, Starling-Hawfinch. BRIT. SELL. (5/6) (9): 1, Calder; 2, Anthony; 3, Mackie; vhc, Bruce; hc, Sharp; c, Thomson. GREENFINCH, SELL. (5/6) (13): 1, c, Bald; 2, Hoyle; 3, Strachan; vhc, Baird; hc, Aitken. FOR. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Arrighi, grand size and shape, rich body col. and expansive cap; 2, Turner, fine col. and lovely quality feather; 3, Johnstone, a hen in best of condition; vhc, Hoyle. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Howie, another well-known face, adding another to the list of victories; 2, vhc, Dunn, 2nd grand size and large blaze of sound col., grand tanning and moons, and beautiful quality of feather, a right good one; 3, Arrighi, good sound col. and markings; hc, Jack; c, Sharp.

DEWSBURY O.F.S.

Second monthly show held at headquarters, Little Saddle Inn, on ecember 11th, when Mr. Richmond (C.M.C. President) placed the awards, little fault being found with his placings. We also held our monthly meeting, the last of the season. The feeling of members seemed to be that we should have a competition next season in the form of a cup, the winner to hold it for 12 months, also a medal for winner and one for the runner-up; so if any fancier is desirous of becoming a member, he should attend our first annual meeting, date of which will appear in CAGE BIRDS' "Club Notices."

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Bedforth; 2, Dean; 3, Imeson. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin; 3, Dean. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Imeson; 2, Bedforth; 3, Clegg; vhc, Stafford; c, Dean. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, Bedforth; 3, Dean; vhc, Stafford; hc, Imeson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Martin; 2, vhc, Clegg; 3, Imeson. BUFF: 1, 3, Clegg; 2, Stafford; vhc, Martin; hc, Imeson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Stafford; 2, Clegg; 3, Imeson. BUFF: 1, Bedforth; 2, Clegg; 3, Imeson. SELL. CK.: 1, Imeson; 2, vhc, Clegg; 3, Stafford. HEN: 1, Imeson; 2, Stafford.—G. G. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.

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BOOTLE.

The Bootle and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual show in the St. Matthew's Parochial Hall, Thornton-road, on December 11th. A fine entry of about 300 birds turned up, the bulk of which were Yorkshires. There were no less than 50 Yorkshire classes for the champion members' section, which were allotted to Mr. Wellings to judge. There were also 35 Yorkshire classes for novice members—truly a wonderful classification. There were also two classes for pairs of Yorkshires and Yorkshire Greens, and there were, in addition, Norwich, Hybrid, and British bird, and selling classes. Mr. C. Houlton judged all the classes from 51 to 111 inclusive. The awards of both judges appeared to be well received. The following are the officials of the society, who all lent their aid to make the show a success, viz.: Presidents, Messrs. H. Berry and C. Berry; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Lobb, E. Regan, W. H. Rimmer, and H. Williamson; chairman, Mr. R. Nickson; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Larkin; auditors, Messrs. L. Hamilton and A. Holden; treasurer, Mr. H. Lunt; committee, Messrs. Bracken, McNulty, Chorley, McLean, Worral, and Bond; hon. sec., Mr. Jno. Hunt; assist-sec., Mr. N. Bond. Mr. Hunt and his assistant, Mr. Bond, had the prize cards up, with exhibitors' names written on, in quick time, and visitors were able to see at once who were the winners. Quality was very strongly in evidence, and many of the birds in the champion section were splendid for type and quality. The Yorkshire Greens were very superior in colour and type, and this breed has wonderfully improved of late years. Hybrids and British birds were not very numerous, but a few choice specimens were shown. Cup competition (confined to 12 single birds) result:—S. McNulty 64 points, P. Spargo (novice) 63, J. S. Young (novice) 62, J. Lobb 58, A. Horne (Mule and British) 58, T. Plunkett 48, J. Latham 44, H. Williamson 42, R. Algie 41, A. Holden 40, J. Tullock 38, W. B. Rimmer 21, E. Regan 14. The cup (and 10s. 6d.) now becomes Mr. McNulty's own property, he having won it three years in succession. S. McNulty also takes following specials, in addition to the cup and gold medal, or 10s. 6d.: 1st most points throughout the show, 5th in Green classes, 6th in Norwich classes. Mr. J. Lobb, 2nd most points, etc., show, and 4th. Mr. A. Horne, 3rd and 8th most points in Mules and British classes.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

NOR. BUFF CK.: 1, H. Williamson, best type, colour and quality, good carriage and condition; 2, Schrimshaw, fine bird. HENS: 1, Williamson, very cobby, silky-feathered bird, rare wings, tail, etc.; 2, Horne, fine head. NOR. GREEN YELL.: 1, McNulty, very fine self, A1 size, shape and colour; 2, McDermott, foul, rather slimmer, fine feather. BUFF: 1, McDermott, self, grand colour and type; 2, McNulty, foul, very good col., etc. HENS: 1, McNulty, real good self; 2, McDermott, foul, fine shape. BUFF HENS: 1, McNulty, self, fine col. and shape; 2, McDermott, foul, nice feather. PAIRS YORKS.: 1, R. Algie, very even well-matched pair; 2, Lobb, well balanced; 3, Tullock; vhc, Schrimshaw. PAIR YORK. GREENS: 1, 2, Knowles; 3, Tullock, all good pairs for Yorks. Green breeding. SELL. PAIRS (30/-): 1, Knowles; 2, McLean; 3, Tullock; vhc, Hunt. (15/-): 1, 2, Williamson; 3, Rimmer; vhc, McLean; hc, Knowles; c, Holden. LIGHT HYB.: 1, A. Horne; 2, Potter. DARK: 1, 2, Horne, yell. Green-Can., and a Gold-Greenie, both in good feather and condition; 3, Schrimshaw, buff Linnet-Can., in nice condition; vhc, Potter, buff Goldie-Can. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Bond and Son, 1st a young bird of promise, plenty of body brown, clean cut blaze, nice buttons and bars, good feather; 2, 3, Horne, 2nd smaller, pretty blaze, etc.; 3rd, large, good blaze, etc. LINNET: 1, Bond and Son; 2, Horne; 3, Latham. BULLFINCH: 1, Horne, small, neat shape, good colour and condition; 2, Bond and Son. GREENFINCH: 1, Scrimshaw, nice-sized yell., in A1 feather and condition; 2, hc, Bond and Son, pair of buffs, former finest shape, grand feather; 3, vhc, c, Horne, nice team of good condition. BRAMBLES, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Horne, all Brambles; vhc, Williamson, also a Bramble. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 3, Bond and Son, neat Twite and a small Jonque Redpoll; 2, Horne, good Redpoll; vhc, Regan, small Redpoll. NOVICE, UNFLIG. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Young, grand pair, rare style, position and quality, well up and clean through; 3, Spargo, grand shape; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Holden. TICK. YELL.: 1, Hamilton, tick cheek, grand type, well up, round, and level feathered all over; 2, Young, tkd. shoulder, finely drawn, neat; 3, Walker, smaller, but good type and quality; vhc, Spargo; hc, Roberts. TICK YELL.: 1, Young, grand all-round bird; 2, Roberts, finely drawn and clean through; 3, Walker, wing tick, good shape; vhc, Ruxton; hc, Spargo. HVLY. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, Roberts. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Kinela, best and roundest here; 2, Young, fine bird, bit frilly to-day. UNFLIG.: 1, Spargo, large and long, grand shape, cl., A1 position and col., and condition; 2, Holden, paler, fine type and feather; 3, Ruxton, small, finely drawn, grand col. TKD.: 1, Young; 2, Ruxton, both good, little to choose; 3, Roberts, finely drawn; vhc, Holden; hc, Davies. HVLY. VARIEG.: 1, Ruxton; 2, Spargo; 3, Young. CL. YELL. HENS: 1, Hamilton, finest drawn, well up on legs, neat carriage, etc.; 2, Holden, well up on leg, bit patchy col., fine bird when tight; 3, Walker, very large; vhc, Spargo. BUFF: 1, 3, Hamilton, 1st finest drawn, neatest through; 2, Young, beaten in wing carriage to-day; vhc, Holden. NON-FED YELL.: 1, Young; 2, Spargo. TKD. BUFF: 1, 3, Spargo; 2, Holden, variegd., grand quality; 2nd, finely drawn. NON-FED BUFF: 1, Young, grand quality and style; 2, Spargo, very large. CINN. TKD.: 1, 2, Spargo, grand pair; 3, Roberts, varieg. buff; vhc, hc, Davies. COL.-FED: 1, Walker, varieg., A1 type, etc.; 2, Hamilton, tick left wing, fine col., etc. YELL. GREEN CK.: 1, Hamilton, deep level col., A1 shape, quality, etc.; 2, Hughes, fine shape, bright level colour; 3, Kinela, grand col.; vhc, Davies. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Spargo, fine all-round bird; 2, Hughes, bit lighter under, fine bold bird for type, etc.; 3, Holden, rare col.; vhc, Roberts. BUFF: 1, Young, fine deep level col. all over, A1 type, feather and condition; 2, Hughes. UNFLIG.: 1, Young, rare level, deep col.; 2, Davies, good bird. FOUL BUFF CK.: 1, Hughes, foul thighs, grand col. and shape; 2, Davies, heavy foul, nice col., etc. SELF YELL. GREEN HEN: 1, Spargo, best of type, col., etc.; 2, Young, good one; 3, Holden, fine deep col.; vhc, Kinela. BUFF: 1, Spargo, best col. and finest type; 2, Young, good col. body feather.

Mr. A. Wellings' Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Lobb, splendid type and feather, easy win; 2, Schrimshaw, clean-cut, good carriage, level col.; 3, Tullock; vhc, McDermott; hc, McLean; c, Tullock. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, McNulty, 1st nice quality and position; 2, Plunkett, full of nerve; vhc, Algie; hc, Williamson; c, McLean. TKD. (9): 1, Plunkett, nice and slim, good, clean front and legs; 2, McDermott, close up on winner; 3, McNulty, nice position and type; vhc, Potter; hc, c, Tullock. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Lobb, nice carriage, good wings and tail; 2, McNulty; 3, Latham; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Potter; c, Algie. CL. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lobb, two rare gems, full of quality; 3, McNulty; vhc, hc, Tullock. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Lobb, tight in feather, good legs and tail; 2, Potter, wee bit stouter, good one; 3, McNulty; vhc, Lobb; hc, Plunkett; c, Latham. TKD. (2): 1, Potter; 2, Plunkett; 3, Hunt. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Latham, type A1, good wings, well braced; 2, Potter, rare back, good head; 3, Lobb; vhc, Algie; hc, Nickson; c, Holden. CL. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Tullock; 2, Plunkett; 3, Candeland; No. 2, w.c. UNFLIG. (4): 1, McDermott; 2, McNulty; 3, Algie; vhc, Holden. TKD. (4): 1, McNulty; 2, Potter; 3, Regan; vhc, Latham. CL. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, McNulty, 1st good carriage, nice position, well up; 2, Regan; 3, Latham; hc, Tullock; c, Latham. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Algie; 2, Latham; 3, Williamson. BUFF, UNFLIG. (4): 1, Potter, very smart, well-fitting wing and tail; 2, Tullock; 3, Walker; No. 4, w.c. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Lobb, both good; 3, Plunkett; No. 3, w.c. BUFF (2): 1, Lobb; 2, Regan, again good birds. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Lobb, nice bird, well shown; 2, Tullock. CINN. TKD. (3): 1, 2, Lobb, two nice exhibits; 3, Williams, also good. TKD. BUFF (4): 1, Lobb, real gem, straight as a rod, tight as wax, full of style; 2, Tullock, very stylish, fine feather; 3, Plunkett; vhc, McLean. TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Tullock, neat head, nice run, well drawn; 2, Hunt, close on winner; 3, Lobb; vhc, Plunkett; hc, McNulty; c, Holden. BUFF (2): 1, McNulty; 2, Lobb. CL., ETC. BUFF, NON-FED. (4): 1, McDermott; 2, Hunt; 3, Lobb. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Latham, grand Yorkie; 2, Hunt, close up; 3, Holden. GREENS, SELF, YELL. (11): 1, 3, McNulty, 1st fine col., good back, well drawn, nice legs; 2, Knowles, another fine one, little to choose between them for 1st; vhc, Latham; hc, Knowles; c, Rimmer. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Plunkett, full of quality and col.; 2, Algie; 3, Nickson. FOUL YELL (5): 1, 3, McNulty, two of rare col, close feather and good legs; 2, Algie, will improve yet; vhc, Candeland; hc, Rimmer. HEN (5): 1, Rimmer, sound in col.; 2, Potter; 3, Halden; vhc, Nickson; hc, Hughes. SELF BUFF (8): 1, 3, McNulty, 1st lovely col., tight in feather; 2, Lobb, another good one, sound under col; vhc, Latham; hc, Knowles; c, Rimmer. UNFLIG. (4): 1, McNulty; 2, Latham; 3, Lobb; vhc, Rimmer. FOUL BUFF (3): 1, McNulty, grand bird, well shown; 2, Nickson; 3, Potter. SELF. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Candeland, two clinkers, good type, clean thighs, well finished; 3, vhc, McNulty; hc, Williamson; c, Rimmer. HEN, UNFLIG. (4): 1, McNulty, good one; 2, Rimmer, also nice, well up; 3, Williamson; vhc, Holden. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Holden; 2, Plunkett. SELF BUFF (3): 1, Latham; 2, McNulty; 3, Algie. BUFF UNFLIG. (3): 1, Latham; 2, McNulty; 3, Algy. FOUL BUFF (2): 1, Lobb; 2, Latham.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Fourth annual members' show, held on December 2nd and 3rd, in the large assembly room at the Boar's Head Hotel. There were 216 birds, including many birds which had won in open competitions. The birds were comfortably staged on the three tier system round the room, and were seen to the best advantage, and many were the congratulations to the members in regard to quality and general excellence of their exhibits. Mr. J. E. Davies won the £10 10s. championship cup (outright) with 4 grand birds, 1 Belgian, 1 Crest, 1 Crestbred, and a Greenfinch Bullfinch hybrid, scoring 28 points with the same. The same exhibitor also captured the 10s. 6d. special for most points, and the flower stand for the best bird in show (Belgian), and a special for best Buff Norwich. Mr. J. Shore accounted for the £7 7s. clock set (outright), with 8 birds—Lizards, Norwich, and Cinnamons. The competition for this trophy was extremely close, and he just managed to get in front of Mr. W. Lee, who staged a fine team of Lancashires. W. Lee won a gold centre medal, also Mr. J. Garner a gold centre medal. Mr. W. T. Hill won the splendid coffee pot quite easily with British birds. In the amateur section Mr. W. Shape just managed to beat Mr. J. Matthews by 2 points for a very fine silver-plated tea urn; the birds shown by these two exhibitors were quite good enough for the champion section; Mr. J. Matthews won a silver medal. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION: LANCS. YELL. COPPY: sp., 1, 2, 4, Lee; 3, Garner. BUFF and P.H.: sp., 1, 3, 4, Lee; 2, Garner. YELL. P.H.: sp., 1, 3, Lee; 2, 4, Garner. COPPY HENS: 1, 4, Lee; 2, 3, Garner. P.H. HENS: sp., 1, 3, Garner; 2, 4, Lee. YORKS. YELL. CK.: sp, 1, 3, McKail; 2, Davies; 4, hc, Nelson; vhc, Potts. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, Booth; sp., 3, 4, Potts; vhc, Massey; hc, Nelson. YELL. HEN: 1, Booth; sp., 2, 3, Potts; 4, Nelson; vhc, McKall. BUFF: sp., 1, 4, Nelson; 2, vhc, Potts; 3, Booth. UNFLIG. YELL.: sp., 1, Davies; 2, McKail; 3, c, Nelson; 4, hc, Potts; vhc, Booth. BUFF: sp., 1, 4, Potts; 2, Nelson; 3, Booth. LIZ. CL. and B.C. GOLD CK.: sp., 1, Shore; 2, Hill. SILVER: 1, Shore; 2, Garner; sp, 3, 4, Harrison. B.C. SILVER: 1, Garner; 2, Shore, sp., 3, 4, vhc, Harrison. GOLD HEN: sp, 1, Shore; 2, Garner; 3, Harrison. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Massey; sp., 2, 4, Stafford; 3, hc, Shore; vhc, Nelson. BUFF: 1, Davies; sp, 2, 4, Massey; 3, McKail; vhc, McKail; hc, Harrison; c, Oldham. YELL. HEN and UNFLIG. YELL: 1, Davies; sp, 2, 3, Massey; 4, vhc, Shore; hc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Massey; sp, 2, Stafford; 3, Shore; 4, Nelson; vhc Stafford; hc, Oldham; c, Harrison. UNFLIG.: 1, Davies; sp, 2, 4, McKail; 3, Stafford; vhc, Massey; hc, Oldham. CREST or C.B.: 1, c, Davies; sp, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Oldham. HEN: sp, 1, 2, Davies; 3, 4, vhc, Oldham; hc, Stafford. CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, Shore; sp., 2, 3, 4, Hill. BUFF: sp., 1, 4, vhc, Hill; 2, Shore; 3, Massey. CINN HEN: 1, Shore; sp., 2, 3, 4, Hill. A.O.V. CAN.: sp., 1, Davies; 2, Massey; 3, Stafford. MULE or HYB.: sp., 1, Davies; 2, Massey; 3, Hill; 4, Booth. AMAT. SECTION: LIZ.: sp., 1, Matthews; 2, Lees. YORKS. YELL. CK.: sp., 1, Snape; 2, Mason; 3, Warburton; 4, Lees; vhc, Watson. BUFF: sp., 1, Snape; 2, Mason; 3, Warburton; 4, hc, Hardy; vhc, Lees; c, Watson. HENS: sp., 1, Snape; 2, Warburton; 3, Mason; 4, hc, Hardy; vhc, Watson; c, Holden. UNFLIG.: 1, Snape; sp., 2, Matthew; 3, Mason; 4, Matthews; vhc, Warburton; hc, Hardy; c, Lees. NOR. CK.: sp., 1, 2, vhc, Snape; 3, 4, Matthews. HENS and UNFLIG.: 1, Snape; sp, 2, 4, c, Matthews; 3, vhc, hc, Holden. A.O.V.: sp., 1, 2, Matthews; 3, Snape; 4, Warburton. MULE or HYB.: 1, Matthews; sp., 2, vhc, Watson; 3, Snape; 4, Warburton. BRIT., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: sp., 1, 2, Hardy; 3, vhc, hc, Hill; 4, Watson. LINNET: 1, Watson; sp., 2, 3, Hill. SISKIN, ETC.: sp., 1, 2, Hill. A.O.S. HAIRBILL: sp., 1, 2, 4, Hill; 3, vhc, Lees.—W. STAFFORD, Secretary.

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LINCOLN.

The Lincoln and Dis. C.B.S. held their first annual show in the Central Hall on December 11th. The hall is a beautiful place for such an occasion, being very spacious and lofty with good light and temperature. The secretary may be congratulated on having the Mayor of Lincoln (C. T. Parker, Esq.), supported by the City Sheriff (C. Odling, Esq.), for the opening of the show. The Mayor, in his remarks, said it was a new experience to him to take an active part in opening such a beautiful exhibition. He was pleased to be present, because it was principally composed of working men. Mr. D. Heath, the secretary, is the right man in the right place, being very courteous and obliging. The chairman (Mr. C. H. Pickering), one of the oldest fanciers in Lincoln, was quite busy amongst the birds, and was supported by the hard-working committee, Messrs. C. Jeffery, A. Johnson, R. Sands, F. Moore, C. Priestly, and H. Willerton. Mr. O Heath was successful in scoring most points in show; and Mr. Lawson won special for best bird, with a grand wing-marked Yellow Norwich hen. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Lawson, variegd. yell., extra shape and type, sound col. and quality of featherfil 2, vhc, Sindell, nice type and shape, col. and quality; 3, 4, res, Willerton, former good type, shape and quality of feather. HEN: 1, 4, Lawson, winner mkd. wing, grand type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, takes Sandiford's gold medal for best fed bird, latter good col. and quality of feather;; 2, Sindell, useful, good shape and type; 3, res, Willerton, good type and shape. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Lawson, extra type and shape, good head, neck, and body, 2nd similar type and shape, grand col. and quality of feather; 3, North, nice col. and quality; 4, Sindell; res, vhc, Willerton. HEN: 1, Lawson, four-pointed, grand shape and type, lovely col. and quality of feather; 2, Willerton, nice type and shape, even col.; 3, Sindell, nice type and shape, even col. NON-COL. FED: 1, Lawson, plenty of size, nice type and shape, even col., lovely quality feather; 2, Willerton, nice type and shape; 3, Sindell, fine col. and quality. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL., CK.: 1, res, Harris, rare length, good type and shape, well up on leg, nice col. and quality of feather; 2, 4, Heath, nice type and shape, good col. and quality, 4th good shape and type, nice col.; 3, North, fine type and shape, even col.. HEN: 1, Lawson, cl., extra length, nice shape and style, grand col. and quality of feather; 2, Harris, good in type, nice col. and feather; 3, Cordwell, neat exhibit, good type and shape. BUFF CK.: 1, Priestley, variegd., extra length, good shape and type, lovely col. and quality of feather; 2, Harris, tkd., good shape and type, erect; 3, vhc, hc, Sindell, very typical, useful bird; 4, Johnson; res, Cordwell; c, Heath. HEN: 1, 3, Heath, two good birds, equal in type and shape, good col. and quality of feather, latter not quite so steady, even col.; 4, Priestley; res, North. YORKS. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Heath, two good useful birds, in fine order, rare type and shape, good even col.; 3, Cordwell, nice type and shape, good col. and quality; 4, Pickering, very erect, neat shape and type; res, vhc, Priestley. NON-COL. FED: 1, Moore, cl. yell., extra type and shape, good col. and quality of feather; 2, 3, Harris, former very stylish in shape and body, 3rd nice size and shape; 4, Johnson; res, Sindell; vhc, hc, Priestley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Pickering, two buff cinn., good shape and col., former winning on substance; 3, Dann, buff varieg. Roller, in good condition; 4, C. E. Dann, buff Roller, very musical. SELL., CAN.: 1, Lawson; 2, Johnson; 3, Priestley. BRIT., ETC.: 1, Heatb; 2, 3, 4, Pickering. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Heath, two varieg. Goldfiuch and Can. Hyb., former winning on size and col., in the pink; 3, Johnson, dark Goldfinch and Can., in perfect feather and condition; 4, Hawkins, Greenfinch and Can. varieg., lovely col. and quality of feather; res, vhc, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Heath, former true Brit. Finch, grand blaze, back and bars, in grand form, 3rd larger, grand head and body, lovely moons, not quite ready; 2, Hall, Bullfinch, grand cap, breast and bars in grand form; 4, Johnson, Goldfinch, good col. and markings; res, Hawkins; vhc, hc, Pickering. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, 2, Hawkins, winner Greenfinch, lovely col. and feather, 2nd Siskin, grand col. and cap, in good order; 3, 4, Pickering, Linnet, nice shape and size, good col., well laced, 4th Lesser Redpoll.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Fourth and last members' show of the season was held on December 11th at the Church Schools. The competition for the yearly specials has been very keen and kept up to the finish. The entries for the year were satisfactory, and averaged 60 per show, and the quality has been A1 throughout. The winners of yearly prizes are the following:—A. Holden 79 points, Messrs. Hartley 70, T. L. Whiteley 45, H. Schofield 40, D. Bartle 35, C. Walker 28, G. R. Rushworth 26, and A. Firth 23. The following also captured specials for starred birds:—Messrs. Hartley and T. L. Whiteley. Mr. J. Wilson (Allerton) judged to everyone's satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Holden; 2, hc, Hartley; 3, 4, Whiteley; vhc, Bartle; c, Firth. BUFF. (15): 1, hc, Whiteley; 2, vhc, Hartley; 3, Walker; 4, Rushworth; c, Hooson. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Chubb; 4, Walker; vhc, Hooson. BUFF. (2): 1, Hartley; 2, Riley. YELL. YORKS. HEN (15): 1 and 2, Holden; 3, Schofield; 4, Thompson; vhc, Firth; hc, Riley; c, Hooson. BUFF (12): 1, Bartle; 2, vhc, Schofield; 3, Holden; 4, Whiteley; hc, Walker; c, Riley. CINN. MKD. (1): 1, A. Firth. HEN (1): 1, J. Moore. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Holden; 2, Hartley; 3, Firth.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S

Annual members' show, held at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Dec. 11, when there was a capital array of good birds, 160 in all being staged. Mr. Pickup (Bradford) judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS. CK.: 1, Robertshaw; 2, 3, c, Townsend; 4, vhc, hc, Haigh. BUFF: 1, c, Priestley; 2, Robertshaw; 3, hc, Haigh; 4, vhc, Townsend. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Townsend; 2, c, vhc, Haigh; 4, Robertshaw; hc, Crossley Bros. BUFF: 1, Robertshaw; 2, 3, vhc, c, Townsend; 4, Crossley Bros.; hc, Haigh. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, 4, vhc, Haigh; 2, 3, hc, Townsend; c, Morton. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Highley; 2, hc, Stobart; 3, hc, Sutcliffe; vhc, Sutcliffe; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Sunderland; 3, vhc, Sutcliffe; 4, Fawcett; hc, Stobart; c, Lumb and Horsfall. YELL. HEN: 1, Tasker; 2, Lumb and Horsfall; 3, Riley; 4, A. Sutcliffe; vhc, Stobart; hc, Fawcett; c, E. Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Highley; 2, Walker; 3, Tasker; 4, A. Sutcliffe; vhc, Stobart; hc, c, Wild. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, 3, Stobart; 2, Lumb and Horsfall; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Wilby; hc, Tasker; c, A. Sutcliffe. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, A. Sutcliffe; 4, hc, Sunderland; c, Roberts. SELF: 1, Priestley; 2, Crossley; 3, Pickles. BRIT.: 1, hc, Sunderland; 2, 3, c, Roberts; 4, vhc, Pickles.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

Annual members' show held in the Good Templars' Halls, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Dec. 11. The show this year was not nearly so good as regards numbers, the total exhibits not quite reaching 450, as against over six hundred last year, but the exhibition was a success nevertheless. The quality throughout all the sections was particularly good especially in the Norwich section, where both numbers and quality were excellent. Cup for best young bird in hall was won by Mr. McKay, with a young Crested hen, and the same exhibitor won the Old Bird cup with another Crested hen. Medal for best British and Foreign bird was won by Mr. J. L. Burnett, with his Black-headed Bunting, and the gold medal for best Border or Yorkshire (presented by Mr. J. McLay) went to Mr. F. Bowman. The Novice cup and medal went to Mr. Duncan Graham, the special for best colour fed Canary Mr. R. B. Jarvie (the president), and special for best coloured Britisher Mr. M. Craig's Yellowhammer. Hyde's special was won by Mr. M. Donaghy. The Border classes were very small in numbers, but contained some good quality birds, the best in the section being Mr. D. Brown's buff variegated hen, which was awarded special for runner up to Mr. McLay's medal winner. All over the show was very pleasing, and the several winners are to be congratulated on owning such fine specimens. The judges were: For Norwich and Crests, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh), for Borders, Yorkshire and A.O.V. Canaries, Mr. A. K. Chalmers (Glasgow), and for British and Foreign birds, Mr. J. Muir (Glasgow). They got through their work in splendid fashion, placing the winners in good order, and giving every satisfaction. The officials and Committee worked splendidly, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent among the birds by both members and visitors. The Secretary, Mr. R. A. Brown, had made excellent arrangements, and everything passed off well.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Geddes, 2, 3, 4, Henderson; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Jarvie; c, M'Leod. BUFF (21): 1, Gowans; 2, M'Lay; 3, Jarvie; 4, Griffiths; vhc, J. Brown; hc, Ferguson; c, Donaghy. YELL. VARIEG. (10): 1, 2, Geddes; 3, vhc, Sloan; 4, Paterson; hc, c, Ferguson. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Henderson; 2, c, Thaw; 3, Sloan; 4, Griffiths; hc, Strank. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Jarvie; 3, Smith; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Donaghy; hc, Harvey; c, Graham. BUFF (12): 1, Graham; 2, Smith; 3, Martin; 4, Dowell; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Strank; c, Ferguson. YELL. VARIEG., ETC. (14): 1, Geddes; 2, Henderson; 3, Ferguson; 4, Paterson; vhc, Duncan, Graham; hc, Sloan; c, Thaw. BUFF (20): 1, Ferguson; 2, Smith; 3, Harvey; 4, Dowell; vhc, Strank; hc, Henderson; c, Gamble. NON-FED. CK. (9): 1, D. Graham; 2, Jarvie; 3, Roulstone; 4, M'Lay; vhc, Harvey; hc, Thomson; c, Foster. HEN (8): 1, D. Graham; 2, 3, Jarvie; 4, Sloan; vhc, Paterson; hc, Harvey; c, Ferguson. YELL. BORD. CK. (2): 1, 2, Williamson. BUFF (2): 1, D. Brown; 2, Williamson. YELL. VARIEG., ETC. (4): 1, 3, Williamson; 2, 4, Thomson. BUFF (1): Thomson. YELL. HEN (2): 1, D. Brown; 2, Williamson. BUFF (2): 1, Brown; 2, Williamson. CREST CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Griffiths; 4, M'Lay. HEN (3): 1, M'Lay; 2, Griffiths; 3, Tweedie. C.-B. (4): 1, 2, Griffiths. HEN (4): 1, M'Lay; 2, 3, Griffiths; vhc, Anderson. YORKS. YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Penman; 2, Bowman; 3, 4, Barron; hc, Martin; c, Dr. Syson. BUFF (7): 1, 3, hc, Bowman; 2, Martin; 4, vhc, Barron; c, Penman. YELL. HEN (1): Barron. BUFF (4): 1, Dr. Syson; 2, 3, Bowman; 4, Penman. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Fyfe; 2, M'Lay; 4, Burnett. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Buchanan; 2, M'Nicol; 3, Donaghy. DARK (4): 1, 2, 3, Buchanan; 4, Taylor. A.O.V. DARK (7): 1, 4, Burnett; 2, Craig; 3, Donaghy; vhc, Jarvie; hc, c, Buchanan. OLD BIRDS: NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Henderson; 2, Jarvie; 3, Erskine; 4, J. Brown; hc, Smith; c, Sloan. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Jarvie; 3, Dowell; 4, Craig; vhc, Geddes; hc, D. Graham; c, Thaw. YELL. VARIEG., ETC. (7): 1, Henderson; 2, Jarvie; 3, Paterson; 4, Smith; vhc, Martin; hc, Sloan. BUFF (5): 1, Craig; 2, Taylor; 3, Dowell; 4, D. Graham; vhc, Sloan. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Jarvie; 2, Henderson; 3, 4, Galbraith. BUFF (12): 1, Jarvie; 2, Henderson; 4, Roulstone; vhc, Thaw; hc, Smith; c, Craig. YELL. VARIEG., ETC. (8): 1, Donaghy; 2, D. Graham; 3, Roulstone; 4, J. Brown; vhc, Sloan; hc, Smith; c, Thaw. BUFF (6): 1, Barron; 2, Sloan; 3, Watson; 4, Gamble; vhc, Smith; hc, Henderson. NON-FED. CK. (11): 1, Foster; 2, Sloan; 3, Roulstone; 4, Jarvie; vhc, D. Graham; hc, Ferguson; c, Henderson. HEN (9): 1, Ferguson; 2, D. Graham; 3, Henderson; vhc, Roulstone. YELL. BORD. CK. (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Williamson. BUFF (1): Williamson. YELL. HEN (2): 1, D. Brown; 2, Thomson. BUFF (1): Williamson. CREST CK. (2): 1, M'Lay; 2, Thomson. HEN (4): 1, M'Lay; 2, Thomson; 3, Tweedie; 4, Taylor. C.-B. CK. (3): 1, Tweedie; 2, M'Lay; 3, Griffiths. HEN (5): 1, M'Lay; 2, Thomson; 3, vhc, Griffiths; 4, Tweedie. YORKS. CK. YELL. (4): 1, Dr. Syson; 2, 3, Penman; 4, D. Brown. BUFF (1): Dr. Syson. YELL. HEN (1): Dr. Syson. BUFF (1): Dr. Syson. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Fyfe; 4, M'Lay. SELL. (15/-) (9): 1, c, Donaghy; 2, Jarvie; 3, Griffiths; 4, Smith; vhc, Dr. Syson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, D. Graham; 2, Taylor; 3, Craig; 4, Sloan; vhc, Jarvie. DARK GREENIE, ETC., MULE (2): 1, Sloan; 2, Craig. BRIT. GOLDIE (5): 1, Craig; 2, Williamson; 3, Gronbeck; 4, Jarvie; vhc, Watson. LINNET (5): 2, Erskine; 2, Barron; 3, Watson; 4, Craig; vhc, Jarvie. FIELD MOULTED (2): 1, Jarvie; 2, Taylor. BULLIE (5): 1, vhc, Smith; 2, Black; 3, Gronbeck; 4, Jarvie. SISKIN, FED. (4): 1, McCulloch; 2, Erskine; 3, Jarvie; 4, Burnett. NON-FED. (6): 1, Barron; 2, McCulloch; 3, Ferguson; 4, Burnett; vhc, Jarvie. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, Craig; 2, McCulloch; 3, Taylor; 4, Anderson; vhc, c, Jarvie; hc, Watson. TWITE, ETC. (4): 1, Erskine; 2, Craig; 3, Jarvie; 4, Taylor. GREENFINCH, FED (4): 1, Burnett; 2, Craig; 3, Anderson; 4, Watson. NON-FED (10): 1, Donaghy; 2, 3, McCulloch; 4, hc, Buchanan; vhc, Erskine; c, Burnett. YELLOW-HAMMER (4): 1, 2, Craig; 3, Donaghy; 4, Watson. A.O.V. BUNTING (7): 1, Burnett; 2, Erskine; 3, Anderson; 4, vhc, Craig. CHAFFINCH (3): 1, Gronbeck; 2, Anderson; 3, Craig. BRAMBLE (5): 1, 3, Craig; 2, Anderson; 4, Black; vhc, Jarvie. BULLIE HEN (5): 1, Watson; 2, Craig; 3, vhc, Galbraith; 4, Barron. A.O.S. HEN (5): 1, 2, Craig; 3, Burnett; 4, McCulloch; vhc, Black. SMALL BRIT. SOFTBILL (1): McCulloch. LARGE (1): Craig. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, 4, Buchanan; 2, 3, Jarvie. FOR. SMALL (4): 1, Erskine; 2, 3, 4, Jarvie. LARGE (1): Anderson. SELL. (2): 1, McCulloch; 2, Burnett. GIFT (10): 1, Taylor; 2, Williamson; 3, M'Leod; 4, Henderson; vhc, Burnett; hc, Barron; c, Craig.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

LONG EATON.

Second annual open show of the Long Eaton C.B.S. held on Dec. 18th, in the Public Hall, this being a splendid place for a show, capable of holding 1,200 birds. The hall is also very spacious, lofty, and well lighted (both by day and night), and quite free from draughts. The entries came up well, being over 400, which made this show a record. We hear that two days before the show there were only about 200 entries. Why do fanciers keep their entries till so late? The staging of the exhibits was grandly carried out, and all could be seen well. The management and care of all the exhibits were all that could be desired. We noticed the chairman, Mr. Coun. G. Smith, J.P., very busy and obliging to all; also Mr. E. Fox gave valuable assistance all the morning. The exhibits were a grand collection. Norwich were a fine lot, the novice class coming up capitally, with no less than 24. Yorkshires were a fine show in themselves. The Crests were grand in quality and numbers as well, and the cream of the Fancy was staged. The classes allotted to British birds filled splendidly, and took a little sorting out. In the mule class, Mr. R. Bond took all the honours with his noted team, all in lovely feather. The Foreigners, too, were a capital show. Mr. A. E. Wigginton makes an ideal secretary. Every little thing received attention, and he was ably assisted by a hard-working committee, consisting of G. Smith, Esq., J.P. (chairman), Messrs. E. Fox, Hexter, Barker, Smith, Hallam, Turner, Bentley, Bescoby, and others. Mr. J. Bevson judged Norwich, Yorkshires, and British, and Mr. R. Rhodes the Crests. Judging was over early, and cards up as the slips were handed in. Catalogues with the awards were on sale very early. Mr. G. Smith opened the show with a few well chosen words, and he hoped Long Eaton would still continue to have shows even as, if not more, successful than this.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. YELL. (only one entry): 1, Fox, real good one, grand shape and size, fine col., worthy of more competition. BUFF (6): 1, Needham, cl., splendid shape and size, very short and cobby, grand head and neck, rare col. and quality; 2, Walton and Noakes, splendid col., nice size, neat head, grand quality, beautiful wings and tail; 3, Fox, cl., grand col., fine quality, good type, nice wings and tail, well shown; 4, Christian, rare col., hardly so massive in build, nice quality; vhc, Goodman, rare shape, nice col.; hc, Twine. UNEVENLY MKD. (7): 1, Fox, grand variegated, yell., beautiful shape, nice size, good front, very hot col., in the pink of condition, Ilkeston winner; 2, Christian, smart buff variegated, grand col., fine shape, good head and neck, graud wings and tail; 3, Walton and Noakes, varieg. yell., capital col., grand shape and size, rare chest, good quality; 4, Tyler., also variegated yell., good shape, nice size, capital col.: vhc, Simpson, rare col., good shape; hc, Fox; c, Nutt. HEN (11): 1, Christian, cl. yell., splendid size, beautiful col., neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Fox, cl. buff, beautiful shape, grand full chest, rare front, nice head and neck, A1 col. and quality; 3, 4, c, Walton and Noakes, cl. yell. leading, splendid col., well carried wings and tail, nice short feather, latter stylish, eye and wings mkd., grand col., nice shape and size; vhc, Hawe, nice shape, good size; hc, Nutt. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Needham, cl., grand quality, magnificent shape, good col., rare cheek, nice wings and tail, shown in the pink; 2, Fox, grand size, hot col., close, short feather, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 3, Walton and Noakes, variegated, nice front, capital col, beautiful wings and tail, rare head and neck; 4, Simpson, smart cl., nice front, neat head and neck; vhc, Wilcox and Sons, nice col.; hc, Nutt; c, Fose, wrong class, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, Elliott, wonderful shaped cl., most lovely col., splendid size and substance, good head and neck, wins well; 2, Fox, mkd. eye and left wing, grand hot col., rare head and neck, well carried wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Nutt, mkd. right wing, nice shape and substance, capital col. and quality, neat head and neck; 4, Fox, wing mkd., nice size, rare col.; vhc, Smith, nice cl., good col.; hc, Williamson. NOVICE (25): 1, 2, Peberdy, leader grand cl. buff, nice shape and size, capital head and neck, lovely col. and quality, 2nd cl. yellow, not quite substance of winners, but good col., nice quality, neat head, both well shown; 3, Goodman, cl. yell., grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, grand shape, well carried wings and tail; 4, c, Bescoby and Righton, cl. buff, rare shape and size, good col. and condition; vhc, Flemons, nice stylish yell., good col. and quality; hc, Baker. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Richmond, neck tkd., grand length, red hot col., lovely quality, neat head and neck, rare legs, well carried wings; 2, Dykes, good cl., grand length, fine col. and quality, rare wings and tail, fine position, shown to perfection; 3, Lindsay, cl., nice length and position, good head and neck, grand legs and wings; 4, Simpson, cl., nice length and position, capital col. and quality; vhc, Wells, nice length, very slim; hc, Millincamp; c, White. BUFF (15): 1, Lindsay, cl., very nice length, well up in position, rare wings and tail, capital quality and col.; 2, Dykes, wing tkd., topper for quality, grand position, neat head, well carried wings and tail, lovely col. and condition; 3, Elsmore, cl., nice length, good head and neck; 4, Shaw Bros., capital length and position, grand col. and quality; vhc, White, nice length, capital col.; hc, Richmond; c, Paddock. MKD. (7): 1, c, Wells, hot coloured, eye and wing mkd., good length, magnificent quality, good wings and tail, capital legs; 2, Lindsay, eye and wing marked, grand length, rare col., good wings and tail, very erect on perch; 3, Williams, wing mkd., grand position, fine length, good col. and quality, neat head and neck; 4, White, yell. varieg., very straight, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Dykes, varieg.; hc, Millingcamp. UNFLIG. (14): Dykes, wing mkd. yell., real hot col., very slim and upstanding, good position, neat wings and tail, in the pink of condition; 2, Harriman, cl buff, grand length, nice position, grandly braced wings, neat head; 3, Williams, cl. buff, straight as a rush, neat head and neck, capital length and position, nice col., good length and position, nice col., good legs; 4, c, Richmond, wing mkd. buff, nice col., grand quality, bad wing carriage to-day; vhc, Lindsay, cl. buff, rare length and position; hc, Elsemore. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, cl. lovely col. and quality, splendid length and position, well braced wings and tail, shown again in the pink of condition, looks like Tamworth 2nd; 2, Williams, grand col., beautiful position, nice quality, rare wings and tail; 3, Wells, nice cl., fine length and position, good legs, neat head; 4, vhc, Millingcamp, wing mkd. leading, lovely col. and quality, good length, nice position, A1 col. and quality; hc, Richmond, grand col. and quality; c, Pygott. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Williams, leader cl., capital col., grand length and position, good head and neck, rare wings and tail; 2, cinn., wing mkd., nice back, good length, neat head, good quality, stands on pair of good legs, 3rd also Cinn. mkd., gets well upon perch, grand position; 4, Elsmore, cl., nice length, capital length; vhc, Dykes, cheek mkd., lovely col., grand quality; hc, Paddock. NOVICE (11): 1, Athey, cl. yell. very slim and upstanding, grand length, fine position, good head and neck; 2, Athey, head mkd. yell., capital col. and quality, fine shape, grand wings and tail, both shown well; 3, Bell, cl. buff, grand col., good wings and tail neat head and neck, fine length, nice col. and quality; 4, Eaton, nice length, col. and quality, neat head, good length; vhc, Revell, capital colour, good position; hc, Bell; c, Atbey. CRESTED CK., BUFF (9): 1, Burrows, nice variegated, of grand size, splendid shape, fine droop and feather; 2, Ley, wing mkd., good size, large, shapely Crest, excellent droop, lovely feather; 3, Smith, massive wing mkd., good size, full shapely crest, nice feather and droop; 4, Brown, wing mkd., nice size, good, leafy feather; vhc, Ley; hc, Colldge; c, Cowperwaite; absent, Broad. HEN (9): 1, Ley, cl. bodied griz buff crest, grand size of crest, splendid shape, fine droop, capital feather; 2, Evins Bros., yell., green Crest, very heavily feathered, good size, large, shapely crest, fine droop; 3, Piper, heavily feathered variegated., nice size, shapely Crest, capital leafy feather; 4, Burrows, massive variegated., capital Crest, good feather; vhc, Barker; hc, Colldge; c, Smith. CREST, YELL. (8): 1, Norwood Bros., nearly green, heavily feathered, splendid shape crest of good size, excellent droop, lovely feather; 2, Colldge, heavily feathered green, good size, shapely crest, of excellent shape and quality; 3, Ley, green, large crest, good frontal and feather, A1 quality; 4, Evins Bros., variegated., very massive, plenty of feather, capital size; vhc, Colldge; hc, Brown; c, Harrie. YELL. C.B. (4): 1, 4, Ley, leader massive variegated., nice size, fine bold head, good, dense feather, nice length, 4th buff variegated., nice shape, good size, capital feather; 2, Brotherton, variegated., good size, fine, shapely head, nice leafy head feather, good col. and sash; 3, Cowperwaite, also variegated., capital size, excellent shape, nice, dense feather, A1 bloom. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Ley, cl. bodied, nice head, dense feather, of nice length; 2, Osborne, variegated., good size and head, fine shape, capital feather; 3, Piper, green, we heard Gateshead winner, looking A1, lovely size, good head, excellent feather; 4, Smith, massive green, nice length of feather, good quality; vhc, Norwood Bros.; hc, Norwood Bros.; c, Borrows. BUFF, HEN (7): 1, Norwood Bros. heavily feathered variegated. massive in build, grand head, nice length of feather, capital condition; 2, Evins Bros., head, saddle and thigh mkd., fine, bold head, good shape, fine lash, feather dense and of good length; 3, Ley, massive variegated., capital feather and condition, nice head, good lash; 4, Brown, variegated., nice size, capital feather, of good length; vhc, Cowperwaite, massive variegated.; hc, Osborne; c, Hayes. CREST, 1909 (9): 1, Norwood Bros., buff, nearly green, grand size, nice leafy feather, grand droop, very shapely; 2, Ley, yell. variegated., splendid droop, grand centre, wonderful length of feather; 3, Evins Bros., nice size, good shape, abundance of good, leafy feather; 4, Ley, massive wing mkd., capital shape and size, good feather; vhc, Osborne; hc, Barker; c, Colldge; abs., Broad. C.B. (10): 1, Evins Bros., cl., yell, grand size, fine width of skull, wonderful lash, excellent feather; 2, Jacklin, nearly green buff, massive skull, grand size and width, lovely feather; 3, Colldge, variegated. buff, good size, fine lash, capital size, lovely quality feather; 4, Cowperwaite, variegated., capital shape, good size, nice feather; vhc, Norwood Bros.; hc, Ley; c, Colldge. CREST, NOVICE (17): 1, Barber, we could not find, we expect was amongst members; 2, Moore, massive wing mkd. D.-C., lovely shape, excellent feather; 3, Sheldon, also no notes; 4, Hallan, massive variegated., capital shape, good feather; vhc, Salisbury; hc, White; c, Schofield. C.-B. (11): 1, Moore, nearly green, massive in build, capital head, of nice width, grand feather; 2, hc, White, nice green, monster for build, nice feather, lovely condition; 3, Flint, variegated. buff, good size, capital feather, well shown; 4, Salisbury, cl., nice size, good feather; vhc, Barber; c, Burn. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, White, long, typical Yorkshire green, nice length, good position, A1 col. and condition; 2, E. M. Smith, buff Norwich, good shape and size, rare head and neck, good col.; 3, Tyler, grand little "wee gem," in capital feather; 4, hc, Bexon, two nice Borders, well shown; vhc, Symonds and Sons; c, Vertigar. SELL. £1 (20): 1, Simpson; 2, Ford; 3, Jacklin; 4, Needham; vhc, Wood; hc, Tyler; c, Adnitt. 15/- (15): 1, Wigginton; 2, Wood; 3, Hayes; 4, Admas; vhc, Drakeley; hc, Salisbury; c, Osborne.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, all to Bond, leader noted Bullie-Can., in capital feather, 2nd noted light Goldfinch-Can., not looking as well as we have seen him, 3rd sweet Siskin-Can., lovely col., grand shape; vhc, Linnet-Can, grand col., all well shown; 4, hc, Howe, noted five-pointed Goldfinch-Can. looking well, but beaten to-day; hc, Hexter; c, Clowes and Sons; a wonderful class for quality and variety—some of the best Mules in the country. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Harrison, noted bird, looking A1, lovely dense cap, capital back and breast col., wins well; 2, Raven, Goldie, nice, square-cut blaze, good tan, nice size, capital feather; 3, Hexter, Bullie, good size, capital feather, beaten back col., nice condition; 4, Harris, nice Goldie, capital blaze, of fine shape and size; vhc, Attrey; hc, Ballard; c, Cox. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, vhc, Henshaw, leader grandly pencilled Linnet, nice size, good shape, capital feather; 2, Robinson, Greenie, splendid size, good shape, lovely col., nice condition, well shown; 3, Raven, Linnet, nicely pencilled, good shape, grand size, hardly so rich in col. perhaps; 4, Whetley and Son, good Greenie; hc, Hexter; c, Harris. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Caunt, Twite, good size, nice col., capital feather, A1 bloom; 2, Christian, sweet little Siskin, capital cap, nice markings, good bib; 3, Hexter, Redpoll, fine size, capital feather, grand markings; 4, Boston; vhc, hc, Henshaw. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, Poole, noted Hawfinch, looking well to-day, beautiful col., grand head, excellent bib, wins well; 2, hc, Hexter, Bramble, grand col. beautiful markings, grand feather; 4, vhc, Raven; c, Underwood. SOFTBILL (9): 1, Underwood, Waxwing, good feather most beautiful col., in the best possible form; 2, Hexter, Fieldfare, grand size, excellent markings, almost immediately after judging this exhibit was taken very ill, but when we left we were pleased to see him slightly improving; 3, Raven, Ring Ousel, nice col., good neck markings, in grand feather; 4, Raven; vhc, Hexter; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Hawkes. FOR., LARGE (9): 1, Fairey, yellow-billed Toucan, good col., perfect feather; 2, Raven, Mexican Jay, in faultless condition, real good specimen, much admired; 3, vhc, Bexby-Hasland, winning Pennant, most perfect back markings we have seen, beautiful condition to-day; 3, Henton, Macaw, a good one, in nice trim; 4, hc, c, Hollins, leader grand pair Swainson Lorrikeets. SMALL (11): 1, vhc, Raven, Superb Tanager, lovely col. and markings, in perfect feather; 2, hc, Stocker, Necklace Tanager, in beautiful condition; 3, Mrs. Duncan, grand pair green Budgerigars, lovely feather, 4th a Meadow Parrot-finch, grand col.; c, Howe, noted tricolour Tanager, very strong class, all in perfect feather and condition.

MEMBERS'.—YELL. NOR. (1): Coltman. BUFF: Cancelled. HENS (2): 1, Coltman. W.C.: Beatley (1). BRED 1909., YELL. (10): 1, 2, Fox; 3, vhc, hc, Wilson and Son; 4, Coltman; c, Hexter. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Fox; 3, Wilcox and Son; 4, vhc, Hexter; hc, Bentley; c, Horwood. YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Rodgers and Orchard. BUFF (1): 1, Clarke. HENS (3): 1, 2, Rogers and Orchard; 3, Clarke. YELL. 1909 (C): 1, 2, 3, Rogers and Orchard; 4, vhc, Barker; hc, Clarke. BUFF (8): 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Rogers and Orchard; 4, Barber; vhc, c, Forrester; hc, Rogers. BORD. (7): 1, 2, Wigginton; 3, Barker; 4, hc, c, Turner. CREST (7): 12, Barber; 3, 4, vhc, Wigginton. C.-B. (6): 1, vhc, Turner; 2, 4, Barker; 3, hc, Wigginton. YELL. CREST (2): 1, Turner; 2, Wiggington. CREST, 1909: 1, 3, 4, hc, Barker; 2, Sheldon; vhc, Wigginton. C.-B. (4): 1, r, Barker; 2, 3, E. Barker; 4, Hallam. GIFT (3): 1, Fox; 2, Barker; 3, Wigginton.

GARSTON.

Eighth annual exhibition of the Garston B.B.A was held in the Baptist School on Dec. 4. The entries turned up well, and some good Yorkshires and Norwich were benched. Mr. A. E. Crawley won the Tate's silver cup, with his six nominated birds. The special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Wilkinson. The secretary, Mr. Wilkinson, had the birds nicely staged. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Wilkinson, stylish, rich col., good wings, piped tail; 2, Crawley, rich col., wee shade stout, full of quality, long flights; 3, Thompson, nice quality, shows just a little frill. BUFF (11): 1, Thompson, rich col., well up on leg, good back and wings, lovely quality; 2, Banks, wee bit open breast, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Crawley, rich colour, full of quality. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Seddon, variegated., full of quality, nice position, good head; 2, Robinson, thigh tkd., grand position, plenty of leg, good head; 3, Woods, cap and wing, rich col. and quality. BUFF (6): 1, Christopher, thigh tkd. lovely col and quality, neat head, well braced wings; 2, Robinson, thigh tkd., fine position, full of quality; 3, Seddon, tkd. wing, boxey feather, position. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Thompson, position A1, lovely quality, rich col., good head; 2, Wilkinson, rich col., a trifle open on chest, wants a little more steadying, good bird; 3, Banks, leggy, long flights, boxey feather, fine position. BUFF (8): 1, Crawley, slim, typical, full of quality, grand bird; 2, 3, Woods, 2, rich col., full of quality, nice position; 3, on the stout side, but full of quality and well shown. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Crawley, wing mkd., rich col., lovely quality, well staged; 2, Seddon, heavily mkd., boxey feather, good wing carriage; 3, Thompson, full of quality, nice position. BUFF (7): 1, Robinson, thigh tkd., lovely quality and position, nice feather; 2, Woods, cap mrkd., rich col., stands well, nicely braced wings and tail; 3, Barton, eye and wings, rich col., piped tail, again well up on leg, neat head. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Crawley, wing tkd., lovely quality and style, good bird; 2, Jackson, variegated., full of col. and quality. BUFF (4): 1, Barton, cap mkd., blaze of col., grand quality, typical; 2, Wilkinson, cap and wing mkd., pale col., but good bird, boxey feather, nice type; 3, Christopher, variegated., heavy, grand position. CINN. YELL. TKD. HEN (2): 1, Wilkinson, cap rich col., full of quality and stylish; 2, Christopher, variegated., full of quality. BUFF (2): 1, Christopher, griz. on head, lovely quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Crawley, variegated., good wings and tail, nice type. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Mercer, rich col., full of quality, good head, clean on breast, grand wings and tail; 2, Barton, unflig., full of quality and col., chubby; BUFF (6): 1, Barton, good head and neck, clean on breast, full of quality, rich col. throughout; 2, Walker, wing mkd., rich col. and quality; 3, Martindale, boxey feather, short and chubby. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Barton, cheek tkd., rich col. and quality; 2, Mercer, variegated., full of quality, good head. BUFF (4): 1, Barton, blaze of col., grand quality, good head and neck; 2, Jackson, pale col., boxey feather, grand type; 3, Martindale, nice type, full of quality. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Crawley, Goldie.-Can.; 2, Woods; Linnet-Can.: 3, Christopher, all good birds. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Crawley, lovely square blaze, bars and buttons, grand condition and steady; 2, Bryant, good bars and buttons, rich blaze; 3, James, nice blaze, very steady, in nice condition. LINNET (4): 1, Woods, lovely nut brown, nicely pencilled; 2, Jones, well pencilled, nice condition and steady; 3, Robinson, very showy, nicely pencilled. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Woods, good head, deep col. and good condition; 2, Banks, steady, in fine condition; 3, Barton. BULLFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Jones, two Bullies, good heads, rich col.; 2, Janes, good head, steady.

HAZEL GROVE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Thirteenth annual members' show, held on Dec. 11th at headquarters, the Grapes Hotel. The exhibits were not as numerous as in previous years, but what was wanting in numbers was well made up for in quality, as a good many of the birds had given a good account of themselves in open competition. Specials were given for most points throughout show: 1st, G. H. Massey, 79 points; 2nd, J. Potts, 65; 3rd, Garner, 59; 4th, W. Stafford, 57; 5th, L. G. W. Oldham, 57; 6th, S. Beswick, 55 points. The show was well patronised, and everything was in nice order. Mr. Ball, the treasurer, gave every assistance in getting the room well arranged. The judging was got through in good time by Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport). His awards gave general satisfaction.

YELL. COPPY: Cancelled. LANCS. P.H.: 1, 2, 3, Oldham. GOLD LIZ.: 1, Massey. SILVER LIZ.: 1, Massey. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Oldham; 4, Garner. C.-B.: 1, 2, 4, Oldham, 1st grand one, nice head, plenty of feather; 2, Green, nice, good feathered bird; 4, Garner, good head. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Potts, nice lengthy bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Potts, 1st nice even bird, good wings and tail, stands A1; 2, Beswick, good type of Yorks.; 4, Hulme. HENS: 1, vhc, Potts, 1st sweet, typical yell.; 2, 3, Beswick, 2nd lovely buff, nice stand, presses winner, 3rd another good hen. UNFLIG. YORKS.: 1, Potts, good quality and col., nice wings and tail, will make up good; 2, Beswick, nice level bird, good carriage. NON-FED: 1, Garner, stylish and true Yorks., good quality; 2, Snape.. HEN: 1, Garner, beautiful hen; 2, Snape. YELL. NOR.: 1, Massey, 1st nice even col., good wings and tail; 2, Garner, not quite the quality of 1st, yet a nice bird; 3, Beswick, good col.; 4, hc, Stafford; vhc, Oldham. BUFF NOR.: 1, Massey, grand bird, good substance, col. and quality, easy win; 2, 4, Garner, 2nd nice bird; 3, Beswick, big bird; vhc, Stafford; hc, Hulme. HEN: 1, 3, Stafford, 1st lovely, sweet, typical hen, full of style and quality, 3rd good quality buff; 2, Massey, buff mkd., nice shapely hen; 4, Beswick; vhc, Oldham. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, 4, Beswick, 1st lovely exhibit, full of quality, plenty of col., nice wings, wins well, 4th tkd. buff, nice bird; 2, Massey, variegated. buff, nice style, good mover; 3, Stafford; hc, Oldham; c, Hulme. NON-FED. NOR.: 1, Massey, nice variegated. buff; 2, Hulme; 3, Garner. HEN: 1, Garner, nice typical hen; 2, Massey; 3, Stafford; 4, vhc, Snape. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Massey, 1st yell. cinn., 2nd Stafford; 3, Potts; 4, Garner; vhc, Beswick. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Massey, lightly mkd. Goldfinch-Mule, good specimen; 2, Potts, Linnet-Mule; 3, Hulme. SELL. (15s.): 1, Garner; 2, Stafford; 3, Massey; 4, Oldham. (10s.): 1, Massey; 2, Stafford; 3, Beswick; 4, Potts. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Hulme. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hulme; 2, Potts. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Hulme; 2, Potts. The show was a decided success, and the committee made every effort, and they were well rewarded.—GEO. W. OLDHAM, sec., pro tem.

EARLSTON (Berwickshire).

Annual show, held on Dec. 18th, and taken all over it was a great success, especially taking into consideration Selkirk also held their show on this date, being only about 20 miles distant. The entries were very satisfactory, both in number and quality. The Border Fancy classes were keenly contested, some real gems being on view. The pick of the section was the clear buff cock shown by Mr. J. Brockie, winner of the coveted B.F.C.C. medal for best in show. This section was judged by Mr. Tait (Galashiels), who made his first attempt as judge, and judging from the way in which he selected his winners, his services should be in request at further shows. Grumbling here was conspicuous by its absence. Norwich and British were good on the whole, and the winners were carefully selected by an old breeder and exhibitor, Mr. Bell (late of Jedburgh), who left little if any to be adversely commented upon. The show was held in the Corn Exchange, the birds being splendidly staged and arranged, reflecting great credit on the executive, who were headed by the genial secretary, Mr. J. Brockie. He had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee.

The Critique.

BORDER, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Young, very stylish, lovely body and head, grand wing carriage, neat front, well drawn; 2, Philip, deep col., inclined to cross wings a wee trifle, fine quality feather; 3, Lloyd, very nice one, sweet shape, good feather and finish, scarcely so stylish as winners, perhaps; 4, Halliday, good quality feather; vhc, Patterson; hc, Blackie; c, Middlemiss. HEN (6): 1, Patterson, very sweetly got up, rare size, very fine quality feather, stylish, well put down; 2, Brown, another hot one for finish, nice front and head, sweetly moulded, close race; 3, Halliday, inclined to be tbin in front a trifle, but good carriage and feather; 4, Massie, fine shapely hen, in grand trim, neat and well put down; vhc, Forsyth; hc, Amos. BUFF CK. (9): 1, B.F.C. medal, Brockie, real good one, fine weight, well rounded, very nicely drawn, good head and position, well put down; 2, Patterson, wee shade plainer looking, but fine position and style and lovely feather; 3, Service, nice shape, good fronted bird, A1 wing carriage, all there for type; 4, Purvis, close up, fails a wee shade in front, but good weight, in very nice bloom; vhc, Halliday; hc, Cormach; c, Middlemiss. HEN (6): 1, Cormach, beauty for shape, lovely position and style, grand head and wing carriage, A1 feather; 2, Patterson, sweet feathered one, fine size, good front; 3, Brown, good all round, neat front and head, finely drawn, taking exhibit; 4, Bennet, in grand bloom, fails in neck only to winners; vhc, Service; hc, Halliday. EVEN MARKS (6): 1, 2, Patterson, buff leading, wins on markings, grand type, 2nd good positioned yell., fine style, a wee shade weak in eye marks; 3, Blackie, nice stylish bird, good body and col.; 4, Brockie, tick, good markings; vhc, Cormach; hc, Philip. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Patterson, good quality throughout, nice head and front, and A1 wing carriage, in grand bloom; 2, Cormach, not quite so shapely as winner, but finely drawn, good wing carriage, neat all round; 3, Young, again sweet one, nice size, lovely quality feather; 4, Brown, wee shade plainer looking, but fine front and taper, and well put down; vhc, Denholme; hc, Thomson; c, Middlesiss. BUFF (11): 1, Patterson, very nicely marked bird, grand shape, finely rounded, good wing carriage, neat front and head, and grandly staged; 2, Brockie, sweetly feathered, good shape and quality, inclined to be a trifle thin in front; 3, Denholme, wee shade stronger, but good shape, very nice style, well drawn, finely moulded; 4, Brown, again in rare bloom, must have pressed hard, good quality, A1 style; vhc, Marshall; hc, Young; c, Philip. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (10): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, looks like the old champion, looking as fresh as ever, grand shape, splendid lacing, deep col. throughout, well staged; 2, Bennet, nice type, well pencilled, in grand trim; 3, Lambie, another hot one, very faint lacing, good depth of col., fine type; 4, Thomson, good shaped one, fine style and markings; vhc, Amos; hc, Jamieson; c, Arnot and Jamieson. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Bennet, nicely got up, good depth of col., in fine bloom; 2, Thomson, fine style and shape, lovely lacing, distinct and free, fine depth throughout, real good one; 3, Patterson, wee shade longer, but all there for quality of feather and col.; 4, Lambie, neat one, fine markings, good type; vhc, Blackie; hc, Watson. SELL. (7/6) (10): 1, Brockie; 2, Bennet; 3, Blackie; 4, Aitchison; vhc, Purvis; hc, Bell; c, Lloyd. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. YELL. (4): 1, Wilson, good one, fine shape, grandly rounded, A1 style, noble front, well drawn, sweet head, well forward in colour; 2, 3, Cameron, 2nd tight in feather, but a wee shade plain looking, 3rd good one, plenty of size, grand front, well drawn, lovely tone of col.; 4, Lugton, nice size and quality. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Cameron, good one, finely rounded, plenty of size, grand feather, A1 finish, well staged; 2, Innes, again good in shape, not quite so bold in front, but fine head, good wing carriage, in grand bloom; 3, Keddie, nice type and feather, staged in fine order; 4, Lugton, large romping hen, fine front, grandly drawn. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Keddie, a beauty for type, fine front, grand head and style, fine shape, A1 bloom, sweet exhibit; 2, Vere, sweetly feathered, wee shade plainer in head, but fine body, grand size and shape, and neatly moulded; 3, vhc, Cameron, fine shape, lovely quality feather; 4, Lugton, good all-round, plenty of substance; hc, Vere; c, Makins. HEN (5): 1, Wilson, neat shape, sweetly finished, fine head and front, grand style, in lovely order; 2, 4, Cameron, 2nd close up, bold in front, well drawn, lovely quality feather, 4th grand hen, fine size and shape; 3, Lugton, good all-round hen, fine substance, in grand order, well drawn; vhc, Makins. BRIT., SOFT BILL (1): 1, no name, nice spangled large Starling, in very fine bloom. HARD BILL (11): 1, Dryden, good, large, well-col Bullfinch, rare cap and size, very nicely staged; 2, 4, Laidlaw, sweet Goldfinch, grand size, lovely tannings and buttons, fine cheeks, good deep square cut blaze, when up in condition a hard nut to crack, 4th Bullfinch, nice col. and quality; 3, Bruce, tip-top Corn Bunting, fine col., well laced, very steady; vhc, hc, Blackie; c, Butler.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Annual members' pair show held at Boro' Arms Restaurant, Plymouth, on December 13th. The entry was well up to the average, there being 53 pairs staged in six classes. With the exception of Yorkshires all varieties were well represented, many of the exhibits being winners in the recent open shows, the Norwich and Crest classes being of exceptional merit, and must have given the judges a difficult task to sort out the winners. Mr. T. Pope judged Yorkshires, Mr. Spellman Norwich, Mr. French Crests, Mr. J. Rowe, A.O.V. Canary, and Mr. Pridham the Hybrid classes. The special for most points in show was won by Mr. Dyer. Specials for 2nd and 3rd most points went to Messrs. Pope and Ryder.

YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Dyer. NOR. (16): 1, 3, C. Garland; 2, W. G. French; 4, Rowe. CRESTS (15): 1, C. Hoar; 2, 3, 4, Ryder. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, 4, T. Pope; 2, C. Dart. BRIT. AND CAN. (6): 1, 2, C. Large; 3, 4, Harvey. TWO BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Wills; 3, 4, Small.

CROOK.

Third annual show of the Crook and District C.B.S held in the Mechanic's Hall on Dec. 18th. Entries came up well, both in quantity and quality. The Norwich classes were well contested, some grand birds being staged. Yorkshires made a good display, and British were a very fine lot, especially in the Goldfinch and Greenfinch classes. The Foreigners included some very taking exhibits, and were much admired. The hon. secretary (Mr. Rutherford) had everything in perfect order, and was assisted by an enthusiastic and hard-working committee. Mr. T. Sandiford judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Pepper, cl., big and shapely, rare chest, neat head, grand quality; 2, Foster, wing mkd., good level col., A1 quality, fine size, not quite so neat in head; 3, Wilson, good head, rare shape and quality, rich colour, unfortunately had one or two damaged flights; 4, Lackey, tkd. back of head, good quality and feather; vhc, he, Burdett; c, Dixon. BUFF (10): 1, Grey, varieg., rare cobby shape, short wings and tail, grand quality, rich col. and bloom; 2, Pepper, cl., close up, good col. and meal, A1 quality, nice head, cobby shape; 3, Wake and Carr, rare size and shape, good chest and quality; 4, Wilson, unflig., fine bird, neat wings and head, shapely; vhc, Foster; he, Bright; c, McGregor. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Crossling, rare shape, grand quality and col., neat wings and tail; 2, Campbell, good feather, grand head and chest, short and cobby; 3, Wake and Carr, good quality and type, neat head, nice bloom; 4, he, Grey, fine cobby shape, lovely quality, nice type; vhc, he, Holland; c, Foster. HEN (14): 1, 3, Grey, good pair, typical short wings and tail, A1 quality, rare col.; 2, Crossling, grand substance, capital shape and quality; 4, c, Lackey, fine type and quality; vhc, Miss Heaviside; he, Foster. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Bright, eye tkd. leading, grand quality, good length and type, neat wings and tail, 3rd fine quality, col., and style; 2, Messenger, hot col., nice shape, wee bit rough on chest; 4, Merrin, lengthy, good back and hend; vhc, Richmond; he, c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, hend mkd., good length and position, well up on leg, grand quality, 3rd cl., lovely quality, good wings and tail, neat hend, well drawn; 2, Richmond, cinn. mkd., A1 quality, lengthy, grand position, feather like boxwood; 4, Elliot, long and slim, good quality, not quite so shapely; vhe, Merrin; he, Stevens; c, Nattrass. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Richmond, wing mkd. yell., good length, grand quality, nice level col.; 2, Elwell and Parnaby, cl. buff, A1 quality, fine size, spreads tail a bit; 3, Brown, cheek tkd. yell., nice lengthy bird, grand quality, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 4, Merrin, ycll., nice quality; vhe, Cuthbertson; he, Mrs. Curry; c, Bright; No. 13, grand lengthy buff, rare type, A1 quality, appeared to some to be ahead of 2nd. HEN (6): 1, Merrin, yell., fine quality and length, good head, wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, buff, A1 quality, good shape and position, neat fitting wings, pipe tail; 3, Nattrass, yell., lengthy, good style; 4, Elliott, yell., big, well col. bird; vhc, Richmond; he, Siddle and Dawson. CREST OR C.-B. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Taylor, cap mkd. C.-B. leading, a gem, grand rise, big round head, heaps of feather, well lashed, 2nd green crest, expansive, neat centre, good droop, nice veiny feather; 3, Ellwood, green crest, fine size, neat centre and feather; 4, Siddle and Dawson, varieg. crest, thin in crest feather; vhc, he, c, Todd. A.O.V. (13): 1, Todd and Son, nice cinn., good quality, blaze of feather; 2, c, Ross, neat Bord., graud quality, good shape; 3, Wake and Carr, well known Linnet-Bnllie Hyb., in fine bloom, good col. and size, some thought an easy first; 4, Elwell and Parnaby, cinn., nice quality and shape; vhe, Brown; he, Brunskill. SELL. (20s.) (18): 1, Todd; 2, Stevens; 3, Brown; 4, Foster; vhc, Wake and Carr; he, Atess; c, Miss Heaviside. (10s.) (14): 1, Crossling; 2, Elwell and Parnaby; 3, Armstrong; 4, Brown; vhc, Foster; he, Cross. GIFT (4): 1, 2, 3, Rutherford; 4, Elwell and Parnaby. CAN., NOVICE (20): 1, Campbell, good yell. Nor., grand quality, level col., nice shape and type; 2, vhc Fielden, nice lengthy Yorks., good feather, well up, good legs and head; 3, Robson, Nor., good quality; 4, Todd, nice crest, good centre, nicely radiated, good size; he, Wheatley; c, Armstrong. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (20): 1, Rapar, nice size, good square cut blaze, grand polish, good buttons and tau; 2, Foster, Bullie, rare shape and col., clean cut cap, grand breast col.; 3, Milburn and Hughes, Goldie, good bird, nice size, rare body col., good blaze, but not quite as rich in col. as winner; 4, Bell, Bullie, good cap, nice size and breast col.; vhc, Handley; he, Atess; c, Smurthwaite. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Todd and Son, rare size, good shape and col.; 2, Raine and Edwards, good col. bird, nice shape; 3, Millburn and Hughes, grand rich col., rare polish, good size, we liked; 4, Brown, nice light feather, fine shape and size; vhc, Blackett; he, Davison; c, Messenger. LINNET (9): 1, Boyd, good size, rich nutty col., tight in feather, well pencilled; 2, 3, Stamp, well known pair, well polished, nice pencillings, tight and steady; 4, Holland, neatly mkd., good col.; vhc, Foster; he, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Handley. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Todd and Son, Siskin, neat nice cap, fine bib, neat markings; 2, Stamp, grand Redpoll, rare size, col. and polish; 3, Rutherford, Redpoll, nice colour and size; 4, Smurthwaite, fine Redpoll; vhc, Blackett. A.O.S. (14): 1, 4, Boyd, grand Jay leading, in fine trim, grand colour and size, 4th Chough, very steady, slightly damaged beak; 2, Foster, Hawfinch, good size, nice bib and col.; 3, Blackett, real good Bramble, good col. and size, well spangled; vhc, McVay; he, Todd and Son; c, Bell. FOR. (7): 1, Naisbitt, Blue-fronted Amazon, in grand feather; 2, 4, Parrot Aviaries, Blue Mountain Lory, lovely col. bird, in grand form, and Barnard's Parrakeet; 3, Craven, Blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, he, Siddle and Dawson; c, Rob. MEMBERS' CAN. (7): 1, he, Bright; 2, c, Atess; 3, Robson; 4, vhe, Todd. BRIT. (7): 1, Rutherford; 2, Atess; 3, 4, vhc, Rutherford. CAN., NOVICE (4): 1, Rutherford; 2, 3, Robson; 4, Lumley. Sandiford's medal won by H. Wilson, 3rd prize bird, Class 1; Hyde's spl., W. Richmond, 1st prize unfligh. Yorks.

PATELEY BRIDGE & DIS. F. & F.S.

Second annual show held Dec. 18th. The cage bird section was judged by Mr. P. H. Marsden, to whom every credit is due for the way in which he placed the awards, which gave every satisfaction. Although the number of entries was not very large in this section, the quality was good.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, spl for best bird in show, 2, Barfe, 1st grand yell., A1 position, long legged bird, won easy, 2nd unflig. yell., grand long, slim bird, Bedale winner. BUFF: 1, 3, Richmond, 1st niee type, typical bird, 3rd nice bird, but a trifle small; 2, Barfe, rather unsteady, or might have gone up. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Barfe, 1st unflig, grand bird, good length, well staged, 2nd long legged bird, good position. HEN: This was the best class in show: 1, 2, Barfe, 1st cheek mkd. yell., grand, long, smart body, 2nd cl., grand position, tight feather; 3, Richmond, nice yell. NOR.: 1, 2, Richmond. BRIT.: 1, Richmond. SELL. (20s.): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, Barfe. (10s.): 1, Richmond; 2, Barfe. A.O.V.: 1, Surres.—W. Lawson, hon. secretary.

FELINFOEL.

The third annual show of the Felinfoel C.B.S., was held on December 18th, in the Council School, a capital place for a bird show, being well lighted, roomy and free from all draughts. The entries totalled nearly 300, and the quality was most excellent all round. We certainly think the committee can congratulate themselves upon securing such an excellent result. We shall be surprised if this young society in the near future does not provide one of the leading shows in the Principality. They are certainly a keen and enthusiastic body of fanciers, and workers, and thoroughly deserve every success. In the hon. secretary, Mr. T. J. Davies, they have a most capable official at the helm, full of tact, and most courteous and obliging. He has a capital assistant in Mr. David Morris. Mr. W. Bowen is the chairman of a splendid committee. The silver cup for most points was won by Messrs. Hammacott and Card, who put down a strong team. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, E. Thomas, unflig, capital shape and size, deep, level col., nice head and neck, level back; 2, c, Edwards, nice shape, capital feather, stands well across perch, good quality feather; 3, G. T. Jones, good col., nice back; 4, Mabbett, grand quality feather, nice back; vhc, Kirby; he, G. Thomas. BUFF (7): 1, G. T. Jones, splendid shape, nice quality, good chest and back, tight-fitting jacket, neat head and tail; 2, Clements, good size and capital col., nice chest; 3, Edwards, unflig., lovely col., and quality, tight feather; 4, G. Thomas, good size and shape; vhc, Saunders. A.O.V. CK. (6): 1, spl, E. Thomas, neck and back mkd. yell., splendid shape and feather, nice, short flights and tail, good back and chest; 2, vhc, Edwards, wing tkd. yell., splendid shape, capital col. and feather, nice head and neck; 3, G. T. Jones, yell., tkd. on rump, nice shape and feather, good back; 4, Clement, eye and shoulder mkd. buff, nice shape; he, Hitchings. HEN (11): 1, E. Thomas, unflig. yell., lovely shape, as round as an orange, short flights and tail, good col., nice, short feather, wins well; 2, Clement, yell., lovely feather, nice shape, full of quality, neat head and tail; 3, 4, G. T. Jones, unflig. buff, lovely col., nice shape, neat head and wings, 4th fine shaped buff, good head and full neck; vhc, Hitchings; he, Maggs; c, Mabbett. YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Wilson, well drawn out, good position, long flights and tail, well packed, nice col. and quality; 2, 3, T. Williams, good col. and quality, narrow shoulders, nice pipe tail, 3rd capital position, fine back and flights; 4, no name, grand feather, nice col., good stand; vhc, Saunders; he, R. Jenkins. BUFF (8): 1, Morgans and Wilcox, splendid position, well up on leg, straight as a gun barrel, good col. and quality, nice flights and pipe tail; 2, spl, Harry, splendid feather, good length, nice flights and tail; 3, 4, T. Williams, nice feather and position, 4th nat. col., good length, good wings and tail. A.O.V. CK. (12): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, Wilson, buff, mkd. head, eyes and wings, beautiful feather and full of col., nice stand, well packed flights and pipe tail, 3rd head and shoulder mkd. yell., nice feather, good position, neat tail and well packed flights, 4th slim built, cheek mkd. buff, nice length; 2, Morgans and Wilcox, mkd. head, breast and wings, well up on leg, splendid col. and quality, close on heels of winner; he, c, T. Williams. HEN (7): 1, 2, Wilson, thigh tkd. yell., slim built, beautiful position, grand back, nice, narrow shoulders, good flights and tail, 2nd buff, good length, nice position, neat tail and flights; 3, Williams, slim built yell., capital position, nice feather and quality; 4, vhc, Harry, yell., nice col. and quality, good stand; he, Gregory. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. (12): 1, 2, 3, Hammacott and Card, winner a gem, lovely feather, splendid shape, neat head, wings and tail, jaunty action, in the pink, 2nd splendid shape, grand feather, capital action, 3rd neat wings and tail, good feather, fine carriage; 4, he, Mugford, good shape and feather, nice col., neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Hopgood; c, Evans. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, Mugford, gem for shape, feather and quality, closely folded flights, and neat, short tail, grand carriage, Gateshead winner, 2nd lovely col. and feather, good shape, neat wings and tail; 3, c, Evans, capital shape and feather, nice carriage, neat wings and tail; 4, Hammacott and Card, splendid feather, nice shape and carriage, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Sampson; he, Hopgood. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Hammacott and Card, jonque, green, lovely col. shape and feather, neat head, nice carriage, in grand form. 2nd yell. Cinnamon, lovely feather, nice shape and col., neat wings; 3, c, Richards, jonque green, splendid col., nice shape and carriage, neat wings and tail; 4, he, Evans, good shape and feather, nice col. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hammacott and Card, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely feather and col., good shape and carriage, neat tail and well folded flights, grand trim, 2nd yell., mkd. cheek and wings, lovely quality of feather, nice col., good shape and action, 3rd buff, tkd. on head, grand shape, nice quality, neat wings and tail; 4, vhc, Evans, wing mkd. yell., nice shape, neat wings and tail; he, c, Sampson. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, 3, J. H. Jones, buff Scots, heavy, well filled shoulders, good length of side, nice head depression, well cleaned out front, 3rd even wing mkd., dark crest, nice, drooping crest of good formation; 2, vhc, c, Edwards, cl. buff, Crest-bred, good skull, nice entrance, long and dense head feather; 4, Rogers, Crest-bred, well lashed, nice skull; he, W. Thomas. SELL. 15/- (10): 1, Prosser; 2, Morgan and Wilcox, graud feather and position 3, Longden; 4, G. T. Jones; vhc, Bancroft; he, Harry; c, Aubery. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Longden, varieg. Linnet-Can. Mule, exquisite feather, like wax, lovely col., nice shape; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Edwards, head and wing mkd. yell., Goldie-Can., rare size, nice col. and feather, 3rd Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rare coloured face, nice feather, 4th 4-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can., nice coloured wing bars, good feather; he, D. Davies. DARK (17): 1, 3, Edwards, Greenfinch-Can, rare size and shape, magnificent col. and feather, rich bars, in grand form, 3rd Linnet-Can., good size and shape, nice col. and feather; 2, he, c, Longden, Cinnamon Greenfinch-Can., capital col. and feather; 4, vhc, G. Thomas, jonque Goldfinch-Can., grand coloured body, rich face, splendid feather and condition. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 2, vhc, Ray, nice coloured, square-cut blaze, grand feather, nice bars and buttons, 2nd well-tanned chest, nice rich blaze, good bars; 3, G. Thomas, splendid bars and buttons, nice blaze; 4, Leyshon, nice face and bars, good tanning, nice collar; he, Reynolds; c, Edwards. GOLDFINCH-GREYPATE (13): 1, Ray, large, square-cut blaze, of good col., well tanned chest and good coloured back; 2, c, Lewis, nice coloured face, good bars, and well tanned chest; 3, he, S. Jones, grand bars and buttons, nice tanning, good feather, close up; 4, Edwards, nice face, bars and buttons, good collar and well-cut blaze; vhc, G. Thomas. LINNET (14): 1, 2, Longden, lovely col., very sound on chest, plenty of work on head, and well pencilled body, grand shape, Swansea winner, 2nd beautiful col. and grandly pencilled, rare size and shape; 3, Nicholas, lovely col., grandly pencilled on head and body, nice coloured back, good shape and feather; 4, G. Thomas, well nencilled sides, capital col., shape, and feather; vhc, S. Jones; he, Poyer and Bowen; c, Holbrow. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED (15): 1, Hammacott and Card, a real stormer, magnificent col. and pencilling rare size, shape and feather, well-known winner; 2, Bancroft, grand col. and pencilling, nice size and shape, good feather, very steady; 3, Longden, rare size, shape and pencilling, nice whites; 4, G. Thomas, grand feather, good size and shape, well pencilled, shows well; vhc, W. Jones; he, Gregory; c, Vivian. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Longden, grand shape and feather, nice bars and clean cut cap, very steady, house-moulted; 2, Price, grand coloured breast, nice bars and back, well-cut back; 3, Jeffreys, splendid col. and feather, nice cap, back and bars; 4, spl, vhc, S. Jones, hen, lovely feather and col., good cap and bars; he, Edwards; c, Holbrow. GREENIE, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Longden, Bramblefinch, lovely col. grandly spangled, feathered to perfection, in grand form, 2nd Chaffinch, good size and shape, nice coloured cap and nape, capital body col. and whites; 3, Bancroft, grand Greenfinch, rare size and shape, lovely col. and feather, nice coloured bars; 4, Prosser, Bramblefinch, nice col., feather and spangling; vhc, Sampson; he, Bowen; c, Lewis. A.O.S. BRIT (11): 1, 4, Hammacott and Card, Yellow Bunting, good size and shape, grand col. and feather, nice head markings, in rattling order, 4th nice mealy Redpoll, well mkd. sides, nice feather; 2, Ray, good coloured Hawfinch, nice feather and well-cut bib; 3, Price, grand feathered and coloured Reed Bunting, well mkd.; vhc, Welrle; he, Kirby; c, Longden. FOR. (5): 1, Miss Thomas, Superb Tanager, lovely col. and feather, good size and shape, in capital condition; 2, E. J. Jenkins, Rock Parrakeet, grand feather and col.; 3, 4, P. Williams, yellow-fronted Amazon, good col. and feather, 4th Rock Parrakeet, nice col.; vhc, Hammacott and Card. MEMBERS' CLASSES—CAN. (15): 1, W. Jones; 2, Harry; 3, S. Jones; 4, Sampson; vhc, A. Thomas; he, G. Thomas; c, Aubrey. BRIT. (15): 1, 2, vhc, S. Jones, Goldfinch, Linnet; 3, Derrick, house-moulted Bullfinch; 4, Hunton, Goldfinch; vhc, c, Harry; he, G. Thomas. SINGING (ROLLERS) (16): 1, c, J. Evans; 2, T. Davies; 3, Pryor; 4, T. Jenkins; vhc, Miss Thomas; he, H. R. Jones.

BLAIRGOWRIE.

The first annual show of the East Perthshire O.S. was held in the Public Hall, Blairgowrie, on Dec. 18th, and must be admitted a success. It filled a want in the neighbourhood, being the first show for very many years. It was not expected to be a big show as numbers go, but the office-bearers seemed to be quite satisfied with the results, and there is a patron list that covers a whole page of the catalogue, and nearly £100 was given in donations, which speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the organisers. The show was declared open after a few neatly-chosen sentences by Mrs. Graham-Menzies, of Halliburton, a well-known and keen fancier. Mr. J. B. Murdoch is the secretary. He is no novice, and all seemed carefully thought out, and everything went smoothly. Of the committee one cannot speak too highly; everyone seemed to be imbued with the desire to make our visit as pleasant as possible, and the judge's dinner in the Queen's Hotel could not be surpassed. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged.

CREST: 1, sp, sp for second best in show, 3, Gray, former right good Grey Crest of very fair size and very well radiated, 3rd nice, neat Green; 2, Whitton, even-wing dark Crest, a wee bit long in head; 4, McDougal, very nice heavy varieg. Crest; 5, Miss Fergusou; 6, Douglas. C.B.: 1, spl, McDonald, grand head, rare lashed brows, very long in feather; 2, Whitton, another very similar, and good, scarcely so good in head, perhaps; 3, Gray; 4, Douglas and Fenwick. PLAINHEAD, CK.: 1, spl, 2, Lumsden, former grand yell., rare bloom, very neat shape, good exhibit, followed close by same owner's buff, pressing winner hard; 3, Milne, nice heavy varieg. buff, not quite so good in wing carriage, perhaps; 4, 6, Petrie; 5, Steven; 7, Douglas and Fenwick. HEN: 1, Steven, buff, nice size, very good feather; 2, 4, Lumsden, 2nd good buff varieg., well shown, 4th good col. yell. of nice size; 3, 6, Milne, 3rd fine yell. varieg., scarcely so fine in feather, perhaps, as leaders; 7, Douglas and Son. BORD. FCY., CK.: 1, spl, 3, Lumsden, 1st really nice type of yell., rare wings and tail, 3rd tkd. buff, a trifle slack in feather; 2, no name, very good type of buff, inclined to cross tips of wings, or might have won; 4, McKenzie, fine quality buff; 5, Bell, tkd. yell.; 6, Malcolm. HEN: 1, 2, no name, former very nice buff, very close in feather, good style; 2nd good yell., not quite so close as winner; 3, Malcolm, nice buff, good wings; 4, Bell, fine buff; 5, Cameron. CAN., MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Irvine, very nice yell. Siskin-Can., fine size, rare col.; 2, 3, Hovelsround, 2nd Siskin-Redpoll, a wee bit small, but fine col. for such across, 3rd Goldie-Can. Buff of good size; 4, McKenzie, Greenfinch-Can.; 5, Abercromby, Coldie; 6, Cameron. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, no name, very good blaze, nice buttons, rich col. throughout; 2, Bruce, larger than winner, but fails a wee bit in col. properties; 3, 5, spl, Irvine, 3rd very neat and well col; 4, 6, Hovelsround, 4th grand under-blaze; 7, Abercromby. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, spl, 3, Hovelsround, trio of beauties, all three of good stamp, very fine in col.; 4, 5, Irvine, grand col., not quite so well finished; 6, Law. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Law, really nice col. Twite, very steady; 2, McDonald, Linnet, good col.; 3, Irvine, another nice Linnet; 4, Cameron, Twite. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Irvine, grand sextette of five Siskius and one Redpoll, all very nice birds, well staged. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Law, very nice good col. Bramble, in rare form; 2, Chaplin, fine Snow Bunting; 3, no name, good Jay; 4, Capt. Rice, hen Bramble. FOR.: 1, spl, 3, 5, cup for best bird in show, Capt. Rice, beautiful Stanley Parrakeet, in grand condition, 3rd pair of Bulla-Bulla Parrakeets, 5th nice pair of Ground Parrakeets; 2, Hovelsround, very nice Blue-fronted Amazon, in rare fettle; 4, no name, good Amazon on a stand.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last show of this year's competition was held on December 11th, at Bankfoot School. Mr. L. Dyken (Bolton Woods) judged. Mr. G. Hudson won cup for most points, and also wins cup and medal outright for most points throughout the year. Mr. C. Hardaker was 2nd, most points, and Mr. O. Priestley 3rd.

CL. YELL.: 1, Bastow; 2, 3, Priestley; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Bywater and Waddington; he, Warner. BUFF: 1, Lawson; 2, Priestley; 3, Hudson; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Oldfield; he, Warner; c, Wilkinson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hudson; 2, Hardaker; 3, Priestley; 4, Sargeant; vhc, Taylor Bros.; he, Warner; c, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Hinchliffe; 3, Sargeant; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Hudson; he, Warner; c, Crowther. UNEVEN MKD. CK.: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, Lawson; 4, he, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Warner; c, Sargeant. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Bywater and Waddington; 2, Wilman; 3, Bastow. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, he, Oldfield; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Taylor Bros.; c, Nicholl. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Hardaker; 3, c, Priestley; 4, Hiley; vhc, Gelder; he, Wilkinson. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, vhc, Hudson; 2, Priestley; 3, North; 4, Hinchliffe; vhc, Sargeant; c, Gelder. STOCK BIRD: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, 4, vhc, Gelder; 3, Hardaker; he, Taylor Bros.; c, Wilman. A.O.V.: 1, Gelder; 2, 3, 4, Hudson. GIFT: 1, Gelder; 2, Priestley.

SANQUHAR.

The 25th annual show of the Sanquhar P.P. and Canary Club was held in the Public Hall, on Dec. 11th, when the entries were a little back from last year's, but this was owing to the large number of shows being held on the same date. The exhibits were well staged. The local classes were out standing both as regards numbers and quality, there being some exhibits in these classes fit to win in the open. Mr. J. Smillie gained the Border Fancy medal with his superb clear yellow hen, which also secured first and special in its own class. The British birds also reached the high water mark for quality. The annual dinner of the society was held in the Commercial Inn in the afternoon, when there was a good attendance. Mr. Wm. Moffat filled the secretarial post courteously and efficiently, and his staff of stewards were also very willing and obliging. Mr. J. Duncan (Muirkirk) judged.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY.: Cancelled. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Rae and Son, grand condition, excellent feather, well laid down, wins; 2, J. Smillie, also good exhibit, nice shape. HEN: 1, Cree, feather like wax, rare neat bird, deserving win; 2, Findlay, good one. BUFF CK.: 1, Smillie, noted winner, excelling all over; 2, McLauchlan, beaten only in feather and shape, good one; 3, Howat, must have pressed hard on second. HEN: 1, Smillie, winner of Border Fcy. medal, grand feather and condition, nice type, best bird in Can. section; 2, Dempster, tip-top little cock, fine thickness, good top-end and reach; 3, Rae and Son, another good bird, very free and stylish, good depth; 4, Findley, good, free pose. EVENLY MKD.: 1, sp, Findlay, runner up for Bord. Fcy. medal, grand yell. cock, nice shape, nice head and front, good wing carriage; 2, Holden, in grand order, fine head, good front, splendid finish; 3, 4, Mair, couple of beauties, splendidly cut and full of substance; vhc, McLauchlan. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Smillie, splendid little ycll. mkd. cock, gains two specials, splendid eye and wing mrkgs., combined with type, well set down; 2, Dempster, fine quality feather, grand shape, in good condition; 3, Findlay, nice little exhibit, shown a trifle rough. HEN: Cancelled. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Smillie, nice grass green, full of bloom, fine feather, shape and condition; 2, Holden, stylish little bird, grand col. of green, very shapely; 3, Thomson, another grand green, nice type, good feather. NOR. CK.: 1, McComb, thickest and best bird, good shape and size, excelling in condition; 2, 3, McDougall, 2, nice little bird, presses on one in front; 3, wee trifle smaller. HEN: 1, McDougall, excels in size and shape; 2, McCanot, shown a wee trifle rough, good bird. CREST OR C.-B.: Cancelled. MULE: 1, sp, Cree, Goldie-Can., nice col. and feather, grand shape, beautiful mrkgs.; 2, Loudon, also Goldie-Can., dark, good mrkgs.; 2, winner; 3, Thomson, another Goldie-Can., nice col. and mrkgs, rare feather; 4, Kirkhope, grand little Can.-Linnet; vhc, Howat; he, Douglas. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 3, Loudon, 1, grand Bearded Tit, shape and feather just perfection, well shown; 3, lovely Bullfinch, grand col., shape and size, must have pressed second hard; 2, he, McWilliam, 2, grand Fieldfare, fine col., shape and size; 4, Thomson, grand Goldfinch, could easily win in its own class; c, Smillie. SELL. (7/6): 1, Loudon; 2, Hamilton Bros. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, 3, Laidlaw, first, winner at Glasgow, nice cl., fine shape and feather; 2, yell., in rare condition; 3, buff, perfect gem, some preferred to second; 4, Wood, yell., close up on last two; vhc, Brown; he, Elliot; c, Park. HEN: 1, he, Elliot, 1, yell., shown in the pink of condition, fine feather, we liked; 2, 3, Laidlaw, grand buff, also in good condition, well put down; 3, yell., nice shape and size; 4, Wood, another yell., laid down in good condition; vhc, c, Kirkhope; he, Elliott. A.O.V. 1, L. Wood, lovely yell. mkd., in good trim; 2, vhc, J. Elliott, jun., nice yell. ck., well shown; 3, he, Kirkbope, even mkd., good col. and feather; 4, Laidlaw, also even mkd.; c, Brown.

BANNOCKBURN O.S.

The display of cage birds this year was a very meritorious one, the Borders being particularly worthy of note. Mr. Whitfield secured the championship prize, a beautiful cruet-stand, presented by Mr. H. Richardson, for best bird in this section, with a Buff Piebald. Wilson Bros. also secured medal for the best Border Fancy. The Society's magnificent cup, presented to the competitor scoring most points, was again won this year by Messrs. Wilson Bros. They have secured this cup for three years in succession, and it now becomes their property. The society will require to look out for another to take the place of the one which parted company with them. The judges, Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) and J. Priugle (Selkirk) did their work impartially, and their decisions gave complete satisfaction. Mr. W. Wark, the hard-working secretary, and the other office-bearers are responsible chiefly for the unprecedented success which has attended the society's efforts. A large number of people patronised the show.

SCOT. FCY., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Muirhead; 2, vhc, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 3, 4, Clark. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 2, 4, Hamilton. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 4, Whitefield; 2, vhc, Clark. HEN: 1, spl, Muirhead; 2, Clark; 3, Whitefield; 4, Hamilton. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 4, spl, Whitefield; 2, 3, Hamilton. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Hamilton; 3, Kennedy and Fotheringham; vhc, Young, junr. SCOT FCY. CK. (bred by exhibitor, 1908): 1, Hamilton. HEN: 1, spl, Young; 2, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 3, Hamilton. CREST: 1, spl, Deuchart; 2, Ferguson; 3, 4, Kinninmouth. C.-B.: 1, Deuchart; 2, 3, Kinninmouth; 4, Ferguson. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Paterson; 3, vhc, Bishop; 4, Clark. HEN: 1, spl, Bishop; 2, 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Munnock. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, spl, Bishop; 3, Clarke; 4, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 2, he, Paterson. HEN: 1, 4, spl, Paterson; 2, vhc, Munnock; 3, Clarke. BRED 1909: 1, 3, spl, Bishop; 2, Clarke; 4, Munnock; vhc, Paterson. BORD FCY. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 4, spl, Wilson Bros.; 3, Kinninmouth; vhc, Munnock. BUFF: 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Kinninmouth; 3, Wilson Bros.; 4, Muunock; vhc, McRorie. HEN: 1, 3, 4, vhc, spl, Wilson Bros.; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Wilson Bros.; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 4, Muunoch. HEN: 1, 2, Wilson Bros.; 3, 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; vhc, McRorie. COMMON CAN.: 1, McRorie; 2, 3, Hamilton; 4, vhc, Wilson Bros. GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT.: 1, 3, spl, Wilson; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 4, McRorie; vhc, Clarke. LINNET, GREY: 1, spl, Kinninmouth; 2, Wilson Bros.; 3, 4, Bishop. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Bishop; 2, Wilson Bros.; 3, Munnock. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, T. and D. McDermind; 4, Wilson Bros. MULE: 1, 2, spl, Wilsou Bros.; 3, McArthur; 4, Buchauan. SELL. (10s.): 1, spl, McRorie; 2, 4, Wilson Bros.; 3, Wilson; vhc, Jeffrey and Stevenson. (5s.): 1, spl, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, 3, Wilson Bros.; 4, T. and D. McDermind. GIFT: 1, 2, 3, spl, Wilson; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; vhc, T. and D. McDermind.

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FOR sale or exchange, Crest-bred cock for Yorkshire hens, or sell 15/-.—T. Horsley, Bargate, near Derby.

TWO Norwich hens, 2/- each; or exchange house moulted rock Goldfinch.—Robertson, 15, Orme-st., Oldham.

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NORWICH, Border, and Crest cocks; exchange crest-bred hens, boots, or household goods.—Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE, shifting spanners, pliers, drills, tinman's snips for Lancashires, Crests, or C.B. hens, cages.—Trevor, 55, Hargrave Park, Holloway.

PAIR typical Yorkshires, 8/6 pair; typical Norwich, 8/- pair; Rollers, 7/6; cash or deposit. Approval.—Wood, 6, Goodman-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

EXCHANGE concert flute, six keys and slide, by Dalmaine, splendid condition, for one cock and two hens, Norwich or Borders; mutual approval.—Firby, Ely.

ONE Norwich dark Crest cock, will exchange for green Crest hen, must be Bullfinch type, with plenty of feather.—Wath, 4a, Trafalgar-st., Thornaby-on-Tees.

PAIR Norwich, two Bullfinches, one Greenfinch, cocks, 10/-, or exchange Edison or Amberol records. List records first.—A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 15/-, or offers, good hand sewing machine, blankets, anything useful.—Clifford, No. 3, Doubleday-place, Old Radford, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE pure Leipzig Roller cock, in full song (sell 8/6) for two good clear Norwich Plainhead, 1908 buff hens.—Wilkinson, Curtis-rd., Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

BORDER Fancy, prize bred, pair £1; cock and two hens, £2, exchange either lot, poultry, Scotch Fancy, yellow hen, model locomotive, etc.—20, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh.

GRAND clear buff Norwich cock, winner, £1; also splendid yellow Goldfinch Mule, full song, 6/-; exchange two Roller cocks, six hens.—Wallwork, 593, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury.

LARGE, Variegated Norwich cock, 1st at Dalmellington, December 4th, card sent, also Becce's new show case, holds 4 cages; exchange Britishers.—Rorke, Craigmack, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

SALE or exchange, six cock Canaries for a talking machine and records; two Goldspinks, house-moulted, been with Canaries, and cock Sisken for sale.—Mr. George Learmouth, Flint Hill, Dipton, R.S.O.

EXCHANGE Norwich, yellow and buff cocks, yellow and buff hens, for good gent's complete cycle, two or three speed preferred; cycle first; part cash for good machine.—Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

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HEN Cockatell, will exchange for a cock or other hardy Foreign aviary birds.—Wright, Westholm; Sandal, Wakefield.

EXCHANGE three pairs of Java Sparrows for singing cock Canary; yours first.—Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr Tydfil.

EXCHANGE large Parrot's cage, cost 15/-, for good singing Yorkshire Canary, good songster only. Tobler, 34, Perrers-rd., Hammersmith.

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WHAT offers in exchange for 500 pieces of glass, 6¾ in by 4¾ in.?—B., 29, Philip-rd., Peckham.

EXCHANGE, good violin and case for Roller cocks or British; sell 25/-.—Gilson, 7, Beaver-rd., Beverley.

PAIR prize-bred Belgian Hares, cost 25/-; what offers in exchange.—Stule, 9, Tithe Barn-rd., Stafford.

CUTTLEFISH bone, about half cwt., fresh from sea; what offers?—Dear, Coast Guard, Dungeness, Kent.

WELSH terrier puppy, pedigree, female, rough, black and tan, 10/-; exchange.—152, Strathnairn-st., Cardiff.

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WHAT offers for good Retriever bitch, 12 months? Exchange for cash or cage birds.—Simon Blackburn, Epworth, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE, field glasses, new, for two singing Rollers, Seiferts preferred.—Steenson, 42, Cornwall-st., Glasgow, Govan.

EXCHANGE nearly new Sparrow net, for cock Goldfinches, or sell, 7/-; offers wanted.—Soffner, St. Nicholas'-lane, Lewes.

EXCHANGE 35 copies Japan's Fight for Freedom for good clear Norwich hens.—Pritchell, 77, Buckingham-st., Aylesbury.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange new waterproof coat, cap, leggings.—Lowe, 26, Fountain-st., Wandsworth-rd., London, S.W.

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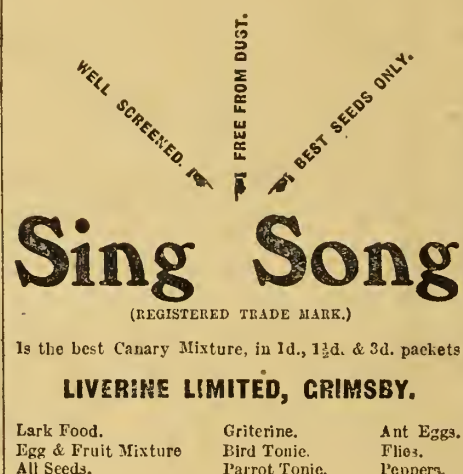
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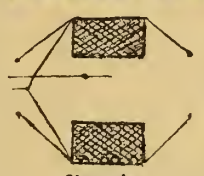
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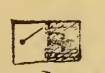
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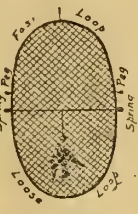

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10.—DISPUTES.—In case of a dispute, the decision of the Editor is final.

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Club Reports.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Half-yearly meeting, held on December 18, Mr. Jardine (president) in the chair. There was a good attendance. The principal business was the passing of the financial statement for the year, and the election of officers. After some explanations by the chairman and secretaries the balance-sheet was adopted and passed. Mr. Jardine could not see his way to continue in the position of president, and Mr. D. Black was unanimously appointed, Mr. G. Marlin to be vice-president. A long discussion then ensued regarding the secretary's remuneration and position, and it was finally agreed that there be only one secretary, and on a vote Mr. Alex. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow, was appointed. Auditors and committee were appointed and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. MACDONALD, sec.

CINNAMON C.C.

General meeting, held at Belle Vue Gardens, in conjunction with the Manchester Show on October 31 last. The attendance was not so large as was anticipated. Present: The President, Messrs. W. A. Bladon, A. Bentley, J. T. Hargreaves (Great Harwood), G. E. Bairstow (Halifax), J. H. Heys (Waterfoot), W. E. Seed, L. Roberts (Blackburn), W. T. Hill (Manchester), H. Riding (Rishton), and the hon. secretary, R. J. Pretty. The minutes of of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the secretary read a letter from Mr. Wones regretting the absence of their vice-president owing to his having taken a chill, and explaining that Mr. Wones was greatly disappointed, as he had intimated being present some time past. The President said he was sure the meeting were sorry that Mr. Wones was absent, as they would have been pleased to have seen him at this meeting, and trusted he would soon recover. The everlasting novice question again cropped up, the club's rule being read. It gives the novice a great amount of latitude, and if he is lucky it is possible to take at least 9 firsts before becoming a champion, or one first at three separate shows before going up; but should he win one first in any open class he would become a champion then and there. Mr. Bentley pointed out that this rule was not in accordance with that of the Cage Bird Union rule, and Mr. Riding moved that the rule read the same as that of the C.B.U., Mr. Roberts seconding. The President pointed out that this could not be passed at this meeting, but would go up to the annual general one, and whatever they did at this would be placed upon the agenda of the annual meeting, and be dealt with then. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out by the secretary that the novice rule at this (Manchester) show read, "That a novice is one who has never won two first prizes in open Cinnamon competition." This contrasted with that of the C.B.U., especially considering the show was under C.B.U. rules. The President said he was at a loss to explain how such had occurred. The motion was agreed to. Mr. Riding suggested that a subscription for a trophy be raised, and moved, "That a subscription list be opened to provide a trophy, to be won three times in all, a medal to be given each year to the winner." He also suggested that it be given for the best unflighted. Mr. Bentley, in seconding the motion, suggested that it be competed for at the club shows. The President remarked that these cups and trophies caused a certain amount of trouble, and was of opinion that they ought to be won outright each year. Mr. Seed moved, "That the suggestion be not entertained," but was not seconded. Mr. Hill spoke upon the unfairness of the novice rule, and suggested that a novice should remain such until the end of the season; Mr. Seed supported, and moved that the novice points count throughout the season. Mr. A. Wilkins (of the Leeds C.B.S.) was unanimously elected a member, and, the business being concluded, Mr. Riding proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon for presiding, and to the hon. secretary for his attendance, Mr. Roberts seconding; it was unanimously agreed to. The vote having been acknowledged the meeting terminated.—R. J. PRETTY, hon. sec.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Annual meeting, held on December 25th at Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath. In the absence of the president, Mr. Gilbert Fisher, Bowhill (who, I am sorry to say, is at present an inmate of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary), the vice-president, Mr. T. Barclay, presided. The financial report was given, and showed the club's affairs were very satisfactory, a small balance being in hand. The auditors reported they had found the books correct. The rules were gone over, and it was considered that they needed no alteration. The following gentlemen were then elected: Hon. president, Councillor G. Penman, vice-pres., Inspector Mitchell; pres., Mr. W. Spence (Bowhill), vice-pres., Mr. T. Barclay; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty; committee, Messrs. J. Mathieson, P. McHale, and D. McConville. The next business was the presentation of the cup and medals, which was done by Mr. Spence, the newly-elected president. Penman challenge cup and gold medal, A. Dickson. Club medals: Cock medal (Kelty), P. McCue; hen, A. Dickson; cock (Cupar), Inspector Mitchell; hen, T. Barclay; cock (Thornton), D. Brown; hen, W. Spence; cock (Bowhill), G. Fisher; hen, J. Mathieson. Points: A. Dickson, 48; T. Barclay, 19; W. Spence, 19; P. McCue, 17; J. Mathieson, 12; A. Ramsay, 10; G. Fisher, 9; Inspector Mitchell, 5; P. McHale, 5; D. McConville, 4; D. Brown, 3; A. Hynd, 1; and W. Lister, 1. Trouser length for best unflighted at Kelty, P. McCue. A couple of social hours were spent, and all enjoyed themselves. The membership for the oncoming year is now open. All information from—A. DICKSON, hon. sec., 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty, N.B.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held in the Oddfellows' Hall, on December 25th, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. The rules were finally settled, and the show date fixed for December 10th, 1910. A number were added to the roll. The next meeting will be held January 29th.—W. CLUBB, sec.

EDINBURGH (Eastern Dis.) O.S.

Annual meeting, held in Free Gardeners' Hall on December 6th. The balance-sheet was considered satisfactory. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year took place. There was a good muster of old members present. Three new members joined the society.—GEO. R. SMITH, sec.

CAMBUSLANG C.C.

Annual general meeting and election of office-bearers, held in the Free Gardeners' Hall, on December 11th, Mr. Lappin (president) in the chair Mr. J. Gray, secretary, submitted the balance-sheet, which showed the very satisfactory surplus of £2 17s. 8d. on the year's working. The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected to the various posts: President, Mr. J. Lappin; vice-president, Mr. H. Allen; treasurer, Mr. J. Wilson; secretary, Mr. J. Coutts. The visiting committee and auditors will be elected at a future meeting, as there are a number of new members proposed. This club has suffered very much during the last five years from lack of interest among the fanciers of the district, but we hope for better things now, as we have more than double our last season's membership proposed already. Before the close of the meeting Mr. J. Gray presented Mr. Lappin with the club's gold medal, won by him at the annual show for best bird in hall. The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks.—J. COUTTS, sec.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Annual dinner, social, and presentation of prizes took place on December 8th, at The Boar's Head Hotel, when upwards of 30 members and a few friends sat down to an excellent dinner, served up by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. Mr. J. E. Davies presided. After the company had done justice to the good things provided, the presentations took place. Mr. W. T. Hill handed to the president (Mr. J. E. Davies) the ten guinea champion cup (which he had won outright), and heartily congratulated him on the fight he had made. Mr. Davies was a good sportsman and a fancier, and well deserved to win. In accepting the cup the recipient said he should look upon it with pride. He had tried hard to win, and he had succeeded. He then complimented the other members who had won the cup previously, namely Messrs. Massey, Garner, Slater, and Booth, and also promised to give a valuable prize to the society in place of the one he had just received Mr. Davies then filled the cup with champagne, and handed it round to the company, and many and varied were the congratulations from the members. Mr. G. H. Massey presented to Mr. Davies a very nice rose bowl, won by the latter, for best bird in show. Mr. Davies handed to Mr. J. Shore a very handsome clock set, won outright, and, Mr. Shore having suitably replied, the president handed to Mr. Snape the silver-plated tea urn won in the amateur section. Mr. W. T. Hill was given the handsome coffee pot won in the British bird section, and said he had only tried for one prize, and had won it. Medals were given to the winners. Speechmaking was cut short, and the company listened to many good songs by Messrs. P. McDonald, J. Bennett, W. McKail, F. Hardy, J. Potts, and to some gramaphone selections by Mr. W. T. Hill and Mr. F. W. Nelson. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the artistes for entertaining us so well, also to the host and hostess, and we must say that it was one of the best "annuals" we have had.—W. STAFFORD, sec.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook, on December 12th, when 20 birds sang (two minutes sing): 1, Palfreman, 88; 2, Wilson, 52; 3, Wilson, 38. At same hotel, December 19th, 10 birds were entered: J. Robinson and T. Wilson, dead heat, 85 each; 3, J. Williamson, 69. This linnet singing society is now in full swing, and anyone wishing to join can do so by giving name to Mr. M. J. Grundy, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook, or to me.—A. BROWN, sec., No. 11, Bold Street, Attercliffe.

Contest held on Christmas Day at the Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Carbrook; 22 birds were entered, and some splendid singing was heard (2 minutes sing). 1, Palfreman, 75; 2, Wilson, 72; 3, Williamson, 63. Also at same hotel on Dec. 26th, when 14 birds entered (3 minutes sing), Palfreman winning with "Uncle Joseph," in fine style—score of 86; also he gained second with "Blackadder"—score 83; Booker running close up for 3rd place with 77. Also a match between Cole and Knight, Knight winning with a score of 27, against 17. Contest held on Dec. 27th, at Fitzwilliam Hotel, when 14 birds sang. First prize was lady's silver watch. The singing was a surprise to all, and the scores were a record for the time of year: 1, Palfreman, 126; 2, Wilson, 103; 3, Cole, 99; Knight, 86; Robinson, 77; Wilson, 76.—Brown. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on December 25th, when 17 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Melia and Naylor. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Cooper. Also on same evening we tried the London style, at gaslight, which resulted as follows: 1, Sissons; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead; judges, Messrs. Melia and Hoban. Also on December 26th, when 20 birds sang. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Bland; 3, Stead; judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. Also on December 27th, Christmas contest, with new and old friends from far and near. Mr. H. W. Barnard (Barking, Essex) sent us a special bird cage for the winner, which was Bland; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Hoban. —WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

Usual weekly contest, held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, on December 26th, when 14 birds sang. 1, Green; 2, Ward; 3, Thirkell. Judges, Messrs. Renton and Gallie.

Roller singing contest, held December 26 at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, North Street. We have again to thank Messrs. A. Binns, T. Summers, and W. Sissons for officiating and judging 14 birds to everyone's satisfaction. Some nice singing was heard. Mr. A. Kendall was again to the front, giving three extra good prizes. 1, Jowett; 2, Waite; 3, Green. Next contest January 9, commence 7.30, and will be continued fortnightly during the season. —JOE HARGREAVES, hon. sec.

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*The Robin's Petition.

The dear Robin has fled from the wood
To the snug habitation of man;
On the threshold the wanderer stood,
And thus his great petition began:

"The snow is coming down very fast;
I can find neither berry nor sloe;
The ground, it is as hard as a stone,
And I'm almost buried in the snow.

"Then throw to me a morsel of bread,
And warm me by the side of your fire.
And when I am quite warm and well fed,
I will whistle without any hire."

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**A Hardy Parrot.

For these last two months, in our town there has been a Green Amazon Parrot living out of doors in all this hard weather, flying and feeding among the Crows. It is a beautiful sight when seen flying, with its great long wings and bright colours glittering in the sun. It flies at a great height, and very fast, shouting all the way. It goes to an old castle through the day, where there is a Rookery, and mixes among the Crows, but Polly has to keep her distance from them, as they don't seem to like her. It goes to a gentleman's garden every night, and roosts in the trees. Polly is looking very healthy, and does not seem to have taken any harm from her outdoor life.—Sent by Dorothy Bradley (age 11), 18, Lapstone Road, Millom, Cumberland.

Wild Bird Life.

Redwings and Fieldfares.

The more we study the matter the more we are convinced that bird migration has nothing to do with the calendar, but everything to do with the weather and the supply of food. If the Scandinavian fields could entertain the Redwings and Fieldfares during the winter months, we should not see them in the United Kingdom in anything like the numbers we do. Even as it is, their visits to certain localities are only very occasional. This year we have not seen them in the fields close to this village, and only a few on the higher grounds, whereas, while on a visit recently to the west coast of Ireland, the Redwings were to be seen upon every green patch. The district was "alive" with them, dotted here and there about the grass or under the shelter of the stone walls which border each field. He is the most easily distinguished of all our Thrushes. The ruddy patch under the wing and light eye stripe, which can be plainly seen at some distance makes the bird stand out quite distinctly from the others. The Thrushes are easily recognised by everybody, but many are unable to distinguish them or name them at sight. There is no difficulty in distinguishing the Song-Thrush, the Missel-Thrush, the Fieldfare and Redwing, when all four are seen together; but when apart they frequently pass one for the other. Abundant as the Fieldfares become with us in Winter, their close observation is no easy matter. They are shy and not easily approached. One hears a noisy chattering near the edge of a wood, and upon quietly proceeding in the direction of the sound, a flock of birds is seen. These are easily recognised as Thrushes, but to get near enough to make identification certain, is difficult. They fly off a short distance, and are easily followed, but still the same annoying distance is kept until at last they take to the open, when it is useless to follow them. The shyness of the Fieldfares is difficult to account for, for neither in their northern homes, nor here in Britain are they hunted to any extent. As a rule, when a large flock of Thrush-like birds is seen, it is more likely to be one of Fieldfares than of any other. They fly in loose flocks, progressing by flaps and pauses, sweeping round and settling with the head well up.

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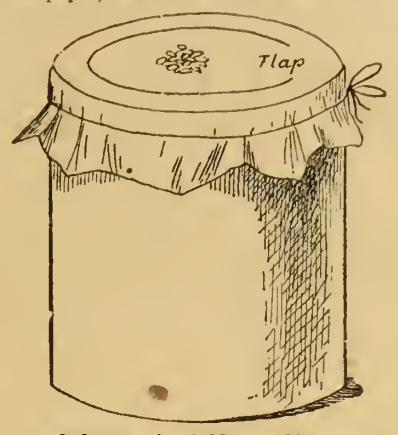
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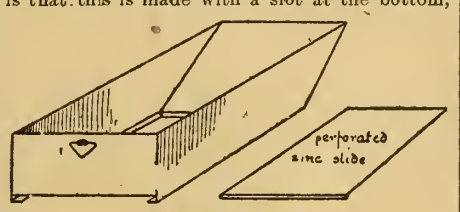


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Jan. 1.—**Frizington.**—D. Bell, 7, Main Street.
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw.**—Jas. Watson, 16, Young Street.
Jan. 1.—**Dalbeattie.**—G. C. Robertson.
Jan. 3.—**Plumstead.**—Pawley and Newnham, 13, Olven Road.
Jan. 4.—**Yarm.**—Wilkinson and Danby, High Street.
Jan. 4.—**Sutton-in-Ashfield.**—E. Parnell, 2, Station street.
Jan. 5.—**Buckie.**—G. Stewart, 8, Cathedral Street.
Jan. 8.—**Bathgate.**—R. Bald, North Bridge Street.
Jan. 8.—**Marske-by-Sea.**—Gunstead and Clegg, 55, Arthur Terrace. (Monday's post in time.)

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 2 (1st post).—**Burry Port.**—E. J. Maunders, New Street.
Jan. 4.—**Hertford.**—F. Looker, "Dunroyd," Ware Road.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Spalding (C.B.U.).—Jan. 20, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 24 open (£5 limit) classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 7, and For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close Jan. 13, to ELVISS AND MOUNCEY, Station House.

Buckie.—Jan. 12, Fishermen's Hall. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 39 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 8, Nor. 10, Crest 4, Pair 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 7/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 5, to G. STEWART, 8, Cathedral Street.

Bathgate (S.N.P.C., B.F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Jan. 15, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. J. Smeaton, J. Craig, and R. Mackay. 54 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 10 (1 sell.), Cinn. 1, Bord. 9 (2 sell.), Yorks. (confined to Scot.), 3, Mule 5 (1 sell.), Brit. 21 (3 sell), For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 8, to R. BALD, North Bridge Street.

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January 22nd. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell Schedules from **J. RICHARDSON.**

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Jan. 26th and 27th. Judge J. Robson, Esq. Schedules, **C. BONCEY, Elephant Hotel, MARGATE**

I am sorry to say that Mr. R. Cameron's 1st prize wild Linnet is missing, but the committee are doing their utmost to recover it, writes Mr. C. W. Paterson, hon. sec. of Ayr O.S. show.

Our show is again fixed for January 1st, 1911, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary of the Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S., when we hope to be once more favoured with the support of fanciers.

Carmarthen Show report credits Mr. Clee's bird with being winner of 2nd prize in the Yorkshire Unflighted Class; this is an error. The birds winning both 1st and 2nd in this class were mine.—E. W. THOMAS (Carmarthen).

The Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council will be held at Bradford East Show this Saturday, January 1st, 1910, at 5.30 o'clock prompt, writes Mr. H. Hill, the hon. secretary. Business: show irregularities and other important items.

Our Competitions.

Those readers who are entering our competition for painting the front page of the recent Christmas Number should remember that Monday next (January 3rd) is positively the last day on which their attempts can be received. Be in time.——Readers entering the Literary Competition (see rules and particulars on page 603 this week) have still three weeks in which to write up their experiences for the benefit of those beginning the hobby, and also with the chance of winning one or other of the six prizes offered.

Mr. Chirgwin's Appeal.

In our Christmas Number (to which he contributed a highly entertaining article), Mr. G. H. Chirgwin, the popular "White-eyed Kaffir" of the music-halls, appealed to readers for donations (however small) towards the funds of the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Association. Several sums have come to hand from kindly-disposed readers; likewise one or two offers of singing Canaries to be disposed of for the benefit of the cause; further, a large case of tins of coffee has reached us from Messrs. Lewis and Russell (Westgate, Burnley). To all senders we return thanks on behalf of Mr. Chirgwin, who intends to reply direct in the case of the above-mentioned offers of birds.

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Twitterings.

The Hucknall C.B.S. have decided to hold their annual show on the same date as last year, i.e., October 28th and 29th, 1910, writes Mr. E. Mellors, the secretary.

At Leighton Buzzard Show my Goldfinch is reported as "commended," whereas it took premier honours easily, writes Mr. J. Gough (Oxford).

I exported last week some exhibition Yorkshires to Sydney, Australia, per SS. "Salamis," through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Taylor (Bradford).

Would the gentleman who wrote from the Isle of Man, concerning a grandfather's clock, kindly send me his address, as I have mislaid it? writes Mr. J. Mann (Durham).

There is a printer's error in our schedule, write Messrs. Gunstead and Clegg, secretaries of the Marske-by-Sea F.S. Fanciers will see it says 1909 instead of 1910. Schedules can be had by applying to us, at 55, Arthur Terrace, New Marske-by-Sea.

In our report of Sligo Show it should have been stated that Mr. C. J. Mulligan, the secretary, lent valuable assistance to Mr. E. J. Tighe, who acted as show manager in an unusually smart and capable manner. To these two able and popular officials the Sligo Society is greatly indebted.

The date of our 1910 All-England Show has been fixed for November 5th and 7th, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, hon. secretary of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. We have secured the services of Messrs. Chas. Houlton and J. Robson as judges. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing?

OBITUARY.

Mr. T. JUMP (Wigan).

It is with deep regret, writes Miss Jane Jump, that I have to report the death of my beloved brother, Mr. Thomas Jump, of Wigan, who passed away on December 18th, after a long and painful illness. He was well known as a Linnet judge, both for quality singing and time singing. He also had kept Linnets since he was a boy, and being 50 years old at the time of his death, he could tell a good Linnet when he saw one. At the time of his death he had half a dozen Linnets. He also wrote a few letters to CAGE BIRDS on the Linnet and their song a little while since. I think all bird fanciers will sympathise with his father and mother.

I was delighted with Halifax Show, writes Mr. Fred Hammond. Everything in first-class order, and Mr. Thackray, the secretary (the best of good fellows), complete master of the situation from beginning to end, assisted by a body of as good and genuine fanciers as can be found throughout the length and breadth of the land. They are worthy holders of the Yorkshire Union record entry.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show schedules will be posted to known exhibitors on Tuesday, January 11th. Any exhibitor not receiving a copy by Wednesday, January 12th, should apply for one. Advertisements inserted in catalogue only at following rates:—Full page 30s., half-page 15s., quarter-page 7s. 6d.; breeders' cards and trade cards, 2s. 6d. each.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.—(ADVT.)

We are asked to state that Mr. J. S. Clarke has requested that his name be removed from the list of members of the L.C.B.A., as a result of what he considers an unfounded attack made upon him by Mr. R. L. Crisp in the course of a recent controversy. It is not for us to express any regret at the secession of Mr. Clarke, but members of the L.C.B.A., who remember this gentleman's loyal and disinterested services to their society will without doubt be sorry to learn of the step he has taken. As one of the founders of the L.C.B.A., Mr. Clarke worked his hardest to place it upon a sound basis, and he was the originator of several notable schemes for its development, including, we believe, that of the "World's Champion Society" in operation at the L.C.B.A. annual shows. As a keen and slyly humorous debater, "J.S.C." could be depended upon to make a success of any meeting he honoured with his interesting personality. It is sincerely to be hoped that Mr. Clarke's experience and ripe judgment will not be lost to the Fancy in the Metropolis.

AN ASTOUNDING LEGAL DECISION

Which Seriously Affects Keepers of British Birds.

At Old Street (London) Police Court on December 21st last, before Mr. Biron, two well-known "Club Row" bird-dealers, named Preston and Flowers, were summoned at the instance of the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds for "having in their possession" wild birds recently taken, namely, two Skylarks and two Chaffinches. This was in the nature of a test case, the point at issue being the important one of whether it is illegal for anyone residing in a protected district to be in possession of recently taken wild birds which were caught in an open (unprotected) district. The birds in question were traced by the Society's officers from Cambridgeshire (where they were caught) to the defendants' shops. The prosecution contended that no person could legally be in possession of recently taken wild birds which were protected in the district in which the said person resided (in this case the county of Essex), even though the said birds were caught in a district wherein they were not protected. After a protracted hearing and much legal argument, the magistrate upheld this view of the law, and condemned the defendants in costs.

The far-reaching effect of this truly astounding decision will be at once apparent to our readers. It means that no person—be he dealer or private individual—can be in possession of any newly-taken British bird should that species happen to be on the list of protected birds for the district in which he lives—whether caught in that district or not does not affect the point (or so the S.P.W.B., and, incidentally, Mr. Biron, would have us believe). It means the closing of all trade in British birds in the London area and in the majority of districts in Great Britain, as the possession of a newly-caught specimen of any protected species (be it Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Lark, Thrush, or even Sparrow), would render the possessor liable to be summoned and fined. We have no desire to be discourteous to Mr. Biron, but we say at once that his decision is in our opinion bad in law, and contrary to commonsense, and to a proper reading of the bye-law governing the administrative county of Essex, under which the prosecution was instituted. We are, in the interests of British bird-keepers, obtaining the opinion of legal experts upon the point, and shall have more to say concerning the matter in our next issue.

As promised, I am sending you a list of awards, writes Mr. Fred King, hon. secretary of the recent Carmarthen Show. This has given me a good deal of work to get out, but I think it will make all clear. I am sending an award sheet free to all who sent for catalogues, and also returning the money in full. I don't think I can do more than this to get over the failure of our printer with regard to the catalogues.

Since sending out our schedules, a cup has been presented to the society for best novice Norwich, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. Also an extra class has been put on, viz., Border Fancy hen, No. 20a. The Mayor has agreed to open the show at 4 p.m. on January 6th. No entries are yet to hand, and I trust exhibitors will support us. All prize money is guaranteed and will be paid within seven days.

We have had a highly successful year, writes Mr. Thomas Arnott, secretary, Kirkcaldy C.B.S.. We are to the good about £11. We had a grand show, slightly over 600 entries—not bad for a one-day show. We had a splendid turn out in all sections, and particularly so in the Border and Norwich classes. We thank most heartily all exhibitors for their generous support and hope to be worthy of even more success for the year to come. Our office bearers for 1910 are as follows:—President, Mr. T. Adamson; vice-president, Mr. J. Mitchelson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Arnott; assistant secretary, Mr. E. McAnally; auditor, Mr. J. Brown: committee, Messrs. Moyes, Gibson, McCabe, Rae, Gibb, McAnally, Reekie, and Saunders.

Post Mortem Examinations.

Will readers please note that Post Mortems are now undertaken by Mr. G. Yates, 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., to whom all bodies of birds should be sent direct, accompanied by the necessary fee (vide rules on our Query pages). Mr. Yates, we may say, has had great experience in the making of post-mortem examinations and in studying the diseases of birds; further, he is a practical bird-keeper as well as a skilled pathologist.

Ravensthorpe's Juvenile Competition.

Mr. James Overend, one of our oldest Yorkshire Canary breeders, promoted a drawing competition amongst the girls attending St. Saviour's School, Ravensthorpe, writes "Rex." The subject was a "Yorkshire Canary," and no less than 300 drawings were submitted to Mr. Wm. Mundell, of Bradford, for his decision. Each standard of girls formed a class to itself. On Thursday last Mrs. Overend kindly distributed four prizes to each class. The proceedings were of a most interesting nature.

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Secretaries of All Societies

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It has long been our desire to have an open show, but we have had to postpone the event on account of lack of outside support, writes Mr. T. H. Tiffen, hon. secretary of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.

We have extended to January 4th (Tuesday) our entries closing date, as this clashed with the holidays, which seriously affected our entries.—F. Looker, secretary of the Hertford F.A.

Hillfoots report should read in the Border Clear Yellow Class: 1st, Wilson Bros.; in the Ticked, etc., Class: 1st, Wilson Bros.; and in the Selling Class. 1st, Wilson Bros., and not Wilson.—Henry Wilson (Bannockburn).

The Coldstream Society will hold a grand open show on January 22nd, writes Mr. J. W. Bruce, the hon. secretary, and the judges are: for Canaries, Mr. W. Bell, and for British birds Mr. Mason. There will be a splendid classification, and good prize money with a low entry fee.

Allow me to thank you for the good report of our show on December 18th, writes Mr. A. D. Duncan, hon. secretary, Kilsyth F.A. The Hen Finch Class, owing to a printer's error in catalogue, gives Reid as first, whereas I was first, second, and third in that class. I had first with a Brit. Bullie hen, whereas Mr. Reid's bird was a Bramblefinch.

THE LATE MR. J. NORTH.

An Account of an Interesting Career.

The news of the passing away of my old friend North came with something of a shock to me, for only so recently as the occasion of the Show of the Tunbridge Wells Society were we judging together. Little did I think then, as I wished him "Good-bye," that it would be the last time I should look upon his face.

My acquaintance with our deceased brother goes back over a long series of years into the eighties, at which time he was residing in my native county of Hampshire, and was one of the leading breeders of Crests and Crest-breds in the Fancy. Mr. F. G. Foster's "Pride of Portsmouth," Mr. J. B. Dyer's "Eclipse," and our deceased friend's "Ormonde" were a trio of Crests which in those days were the talk of the Fancy, and even now are often spoken of by those old breeders who had the pleasure of gazing upon their beauty and excellence.

Mr. North did not exhibit his birds a great deal, but his name used to occupy an honoured place in the lists at our best South of England shows, including the Crystal Palace, an event which in those days he never missed. His portly form and genial face were always to be seen surrounded by a bevy of friends at the Palace. How he could and would dissect the



The late Mr. J. NORTH.

merits of the Crest and Crest-breds! No superficial observer was he. He was never carried away by one-point excellence. He wanted a bird to possess all-round merit, and unless it did, it had no fascination for him. In those days, when the Lancashire was being freely used by Crest breeders, he argued strongly against coppy-backed Crests being put at the head of affairs, because of their extra length and width of front. The finished article was what he contended for; the other should be in the breeding room. The same with body. The long upright bodies, of which we used to see so many in those days, were not the thing for Crests, and he used his strongest endeavours to prevent their monopolising the leading positions.

To him are Crest fanciers chiefly indebted for the provision of Crest-bred classes, and in the year 1887 in the pages of the old "Fanciers' Gazette," which was then our leading Cage Bird journal, he strongly urged their adoption. He placed himself in communication with Mr. Venables, who was then superintendent of the exhibitions held at the Crystal Palace, and both privately and publicly he worked hard to obtain these classes. He, too, it was who suggested the classification when Crest-breds first graced the benches of the Crystal Palace.

It is, however, more as a thoughtful and scientific breeder that our late friend deserves to be remembered. The winning of prizes had not so much fascination for him as had the overcoming of the problems of breeding. The happiest hours of his life were those spent in that snug little bird-room at Stockbridge, of which well-known Hampshire sporting town he was at that time postmaster. In the days that are gone I have myself had the pleasure of spending some happy hours in that bird-room and discussing with my friend the intricacies of Crest breeding, the power of Cinnamon blood, and the problem of how the London Fancy was to be re-established.

Some seventeen or eighteen years ago, when an effort was being made to bring back the glories of this lost variety, Mr. North ventured on a series of experiments, but the results unfortunately were not all that could be desired, and he, with myself, came to the conclusion that in the olden days the London Fancy could not have attained the perfection of excellence in its first season, but that the spangle backs, of which we used to hear, gradually became nearer to standard properties as they grew older.

Another subject which he studied deeply was the plasticity of the Cinnamon blood, and those of us who were privileged to hear a paper on the subject which he read before the members of the old London Ornithological Society in the year 1888, when the society used to hold its meetings at the Royal Aquarium, will not soon forget the masterly manner in which he his matter. Many who were present that evening had such an insight given them into the natural laws of colour production as to cause them to revise their own procedure and start upon fresh lines, and some of them, I know, owe much of their subsequent success to the views put before them that night by him whose loss I now mourn.

Twenty years ago Mr. North was a voluminous writer on Fancy topics, and endless were the articles and letters which used to appear over the well-known signature *J.N.* Scarcely any controversy was there which involved deep thinking but what found him taking part in it, and looking back over all these years I cannot remember one single occasion on which he indulged that bane of the Fancy—personalities. His one object in all his writings was the advancement of the Fancy, and the improvement of the different breeds of Canaries. Like most deep thinkers, he formed very strong opinions, and he was not easily overthrown in discussion, because what he wrote he had generally proved beforehand, and was thus sure of his ground, and there was always common sense behind his arguments.

As showing the character of the man and how firmly he believed in the conclusions at which he arrived, I will give an extract or two from his writings of over twenty years ago.

The first reads:—"I never intend to set myself the impossible task of trying to please everybody, but am cognisant of the fact that amongst my readers are men of different opinions, and various degrees of experience." Another reads:—"If the fancier's ideal were easily attainable, and birds more or less perfect could without difficulty be obtained, there would be no charm in the task of production, no value attached to the product, no difference between it and a class of a thousand where we now find perhaps ten, and no possibility of any judge arranging them according to their merits. No; you might just as well expect the gardener to cause every blossom to develop into a ripe fruit, or for every fish's egg to mature into an adult fish. You take up your daily newspaper, and soon ascertain that there are greater calamities even than those which happen in the bird-room; or that amongst your friends, or maybap in your own family, misfortunes have occurred besides which the bad luck of the bird-room sinks beyond comparison. You smoke the pipe of peace. The refractory hens have all gone to nest again. You retire to rest, and having propitiated the wife for your display of bad temper, dream of better success coming on the wing next time."

Are not these the words of a deep thinker, of a philosopher? Do they not show the spirit of the true, earnest scientific fancier?

For a long time his pen lay idle, but when the Cage Bird Fancy was given an organ of its own the old war horse smelt the scent of battle, and was one of the first to throw in his lot with Cage Birds. For a long time he answered all the queries of those readers who were in trouble or distress and needed a wise and experienced hand to help them out of the Slough of Despond. As the circulation of the paper increased, and the work became greater, he had to relinquish it, but up till the day of his death his services were at the disposal of readers of Cage Birds in connection with the post-mortem department. Few there are who know how carefully and minutely he examined the bodies sent to him, and with what thoroughness all were handled. He was first led to take his great interest in post-mortem work over twenty years ago by the ravages of bird fever in the room of our mutual friend, Mr. R. Stook, at that time a Crest breeder residing at Upton Park.

J.N. was not a man who made many friends. To those who knew him not be used to appear somewhat brusque and sarcastic, but underneath the outside shell beat one of the kindliest of hearts, and those of us who knew him well knew him to be one of the best of fanciers, a thorough sportsman, and a true friend. Present day fanciers knew little of him or his nature, for since he left the old racing town of Stockbridge he had not been so much in the eye of the Fancy. The older hands, though, will bear of his passing with regret, and will wipe a tear from their eyes as they think of the man, of his work, of the days and scenes in which he played so strong and honourable a part. Death is the crown of life, and there are no regrets over a life well spent. J.N. was one of those who ever sought to leave the world better than he found it, and his passing leaves a void—one hard to fill. A strong man, a trusty friend, a good fancier, he is gone. Too soon, all too soon, he has returned to earth, but his memory will be held dear by many, even as they think of his light which is lost in eternity.

Musing on our companion gone,
We doubly feel ourselves alone.

C. A. House.

A Tribute from Mr. T. Heath.

Mr. T. Heath, the well-known judge, himself a fancier of very long standing, and a one-time manager of the Crystal Palace Show, writes: I am very sorry indeed to hear of poor North's death. I first met him some 25 years ago, when he was exhibiting some really first-class Crests, and in 1888 he was first at the Palace with his noted "Prince Regent," an evenly-marked dark Crested bird, which had previously won a number of other firsts at provincial shows. He was a regular exhibitor at the Palace from 1885 until 1890 or 91, with variable success. After this date he did not exhibit, but kept a few birds at Stockbridge for breeding purposes. Some 24 years ago, at a meeting of the L. and P.O.S., he read a most interesting paper which he had written on Cinnamons. This paper was really the first one to give fanciers not in the know information as to how to graft the Cinnamon on to (or with) other varieties, and since that day it has been copied and borrowed from by a large number of writers; even at the present time this paper on Cinnamons stands as the best ever published. For the last 15 or so years, I have not seen much of Mr. North, except at the Palace on two or three occasions. He was a thoroughly practical man, and, in my opinion, the leading physician of the day for Canaries' "ills and ailments."

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Ardwick C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Onward Hall, 8. Nom. of officers; "draw."—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Jan. 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, and passing of balance-sheet.—H. Foden.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Judging competition, etc. Elliott and Wood.

Bristol C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Headquarters, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Annual general meeting for election of officers, etc.—W. H. Manley.

Bolton O.S.—Jan 10, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Postponed meeting, election of officers.—H. Parkinson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Election of officers for 1910 (including new secretary); arrangements for members' show, etc.; members please settle up for tickets sold, to enable me to draw up balance-sheet.—J. H. de Maillet.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 5, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Annual balance-sheet, etc.—G. Peters.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Jan. 4, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Payment of prize money, election of officers, statement of accounts year ending '09, etc.; please bring tickets unsold and settlement.—J. Swindley.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 1, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Meeting postponed till Jan. 15.—F. Rhodes.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Jan 4, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Albany Hotel, 8. To appoint judge for coming show; members please attend.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Half Moon, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc.—E. Brunskill.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers for 1910.—W. Hodson.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 3, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Road, 8. Discussion re annual meeting and statement of annual show.—H. B. Rutter.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers, auditors' report; intending members requested to attend, open radius for membership.—R. Binks, jun.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Jan 5, Co-operative Halls P.G., 7.30. Receiving entries from members and other show business.—J. Forrester.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Y.M.C.A., 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. W. Papple.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 1, Griffin Hotel, 8.—Schedule for monthly show, Jan. 29.—J. F. Thackray.

Hull C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Annual meeting, balance-sheet, and election of officers.—E. R. Ridley.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Jan. 4, "Cricket Players, 8. Annual general meeting, election of committee, balance-sheet, etc.—W. Cottingham.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 1, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Report and balance-sheet, election of officers for 1910.—T. W. Walton.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Show matters.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Election of officers, etc.—A. Bottomley.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Jan. 4, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Table show: Nor. yell. and hens, old birds, all open; and same classification for novices.—J. E. Woods.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of new secretary and officers for 1910, entries Jan. show.—E. H. Jones.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. The advisability of having another show, election of auditors, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Jan. 5, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Important meeting.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Lockhart's, 7.30. Lecture on cage making, by Mr. Shepherd.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Bull Hotel, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, and secretary's report.—J. England.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Headquarters, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 6, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Committee meeting to arrange schedule of matched pair show.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Temperance Club, 8.—Annual meeting, election of officers, balance sheets, dinner; intending members invited.—W. Adams.

Shields C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Cregg's Cafe, Laygate, 8. Election of officers for 1910, fixing show date, etc.—W. J. Howden.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of officers and balance-sheet.—J. W. Lowes.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 4, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Election of officers for 1910.—H. Martin.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for members' show, 1910, also straightening up concert and ticket money for late shows, committee meeting at 7 o'clock.—Lindsay and Hobson.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 4, Boar's Head, 8. Nomination of officers for 1910, hot-pot provided.—W. Stafford.

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—Jan 1, The Institute, 7.30. Members' stock pair show, fanciers in district invited to attend, annual subscription, 2/6.—J. Pickering.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Headquarters, 8. Election of officers and to vote on motion re raising annual subscription from 2/6 to 5/- per annum.—W. Mallinson.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30. Balance-sheet and members' show.—C. Dukes.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Jan. 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Judging competition, Yorks.—H. Smith.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Hens Out of Condition.

M. A. L. X.—You have probably been treating the hens too generously with the extras to the staple diet. Continue to give plain canary seed only in the hoppers, and in addition to this, for the next fortnight, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird once each week, on one other day a small pinch only of a mixture of equal parts hemp and niga, and on two other days give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with a little soft sugar and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. If obtainable in good condition give a spray of watercress to each daily. Limit the extras strictly to this for a fortnight at least, but when the birds are in good condition give the rape every second day, and stop the bread and milk altogether. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in each two tablespoonfuls two days in every three for a week, and during the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the same quantity of water every second day. If not quite well by that time continue the latter mixture for another week.

Yorkshires Wheezy.

No Nom-de-plume.—As the majority of the birds are similarly affected I am rather inclined to think that your keeping them in the kitchen is the real cause of the trouble, assuming, of course, they were quite well in health when sold. Your best plan would have been to write at once to the former owner, and asked how the birds had been treated as regards temperature, and endeavoured as far as possible to keep them the same. You would certainly do far better even now to move the birds to a room where no fire is kept—a room over the kitchen would form a very suitable one—but which is quite free from draughts and damp, than let them remain in the kitchen, which is about the worst possible place for them. If they must, perforce, stay in the kitchen keep them as far away from the fire as possible, consistent with freedom from draughts from doors or windows. Give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and once a week a pinch of a mixture of hemp and niga. On the alternate days between giving the rape for a fortnight give a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar and a piuch of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and one of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for a week afterwards.

Ailing Yorkshire.

Reader, H.G.S.—Assuming you do not give an excessive quantity of hemp in the seed mixture, each time, there is very little the matter with your method of feeding, and I have little doubt but that the birds' unhealthy condition is due chiefly, if not solely, to their position at the side of the window. Although you say you cover them over at night to prevent exposure to draught, you seem to overlook the fact that what draughts exist are there to do mischief throughout each day, as well as in the night. Indeed, if the window is opened during the day the probability is that there is a good deal more draught then than when it is closed at night. Until this condition of things is altered it is perfectly useless attempting medicinal treatment. Remove the birds farther away from the window, where there will be no cutting draughts night nor day, but where the air is pure and fresh, and the temperature as equable as possible. This should be fairly well assured if there is a fire kept going in the room beneath the one you have the birds in. Give the same seed diet as you are now doing, and for quantities to give see lots of replies the last few weeks. Instead of the sponge cake give a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, three times a week for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give the cock—but not the hens six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid during the first week. The condition of the birds' feathers around the nostrils seems to suggest breathing a smoky and dusty atmosphere. This also should be remedied, if possible, and the cages and perches kept scrupulously clean.

Hoarse Roller.

Anxious.—You would have done well to suspend treatment at the end of the specified time for, say, three or four days, and then recommenced, and repeated it for another week when you found the bird was better, but not quite well at the end of the first week. Do not allow the cage to hang near the fire. As the fire goes out at night, it will be best, provided draughts are quite avoided, to keep the cage as far as possible away from the fire, and to dispense with the cover over the cage at night. In any case, this cover should be of the lightest description, and not such as to prevent any ventilation or change of air taking place during the night, thereby converting the cage into a close box, as it were. This alone, in certain circumstances, would account for some hoarseness in the morning. Recommence the treatment previously advised now, except that you may omit the emulsion, and sprinkle the bread and milk with a little soft sugar and a pinch of maw seed instead, and give this twice a week only for a fortnight. Also add to the other things in the drinking water two drops of eucalyptus oil, and shake all well together. Give this two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after.

Heating Bird-room.

T. R. J. (Liverpool).—You omit to say whether the room from which you purchased the birds was kept above the normal temperature or not. If it was not heated in any way I should advise you not to think of heating the room you have put them in at all. Unless the birds had been previously coddled there is absolutely no necessity to warm a room specially for them, or to do more than take proper steps to see that it is perfectly free from cold, cutting draughts, and damp, and at the same time that it can be properly aired to keep the air pure and fresh. Given these essentials, artificial heating can very well be dispensed with, except in the case of birds which have been accustomed to a warm room, in which case the best course is to follow similar treatment until next spring at least, and then gradually harden off the birds during the summer and autumn. A portable hot-water coil, heated by gas, would form a very convenient method of heating, if the room is so placed that you cannot put in hot-water pipes heated from without the room. "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free from our manager, would suit your purpose well.

Loss of Voice and Feathers.

A. G. H.—The loss of voice is doubtless the effect of the moulting. You should see that the bird is not hung near the fire, so as to be subject to extremes of heat and cold. Keep it well away from the fire, but at the same time take care that it is not placed in any draught. In addition to the staple of canary and rape seed, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a few grains of hemp seed. If obtainable in good condition, give a spray of watercress daily, otherwise give a small piece of ripe

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banana three times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts (that sold by chemists as salts and sarsaparilla) as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and after that give six drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week, or a little longer if the feathers have not ceased dropping by that time. The voice will probably return naturally when the moult has ceased.

Brevities.

Seed Samples (Nemo).—Sorry the package containing your samples reached me in a battered condition with No. 3 sample packet missing. No. 1 is a nice clean, bright, and sweet sample, but rather small, which is its only fault. No. 2 is also small, not so clean, and is contaminated with a variety of other seeds, etc. It is fairly sweet, and of just moderate quality. No. 1 is the best, being of very fair quality.

How Not to Do It (A Novice).—If you wish to breed a few "winning Norwich"—which is evidently intended to mean Norwich fit to win—you must adopt neither of the matings you suggest. From two Cinnamons you must only expect to breed Cinnamons—good, bad, or indifferent, as events may prove; whilst a green cock and cinnamon hen is only calculated to lead you further astray. Your best plan will be to get a properly matched pair, to breed good typical birds, from a breeder of repute and standing. Failing this, mate a clear yellow cock with a ticked or slightly variegated buff hen, choosing the most typical birds you can get and being careful to see that any defects in one bird are counterbalanced by superlative merit in those particular points in the other.

Aldermanic (A. Newmarsh).—You had better persevere with the treatment for some weeks, with the exception of making these few variants. You should endeavour to raise the necessary greenstuff by sowing a little seed in pots or boxes. Had you done this at first it would have been ready to use by now. Keep the bird in a good large cage, preferably alone, so that you may continue to limit its diet in quantity as before advised. When greenstuff is available give this liberally, and at other times give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water often enough to keep the droppings always quite moist, but not altogether watery. Give canary seed as before advised as a staple, but every third day omit this, and give instead a teaspoonful of soaked rape. Omit the sponge cake, and substitute a very small piece of bread and milk instead once each week. Discontinue the other treatment and limit the bird to the above regime for another month.

Term Defined (Doubtful).—An unflighted bird is one that has not had its flights removed at its first moult. The flights are the long quill feathers in the wings, and a Canary does not naturally shed these feathers at its first moult. For a fuller explanation refer to these replies of a fortnight ago.

Bird Fever (Perplexed).—Your first two questions have been answered already. As you cannot get the sawdust you are quite right in using the sand, but do not use the same twice over. As soon as one lot comes out of the cage, if there is no means of burning it, see it is safely disposed of so as to prevent its return to the cages. Clean sea sand direct from the shore, if easily available, would be a good thing to use. Wash the insides of the cages about every three or four weeks until spring with a solution of one tablespoonful of carbolic fluid in a gallon of water. As soon as any bird shows signs of being ill, remove it and cage immediately and keep strictly isolated until you are satisfied it is not the fever. If not a valuable specimen, it might be the wisest course to take no risks, but to chloroform such "doubtfuls" at once, and cremate the body. Follow previous instructions as to feeding, and with luck your birds should be safe enough by the time spring arrives.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Lark's Eyes.

Eyesore.—I have noticed myself that the grey hird louse is often seen about the eyes of birds, and can quite believe that the pest may set up an irritation which eventually results in serious eye trouble, and even loss of sight (through the hird rubbing its eyes and setting up an inflammation). It is no use dusting a bird and at the same time neglecting to cleanse the cage. These lice even secrete themselves in crevices of the brickwork, wall paper, etc., at the back of the cage, and such places require examination and treatment. Turpentine is a very deadly application so far as all bird lice and mites are concerned; none can survive it. Of the effects of powdered sulphur as a dusting agent I cannot speak, never having used it direct amongst the plumage; but always Keating's insect powder, which I find very efficacious, and quite harmless to the birds. The eyes I should advise you to gently bathe twice daily in fairly warm water coloured a deep red hy the addition of a little Condy's fluid. This will soon subdue any inflammation or irritation. Don't wet the surrounding plumage more than you can help, and gently dab dry with a piece of warmed soft cloth.

An Aviary Matter.

No Nom-de-Plume.—1. It will not be harmful, hut rather the contrary, to leave the proposed addition without a roof. The inside house will provide ample shelter. The outer portion should be well-drained—puddles and mud are most undesirable, for the latter gets plastered over the perches, etc., to say nothing of the birds' feet, etc. 2. British (resident) birds will take no harm, neither will the hardy foreign Finches. I have often marvelled at the manner in which the latter stand the most trying periods of the English winter in outdoor aviaries. I have seen them quite lively and cheerful when the cold has been so intense as to cause Goldfinches and Linnets to mope about with their

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plumage all bunched up. 3. The "draught" in this case need cause you no uneasiness. However, if it be possible to afford the outdoor part some shelter on the east—or north-east—side during the winter and early spring, you would be well advised to contrive this. 4. Hop plants are in no wise injurious to birds; some birds do a great amount of damage, I believe, among the hop plantations.

About Starlings.

E. Jackson.—Am afraid it is of no use your catching Starlings now with a view to teaching them to talk. Prospective talking Starlings should be taken from the nest at the age of 10 to 12 days and reared by hand; or, at any rate, be caged when quite young. A hen can be taught to talk just the same as a cock bird. In the next issue or so of CAGE BIRDS you will find a highly interesting article dealing with talking Starlings; look out for it, and you will discover all you want to know. Starlings can be fed very cheaply (and very well, too) in the following manner: Get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, soften this with hot water (and a fork), then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must he made fresh daily). Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other suitable live insects you can lay hands on (such as "black beetles"), also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Starlings like these. They are dirty birds, and the cage must be very frequently cleaned.

Hawfinch Problems.

Mrs. B. B.—The young Hawfinch (i.e., in nestling plumage) differs very markedly from the adult. It is much paler in colour, and instead of a black "bib" has a whitish (or creamy-white) place where this adornment is later on to put in an appearance. At the first moult (in the autumn of the year in which it is hatched) the young assume the adult colouring, and cocks are to be distinguished from the hens in the usual way, that is, by their superior colour (see CAGE BIRDS recent coloured plate of Hawfinches). The hen "sings" (what a song!) in captivity. Young birds are always much smaller than two and three year old (fully adult) specimens. I should imagine your tame bird is a hen. I don't think there is any chance of her breeding with the male bird you mention; he is too wild, and turning him loose into a room would serve to make him worse. Adult Hawfinches are usually very difficult customers to get tame, taking a long time to settle down. A big cock Greenfinch would he a likely mate for the small tame hen Hawfinch. "Judging" birds from written descriptions is an impossible task; I should think, however, that the very large, rich coloured bird would beat the other, even though hardly so large in bib.

Brevities.

Cage, etc., for Bullfinch (N. B.).—My own idea as to the best size for a stock cage (box pattern) for a Bullfinch is 16 inches long by 8 wide by 12 to 13 high. I dealt fully with the feeding recently. Stock mixture: Canary and teazle two parts each, charlock, summer rape, and linseed, half-part each. Give a little sunflower seed daily, except once a week when hemp may be substituted. Ripe fruit is generally enjoyed, also a little maw, thistle, dandelion, and wild seed mixture now and again. The above stock mixture will answer admirably for Redpolls.

A Bullfinch (Anxious).—I expect your Bullfinch has gone too far over the moult for anything to be done to improve its breast colour. It is during the moult and just afterwards that one needs to feed for colour (the same as it is with Canaries). During the moult some fanciers give their Bullies cracked seed which has been well sprinkled with tasteless pepper; others rely upon natural colouring agents, such as very ripe raspberries, black currants, blackberries, privet berries, rowan berries, elderberries, etc., according to season; while many have little dodges of their own, such as giving black sunflower seeds steeped in the drinking water, or black currant jelly, or other harmless colouring agents—their name is legion!

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

A Sick Amazon.

Spray.—I much fear I can give you but little additional help. However, continue the present treatment, and give the Dinneford's Magnesia as often as possible, but the voidings must not be allowed to continue watery. Also get a box of boney and horax, and put a little in the bird's mouth once or twice daily, with either a feather or camel-hair brush, the latter must be well cleansed for each occasion. I much fear there is some internal trouble, not yet outwardly apparent—if there should be any change in the symptoms you had better write at once. A little boiled maize twice a week would probably be a help under present conditions, but note it only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean, also I should advise that, so far as is possible, the temperature of the room be kept as even as possible. Get a zinc and rose-water eye solution from your chemist, and bathe the bird's eyes with this, wetting the surrounding plumage as little as possible; what portion of the wash does get on the plumage should be wiped away with a soft cloth.

A Sick Green Singing Finch.

Anxious.—Do not put a new purchase, however well it appears, with healthy stock, or you may contaminate the lot—a new purchase should always be kept in strict quarantine for at least a fortnight. Give this bird a gentle aperient—one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water; give several doses with an interval of two or three days between each. Also get the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts; for use take sufficient for the daily supply, and supply so: 1 part mixture to 2 parts water. If the water is taken away overnight, and neither bath nor drinking water supplied—only the prepared water—the bird is constrained to satisfy its thirst. They can have any ripe fruit they will eat, also sponge cake, moistened with boiling milk, if they will take it. Green Singing Finches are rather fond of a little live food as a rule; give it one or two mealworms daily if it cares for them; they will certainly help at this juncture.

Green Singing Finch Unwell.

A. M. M.—Seeing the case was urgent, I replied to your query per post, previous to the arrival of repeat query. I hope the treatment advised has proved effectual in arresting the trouble, though I much feared the bird would be dead before arrival of reply. If it still lives, continue the treatment already advised; get it on to milk if at all possible, keep it warm and strictly isolated from your other stock. It is most risky to put new purchases, however healthy they appear, among established stock. However, we must hope for the best. In addition to the milk sop supply seed, such ripe fruit as it will take, and two or three mealworms daily, also grit, etc., and water for drinking and bathing. Keep it strictly out of draught, warm, but not in a vitiated atmosphere.

Macaw Breaking Tail.

E. B. H.—I should not continue to give rice pudding, it is far better without this; otherwise your dietary, as named, is very satisfactory. The treatment you are continuing is almost all that can be done; by all means give the Dinneford's twice weekly so long as the voidings are not watery. I much fear the habit of bending the tail feathers is a vice; if the quills irritated him he would soon learn that bending the feathers only increased the pain or irritation, though I have a parrot which will pull at an obnoxious quill and scream with pain while doing so. You might try tying the tail feathers to a light wire frame, but you would have to watch that it did not tear the feathers out in the effort to get rid of the obstruction. If you are keeping it in a cage, try it on a stand, and keep it in the room which is most occupied, so that it will have plenty of company. Cuttlefish bone is good, and very wholesome for all species of parrots, in fact for all seed-eating, that is hardbilled birds.

A Sick Silverbill.

F.M.P.—Keep this bird quiet and warm. It would be better caged separately till things have improved a little. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, repeating the dose after an interval of three days. In between and continue for some time, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the bird becomes really weak, a little very weak brandy and water (chilled), will be a good stimulant. Supply its usual dietary, but if it will take it, a little milk sop will be helpful at the present period. If the protrusion does not become normal in a day or two, I should try to gently press it back; but it must be kept quiet and apart from other birds till it has recovered. In the winter, while suitable greenfood is not easy to get, a little ripe apple is very wholesome and a good substitute.

Brevities.

Pope and Grey Cardinals (V. A. G.).—The Red-headed or Pope Cardinal has no crest; the red on his head is of a richer and purer hue than that of the Red-crested or Grey Cardinal; the grey of his upper surface is much darker, some of the flights being blackish, and the white of his under-surface is much purer, the contrasts of the various colour areas are consequently greater. I am doubtful if the two species would agree together, save in a roomy outdoor aviary

"Foreign Birds": What Birds with Budgerigars.—See our reply to "Darlington" in this issue. It fully covers the ground of your query. The aviary has at most space for four pairs of the size of Budgerigars.

What Parrot? (R.A.L.). It is the Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo, a native of Australia. This species as a rule make droll and companionable pets, good whistlers and mimics as a rule, but the majority of individuals do not make talented talkers as a rule, though most repeat a word or two. All you can do is to keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, pet it, and teach it by constant repetition such things as you would like it to learn, and wait for the result. For diet, see our reply to "Constant Reader" in this issue, but the drugs are not necessary and do not apply in the case of your bird.

Grey Out of Condition (Constant Reader).—It is quite natural for many species of Parrots to regurgitate the partially digested food, and re-swallow same. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, repeating same every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery. In between, that is, when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till the bird appears fit again. Diet: I prefer the following seed mixture: Canary, millet, hemp, maize, oats, dari, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts—well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also give ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually hanging in the cage. Keep free from draught, and do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Budgerigars and Madagascar Weavers (G. E. H.).—The only inconvenience from mixing these birds is that occasionally a Weaver may get a broken leg through a nip from a Budgie's beak, but the Weavers are well able to look after themselves, so that a mishap should not occur very often, especially as in your aviary the birds would have space to get out of each other's way. You need not fear the Weavers interfering with the breeding of the Budgerigars. But instead of putting in additional Madagascar Weavers I should certainly advise putting in other species, say one each of Napoleon, Orange, and Grenadier, or similar species. A Pintail or Paradise Whydah, or both, would add to the effect, and give variety.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Cages for Breeding Foreign Birds (Beginner).—Yes, the course you propose should answer well. Get boxes as near as possible 2ft. to 2½ft. long, and of proportionate height and depth, and either use wire netting for the fronts, or purchase straight wire fronts from our advertisers. You will find a flap for cleaning purposes cheaper, and answer fully as well as draw trays. Furnish with natural branches (twiggy) as perches, and a nest box or husk in either corner, according to the species of the occupants. It will, of course, be advisable to procure boxes having close-fitting joints. I have seen many good cages made from sugar boxes and the like. Only put sufficient wood into the fronts to supply necessary base for the netting; if you have all wire fronts ready made you will only require one bar for the flap to be hinged to.

Avadavats in Poor Plumage (Denys Weston).—I cannot fully gather whether they are in an outdoor aviary or a large aviary cage. In any case, I should advise caging them separately in a roomy box cage, in a warm room, yet where they will get plenty of light and air. Try them with, from time to time, just a little of any ripe fruit that is to hand. Lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, once a week omit the chemical food and put a few grains of Epsom salts in the drinking water instead. Crush some cuttlefish to the size of white millet and sprinkle a little regularly over the sand. If the birds are fairly tame it is well to anoint the bare patches with a little clean vaseline. You must separate as Waxbills are given to plucking those of their fellows in poor plumage, and keeping them so.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Treatment of Dotterel.

Sandpiper.—From the sketch you enclose your bird is evidently not the true Dotterel, but the Ringed Plover, which is, however, sometimes called the Ring Dotterel. The real Dotterel is a larger bird, and less strikingly coloured, having far less white about it, and without the bright orange legs of the Ring Plover. I am very glad that it is doing so well, thanks, no doubt, to your care, but that the broken wing has set in such a way that the injury is not noticeable—too often this is not the case. I believe Waders are not admitted as show birds. I do not think cheese in moderation would hurt your bird, as this is a seashore species, and must take a certain amount of salt along with its food, but it ought to have something else besides cheese and meat, and I am astonished that it will take nothing else of the varied menu, dried flies, dried ants' eggs, bread crumbs, soaked dog biscuit, hard-boiled egg, carrot, scraped and cooked, and greenmeat you offered it. Naturally, it will eat worms and insects. I should fear meat and cheese alone would prove too rich in time, and should advise that you mince them finely, and well incorporate with at least dried flies and bread crumbs, and try to get the bird to eat these too.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Two Suggestions (H. Bayles).—We always welcome suggestions from readers, and appreciate your own kindly letter. We will bear in mind your suggestions, which, however, come too late to be carried into effect this season.

A Nightingale (Q. E. D.).—You are right. There is only one Nightingale, so far as England is concerned—the plain brown bird which visits us in summer. The Japanese, or Pekin, Nightiugale (the bright coloured bird you mention) is generally termed the Pekin Robin.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Correspondence.

How to Catch Hawfinches.

SIR,—Would any of your readers kindly tell me how to catch Hawfinches? There are about a dozen feeding under apple trees in my garden, and have been about there some time. I should feel much obliged for any suggestion as to how to catch them.

ANXIOUS.

Am I a Novice?

A Yorkshireman Seeks Advice.

SIR,—I should like the respective secretaries of O.N.P. Club and Yorkshire Union to answer the following question. I showed five birds at an open mixed show. There was no price limit on the birds and not more than thirty-five entries, thirty of the same belonging to members. I got a 1st in a class of three. They told me I could not show as a novice again. So I sold my birds out. A friend now tells me that it being a mixed show it makes no difference to my status as a novice. If this is so, I am going to get some more birds. But I should first like to hear from the proper source. I will thank the respective secs. in advance.

ONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW.

Cinnamon Chaffinch "Wrong Classed" at Aberdeen.

SIR,—In answer to the letter which appeared in last week's issue from Mr. Ross, of Forres, I may say I had no other alternative but to "wrong class" his Chaffinch. There was no class at Aberdeen wherein he could have entered his bird (at least, in the section where I was officiating). I called the committee's attention to this bird, and told them that although this was one of the finest Albino hardbill British I had seen, I could not do otherwise, if they left it to me, than "wrong class" it. The committee left it in my hands, with above result. I may say that if I had not wrong classed this bird, I would have claimed it. I enclose a copy of the classification at Aberdeen, and would like your Mr. Weston to append his opinion on the decision I arrived at.

JAMES LIVINGSTONE (Bathgate).

P.S.—This is a point that should be decided at the first annual meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C. and the S.B.B. and M.C.

[Our Mr. Weston states that the National British Bird and M.C. has arrived at and published its decision (which applies to all shows held under its patronage), that Albino and rare-feathered specimens must compete in a special class, and not in the ordinary classes. —EDITOR.]

What is an Even-marked Border?

SIR,—I agree with Mr. Hocking that this discussion is a timely one. Indeed I go further and say the matter ought to have been settled many years ago. As far back as I can remember, the same arguments have confronted us, and proved exceedingly vexatious, often giving rise to heated words between judges and exhibitors. In my last letter I notice I have five or more *pointed*, this ought to have read *marked*. Now, here are the points which we as members have to ponder over. The club allows birds marked one eye or one wing, likewise both eyes or both wings, to compete in foul classes, thereby casting aside the one or two point theory. Now, there are hardly any birds carrying wing marks, but what are marked at thigh. These, I think, should be shown amongst the unevens, being either three or more marked. Coming to the unevens, no rule, as far as I can gather, has ever been passed describing the markings, and I think it would be foolish to "wrong class" any birds unless they were three or five pointed. In the first place there would not be birds to fill a class; result, a loss to societies, and half-prize money. Secondly, if a bird is marked on eyes and wings, and other part slightly, it is still uneven, although not marked on tail. Coming now to the evenly-marked bird, and the case in dispute, viz., a bird perfectly marked above, but with a few dark feathers at base of tail, here the question faces us: are we going to debar all birds so marked, or allow them to carry a mark the size of a threepenny piece (as my motion supports)? Firstly, if we take the former, where are we to get birds to fill the classes? By far the largest percentage of birds are marked at thighs, and more or less at vent, or under covers. Secondly, farewell to all six-pointed birds, for they are more liable to be marked below. Coming to the latter, a slight mark allowed below would not detract much from the beautiful harmony of the other markings, and although allowing the mark here to count against them, yet not to the extent of letting an imperfect eye-marked bird have the preference, the eye-marking being in reality the most difficult to get, and by far the most taking point, and the one most admired. I have now touched on all marked varieties but the variegated ones (so called). This term should never apply to any bird unless more than three parts dark. The term variegated means marked with different colours, therefore either all birds not Clears or Selfs are variegated, or else we as bird lovers should only refer to their being such when they are marked, as I have already stated. I intend to give a letter on this variety shortly. I apologise for the length of this letter, but as I shall not be at the meeting in Carlisle, with your permission I thought it better to fully explain here.

J. PATTERSON.

Are Catalogues Needed?

Do Cage Labels Reveal Ownership?

SIR,—I managed to spare time to visit Gateshead Show on December 11th. With things in general I was very much pleased, and enjoyed my visit fully. But with what some might call minor details I was more than surprised—the quiet, but deep-seated, hostility to the methods of the Cage Bird Union, the large quantity of birds that were only half "got up" (badly washed, badly staged, etc.). But, above all, to find the old-style cage-label still in vogue at a show of this kind. It is a positive fact that I went round the classes in the Norwich section and picked out the exhibits of a gentleman whom, until then, I had never seen in my life before, nor yet any of his birds; neither had I at that time become possessed of a catalogue. The same person seemed surprised when I took him to the Yorkshire section and named the owner of many birds which (to my knowledge) I had never seen before. Of course, I was guided entirely by the price on the ticket, which, as you may possibly know, is many times regarded almost in the nature of a trade-mark. At any rate, since returning home I have mentioned it to many, who declare that when showing away where this ticket is used they will in future specify a certain well-known catalogue price. That would, to a certain extent, and for one or two shows, upset calculations a little, but the Yorkshire Union label is by far the best remedy.

JOHN BLUNT.

The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR,—Owing to pressure of business, this is the first opportunity I have had of replying to the last letter under the above heading in our worthy CAGE BIRDS. I will presume, Mr. H., that you can stretch your intellectual faculties to understand that things of consequence come before "implausible tattle." Why were you not man enough to do what you proposed—substantiate your previous statements concerning the W.C.B.C. forcing their patronage upon a certain society in Wales? We take it that could you do so, you are just the type of cajoler who would if he could clear himself at anyone's expense—*astutia non animo*. If you hold the trump card (as you claim) play it out, and, at the same time play the man, and not try to under-rate the W.C.B.C. Yes! you may revel in the idea that your corruptible object is accomplished, but, believe me, it is yourself, not the W.C.B.C., that is the subject of ridicule. You say "especially Swansea." Probably "especially Swansea" is yourself, and it is well understood the foolish will ridicule anything and put themselves up for the same purpose. Yes, I admit that anything well seasoned is hard—very hard, Mr. H. Thanks for the compliment. I may inform you that the softest of stuff, even the pliable dough of cake might become hard if left in the oven long enough to bake, but, unfortunately, once it is out of the oven it will not re-bake; therefore I'm sorry there is no further hope for you. In your first letter you accused our well-known W.C.B.C., as a body, of trying to boycott Swansea Show; now you say it was the secretary. Your light brain must be soaring confusedly, or you are suffering from loss of memory. I give you another opportunity of clearing up your declaration against the W.C.B.C.; if you sneak from the point, we shall hold the same opinion which truth verifies, that is, you cannot bring forth the supposed facts you have been heralding, and I shall treat all your further jargon with which you rush into print with utter contempt, and regard you finally and for ever as an inventor and a stranger to the truth, considering your base charges *pro re nata*.

G. T. JONES,
Hon. Sec. W.C.B.C.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Shows.

SIR,—Mr. Hyland's last letter only goes to show how correct I was in the complaint made on behalf of Mr. Lavery. He tells what the committee decided to do, etc., to which no person could rightly object. But did Mr. L. get any notification of the committee's decision? No, not one word; whereas a postcard costing a halfpenny would have saved Mr. L. a lot of trouble (all of which I have referred to in my previous letter). Exhibitors only want to be treated fairly. I think the following Mr. Hyland should explain. He may make excuse, but the fact remains that Mr. Lavery is the sufferer all the same. In sending cash for prize-money he deducted 5s. for a special promised by Mr. Lavery, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Lavery sent the 5s. special with his entry, etc. This has since been made right, but do these people think that Mr. Lavery has time and money at his disposal to write letters to get his due? I may tell Mr. Hyland that he has not, and it's surely very unfair treatment to one who supported the show so well. Mr. Lavery got his cheque for prize-money, less the 5s. I have referred to, cashed it in the merchant's where he gets his seed, and in two or three days was called upon to refund the money, as the cheque was returned from Dublin marked "refer to drawer." My cheque (why send a cheque for 2s. 6d.?) was returned marked the same, and, of course, I also had to refund. I will leave readers to think how they would like such treatment.

J. H. O'NEILE.

A Hybrid Breeder's Hopes.

SIR,—Looking through the reports of shows published in CAGE BIRDS, I am very pleased to see that some real good birds have made their appearance. Some good clears have been seen, and some Mules have had "doubts" thrown at them, being so very like the female parent. There also seems to be now a good number of Canary Bullies about. I hope these will meet at the Crystal Palace; they would form a good strong class. I see the Cock Bullie is given as the male parent in several instances. They cannot all be mistakes, so I expect that the cock Bullie has at last filled his eggs. I should certainly like to hear from those successful breeders who have used him, and have come off "trumps." If they would only give us their own experience, I am sure there would be others besides myself who would be greatly interested, as for years I have tried him and failed. But still I had faith in him, or I should not have persevered so much with him. He is also credited with being the male parent of the Canary Bullie Mule. I should like that to be definitely recorded for the benefit of your numerous readers and breeders of Hybrids. I have been keeping an open eye for the Siskin Bullie cross to appear; I expect it will "pop up" one of these days, and give us a great surprise. I am glad there is a grand Greenfinch Canary (clear one) exhibited, for of the Greenfinch I am a great admirer, and I like to use him for crossing purposes. He generally gets one something large and worth looking at. The hen of this cross I have frequently left with her own and other eggs to sit on, and to feed the young when hatched, and she has not disappointed me. I have not yet seen, from any show reports, any Hybrid mentioned having the cock Chaffinch as the male parent, only in one case of the Bramblefinch, and that is, I think, the only bird it has paired with. We may yet see accounts of some other good Hybrid or Mule making its appearance before going to the Palace.

HYBRID.

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Prize Money at Maesteg Show.

SIR,—Can anyone say if they have paid the prize-money at Maesteg Show? I cannot get a satisfactory answer from them. I have had to send three times to ask if I had a prize or not, and sent a stamp for an answer. Is this fair?

J. WILLIAMS.

Dutch Frills at the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—All lovers of this coming variety will be pleased to see Mr. Ramsden's announcement of the splendid specials given by Baron du Thiel for Dutch Frills at the 1910 Palace Show. No exhibitor will be allowed to take more than one of these specials. I am also pleased to say that Mr. Ramsden has promised that these birds shall be properly protected from draughts, and they will be covered over and made as comfortable as possible. I trust that there will be a good entry so that next year we may have another class put on.

C. I. YOUNG.

A New Cage Bird Society for Walkden and District.

SIR,—A cage bird society is being formed in Walkden and District. A meeting was held on December 14th in the Walkden I.L.P. Rooms to consider the matter. Twelve friends turned up, and we decided to make a start. The next meeting will be held on January 4th, in the above rooms, at 7.30, when we shall be glad to make the acquaintance of any new fancier within a radius of three miles of the above rooms. I hear we have a few more fanciers to join us at our next meeting. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success, for it is the fancier's ideal paper.

HY. HOWARD, Sec.
6, Chilham Road, Walkden.

Rebellion in the North.

Trouble about A Special Prize.

SIR,—It was not my intention to take up more of your valuable space to reply to "Canny Toon." But, as he requires some further explanation, I will try and enlighten him. I still claim that my bird was the best at the Newcastle show, but at the same time I do not wish to detract from the value of any other bird or birds. I fail to see how "Canny Toon" can form any opinion about Crests; Foreign Birds would be more in his line. As to how the young Crest was awarded the N.C.C. medal, had "Canny Toon" been a close observer at the show, he would have found out for himself, without putting such a question to me. If "Canny Toon" refers back to his former letter in CAGE BIRDS he will find that he has answered his second query himself in that letter, where he states that the young Crest was not in competition, therefore I cannot see how it was entitled to a prize if not judged. Now, if this bird was not judged, as "Canny Toon" says, there must have been some neglect on the part of the show officials in not seeing that the birds were brought forward to be judged. "Canny Toon" cannot blame me for this neglect on their part and take my special and hand it over to the exhibitor whose bird was not judged until after the show. I should think that the proper course for his officials to have followed would have been to hand the special over to the award as per judges' slip, then make the best terms they could with those who thought that they were entitled to the prize. Thirdly, re prize-money in members' class, I must inform "Canny Toon" that I have never applied to his society for it in any shape or form, nor did I expect to get it after being told that I would have to stand by the judges' slip. He also says that through an error my bird was not placed in the members' class. If my bird was not placed, whose fault would it be, and who is responsible for the prize-money? Am I to be the loser, or should the society pay me second prize-money to compensate for their neglect? Thus, if I accept this prize-money, as "Canny Toon" says, it will have been given without my asking for it; and is it not a knavish act on their part to offer this prize-money with the intention of using it as an argument to shield their action in giving the special carvers to another exhibitor? I would not in any case, by accepting prize-money for members' class, be acknowledging the right of a judge to revise an award, when there was neglect on the part of show officials or the judge himself. The prize-money would be paid to compensate for this neglect. As in the case of an exhibitor who sent his birds to —— show, and some of them were not unpacked on arrival, but were put away in the empty packing case room, and were not found until after judging was over. This exhibitor was paid prize-money, although his birds were not judged, to the amount that they might have won had they been in competition. Now, this exhibitor was paid out of the society's funds, it not being thought advisable to take some other exhibitor's prize-money to pay him with I must again remind "Canny Toon" that my Crest was first and special in its class, also first in its section. Those awards were duly recorded on the judges' slip and are beyond controversy. And I am not going to be dealt with in any such manner as "Canny Toon" suggests. I can tell him that I am man enough to stand out for all that is right and fair, and am amply justified by the action that I have taken in opposing the wrong and oppressive attitude of "Canny Toon" and a portion of the society that he represents.

A. LISTER.

Alive, All Alive, O!

SIR,—I should like to draw the attention of your readers to the successful show recently held by the London and Counties O.A. and to give an unqualified denial at the same time to the scandalous rumours that have been circulated in London bird-fancying circles to the effect that this organisation was "dead." A certain prominent official of another body has gone out of his way to make this unfounded assertion, and in the absence of a post mortem a faulty diagnosis must have been arrived at by this unqualified physician.

STILL SMILING.

Cage Bird Union: District No. 1

The Wallsend Sensation.

SIR,—I am rather surprised at the position taken up by Mr. Bennet with regard to this case. I consider he has been leniently dealt with, and in my opinion an apology would have been more to the point than a grievance. He has, on his own admission, set the rules of the C.B.U. at defiance by placing a particular mark on the spars of the show cages; in other words, he has treated the officials of the C.B.U. with contempt for years. It would be interesting to know if Mr. Bennet is in agreement with the motion to be brought up at the annual general meeting of the Border Fancy C.C. at Carlisle on 1st January, viz.: "That Border fancy show cages have no distinguishing marks, such as white or brass knobs, nor side doors, and cages having such to be disqualified in their respective classes at any shows where they have club patronage." I have no doubt that the case under discussion has been the means of bringing the subject before the annual meeting, and the gentleman who reported this matter to the Wallsend officials is to be congratulated in his endeavours to place all exhibitors on the same level.

NOVICE.

Ought a Rule to be Strained Sometimes?

SIR,—I should be glad to know if there is anyone amongst your numerous readers who has had the same experience as fell to my lot on December 15th. The facts are these: I entered birds for the West London F.A. annual show, which was held on December 15th and 16th. It was impossible for me to get the birds there on the evening of the 14th by 9 o'clock, to comply with the rules, which stated, all exhibits were to be in by that time. I was showing at Watford on Tuesday, December 14th, and did not get my birds home till late that evening, as the show did not close till 9 o'clock, and I wanted two of these birds to put with others for West London Show. However, under the difficult circumstances, I appeared with my birds on the Wednesday morning by 9 o'clock, and was told to wait for the secretary, Mr. Dewhurst, but during the time, Mr. Lach, a committeeman, came in, and I explained why I could not get there before. He politely told me it was too late, as the rule must be carried out, although the judging did not commence till about eleven o'clock. After being a good exhibitor for the past 23 years, I consider the rule a very harsh one. A point might have been strained, for to the best of my knowledge I do not know of a society that compel the exhibits to be in so early as the West London did for this show. They nearly always state a time on the previous evening, or by no later than 9 o'clock the show morning. These committees often clamour for entries, yet they make a hard and fast rule to the disadvantage of themselves, and then wonder why members do not agree and turn up with their entries. It's not giving exhibitors a chance, after a show the day previous. I, as one of the old school (well known from one part of the country to another), yet an up-to-date fancier, have sent in my resignation to the society, after treatment of this kind, which fills good fanciers with wonder and disgust.

C. BATTISON.

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An Alleged Mix-up of Awards at Ramsgate Show.

SIR,—I have read about the alleged "Mix-up" at Ramsgate show and inwardly digested the two letters. I certainly am of the opinion that Lewis and Co. should have been entitled to receive the third prize. Of course, if the society liked to give the other exhibitor third prize-money also, owing to the entering of two exhibits to one and the same number, that lay to their discretion. But the other exhibitor was not, to my idea, entitled to compete, owing to the mistake, as he entered his exhibit after Messrs. Lewis and Co.

FAIR PLAY.

SIR,—I have read with great interest about the alleged mixed-up awards at Ramsgate show. I visited the same and noticed two third-prize cards on two different cages. One bird was a Red-and-Black Bishop, and the other a pair of Budgerigars. At the time I thought it most curious to see two thirds in the same class. If what Messrs. Lewis and Co. (or their manager) states is correct, that they entered their bird first, I myself consider them entitled to the prize-money. I also notice that Mr. Allen mentioned something about flighted and unflighted birds. I consider that is going away from one subject to another, as if Mr. Allen should say that Mr. Adams is no judge of birds, I am inclined to think Messrs. Lewis and Co. would not engage a manager who does not understand the business. To my own knowledge, through his judgment a gentleman of Broadstairs secured two first and specials with Canaries, so that does not substantiate Mr. Allen's letter. Why not settle the dispute over the prize-money by giving the same to the local hospital?

J. W. BOTTOMS.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Allen, I do not blame him for answering on account of the signature. This letter I am writing myself. The other was a copy sent to the head of the firm, and he signed it. I wish to say the letter inserted had no mis-statement in it. I did see Mr. Allen in the committee-room, and was willing to stand down, but his answer was, "No, certainly not; it is our mistake, and we will pay the two third prize monies." The class was hopelessly mixed up. The exhibitor who won second prize was not sure if he had won or not. He told me so himself, as the card was on another exhibitor's cage, and he also thought he had won second prize. I did not say anything about flighted or unflighted birds in letter sent, or about maidens, so that part of Mr. Allen's letter has nothing to do with it. Was the other exhibitor, owing to the mistake, in the competition or not? Of course, Mr. Allen does not want any more said about the matter. Still, I should like an independent person's idea on the subject, which would not consist of the secretary or committee of the Ramsgate F. and F.S.

L. ADAMS
(Manager for Lewis and Co.)

Shows and Societies.

Have We Too Many in Certain Districts?

SIR,—I trust that the correspondence respecting the duties of cage bird members to their societies will not be allowed to drop before steps have been taken to remedy the evils of late entries and other matters now so prevalent. As has been so ably pointed out, amalgamation seems to be the only way to improve matters in many centres. From the beginning of October until late in December we have about half-a-dozen open shows weekly, besides members' shows, and consequently it is very difficult to get sufficient support from exhibitors, secretaries having to make personal appeals to get even a moderate entry. Now, if the shows were reduced by one-half, exhibitors would be better able to properly support the shows in their district, and also have the pleasure of knowing that they would have good competition, full prize-money and no cancelling or amalgamation of classes. At present, with so many societies, each holding an open show, exhibitors have a difficulty in selecting the shows for their patronage, the majority of societies suffering more or less, and we hear the continual cry of "short entries" throughout the season. It is useless expecting the newer societies to entirely sink their identity in the older ones, but I think the difficulty could be got over in the following manner, at the same time giving fanciers the advantages of three or four societies for one subscription only, thus enabling them to put their hands down for "specials," etc., more than they can at present afford if they belong to several societies. Let all societies in certain centres join the premier cage bird society in the district, but become known as the "so-and-so" branch of that premier society. Each branch continue to hold its meetings (say, monthly), and elect its own chairman and branch secretary. All subscriptions, etc., to be paid to the treasurer through the branch secretary; and the committee of management to be elected from each branch society according to membership; the committee to be responsible for the proper control of all society shows and affairs generally. Every branch to hold a nest-feather and winter club show, for which all members of the amalgamated societies would be eligible. Then all unite in promoting a first-class open show, and every member do his utmost to make same a success. Only one subscription would be necessary, and members could select whichever branch they prefer if already (as is usually the case) they belong to two or more of the societies. I feel sure that if the clubs will only consider the matter carefully they will see that amalgamation on some such lines as these would be far better than the continual struggle many societies have to keep from "going under."

J. H. DE MAILLET.

A New Cage Bird Society for the Manchester District.

SIR,—A new society has been formed, to be known as the Denton and District Cage Bird Society. The annual subscription is 3s. per annum. Fanciers are cordially invited to join. Radius, six miles. Particulars may be had from me.

W. HOPWOOD, Sec.,
63, Market Street, Denton, Manchester.

How to Arm Nets.

The Problem of "Sharped" Birds.

SIR,—My query under the above heading has provoked a most interesting correspondence from kind and practical men. No one, however, has gone into the practical details of the question and given us intelligible directions in regard to the carrying out of this work of arming nets. With reference to the "sharped" Goldfinches which Mr. Hawes and "Novice" have dealt with so admirably, and which are 180 miles or more from London, I may tell them that the birds have been so plagued, that they have, in my opinion, become uncatchable. Only those who have tried with extreme care to outwit them will believe this. Most of the birds have been lost off the poor birdlime—that half-liquid ointment stuff sold by chemists—and I believe they have also been "pulled at" and lost by amateur trappers throughout the season. They feed on a kind of common covered with acres of tall thistles. Bird cages have been hidden, poles and pegs covered, the "flurr" bird kept quiet, and "runners" used—all to no good purpose. The singing of good Goldfinches and of an excellent Mule is absolutely the signal for clearing off. They won't pitch near a bird that sings. Surely four good Greypates and a fatherly old "sweeting" Finch ought to coax them. "Novice" has, however, touched upon a point which is somewhat novel to me, and that is, the dispensing with all loud song, and substituting hen call birds for the cocks. It must be admitted that hens would imitate more exactly the conditions under which the wild birds live, for none of the cocks sing much now, and they respond to each other's "titing," "twittering" and "sweeting" in a soft and suppressed way. A hen or two would imitate these calls very well. I have seen a single and well-hidden net employed, but without success. The wild birds keep 30 yards away from all singing birds, and possibly their intelligence will preserve them for the breeding season. I don't think "Novice" would catch them. I gave them three hours one day from dawn onwards, and after all my cunning and hiding and long pull lines and covered poles and pegs, left the field with but one miserable stray hen. The flock would not break up or alight anywhere near. If anyone had told me what I am saying now, I would, like "Novice," have been most sceptical. Experience, however, has taught me to believe that plagued Goldfinches have had their wits sharpened in a wonderful way. What does "Novice" mean by "squarking" in a Finch's call-note? Is it that "swearing note" which is sometimes called by catchers "thistleing," and which a Finch uses when he is scolding and "pecking" at another that is too near him? It is most interesting to know. "Netter" has given invaluable instruction in the art of repairing. Can he add directions for "bordering" or "arming" with a three-inch mesh, and thicker thread?

AMATEUR.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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By GEO. G. HENDERSON.

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The Chaffinch.

The Chaffinch is a lovely bird, one of the most handsome of our Finches. His shape is neatness itself, and he carries himself always with a jaunty air. He is a fearless bird in an aviary, in no way afraid of you, but coming boldly to the perch nearest you, quizzingly crying "pink," "pink." His song, though short, is given with much gusto, and he repeats it time after time in quite a defiant tone. I have tried to put it into words by the closest observation—this is what I have arrived at: "Everybody tries to cheat me:" He pours forth his notes in a loud and cheerful key. Chaffinches are greatly run on for use at singing contests, both in England and in Germany, and many matches are held yearly.

Never buy a Chaffinch after December, for if you do it is most likely he will mope and pine away. There are great differences in the temperaments of these birds, for some steady down very easily, whilst others take a great deal of handling and "working with" before you can get them to show themselves to advantage.

Chaffinches are easily hand-reared, but although they make delightful pets, never in my experience could I get them as large as the wild-bred ones, no matter how I tried. It is many years since I first hand-reared Shilfas, and it was a nest of three. I had no difficulty in doing so, as I always found them ready for their food. One summer day I had brought to me this nest of youngsters, just in their pen feathers. I put the nest into a small bowl, and covered this over with a cloth, after I had given them a good feed. I fed them every two hours, and mixed with the food all the green-fly (aphides) I could get off the rose bushes.

At night I took my bowl of Chaffies to my bedroom, and before turning in gave them a good meal. I generally wakened about 2 a.m., when I fed them; and so on, every two hours, till in a few days I could almost see them grow. I had them doing for themselves in about a month's time, and so tame were they that whenever I entered my bird-room they made such a fuss—they would not keep quiet till I opened their cage door, when all would fly on to my shoulders, or head, crying still for me to feed them, although they could quite easily crack seed. The cocks were the loudest and best singers I ever had, whilst the hen was a charming little lady, quite docile, and she paired easily with a cock Bramblefinch.

You have to be very careful if you have a number of cocks in your aviary, and when the spring time comes round be ever on the watch to see that all are of best behaviour. At pairing time cocks become very dominant, although before they were probably not in the least quarrelsome. If you are careless at this time you may be sorry for it, as in a day you may lose your best show bird. Once two cocks start to fight they will continue at it till one of them gets scalped, and it is in this condition you may find your favourite some fine spring morning.

Have your quarrelsome bird removed whenever you have the least suspicion that he is starting to bully, and in doing so you will give peace to the other inmates of the aviary.

For food, there are the two varieties which Chaffinches feed on—hardbill mixture and softbill mixture. In winter I give Canary seed, German and English rape, teazle, and a few sunflower seeds, also a little hemp at times. Sponge biscuit, ants' eggs and dried flies mixed together with boiled potato or grated carrot should also be supplied, and a mealworm or two daily. In spring I begin to withdraw the hemp and give less of sunflower. In summer I stop the hemp and do not give this again till after the moult. At the close of the moulting season, and for a time thereafter, I give linseed, also a little linseed meal in the softbill mixture.

During summer, when all kinds of insect life abound, and are easily secured, there is no trouble in keeping your Chaffinches in perfect bloom. You may offer the different kinds of green food, but I would give it roots and all, and you will find immediately you do so your shilfas carefully examining every particle for the insects thereon of which they are passionately fond. From your garden you can get everything in the way of insect food—all kinds of slugs, caterpillars, spiders, green fly, earwigs, etc. Live wasp-grub must not be forgotten, and can be got in season through the advertising columns of CAGE BIRDS. Young blow-flies make the best of food for Chaffinches, and the best way to secure them is to put a quantity of gentles with some bad beef in a box, cover same up with hay and sand above that, and place in your aviary or flight; and when once the flies come to the surface your Chaffinches are ready to meet them, and it is death to the blow-fly every time.

In winter a piece of apple is about all he will care for, and an additional mealworm. Chaffinches will relish crushed nuts at times. They are very fond of the bath, and should get it daily in good weather. This is the secret of keeping them in perfect feather and show condition.

For a show bird I would look for the very largest I could get, of a bold Norwich Canary type, full and broad chested (which should be of a pale plum colour, without any slatey shades, and should be carried well down). The cheeks are of the same colour, which should go well back behind the eyes. The back should be of dark brownish colour, and the lower part and rump of tail a buff greenish colour. The crown of the head should be large, and the nape of neck bluish, getting more intense in colour in spring. The whites on butt of wings should be broad and pure and enamel-like to look at.

The colour in hens is more subdued, so that the sexes are easily divided. The inside colour of the show cage should be a pale green or blue.

The Bramblefinch.

The Bramblefinch, also known as the Mountain Finch, as a bird for exhibition is at present in great demand, and good ones are scarce; they must be, or else such prices could not be got, as, I notice, for claimed birds at some of the shows lately. There is this consolation, however, to the plucky buyer that if he starts with a young bird he will get back his purchase price and a bit more in time, because, judging from the experience I have had of the species, the birds will live for a long time without the slightest trouble, and will be better show birds as the years pass. There is a specimen doing the rounds of the shows at the present day which I am sure I put 1st at the Scottish National six or seven years ago, and the last time I saw it out it looked as fresh and as able as ever.

Bramblefinches visit these shores only in winter, and are taken in large numbers in farm towns as they mingle with Chaffinches, Buntings and Greenies in search of food.

When first caught the Bramblefinch is the wildest of any Finch that ever came into my possession. I think it must be nervousness, for you cannot put your head in at your bird-room door, but there it goes, raising your temper at one bound. There is murder then at your heart. But don't. Rather let all go except the very best one, and keep him in a separate room, and he may do you some good some day.

Keep the birds out of your bird-room if you wish peace and quietness; if not, you may miss a show season as the result of your neglect. Many a time have I had to rise in the middle of the night in the dead of winter and wander into a cold room and light up till my birds had recovered from their fright caused by the rasping cry of the bungling Bramblefinch.

After all the birds have settled down again you put out the light and retire to slumber and dream of your winners, only to be awakened once more with a start. What was that? It is burglars, you think. You listen for a second. No; it is that confounded Bramble at his tricks once again. Up you get. You don't feel the cold now, you are so hot; you light up your bird-room, and there to your utter disgust you find some of your best exhibition birds with flights knocked out, and so otherwise damaged that showing for some weeks is out of the question. For the moment you could never make a Sunday-school teacher; so, silently lifting the cage containing your Bramblefinch, you leave the others in silence and darkness, and gently close the door for all times on the terror who has been the cause of all the trouble, and banging him below your bed you "tumble in," vowing never to have anything to do with such a bird again.

Do you keep to your word? You may, but I have not. I have five Bramblefinches at present. I wish I had only one, and one is quite enough. The other four, I think, I will put into Gift classes, and so pass them on to others and let them have some of the sleepless nights I have passed, all through the love of a Bramblefinch.

You will attend to its wants much the same as in the case of the Chaffinch, only give more sunflower. From an exhibition point of view this bird is the better for being colour fed, and he takes the cold feed freely, so you can give it him at moulting time either as prescribed for the Greenfinch, or in the Softbill mixture recommended for the Chaffinch.

At all times supply plenty of fresh water for the bird to bathe in.

The great cry for show birds is in regard to size, so in picking your Bramblefinch see that he is an extra large bird, grand fronted, with large round head. The breast should be a rich rusty brown or chestnut colour, and this colour should go right up to the throat, which should be clear without any black feathers; and the farther this brown comes down the chest the more valuable the specimen. The head, cheeks and back are spangled black and brown, also the wings, which should be distinctly barred with brown. Some birds have a few white feathers at shoulders. The underpart of body should be white, and as pure as possible, and at flanks should be ticked with black.

Young birds are lighter and more brown in the spangling, and so do not look so well as the old-stagers. But time works wonders, and what you thought at first was too pale turns out in years and with cold pepper the very article you have been waiting for. So when you get a right big bird properly marked keep him, as there is no age limit for these birds. Time improves them, and also steadies them.

They are no trouble if kept in a room by themselves, and cost little to start with. Hens are much paler and lighter in markings.

Bramblefinches breed with Chaffinches, but all the Hybrids from this cross that have come under my notice at exhibitions have been too much of a sameness, having no contrast. An ideal cross, in my opinion, would be the Bramblefinch Bullfinch. The colour for the inside of show cage should be pale or mid-green.

In conclusion, I would advise every fancier who goes in for wild birds to get acquainted with some farmer, and from him get what is known in Scotland as "skellock see," that is, the waste after a day's threshing of corn, and which is generally thrown to the poultry in the stack yards. Hence this is the reason that so many wild birds frequent these places in the winter. He will likely make you a present of as much of it as you like to carry away.

Always have a tin of this in your cages, flight, or aviary, and so stop a lot of ailments your birds are bound to suffer from.

Then, in the winter when the snow is on the ground, you could persuade your farmer friend to let you go for a day's catching, and no doubt he would be only too willing and enjoy the sport with you.

In taking a number of birds you have every chance of getting some good ones. You have the natural wild seeds beside you with which to meat them off, which is no trouble at all. The ones you did not care for you could take to your dealer, and for what you get for them buy a nice little present for the gentleman who so kindly gave you the chance of procuring the birds and the food to start them in the exhibition world.

How I Rear and Tame My Cage-bred Budgerigars.

By A. J. HOLLOWAY.

Possibly my Budgerigar experiences may prove of interest to some. At the beginning of 1909, I made a box-cage, 4ft. long, 1¼ft. deep, and 2½ft. high (inside measurement), with slanting roof, etc., to keep out the rain. Somewhat unfortunately I had not a wall more suitable than the one I erected it on, which was facing north. Anyhow, when I had my cage up, and with branches, perches and husks in it, I paired my birds (on March 15th)—a green cock to a yellow hen, also a yellow cock to a green hen.

The First Pairs "Turned In."

On April 4th I turned in the first pair, and in the course of a few days the yellow hen began to enter one or two husks, and later on laid eggs, beginning to sit on April 26th. She sat for about a week, when I turned in No. 2 pair, and when I did so the yellow hen came off her eggs, looked round, and seemed to talk to her husband, to tell him, I suppose, to keep his eyes on the intruders.

Early one morning at 2.30 o'clock I was disturbed by my Budgies flying wildly about their cage, and in darkness. Of course I thought that all was up with my birds, for I expected to see (when it got light) the old hen off her nest, and some of the birds dead, but to my delight she had kept to her eggs and none were dead or injured. I found out the reason for this midnight panic, and it was this: At the bottom of our street is a street lamp, and this shines full on to my cage, and when the man turned it out, it frightened my birds. So after that, before dusk every night, I put down the hinged water-proof front.

The second pair of birds did not breed at all, but they look promising for next April.

On May 14th, I heard young in the nest. I never interfered with any of my birds, except when feeding and watering them. On June 12th one young one came out on top of the husk, and in the course of a few days I had four lovely green ones flying and climbing about the cage. On June 20th I had them caged up in twos, in cages the size of "London breeders."

Commencing to Tame the Young.

An hour or so after I had caged them, I cut off the tips of their long feathers on their wings so that they could not fly so well, and then I began to tame them. First of all I put my hand in the cage to get them to come on to my finger. This, of course, they would not do, but flew screaming into a corner of their cage. But I followed them up, and in the course of half-an-hour I had them both on my hand in the cage, looking more satisfied with their new home. I let the four birds have the same teaching.

After that I took each one in its turn for five minutes in my two hands, and let them crawl between the first finger and thumb of my left hand to the first finger and thumb of my right hand, or, if you like, from hand to hand. I did this very often, but not too often, so as to upset the birds, and often did I have a severe bite from their strong beaks. But this biting ceased when they were more tame.

Sticking to the Task.

On Thursday afternoons and on Sundays I had them out in one of our rooms, and they would stay wherever I put them, and come on to my finger when I wished them to, and fly on to my head and shoulders of their own accord. But at first "baby chudlers," as I call them, did not like me to put my hands on them, they would get away from me and scream; but I stuck to my task with gentle handling and talking, and at last I could take hold of them without their trying to get away from me, like one can with a tame rat.

I have had three nests of young from one pair of Budgies. In the first nest I had one cock and three hens; in the second nest three cocks and three hens, and in the third nest two cocks and four hens—sixteen in all, and all greens. The last four young out of the third nest I had to drown, for I found that they were weak and could not perch.

This last nest of eggs was hatched on September 18th, and the young were on their own on October 23rd. The weather from September up to October 26th was what I call mild, but on that day at eight o'clock a.m. the thermometer registered 39 degrees F. It could not have been the cold weather which was the cause of their weakness, for I brought and kept indoors all my young ones as soon as they were on their own.

Food of the Birds.

The old birds when they have young eat much groundsel. They also appreciate lettuce and dandelion, and I always have grass growing in boxes, which I place inside my cage. The old hen feeds her young at night when they are from a day to about sixteen days old. I never gave my young birds, nor old ones either, any soaked bread, or sop of any kind—simply Canary and millet seeds, a few oats, cuttle-fish bone, groundsel, lettuce, dandelion, shepherd's purse, growing grass, and water, and all my birds are in tip-top healthy condition.

They are indoors now, and I have seven, exceedingly tame, and I may say they can be handled like tame rats. They will crawl up my coat and perch round my collar and pull my hair. Of course, there are times when they fly away from me.

It takes about nineteen days for eggs to hatch, and the young make their appearance at the entrance of the husk when four weeks old. The young crack seed when about thirty days old, and are safely "on their own" when five weeks old.

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Jan. 26 & 27.—**Margate**—(Boucey and Watt, Bull's Head Hotel), J.R.

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Oct. 18 and 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2*, Smith Street),

Oct. 22—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street.)

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Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand"**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Rd., The Fosse) J. R. & C.H.

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Scotland.

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Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.Mc.L. R.V.R.

Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—(W. Foster, College St.).

Oct. 22—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).

Wales.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

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Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 148, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

The Shows.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

The 2nd table show of the seasou was held at the White Swan, on December 21st, Mr. Frecstone judging the open section, and Mr. Walton the novice section.

OPEN NOR. CL., ETC., BUFF (3): 1, 3, Walton and Noakes; 2, Gibbins. MKD. ETC. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Walton and Noakes; 2, Gibbins; vhc, hc, Hulse. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., BUFF (10): 1, hc, c, Wood; 2, Boulter; 3, Moores; vhc, Barratt. MKD., ETC., BUFF (7): 1, Gamble; 2, Kilsby; 3, Mothersole; vhc, Barratt; hc, c, Chambers.—J. E. Wood, hon. sec.

OBAN, N.B.

Tenth annual exhibition, held December 23rd, was a great success. President, Bailie Mr. D. Skinner; vice-president, Mr. Neil Munro; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. D. Nimmo and D. Paterson, with a strong working committee. The management was all that could be desired, President Skinner having his men well in hand. Messrs. Nimmo and Paterson are a brace of capable officials, and everything went as merrily as wedding bells. The Argyllshire Gathering Hall is very suitable, being roomy, excellently lighted, and free from draughts. The awards were, on the whole, well received, Mr. Allan Chalmers, Kirkintillock, placing the cards. Cup for most points was won outright by Mr. W. C. Smith (Balguhidder), the runner-up being Mr. W. Simpsou (Fort William). Gold medal for best in hall was won by Mr. Smith, with a typical Norwich Plainhead, the runner-up being Mr. A. G. Fotheringham, with a clean yell. Scotch Fancy Ck. This was a very close race.

SCOTCH: 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, Fotheringham, clean yell., grand size, good solid top, rare free drive, grand thickness through, and well set on legs; 2nd, clean buff hen, fine size, hard up. NORWICH CK. (Colour Fed): 1, gold medal, 3, 4, Smith, 1st, fine col, rare quality of feather, Bullfinch type, best of wing and tail carriage, in A1 order; 2, Skinner, var., stylish exhibit, in grand order; 5, McDougall; 6, Cameron. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Smith, grand team, var yell leading, well known winner; 4, 5, 6, Skinner. NAT. COLOUR CK.: 1, Skinner, buff, good size, in fine order; 2, McDougall, buff, well mealed, good shape, in lovely order; 3, Forbes, well staged; 4, 5, Smith, clear buff, grand typical exhibit, many preferred for first honours. HEN: 1, 3, Smith, var yell, grand stamp, nice short body, rare quality; 2, Skinner, var, fine quality, good type; 4, Simpson; 5, McDougall. BORDER CK.: 1, Munro, clear yell, smart little chap, neatly drawn, well tapered; 2, 3, 5, Simpson, 2nd, clear buff, good mould, fine colour, rare quality; 4, King. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Simpson, var buff, sweet lady, grand colour, fine quality, coat simply shining, wins; 2nd, tkd. buff, neat and typical; 3, Munro, clear buff, lovely shape, grand silky feather; 5, Skinner. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, Simpson; 2, Forbes; 3, Simpson; 4, Skinner. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Simpson, Hawfinch, good size, rare col, in lovely feather; 2, Camphell Bros., Snow Bunting, in clinking order. SMALL: 1, 4, 6, Simpson. Chaffinch, fine size, good col, rare whites, lovely condition; 2, Skinner, Siskin, nice size, fine col, good cap and bib; 3, 5, Smith, Bramblefinch, grand size, neatly spangled, good col. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Skinner, brace of good Goldies, 1st, good rise, neat tans; 3, McDougall, grand little Britisher, fine face, neatly tanned; 4, Smith; 5, Roberts; 6, Coutts. BULLFINCH: 1, 4, Smith, 1st, good size, rare col on chest, fine broad cap; 2, Munro, fine size, nice col, A1 bloom; 3, Skinner; 5, McDonald; 6, Livingstone. LINNET: 1, 2, Smith, grand nutty brown, good size and substance, nicely laced; 3, 6, Skinner, good size and substance, nice condition; 4, 5, Campbell Bros. TWITE: 1, 3, Smith, fine substance, best of ground col, well laced; 2, 4, 5, Campbell Bros., real good birds. REDPOLL: 1, Camcron, jaunty little chap, fine size and col, good bib; 2, Sinipson, good col, grand feather; 8, McDougall; 4, McArthur; 5, Campbell Bros.; 6, Skinner. MULE: 1, 2, 8, Skinner, good trio, in lovely bloom; 4, Munro; 5, Smith; 6, Fletcher. BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLASSES: 1, Miss Eva Munro, Greenfinch; 2, Master A. Roberts, Norwich; 3, Master D. A. Skinner, Border Fancy; 4, Miss Helen Fotheringham, Scotch Fancy; 5, Master M. Cameron; 6, Miss Sarah McDougall.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Novice Night Show, held on Dec. 16th. Messrs. Rowlands and J. Walker judged, and gave general satisfaction. Some really good birds were staged.

YORKS. GREEN YELL. (7): 1, Richardson; 2, hc, c, Dickinson; 3, Phythian; vhc, Lloyd. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Dickinson; 3, vhc, c, Phythian; hc, White. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, special, best Yorks, and hc, Douglas; 2, vhc, Baxter; 3, Lloyd. BUFF (6): 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Douglas; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Dickinson; c, Amos. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Nelson; 2, Lloyd. BUFF: (4): 1, special, best Nor., Nelson; 2, Lloyd; 3, vhc, Dickinson. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Richardson; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Phythian. Most points: 1, Dickinson; 2, Richardson; 3, Douglas.—S. Hadwin, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Our second table show (all buff birds) was held at headquarters on December 15th, when some grand birds were again staged, many well-known winners in the open shows being on view. Owing to the grand list of specials, the competition is proving keen, points counting for the four shows. Members are only allowed to show two birds each, so that they are on equal footing. A large number of members and friends turned up, and a most pleasant evening was spent, talking bird matters over. Messrs. B. Lord and W. Bescoby judged.

LANCS.: 1, 2, Adams; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, Nuttall. SILVER LIZ.: 1, Nuttall; 2, 3, Holt. C.B.: 1, Ratcliffe. NOR.: 1, 3, Lees; 2, Faulkner; 4, vhc, Hamson and Raynor. YORKS.: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Faulkner.—Wm. Adams, Sec.

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The fifth members' show was held at headquarters, "Black Dog," Watergate, on Dec. 27th. There was an increase of entries over those of previous shows, and the quality of the exhibits was very good. Mr. Barnes was unable, through illness, to judge, so Mr. Allen kindly placed the cards.

NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Bond; 2, vhc, Ratcliff; hc, Allen. HEN: 1, vhc, Allen; 2, 3, Bond. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Allen. NOVICE NOR. CK.: 1, Waite; 2, vhc, hc, Kettle; 3, c, Clark. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Allen; 2, Clark. OPEN CLASS BRIT.: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Killen. NOVICE NOR. HEN: 1, hc, Clark; 2, 3, vhc, Kettle. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 3, Waite; 2, Eldred. SELL.: 1, 2, Bond. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, spl, hc, Ratcliff; 2, Allen; 3, vhc, Parsons. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Ratcliff; 3, Haiter. A.O.V. HARDBILLS: 1, 3, Ratcliff; 2, Lowther.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The last members' show of the year was held on Boxing Day, at Park Chapel Schools, when Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) officiated as judge. There was a splendid entry of 119 birds. The quality of the exhibits was A1, and Mr. Halliday had a stiff task. The points winners at this show were: Messrs. G. White, 25; Laycock, 25; J. Farrar, 18, in the champion section. In the novice section: Messrs. Wilkinson Bros., 22; O. Priestley, 19; E. Dinsdale, 19; and in the extra novice section: Messrs. Wilman and Barker, 22; W. Walker, 20. These points place the competitors in the following order for the Society's specials:—Champion section: 1, Laycock; 2, Stables; 3, Briggs; 4, Northrop; 5, Farrar; 6, White. Novice section: 1, Dinsdale; 2, Gelder; 3, Walker; 4, Wilkinson Bros.; 5, Greenwood; 6, Brooke; 7, Baldwin Bros.; 8, Warner. Extra novice section: 1, Wilman and Barker; 2, W. Walker. These prizes will be distributed at the 3rd annual tea and concert, on January 8th. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction.

CHAMPION SECTION—CL. YELL. YORKS (6): 1, White; 2, Northrop; 3, Laycock; 4, Farrar; vhc, hc, Briggs. BUFF (10): 1, White; 2, c, Laycock; 3, hc, Northrop; 4, Farrar; vhc, Stables. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Farrar; 2, White; 3, vhc, Laycock; hc, Briggs. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Stables; 2, White; 3, Briggs; 4, Farrar; vhc, Laycock. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Farrar; 2, Briggs; 3, Northrop. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Briggs. YELL HEN (9): 1, 3, c, Laycock; 2, White; 4, hc, Stables; vhc Farrar. BUFF (12): 1 Laycock; 2, White; 3, hc, Farrar; 4, Stables; vhc, c, Northrop. CINN. MKD. CK. AND HEN: Void. NOVICE SECTION—CL. YELL. (6): 1, hc, Walker; 2, Dinsdale; 3, vhc, Priestley; 4, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Walker; 2, Priestley; 3, Greenwood; 4, vhc, Dinsdale. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Hudson; 3, Priestley; vhc, Walker; hc, Dinsdale; c, Brooke. BUFF (4): 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Walker; 3, Dinsdale; 4, Greenwood. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Dinsdale; 2, Walker. BUFF (3): 1, Greenwood; 2, Brooke; 3, Hudson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 4, c, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Priestley; 3, Dinsdale; vhc, Hudson; hc, Greenwood. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Brooke; 3, hc, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, vhc, Priestley. CINN. MKD.: Void. HEN (4): 1, 2, 8, Gelder; 4, Brooke. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION—CK. (9): 1, 2, W. Walker; 3, c, Barker; 4, vhc, hc, Wilman and Barker. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, c, Wilman and Barker; 4, vhc, W. Walker. STOCK BIRD AND SELL.: Void.—H. Hill, Sec.

PEMBROKE.

This show was held in the Market Hall on December 29th, and was a decided success. The entries came up very well, and the quality was good. The exhibits were nicely staged, and the hall decorated, which gave rise to a great deal of admiration. Yorkies and Goldies were very strong in number, and took a great deal of sorting out. Mr. Sinnett, the secretary, had everything well in hand, and cards were up immediately the classes were judged. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

YORKS. (10): 1, spl, Hughes, clinking good yell., splendid length, nice wings and tail; 2, Hughes, another mkd. yell., close up; 3, Andrews, very similar; 4, Williams; hc, Williams, John. NOR. (6): 1, two spls, including best in show, Owen, lovely col. yell., fine type, good head and neck, large; 2, Evans, fine-sized yell., good silky feather; 3, Muscott, another good one. A.O.V. CAN. (7): All Crests winning; Evans, the Pembroke Dock winner, standing out; 2, Muscott, in grand feather; 3, Gwyther; 4, Davies; hc, Faithful. GOLDFINCH (16): Warm class; 1, 2, Ray, pair of beauties, leader fine square cut blaze, nice bars and tans, 2nd perhaps scores in whites, useful bird; 3, Whitehouse, nice blaze of correct shape, good size; 4, Evans, fine col., and steady; vhc, Nicholas, Bate, McCarthy; hc, Tracy, Leonard, John. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Webb, fine size and col., shown very fit, wins; 2, Brickle, good rich col., nice size and shape; 3, Davies, smaller, nice shape and condition; 4, Phillips; vhc, Ormond, Brickle (2); hc, Lewis. A.O.S. BRIT.: Cancelled. MULE, DARK (7): 1, Webb, splendid large Buff, in beautiful condition; 2, Williams, good Gold-Can., nice col and shape; 3, Tracy, close up; 4, Andrews; hc, Rossitter, Slee. SELL. (10/-): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Davies; 4, Ray; absent, Davies. Hyde's special went to the winning Norwich.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

CAERAU.

This show was held on December 27th, in a good hall. The Canary section was very good, as also were the British birds. The bad weather unfortunately affected the "gate." Mr. D. A. S. Longden judged, and gave the greatest satisfaction. Mr. Jno. Lewis, the secretary, is to be complimented on his able management.

The Critique.

YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 2, A. E. Taylor, well-known, good length and style, looking in the pink; 3, Parfitt, neat type, good carriage; 4, Mortimer; vhc, hc, Phillips; c, Miles and Bowen. HEN (9): 1, 4, A. E. Taylor, couple of right straight 'uns, finely moulded, feathered like Javas; 2, Miles and Bowen, good, stylish one, grand carriage of wings and tail; 3, Mortimer, neat mover, correct stamp, good wings; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Thomas; c, Spurrey. NOR. CK. (6): 1, hc, Kirby, fine cobby one, good col. and quality, ended very short; 2, Trigg, rare stamp, good quality and size; 3, Elliot, smart, thick Nor., good shapely bird; vhc, Phillips; c, Hughes. HEN (6): (1), Kirby, varieg. yell. hen, good head and body properties, wins; 2, Hale, varieg. buff, in good trim, fine size, type and quality; 3, c, Miles and Bowen, also correct in shape; 4, Hughes; vhc, Elliot. BORD. FCY. (7): 1, Mugford, smart varieg. yell., finely gay carriage, good wings and tail, correct model; 2, vhc, hc, c, Jenkins and Jones, mkd. buff, fine quality of feather, gay and jaunty carriage; 3, D. Williams, very similar, neat quality and position; 4, Mugford. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Lomas, good Greenie-Bullie, great size and col.; 2, 4, W. Thomas, buff Goldie Mule, wing and eye mkd., in good trim; 3, P. Jenkins, good buff, fine size and quality. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Ray, good polish on face, square-cut and well up in col., marvel for condition; 2, Kirbey, good, square face, bars and buttons, well up; 3, Hale, very well col., good tans and face, in very fine feather; 4, Kemp; vhc, Smith; hc, J. James. GREENFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 4, Bancroft, Greenfinch, good col. and polish, in rare trim to-day, grand bold appearance; 2, F. Price, rich col., Bullie, good cap and bars, very steady; 3, 4. W. Thomas, 3rd Bramble, good col, well mkd on back; 4th, fine Hawfinch, lovely col and markings, toe defective. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Lee, well-known Blackie, very dense, good ceres and bill; 2, Jenkins and Jones, big, well col. Robin; 3, W. Thomas, another good Blackbird; No. 1, wrong class. SELL. 12/6 (17): 1, P. Jenkins; 2, Bancroft; 3, D. Williams; ex 3, W. Thomas; vhc, Miles and Bowen; hc, Rees; vhc, Trigg.

PWLLHELI.

The fifth annual show was held at the Town Hall, on Dec. 27th, and was a most successful fixture. The attendance, too, was very good all day, although the weather was not quite favourable. The entries were about 240, in the 22 classes, and the quality of the exhibits was of the highest order. The room allotted for the cage birds was an ideal one, having plenty of light, and being free from draughts. Mr. Rowlands makes an ideal secretary, and had his work well under control. He received capital assistance from his brother fanciers. Mr. E. R. Roberts took special tor best bird, and several others, with his well known Borders. Messrs. Sheldon and Winnard had a good share of specials and prizes amongst the Norwich, Mr. W. H. Williams gaining a special with his well known Crest. Mr. Nolan won cup for best Yorkshire, also specials for Hardbills, in the British section, and in the Mule class with a good Greenie Canary Jonque. Master J. Williams captured Hyde's special with a good buff Scotch Fancy. Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, made the awards.

Critique.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, spl, c, Winnard, cl. yell., lovely col, full of quality, good shape; 2, John Williams, good type, nice back, head, neck, and chest, short flights; 3, E. J. Jones, very fine yellow, not quite so good in head; r, vhc, Sheldon, pair of typical yellows, close up; hc, Fawcett. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, 3, Sheldon, cl., grand trio, put down in splendid form, rare feather, extra size and shape; 2nd, another cl., short and chubby, good quality; 3rd, very fine all-round buff; r, vhc, E. E. Griffiths, very nice wing marked; hc, J. Williams; c, Winnard. NOR. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, W. H. Williams, noted wing marked dark crest, looking his best, good radiated crest, well centred; 2, r, Sheldon, varieg., excellent body and col, good feather, cap and neck marked yell., full of quality; 3, Fawcett, good heavily varieg.; vhc, J. Jones, another good varieg; hc, Winnard; c, Lloyd. YORKS. BUFF, CL., ETC. (16): 1, spl, hc, Gwilym Jones, typical cl, of rare length and carriage, good wings, tail and position, vhc, fine length; 2, W. H. Williams, good length and position, fine carriage, well braced wings; 3, J. O. Williams, well known wing ticked buff, straight as a rush; r, Walker and Alcock, good all round Yorkie; vhc, Williams, grand length; c, E. J. Jones. YELL. (27): 1, spl, 2, Nolan, pair of good clears, former nice length, splendid contour, very smart and slim, latter long, stands like a guardsman; 3, T. Owen, very neat, good col; r, c, J. Thomas, pair of lengthy birds, showing plenty of leg; vhc, O. H. Roberts; hc, Williams and Owen, several good birds were cardless here. YORKS. A.O.V. (14): 1, spl, 2, W. H. Williams, wing and cheek marked yell., rare length and position, good quality feather, in rare form; 2nd, wing marked buff, made good second; 3, J. Williams, extra lengthy varieg, very fine quality; r, R. W. Roberts, wing marked Cinn., very stylish; vhc, R. W. Thompson; hc, J. W. Pritchard; c, W. O. Lloyd. BORD. FCY. BUFF, CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, spl, also best bird in show, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, c, E. R. Roberts had all the class to himself, winner very typical, close feather, rare action, very smart exhibit, wins; 2nd, cl., very jaunty, feather like wax, lovely shape; 3rd, another neat one. YELL. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, c, E. R. Roberts, 1st and 2nd, nice carriage, col, and quality of feather, good; 3rd, neat yellow. BORD., A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, r, vhc, hc, c, E. R. Roberts, good varieg yellow, very compact, nice waxy feather; r, good Cinn.; 2, 3, D. Roberts, three-pointed huff, very smart and typical, lovely head, carriage and feather; 3rd, four-pointed yellow, close up, rare merit, tight as wax, staged in the pink. LIGHT, ETC., MULE (4): 1, spl, Williams and Owen, varieg. Goldfinch-Can., good size and quality, showing both parents, put down fit; 2, J. Williams, same variety, close up; 3, Rd. Hughes, nice quality; r, R. Pughe, very neat, all the same cross. DARK (13): 1, spl, W. Nolan, good Jonque, Greenie Mule of medium size, rare quality, fine col; 2, W. J. Parry, Goldfinch Can., nicely fed and in good form; 3, E. J. Jones, another nice Jonque, same variety; r, E. R. Roberts, very fine; vhc, J. Williams; hc, R. W. Morgan; c, Aiken. HYB. (1): 1, spl, Winnard, Goldie Bullie, grand specimen, well defined, and distinct in markings. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, spl, Ed. Jones, nice size and shape, good blaze, well defined bars, in fine form; W. J. Parry, another good one, close up; 3, J. O. Parry, very fine Goldie all round; r, R. C. Forbes; vhc, Williams and Owen; c, C. H. Pritchard. GOLDFINCH, 1909 (23): 1, spl, Rd. Hughes, an ideal Greypate, good depth of blaze, col. well defined, moons and bars excellent; 2, another good one in all points, close up; 3, R. E. Griffiths, good youngster, beaten only in white; r, Alf. Owen, very fine, a wee shade paler in col.; vhc, Williams and Owen, good bars and buttons; c, R. Lloyd. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.O. (18): 1, spl, 2, 3, W. Nolan, grand trio, put down in their best, rightly won; 1, Yellow Bunting, brimful of quality, very steady; 2, Bullfinch, fine size and quality, colours well defined; 3, Bramble, house-moulted, lustrous colour, nicely fed; r, W. H. Williams, Bullfinch, good size; vhc, Forbes, good Hawfinch; hc, Pritchard; c, R. E. Griffiths. SOFTBILL (2): 1, spl, E. E. Griffiths, old winner, Piebald Blackbird, shown very fit; 2, T. Hughes, good Blackbird. FOR. (6): 1, spl, W. S. Lloyd, good Green Parrot; 2, 3, W. H. Davies, pair of fine Java Sparrows; r, E. Jones, Siberian Goldfinch, good-sized bird, not in the best of form yet. LOCAL CAN. (Residents of Pwllheli) (10): 1, 2, John Thomas, good yellow Yorks., cheek-marked, neat Buff; 3, G. F. Jones, nice Yorkie, nat. col. SELL. (10): 1, R. W. Roberts; 2, W. H. Williams; 3, r, Sheldon; vhc, E. J. Jones; hc, J. O. Williams; c, Owens Bros. LOCAL, BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, Forbes; 2, T. Williams; 3, W. S. Lloyd; r, W. Evans. GIFT (6): 1, Sheldon; 2, E. J. Jones; 3, J. Hughes; r, Forbes; vhc, I. O. Williams. LOCAL NOVICE: 1, Master R. C. Jones; 2, E. F. Jones; 3, Alf. Owen; r, W. H. Davies.

PETERHEAD.

Annual show of the Peterhead C.B.S. was held in the Music Hall, on Dec. 24th, and 25th. The entries numbered 200, being slightly less than last year's. The various classes were well filled, and competition was keen. Much of the success of the show was due to the efforts of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. Alex. Clark, who was well backed up by his assistant secretary, Mr. Jas. Gray, and an excellent working committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Cameron, Morrice, Winton, Clark, McKay, Cowie, Jack, Thomson, Birnie, Fraser, Connon, Park, Sim, and Porter. The Town Council Cup, offered for most points over the show, was won by Mr. J. M. Wilson, Mr. A. Clark being runner-up. The silver-mounted claret jug, presented by Mr. J. Donald, for best young bird in show (bred by a local member), was gained by Mr. A. Clark. Mr. J. M. Wilson was the winner of Provost Leask's gold medal for best bird in show, also the silver medal for best natural colour cock. Mr. A. Thomson won the silver medal for best young hen, with a grand ticked fed hen. Judge, Mr. Wm. Hampton (Brechin), who took great care to have the right birds in the right place. His awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Baker and Gow, good type and col., nice silky feather, well placed; 2, Yeats, another nice coloured one, A1 quality and condition; 3, Winton, fails only in polish, nicely balanced; 4, Wilson, not quite so shapely, but well staged; 5, Morrice; 6, Clark. BUFF (6): 1, Clark, lovely feather, nice rounded body, teeming with quality, wins; 2, 4, Morrice; 2nd, also typical, rich in colour, fine texture of feather; 4th, nicely mealed, plenty of quality; 3, Clark, good body, and col, wings and tail carried to perfection; 5, P. Thomson; 6, Wilson. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Alex. Clark, tip-top colour, grand quality feather, lovely turned out, closely followed by 2, Morrice; 3, And. Clark, very sweet exhibit, fails only in size; 4, 5, Wilson; 6, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Hay, grand model, ticked eyes and wing, best of quality, nice even fed, one of the right type; 2, Baker and Gow, well up in size, make grand stock bird; 3, Yeats, not quite so large, perhaps, good col and quality, nicely balanced; 4, 5, Morrice; 6, T. Clark. YELL. HEN (5): 1, A. Thomson, gem, fine, big, bold hen, blaze of col, quality A1; 2, 3, Wilson; 2nd, rich in col and quality; 3rd, good hen; 4, Dunn; 5, Winton. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Baker and Gow, good one grand substance, beautifully rounded chest, neat head and wing carriage; 2, 3, Alex. Clark, two good all-round hens; 4, 5, Wilson; c, And. Clark. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Alex. Clark, very typical, full of bloom, lovely texture of feather; 2, W. Dunn, good type and quality, looking a little soft later on; 3, 4, Morrice; 3rd, excels in type and finish. BUFF (4): 1, Thomson, easy first, Nor. type all over; 2, Wilson, good hen; 3, Winton, very sweet; 4, Hay, good stock hen, well up in size. PAIRS (5): 1, Morrice, well balanced pair, worth the breeding cage, cock of good size and quality, hen of the right type, well balanced; 2, Alex. Clark, good stock pair, hen fails a little in head only; 3, 4, 5, Wilson; 3rd, grand quality, good size. CLEAR ETC., YELL. CK. (1909) (9): 1, Wilson, hot one, in grand bloom, A1 size, neat shape, good front; 2, Thos. Clark, stylish, good back and wing carriage, very showy; 3, Laidlaw, good col and quality; 4, Smith; 5, Hay; 6, Cameron. BUFF (10): 1, Thomson, good one, short and chubby, nice feather, well up in size; 2, Baker and Gow, in good order, A1 quality and col; 3, Morrice, taking one, good style and finish; 4, Smith; 5, Wilson; 6, Alex. Clark. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Yeats, marvellous bloom, neat in front, best of col; 2, Laidlaw, close up; 3, Park, fine fronted, good Nor. properties, all there for quality; 4, Morrice; 5, Wilson. BUFF (10): 1, Smith, marvellous bloom, turned out to perfection, grand hen; 2, Cameron, another good one, in extra condition, best of col; 3, Thomson, grand substance, throughout; 4, Wilson; 5, Park; 6, Alex. Clark. GREEN OR FOUL: 1, J. Wilson. CREST OR C.B. (6): All belonging to Sim, credit to Peterhead. A.O.V.: 1, Porter. MULE: 1, Alex. Clark. BRIT. (12): 1, c, Jackson, 1st, grand Bramblefinch, in perfect plumage; 2, Cowie, picture, beautifully staged, in rare bloom; 3, 4, Marr; 5, Yeats. FOR.: 1, Johnstone; 2, Nicol. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., NAT. COL. (10): 1, Thomson, very good bird, neat head and front; 2, Dyer, nice shape, plenty of substance; 3, Morrice, grandly feathered; 4, Ironside; 5, 6, Alex. Clark. BUFF (10): 1, Dunn, rattling buff, nice quality feather, closely followed by 2, Thomson, which some preferred, lovely type and quality, grand col, good one; 3, Winton, good one; 4, Wilson; 5, Alex. Clark; 6, Sim. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Winton, two grand hens, rightly placed, well up in size and quality; 3, Dunn; 4, McKay; 5, Thomson; 6, Alex. Clark. VARIEG. BUFF (16): 1, Thomson, stormer, and no mistake, lovely texture of feather, in rare bloom, well turned out; 2, 3, 6, 2nd, excels in type and quality; 3rd, good hen; 4, Ironside; 5, Alex. Clark. A.O.C. CK. (5): 1, Laidlaw, lovely col green, nice soft feather, good type; 2, Wilson, another really good one; 3, Wilson, well up in size, lovely quality; 4, Smith; 5, Sim. HEN: 1, Hay, beauty, cl. yell., lovely type and tip-top quality; 2, Wilson; 3, Crow; 4, Smith.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

Members' show, held December 18th, at the Bull's Head Inn, Thornton. Mr. F. Self (Clayton) judged, and gave every satisfaction. This being the last show for cup and medal competition, great interest was taken in the event, and the competition was very keen. Mr. N. Kirk won the cup and gold medal for most points, and Mr. J. Clayton gold medal for second most points. Mr. A. Burden won 7/6 for third most points. The cup is held twelve months by the winner, and must be won three times before becoming anyone's property.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Kirk, 2, 3, Burden. BUFF: 1, Clayton; 2, Mitchell; 3, Burden. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Clayton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Kirk; 3, Clayton. BUFF: 1, Kirk; 2, 3, Burden. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Kirk; 2, Mitchell.—J. Holroyd, sec.

TRURO.

The Truro and County F.A. held their 21st great annual show in the large and spacious Market House. The birds were well staged, and free from draughts. The society can boast of a large and representative number of fanciers, and a very large and influential committee of energetic workers, who always take a keen interest in their show, and are blessed with a most capable and painstaking secretary, Mr. James Tippett, who always has the whole Fancy at heart, and it would be difficult to find a better man. The entries on the whole were good, and over 200 cage birds were staged. The entries in the Norwich classes were not large, but several well-known winners were staged. The Yorkshires made a fine display, and contained many creditable specimens, many of them having won at some of the leading shows. The Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes were well filled, and were a feature of the show, and two sets of winners could easily have been found. The Mule and British classes were not large, but some exceptional birds were among them, notably a grand Greenie-Bullie exhibited by Mr. F. Collins, also a grand specimen of the Tree Creeper and the noted Cornish Chough exhibited by Mr. W. Thompson. The selling classes were large, and in the opinion of the judge specimens of good value were among them. The judging was got through in good time, and the awards seem to meet with general satisfaction. Mr. S. Tickell (Bodmin), made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, W. Sherman, fine size and quality, good head, shape and col.; 2, spl, vhc, G. H. Ferrill, former rich col., fine quality and size, correct shape and carriage, latter good size and quality; 3, S. Gaved, nice substance and shape, good type and quality; c, C. Coad. BUFF (6): 1, spl, F. Pascoe, grand col. and quality, fine type, good substance; 2, 3, G. H. Ferrill, former good size, grand quality, nice head, neck and chest, pressed winner hard, latter another good one, rich col., type and quality; vhc, Gaved; hc, Passmore; c, Sherman. YELL. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, spl for best col. bird in show, Pascoe, rare type and quality, nice, silky feather; 2, vhc, Gaved, former nice, cobby shape, good feather and condition, latter excellent quality, neat shape, nice, level col.; 3, Sherman, good col. and feather, very typical; hc, Collins; c, Ferrill. BUFF (9): 1, W. Sherman, grand size, wonderful type and quality, fine wings and tail, very typical Nor.; 2, Collins, good substance, nice meal and col. rich quality; 3, Coad, fine, chubby shape, neat head, well-carried wings; vhc, Kemp; hc, Dr. Johnson; c, S. J. Sherman. NOR. HEN (13): 1, Wotton, very smart hen, real Nor. all over; 2, spl, c, Gaved, very short and cobby, good type and quality, latter another good one; 3, r, vhc, Pascoe, former good type and quality, nice size and col., latter two good Nor. hens; hc, Collins; hc, Daniel, a good class. CREST (4): 1, spl, Kelynack, varieg., nice, round Crest, perfect formation, good quality feather; 2, Rabey Bros., heavily feathered varieg., nice, thick, dense Crest, but hardly so good a droop as winner, elsé would have made an easy first; vhc, J. and J. Symons; hc, Miss Mary Meager. C.B. (4): 1, 2, J. and J. Symons, former grand shape and width of skull, dense, long-feathered, good one, latter grand body, well made head, plenty of feather; vhc, Rabey Bros.; r, W. J. Kelynack. CINN. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Medlin, a grand trio, good shape and col., full of cinn. quality; r, C. Lenderyon; vhc, Jasper; hc, Passmore; c, Thomas. YORKS., CL., YELL. (6): 1, 2, r, Thomas, former grand length, straight as a pencil, well up on leg, good col., latter two good, typical Yorks., full of quality; 3, Boundy, good position and type, nice feather; vhc, A. J. Symons; hc, Webb. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, r, Thomas, former good, stylish exhibit, nice col. and quality, latter rare quality and type, nice length and position; r, nice length and quality; 3, Bonndy, fine position and style, nice quality; vhc, Webb; hc, Thomas; c, Wills. NONFLIG. (10): 1, spl, 2, c, Thomas, good trio, all full of Yorks. quality, fine type and position; 3, Wills, good col. and quality, fine type and position; r, Bonndy; vhc, Allen; hc, Symons. HEN (9): 1, spl, c, C. Boak, best of type and quality, very fine length, well drawn; 2, vhc, W. G. and S. Climo, grand length, typical, good wing carriage and tail, nice quality feather, latter another good one; 3, r, hc, Thomas, former fine type and quality, nice hen, r good shape, very typical Yorkie. SCOTS. FCY. (7): 1, 3, r, vhc, hc, Richards, good team, first good head, neck and shoulders, grand drive and substance, 3rd nice head, neck and shoulders; 2, c, Roberts, former fine style, excellent top end and droop. PAIRS OF CAN. £2 (11): 1, spl, J. and J. Symons, grand pair of Crest, wonderful value; 2, Rabey Bros., another good pair of Crests, well matched; 3, Jas. Thomas, grand pair, stylish Yorks.; r, Pascoe; vhc, Thomas; hc, W. and J. C. Climo; c, Kemp. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, 3, r, vhc, Collins, grand team, well known; 2, Gaved, another good one, in fine condition. DARK (6): 1, spl, r, vhc, Collins, former grand Greenfinch-Bullfinch, very taking exhibit, lovely col. and size, close, compact feather, in A1 condition, latter two both good exhibits; 3, Roberts, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, in fine condition, shows parentage well. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (14): 1, Cooper, lovely Finch, clean-cut blaze, nice body; 2, Cock and Dunstan, nice col. blaze, good size, well polished; 3, Jordan, very shapely, good quality Finch, well tanned, nice buttons; r, spl, Gaved; vhc, Ferrill, good Finch, some thought should have been higher; hc, Lean; c, Rapsey. BULLFINCH (12): 1, spl, 2, c, W. F. Rowe, three fine exhibits, former grand cap and breast col., good type and condition; 3, J. Burton, nice, level breast col., good markings, another good one; r, H. Lawes; vhc, Cooper; hc, W. and J. C. Climo. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (12): 1, r, c, Collins, former Crossbill, in good condition; r, Hawfinch, grand bird, had been washing when judged else would have been an easy first; 2, Jordan, Bramble-finch, good size and col., splendid spangle, 3, Wotton, another nice exhibit; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Rowe. A.O.S.

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EAST HAM F.S.

First annual exhibition of the East Ham and Dist. F.S. was held on December 9, at the Harmonic Hall. The hon. secretary, Mr. H. Rutter, had made excellent arrangements, and proved himself a most capable official. The hall is a splendid place for a show, and the exhibits were nicely and comfortably staged. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (4): 1, Smith; 2, 3, r, Staines. HEN: 1, spl, Rout. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, Gillingham and Woolf; 2, c, Staines; 3, hc, Rout; vhc, Smith. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, South and Son. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, spl, Staines; 2, Arnell; 3, Rout; r, Gillingham and Woolf; vhc, Bowley. HEN: 1, 2, Rout. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (6): 1, two spls, r, Skinner; 2, 3, Mead; vhc, South and Son; hc, Bowley. HEN (5): 1, spl, Skinner; 2, South and Son; 3, Mead; r, vhc, Hatch. BUFF, CK. (4): 1, Mead; 2, Skinner; 3, South and Son; r, Hatch. HEN (3): 1, spl, Mead; 2, 3, Skinner. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, spl, 3, South and Son; 2, Mead. HEN (4): 1, Skinner; 2, Mead; 3, Rutter; r, South and Son. A.O.V. (3): 1, Rutter; 2, Rout; w.c., Skinner. MULE, DARK, LINNET (3): 1, spl, South and Son; 2, Smith; 3, Gillingham and Wooff. A.O.V. DARK: 1, spl, South and Son; 2, 3, Hatch. LIGHT: 1, Mead. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (8): 1, two spls, vhc, Rout; 2, 3, South and Son; r, Skinner; hc, Nicholls; c, Pask. LINNET (4): 1, spl, Barton; 2, Arnell; 3, Smith; r, Rutter. BULLFINCH: 1, South and Son; 2, Rutter. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, South and Son; 3, Rout; r, Rutter. INSECTIV. (4): 1, three spls, Arnell; 2, 3, r, Hagger. SELL 15/- (3): 1, sp, 3, Skinner; 2, Mead.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

The classification at this show on December 28th was limited in character, but some very nice exhibits put an an appearance. Messrs. Pearce and Stevens, the secretaries, were most obliging and attentive, and their efforts were backed by a good committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS (8): 1, 2, spl., Hawes Bros., very smart stylish buff and yellow; 3, c, Simms, nice shaped, stylish buff, pale in colour; res, Miss Stevens; vhc, hc, Alford. NOR. (8): 1, Dearlove, grand shaped buff, capital colour and quality; 2, 3, res, Priest very nice chubby trio of good col., 2nd stout tkd. yell., 3rd varieg. buff; vhc, hc, Wood; c, Mrs. Wood-house. MULE (4): 1, 3, Alford; 2, members' spl., Wood; 4, Smith, a quartet of nice quality varieg. buffs, winners leading on size. BRIT. GOLD (6): 1, spl. best Brit., and best members', Smith, grandly cut little fellow, lovely col. and feather, as Mr. Smith gave the first spl. he passed it on to 2, Gregory, very brilliant in col., grand bars and blaze, with another moult should be a beauty; 3, 4, Wood, nice col., but smaller, 4th slashing Finch, fine, big, deep blaze, but has a spot of black on the edge; res, Wilkins; vhc, Pearce. BULLIE (4): 1, Bowler, very shapely, nice col. and feather; 2, Wood, nice chest and back, not so neat in cap; 3, 4, Wilkins, two good birds, bnt wild. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Wilkins, very shapely, nice size, col., and markings; 2, Smith, large, shapely, good coloured Greenie; 3, Wood, well marked, but smaller; res., Newitt; vhc, Manders. A.O.V. (5): 1, Wilkins, rich coloured, well spangled Bramble; 2, 4, Smith, good shaped Yellow Bunting, nice col. and feather; 3, Youens, neat little Siskin; res, Bowler. SELL. (7/6) (6): 1, Wood; 2, Simms; 3, Smith; 4, Spring; res, Miss Stevens.

LLANDOVERY.

Third annual cage bird exhibition, in connection with the Christmas market, was held in a long room adjoining the King's Head Hotel on December 23rd. The exhibits were all well staged, but owing to the cold and damp weather the birds were a little loath to pull themselves together. Thanks to the hon. secretary, Mr. Rhys W. Price, and his stewards, there was no delay in placing the cards on as soon as the award slips had been handed in. The attendance was very satisfactory, fanciers and visitors attending from the surrounding districts. This show next year, in all probability, will, we hear, figure under the C.B.U. list. In the Canary section Mr. John Lewis won 1st and special with a good Yorkshire, and Mr. G. P. Morgan won the 1st and special in the hens. The British birds were in strong force. The Goldfinches, Greypates, and Mules were a treat to witness. The Goldfinch Mule of Mr. Pugh, and the Bullfinch of Mr. G. Anthony were a couple of real beauties. The competition in the British section was very keen throughout. The judge was Mr. W. E. Williams (Swansea).

CAN., CK. (15): 1, spl, Lewis, good Yorks, full of quality, nice head, well-braced wings, grand position; 2, Jones, good quality Nor., short and chubby, fine bead; 3, Clarke, another Nor., nice type and shape, losing a trifle in tail; vhc, Evans; hc, Williams; c, Davies. HEN (8): 1, spl, Morgan, best type Nor., good col. and quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Strange, good Nor., splendid col., nice size, neat head; 3, Jones, another Nor., good col., nice quality; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Williams; c, Perry. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, 2, Morgan, 1st charming Finch, nicely-tanned good blaze, bars, and buttons; 2nd, nicely tanned, good wings and tail, fine blaze; 3, Pugh, good col., fine quality; vhc, Davies; hc, Evans; c, Jones. GREYPATE (12): 1, spl, Morgan, grand stamp, blaze of good proportion, excelling in wings and bars; 2, Lewis, lovely tannings, good blaze and col.; 3, Pugh, finely got up, nicely tanned, good col.; vhc, Jackson; hc, c, Lewis. BRIT. (Goldfinch excluded) (7): 1, spl, Anthony, Bullfinch, grand shape and feather, good bars, nice clean cut cap, very steady; 2, hc, Morgan, Greenie, good col. bird, rare polish, nice shape; 3, Richards, Bullfinch, grand stamp, very fine col.; vhc, Roberts; c, Williams. GOLDFINCH MULE (9): 1, spl, 3, Pugh, nice col., feather like wax, grand shape, beautiful markings; 3rd, another nice col. bird, good markings; 2, Grey, nice sized bird, splendid col. and markings; vhc, Morgan; hc, Rowe; c, Evans. FOR.: PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, Davies, Parrot, good large bird, fine col.; 2, Williams, Parrot, another nice bird, not quite up in feather yet; 3, Griffiths, Parrot, nice bird; vhc, hc, Morgan. CAGE BIRD, CHILDREN'S (12): 1, Lewis, Light Mule, shows parentage well; 2, Jenkins, Goldfinch, nice Finch, good blaze, bars, and tannings; 3, Lewis, Linnet, good size, fine col., full of work; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Jones. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. MULE (bred in Llandovery, 1909): 1, spl, Pugh, grand dark bird, nice size and col., good quality. Best 2nd prize, Grey, good dark Mule; best 3rd prize, Pugh, another good Mule; best vhc, Morgan, Parrot.



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KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Members' table show, held in Barton Road Boys' School, on December 22nd. The entries numbered only 37 all told, six of which were absent. No doubt the wretched weather was responsible for the paucity. The quality, however of the birds was very good indeed all through. Mr. Birch was the judge appointed, but was unable to officiate owing to business engagements. Mr. E. Leaver took the Yorkshires (any age), Mr. C. Lockett the Unflighted Yorks; Mr. J. Reeve took the Norwich, and Mr. Abbott the British. The committee take this opportunity of appealing to those members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year to do so at once, as by so doing they will put a very different complexion on the balance-sheet, and also give the executive encouragement for the coming year, for which a vigorous and interesting programme will be formulated. Suggestions for the good of the association will be welcomed, and any member having any alteration in the rules to propose please communicate same to me at their earliest convenience. The audit is fixed for the first week in January, when the membership list will be revised; and the annual meeting for January 26th, 1910, in Barton Road Boys' School, Dover.

NOR. (2): 1, 2, Sanderson. UNFLIG. YORKS. (12): 1, 4, Leaver; 2, Rayner; 3, Lockett. YORKS, ANY AGE (7): 1, 3, Rayner; 2, Reeve; 4, Sanderson. BRIT. (10): 1, 3, 4, Heritage; 2, Rayner.—GEO. SANDERSON, hon. sec., 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover.

RUGBY.

On Boxing Day a 10-mile radius show, promoted by the Rugby and Dist. C.B.S., was held at Rugby Town Hall, and, in the circumstances, it may be regarded as quite successful. Mr. E. Westley, the hon. secretary, was away for the Christmas holidays, but he had secured a number of members' specials, which were appreciated, and in the hands of Messrs. H. Leng and C. Scaresbrook, the arrangements on the day were satisfactorily carried out. Mr. J. A. Tyler, of Leicester, kindly came over to judge, and in the various classes about 60 birds were placed before him, including a good number shown by novices, whom the society is doing its best to encourage.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, Brooks, former typical show bird, nice head, good feather; latter, if anything, even more shapely, and about as hot in col., lacking a trifle in head properties; 3, vhc, hc, Leng, all very decent birds. BUFF: 1, 2, Leng, former el., good head; 3, Savage, hen of good size and nice quality. YELL., 1909: 1, Savage, good head and feather. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Leng, bonnie birds, winner clear, with stylish head; 2nd, wing-marked, a trifle smaller; 3, Savage, nat. col., typical, not quite the quality, perhaps, of the winner. NAT. COL.: 1, Grant, good substance; 2, vhc, Brooks; 3, c, Savage. A.O.V.: 1, Westley, nice Cinnamon; 2, Hubbard, Belg. NOVICE, YELL., NOR.: 1, hc, Labraham; 2, c, Veasey; 3, Hubbard; vhc, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Veasey; 3, hc, Labraham; c, Grant. MULE: 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Scaresbrook, all of Goldie-Canary cross. HYB.: 1, Westley, Goldfinch-Greenfinch. SMALL BRIT. (SEED EATERS): 1, Brooks, Linuct; 2, Scaresbrook, Siskin; 3, Bond, Bullfinch; vhc, Goddard, Goldfinch; hc, Grant, Greenfinch; c, Brooks. SMALL (Part Seed or Soft-bill): 1, Goddard, Nnthatch; 2, Hubbard, Redstart; 3, vhc, Westley, Nuthatch and Woodpecker. FOR.: 1, Hubbard, Whydah; 2, Labraham, Ribbon-finch; 3, Westley, Avadavats; vhc, Hubbard, Scarlet Bishop; c, Barratt, Lovebird.

MOUNTSORREL.

The eleventh annual open show of the Mountsorrel and Dis. F.S. was held on December 27th, in the Drill Hall. The entries, though a bit disappointing as far as numbers go (several classes unfortunately having to be cancelled), included some really fine exhibits, which were at once a credit to their owners and to the show. Owing to the severely wet weather, the "gate" was not so good as was expected, but the visitors were pleased with the exhibition. Mr. J. Pannell, the hon. secretary, had all arrangements made for the success of the venture, and deserves much praise for his able management. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

NOR.: 2, vhc, Ball and Son, Phd. buff, mkd. wings and head, nice quality feather, good shape and type; 3, Orme, cl. buff Phd., good head and chest; res., Thornton, buff mkd. Crest. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, Seal, 1st Hawfinch, good size and col., 3rd Siskin, nice bib and cap, well laced, vhc Bramblefinch; 2, Treer, Crossbill, excellent specimen, well shown; res, Smalley, Goldfinch. A.O.V.: 1, Knifton, Green Parrot; 2, res, Seal, light Goldfinch Mule, good size and feather, res. Foreign Goldfinch; 3, Miss Baker, pair of Green Parrakeets.

ABERDEEN.

THE MEMBERS' CLASSES.

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UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 5, Clubb; 2, Hector; 3, 4, Sandison; 6, Strachan; 7, Thomson. HEN (6): 1, Sandison; 2, Rae; 3, 6, Garden; 4, Thompson; 5, Lawrie. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Garden; 2, 3, Clubb; 4, Hector; 5, Sandison; 6, Will; 7, Silver. HEN (7): 1, Thomson; 2, Thompson; 3, Mackie; 4, 5, Clubb; 6, Garden; 7, Main. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Thomson; 2, Clubb; 3, Bryson; 4, Strachan; 5, Thompson. HEN (11): 1, Clubb; 2, Thompson; 3, Hector; 4, Thomson; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 7, Garden. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, Sandison; 3, Thomson; 4, Mackie; 5, Will; 6, Clubb; 7, Garden. HEN (7): 1, 3, Thomson; 2, Clubb; 4, Bryson; 5, 6, Garden; 7, Strachan. CINN. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Ewen and Anderson; 2, Irvine; 3, 4, Rae. BUFF (3): 1, Ewen and Anderson; 2, 3, Rae. HEN (4): 1, Clubb; 2, Ewen and Anderson; 3, Strachan; 4, Rae. CREST, CK. (2): 1, 2, Mackie. HEN (1): Mackie. C.B., CK. (2): 1, 2, Mackie. HEN (1): Mackie. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Scott; 2, Allan; 3, 4, Lawrie; 5, 6, Rae. HEN (6): 1, Stewart and Milne; 2, 4, Gauld; 3, Lawrie; 5, 6, Rae.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual members' show, held in the large room in the Joiners' Arms Hotel, on December 18th. Some grand exhibits were on view, many of them having done a lot of winning in open competition. A number of leading exhibitors from various towns put in an appearance in the afternoon; no doubt this was a meeting-place for a pleasing event which took place in the town later. Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins won the Whitehead Challenge Cup for most points gained at the three shows in 1909 with 57 points, Mr. J. R. Mitchell running up with 39 points. Mr. T. Seed (Rishton) judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Brooks; 3, Tootill; vhc, Burgess. BUFF: 1, Tootill; 2, Brooks; 3, Barlow; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Hatton. HENS: 1, vhc, Brooks; 2, 3, Mitchell; hc, Burgess; c, Barlow. UNFLIG.: 1, Mitchell; 2, vhc, Brooks; 3, Barlow. NOR. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, Allen; 3, Gerrard; vhc, Simms and Taylor. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hopkins; 2, 3, Allen; hc, Cooper; c, Parkinsou. YELL., HEN: 1, Cooper; 2, Hopkins; 3, Allen; vhc, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, hc, Hopkins; 2, Simms and Taylor; 3, Gerrard; vhc, Allen; c, Lawton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Hopkins; 2, 3, Allen; vhc, Lomax; hc, Gerrard; c, Simms and Taylor. BUFF.: 1, Allen; 2, Hopkins; 3, Whittaker; vhc, Simms and Taylor. C.B.: 1, Laidlaw; 2, vhc, Hall; 3, Gosling. BORD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Hollis; 2, 3, Parkinson. BUFF: 1, Hollis. HEN: 1, 2, Parkinson. A.O.V.: 1, Jas. Smith; 2, Lomax. LINNET: 1, Thos. Smith; 2, 3, Gosling; vhc, Hatton. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Hatton; 2, Kremner; 3, Gosling. FOR.: 1, Kremner. SELL., CK., 12/6: 1, Jas. Smith; 2, Hatton; 3, Hopkins; vhc, Lawton. HEN, 12/6: 1, Longworth; 2, Hopkins; 3, Gosling. SELL, 7/6: 1, Longworth; 2, Parkinson; 3, Hopkins. NOVICE, NOR., CK.: 1, W. Haslam; 2, Whittaker; 3, Thos. Smith; vhc, Fiddies; hc, Burton; c, P. Haslam. HEN: 1, Whittaker; 2, Burton; 3, W. Haslam; vhc, P. Haslam.—H. PARKINSON, sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Fourth annual show, held on December 3rd and 4th, at the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell, E.C. The entries were about 140, and were nicely arranged around the room, and plants were placed here and there, which gave the show a very tasteful appearance. We are glad to see that the association is in a perfectly healthy and flourishing state. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert, is to be congratulated. Having worked hard, he had everything ready and in shipshape order. He was ably assisted by several members, and during his temporary absence during the morning of the show his duties were ably carried out by those two enthusiastic fanciers Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Quantrell. The Canaries were not over strong, but birds of merit were to be found in the team of Crests of Mr. Willis, Messrs. Bell and Pile in Plainheads, and Mr. Pretty's team of Cinnamons and Lancashires. Also a nice lot of Yorkshires was staged by Messrs. Harwood, Cox, Pile, and Gilbert, but the British birds were very warm. Mr. Quantrell's team of 23 contained some hot stuff, the honours being shared with Messrs. Adamthwaite, Pile, Heine, and Mr. and Mrs. Morrison. Mr. T. Heath judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CHAMP.: 1, spl, 2, spl, Bell. BUFF: 1, Goodall; 2, 3, Bell. HENS: 1, 2, Bell. AM., BUFF: 1, Pile. HENS: 1, 2, Pile. NOV.: 1, spl, Quantrell. YORKS, YELL: 1, Harwood. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Harwood. HENS: 1, Harwood. AM., YELL.: 1, Cox; 2, Pile. BUFF: 1, Pile; 2, 3, Cox. HEN: 1, Cox. NOV., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Gilbert. HENS (7): Gilbert, all awards. CRESTS: 1, Cox; 2, vhc, hc, Willis; 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Willis. CINN. (8): R. J. Pretty, all honours. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, R. J. Pretty, Lancs. AM.: 1, Pile, Border. HYB. (Goldfinch-Can.): 1, spl, hc, Goodall. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Thorpe; 3, Goodall. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, hc, Quantrell; 2, 3, Adamthwaite; vhc, White; c, Thorpe. BULLFINCH: 1, Quantrell: 2, Adamthwaite; 3, Morrison. HEN: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Quantrell; 3, Heine. LINNET (6): 1, Morrison; 2, hc, Pile; 3, Quantrell; vbc, White; c, Adamthwaite. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, two spls, 3, vhc, Quantrell; 2, Morrisou; hc, Pretty; c, Heine. CHAFF., ETC. (10): 1, Goodall; 2, c, Quantrell; 3, hc, Adamthwaite; vhc, Thorpe. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, c, Quantrell; 2, vhc, Morrison; 3, Mrs. Morrison; hc, Pile. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, spl, vhc, Heine; 2, R. J. Pretty; 3, Goodall; hc, Quantrell. HENS (5): 1, Goodall; 2, Pile; 3, vhc, Quantrell; hc, Thorpe. INSECTIV.. SMALL: 1, Quantrell. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Quantrell. FOR., SMALL: 1, two spls, 3, Mrs. Morrison; 2, Quantrell. LARGE: 1, Quantrell; 2, Mrs. Morrison. SELL. 15/-: 1, Mrs. Morrison; 2, Pile. PAIRS: 1, Pile.

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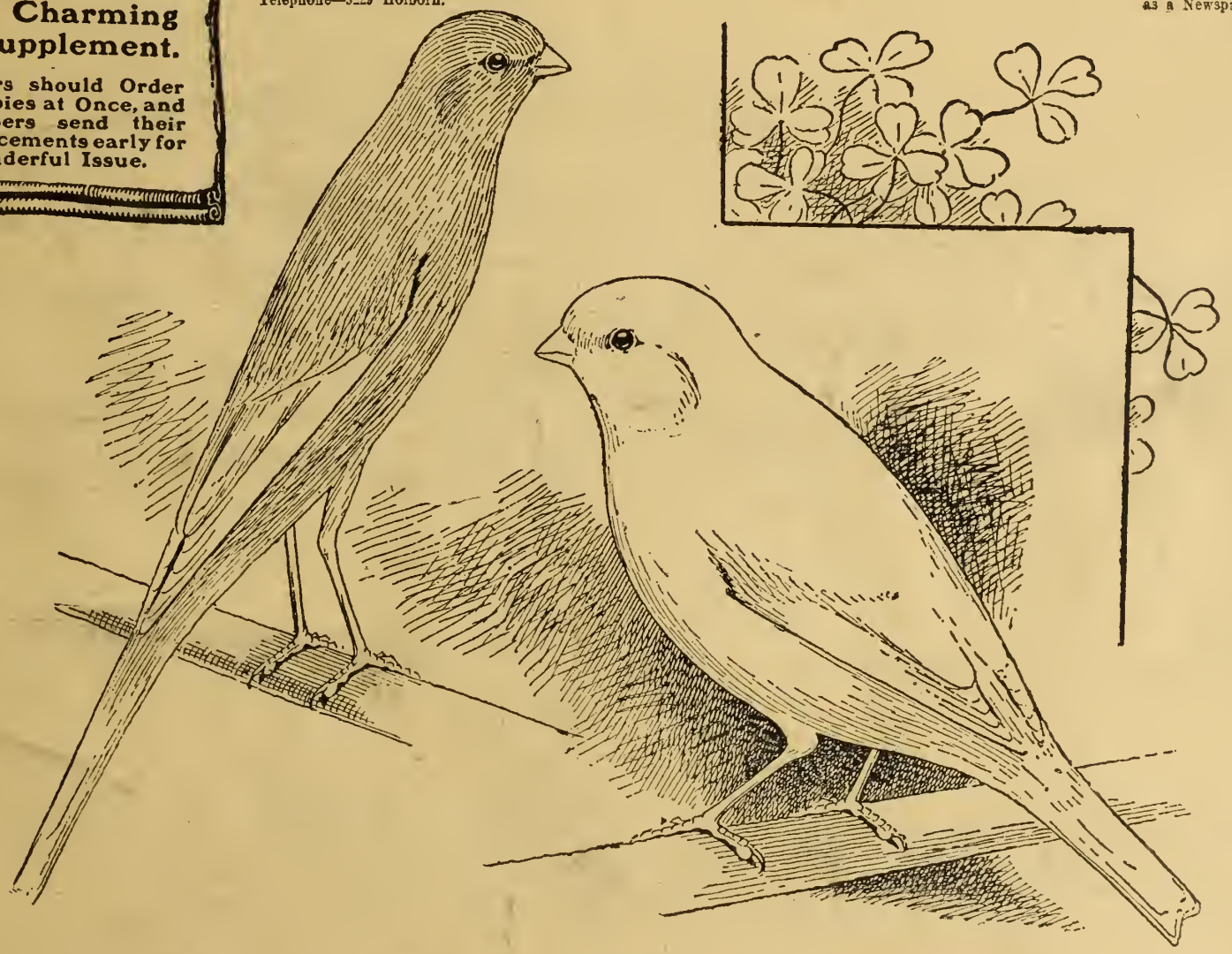
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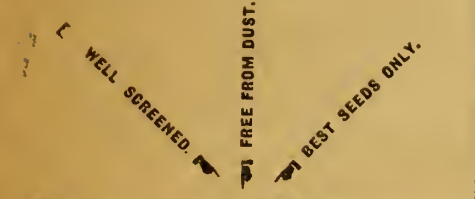
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HANDSOME bright cock Essex Chaffinch, in full song, 1/-: Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

EXHIBITION house-moulted cock Bullfinch, very steady, 8/6: Parkiu, jun., Upper House, Liversedge.

HOUSE-moulted Linnet, sing cage to cage, bargain, week's approval, 7/6: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

FEW selected cock Goldfinches 3/6, cock Bullfinches 3/-, cock Linnets 1/6: A. E. Buck, 58, Helen-rd., Oxford.

COCK Linnets, Greenfinches, Twites, selected, 1/- each, well on seed: L. Trewhitt, Shotley Bridge, co. Durham.

LARGE cock Linnets 1/3 each, 3 3/-; linnet Mules, Linnet note, 7/6: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

COCKS, Bullfinch, Cchaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, all perfect, 2/6 lot: Long, Photographer, Combe Down, Bath.

LOVELY cock Bullfinch, splendid colour, ought to make winner, 3/6; approval: H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

SISKINS, large, well marked, all on hard seed, 3/-; selected, 5/- each: MacDougall, Fruiterer, Fort William, N.B.

BRITISH Goldfinch, Linnet, fed Siskin, all house-moulted, fit to win, 30/- lot.: Brown, 100, Buccleuch-st., Edinburgh.

HANDSOME pair Bullfinches 2/-, cocks 1/6, hens 10d.; one large bright cock, 2/-: J. Stacey, Gressenhall, E. Dereham.

LARGE chubby cock Bullfinch, good in all points, 3/-; 4 others 6/-, 6 hens 6/-; approval deposit: Chase, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GRAND piping cock Bullfinch, finger tame, feeds from hand; sacrifice, 3/6; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

A Goldfinch and Bullfinch, cocks, both Greypate, caught; approval on receipt, 5/-: Fred Nicholls, Tangier, Lostwithiel.

GOOD Bullfinch call bird, with new improved trap cage, three compartments, 2/9 lot: Samuel Young, Netmaker, Newkerne.

EXHIBITORS, cock Brambiefinch, 3rd Malton, with show cage, in show condition, £1; approval: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-ter., Bradford.

LINNETS, warranted cocks, red-breasted and brown, six 2/3, 4/- dozen; dealers supplied: Horace Coote, 16, Windmill-st., Luton.

GRAND cock Bullfinch, vhc. at Winsford, 5/-; large, buff marked Norwich cock, 1909, 6/-: J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

MONSTER cock Linnet 1/6, exhibition cock Goldfinch, grand blaze, 5/-; approval, deposit: A. E. Pickett, Wessex Aviaries, Dorchester.

2 monster exhibition Greypates, good heads, fans, tips, 5/- each, 9/- two; approval deposit: Smith, 12, Saville-rd., Acton Green, Chiswick, W.

GRAND colour cock Bullfinch and show cage, 3rd Ipswich, Dec. 27th, 8/6; twice house-moulted cock Linnet, 3/6: Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

EXHIBITORS' grand cock Bullfinch winner of 2nd only time shown; see recent report of Narberth show; sell 5/-: George Webb, Narberth.

MULING cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; Bullfinch cocks, scarlet, black caps, 1/3 each; hens, 8d., overstocked: Alcock, 52, Pearce-rd., Ipswich.

HOUSE-moulted Linnet, in full song, suit Mule breeder or fierce singer, bargain, 3/6; week's approval: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton.

EXHIBITION Goldfinches, black leg; I have a few champions equal to my Cardiff winner; prices on application: Ford, 83, Llanishen-st., Cardiff.

HANDSOME true pairs, well caged, best health and feather, Redpolls, Reed Buntings, hen Bullfinch, 4/- lot; approval: Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

2 exceptionally good exhibition Goldfinches in finest show form, 35/- each; very fine Bullfinch, 10/-; certain winners: Carrier, 3, Munster-rd., Portsmouth.

EXHIBITORS: brown Linnet, Chaffinch, Yellow-bunting, 2 - each; seen any day; approval deposit, exchange, offers Mules: Geo. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

GIANT Bullfinches 2/ pair, handsome bright Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets 8d., fine pairs, cock and hen Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

LINNETS, large red-breasted cocks, 4/ dozen, six 2/3; cock Snow Buntings, 4/ dozen, hens 1/, no rubbish: R. Cubitt, 10, St. Peter's-pl., Great Yarmouth.

2 lovely cock Siskins, 3/ each; 4 grand cock Goldfinches, mostly in full song, 3/- each, 2 hens 1/- each 2 cock Bullfinches 1/6 each: Schoolmaster, Swerford Oxford.

IRISH cock Goldfinches 2/6, Irish cock Linnets, three 2/6, cock Bullfinches 1/6, house-moulted Linnets 1/6, guaranteed. Charles McCann, 18, North-st., Lurgan.

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, 15/- doz.; hens, 10/- doz.; cock Linnet and cock Chaffinch, 5/- doz.; Goldie Mules, 6 for 7/6.—Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

6 house-moulted Linnets used catching two seasons, sing anywhere; pair clap-nets, Hyds. by 5ft., cages complete; exchange Canaries: A. Welch, Bengeo, Hertford.

LARGE white cock Snow Buntings for showing, from 2/6 each; selected hens, 1/6; moulted hen Siskin, 2/-; hen mules, 1/- each: Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

WANTED bird catcher's outfit to value exchange new double-barrel breach loading gun, left choke, or sell £2; approval: Edmund Welch, Leigh, Cricklade, Wilts.

LINNETS, Larks.—Perkins, Aviary, Chatteris, can supply grand cock Linnets, 5/- dozen; cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; hen Linnets and Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; established 1878.

HANDSOME taming piping cock Bullfinches, nice pets, fit for show, 2/-, 2/6, others 1/6, large hens 1/-; approval anywhere, deposit.—Samuel Young, Crewkerne, Somerset.

BULLFINCHES, cocks 1/6, hens 1/-; few smart cock Linnets, 9d. each; three 2/-; all birds well on seed before sent out; numerous testimonials: Barson, 131, Cottesmore-rd., Leicester.

STEADY hen Bullfinch, caged August, 2/-; cock brown Linnet and hen Canary, 5/6; cock Goldfinch, singing, and hen Canary, 7/-: Cooper, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurley, Manchester.

LINNETS, Linnets, good healthy cocks, brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; selected, 3/- dozen; hens, Linnets, 1/- dozen: Henry Weston, 3, Dakin's-yard, Count-st., Nottingham.

LINNETS, good healthy cock brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; selected, 3/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, hen Linnets, 1/- dozen: Freeman, Catcher, 25, Stanhope-st., Nottingham.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, proved Muler, 7/6; splendid cock Linnet, proved Muler, 5/-; grand double breeding cage, very ornamental, 10/-: Skidmore, 11, Harrington-st., Derby.

SPLENDID Bullfinch, 4th West Bromwich, ... -; another vhc Oxford, 7/6; good exhibition Goldfinch, splendid dark blaze, 12/6; another 6/6; room wanted: Gough, 71, St. Clement's, Oxford.

LARGE exhibition hand-reared cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, muler, splendid condition, 7/6; Norwich hen Canary, proved breeder, 2/-; approval: H. P. Hodson, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

LINNETS, Linnets, warranted healthy cock Brown Linnets, well on seed, 2/6 dozen; selected, 2/9; hens, 1/-; any dying in transit replaced.—Marriott, No 2, Vassal-st., Southwell-rd., Nottingham.

WHAT offers for house-moulted pied cock Linnet, about half white, heen used catching, house-moulted Linnet and Chaffinch, very steady: Jacob Rutterford, Cemetery-rd., Lakenheath, Suffolk.

EXHIBITORS' Yellow Bunting, 2/6; Reed Bunting, house-moulted, 7/6: Twite, house-moulted, 5/-: Greenfinch, 2/6; Goldfinch, 5/-; inspection invited.: Stewart Grahame, 19, Eland-st., Camherwell, London.

GRAND large English cock Bullfinch, 1909 bird, perfectly steady, feeds from hand, great pet, piping beautifully, accept 2/6; also hen, equal merits, 1/6, make grand muler: Sylvester, Stafford-st., Walsall.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch Cheveral 10/-, house-moulted cock Goldfinch 5/-, cock Bullfinch 2/6, cock Thrush 1/6, three hen Mules 1/-, six hen Goldfinches, 1/-, 8/- the nine: Philp, Marazion, Cornwall.

CHAMPION singing cock Linnet mule, 8/6; house-moulted cock Linnet muler, 6/-; cage-moulted cock Goldfinch muler, singer, and show cage, 6/-; approval deposit: Manders, Brewery Yard, Caerphilly, Cardiff.

SINGING cock Linnets, Larks, 8d. each; large cages 6d., cock Finch net-trap call cage, 1/-; cock Finch three-compartment trap cage, 1/-; singing cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 2/-: Kiffin, B133, Wilton-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

EXHIBITORS: grand Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Yellowhammer, and Bramblefinch, winners Bristol, Frome, Cardiff, etc., fit for Palace, 20/- each, or exchange exhibition Canaries: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

HANDSOME Somersetshire Bullfinches, caged 2 months, cocks 2/6 each, hens 1/-, or 3/- per pair; exchange 4 pairs for pair good Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: E. Bargery, Bird Fancier, Lyewater, Crewkerne, Somerset.

MAGNIFICENT clean-moulted exhibition cock Bullfinch, sure winner, only 4/6, honestly worth 15/-; also monster hen Bullfinch, suitable for Hybrid breeding, only 2/-; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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EXHIBITORS.—Cocks selected for show; Corn Bunting 1/6, Reed Bunting, Yellow Bunting, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, Lark, 1/- each; above for aviary, 1/- pair; 12 bright aviary birds, 1/-; 20 for 1/6: J. Fenn, Pleasant-terr., Isleham, Cambs.

SIBERIAN cock Goldics, ready for show or muling, in song, extra big, 3/6; Siberian cock Bullfinches, piping a little, enormous birds, 3/6; nestling hens, 3/-; one Pekin Nightingale, takes food from hand, 4/-: Amon's Aviaries, 11, Hunslett-st., Bethnal Green.

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LINNETS, cocks 4/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 12 mixed seed birds, 1/-; 20 for 1/6; for aviary, Corn Buntings, Reed Buntings, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Larks, 1/- pair; cocks selected for show, 1/- each: Fenn, Beck-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; Greenfinches, Greenfinches, Greenfinches; Red-breasted Lincolnshire cock Linnets, well on seed, plenty in stock, 3 1/6, 6 2/9, dozens 5/-, 5 dozen 22/6; cock Greenfinches, like paint, 1/6 dozen, 6 10d.; hen Linnets, any quantity, 1/- dozen; hundreds testimonials (unsolicited): Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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COCK Bullfinches, like paintings, 14/- dozen, 1 3, 1/6 each; hens 8/- dozen, 9d., 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Linnets, in song, 9d., 1/- each; Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 9d. pair; above been caught weeks. Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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BARGAINS. Promising young cock Hawfinch, 10/6; grand big jonque Linnet, 5/6; very large, rich-coloured Greenfinch, 5/-; Bramblefinch, 7/6: and Chaffinch, 10/6; all extra good to moult for exhibition. Also a few good moulted show birds, very cheap: Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

GOLDFINCHES, cocks 2/-, 2/6 each, few real gems 3/-, 4/- each, hens 1/-; outdoor aviary moulted hen Bullfinches, 2/-; extra large cock Greenfinches, 6d.; Linnets, few selected, from our catchers before going to the dealer for show muling contest singing, all caged off and singing, 1/- each: Haynes Bros., Practical Birdcatchers, Selby Oak, Worcestershire.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Larks, Larks, Larks, warranted cock Linnets 4/- doz., hen Linnets 1/6 doz.; warranted cock Larks, 3/6 doz.; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 doz.; handsome lot Canaries, Yorkshire cocks, 6/6 each, or £1 16/- for six cocks in full song; Norwich cocks 5/- each, or 27/- for six cocks in full song; Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries 5/6 each, or 35/- stick, seven birds in full song; Yorkshire hens 3/6 each: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

NOTICE: Warranted English cock Goldfinches 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/6; extra selected for show bench and light muling 2/-, three 5/-; extra grand selected cock Brown Linnets in full song 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6; cock Bullfinches in pink of condition, 2/- each, 18/- dozen, hens 1/-, 1/6; real Siberian cock Bullfinches, piping grand tunes, 5/6, 7/6, hens 2/6; Goldfinch mules and Linnet mules, used as call birds, 4/6, 5/6; Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, in grand song, 4/6, 5/6, £2 10/- dozen: Goldfinch and Linnet cages 6d. each, 5/- dozen; talking Parrot, 20/-, 30/- each: Baker, Philip-st., Bedminster.

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Selected cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2 6, 3/-; Bullfinches, 1 6, 2/-; Skylarks, Linnets, Redpolls, 6d., 1/-, 6 1 6, 2 6 dozen; Mules, 5/-, 7 6; Norwich, Yorkshires, Rollers, 5/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6.—Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

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Proved birds, white-legged, also splendid selection of well-caged, big blazed cocks, pick of thousands, 5/6 each, some worth half a guinea; superior large hen Bullfinches, selected, and must give satisfaction, 2/- each; cages, 3d. extra; fine lot of Linnets and Siskins; some really useful Siberian cock Goldfinches, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, superfluous description unnecessary; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. See my advt. on page 623.

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Of British birds now on hand, and all sent out on my own well-known approval system entirely at my own risk, either on receipt of cash or deposit system, and if birds fail to give satisfaction you return birds and I will at once return your money; warranted Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health and full colour, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/6; few extra large, with clear-cut, square blaze, all caged off and in full song, fit to show at once, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinch, 1/-, three 2/6; grand lot cock Bullfinches, in perfect health, 2/-, three 5/-, exhibition specimens, 3/-, 4/- each; hen Bullfinches 1/- each, specially selected rich coloured hens, very steady, 1/6, 2/- each; warranted cock Linnets, with nut-brown wings and back, Rose Redbreast, 9d. each, three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen. I have over 200 cock Linnets caged off in full song, and fit to show or muling, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; impossible to get better cock Chaffinches, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, exhibition specimens 1/-, 1/6 each; cock Greenfinches 6d., three 1/-, six 1/6, exhibition specimens 1/- each; Redpolls 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, specially selected 1/- each; extra strong birdlime, ¼lb. 6d., ½lb. 10d.; sample boxes 3d., all post free; Linnet, Goldfinch, or Chaffinch cages, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; Lark cages, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; bow front Lark cages, 2/-, 2/6, each; single trap cages 6d., 9d., each; double ditto, 10d., 1/-; trebble ditto, 1/3, all with separate compartment for each bird; tin drinkers 6d. dozen, three dozen 1/3, six dozen 2/3, 4/- gross; proper travelling cages, 3d. each: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

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muling, or singing purposes only you require birds, I think I can satisfy you if you will give me a trial, but even if I don't, you won't be the loser of a penny, because I send all birds on approval, solely at my own risk, on "Cage Birds" deposit system, or on receipt cash, and always refund every penny of your money if fullest satisfaction not given. I have splendid stock genuine Worcestershire Goldfinches, all in full colour, perfect condition, and properly on seed, at 2/- and 3/- each; specially selected show specimens, guaranteed fit to win, 4/- and 5/- each; I also have a grand lot of the real Siberian cock Goldfinches, every one guaranteed in full free song, at 4/6 each; seven 28/-; specially selected exhibition specimens, with full complement of show points, 7/6 and 10/- each; kindly note, I do not purchase Russian Goldfinches from Antwerp, and then say I have the only Siberian Goldfinches in England. I guarantee every one I sell to have been imported direct from Siberia, in single wicker cages, and there is as much difference between them and Russian Finches as between dirty little hens and big bright cocks. The reason I can sell them at same price as Russians are sold at is because I buy first-handed and save middle profits. (See letter below.) I have 30 grand aviary moulted English cock Goldfinches, in full song, all big picked birds, at 5/- each; also 50 aviary moulted hen Bullfinches, guaranteed been flying with above Goldfinches since September last, at 2/6 each. These Goldies and Bullies should make ideal hybrid breeders. Also six genuine cage-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinches, finger tame, and full song, 6/- each. Grand lot cock brown Linnets, with nut brown backs, and rose red breasts, 9d. each; three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 5/-; specially selected large cocks, correctly pencilled, for show, and guaranteed in song, 2/- each. Three two-year-old cocks, Linnets, guaranteed mulers, and in full song, 5/- each. Handsome lot cock Bullfinches, all in perfect health and feather, 1/6 and 2/- each; three 4/-; specially selected, finger-tame cocks, been caged months, 2/6 each; three 5/-, six 9/-; hen Bullfinches 1/- each, three 2/6; specially selected, large, rich-coloured hens, for hybridising, 1/6 each; three 3/6; cock Chaffinches, 6d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each; cock Greenfinches 6d. each, three 1/-, six 1/6; exhibition specimens, 1/- each: Redpolls 6d. each; exhibition specimens 1/- each, cock Siskins, 2/- and 2/6 each; exhibition specimens 3/- each: hens, 1/- each. Splendid lot Snow Buntings, cocks, 1/- each, hens 6d. each. Few extra good exhibition specimens, 2/6 each, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, or Linnet cages 6d. each. 4/6 dozen; Linnet contest singing cages, 9d. each, 7/- dozen. Dealers, please send stamp for trade price of cages. See following letters:—"29, Bowling Street, Mansfield. Dec. 11th.—Sir,—Received Siberian Goldfinch to-day, and am well satisfied with him. Thanking you for sending such a grand specimen.—Yours, H. Woodcock." "Danesmoor, Chesterfield. Dec. 4th.—Sir,—Received Goldfinches all right, and am highly satisfied with them.—Yours, W. Tuckley." "36, Church Street, Seaham Harbour. Dec. 6th.—Sir.—Received Linnets in best of condition, and am highly satisfied with them. I could not expect better for double the money.—Yours, A. Dixon." "52, Skipton Road, Barby.—Dec. 6th.—Sir,—I am well pleased with birds you sent a week ago. All are healthy and strong, and I consider them the best value for money anyone could buy.—Yours, P. Watson." "33, Falsgrave Road, Scarborough.—Dec. 2nd.—Sir,—Siberian Goldfinch to hand in grand condition, and very fine bird, and am very pleased with him.—Yours, W. Tate." "94, Bolton Old Road, Atherton. Dec. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets safely, and am highly pleased with them.—Yours, J. Naylor." "23, Stafford Road, Newport, Salop. Dec. 2nd.—Sir.—Received the 4/6 Siberian Goldfinch in fine condition, and is equally as good as one I paid 7/6 for elsewhere.—Yours, C. Davies." "New Stevenston, Holytown. Nov. 30th.—Sir,—Received Goldfinch in pink of condition, and was exceedingly well pleased. I never had a better one.—Yours, J. Lamb." "3, Ledbone Bank, Galashiels. Nov. 27th.—Sir,—Please send 3 more Linnets, the last three I got are splendid coloured birds.—Yours, T. Bislop." Hundreds more similar letters, open for inspection. I cordially invite personal inspection at any time. No flat-catching here, but everything guaranteed as described. See Roller Canaries column.

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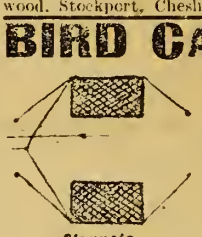
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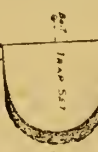
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SURPLUS stock: One 1908 Clear Crest-bred cock, 30/-; one 1908 Green Crest-hred cock, 25/-; one 1909 variegated Crest-bred hen, 30/-, or would exchange lot for Grizzle or lightly-marked Crested 1909 cock: Mason, Beccles-rd., Gorleston.

LARGE yellow, dark capped, Crestbred cock, year old, 27/6; thick heavy-fronted second cross, coppy, dark crest cock, 1908, 60/-; some grand young Crests and Crestbred hens and cocks, reasonable; no better blood in Crest Fancy: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

HEALTHY typical Crests and Crestbreds at prices to suit all, and all cold room bred; guaranteed to give satisfaction; odd cocks or hens, either variety, matched breeding pairs 11/6 to £5; enquiries invited; approval anywhere: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests. T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, not intending to exhibit again this season, offers whole of his Crests for sale; can be viewed by appointment and selections made, or list sent on receipt of addressed envelope; winner over 7,000 prizes.

FORTY Crests and Crestbred for sale, cheap, from 7/6 cock, and 15/- pair; they contain some of the best bloods, and some can be shown; no single hens; anyone taking the lot I will take a reasonable offer; approval willingly, deposit with the Editor.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

CHAMPION strain, Crests and Crest-breds, bred from unbeaten champion winner all over country; 1st and 2 specials 1909 Palace Show; 1 pair £5, another £3 10/-, worth double; also Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from £1 to £3 all Barnett's strain; inspection invited: A. Lazarus, 55, Old Compton-st., Soho, W.

Chance of a lifetime. Greenwood and Burson has 200 Crest and Crest-Breds; offers 20 pairs £1 per pair, many birds worth from £1 to 35/- each; birds can be kept fortnight from date of advertisement; no odd hens; plenty odd C.-B. cocks; approval deposit or cash returned in full; 28, Haydon-st., New Swindon.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, very reluctantly obliged to give up breeding Crests, all my splendid stud to be sold in pairs or single cocks; have won many bowls, cups, etc., and have aimed at breeding for stamina as well as quality; prices from £3 per pair; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

TWO large late bred young green Crested cocks, sure to breed good birds and moult, worth much more money, 25/- each; large variegated Crest-bred hen, minus one toe nail, good breeder, no worse for stock, 12/6; few good Crest-bred hens cheap; same as my winners; approval: Henry Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

PERFECTLY matched pair high-class Crests, rare type, very heavily feathered, certain to breed winners, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also several other very heavily feathered Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, at very reasonable prices; satisfaction guaranteed, approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

HAVING been most successful, I have for disposal a few champion Crests and Crest-breds, all massive feathery birds of grand quality, Barnett and Joyce's strains, single birds 10/6 to £1 1s.; matched pairs, properley mated to produce winners, £1 to £1 15s.; no better blood; winnings well known; particulars and approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark crest cock, grand crest, £1; monster clear Crest cock, perfect crest, 10/6; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 13/6; massive heavy-feathered clear Crest cock, 12/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 11/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, beauty, £1; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; monster Green ditto, 18/-; massive feathery ditto, 11/6; monster Green Crest-bred hen, grand head, £1; monster variegated ditto, beauty, 17/6; massive feathery ditto, 11/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 11/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; winnings well known; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

MRS. E. L. CROW, LOWESTOFT.

Winner, Palace, L.C.B.A., Nottingham, Norwich, Lowestoft, with Crests and Crestbreds, own rearing, has several for disposal, bred from or closely related to these winners; crest and crest-bred cocks from 20/-; pairs from 30/-; Yellow Green C.B. cock, 4th Norwich, very large bird, £3 3/-; approval.

Purchase your BIRDS on the **EASY PAYMENT SYSTEM.** W. Seanie, 15, Dunford Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth, and join my Excelsior Bird Club. Immense collections of Crest, Crest-breds, Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshires, etc. Before purchasing elsewhere, see terms; stamp reply; exportation orders special attention.

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YORKSHIRE greens and clears from 6/6 ex hanget Cockayne, 86, Cockburn-st., Liverpool.

I can spare some good big stock birds in Yorkshire and Norwich Greens: Metcalfe, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, well-matched pairs, shows birds; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

FOR disposal, a few Norwich Greens, also some typical marked birds, suitable for clear breeding; prices reasonable.—Hales, 40, Canterbury st., Liverpool.

GIVING up birds: 50 high-class Yorkshires, Selfs, foul, variegated; exchange Irish terrier dog; no rubbish offered or wanted; stamp reply: Hayden, 46, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has for disposal Norwich Greens, Buff cocks, 15/- to 60/-; Buff hens, 20/- to 50/-; also a few typical self Yellow Green hens, 10/- to 40/- each; all bred and related to my winners at all the leading shows.

GREEN, foul, variegated, ticked or clear Yorkshires, now ready; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6 upwards; some splendid stock birds; seven days' approval.—6, Ash-mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Lancashires.

W. Cundiff can spare few good Lancashires; approval, stamp: High-st., Macclesfield.

WEST Tweedale-st., Rochdale, for Lancashires, winner at all the leading shows; approval.

ANYONE requiring Lancashires of any variety should write Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

4 buff coppy hens, 2 buff Plainhead, buff Plainhead cocks, buff coppy cocks, also others; overstocked, room wanted, to be sold cheap; stamp reply: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

Lizards.

W. Cundiff can spare few grand Lizards; prices reasonable; approval, stamp: High-st., Macclesfield.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage bird judge, breeder of champion Lizards; every bird from Palace strain; winner of champion diploma; best Lizard L.C.B.A.; no fancy prices; state wants, cocks or hens; approval; stamp reply, —23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.—Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships, etc., typical birds, low prices; approval.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, breeder and exhibitor of typical Norwich; large stock of birds for sale; reasonable prices; see show reports.

WANTED, Norwich: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

JOHN Wilcox has Norwich cocks and hens for sale: Froghall Cottage, Wokingham.

SALE 2 large yellow Norwich cocks, 7/6 each: T. Holmes, Charles-st., New Ross.

A FEW pairs of good Norwich, from 15/- pair: Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road.

60 pure Norwich, natural colour, price reasonable: Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

6 large yellow Norwich hens, 10/-; approval, deposit: Arnold, 8, Warner-rd., Camberwell.

NORWICH cocks, 8/- each, hens from 6/-: J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London, N.E.

TWO pairs Norwich, 1909, healthy, lot 12/-.—Tompkins, Buckwell-street, Desborough, Northants.

SIX pairs Norwich Canaries, 7/6 pair, 40/- the lot, cash or deposit: Blackshaw, Bond-st., Coventry.

GRAND warranted Norwich cocks, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6: Stewart, 39, Academy-st., Castle-Douglas.

A few well-bred Norwich for sale, cocks 6/6, hens 3/6; approval: Mitchinson, Ashcroft-ter., Haltwhistle.

2 pairs Norwich Plainheads for sale, 17/6 pair, good typical birds, cheap: G. Lock, 7, Newbuilding, Frome.

GOOD Norwich cocks from 7/- to £1 each; also hens from 3/- to 10/-: Neal, 37, Ullswater-st., Leicester.

TYPICAL pair Norwich, 10/- (related to winners); big buff cock, 7/-; approval: Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance.

GOOD yellow Norwich cock, 10/6, also hen 3/6; approval, deposit; Boyden, 143, Percy-rd., Shepherd's Bush.

THREE good buff cocks, 10/- each, or exchange for good big stock yellow: Ford, Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

CHAMPION Norwich buffs and yellows, pairs from 15/-; grand stock birds: Luff, 18, Mantua-st., Battersea.

TYPICAL yellow Norwich hen, good quality, 12/6; approval: Geo. Large, 101, Dalton-rd., Barrow-in-Furness.

5 1909 Norwich cocks, cold room, Sandiford's strain, 10/- each; approval: Kenworthy, Walpole-st-Andrew, Wisbech.

A few good young Norwich colour-fed, very reasonable: Mrs. Richardson-Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NORWICH unfighted, year old birds, bred from own winners; approval, deposit: Silver, 72 Peel-st., Birmingham.

60 Norwich Canaries, match 7/- pair; cocks, 5/-; Crested, 8/- pair; cocks, 6/-: Baltou, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

Two pairs of Norwich Canaries, 1908, 1909, Palace strain, 10/- pair; particulars: Guy, Marton Hall, Bridlington.

SEVERAL smart Norwich cocks and hens, cheap, outdoor bred and healthy: Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

FIVE 1909 Norwich, cold room, four cocks, 1 hen, bargain, 11/- lot to clear: Lloyd, 13, Clive-st., Lenghenydd.

SEE Miss Storey's advert. under Rollers for £50 challenge; she has grand Norwich at 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6 per pair.

NORWICH cocks, two unfighted yellows, large birds, 6/- each; exchange British: Dodd, Brazilian-ter., Newmarket.

W. N. MIDGLEY, Chesham House, Winslow, has several cheap and useful pairs, at £1, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, and £2 per pair.

HIGH-class Norwich pairs, from 15/-; yellow and buff cocks, from 7/6; approval: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich.

GRAND lot Norwich, cold bred, splendid colour and song, cocks from 6/-, hens 2/6: Bennett, Cross-st., Hampton Hill.

8 good young buff hens, 2/- each, cocks 5/- each, buff Yorkshire hen 2/-; stamp: Bridgeford, 27, Newcomen-rd., Wellingborough.

WALTON and Noakes offer surplus stock, 7/6 to 35/-; approval, cash or deposit: 32, Bonsall-st., Highfields, Leicester.

GRAND unflighted Norwich, cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/-, 7/6; cheap, bargains; on approval: Moore, 96, Walnut-st., Leicester.

FEW grand birds for disposal, from 10/-; exchange for good unflighted buff hen: Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton.

LARGE Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-; hens, 2/6; all unflighted; cash or deposit: Edwin Hoyle, Grocer, Chipping, Lancashire.

LARGE typical Norwich cocks, variegated or clears, same strain as my winners, 25/-; hens 20/-: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

CHAMPION Norwich, from 15/- pair, several hens; inspection invited; stamp: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

YELLOW hen 7/6, ticked buff hen 7/6, large variegated buff cock 20/-; approval: Marshall, Wierton, Bromley-cres., Shortland, Kent.

CHURCHARD, 20, Rankin-st., Shepherd's Bush, have good Norwich, bred from winners, from 5/- upwards; seen evenings, Sundays.

NORWICH Plainheads, yellow and buffs, grand stock birds, fit for keen competition; approval: Geo. MacRobbie, 11, India-st., Partick.

YELLOW cock, winner of 1st prize, 20/-; another good one, 15/-; large buff, 12/6; another one, 10/-: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness.

NORWICH high-class birds, few for disposal, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, any colour; stamp reply: E. Price, Glanbrydan-pk., Manordilo, nr. Swansea.

F. Tesseyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds, will sell several good yellow and buff cocks and hens, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-.

FEW pairs of high-class Norwich to spare, from 15/-; pair single birds from 10/-; also Yorkshires; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-, hens 2/6, 3/-, pairs 6/6, 7/6; grand value, satisfaction certain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

PURE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed. —Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

HIGH-class Norwich, same strain as our winners, from 7/6 each; approval, no yellow hens: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

NORWICH 1909 large healthy birds, Walton and Noakes' strain, Sandiford fed, plain or marked, cocks 7/-, hens 4/6: Pell, Riseholme, Wellingborough.

NORWICH pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, must clear, over stocked, cup winner, W.L.F.A., L.C.B.A., Clapham: Lack, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

DEALERS supplied with strong healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities, prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Cocks, for show or stock, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few fit to win, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; pairs from 10/6; approval.—T. Gilbert, 37, Cravenst., Coventry.

FEW Norwich for sale, Silk's strain direct, splendid type and quality; cocks 7/6, hens 4/6 upwards: Rayner, Coningsby Cottage, Ardenham-st., Aylesbury.

HIGH-class Norwich, Trengrove, Goaley, etc., cocks, 5/- to 15/-; hens 4/- to 10/-; pairs 7/6 to 20/- to clear; approval: E. Wilcox, Ivy Cottage, New Sawley, Derby.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few good Crest-bred hens, from 7/6 each; also Norwich yellow hens, clear or marked, from 5/6 each; Norwich songsters, from 6/-.

W. Cundiff can spare a few good pairs, from 20/-, bred from my winners; see reports of Burnley, Bellevue, Pendleton, Birmingham, and Gateshead; approval, stamp.

HIGH-class Norwich for disposal, including some of my winners, all large typical birds, a few champion matched pairs; approval, stamp reply: Smith, Stronvar, Balquhidder.

PRIZE bred Norwich; having selected hy breeding stock I have some good birds for disposal, price reasonable, pairs from 15/-: Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

SMART Norwich cocks, in full song, warranted clean and healthy; 4/3, 4/6, 5/- each; also few typical stock cocks, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6; approval.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

FRANK F. Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle, has still few nice typical birds to spare, both colours, both sexes; see Carlisle Show report this week; stamped enquiries answered; approval.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; if not satisfied, money returned.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

BEAUTIFUL cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; selected hens, 1/6 caught month; offers muling Yorksbire hens; wanted also a few Yorkshires for sale; deposit: J. Fysh, Swaffham, Norfolk.

HAVE a few grand typical Norwich to spare from my winning strain cocks and hens, 10/- to 30/- each; pairs, 25/- to 48/- approval: W. C. Pamphlon, 28, Turnford Villas, Broxbourne, Herts.

GOSTLING, East View, Saxmundham, secretary and treasurer Saxmundham Fanciers' Association, can spare a few good pairs from 15/- pair; state wants and have on approval, cash or deposit.

NORWICH flighted and unflighted clear and variegated cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-, all in perfect condition, a grand lot.—Yeats, jun., Linthorpe, King Edward-st., Fraserburgh.

TWO good unflighted buff hens, 10/6 each; father 1st, spl., 2nd, Bedford, 1st Coventry, 2nd Northampton (open); few neat buff hens, 5/6 and 7/6; approval: Notley, King's-pl., Bedford.

H. JOWETT, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford, has for sale 20 pairs high-class Norwich Canaries, matched pairs to breed winners, 15/- to 20/-; real bargains; on approval, cash or deposit.

DR. McConaghey can spare a few good Norwich bred from prize winners; see Salford and Pendleton and Manchester show reports; cheap; cash; approval; state wants: Parkside, Macclesfield.

2 clear 1909 yellow hens, 10/6 each; 1 variegated 1900 yellow hen, 8/6; 1 clear 1909 buff cock, 8/6; 2 clear 1909 buff hens, 8/6 each; approval deposit, stamp: J. Fowler, 60, Queen-st., Leek, Staffs.

T. IRONS, Ivy-rd., Northampton, has some grand Norwich for sale, show or stock, cocks 10/6, hens 7/6 upwards; see members' show, 16 entries, 15 prizes; all birds own breeding; approval, stamp.

SPECIAL offer, large clear yellow Norwich cock, winner, 20/-, one ditto, unflighted, 15/-; large clear buff cock, 10/-; also few grand stock pairs, from 10/-; approval, deposit: Shaw, 9, Tindall-st., Scarboro'.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, cocks 6/6, 7/0, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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to kindly note the following prices; but, more than that, I want you to have on approval, and then compare the extraordinary value. I am prepared to supply you with—

Norwich cocks—Clear Yellow, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards. Clear Buff, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Ticked or Variegated, 4/9, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards.

Hens—Clear Yellow, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All birds on approval.

There are many good show birds amongst the above, and some of the greatest bargains the Fancy ever knew or saw, are to be found amongst them. Extended list free.

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W. RUDD, THE BIRD Specialist, NORWICH.

I have for sale 11 of my grand prize-bred Norwich, 7 cocks 4 hens, 10/6; pair cocks 7/6, or 60/- lot, with four double-breeding cages: 15, Salcombe-rd, Leyton.

J. M. Wilson, winner of the Council Cup and gold medal, has a few pairs extra good Norwich to spare; see show report last week: 16, Chapel-st., Peterhead.

W. MILES' Aviaries, Chichester, through pressure of business, must sell the greater part of his stock, some grand matched pairs, also single birds, a fine lot of buff hens (no odd yellows); cheap, approval.

OVERSTOCKED, about 30 typical Norwich to be disposed of cheap to clear; guaranteed same strain as my winners Burnley, Bolton, Peterborough, and Over; single birds from 7/6, pairs 12/6: Crimes, 409, West-st., Crewe.

HEALTHY typical Plainheads, guaranteed to give the highest possible satisfaction; odd cocks from 6/-, hens from 2/6; matched breeding pairs, 7/6 to £2; enquiries invited; approval anywhere: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

WINNING Norwich ticked buff cock, winner, 3rd, 10/-; clear cock colour-fed, winner 3rd, both 1908, Hodder and Silk's strain; approval deposit; also some good buff hens, 4/- each: Rollington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable.

BUY from breeder, satisfaction guaranteed, Norwich Plainheads, hatched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6 pair; grand yellow cocks, 7/-, 8/- each; hens, 2/9, 3/6, 4/-; cold room; approval, deposit: Bailey, Temblington, Norwich.

TYPICAL clear buff cock and yellow-marked hen, variegated buff cock and clear yellow hen, 15/- a pair, also clear yellow cock, extra large, 15/-, all unflighted; approval willingly: James Bunting, 58, Black-lane, Macclesfield.

BUFF cock, winner open, lovely type, quality, beauty, 25/-; big yellow hen to match, 10/-; will breed winners, Unflighted yellow marked cock, good type, bead, 10/6; with hen, 15/; approval, deposit: Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

T. Duckitt, Jun., novice exhibitor, good unflighted Norwich to spare, cocks from 6/6; hens, mostly yellows, from 5/6; large clear yellow cock, unflighted, good stock birds, 15/-; approval, cash or deposit: 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

TYPICAL Norwich, large cobby birds, fed to perfection; I have 40 cocks and 50 hens to dispose of, including some grand stock birds, cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6; inspection invited; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

FOR sale, 4 grand Yorkshire cock birds, clear buff, clear yellow, one marked buff, one marked yellow, one cock Linnet Mule, 2 buff Norwich hens; lot 26/-, cash or deposit, all in good healtb, full song: Warnes, 25, Regent-st., Beverley.

HEALTHY prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs, 7/6, 9/-, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards, cage 3d., cold room bred; money returned if not approved; trade supplied: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

REDUCING stock, must sell, cheap to clear, buff cocks, buff hens, from 10s. 6d. upwards, related to my winners, Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Altrincham, Sale, Pendleton, Salford, Sheffield, etc.; approval stamp: Wm. Wrigley, Church-st., Godley, Hyde.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-avenue West, can spare 4 yellow, 2 buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; 2 buff, 2 yellow hens, 5/- each; fed unflighted, Robson, Hodder's strains; also 6 Yorkshire cocks, yellow, buff, Amhler's, Bailey's strain, 8/6, 10/6 each; approval willingly.

GRAND 1908 clear buff cock and large 1909 ticked yellow hen, £4 only; ticked 1908 yellow cock, excellent type, hot colour, 30/-; fine unflighted buff cock, and very typical young yellow hen, 45/-; a bargain: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

POWICK'S champion Norwich, large typical birds, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows in all classaes, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; a few winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare big variegated buff cock, matched to clear yellow hen, grand pair, 30/-; another pair, clear yellow cock and marked buff hen, 30/-; also odd birds cheap; approval, deposit: Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

CHOICE Norwich show or stock, perfect type and quality, own breeding only; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/6 upwards, pairs, 15/6 to 40/-; two Variegated Buff cocks, from double yellows, exquisite feather, 20/- each; cash or deposit.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners (see reports Leicester and Coventry), three 1sts, 2nd, and 3rd, challenge cup and special best in show Leicester, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-, single birds from 10/-; approval: Needham, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

60 grand selected Norwich hens in clear, ticked, and variegated, yellows and buffs, for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality, including several winners; price, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, to 20/ each; any of them are honestly worth double; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

7 Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, 1908 and 1909, including winners Manchester, Altrincham, Sale, in perfect health and show condition; am compelled to clear these birds to make room, price 7/6 each; best birds sent to first applicants; exchange entertained, no birds: Fildes, Rookfield-avenue, Sale, Cheshire.

OWING to pressure of business, am reluctantly compelled to clear Yellow and Buff cocks and hens, clear and marked, at prices to suit all pockets, from 4/- to 24/-; some fit for keenest competition; recently firsts and specials; chance not to be missed by anyone wanting change of blood, to produce winners; state wants; deposit willingly.—Reynolds, 11, Birkin-avenue, Nottingham.

INSPECTION invited any time, 20 pair of good Norwich at 8/6 and 10/6 per pair; worth double; also good cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; will send carriage paid on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerou-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London, E.

HAVING been most successful, can spare following massive typical Norwich, bred direct from winners, grand clear buff cock 10/6, grand stout clear yellow cock 10/6, ditto, beauty, 7/6; grand clear buff hen 8/6; splendid clear yellow hen, 10/6; ditto gem, 6/6; lovely quality; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

GIVING up the Fancy: Extra large grand buff cock, 30/-, ditto 20/-; two good clear buff hens, 30/- each; six ticked and variegated buff hens, 5/- each, two buff green cocks, one hen, 5/- each; bred from my noted winners, or exchange a real good English buck rabbit; must be fit to win in keen competition; no rubbish offered: Joseph Atkinson, Fayrestowe, Murrell-hill, Carlisle.

PERFECTLY matched pair high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, only 25/-, recently cost £2 10/-; also grand exhibition buff cock, rare type, sure winner, only 15/-, cheap at £2; also smart yellow cock, bred several winners, only 17/6, recently cost 35/-; also handsome clear yellow hen, grand type and full of quality, only 12/6, honestly worth double; also very choice buff hen, real model for type and quality, sure winner, only 12/6, cheap at £1 10/-; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

STRAIGHT FROM THE BREEDER.

Save dealer's profits.—Below are mostly unflighted and cold-room bred, colour-fed; Norwich bred from winners, 10/6 to 20/- per pair; two special pairs, 35/- per pair; two clear yellow hens, 25/- and 27/6; buff cinnamon Norwich cock, 16/6; 2 buff cinnamon Norwich hens, 6/6, and 7/6; grand yellow Yorkshire cock, with 2 fine buff hens, 21/- the 3; approval, cash or deposit: Hudson, 54, Rhodes-st., Halifax.

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Splendid type and quality, winning strain cocks, 5/- upwards; hens, 2/9 upwards; approval; dealers supplied, write particulars: Daynes, Hotpressers' Arms, St. Miles, Norwich.

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SPLENDID Roller 6/6, house-moulted Linnet, full song, 3/-, 4 others 1/6 each, Yorkshire cock 6/6: Coward, Organist, Stroud.

MULING cock Goldfinch, first prize winner, 10/-; Crested cock Canary, smart bird, 5/-: Wilson, Old Avenue House, Weybridge.

BRITISH and foreign birds of all varieties purchased or supplied for cash, or exchanged.—West of England Live Stock Co., Carleddon, St. Austell, Cornwall.

NORWICH cocks, singing, 5/6; hens, 2/-; cock Siskins, 3/6; cock Bullfinch and cage, piping, 5/-; hen Bullfinches for Muling, 2/- each: H., 35, Bell Green, Sydenham.

GOLDFINCH Canary cock mule, variegated, Finch song, 6/6; Norwich hens, clear buff, 3/- each, Wheeler's strain; yellow cock, 7/-: Drewett, King's-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

GRAND lot of Norwich Plain and Crested, also Yorkshires and Rollers, from 6/- cocks, hens 2/6 up; Linnets, Siskins, and Mules, real good birds: Jenkin's Stores, Penyard, Merthyr.

PAIR Japanese Hawfinches, 17/6; cock Black-throated Cardinal, 6/6; cock Zebra Finch, 2/6; house-moulted cock Bullfinch, 4/6; big variegated Crest-bred cock Canary, 16/6; also one or two selected British hardbills; hand-reared cock Blackbird, 1908, 5/-: W. Moss, Halsall-lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

Pheasants.

WANTED, Reeves' adult Goldens, also Amherst hens; for sale, Elliott's cocks, also versicolor cocks: Benson, Dalbeattie.

WANTED.

WANTED, few pairs of good large Scotch Fancies: Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich.

WHAT offers in Borders for first-class melodeon: Robertson, 2, Acre-st.-pl., Nairn, N.B.

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinches, Linnets, etc: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

ANYTHING living bought for spot cash: Toy Dog Bureau and Naturalist, 50, Broomilaw, Glasgow.

WANTED good talking Parrot, guaranteed, state price, and particulars: Trickey, Oaklands, Chard.

WANTED mackintosh or phonograph in exchange Canary songsters: Wombwell, Norfolk-pl., Boston.

JAY wanted, last year's hird, good condition; state price: Wentworth Evans, Margate Aviaries, Margate.

WANTED, 2 good singing Rollers, must be cheap, deposit only: Rand, Saw Yard, Tow Law, Durham.

CONJURING apparatus, table and set, ventriloquial figure; stamped envelope: 134, Fairfax-rd, Harringay.

WANTED Larger Mealy Redpoll cock, field moulted: William Allison, Burnett-place, Aberdeen.

WANTED, talking Parrots, and weekly supply Canaries, and all kinds British birds: Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED good British birds, also cock Goldfinch Mules; exchange Canaries: Horne, Stanley-rd, Herne Bay.

WANTED, offers for 6 cocks, 8 hens, colour-fed, Norwich: Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: Isaacs, 82, Neal-st., Long Acre, London.

WANTED pair green Budgerigars, give pair Norwich; approval both ways: 8, Spring-rd., Abingdon, Berks.

WANTED, good yellow Yorkshire hen; exchange buff marked cock, 16/6: 15, Alma-ter., Arthur-rd., Windsor.

WANTED, disc records; exchange beautiful Crystal Palace aviary and Canaries: C., 29, Orchard-st., Highgate.

WANTED, Roller cocks, small foreigners; exchange black English buck: Maxwell, 16, Railway-st., Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch or Siskin; exchange two pairs Magpie pigeons; sell 6/-: Mawson, Sherburn Hill, Durham.

CLEARANCE SALE

Prior to the opening of The Hull Zoological Gardens.

My entire stock of birds, Parrots, seeds, accessories, medicines, new and secondhand cages, aviaries, flight cages, pottery, glass, tinnery, etc., must be sold, regardless of cost.

160 Siberian Goldfinches, Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; 150 Siberian Cock Bullfinches, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6 each; 70 Siberian Cock Siskins, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; 65 pairs Green Budgerigars, 7/6, 8/6 pair; 56 pairs yellow, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6 pair; 256 warranted Cock Linnets, the finest singers in the North, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; 50 pairs Cockatiels, 10/6 pair, outside bred; 40 Snowbuntings, 2/6 each; 56 Norwich Cock Canaries, bred from big winners, 7 days' guarantee given with every bird; 156 grand singing St. Andreasberg Roller Canaries, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 26/- each; 555 Siberian Cock Crossbills, 7/6 each; 6 Lemon-Crested Cockatoos, 30/- each, fit to show; 5 blue-fronted Amazon Parrots, 30/- each, all young birds; 2 pairs green Conures, 26/- pair; 1 Cock Pennant Parrakeet, £5, winner; 1 Barnard Parrakeet, £5, big winner; 1 pair blue mountain (Swainson) Parrakeets, big winners, £6 10s. the pair; 1 Lead-beater Cockatoo, £5, big winner, another £3, good show bird; 10 Rose Cockatoos, 16/6 each; 22 Indian Rock Parrots, 12/6 each.

CAGES.

200 1/- Linnet cages, 6d. each; 125 Norwich show cages, standard size, 1/9 each; 120 Yorkshire show cages, 1/9 each, usually sold at 2/-; wire drawing-room cages, 6/- cages for 4/6, 7/- cages for 5/6; Crystal Palace aviaries, all metal, usual price £5 15s. for £3, another, smaller, £2 16s.; single breeding cages, 18 by 9 by 16, 5/6 each; single breeding cages, 20 by 16 by 16, 6/- each; double breeding cages, 36 by 16 by 10, 8/6; box cages, 12 by 16 by 7, 2/6 each; 14 by 12 by 7, 3/6 each. The cages are made of best wood, stained mahogany, 3-ply backs, sand trays, seed and water pots, loose fronts, coloured pale blue inside, beautifully made, same as exhibited at the Palace last year on Messrs. Sisson's stall (Halls Sanitary Distemper), sanitary nest pans, with wires, 2/9 a dozen; 500 small open wire show cages, 1/- size 9d. each; special exhibition show cages for Foreign birds, small 4/- each, medium 5/-, large 6/-; 56 new Parrot cages, very strong, 12/6 each; galvanised, loose fronts, made from punched bars, 5d. per square foot.

5 Tons of best Plate Canary seed, in cwt. lots, 15/- cwt.; 5 tons best German rape, 23/- cwt., imported for my Rollers; 5 tons best giant Spanish Canary seed, 22/- cwt., bags free, all in 1 cwt. lots; 12 tons of special Seaco, the specially prepared sea grit, free from dust, 3/6 per cwt., bags free, free on rail, Hull.

Large stock of British birds, in outside aviaries, Cock Chaffinches, in splendid condition, 1/- each; Greenfinches, cocks, 6d. each.

When my new gardens are completed, I shall keep every kind of British and Foreign birds procurable, Water Fowl, Swans, Fancy Geese, Pheasants, Parrots, Cockatoos, Macaws; also animals of all descriptions. I shall make a speciality of rare Foreign birds, for exhibition purposes; also St. Andreasberg Roller Canaries. I shall also make special arrangements for the importing of Siberian stock for next season.

Indoor and outdoor aviaries for all kinds of birds will be erected.

I have placed special orders for all kinds of small Foreign birds for this season.

I have competent men in all departments; all orders will be promptly attended to. Kindly note, on all orders for live birds, please enclose 3d. extra for packing, in a neat, strong box, with seed and water for journey; packing on cages 6d. extra. All orders will be sent same day as received.

All enquiries will be answered per return, full list of birds, cages, aviaries, etc., will be sent on receipt of stamp. All enquiries must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (or 1d. stamp) for replies.

If you are in want of anything, please write. I have tons of stock that may be useful to somebody.

B. HOLLINS, 9, George St., HULL.

The Largest Stores in the North of England.

WANTED pure-bred pullets, exchange Yorks Canaries; rubbish not wanted or offered: Riley, Romanby, Northallerton.

WANTED for cash., all kinds of Canaries and British birds for export: Barnes, 36, Victoria-st., Merthyr Tydvil.

WANTED: Norwich cock, exchange large buff crests cocks or two hens: Jones, Vine Cottage, Station-rd., Bagillt.

WANTED any quantity hen Carnaries, 1/3 given; hen Goldfinches, 9d. each: Raine, 164, Bromsgrove-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, 2 variegated yellow 1909 hens, Yorkshire; exchange pair Borders, sell 12/6; approval: Patience, Mawney, Romford.

WANTED colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries, also British, state lowest price: H. Emery, 266, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED cock Goldfinches, Bullies, hen Canaries, for cash, or exchange breeding cages: Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

WANTED, cash, pair Yorkshires, four 1909 cocks, one Yorkshire, three half-bred, £1: Metcalfe, Hallbank, Sedburgh, Yorkshire.

WANTED for export, large and small quantities of Canaries; send full particulars immediately; Northern Aviaries, Preston.

WANTED 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; exchange pair of first-class carvers: Robert Simpson, 10, Court 4, House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

WANTED buff Norwich green or cinn. cock for stock; exchange Norwich: Symonds, Hairdresser, Stoney Stanton-rd., Coventry.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins and Linnets; state quantity and lowest cash price.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED Siberian cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, large birds; exchange light or dark Mules: 111, Midland-rd., Wellingborough.

WANTED English Goldfinches for left-off clothing, hen Canaries; stamp reply; established 42 years: Harrison, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham.

WANTED Yorkshires, exchange cock Thrush, new white wicker cage, sell 10/6; stamp reply: Collier, 138, Bolton-rd., Atherton, Manchester.

WANTED, British birds from catchers, etc., also foreign birds, Canaries, etc.; state price: Parker and Wilden, Spring Hill, Birmingham.

WANTED offers in Norwich or Yorkshires for very old military spurs and bit, or sell 25/-: Rose, 56, Portman-rd., Harrow-rd., Paddington.

WANTED one or two pairs of Cinnamons, Norwich and Yorkshires, for cash, or will part exchange 1909 moulted Goldies: Williamson, Enniscorthy, Ireland.

NOTICE, wanted 10 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, and Scotch Fancies; must be reasonable: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED good clear buff 1909 Crestbreds; exchange brand new horniess gramaphone or light mules: 111, Midland-rd., Wellingborough.

WANTED three cock Canaries, singing, or Mules; exchange large heavily silver-plated teapot or cruet; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

BUY, sell, or exchange, livestock, prize Pigeons, Canaries, Parrots, monkeys, dogs, British and Foreign birds: Maynard, Naturalist, Bethnal Green.

NOTICE: Will give 5/6 per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted Goldfinches, Linnets, etc: Write Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

BUYERS of all kinds of birds, sure weekly supplies wanted from catchers; state lowest price.—Hardy and Barron, 16, Club-row, Church-st., London, E.

WANTED, yellow Border cock, full song; exchange large house-moulted cock Goldfinch and cash for good bird; offers: R. Lane, Fire Station, Chard, Som.

WANTED two Yorkshire cocks, yellow and buff, exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, winner 3rd., and dark Goldfinch Mule, cock: Coward, St. James, Shaftesbury.

WANTED to exchange, a good pint of ripe thistle seed for yellow 1909 Norwich hen, or sell 4/6; approval: Warner, 1, Cyprus Cottage, Dennis-rd, East Molesey.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange 6 handsome coloured pairs Bullfinches, all fit for mule breeding; cocks worth 4/- each; caged Sept. 3rd: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

WANTED cock Linnet, Goldfinches, Siskins, any quantity, lowest price: G. Clarke, 78, Whit-la., Pendleton.

WANTED Yorkshire 1909 Canaries, exchange travelling rug, Dalmatian bitch, 2 pairs scales, furniture, vests, top coat, watch; offers: C. Youngman, Scarborough.

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GIVE 4/- each for high-class Yorkshires, clear hens, 1906 hreen, from winners; small hen, large lots: Thomas Reynolds, Dodson's Gap, Cury Cross Lanes, near Helston, Cornwall.

WANTED yellow hen Budgerigar, pair White Java sparrows, pair Zebra Finches, singing cock Canary; exchange green Budgerigars, Saffron Finches, hen Canaries: P. Brown, Polton, Beds.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire cock and hen Canaries, also cock Goldfinches and cock Linnet Mules; state lowest price for cash.—Carter, 45/47, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, London, E.

WANTED, good yellow marked Norwich cock; exchange pair nets, 2 Linnets, Redpoll, 2 Goldfinches (cocks), 2 hens, store and hack cages, complete; sell 20/-; offers: Macklow, 70, Pleasant-rd., Southend.

WANTED cock and hen Norwich Canaries, one buff, one yellow, unrelated, in exchange good show Homers, or exchange anything useful; sell cheap, offers wanted: Boxall, East Marden, Chichester.

WANTED, part useful exchange and cash, 5 Sib hens, Yorkshire pattern, from 5/-; Finch, noted mules, from 5/6; Goldfinches from 3/6; grand birds, caged months; approval, deposit: Hutchens, New Bridge-st., Truro.

GOOD clear yellow Norwich cock and two yellow hens unflighted; exchange large cock Goldfinch mule, colour-fed, two cock Goldfinches, two hand-reared hen Bullies, big buff cock; sell 30/-: Holmes, Mansfield-avenue, Quorn, Loughboro'.

WANTED, enormous yellow Norwich hen, unflighted, value, 50/-, exchange 4 unflighted Norwich cocks, "Silk's," and cash to 10/-, for absolute giant of exceptional substance; no dealers: Particulars, H. Wellspring, 9, Denton-terrace, Maypole Estate, Bexley, Kent.

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Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

BEAUTIFUL Bullfinches, cocks 1/6, hens 9d., or exchange: James Pearce, Rowde, Devizes.

8 splendid cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; 6 muling hens, 1/- each; exchange Canaries: Gray, Lingfield, Surrey.

PAIR exhibition Bullfinches; sell 6/- or exchange Norwich hens: yours first: H. Duke, Bath-st., Chard.

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, exchange Pomeranian, Canaries, or sell 15/-: Grant, Tailor, Kirkcudbright.

TWO pair Bullfinches, exchange good Roller cock or hen Goldfinch: Russell, 71, High-st., Crawley, Sussex.

3 cock Bullfinches, 3 cock Linnets; exchange yellow Norwich cock, or single breeders: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE singing Linnets or dozen back cages for Roller cocks, fountain pen: Anstee, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

6 cock Bullfinches, 6 cock Linnets, good birds, 10/-; exchange anything useful: Birt Rice, Raunds, Wellingborough.

EXCHANGE Bullfinches for Canaries, or cock Goldfinches, sell 3/- pair: James Arlow, Pound-st., Banbridge, Ireland.

6 pair Homers, single net 12 x 4½, complete, for Goldfinches or Bullfinches: Brew, 49, Bismarck-rd., Wolverhampton.

HYBRIDS, Redpoll, Linnet, cock and hen, finest condition, offers in Norwich greens or Cinnamons or foreigners: Allan, 16, Inglefield-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

HOUSE-moulted cock Redpoll and Twite, bred last season, also cock and two hen Linnet Mules, for Norwich hens: McCutcheon, Church-hill, Dalmellington.

CAGE-moulted cock Goldfinch, make good muler; exchange cock Canary, or sell 5/-: W. Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

EXHIBITORS: 2 cock Bullfinches, 1st and 3rd, also cock Goldfinch; exchange cock Canary or cock Mule: Davies, Builder, Narberth.

3 cock Goldfinch-Canary mules, Goldfinch note, 4/- each; 3 hen mules, 1/- each; exchange: A. Catbcart, Penfield-rd., Braintree.

GRAND house-moulted cock Bramblefinch, fit for exhibition, 5/-, or exchange show case for two cages: George Webb, Narberth.

EXCHANGE pair Bullfinches for hen Canaries, Yorkshires preferred; also fishing rod, tackle: Higgins, Riverside, Whittle, Essex.

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STEADY Canary-reared Lesser Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, hen Chaffinch, exchange Crestbred or stout Norwich hen: Bird, Hollyhurst, Wroxham, Norfolk.

6 pairs handsome coloured Bullfinches, caged Sept. 3rd, tame, every bird fit for muling, cocks worth 4/- each, lot 16/-; exchange: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

EXHIBITION house-moulted cock Goldfinch-bred Mules 7/6, cock Goldfinch and hen Canary 6/-, cock Goldfinch 3/6, or exchange Rollers: Edwards, 14, Market-st., Carnarvon.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule cock, Finch notes, for cock Hawfinch, large stout yellow Norwich cock, or sell 10/6; large Siberian cock Goldfinch, 10/6: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

GUARANTEED cocks (special selected), Linnets, Larks, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, 1/-, 1/3 pair; exchange anything; approval, deposit: Whiteley, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

PICKED Bullfinches 1/6, hens 9d., house-moulted cock Goldfinch, good catcher, 3/6, hen 1/-, Redpolls 3d.; exchange good Roller Canary for watch, or offers: E. Beardow, Ashover, near Chesterfield.

2 very nice house-moulted cocks, Bramblefinch and Chaffinch, also nice dark Twite Canary Mule, singing nicely, 5/- each, or 12/- lot; exchange: pair good Border fancies preferred: E. Hendry, Fraserburgh.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen, singing, 1/- each; cock Greenfinches, mixed birds; hen Linnets, 1/- dozen; exchange phonograph records; testimonials: Watson, Birdcatcher, Littleport, Cambs.

SIX cocks, Goldfinch Mules, for sale, three dark at 7/6, and three variegated at 10/- each; or exchange one for two 1909 Yorkshire hens; approval, deposit; hens first: A. Gough, 16, New-st., Pontnewydd, Mon.

EXHIBITION birds, Spotted Woodpecker, 30/-; Bramblefinch 15/-, Snow Bunting 10/-, two Bullfinches 7/6 each; toy bitch 7/6; exchange Goldfinches for moulting, or Norwich: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

NOTICE, giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, fit for muling or showing purposes, only 7/6 each; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or Goldfinch Mules: T. Russell, 4, Hare-st., Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, London, E.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WILL give good cross terrier, 5 months, for cock Canary, anything: H. Cooper, Tring.

GIVE 1908 Norwich green cock, full song, for new Crabb brake: Page, 33, King-st., Desborough.

SEIFERT Rollers, grand songsters, 8/6, or exchange, best offers: Holloway, 34, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.

2 Crested hens, 1 Crest-bred, 5/-; Crested cock 15/; Crest-bred 10/-; exchange; 12, Tangier-pl., Eton.

MAGNIFICENT pair Crossbills; exchange cock Canary, anything: Barker, Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE 6 1909 Yorkshire hens for Rollers, full song; offers: Annis, 42, Squires-la., Finchley, London.

5 pairs of small Norwich, mostly Clears, 6/- pair, or offers: Buckett, 45, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

3 yellow Norwich cock Canaries, full song, 7/6 each; exchange: Lowes, 76, Gillingham-rd., Gillingham, Kent.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries for smooth or wire-haired fox terrier: C. Hill, 26, North-st., Horsham, Sussex.

CREST-bred hen, 1st Dunbar, 2 Crested cocks; exchange Crested hen; sell £3: Turnbull, Lockend, Dunbar.

SIX Rollers, four cocks, two hens, 26/-; exchange anything, cycle preferred: Smith, 59, Reedswood-la., Walsall.

NORWICH cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6; useful exchange: Islip, 28, Loughborough-aven., Nottingham.

BARGAIN, large 1908 Norwich cock, full song, 8/-; exchange anything useful: Hatch, 12, St. Mary's-rd., Hastings.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock for common hen Canaries, cock Goldies, yours first: Weedon, 19, Dorset-st., Luton.

3 Crests and one C.B., with large breeding cage, best possible blood, £3, 10/-; exchange cycle: Ward, Desborough.

EXCHANGE buff cinnamon cock for buff cinnamon hen; approval both ways: Hamilton, 12, Ruthven-st., Glasgow.

16 splendid healthy feeding hens ('09), some colour fed, 1/6 each: A. Turner, Confectioner, 62, Peascod-st., Windsor.

EXCHANGE clear Yorkshire cock Canary for good house-moulted cock Goldfinch: J. Watson, Lonsdale-ter., Millom.

2 Roller cocks and green hen; exchange for yellow Norwich or anything: Warburton, Bull and Butcher, Cottage, Burnley.

EXCHANGE, good Norwich, Borders, breeding cages, for black female pom. pup: Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

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CLINKING pair Yorkshires, winners, gems, 25/-, worth 40/-; approval first: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

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EXCHANGE pair Norwich house-moulted cock Bullfinch and Chaffinch for good disc records: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

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EXCHANGE splendid variegated Yorkshire hen for exhibition cock Goldfinch in full song: Payne, Woodst., Stable, Bognor, Sussex.

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SPLENDID pair adult Yellow Budgerigars for pair Canaries, any variety, or offer: Glover, Bennworth, Manor, near Alresford, Hants.

BARGAIN, 20 pairs typical Yorkshire cocks, full song, 5/6, hens 2/6; matched pairs 7/-; exchange: Wood, 14, Ada-crescent, Leeds.

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2 buff Yorkshire hens and Cinnamon cock for sale, 16/-, or exchange for Norwich or anything: Hargreaves, 411, Cog-lane, Burnley.

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2 Norwich buff cocks for a good pair Norwich, just for change of blood, or sell 30/-; on approval: H. Daw, 13, Michael's, Paignton, Devon.

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I will exchange two cock Canaries for two large Norwich hens; yours first, or sell, 10/-: Edward J. Pettet, 83, Myrtle-rd., Springfield-rd., Walthamstow.

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Club Reports.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Meeting held at Bradford East Show on January 1st, Mr. R. Halliday (president) occupying the chair. After a lively discussion with regard to one of the minutes (referring to an irregularity at one of the shows) the minutes were passed. Bradford East O.S. applied for permission to allow their challenge trophy to be presented to the winner at the annual prize distribution of the combined societies. This application was granted. The council decided that the gold (novice) medals should be purchased by tender, and several firms were mentioned for the secretary to write to, asking for tenders for same. Two objections came up for consideration. One was from Halifax dealing with a case in which an exhibitor in the novice classes resided in the same house as a champion exhibitor. This being against the rules of the Union, the council decided that the exhibitor in question must forfeit all prize money won at the said show. The other objection was held over for the next council meeting, in order to allow certain witnesses to attend. The Brighouse Society's application was again gone into, but unfortunately owing to the majority of the societies not having held a meeting since the last council meeting, when it was referred back for their consideration, it had to be again postponed until the next council meeting, at Great Horton, on January 15th. The societies that have not already done so, should consider this question by all means before the next council meeting, as it is a very important one, and one which will undoubtedly bear considerable weight in the future government of our shows. Now that we have entered upon a new year, it would be advisable for all societies connected with the Union to try and arrange for their meetings to be held during the first fortnight in each month, as this would facilitate the business of the council, so that when any important question is referred back to the societies, they can deal with it expeditiously and thereby remove many obstacles which hinder business under the present system. There are only about half-a-dozen societies that hold their meetings during the latter half of the month, and I feel sure these could meet the wishes of the council, and arrange for their meetings to be held during the first fortnight. Some have altered them since last year. Another item which should not be lost sight of now, is Mr. H. J. Chittenden's scheme (which he brought before the council some time back), with reference to all societies holding shows, arranging their classification early, and then printing it in the Union Handbook, thus saving each society a considerable amount of expense, and giving each member of the Union a handbook that shall contain nearly everything worth knowing about management, shows, rules, members' names, and addresses. It would, in fact, be a Union encyclopædia. A few items of new business brought the meeting to a close, the president kindly wishing all the delegates present a prosperous New Year. I, too, heartily wish the Yorkshire Union and its members a bright, happy, and prosperous New Year.—H. HILL, Secretary.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Competition winners for season 1909-10:—Champion section: 1st prize, Mr. A. H. Waters, 148 points; 2nd prize, Mr. J. Haigh and Son, 142; 3rd prize, Mr. Alfred Grey, 97; 4th prize, Mr. J. Wilcock, 91; 5th prize, Messrs. Pickering and Wright, 57; Mr. A. Humphries, 57. Novice Section: 1st prize, Mr. H. Snowden, 107; 2nd prize, Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, 94; 3rd prize, Mr. J. W. Holmes, 21; 4th prize, Mr. W. Mackwell, 14; 5th prize, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, 13; 6th prize, Mr. A. Lloyd, 7. "Illingworth Cup": Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, 97; Mr. A. H. Waters, 55; Mr. Alf. Grey, 43; Mr. A. Humphries, 44; Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, 43; Mr. H. Snowden, 24; Mr. Geo. Harland, 16; Mr. J. Eyre, 15; along with others lower in points. "Ramsden Special": Champion section—Winner, Mr. A. H. Waters, 148 points; runner-up, Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, 142. Novice section—Winner, Mr. H. Snowden, 107; runners-up, Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, 9. CAGE BIRDS AMATEUR PRIZES: 1st prize, Mr. H. Snowden, 107 points; 2nd prize, Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, 94 points; 3rd prize, Mr. A. Humphries, 57 points.

Meeting of committee held on December 18th, at the Talbot Hotel, Halifax, Mr. F. Hammond occupying the chair. The following new members were accepted: Messrs. H. Snowden (Morecambe), F. A. Hargreaves (Stockport), T. Tesseyman (Leeds), and Messrs. Clayton and Smith (Driffield). Points gained in pair class at Newcastle not to count for competitions of the O.N.P.C. Points gained at York Show to count from 1 to 6. Winners of prizes gained in O.N.P.C. competitions to have the option of selecting to the value stated in year book except where already allotted. The secretary was instructed to write winners of same for their selections. Decided to join in with the other specialist clubs again in prize distribution. The following were elected to represent us: Messrs. A. Haigh, F. Hammond, and O. Mitchell. Decided that a gold medal, to the value of £1 1s., be awarded each winner of the "Illingworth" cup, and that a member be entitled to receive only one medal, and in the event of the member winning it more than once, each win to be recorded on medal awarded. Same committee as for prize distribution are to purchase club prizes. Date of annual meeting decided for same date as prize distribution. Notice of proposed alterations to rules, etc., submitted to be brought forward at general annual meeting, viz.: "That any society desiring the club's patronage must give all particulars in reference to money prizes to be awarded at their show"; and that no society's application be considered who award less than four money prizes, the same to be not less than: 1st prize 10s., 2nd prize 6s., 3rd prize 4s., 4th prize 2s. Also additional bye-law to be inserted in the year books: "That the secretary of each society receiving the club's patronage be required to forward to the club's secretary, free, a catalogue, with awards marked, by first post possible after judging." A vote of thanks to chairman brought meeting to a close. All subscriptions are now due, and the secretary would be pleased to receive same in order to balance up. Will members whose subscriptions are owing kindly forward same on?—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

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Wood Green report states that Mr. E. J. Gill's Crest was awarded special for best in show, and two others, whereas the bird belongs to me.—C. W. PENNY (London, N.).

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I have been elected secretary of the Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S., and all communications should in future be addressed to me at 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley, writes Mr. F. C. Sims.

I have now taken over the hon. secretaryship of the Ilford F. and F.S., writes Mr. W. H. Drew, 379, Romford Road, Forest Gate, E. Our new headquarters are the White Horse Hotel, Ilford Broadway, Ilford.

The date of our next open show was given incorrectly by me in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary of the Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S. It should have been January 2nd, 1911, and not January 1st.

We have decided to extend entries closing to first post January 14th, as schedules have been delayed by printer, writes Mr. W. Geddis, hon. secretary, Larne and Dis. C.B.A. Any fancier can have a schedule by sending his address on a postcard.

Kindly announce for the benefit of exhibitors who have applied for schedules that these were not ready until January 4th, but that all were posted as soon as received, writes Mr. Daniel John, secretary, Llanelly Show, so that fanciers will understand the delay.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S., and Mr. Fred Elliott, Old Haywoods, Deepcar, near Sheffield, has been appointed hon. secretary in my place, to whom future communications should be addressed, writes Mr. Harry E. Wilkinson.

Kindly rectify a clerical error in the report of our members' show in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. Hill, secretary, Bradford East O.S. It says, these prizes will be presented at the third annual tea and concert on January 8th; this should be January 18th.

I have relinquished my appointment with Messrs. Fox and Lewis, Ltd., writes Mr. E. S. Lugg (Lewisham), and have joined the well-known firm of Messrs. Spillers and Bakers, Ltd., of Cardiff, London, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, who are opening out a bird, seed, and food department in connection with their extensive London factories.

The 12th annual members' show (under C.B.U. rules) of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., is being held this Saturday (January 8th), in the drawing-room of the Free Trade Hall, where visitors may depend upon seeing an excellent array of birds. The schedule comprises no less than 62 classes, the judge is Mr. H. W. Battye, and the exhibition will be opened at 12 o'clock noon.

There is an error in the Prescot Cage Bird Show's schedule, writes Mr. John Platt, the hon. secretary. Class 14 should read: Border A.V. hen, yellow or buff, except even-marked. Will intending exhibitors kindly note?

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S., writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary, have decided to hold their next annual show (under C.B.U. rules) on October 15th, 1910, when we hope to receive the continued support of fanciers.

Our year is now up, so that if anyone wishes to become a member of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S., will they please send name and address to me, at 58, Bolchow Street, Guisborough, Yorkshire, writes Mr. R. Mays, the hon. secretary.

At a meeting of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. H. Lewis, the hon. secretary, it was decided to alter the date of our annual show from the third Thursday in November next to December 8th, which date we are hoping will not clash with any other society's. Will all fanciers take note of this, and we hope they will rally round us as they have in the past. We thank one and all for their past patronage.

The Leadgate and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their first annual members' show in the Church Square Hall, Leadgate, on January 8th, writes Mr. J. A. Turnbull, the hon. secretary. We have a good entry up to the time of writing, and a cup presented by Master T. W. Walton, son of our chairman, will be competed for with three nominated birds gaining most points. Our judge, Mr. J. Hands (Crookhill Ryton), will find some keen competition.

OBITUARY.

Mr. JNO. PUDNEY (Kidwelly).

It is with profound regret, write Messrs. Davies and Wilkins, that we have to report the death of one of the most enthusiastic members of the Kidwelly F.S. in the person of Mr. Jno. Pudner (of Pudner Bros.) who, after a long and painful illness, died on Christmas day. He was a faithful member of the society, and took great interest in your CAGE BIRDS. This last season he was successful in Hybrid breeding. He had won a great number of prizes with his celebrated Norwich Canaries and British birds. I think all bird fanciers will sympathise with his parents, relatives, and the Kidwelly fanciers in their irreparable loss.

Dr. BOWDLER SHARPE.

Ornithologists will learn with regret of the demise of Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, the distinguished head of the Bird Room of the British Museum, and probably the foremost ornithologist of his day, who died on December 25th last, aged 62 years. Dr. Sharpe's knowledge of birds was marvellous, and no one ever brought a bird before him, no matter from what part of the universe, without his being able to identify it, and say whence it came. Dr. Sharpe practically built up the national collection of birds, which to-day stands easily first among collections throughout the world. When he entered the British Museum, in 1872, the Department of Zoology possessed some 30,000 specimens of birds. At the present time 400,000 would be under the mark. Dr. Sharpe was certainly a born naturalist. Even as a child he was "mad upon birds." He was educated at Peterborough and Loughborough Grammar Schools, and when he came up to London he had already done some original work on birds. He began his life work with a humble clerkship at Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son's, the well-known publishers, but after a while made his way into Mr. Quaritch's, in Piccadilly, where he had good opportunities of seeing the finest books on birds. In 1869 he was appointed the first librarian of the Zoological Society.

Dr. SLOAN (Chirnside).

It is with deep feelings of regret, writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), that I have to report the death of Dr. Sloan, who died here on December 31st in his 30th year. He was an ardent lover of nature in every form; every bird and flower found in him a friend. During my long enforced illness he was my constant attendant, his cheery way making my life happy. Deceased's general hail-fellow-well-met disposition endeared him to everyone. He truly gave his life for others, being without fear and without reproach, and never saying a word or doing a deed which those whom he leaves behind would wish to forget. Much sympathy is felt for his young wife and two little ones who mourn his loss severely.

I am compelled to sell all my birds on account of my ill health, writes Mr. J. Sykes (Halifax). I am very sorry to have to part with them.

I have bred 19 young in two seasons (including two winners) from my natural-colour marked cock and one hen, writes Mr. G. Notley (Bedford). He has also won two firsts and special, two seconds and v.h.c., and now the couple are ready to start business again.

The annual old show of the Green Canary Association is being held this Saturday (January 8th), at the Caledonian Schools, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. 68 classes (including 9 for British birds and Mules) are provided, and Messrs. A. Hirst and J. W. Bancroft will place the awards.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show schedules will be posted to known exhibitors on Tuesday, January 11th. Any exhibitor not receiving a copy by Wednesday, January 12th, should apply for one. Advertisements inserted in catalogue only at following rates:—Full page 30s., half-page 15s., quarter-page 7s. 6d.; breeders' cards and trade cards, 2s. 6d. each.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton. ADVT.

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To All Our Readers.

"Cage Birds" 1910 Annual

is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Friday, February 4th next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers in sending particulars required in its compilation, also their advertisements, at the earliest possible moment. Any suggestions for new features or for the improvement of present features will be welcomed, and receive every consideration.

Secretaries of All Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society, the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the subscription. As this is the **only directory** to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers in existence, no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members themselves should make a point of seeing that their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

All Judges of Cage Birds

who have officiated at any recognised show can have their name and address inserted in our **list of judges** by sending us particulars on a post card, stating what varieties (if any) they specialise in. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list, remember, is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials.

To the Bird Trade.

Our directory to the bird trade is a feature that no dealer in birds, or foods, or medicines, or appliances of any kind whatsoever, can neglect. It is a permanent record of his address, as well as of his specialities, and forms an invaluable guide to the fanciers in his own town as well as all over the world. No charge is made for the inclusion of any bona-fide trader, but the name can be thrown up in heavy black type on payment of 1s. (one shilling).

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THE MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL,"
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There is a slight printer's omission in our schedule, viz., Class 72, which should read: Mule, any other colour, or Hybrid, writes Mr. Chas. C. Hodgson, hon. secretary, Northallerton Show, January 22nd.

My brother bought a Goldfinch on the day our King was married (we were both boys then), writes Mr. G. Cripps (Oxford), and this bird we kept for over 11 years. It was always fed upon hemp seed, with plenty of green food in season. I have now four Goldies which I bred indoors last year (two cocks and two hens). They were fed and brought up by the Goldies in just similar manner to a nest of Canaries.

Through business arrangements I have been very reluctantly compelled to give up the Fancy, writes Mr. John S. Hill, 17, Beauvale Road, Wilford Grove, Nottingham, and I have left Swinefleet, near Goole, and come to this address. Some of my birds have been taken charge of by my brother, and the rest I hope to advertise shortly. However, I should not like to miss my CAGE BIRDS, and hope to keep in touch with all old friends in that manner. It has been a great wrench to me, and you can be assured that, whenever opportunity presents itself, I shall again take up my old hobby of bird-breeding.

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Rare Insectivorous Birds of Norfolk.

By W. LOWNE.

A Lecture delivered before the London and Provincial O.S.

(Continued from page 590)

The Warbler that Walks.

THE GRASSHOPPER WARBLER.—This is a summer visitant to Norfolk arriving in April and leaving us again in September. It is not at all common anywhere. Its powers of concealment are very great. The note of the species, if once heard, can never be afterwards mistaken for the sound of a Grasshopper or cricket, however striking the resemblance; besides, the length of time for which it is continued, provided the bird is not disturbed, is much greater.

I soon desired to obtain some Norfolk specimens. I have never had more than three adults, but I hand-reared a nest of young ones some three years ago, which I kept till the following October, but I was unsuccessful in moulting them.

These birds are met with at Hickling amongst the herbage and growth on the land which surround the Broads, where they are found by the marshmen. I have received nests and eggs from these men, who find them when cutting the rough grass where these birds frequent. And it is only these men who are successful in finding the nests of these ventriloquists. Should you catch sight of a bird of this species, it is generally crouching amongst the thick growth, as if trying not to be observed.

These birds, in captivity, have a peculiar habit of walking much after the manner of the Water Rail. They are easily distinguished from other Warblers by the wedged-shape tail, and the markings on the back.

Rare Flycatchers.

THE RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER.—A young female of this rare species was shot at Rollesby, a village nine miles from Yarmouth, on the 10th of December, 1896, at rather an unexpected time, being so very late for a bird of this species. Another was seen by a good observer near the sea in the following September. This made four specimens for Norfolk.

THE PIED FLYCATCHER.—This species I consider worthy of a place in my list here. But it undoubtedly visits us annually in the spring, and again towards the autumn, as far as my own observations go.

It is said to have nested with us, as Mr. Rising, of Horsey, stated he obtained a nest with eggs in 1848. The following year was remarkable for the number of these Flycatchers that were met with in different parts of the county, and recorded in the "Zoologist." I have occasionally, during the last 26 years, had an adult specimen brought me to be preserved.

Some three years ago, on September 15th, I caught one of these birds in a spring trap. It was in company with two others hawking for insects along a row of willow trees on our denes. Its plaintive note could be distinctly heard when the bird was hunting for food. Last spring I had an adult one brought in which soon settled down to cage life. It secured first prize at Peterborough Show in October, in a strong class. But it went off in colour, as it did not moult.

A Redstart that Winters Here.

THE BLACK REDSTART.—Until the year 1848 this rare species had probably not been noticed in the county of Norfolk, but on the 31st of October of that year an adult female was picked up near the Battery at Yarmouth. Two more were obtained the first week in November of the following year. But between January and March of the next year an unusual number were met with in various parts of the county.

This bird has always been considered a winter migrant, being with us when its allied species, the Common Redstart, has left us, together with other soft-bill migrants, to winter in a warmer climate.

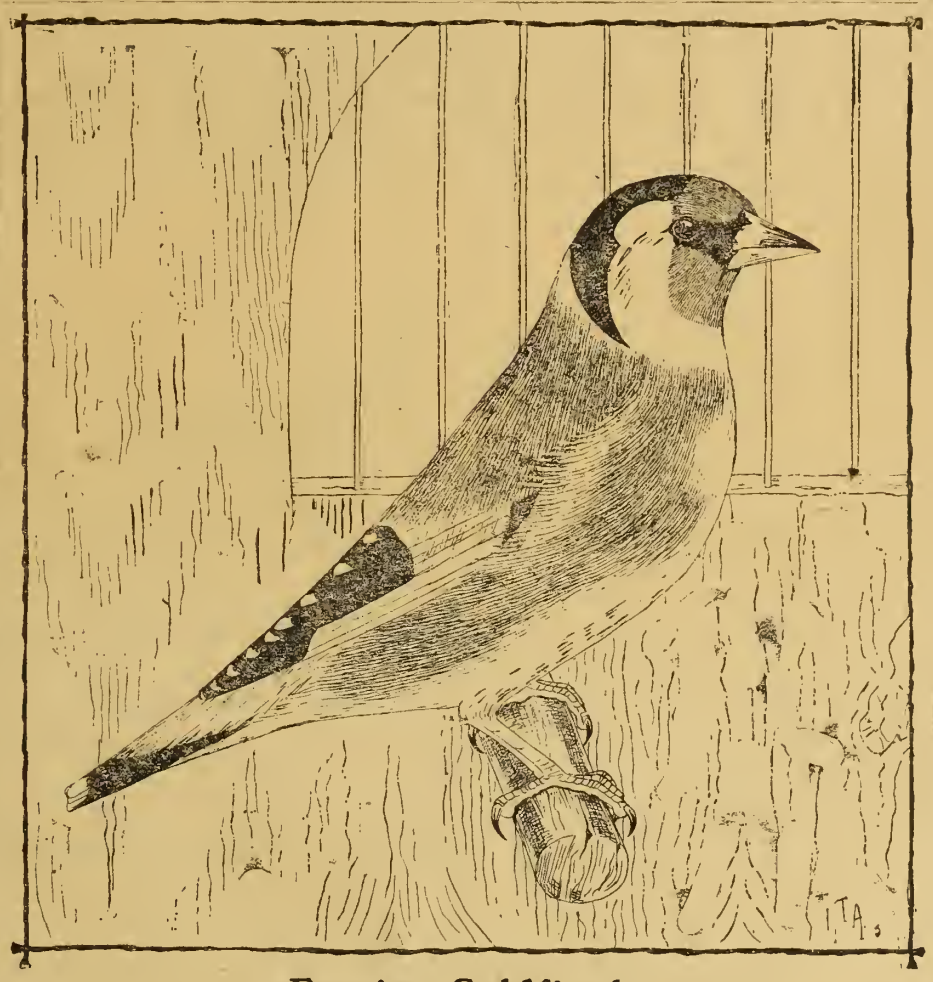
The specimens I have met with have generally been recorded in the months from October to February. One adult male I exhibited at the Crystal Palace, where it secured first prize. This bird was caught in January, 1903. In this year some were seen on the 2nd of April, and again on the 11th two females were brought me alive.

These birds appear to be more contented when caged than the Common Redstarts. They seldom get into the habit of breaking their tails and so damaging their plumage as the last-named generally do. I moulted an adult female which was afterwards sent by our old friend Mr. J. Hills to Sydney, where it was very successful on the show bench. Another specimen I sent to Scotland, where it secured several prizes for its new owner. As hens they are not to be despised for showing.

White and Blue-headed Wagtails.

THE WHITE WAGTAIL.—Though often looked for in this county, this species has been met with on but few occasions. In spring it may be best known by its light grey back, which colour is continued to the root of the tail; but at other seasons it is rather difficult to distinguish from the Pied Wagtails.

A pair was seen at Feltwell in September, 1883. Some few years afterwards two were met with on our golf links. I have had two which were brought me alive, but I found them to be much shyer and more timid than the Pied, and would not settle down to cage life.



Foreign Goldfinch.

First Prize at the Scottish National Show for Mr. D. M'Lennan (Edinburgh).

THE BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL.—But few examples of this rare species have been met with in Norfolk. The first is in the Norwich Museum, and was taken at Sheringham in May, 1842. The next example occurred at Yarmouth in April, 1851. They have been seen in the adjoining county in company with Yellow Wagtails.

A female was obtained at Stalham in May, 1873; another was taken at Blakeney, in September, 1896; and one was brought me alive by a local bird-catcher in the spring of that year, one which he described to me as a good old Yellow. This bird I kept for some months, but it was so very wild there was no possible chance of its ever being tamed. So I now have it in skin form.

Some of the Rarer Pipits.

THE RICHARD'S PIPIT.—This species has been taken less than a dozen times, and all are recorded as being met with at Yarmouth. The months of November and April are mentioned as being the time of year these rare Pipits have been taken. Five of them were shot by one gunner at different times, which is some twenty years ago. Two have been taken at different times to my knowledge by bird catchers. One of these is now in my possession, and was caught on the 21st of October, 1907. These birds are easily distinguishable from any of the other Pipits in being much larger and very long on the leg.

THE SCANDINAVIAN ROCK PIPIT.—This is a doubtfully distinct species, but whatever rank it can be finally assigned to, it has occurred three times in Norfolk. Two were met with near Norwich in 1864, and one at Horsey by Mr. Booth, of Brighton, in March, 1871. Some naturalists consider it a Rufous-breasted form of the Rock Pipit. I have met with several of the ordinary Rock Pipits, which generally put in an appearance here in the month of October. Those in plumage have been of a very dark ground colour, but I have never met with any to convince me of their being anything different from the common Rock Pipit.

THE TAWNY PIPIT.—A female of this species was netted on Yarmouth Denes on the 9th of October, 1897. It was in somewhat faded plumage. It was exhibited at the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society's meeting by Mr. Southwell, who took the opportunity of giving a resume of the status of Norfolk ornithology. This specimen is believed to be a new addition to the Norfolk list.

THE WATER PIPIT.—A female of this species again was shot near the beach, and was pronounced by Mr. Howard Saunders to be a Water Pipit, as indicated by the outer pair of tail feathers which were more than half white, as also were the tips of the second pair. The plumage was much worn. It is the first specimen identified for Norfolk.

THE SHORE LARK.—The first recorded specimen of the Shore Lark in Norfolk, and probably the first ever recognised in England, was the one referred to by Yarrell in the year 1831. This bird was shot at Sheringham in the month of March. A second example some few years later was procured at the same place. One was shot at Yarmouth in November, 1850.

Next in order of date come those that were met with at Blakeney in the first week in March, 1855. A further interval of seven years now elapsed without any more examples being observed in the county. In the winter of 1861 and '62, however, between the first week of November and the 11th of January no less than five were obtained along the coast. Of these birds, singularly enough, all proved to be males. Another was secured at Yarmouth in 1862, and others are recorded as being taken in 1865, also at other seasons.

The first recorded in my own notes was in the year 1880, when two pairs were secured on our denes. A great demand arose by local collectors for these (then called rare American Shore Larks) up till a few years later, when most collections contained one or more. After this the bird catchers turned their attention to taking the birds alive, they being more valuable to exhibitors as show birds. I have had a number of them at various times, and have been very successful with them on the show bench.

Although these birds are difficult to moult in captivity I have kept one in perfect health for three years without its showing any signs of moulting, either in the spring or autumn.

There was but one female to my knowledge caught last autumn, although it has been stated that these birds have been met with up to the month of March. I have seldom had any fresh caught specimens after the month of December.

They are very silly birds, and can be caught by any novice who cares to risk setting his nets on the rough ground which they frequent—generally amongst refuse and dirt, where they, no doubt, meet with insects. But I have generally found them feeding on a grass seed on our denes, which are a fine feeding ground for such birds. These birds are distinguishable from any other kind of Lark or Pipit, as they crouch on the ground and run much after the manner of mice.

THE WALL-CREEPER.—This bird may be considered as doubtful a Britisher as any I have mentioned, but the occurrence of one in Norfolk (it was taken at Stratton Strawless, as long ago as October 30th, 1792), it is said by some entitles it to a place in the Norfolk list. The interesting series of letters from Gilbert White to Robert Marsham were entrusted to the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society, which brought this interesting occurrence to the notice of local ornithologists.

The Smallest Britisher.

THE FIRE-CRESTED WREN.—This is the smallest of our British birds. There are but three recorded instances of this rare species having been actually obtained in Norfolk. The first one is referred to by Yarrell as caught on the rigging of a ship a few miles off the coast of Norfolk in the early part of October, 1836. The second was procured at Yarmouth in November, 1843, and the third I received about twenty years ago from a fisherman who caught it on board his boat, although when brought to me it had been dead some time, and was in a dried-up condition.

The mark which distinguishes this species from the Goldcrest is a buff band which runs across the forehead. Numbers of Gold Crests reach our shores in October every year, and frequent gardens and the furze bushes on our denes. Many come to grief, however, being an easy capture for some cats—I have known one cat to capture half a dozen of these tiny mites in a day.

Concluding Notes.

Since writing my paper I have received the following Norfolk notes for 1907 from Mr. J. H. Gurney, of Keswick Hall, near Norwich, which notes are reprinted from the "Zoologist":—March 29th, a Black Redstart was caught by Mr. Wyrley Birch in a glass porch at West Bilney Lodge; May 4th, a Hoopoe was seen at Lammas by Mr. Walter Rye; May 8th, a handsome adult Red Flycatcher was seen in a garden near Northrepps; May 23rd, a Grasshopper Warbler's nest with eggs was found near Fakenham.

The month of October brought news of more Black Redstarts having been seen; also a Bluethroat Warbler on the 10th near Blakeney, which occurrence was a rather late one. During a gale on the 12th of the same month a flock of Richard's Pipits seemed to have been blown to the coast when some half a dozen were reported as seen. On the 29th of the same month again another example of the Yellow-browed Warbler was obtained, and on the following day a Red-breasted Flycatcher was identified. The last day of the month brought a new addition to the Norfolk list—the Desert Wheatear, which brings the total list of Norfolk birds up to 317, which, I think, will compare favourably with that of any other county. The Desert Wheatears have been expected for some time, but they do not appear to have been identified either in Norfolk or Suffolk until the capture of this bird. This specimen is recorded as being the second taken in England. The bird is stated to be an adult one.

On the same date (October 31st) a Fire-Crested Wren lost its way, and was caught at Yarmouth. November brought news of Grey Shrikes, a Waxwing, and a Nutcracker being seen between Yarmouth and Lowestoft. A Cream-coloured Fieldfare, a Cinnamon Redwing, and a Silver-coloured Blackbird were all secured in the county.

In bringing my lecture to a close, I thank you for your kind attention, and hope it may prove to have been of interest to you, so that you do not consider your time wasted. This is, I may say, my first venture before a meeting of this kind.

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The Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 191.)

The Belgian Canary in its most popular days did not receive the attention it deserved in Scotland. Its most ardent admirers were content to breed a single pair, to supply their own wants in the way of crossing with the Scotch Fancy Canary to keep up the back of that variety.

Where are the Belgians?

Now fanciers are in the position that they can hardly get a genuine Belgium. Dealers who were wont to visit Antwerp—the home of the Belgian—say there is no use now in going to Belgium, because the class of bird worth breeding from cannot be secured. The breeders of real Belgians have either paired their good stock away, or have given up the Fancy, and their places are not being filled by breeders of the same calibre; so that now the loss is felt by every breeder of the Scotch Fancy Canary, the cry is heard everywhere: "Now that we cannot get the right stamp of a Belgian, how are we to obtain the requisite shoulders and drive?"

It is certainly most unfortunate that proper Belgians are not available when in great demand. It has been suggested that the Belgian might be resuscitated by putting together a pair of large Scotch Fancy Canaries with the heaviest tops that can be got, for the sole purpose of importing shoulder and drive characteristics. The circle of the body and wing, it is said, need not be taken into account.

I can quite perceive that it will be well nigh impossible to carry out the proposal, but as it would be for the benefit of the Scotch Fancy Canary, and for the good of the Fancy at large, strong effort should be made to raise up a Belgian that shall prove a credit to fanciers, and put the Scotch Fancy Canary on the pedestal it once enjoyed.

Points of the "Hump-back" Canary.

As previously mentioned, the chief point in a Belgian Canary is the head, which should be small and neat. Too much stress cannot be placed on these qualities. The Belgian of thirty years ago was famed for its small neat head. The neck should be long and thin; it cannot be too long, in fact, or slender; the length of neck adds to the droop. The droop should be direct, and so pronounced as to give the bird the appearance of doing its very best to touch its feet or the perch with its beak.

The shoulders should be high, broad and massive. These qualities were never more sought after than to-day, consequently their acquisition is in great demand, and ought to be cultivated at all costs. The shoulders should be padded between the pinions, it being no easy matter to breed out the hollow which is too often to be found in the average Scotch Fancy Canary. The back should be long, broad and straight, and the body long and straight and tapering. It must be long, to keep in the size in the crossing with the Scotch Fancy Canary. The body is usually straight and tapered, and while there is no objection to one's adhering to this an inclining to the circle need not be a disqualification.

The chest ought to be deep through from back to front, and clean cut out in front. These qualities are of the greatest importance and should be developed to the fullest degree. The wings should be long and fitted into the body neatly, meeting evenly at the tips, so as to present a complete and finished aspect. The tail should be narrow and straight, and the legs long and straight for preference. The thighs should be well covered with feathers.

The Quality of Feather.

A difference of opinion exists as to the quality of feather. The most popular kind is the smooth and close fitting feather. The closeness of the fit affords one the best means of getting to know the actual size of the bird, and its properties, and that is much sought after in these days when fanciers wish to know what they are getting when making a purchase—especially a specimen upon which so much depends for years to come.

A rough feathered Belgian is not to be despised, however, if it excels in other qualities, but it looks larger than its tidy neighbour, and due allowance has to be made for the shaggy feather in estimating the size.

Pairing for Type.

It would well repay a breeder to put up a couple of pairs, unrelated, and as near to the true Belgian type as can be found, and to breed them with the object of founding a pure Belgian Canary, upon which reliance may be placed. The best of Scotch Fancy Canaries in by-gone days, which were superior to the present-day winners, descended direct in many cases from a single Belgian Canary, which founded a strain famed for excellence of quality and merit. Therefore, great stress should be placed upon the Belgian type of Canary.

A Scotch Fancy Canary with very good quality and void of heavy shoulders and decided droop, lacks that which makes it a true Scotch Fancy Canary of the style which is sought after far and near. There are fanciers who can remember how eagerly the return of the dealer or fancier who crossed in search of Belgians was looked forward to. Those who had the first look at, and pick of, the consignment, considered themselves fortunate. We would like to have a repetition of the experience of those times, when the breeder was filled with that splendid enthusiasm which carried him forward with noble aspirations, and enabled him to produce large, heavy shouldered, massive Scotch Fancy Canaries.

It is acknowledged on all hands that Belgian qualities are required. Very well then, let us have them. And should ever the proper Belgian be secured again, let us preserve and keep it.

Something Worth Having.

Pure Belgians are something worth having. No bird is more easily trained to show itself. Almost as soon as it takes to the perch it displays its properties. At about five or six weeks of age the young bird can be run into a show cage having one perch, and the cage has only to be held up, when the bird's legs will become rigid, the back and tail will become stiffer, and the bird will strain every nerve to exhibit itself to the delighted gaze of its owner. The winning Belgian Canary must be free, that is, quick and ready to show when required.

The slow bird, if bred from reliable parents, may be as good as the successful Belgian for breeding with, and should not be despised. But with the experience the Fancy has had in the disappearance of the real Belgian Canary, one cannot be too careful in guarding every Belgian quality one can get hold of. Belgian blood is indispensable to the successful breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

The Belgian Canary, too, is fairly hardy, and can stand our climate as well as any other Canary. It should be carefully handled; the cage, too, should not be lifted by the top, as it frightens the occupant, and upsets it. Some specimens, upset in this manner, take some time to recover. The Belgian should be kindly and carefully handled.

(*To be continued.*)

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Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

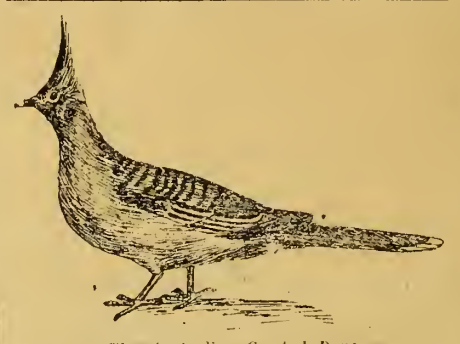
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The Crested Dove.

I must confess that I think that on the whole the Doves are, with the exception of our common tame Collared Dove, a decidedly uninteresting lot of birds, and I am not at all surprised that so few people care for them. There are, however, some other species to be found here and there that can claim some distinction, and of these the chief is certainly the Australian Crested Dove, which does not seem to be so well known in aviculture as it deserves. This species is not only elegant in form, but handsome in colour—the two things very rarely go together in Doves—its delicate browns, greys, and dull pink being set off by two metallic white-edged bars on the wing, somewhat similar to the decoration so common in the duck tribe. In this Dove, however, the bar, in addition to being double, has a very wonderful play of colour; in some lights one part is bronze and the other purple, while in others the colours are green and crimson.

A Good Bird for the Open.

Although this bird, like Doves generally, stands confinement well, its full beauty can never be appreciated unless it has a great deal of room, although it is only about the size of the common tame Dove. This is because one of its greatest charms is its activity



The Australian Crested Dove.

of movement; it runs nearly as fast as a Partridge, and shoots along on the wing so fast that one has hardly time to say "there it goes" before it has gone. This is, of course, when one sees it in the open, and it has been successfully tried at complete liberty in the Zoological Gardens, where a number were turned out some time ago by the Avicultural Society. They have bred in the open, and it has struck me that they have been rather more in evidence during 1909 than the year previous, in spite of the cold and wet. Some, of course, must have fallen a prey to cats, and some have undoubtedly strayed; I saw one myself, in the year of their liberation, which had been captured at Alexandra Park, and was then in a dealer's shop, still wearing the ring which was put on all the specimens before their liberation. These birds, although a delight to aviculturists visiting the Zoo, were not noticed at all by the general public, as far as I could see; but this was, I think, solely because there are so many other attractions there; in an ordinary public park they would be much appreciated, I feel sure.

Behaviour of Green Bulbuls.

The gold-fronted Green Bulbul, about which I was writing the other day, has always been a great favourite with me, and there are several points about it to which I should still like to direct attention. One is that this is one of those birds which do well, and look well, both in a large and small space. It has a strong, graceful flight, and hovers well, and at the same time, though very short on the leg, it hops about actively and constantly, and will keep its condition for years in a cage, while being a particularly hardy bird, and like all fruit eaters, easily fed. It particularly likes anything it can lick up with its long extensible tongue. Like most of these honey-sucking birds, it is gifted with strong individuality, which often takes the form of a savage and domineering temper. A fierce specimen is quite inadmissible among birds weaker than itself; but, to do the bird justice, it is no hypocrite, but lets you know at once when introduced into the company of other birds, whether it is going to behave itself amicably or otherwise, and adheres to its chosen policy consistently.

A Favourite of Nature.

It is curious to notice how attractions and advantages seen at times to be showered on some particular species, while others are left out in the cold, as it were. In the case of this bird, Nature has been prodigal of her gifts; though active and courageous, it is endowed with plumage which is of the highest protective value, making it invisible as soon as it alights among the leaves, so that one rarely sees it in a wild state in India, though it must be a common bird from the numbers kept captive. Though inhabiting a genial region, it is so thickly clad with soft plumage that it feels like a ball of wool when taken in the hand, and, though its plumage is exceedingly beautiful as well as good for concealment, it is a bird of great vocal powers and an accomplished mocker. Rutledge told me the late King of Oude had one which could sing the song of the Nightingale completely, which is as good as anything the sober-plumaged mocking-bird can do.

Wild Bird Life.

The Woods in January.

During each of the four seasons there is a peculiar charm in woodland scenery that the true lover of Nature and wild bird life cannot resist. In the very early spring-time, when the buds begin to show traces of the green clothing of the bare twigs, and in the summer, when added to its other charms are the pleasure and delight we feel when hunting through the underwood and saplings for hidden nests—the woods have innumerable attractions. But in January the summer beauty has vanished; everything is gaunt and bare, cold and dreary. And yet in spite of this, if we seek the woodlands in the proper mood we shall find much of interest, and plenty to note and investigate.

The shelter given to wild bird life by the green canopy of summer is no longer present, and we are able to watch the antics of the tiny Titmice at the very summit of the tall trees, where they spend hours passing from branch to branch, searching around every bud for tiny insects which one would hardly think existed at such an altitude. While standing quietly against the trunk of some giant beech, we see the plump Ring Doves preening themselves in the winter sunlight. Their plumage is full of delicate beauty, with a touch of extra colour on the breast and neck, considerably enhanced by the golden light. Unlike the Crow family, they sit for a length of time without moving, quietly digesting acorns and beechmast, or the food collected in the neighbouring fields.

Blue-Headed Wagtails in Kent.

The doings of the Wagtail family are just now particularly interesting, as the birds are constantly on the move. As they are undergoing considerable alteration in plumage, identification is by no means an easy matter. A few Blue-headed birds have lately been seen in the south of Kent, where they have probably nested this summer, for no doubt they do so in this district, and along the Sussex downs, and may be counted as one of our breeding species.

Evidence for the Owl.

In the Leeds Museum there are about a dozen specimens of the castings of the long-eared Owl. Not one of these betrays sings of birds being the Owl's victims. They are composed entirely of mice fur and beetle casts.

The American Sparrow.

In the great blizzard which swept America twenty years ago, multitudes of Sparrows were destroyed, and the friends of the birds point to the devastation done by the caterpillars and grubs during the following summer.

Dabchick and Moorhen.

The tiny Dab-chick is scientifically known as the "Lesser Grebe." He has large powers of adaptability, and wherever the mournful croak of the Moorhen is heard, one may be pretty certain that the Dabchick is not far off.

Where Birds Feed.

That the sea shore provides food for many birds besides Gulls and Waders is evident by the presence occasionally of Linnets, Twites, and other Finches, besides Larks and Pipits. These may be met with, especially during the winter months, when birds are not nesting, and therefore not tied to one district.

Rearing a Cuckoo.

When wild birds feed each other, either courting in the spring or attending to the wants of the young, they are generally both upon the same level, being nearly of a size, but when the dainty Pipit takes up the task of rearing a big greedy Cuckoo, he is unable to feed him in the usual manner, and so takes the liberty of using the younger bird's shoulder as a perch, and from this position feeds him with ease. So quickly is this performed, that one has to have sharp eyes to detect the operation.

Migrating "Resident" Birds.

A large proportion of what are termed resident birds leave our shores in the autumn, the young birds especially, and one may see large flocks along the south downs composed of Robins, Wrens, Chaffinches, Hedge Sparrows, Buntings, etc., for several days before they depart further south. Any of these, if caught upon the Continent, become food, and strings of them may be seen exposed for sale in the market places. If our northern birds simply migrated to the south of England, the district would be overcrowded, and many would starve to death for want of food.

The Shows.

BRADFORD EAST.

The Bradford East O.S. held their second annual show on New Year's Day in the Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, West Bowling, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and N.C.M.Y.C.C. Entries came up well, totalling 425 from 110 exhibitors, and an average of 10 per class, which, taking into consideration the holidays, etc., is very gratifying. Mr. E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) officiated as judge, his awards leaving little room for complaint. Mr. H. Hill, as secretary, had everything well in hand, and was backed up by a strong band of workers, including amongst others Messrs. Rushworth, Blakey, Dinsdale, Stobart, Cruise, Lowes, and Hammond, all cards being up a few minutes after completion of judging, and all prize-money and specials reckoned up ready for paying out within half an hour. The premier special of the society, "The Bradford East Rose Bowl," which is for competition each year in the Puffighted classes (competitors to be the breeders of the birds shown), was won by Mr. Lister Briggs, one of the members, with his 2nd prize winner in the buff class, a bird that for type and quality will be hard to beat. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird was secured by Messrs. Holroyd Bros.- and that for the best fed bird, fed on Ramsden's feed, was won by Mr. J. Naylor's Norwich. Messrs. Ogden Bros. were winners of special for most points in open classes, Mr. J. Bailey being runner up. The special for most points in Novice was secured by Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. J. Naylor taking second special. The show was officially opened at 3 p.m., by Mr. Lister Briggs, supported by Messrs. Rushworth, Cruise, Hill, and a few other members.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (22): 1, spl, 4, Cruise, leader grand type, very erect in position, neat wings and tail, rich col. and quality, 4, tkd. check, lengthy, good shape, long wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, vhc, Bailey, grand shape, leggy, good position, marvellous quality and col., must have pressed hard; 3, Lane, tkd. check, very typical and good position, lovely col. and quality; hc, Farrar; c, Beaumont. BUFF (16): 1, sp, Hill, grand shape, nice position, well fed, feather like wax; 2, Bailey, tkd. cheek, grand shape, stands well, lovely col., not a feather out of place; 3, Dykes, saddle mkd., slim, nice shape, good front, neat feather, hardly as good wing carriage as leaders; 4, Helliwell, lengthy, good shape and position, nice back, wings and tail, neat feather; vhc, Farrar; hc, Hodgson; c, Shackleton. UNFLIG. YELL. (29): 1, sp, 4, Shackleton, leader very typical, nice position, leggy, grand col. and quality; 4, good shape, well up, smart feather; 2, Beanmont, slim, well drawn out behind, nice position, grand feather; 3, Helliwell, typical, nice style, all there for quality, not quite as long; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Cruise; c, Charlesworth. BUFF: 1, sp, Bailey, tkd. head, good shape, nice position and leggy, extra smart feather; 2, Briggs, Rose Bowl winner, slim, extra type, leggy, marvellous quality and col., very smart; 3, Shackleton, nice shape, stands well, good quality; 4, Blakey, nice length, straight, good shape and style, neat feather; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Armstrong; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (22): 1, sp, Bailey, lengthy, grand shape, leggy, lovely quality; 2, Beamnont, nice shape, plenty of leg, good position, smart quality; 3, Wilson, good type, lovely quality, very good back, wings and tail; 4, Laycock, slim, extra good on legs, well cut away, nice quality; vhc, Stebbings; hc, Fawcett; c, Dykes. BUFF (24): 1, sp, Peel, good type, nicely cut away, grand head, neat wings and tail, full of quality, compact; 2, Bailey, very neat, shapely, nice position, splendid feather; 3, Laycock, very typical, well drawn out, grand quality; 4, Beaumont, good size, nice shape, fine quality, washed out; vhc, Briggs; hc, White; c, Helliwell. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, Towers, foul mkd., grand type, straight as a rush, plenty of leg, extra col. and quality; 2, Thornton and Bower, neat marks, grand shape, well on legs, very rich col. and feathered to perfection; 3, sp, vhc, Ogden Bros., grand length, leggy, good type, nice feather; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, very slim, grand shape and style, smart feather, 4-pointed; hc, Drake and Son; c, Clegg. BUFF (18): 1, sp, 3, Smith, leader grand shape and quality, stands cleverly, 3, grand position, typical, rich quality; 2, Armstrong, fout mkd., wonderful position, very breedy, smart feather and nice col.; 4, Ogden Bros., good shape and style, grand quality; vhc, hc, Clegg; c, Briggs. YELL. HEN (10): 1, sp, Smith, mkd. wing and tail, slim, very leggy, lovely quality, very clean made; 2, Bailey, straight, grand shape, good leggy style, full of quality; 2, Bearpark, neat narrow shoulders, nice shape, good quality; 4, Ogden Bros., good type, leggy and neat feather; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Hill; c, Stebbings. BUFF (12): 1, Edmondson and Son, mkd. eyes and wing, grand type, well up in position, good wings and tail, nice quality; 2, sp, vhc, 4-pointed, grand shape, very rich col., nice style, lovely quality; 3, Ross, grand shape, well up in position, lovely feather; 4, Mason, good shape, nice back and wings, grand quality. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Towers, grand shape, leggy, well up, good quality; 2, Ross, lengthy, good shape and style, lovely col. and quality; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, rich quality, 4, straight, grand cut, lovely position and nice quality; c, Cooper. BUFF (12): 1, Ogden Bros., grand shape, very straight, good back, lovely quality; 2, Towers, nice length, good shape and style, grand round back, rich quality; 3, vhc, hc, sp, Cooper, neat type, extra good quality and col., smart; 4, Dykes, nice shape and position, neat quality; c, Bentley. YELL. HEN (11): 1, sp, 4, Towers, leader very straight, grand type, stands very erect, feather like wax; 4, very slim, neat shape and stylish, lovely quality; 2, Lumb, extra position, grand shape, marvellous feather; 3, Bentley, nice shape and position, good quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Lingley; c, Jowett. BUFF (12): 1, sp, 3, Cooper, leader 4-pointed, grand type, very neat wings, nice position, extra quality; 3, good shape, lovely feather, stylish; 2, Bentley, grand position, very typical, nice quality; 4, Blakey, lovely quality and col., good shape and position; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Towers. NOVICE CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (5): 1, Brown and Son, yell., good shape, leggy, nice quality and col.; 2, sp, 4, Richmond, 2, buff, good shape and style, nice quality, bit soft when we saw it; 4, good shape, plenty of leg, rather pale col., nice quality; 3, Clegg, yell., lovely type, gets up well, good quality; vhc, Shoesmith. HEN (7): 1, sp, 3, Gelder, both yells., grand shape and style, good quality, two neat ladies; 2, 4, Clegg, 2, buff, nice type, grand position, feather like glass; 4, yell., narrow, good shape and position, nice quality; vhc, Gelder; hc, Spencer; c, Richmond. SELL. YELL. (15/-) (13): 1, sp, Bearpark; 2, Hodgson; 3, Lumb; 4, Laycock; vhc, Nettleton; hc, Priestley; c, Rushforth. BUFF (15/-) (18): 1, sp, Crowther; 2, Holmes; 3, Drake and Son; 4, Clark; vhc, Grange; hc, Bartle; c, Wilcock. HEN (12/6) (10): 1, sp, Casey; 2, Greenwood; 3, Lumb; 4, Gelder; vhc, Priestley; hc, Cruise; c, White.



BUFF BORDER FANCY CANARY.
First and Special Prizes at the Metropolitan C.B.A. Show for Mrs. McGregor.

YORKS. UNION: NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL. (21): 1, sp, Clark, nice length, grand type, well up in position, good quality and col., smart bird; 2, Bennett, slim, typical, very leggy, grand position and smart in feather; 3, Holroyd Bros., red hot col., nice shape, well cut away, good feather; 4, Haigh, good position and leggy, nice shape and quality; vhc, Northrop; hc, Morrison; c, Hainsworth. BUFF (19): 1, sp, Turton, grand type and style, good head and back, nice quality; 2, Priestley, good shape and position, leggy, lovely feather; 3, c, Thomas, good position, nice shape, lovely back and shoulders, smart feather; 4, Craven, lengthy, nice shape, good behind, nice quality, rather patchy; vhc, Tyas; hc, Northrop. MKD. (16): 1, sp, Walker, yell., slim, leggy, very straight, well cut away, fine quality; 2, Womersley, grand type and style, neat feather, yellow; 3, Tattersall, buff, grand shape, good back, smart feather; 4, hc, Dinsdale, foul yell., very straight, leggy and lovely quality; vhc, Whitwham; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. (26): 1, sp, Turton, extra col. buff, nice shape and position, good quality, very compact; 2, Wilkinson Bros., buff, nice shape and style, full of quality, neat; 3, Walker, yell., nice length, grand shape, nice round back, all there for quality; 4, Womersley, mkd. yell., grand length, typical, leggy, good back and wings, nice quality; vhc, Thomas; hc, Boulton; c, Jowett. YELL. HEN (16): 1, sp, Kilner, nice shape and position, very close in feather; 2, Turton, good shape, well up, very round back, nice quality; 3, Wilkinson Bros., lengthy, nice shape, good shoulders and back, clean feathered; 4, Casey, extra col., nice position and shapely, good quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Smith; c, Stables. BUFF (22): 1, Thomas, tkd. head, very neat type, extra quality, nice position; 2, 3, sp, Morrison, 2, grand type, stylish, lovely quality; 3, mkd. eyes and wing, grand shape, extra position, leggy, neat feather; 4, Hall, good shape, nice position, lovely quality, very clean made; vhc, Bartle; hc, Dinsdale; c, Stobart. NOR. CK. (11): 1, sp, 3, Naylor, both yells, leader very good chest, plenty of substance, grand shape, lovely quality and col.; 3, marvellous quality, good head and neck, full of quality and col.; 2, hc, Thomas, buff, good substance, nice quality, rich col.; 4, c, Ball, buff, extra col. and quality, nice substance, good shape; vhc, Horsfield. HEN (14): 1, sp, 2, Naylor, both yells., 1, grand type, good substance, full of quality and col., very compact; 2, nice size and shape,, good feather and col., smart; 3, hc, Horsfield, buff, very cobby, nice substance, splendid shape, lovely feather, and brim full of col.; 4, vhc, c, Thomas, short, cobby and compact, very neat in feather.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nottingham) O.S.

The 30th annual Christmas members' show was held on December 18th, at the Admiral Duncan, Coalpit Lane. The premier special prize (handsome silver cup) was won by Mr. R. Holmes, for most points during year. Mr. Geo. Hoult judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Sharp. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Hill. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Sharp; 3, Holmes. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Birch; 2, 3, Sharp. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Sharp; 2, 3, Birch. HEN: 1, 3, Hill; 2, Birch. YELL., DARK CREST: 1, Bowers; 2, vhc, Holmes; 3, Blasdale. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Bowers; 3, Holmes. LIGHT: 1, 2, Bowers; 3, vhc, Holmes. CREST HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Holmes; 2, Bowers. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, Goode; 2, Bowers; 3, vhc, Holmes. BUFF: 1, 3, Holmes; 2, vhc, Goode; hc, Bowers; c, Blasdale. C.B. HEN: 1, Bowers; 2, vhc, Holmes; 3, Wood. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Goode; 2, Holmes; 3, Wood. C.B.: 1, Bowers; 2, 3, Holmes. A.O.V.: 1, Goode; 2, Holmes. STOCK PAIRS, NOR.: 1, Hill; 2, 3, Sharp; vhc, Blasdale. CREST, 1, Goode; 2, Wood; 3, Holmes. SELL. 20/-: 1, 2, Holmes. 15/-: 1, 3, Holmes; 2, Blasdale. NOR. (10/-): 1, Hill; 2, 3, Holmes; vhc, Sharp. 10/6: 1, 2, Holmes. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, hc, Stepper, Goldfinch and Bullie; 2, Holmes, Bullfinch; 3, Bowers, Goldfinch; vhc, Goode, Bullfinch; c, Caunt, Goldfinch. LINNET: 1, Wood; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, Goode, hc, Holmes. A.O.S.: 1, Goode, Bramblefinch; 2, vhc, Stopper, Grosbeak; 3, Caunt, Bramblefinch; vhc, Handley, Hawfinch. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Larrison, Blackbird and Wheatear; 2, Stopper, Starling; vhc, Holmes, Starling.

DOUGLAS (I. of M.).

Annual show of the Manx C.A. took place in the Derby Castle on Boxing Day (St. Stephen's Day). The cage birds numbered close upon 200, and were grandly staged on the balcony, making a very pleasing display. The Norwich classes contained some grand birds for type and quality, while the Yorks. were a very fine lot, much in advance of last year. The winner of the cup for best bird in show (shown by a member) was secured by Mr. Gill, with a very nice 4-pointed Goldie-Can. Mule, shown in grand form, after a tight race with Mr. R. Caley's ticked yellow Norwich; the latter gentleman secured the special for most points in the section, and Mr. Witherspoon that for second ditto, while Messrs. Kelly and Sons won special for most points in British. Judging was over in good time, and cards affixed as each class was adjudicated upon. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport) made the awards, and left little to be desired in his selections.

CREST: 1, sp, 2, Witherspoon, leader, nice grey Crest, of good size and droop, followed by a dark of nice width and length. C.-B.: 1, sp, 2, Witherspoon, good big body, nice width of skull, 2, loses in head only to winner. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Hogg, winner grand type, short wings and tail, rare quality, well cleaned out, 2, another typical bird, grand col. and quality; 3, c, r, Caley, longer in barrel than leaders a trifle; r, C. Caley; vhc, Witherspoon. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, R. Caley, leader very typical, short and stout, good head, grand quality, 3, nice type, a trifle horned; 2, Hogg, hardly so typical as leader perhaps, but good col. and nicely frosted; r, C. Caley; vhc, Crebbin; hc, Witherspoon. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp, 2, R. Caley, grand wing tkd., rattling type, good size, col. and quality; 2, nice type, a wee bit too fat; 3, C. Caley. BUFF: 1, sp, R. Caley, very fine wing-tkd. unflig., capital shape, short and stout, rare head and quality, easy win; 2, C. Caley, very shapely bird of nice quality; 3, Gill, good col., bit musteady; r, Hogg; vhc, Crebbin. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, C. Caley, very typical cl., round as a ball, good head and quality; 2, nice bird, not quite so typical perhaps; 3, sp, Hogg, tkd. head, rattling quality, nice type; r, R. Caley; vhc, Crebbin. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, c, R. Caley, leader mkd. head and wing, splendid type; 3, good variegd., of nice quality; 2, vhc, Hogg, good cl., of rare quality; r, C. Caley; hc, Crebbin. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, R. Caley, splendid length, shape and style, nice position, good quality and condition, wins; 2, Wade, nice length, fine quality; 3, Teare, nice bird; r, Qualtrough; vhc, Barron; hc, Crebbin; c, W. Wade. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Teare, leader splendid shape and quality, well drawn, nice shoulders and back, well cleaned out, feather like boxwood, good one; 2, grand length, wee bit open in feather; 3, sp, Wade, nice length and feather; r, Cowin; vhc, Caley; hc, Barron; c, Turner; good class. YELL., GREEN TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Teare, leader cheek mkd., capital length and position, nicely drawn, sweet head, good quality, well braced wings and tail; 3, wing tkd., nice shape and style; 2, sp, r, vhc, R. Caley, thigh tkd., great length, capital col. and quality; hc, Crebbin; c, Barron. BUFF: 1, vhc, Teare, wing tkd., good quality and style, nice length and condition; 2, sp, 3, Wade, wing tkd., well drawn; 3, variegd., nice length and position, close up; r, hc, R. Caley. HEN YELL.: 1, r, hc, Teare, stylish cl., capital length, good back and tail, nice feather; 2, sp, vhc, Wade, uneven mkd., well drawn, wee bit hollow in back, nice quality; 3, hc, Cowin, stylish, close up; vhc, R. Caley. BUFF: 1, sp, Cowin, nice length and taper, well filled back, good feather and position; 2, vhc, hc, Teare, good bird, close on heels of leader; 3, r, c, R. Caley, neat and typical. GREEN, SELF, ETC.: 1, sp, 3, r, Witherspoon, two stynsh birds, nice shape and feather; 2, Teare, foul, nice length. TKD., ETC., CINN.: 1, Qualtrough, yell., nice length and feather, good shape, stylish; 2, sp, 3, vhc, Wade, yell., fine length; 3, buff, nice quality, a wee bit strong in build; hc, Cowin. TKD., ETC., CINN. HEN: 1, 2, Teare, good length, shape and style, nice pose; 2, capital length and position, grand quality; 3, Qualtrough, stylish buff of good quality, close up; r, sp, hc, c, Wade; vhc, Turner. CINN.: 1, sp, 2, Gill, leader, yell., nice type and quality, good col., rather horned; 2 good shaped buff; 3, Hogg, lovely shaped loff, beaten in wing carriage only. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Witherspoon, leader very nice copy of good size, 2, capital broken Gold Liz, rare col. and feather; 3, handsome Plainhead, good head, nice substance; r, Hogg. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, c, Gill, nice full face of rich col., nice tanning, good shape and condition; 2, 3, Gale, not quite so deep in blaze, good one though; 3, very nice Finch, close up; 1, vhc, Kelly and Sons; absent Corteen. GOLDFINCH-CAN. HYB. DARK: 1, sp, vhc, Gill, rattling size and shape, splendid flush, good col. and bloom, buff; 2, Gale, nice yell., good face and feather; 3, Kelly and Son's shapely buff, nice size, col. and condition; r, Turner; absent Corteen (2). LINNET: 1, sp, vhc (2), Kelly and Sons, nice size and shape, profusely pencilled, rich col., steady, shown in rare bloom; 2, 3, Gale, good size and shape, nice col. and condition; 3, very steady bird of nice col. and shape; hc, Foster; c, L. Gale; absent Frazer. FELL-MOULTED: 1, sp, r, Gale, splendid size, nice cone shape, good nutty col., well pencilled, steady; 2, 3, c, Kelly and Sons, rare size and col., good breast, unsteady, or might have won; 3, good size, lovely col., well pencilled; vhc, L. Gale; hc, Mizen. LINNET-CAN. HYB. DARK: 1, sp, 3, r, Gill, leader splendid size, col. and condition; 3, not quite so good in col.; 2, Kelly, well up in size, shape and feather; absent Frazer. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Gill, lovely 4-pointed buff Goldie-Can., nice size, good face mkgs., very deep in col., splendidly balanced, well shown, wins cup for best bird in show; 2, 3, Kelly and Sons, very nice quality uneven buff Goldie-Can., good size and shape; 3, very good Greenie-Can., capital size, col. and feather, deserved its place; r, Gale; absent, Corteen. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL: 1, sp, Gale, rattling good Yellow Bunting, grand size and col., nice cheek mkgs.; 2, 3, Kelly and Sons, good size Bramble, nicely broken; 3, Chaffinch, fine size and feather; r, Mizen. SELL. (20/-): 1, Teare; 2, Wade; 3, r, vhc, R. Caley; hc, Turner; c, Hogg. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, sp, R. Caley, Clough, good size, sound body col., very pale in legs and bill, wants time; absent Killey.

DALBEATTIE.

The twenty-fourth show of the Dalbeattie O.A. was held in the Town Hall on New Year's Day. The entries in our section were slightly back upon last year's, but the quality reached the high water mark. The cage birds were staged in a lesser hall separate from the other stock, and were well suited both as regards lighting and space. Border fancies were an excellent display, and the Norwich made one of the best shows ever seen here. The Crests, however, were not quite so good as the Plainheads. The outstanding class was that for British Goldfinches, the winner in which gained the British bird medal. Foreign Finches were also good. Bullfinches were a very fine lot. Mr. G. C. Robertson, as secretary, is to be congratulated upon his most excellent management. Mr. A. McMeeking (Glasgow) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. AND HEN: Cancelled. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, Rae and Son, yell. ck., fine little bird, feather like wax; 2, Hamilton Bros., also yell., must have given winner a tight race, fails slightly in condition only; 3, Dunsmore, neat little yell., very shapely; vhc, c, Welsh. HEN: 1, vhc, Rae and Son, 1, very neat little buff, feather just perfection, well put down; 2, Hunter, buff, another good one; 3, hc, Welsh, 3, nice yell., not quite the quality of first two; c, Dunsmore. NOR. CK. 1, 2, Devoy, 1, nice evenly mkd. buff, magnificent shape and quality, little gem; 2, variegd., good col., rattling quality, real clinker; 2, McMinn Bros., very nice little buff, good one. HEN: 1, McMinn Bros., splendid little yell., well deserves place, red hot col.; 2, vhc, McNeillie, 2, buff, nice type and size; vhc, nice bird; 3, hc, c, Devoy, 3, nice-looking little buff, fine feather and condition, a trifle to the long side. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, Graham, neat Crest of nice texture, even mkd.; 2, Johnstone and Son, nice little green. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Thomson, nice yell. Scotch Fcy. cock, perfect little beauty, we liked; 3, nice little Yorks.; 2, R. Welsh, very fine little Yorks., well got up, very stylish, well shown; vhc, McKennell and Son, nice Nor. MULE, CL., ETC.: 1, Crosbie, 1, evenly mkd. Goldie-Can. mule, four-pointed, really fine bird, the stamp one does not see every day; 2, 3, Rowe, both Goldie-Canary Mules, former fails in density of blaze only to the winner; vhc, Wyllie. DARK OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Crosbie, 1, superb little Linnet-Can. Mule, nice type, size and shape, full of quality; 2, real little Greenfinch-Can., lovely col. and feather; 3, gem of a Goldie-Can.; vhc, Rowe, Goldie-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Crearie and Son, one of the finest Finches to be seen at any show, splendid blaze of col., buttons just perfect; 2, hc, two rattling good little birds, second fails in blaze only to winner; 3, Hunter, also good one; vhc, Swan; c, Crosbie. This being the home of the Goldie there was a very fine selection forward, and the judge must have had some difficulty in dealing out the award tickets. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, McKinnell and Son, splendid blaze of col., rare size and shape, excellent feather; 2, Rowe, clinker all through; 3, Coutts, not quite so showy; vhc, McKinnell. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, R. Welsh, nicely feathered, excellent col. and shape, in grand condition; 2, McNaught, good one; 3, Thomson, nice one, rare shape; vhc, McMinn Bros; hc, Dunsmore; c, Walker. LINNET: 1, McNeillie, beautiful little cock, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Hunter, nice exhibit; 3, Thomson, modest little hen. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, sp, Crearie and Son, lovely Thrush, shown in the pink of condition, well deserves its place; 2, McMinn Bros., very fine Yellowhammer, had hard luck to take second place; 3, Rowe, also Yellowhammer, nice though out; vhc, Coutts, good little Twite. FOR. SMALL: 1, Thomson, Scarlet Tanager, almost perfect exhibit, shown to the best advantage, able to win at most places; 2, 3, McKinnell and Son, 2, lovely Orange Bishop, 3, nice Budgerigar. SELL. (10/-): 1, Welsh; 2, Tweedie; 3, Thomson; vhc, Parker; hc, Johnstone and Son; c, Harper. (5/-): 1, Bridges and Kirk; 2, Clues Bros.; 3, Rae and Son; vhc, Johnstone and Son; hc, Dunsmore; c, McMinn Bros., a really remarkable class.

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CARLISLE.

Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S. held their 24th annual exhibition and competition, in the Queen's Hall, Victoria Viaduct, on New Year's Day, and it proved a great success, the entries coming up splendidly, and the gate being all that could be desired. At times the room was packed with visitors. We are very pleased at the result, as the committee and officials headed, of course, by the energetic and untiring secretary, Mr. W. H. Wright, who was thoroughly master of the situation from early morning till the room was cleared, all worked hard, and did their allotted duties in a manner calculated to ensure success. Amongst others we noticed very busily engaged were Messrs. Lawson, Atkinson, Robson, Cranston, Dawson, Garrick, Dockerty, Fraser, Gill, Harrison, Herring, Johnstone, McFarlane, Nixon, and Reddy. The show was opened by Mrs. F. W. Chance (wife of the Member of Parliament for Carlisle), with a pretty speech. The secretary afterwards presented her with a bird and cage on behalf of the members. As to the birds themselves, the quality throughout was of the highest standard, and found the judges no easy task in selecting the winners, particularly in the Border Fancy section—about the strongest lot we have seen for a long time. The judges were Messrs. McCreadie, Goulden, Stanger, and Maddison, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

The Canary Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (26): 1, 4, Wilson, leader gem, rare type and col., exquisite quality, extra carriage and style, 4th neat head and wings, grand col, nice type and carriage; 2, Richardson, wonderful col., extra quality, rattling type and mover, close up; 3, Pearson, magnificent quality, rare type, good head, nice, jaunty carriage, another good one; vhc, Nixon, good quality and type; hc, Thompson; c, Johnson and Ballantyne. HEN (16): 1, J. and J. Patterson, perfect type, beautiful quality, grand action, a little gem; 2, Wilson, again grand type, A1 quality, rare mover; 3, Blackie, smooth as glass, grand type, not far away; 4, vhc, Pearson, beautiful feather, nice jaunty carriage, beaten in shape only; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Nicholson. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Richardson, a gem, A1 quality, magnificent type, one of the right sort; 2, Clark, again grand type, neatly-carried wings, smooth as glass, close up; 3, Blackie, neat head and feather, sweetly moulded; 4, Moore and Son, all there for type and quality, fails just a little in wing carriage; vhc, Thompson; hc, Walker; c, Wilson. HEN (12): 1, Pennington, a perfect model, exquisite quality and type, grand mover, hard to find fault with; 2, Richardson, tight as wax, beautiful shape, close on heels of winner; 3, Clark, grand carriage and quality, hardly type; 4, Cubby, nicely moulded, grand carriage; vhc, Johnstone and Ballantyne; hc, Jones; c, Dixon. FOUL BUFF (12): 1, Moore and Son, wing mkd., neat head, fine wings, well moulded, little gem; 2, J. and J. Patterson, cap mkd., smooth as glass, extra type and quality, good 2nd; 3, Pennington, cap mkd. again, good type, nice mover, not a feather out of place; 4, Hopper Bros., cheek mkd., smaller, perfect wings, well worth its place; vhc, Dixon; hc, Nicholson; c, Nixon. YELL. (10): 1, Clark, cap mkd., one of the best in show, grand carriage, rare quality, the best of type; 2, Pennington, tkd. back of head, nicely tapered, grand quality, trifle thin in neck; 3, Thompson, mkd. eye and neck, well moulded, neat head, not a feather out of place; 4, J. and J. Patterson, cheek mkd., best of type and quality; vhc, Gardener; hc, Thompson; c, Watson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (13): 1, Pennington, face and wings mkd., rare col. and quality, moves well, grand type, wins; 2, Dixon, head and wing mkd., wonderful quality and carriage, lovely taper, neat head, very close up; 3, Richardson, eyes and wings mkd., model for shape, a wee trifle coarse in head; 4, Blackie, eyes and wings mkd., beautiful carriage and quality; vhc, Arnot and Jamieson; hc, Wright; c, Herring. BUFF (18): 1, 4, Dixon, leader eyes and wings mkd., feather like wax, rare type, real topper, 4th eyes and wings mkd., capital exhibit, very smart and stylish; 2, Pennington, mkd. eyes and wing, well carried flights and tail, sweetly moulded, good 2nd; 3, Nixon, face and wings mkd., a trifle larger, but very shapely, capital feather; vhc, Harrison, eyes, neck and wing mkd., worth its place; hc, Meekly; c, Brown. EVENLY MKD. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Patterson, leader lovely Cinnamon, eyes and wings mkd., fine mover, extra quality and type, real gem; 3rd eyes and wings mkd., well balanced markings, wonderful col. and quality; 2, Gill, eyes and wings mkd., grand col. and shape, superior quality; 4, Dockerty, rich col., close feather, beautiful carriage; vhc, Harrison; hc, Nixon; c, McLauchlan. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Patterson, 1st well balanced eyes and wings, smooth as glass, perfect type, real charmer, 3rd eyes and wings mkd., grand feather and carriage; 2, 4, Dixon, Cinn., eyes and wing mkd., beautifully moulded, nice, jaunty carriage, well tapered, 4th grandly mkd., lovely quality, rather too long; vhc, Davies; hc, Herring; c, Nixon. YELL. GREEN (22): 1, Wilson, sound, rich col., well pencilled, all type and quality, regular swell; 2, Vhc, Richardson, lovely exhibit, grand col. and markings; 3, 4, McQuillan, two wee gems, both very rich in col. and quality, and possessing grand type; vhc, Harrison; c, Dockerty; strong class. BUFF (7): 1, Nixon, real good self, possessing all the true characteristics of a champion Border; 2, J. and J. Patterson, rare type, neat head and carriage; 3, Montgomery, sound col., rattling type and feather; 4, Montgomery, very similar, good 4th; vhc, Dockerty; hc, Richardson; c, Arnot and Jamieson. CINN. BORD. (12): 1, Cubby, buff, perfect type, nice, jaunty carriage, clinking exhibit; 2, Richardson, another very smart, stylish Border; 3, Robson, still another little gem, all type and quality; 4, Brown, grand col. and quality, nice type, beaten only in wings; vhc, hc, Arnot and Jamieson; hc, Wright. PAIR CLASS, BORD. (13): 1, Hopper Bros., head and wing mkd. buff and cl. yell. really well balanced pair, both having grand type and quality; 2, McQuillan, grand pair of greens, good 2nd; 3, 4, Hill, two splendid pairs, and the right stamp for breeding typical Borders; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Morgan; c, Davies. SELL. 10/6 (23): 1, 3, Hyslop; 2, 4, Cubby; vhc, Sewell; hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Nixon. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Wilson, nice type, hot col., grand quality, good head, neck and chest, well-known winner; 2, (no name), all front, fine quality and col., hardly so neat in wings; 3, Almond, good col. and quality, wee shade longer; 4, Lawson, real good Nor., all type and quality; vhc, Cranston; hc, Jones; c, Dixon. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Lawson, leader grand size and col., good head, grand quality and type, 2nd good feather and type, nice size and col; 3, 4, Davies, gem for shape and quality, nice size, well worth its place, 4th grand feather and size, rare col. just a shade longer; vhc, Lockhart; hc, Atkinson; c, Lawson. TKD., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, Sumpton Bros., mkd. neck, real good one, plenty of size, rare head, neck and chest, grand quality and col., one of the best; 2, 3, vhc, Lawson, variegated, grand size, capital shape and quality, 3rd head and wings mkd., good head, grand size and substance, good quality, worth its place; 4, Vere, wing mkd., grand size and quality, good col., nice type; hc, Hurst. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st thigh tkd., a good one, plenty of size, rare col. and quality, 2nd cap and wing mkd., red-hot col., good head, capital shape; 3, Lockhart, mkd. head and wings, nice size and shape, plenty of col.; 4, Richardson, thigh tkd., hot col., nice quality; vhc, Dixon. YELL. HEN (8): 1, vhc, (no name), tkd. neck and wing, good size, col. and carriage, good hen, just a wee bit too fat; 2, Cranston, grand size, good head, fine shape, very close race; 3, Reay, thigh tkd, unflighted, grand quality, nice type and col.; 4, hc, Lawson, mkd. neck, unflighted, round as a ball, splendid quality, nice col. and size, many thought should have won; c, Cranston. BUFF (12): 1, Lawson, cl., nice head, hot-col., rattling shape and quality; 2, Atkinson, cl., grand size and shape, nice col.; 3, 4, Davies, 3rd cl., gem for shape and quality, good hen, a trifle smaller, 4th nice quality and shape; vhc, Ellswood; hc, Jones; c, Almond. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, 3, Lawson, 1st yell. tkd. eye, grand size and substance, good head and rattling col., 2nd clear buff, nice size and shape, fine quality, well placed, 3rd head, wing and tail mkd., fine quality, correct type, good size and substance; 4, Dixon, cl. yell., good head, nice col., short and cobby, close silky feather; vhc (no name); hc, Reay; c, Davidson. HEN (14): 1, 3, 4, Lawson, 1st cl., capital size, extra shape and quality, rich col., wins, 3rd wing mkd. buff, a real good hen, all there for type and quality, 4th cl. buff, good substance and quality, beaten only a little in wing carriage; 2, Davies, cl. buff, another of the right stamp, short and thick-set, good bold head, beautiful quality; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; hc, Dixon; c, Atkinson. SELL. 20/- (13): 1, Taylor; 2, Almond; 3, Atkinson; 4, Lawson; vhc, Hirst; hc, McFarlane; c, Jones. CREST CK. (4): 1, Taylor, well-known King Edward, grand size, large, drooping Crest; 2, 3, Dobson and Son, 2nd lightly varieg., dark Crest, crest well centred and radiated, good substance of body, 3rd foul green, nice round crest, good centre and droop, hardly so dense; 4, Atkinson, heavy varieg., not quite so massive, yet very neat Crest. HENS (5): 1, 3, Taylor, leader well-known Empress, foul green, monster Crest, extra large and round, grand frontal centre and droop, 3 wing and tail mkd. dark Crest, good-sized crest, very round, good, broad leafy feather; 2, Dobson and Son, wing mkd., dark, well centred Crest, nice size, good substance of body; 4, Ellwood, varieg., dark, nice bird, not quite so large, perhaps; vhc, Vere. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Hutchinson, eye and wing-mkd. grand cushion, shaped, good length of feather, rare width of skull, good one; 2, Taylor, green, good skull, rare substance of body, hardly length of feather; 3, Dobson and Son, varieg., nice skull and feather, hardly the substance probably; 4, Hutchinson, varieg, nice substance of body, a wee bit narrow in entrance; vhc, Ellwood; c, Atkinson. HEN (3): 1, 2, Taylor, leader monster cl., grand skull and cushion, rare length and breadth of feather, 2nd varieg., nice skull and feather, just beaten a trifle in size; 3, Hutchinson, heavy varieg., nice skull and size. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Richmond, Cinn., head and wing mkd., slashing length, well up on leg, fine quality and type; 2, 3, Tweedie, 2nd cl., again grand length, fine quality and type, 3rd cheek mkd., fine length, nice back, wings and tail, grand stand and position; 4, hc, Carrick, cl. yell. grand length, hardly the quality, perhaps; vhc, Nelson; c, Irwin. BUFF (7): 1, Ellwood, long, raking cl., fine, upstanding, leggy bird, of rare quality, wins; 2, Hirst, another long, stylish cl., rich col., fine quality and position; 3, c, Garrick, cl., nice back, good, full neck, nice length; 4, Irwin, nice length and quality; vhc, Richmond; hc, Tweedie. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Irwin, grand length, fine style and quality; 2, hc, Nelson, good length and stand, nice quality and type; 3, Carrick, nice length, good position; 4, Nelson; vhc, Hirst. SELL. 10/6 (17): 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Atkinson; 3, Bell and Readhead; 4, Cranston; vhc, Hirst; hc, Jones; c, Bertram and Bell. 5/- (14): 1, Davies; 2, Dobson and Son; 3, Alexander; 4, Bertram and Bell; vhc, Atkinson.

The Mules British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 4, hc, Bond, 1st cl. Goldfinch Can., well-known, wonderful quality and size, one of the best out, 4th tkd. neck Goldfinch-Can, shade smaller, but all there otherwise; 2, Dixon, cl., Greenfinch-Can. again grand quality, tight as wax, clinking exhibit; 3, c, Walsh, Bullfinch-Goldfinch, well-known; vhc, Todd and Son. VARIEG., ETC., CAN. MULE, ETC. (10): 1, c, Bond, Bullfinch-Can., slashing size, rare col. and feather, well shown; 2, 3, 4, Dixon, 2nd face and wings mkd., Goldfinch-Can., wonderful quality fine size, close up, 3rd yell. Goldfinch-Can., wee shade smaller, very rich col. and quality, 4th variegated Goldfinch-Can., nice feather and carriage; vhc, Walsh; hc, Hill; c, Connerton. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (8): 1, Wilson, Linnet-Can., grand size, wonderful col., a stormer; 2, McVitie, Goldfinch-Can., shows both crosses distinctly, good size and feather; 3, Davies, Linnet-Can., smart exhibit; 4, Walsh, Goldfinch-Can., smaller, grand quality; vhc, Bond; hc, Bell and Readhead; c, Donaldson. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (19): 1, Tams and Son, capital size, good, square-cut blaze, rich body col., real first-class specimen; 2, Thompson, another clinking Finch, sound col., nice size and quality; 3, McMinn Bros., again grand col., not quite the size; 4, Bell, nice bars and buttons, rare condition and quality; vhc, Robinson; hc, Dickenson and Goodall; c, Bell. LINNET (17): 1, 2, Wilson, well-known Pride of Cumberland leading, Cockermouth, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cleator Moor, etc., winner, often described, 2nd rich col., nice size, splendid quality, good 2nd; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, rich in col., nicely pencilled, good size; 4, Whalley, grand Linnet, beaten only in markings; vhc, Coffey; hc, Mason; c, Walsh. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Haldane, we did not see; 2, vhc, Coffey, grand size, close, compact feather, real good one; 3, Todd and Son, plenty of size, capital shape, hardly so rich in col.; 4, hc, Wilson, grand bird, hardly so massive, perhaps; c, Robson. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Harrison, rare size, good col. and cap, grandly staged; 2, Howes, very similar, close up; 3, Dryden, a wee trifle smaller, but a gem in all other respects; 4, Foster, rare breast col., splendid cap and wings, good 4th; vhc, Walsh; hc, Donaldson; c, (no name). CHAFFINCH, ETC. (12): 1 (no name), Chaffinch, beautiful condition, splendid col. and size, shown in really grand form; 2, Wilson, very good Bramblefinch, capital size and and col.; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Chaffinch, good col. and quality, well up; 4, hc, Bell and Fisher, Bramblefinch, nice size and col.; vhc, (no name); c, Jno. Wilson. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Todd and Son, gem of a Siskin, grand cap and bib, extra col.; 2, 3, Howe, 2nd beautifully pencilled Twite, good col. and size; 3, fine, big Redpoll, nicely staged; 4, McMinn Bros., Siskin, excellent size and quality, nice col.; vhc, Coffey; hc, Bell and Fisher; c, J. J. Robson. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Blackie, Hawfinch, good col., and feather, and exceedingly steady; 2, Walsh, Yellowhammer, good one, full of colour, and good markings; 3, (no name), Snowbunting, in fine condition; 4, Borthwick; vhc, J. Wilson; hc, G. Wilson; c, McCartney. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Howe, charming Blackbird leading, beautiful sheen, nice size; 2, Middleton, bonny Thrush, well mkd., good col.; 3, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Blackbird, fine size and col., well up; 4, Whalley, Pride of Lancashire, nicely spangled Thrush; c, McWilliams. PARROT, ETC. (3): 1, Miss McWilliams, black-headed Caique, well staged and well placed; 2, Carrick, blue-fronted Amazon, good one, and very interesting; 3, Reay, yellow-fronted Amazon, well placed. AVADAVATS, ETC. (7): 1, 3, T. Howe, 1st Diamond Finch, 3rd Orange-cheeked Waxbill, all well put down and much admired; 2, McKenzie, Diamond Finch; 4, McKenzie, Diamond Finch; vhc, Conqueror, Diamond Finch; hc, Wilson; c, Whitney and Son. A.O.S., SEED-EATING (5): 1, 3, Wilson, Bicheno Finch, good one, wins well, 3rd Gouldian Finch; 2, Stocker, blue Bullfinch; 4, Wilson; vhc, Clark. A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, Walsh, golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, nicely shewn; 3, Lewis; 4, Stocker.

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EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Last members' show of the year was held on Boxing Day at the Barley Mow Hotel, when Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) officiated as judge. The entries numbered 106 birds. The quality of the exhibits was excellent. The chief point winners were: Messrs. Casey 43, Gledhill 27, Helliwell 25, Firth 17, and Thompson 17, in champion section; in the novice section: Messrs. Battersby 18, Booth 14, Mitchell 13, and Robinson and Sharp 12. These points place the competitors in the following order for the society's specials:—Champion section, 1 Gledhill, 2 Firth, 3 Helliwell, 4 Casey, 5 Thompson, 6 Bleazard, 7 Clark, 8 Atkinson; novice section, 1 Robinson and Sharp, 2 Battersby, 3 Mitchell, 4 Dinsdale, 5 Hargreaves, 6 Booth, 7 Calloway, 8 Dawson. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Helliwell; 2, Gledhill; 3, Thompson; 4, Firth. BUFF (9): 1, Thompson; 2, Gledhill; 3, Firth; 4, Bleazard; vhc, Woolmer; hc, c, Casey. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 4, Casey; 3, Thompson; vhc, Bleazard; hc, Gledhill; c, Atkinson. BUFF (5): 1, Helliwell; 2, vhc, Casey; 3, Bleazard; 4, Thompson. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 3, Bleazard; 4, Woolmer; hc, Firth; c, Atkinson. BUFF (8): 1, Gledhill; 2, 4, Helliwell; 3, Casey; vhc, hc, Firth; c, Bleazard. CINN. MKD. HEN: 1, Firth; 2, Woolmer. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Helliwell. HEN: 1, Gledhill; 2, Firth. SELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, Bleazard; 3, Casey; 4, Thompson; vhc, Firth. HEN: 1, 3, Casey; 2, Thompson; 4, Bleazard. NOVICE, CL. YELL. (8): 1, Battersby; 2, Booth; 3, c, Mitchell; 4, hc, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Hodgson. BUFF (5): 1, Mitchell; 2, 4, vhc, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Calloway. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Battersby; 4, Booth. BUFF: 1, Robinson and Sharp. SPL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Battersby; 3, 4, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Mitchell. BUFF (8): 1, Booth; 2, 3, Battersby; 4, c, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Hodgson. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Booth. HEN: 1, Calloway; 2, 3, Battersby; 4, vhc, Robinson and Sharp.

HYSON GREEN (Nottingham) C.B.S

Annual exhibition held on December 11th, in the large hall of the Cricket Players' Hotel, Lindsay Street. The room is the best in the district, being large and lofty, and well lighted and heated. There was a record entry, and record takings at the gate, the room being well packed with fanciers from near and far. This society is to be congratulated on possessing such an able secretary as Mr. W. Cottingham. The manner in which he performed his duties deserves the highest praise. This also applies to the committee, who are real fanciers. President Mr. R. Rhodes, vice-presidents, Messrs. J. C. Ley, J. Shipston and T. Oliver; chairman, Mr. E. Wolfe; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Hill; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Elsey; committee, Messrs. G. Sharp, J. T. Birch, J. Breffitt, W. H. Banks, F. Wilfis, J. Bertie, A. E. Garton, and A. Barnes. Mr. G. Sharp won Sandiford's medal for hottest bird in show, Mr. W. Cottingham special for best British bird. Birds in the Gift class realised over £5. Mr. R. Rhodes judged the Crests and Foreign, and Mr. J. Bertie the Norwich, British, and Mules, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Sharp; 2, Hill; vhc, Willis. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Birch; 3, Barnes. LIGHT MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hill. BUFF: 1, 3, Hill; 2, Sharp. YELL., HEN: 1, 3, Hill; 2, hc, Birch; vhc, Sharp. BUFF: 1, hc, Birch; 2, Martin; 3, Burrell; vhc, Hill. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, Sharp; 2, Birch; 3, Issott; vhc, Elsey; hc, Hill. UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, Birch; 2, vhc, Sharp; 3, Hill; hc, Martin; c, R. H. Clifford. BUFF: 1, 3, Birch; 2, Martin; vhc, Hill. UNFED: 1, 2, Martin; 3, Issott; vhc, Birch; hc, Sharpe; c, Burrell. STOCK PAIR: 1, Sharp; 2, Barnes; 3, Hill; vhc, Birch; hc, Clifford; c, Willis. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, 2, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Davis; Renshaw; 3, Wolfe; vhc, Holmes. LIGHT: 1, Davis; 2, 3, Holmes. HEN: 1, 3, Holmes; 2, Davis; vhc, Willis. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, Renshaw; 2, 3, Holmes. BUFF: 1, 2, Holmes; 3, G. White; vhc, Wolfe; hc, Davis; c, Willis. YELL. HEN: 1, Wolfe; 2, Holmes; 3, White. BUFF: 1, Renshaw; 2, Wolfe; 3, Davis; vhc, hc, Holmes. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Davies; 2, Renshaw; 3, Davis. CREST 1909: 1, 3, White; 2, Holmes. C.B.: 1, Davis; 2, White; 3, vhc, Holmes. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Holmes. MULE: 1, 2, Cottingham. HYB.: 1, Caunt. GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRITISH: 1, Caunt; 2, vhc, Saywell; 3, Banks. LINNET: 1, Caunt; 2, Saywell. A.O.S. SEED-EATING: 1, 2, 3, Caunt. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Cottingham; 2, Saywell. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Caunt. FOR SMALL: 1, Caunt. LARGE: 1, Caunt. BUDGERIGARS: 1, Cottingham. SELL., NOR., (10/-): 1, Hill; 2, Burrell; 3, Birch; vhc, Sharp; hc, Willis; c, Issott. C.B., 15/-: 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Caunt. CREST 20/-: 1, 2, Holmes. STOCK PAIRS, 25/-: 1, Birch; 2, Barnes; 3, Davis. SONG BIRD: 1, 2, Sharp; 3, Cottingham; vhc, Birch; hc, Burrell; c, Holmes.

ELGIN.

The Elgin Association held their 24th annual show in the Corn Market Hall on New Year's Day. The entry was in advance of last year, as was also the quality of the exhibits, and the weather being mild made them look their best. The light at judging time was good. The best possible arrangements had been made by Mr. A. D. McCaskie, who is an excellent secretary, always most obliging, and he had the cards up immediately the judge's slips were handed in. Mr. J. Strachan (Aberdeen) judged, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOTS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Deans, nice trio, former stylish, good drive, medium size; 2nd, similar to winner in all but neck; 3rd, good depth through. NOR. NON-FED., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Paterson, medium size, good head and col., chubby; 2, 6, Garden, former good one, but slightly longer; 3, 7, Mennie, 3rd some fancied for 1st, perhaps little longer in feather, but excels otherwise; 4, Petrie; 5, McDonald. BUFF (11): 1, Mennie, good type, nice feather; 2, Stewart and Sons, chubbier, nice, wants a wash; 3, Petrie, thick set one, close up; 4, Chalmers; 5, Duff; 6, Lumsden; 7, Craigen. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Mennie, well-balanced Nor., good type and col.; 2, Laidlaw, another typical bird on smaller scale; 3, 5, Campbell, former close up, good front; 4, Barbour; 6, Petrie; 7, Junner. BUFF HEN (4): 1, Mennie, perhaps little fine in head, but all there for type; 2, Royan, well made all over; 3, 4, Gordon, both typical, small. VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Macdonald, best Nor. in show so far, good col., neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Rosie, 2nd another fine bird, good col.; 3rd, similar to 2nd, but straighter in front; 4, Cooney; 5, Royan; 6, Douglas; 7, Mennie. BUFF (5): 1, Laidlaw, thick set, close in feather; 2, Paterson, grizzle mkd., equal to 1st, but perhaps little straighter in front; 3, Mennie, cap mkd., well up in size and type; 4, Wattie; 5, Petrie. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (8): 1, Paterson, medium size, neat wings and tail; 2, Lumsden, similar to 1st; 3, Mennie, model for type, but unfortunately very small; 4, Duff; 5, Rosie; 6, Gunner; 7, Barhour. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Menzies, thick set Nor., medium size, nicely mealed; 2, Duff, good head and size, nice front; 3, Mackenzie, better col., very fair type; 4, Craigen; 5, Mennie; 6, Macdonald. CREST (7): 1, 2, Webster, former very sound crest, good quality feather, well groomed; 2, shield-shaped, but grand frontal and droop, well placed centre, close up; 3, Craigen, grizzle crest of good quality, pretty exhibit; 4, Grant; 5, J. Hutchison; 6, Cross. C.B. (5): 1, 3, Craigen, 1st very big, cl. buff, wet when taking notes; 3rd, foul green, monster for size; 2, Macdonald, big one, nice entrance and lashing; 4, Shand; 5, Grant. BORDER (11): 1, 2, Paterson, former jaunty yell., good col., well down, easy win; latter buff, well made, crosses wings, but equal otherwise; 3, 7, Blackie, 3rd nice type; 4, Cross; 5, Ross; 6, Clark. PAIR NOR. (Bred 1909) (5): 1, Petrie, sweet pair; 2, Grand, Crest and C.B., very fair pair; 3, 4, Shearer, 3rd nice Plainheads, but 4th some thought as good as any in class; 5, Shand. NOR. FED. YELL. CK.: 1, Reid, well balanced, good front, well over perch; 2, Campbell, better col., beaten a shade in type; 3, Lumsden, good, but patchy in col. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Gordon, not in the class when taking notes; 2, Lumsden, good head and neck, nice type, unflighted; 3, Mackenzie, well up in size, nice feather. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Douglas, chubby and neatly feathered; 2, Lumsden, close up, hardly finished in tail. BUFF HEN (1): 1, Lumsden, nice hen, good shape. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Paterson, correct type, great size, good head, wins; 2, Chalmers, not far behind winner, slimmer; 3, Donaldson, neatly feathered, medium size, well shaped; 4, Wattie. BUFF (3): 1, Maclean, thick set one, medium size; 2, Lumsden, nice shape and style; 3, Paterson, good size and type, but rough to-day. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Paterson, two good birds, former buff, 2nd yell., excels in col., sweet exhibit. A.O.V.: 1, Paterson, tail mkd. Green, good quality; 2, Camphell, similar to first, beaten wing carriage; 3, Petrie, foul Buff Green, very typical; 4, Shand, yell. York, good length and style. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Ross, splendid cap and back, bright even breast col.; 2, Craigen, very steady and neat in feather, beaten in breast col.; 3, Chalmers, beautiful hen, in grand trim, hard to find fault; 4, 5, Matheson and Merchant; 6, Mennie; 7, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Anderson, Siskin, fine size and col., nice bib, well shown; 2, Chalmers, Redpoll, well marked, nice ground col., good bib; 3, Hutchison, Siskin, well shaped and laced, rather small head; 4, Lumsden, fed Siskin, well cut bib and cap, fair size, must have pressed. LINNET: 1, Ross, medium size, well pencilled, good back, well put down. MULE (9): 1, Johnston, Redpoll-Bullie, fine size and col., wins on rarity; 2, 3, 5, 7, Mennie, former Linnet-Bullie hen in nice form; 3rd, light Goldie-Can., good size, and close in feather; 4, George, Goldie-Greenie, medium size and col., well staged; 6, Cooney. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Cross, nice Bramble. PAIR, HYBRID BREEDING (2): 1, Johnston, Greenie and Bullie, likely pair. Bullie best of two, real good one; 2, George, Goldie and Bullie, former in full bloom, another good pair. PARROTS (3): 1, Hutchison, Amazon in good feather; 2, Geddes, Rock, in good trim; 3, Fraser, Ringneck, again in good form, very tame. SMALL FOR.: 1, Hutchison, nice pair Avadavats, looking A1. SELL., 10/- (3): 1, Campbell; 2, Cross; 3, Ross. GIFT (2): 1, Douglas; 2, Mennie.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' Old Bird Show, held at Carnival Rooms, Bramley, on Dec. 18th. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond (of Rodley).

YORKS. CL., ETC. (7): 1, sp., Bracewell; 2, 3, Hanson; vhc, c, Holdworth; hc, Hargreaves. HEN (7): 1, 2, c, Bracewell; 3, A. H. Craven; vhc, Hanson; hc, Maltby. BUFF CK. (6): 1, E. Craven; 2, A. H. Craven; 2, hc, Bracewell; vhc, Maltby; c, Tate. HEN (11): 1, 3, Bracewell; 2, E. Craven; vhc, hc, Hanson; c, Benson. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Maltby; 2, Wilson; 3, E. Craven; vhc, Bracewell; hc, c, Johnson. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Craven; 2, Bracewell; 3, Johnson. BUFF CK. (7): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, hc, Johnson; 3, Hargreaves; c, Benson. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, E. Craven; 3, hc, Johnson; c, Bracewell. YORKS. SELF GREEN (2): 1, Hargreaves; 2, Holdsworth. FOUL (2): 1, Hargreaves; 2, Holdsworth. CINN. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, Bracewell; 2, vhc, Tate; 3, Hargreaves. HEN (9): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Benson; vhc, Tate; hc, Bracewell; c, Holdsworth. BRIT. (1): 1, 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Maltby. YORKS. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Hanson; 2, Bracewell. BUFF (5): 1, Maltby; 2, Bracewell; 3, Hanson; vhc, hc, Holdsworth. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, E. Craven; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, Johnson; vhc, Maltby; c, Bracewell. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Wilson; 2, Johnson; 3, Bracewell; vhc, Maltby; c, E. Craven. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, c, Pawson; 2, vhc, hc, Baldwinson; 3, Silson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, c, Pawson; 2, vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Silson. HEN (7): 1, 3, c, Pawson; 2, Silson; vhc, hc, Baldwinson. NOR. BUFF CK. (1): Silson. HEN (3): 1, Silson; 2, Pawson; 3, Southern.—E. CRAVEN, Hon. Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

1910.
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees). C.H.
Jan. 20 & 27.—**Margate**—(Bouccy and Watt, Bull's Head Hotel), J.R.
*Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).
*Oct. 15—**Coventry "Godiva"**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street).
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Plymouth.** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 2?, Smith Street),
Oct. 22—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street.)
*Oct 28 and 29.—**Hucknall Torkard**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Rd.)
Nov. 5—**Rochdale "Good Intent"**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R. and W.H.
Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand"**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Rd., The Fosse) J. R. & C.H.
*Nov. 12 and 14.—**Nottingham.**
Dec. 8—**Morriston**—(W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd.)

Scotland.

Jan. 22—**Auchterarder**—(J. Dow, Jun.), J.McL. R.V.R.
Oct. 15—**Buckhaven**—(W. Foster, College St.).
Oct. 22—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty).

Wales.

*Jan. 18.—**Llanelly.**—(D John, 9, Pottery Place).

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11, 1910.—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

In the advertisement this week of Mr. B. Hollins, the well-known Hull bird specialist, will be found particulars of a new scheme upon which he is embarking, none other than the establishment of a Zoological Gardens in that seaport city. This means that the whole of his present stock is to be cleared at considerably reduced prices.

I have disposed of the whole of my surplus stock, bred from the best of blood, to Mr. E. J. Davies, of Cardiff, writes Mr. S. E. Tonkin (Cardiff). Have had good breeding season this year, having bred 45 with 5 hens. I always look forward to CAGE BIRDS every Friday, as it contains very useful information, and I wish your paper every success.

Allow me to thank you, writes Mr. A. J. Slade (Camberwell) for the publication of the excellent sketch of my bird "Beauty," one by name and nature, and a great favourite. It came as a surprise Christmas card, and I feel sure it will be so to my large circle of brother fanciers. I might say that this bird is a cock; kindly note this in your next issue.

The C.B.U. in the North.

Does Trouble Loom Ahead?

There seems every possibility of there being stirring times in the North in the near future, judging by a communication which has reached us from a correspondent who journeyed to the great Scottish National Show, in the company of some of the leading fanciers of the Newcastle district. He writes: At Newcastle Station, the secretary of one of the leading local societies told me that they were going to leave the C.B.U. this week, for that was practically decided on at a committee meeting held last week. After that they intended calling a conference of two or three members from the various Northern societies, with a view to forming a federation for Durham and Northumberland only. I asked them what was the matter, and told them they were nearly all strong C.B.U. men at the time I myself was fighting against it. They declared that they were now sick of it, as it was of no use to the Fancy at all. They asked me what I thought about it, and I replied that the Union could stand for me if only Rule 17 were thrown out, but so long as there was coercion I was not in favour of it. On arriving at Morpeth, the fanciers there joined us, and shortly afterwards Mr. A. Grey, the well-known Plainhead exhibitor, made a speech condemning the Union, and advocating the holding of shows in our district under our own rules, fewer shows every year, the different societies taking their turns in holding an open show. The chairman of Newcastle Society, Mr. Curra h, followed, and in a long speech condemned the C.B.U., and asked for a vote from the company present (about 30 fanciers) on the Union. The company voted unanimously against the Union. The scheme is to be formulated in a proper manner, and sent on to you for publication.

I made so many sales from my last advertisement in "Cage Birds," that I consider the cost practically nothing.—RICHARD THOMSON (Glasgow).

I am well pleased with the result of my advertisement in "Cage Birds." I have sold my birds, north, south, east and west.—E. L. A. CROW (Lowestoft).

Through my last advertisement in "Cage Birds," I sold £38 15s. worth of birds, including several of my noted winners at the Palace, etc. This speaks well for "C.B." as an advertising medium.—C. E. BROWN (Bristol).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "Cage Birds." There were so many (from all parts of England), I could not cope with all. I should think there is hardly a town in the kingdom where "Cage Birds" is not known.—S. CLIXBY.

I have had such a lot of replies to my advertisement which appeared in your valuable paper "Cage Birds," last week, that I am unable to answer all. I have sent the birds advertised to a gentleman at New Malden, Surrey, with, I believe, satisfaction to both of us. I wish "Cage Birds" every success in the coming year.—A. PARKE (Lowestoft).

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154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. F. CARL.

Heavy Woodcock.

Woodcocks are plump, heavy birds for their size, weighing about 12 ozs. each. Exceptionally heavy ones are occasionally met with. Yarrell gives a well authenticated instance of one which was killed weighing as much as 27

The Magpie as a Talker.

Of our British birds the Magpie is the best of the talking tribe. His vocabulary is a long one, and with a little careful tuition he may be made as laquacious as a Parrot, and has a much more refined way of expressing himself. In addition to which his inquisitive habits make him particularly interesting. In a wild state he does nothing but chatter.

Post-Mortem Examinations.

Rules which Must be Observed.

As I have been honoured with the post of post-mortem expert to CAGE BIRDS, as successor to the late lamented and well-known fancier, Mr. J. North (Reading), I crave the indulgence of your readers, who in future may favour me with post-mortem specimens to examine for cause of death, to point out to them precautions to be observed when sending birds in transit:—

I.—To pack securely in tin, wooden, or cardboard box.

II.—To send letter *apart from package* accompanied by post-mortem fee. This letter should give in detail the duration of illness, symptoms shown, nature of food received, whether the owner has any other birds in his or her possession, and if any of these show signs of illness.

III.—Last, and most important, to dispatch without delay the remains of any bird or birds that have died. As post-mortem changes rapidly take place in small cage birds (due to decomposition), this should be strictly observed, otherwise it often conceals the real nature of the disease. Where disease is thought to be of an infectious nature, contributors would do well to arrange for a reply by letter, which might obviate further losses.
—GEO. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.
525, Caledonian Road, London, N.

The Scottish National Show.

We have received a photograph (taken by the flashlight process) of the officials at the Scottish National Show, but it is not of a nature which lends itself to reproduction in an ordinary issue of CAGE BIRDS, so we are holding it over for the Special Number next week.

Echoes from Paisley Show.

That entries were down, compared with last year; that Sunday coming between the show dates was the nightmare; that exhibitors were afraid to risk their champions for three days; that Fulton's win was a popular one; that the Love cup will adorn his sideboard now; that he is a young breeder of three years' time; that Montgomery, of Corker Hill, was happy; that everybody said he looked so; that his buff hen, winner of the Crichton cup, is a Green; that the word "Belgian" is not understood by "Scottie"; that he thinks it means first crosses; that the judges think the same; that the Belgian classes were stocked with Scoteh Fancy first crosses; that it would be better to say Belgian or first crosses; that some good birds changed owners.—SCOTS FANCY.

CLUB NOTICES; continued.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Headquarters, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers for 1910, payment of prize money, annual show, all unsold tickets and ticket money to be returned on this date.—F. Washbourne.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Holme's Lane Hotel, 8.—J. Smith.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Station Hotel, 7.15. Annual general meeting, report on balance-sheet and election of officers.—Richardson and Greenwell.

Walkley C.B.S.—Jan. 13, St. Philip's Mission Room, 8. To enrol new members.—W. E. Clarke.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show; judge, Mr. Richmond (Rodley); meeting during judging.—E. W. Johnson.

Wood Green F. & F.A.—Jan. 11, 165, High Road, 8.30. Lecture, also payment of prize money; will members please settle for tickets?—T. Callegari.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Fleece Hotel, 8. Pair show and meeting.—W. Ridge.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 10, All Saints' Schoolroom, 7. Meeting, also table show, 2? classes.—A. Waud.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Headquarters, 8. J. W. Philpott.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—W. Richardson.

Ayr C.B.C.—Jan. 10, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Arranging club show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

Bury C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Textile Hall, 7.30. Balance-sheet and general business.—H. Jamieson.

Bolton R.C.S.—Jan. 11th, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. To settle up show business.—W. Massey.

Bingley O.S.—Jan. 11, Co-operative Rooms, 7.30. Election of Officers, etc.—A. Livesey.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 8, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Election of officers and yearly accounts.—J. W. Telford.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 11, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Annual general meeting for election of officers, etc., balance-sheet for annual show, tea, and concert arrangements, etc.—H. Hill.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Final arrangements for tea and concert, etc.—F. Gelder.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. General meeting, balance-sheet, and important and urgent business.—M. Skirrow.

British Roller C.C.—Jan. 12, "Royal Mail," Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 7. Social evening; welcome to all members.—J. W. Norris.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W., 8. Annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

Dalziel O.A.—Jan. 15, Y.M.C.S., Brandon Street, Motherwell.—J. Mathieson.

Dewsbury O.F.S.—Jan. 8, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. First annual meeting, election of officers and show business for season 1910; fanciers invited.—G. G. Stafford.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Jan. 12, George Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, balance-sheet, etc., intending members invited.—R. S. Black.

Ealing, Hanwell F.C.—Jan. 13, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell. Secretary's report and balance-sheet, election of officers, presentation of silver cups; all prize monies won at G.U.M. and members' show will be paid; visitors welcome.—W. Bird.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 8, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Election of Officers, and classification for members' show, 1910.—L. Booth.

Guisborough "Priory" C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Wear's Cafe, 7. Election of officers, etc., fanciers wishing to join, we shall be pleased to accept, as our new year is now starting.—R. Mays.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Two Brewers, Church Street, Greenwich, 8. Arrange programme for year, and to consider advisability of removing headquarters.—Hamer and Putner.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 11, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 8. Final arrangements for open show.—H. Schofield.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 8, Butcher's Arms, 8. Election of officers, allotting of prizes, balance-sheet, etc.—J. Holroyd.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 10, Northumberland Street Schoolroom, 8. Election of officers for 1910, etc.—R. Greensmith.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 8, Griffin Hotel, 8. To discuss Yorks. Union rules and revise our rules.—J. F. Thackray.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Election of officers.—R. Blore.

King's Lynn C.C.—Jan. 12, Rechabite's Hall, 8.—A. R. Kent.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Jan. 8, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Special business.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Lockhart's, 7.30. Annual general meeting, prize-cards for Boxing Day, etc.; fanciers cordially invited.—J. Chambers.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan 8., Centre Hotel, 7.30. Show matters.—D. John.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Jan. 8. Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7. Election of new officers.—C. J. Cafferty.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 8, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Arrangements for table show, and judging competitions.—G. Brown.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, A.V. Nor. yell. (except unflighted), open and novice; A.V. Nor. buff (except unflighted) open and novice; judge, Mr. C. Walton; all fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Jan. 13, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8. General meeting, balance-sheet, election of officers.—F. E. Hawkes.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 8, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—W. Holroyd.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Election of officers for 1910, and names for annual party, to take place on January 29th.—F. Steeple.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 8, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Election of officers, etc.—A. Percival.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 10, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Discussion re members' show, etc.—H. Clayton.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 13, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. General meeting, election of officers, and proposed alteration of rules.—J. C. Birch.

Radford (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Pheasant Inn, 8.—Annual general meeting, election of officers for 1910, etc.—F. Walters.

Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).—Jan. 10, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Arrange a series of table shows.—Baldock and Weller.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 10, Club, 8.30. Yearly meeting, election of officers.—J. Butterworth.

South-West London C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers; come early.—Lilley.

South London Col. & F.A.—Jan. 13, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8. Election of officers for 1910, discussion to alter and amend rules and definition of A Novice, payment of annual show prize money, at 7.30.—G. A. Jefferys.

Swindon C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. Annual meeting, presentation of balance-sheet, election of officers.—W. Dale.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Jan. 18, Headquarters, 8. No meeting on Jan. 11; election of officers and annual report.—E. G. Rhodes.

Sale Open O.S.—Jan. 10, Technical School, 8. Election of officers, etc.—J. Irlam.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Jan. 11. Election of officers for 1910.—B. Buckle.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Bull's Head Hotel, 3. Monthly show, "cocks only," judge, Mr. H. Walsh.—A. E. Martin.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Five in One.

C.C.C.—(1) Yes, I should say it is quite possible for a Canary to be frightened to death by a mouse entering its cage. If a very nervous bird the "possibility" may well become a "probability." It would all depend upon the temperament of the bird and the ruling circumstances at the time. I have seen a Canary attack a mouse which had entered its cage, and get the worse of the encounter, which looked like being disastrous for the bird had no one else interfered. (2) There are numerous ways of clearing mice out of a birdroom, each of more or less merit, according to the geography of the place and the judgment with which means are employed. Perhaps, on the whole, you could not do better than try the "Virus" remedy (see advert. in our pages). (3) I do not believe Canaries or any other birds can see in absolute darkness. Even nocturnal birds seem to require a certain amount of twilight or gloaming to get abroad. Canaries, I fancy, cannot see so well as humans in twilight. (4): Yes, you could mate a Canary with a Redpoll, and the food need not be altered. (5) The Editor will no doubt answer this under "General," or you should consult our list of show dates fixed, and the ANNUAL, to see what shows are near your locality.

Chewing Up Seed.

A.W.N.—As the bird appears in good health this habit of cracking and breaking up seed without eating it may be due to pure mischief. This is more likely to be the case if the hen is getting into a rather forward condition, as at this season when birds begin to freshen it is not uncommon for one here and there to work off some of its energy in trying to chew up its seed box or the wooden bars of the cage. See that its beak is not in bad need of trimming, and then, in addition to the staple of Canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately every second day for a fortnight, and twice each week give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with a little soft sugar, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Give a spray of watercress daily when fit for use, and at other times substitute a bit of sweet juicy fruit instead—a grape (with the skin broken), bit of orange, peas, banana, or apple. Keep cage scrupulously clean and well strewn with fresh gritty sand. Let it bathe freely if it does not suffer from chill afterwards. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a few days. The seed enclosed was a fair sample, but a small proportion of it was none too well ripened.

Neither Life Nor Song.

A Worried Reader.—I do not think you will succeed in restoring it to its former health and song. When the complaint gets well-established it is extremely difficult to cure. Try the following treatment, however, for two months and report progress, referring to this reply. You say you are sure he is fed properly, yet I am certain the mixtures are not proper nor suitable. They do very well for occasional use. Give now a staple diet of plain Canary only. Every second day give a half-teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and every alternate day for the next fortnight (you may stop giving it earlier if the moulting ceases quickly), give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Add also on these days a few grains only of hemp. Give a spray of watercress or a bit of banana four times a week. Keep cage well strewn with clean gritty sand, and in a position free from draught and extremes of heat and cold, but not too warm. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until feathers cease dropping. When the moult has ceased stop the sponge cake and additions, and give instead a small teaspoonful of either of the seed mixtures you have been using twice each week. Also get a chemist to mix you an ounce of the following mixture, and give in the water fifteen drops every alternate day for a fortnight, then omit it for a week, and give again for another fortnight. Mixture: Oxymel of squills, Ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, equal parts, chlorodyne, a half part, plus ten grains of iodine potassium and thirty grains of chloride of ammonium. Give this in the water only. If given direct into beak (a practice I do not advise), it must be further diluted with equal parts of glycerine and one drop at a time given.

Chronic Diarrhœa.

Long Sammy.—Attend very carefully to the sanitary conditions of cage and perches. Keep floor thickly strewn with sawdust, or sand, the former preferably, and renew it frequently, burning what is removed. Also keep the perches scrupulously clean, and wash out cage with a solution of Jeyes', or carbolic fluid, about twice a week, until bird is quite recovered. See all your seeds, etc., are of sound quality, and not contaminated by vermin; and if the water supply is not above suspicion boil all before use. Keep bird caged by itself, and isolated from all healthy ones. Keep it in a comfortable position, with plenty of fresh pure air, but not overheated. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to part summer rape, as a staple, and give a little crushed unsweetened biscuit with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, every second day for a week. Three times a week give a morsel of ripe banana, but withhold all green food for the present. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four each of tincture of opium and aromatic sulphuric acid daily until the diarrhœa has quite ceased. Then add six drops of dandelion juice and one of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, to its water for a few days, to break it of the habit of imbibing so freely, which is an indirect result of the long continued diarrhœa.

Good Feeding Breed.

A New Hand.—There is really no such thing as a good feeding breed, or a best feeding one. It is more a question of strain and individualism, whilst management plays a large part. Good, bad, and indifferent feeders will be found in every breed, and in none are bad feeders universal. Even Crests and Belgians, two breeds generally supposed to be notoriously bad parents, will, I know, very often feed and rear their own young in the best style, and as well as could be desired; on the other hand, such hardy,

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free breeders as Norwich will absolutely shirk these duties at times. The best method for a beginner to avoid this nuisance, assuming, of course, that the birds are properly managed, as is constantly being set forth in our columns, is to begin with a pair or two of a hardy breed, such as Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshires, and to procure the stock from a known breeder whose stock is not addicted to the baneful habit. Hens bred from hens which are bad feeders are much more likely to shirk their duties than those which have been bred from hens for one, two, or three generations which were good feeders.

Weak on Legs.

Anxious (Rochdale).—You should have said what condition of body the bird is in. It is possible its condition may be due to excessive fatness, in which case you would need to put it on a strictly limited and plain diet, coupled with a liberal supply of green food, and frequent aperients when green stuff ran scarce. A suitable course for reducing fat has been given several times lately, so I need not repeat it; but assuming the bird is not too fat, I think the wisest course is to put it out of its misery, as the prospects of doing it any good are not rosy. Still, try what the following will do: Keep it in a moderate-sized cage until it is better able to get about, when you should gradually increase its sphere of action and induce it take more vigorous exercise. See the cage is kept scrupulously clean, well strewn with gritty sand, and give a piece of cuttlefish to nibble at regularly. See the perches are well made, and placed, and not too large. Attend to claws, and if overgrown wash feet well in warm solution of boracic acid, and cut back claws to proper length. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple, and every second day give a half teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, broken groats, rice, and broken sunflower seeds; and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. After first week give each extra only twice a week. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food, continuing latter for a month. If a valuable bird, you might try the effect of 15 drops of lactophosphate of lime and iron in the water instead of the chemical food.

Brevities.

Seed Samples (Nemo).—No. 1: Is small, but bright and clean and sweet, a very fair quality. No. 2: Also small, not so good flavour, contaminated with a variety of other feeding stuffs, and not quite so clean; only moderate quality. No. 3: Nice and clean and bright, very sweet and well-ripened, but rather small. Apart from its small size, it is an excellent sample. No. 3 is the best of the lot, but No. 1 is not very far behind.

Disreputable Appearance (Thos. Griffiths).—Sorry your birds have all acquired such a shocking appearance. But you may even now congratulate yourself the consequence was no worse, as you might well have found your birds, or a number of them, asphyxiated and beyond help. The only way to remove the grimy appearance is to hand wash the birds. Dissolve a teaspoonful of borax in each quart of water used (the first basin), as this will help to get up a good lather. You will also need to thoroughly clean the cages before washing the birds, or they will soon be as bad as ever again. If your birds had not been used to artificial heat, and your aviary is snug and draught-proof, you would have done better not to put the lamp in.

Canary Samples (Lynx).—No. 1 is very small indeed, and therefore excessively dear at the price named. Its only good point is that it is quite sweet and appears clean. No. 2 is not quite so well ripened, but as it is sound and very sweet and clean, and also much larger, it is to be preferred before No. 1. When sending samples for inspection, especially during times of heavy pressure in the post office, you should see that they are well packed in stout packets that will stand some rough handling. One of your packets was broken in the post, and the other was very frail and damaged. Correspondents should note this.

Hygiene (W.C.).—Provided the room is well and efficiently ventilated, the number of birds should not in any way affect the health of an adult sleeping in the room. As the greatest number of birds are likely to be present during the middle of summer and onwards until autumn, when the weather is favourable, you might keep the top sash of window lowered from one to three inches, according to the prevailing weather, night and day. This could only prove beneficial both to birds and the person occupying same room. By the bye, if you have a blind drawn down before window at night there is almost certain to be a keen draught deflected into the end cages, when the blind is down, when the wind blows into the window. See to this and counteract it by again turning the draught from the cages by a small curtain or screen.

The Finishing Touch (C. J.).—Do not imagine you can put "the finish on feathers for show purposes" by spraying with any solution of cosmetic. If the requisite quality is not there naturally, bred in the feathers, no amount of spraying will put it there Proper and skilful hand-washing with soft rain water, a good soap and a small pinch of borax in the first water, and a few drops of glycerine in the third water are all that is required. This should be carried out about 4 or 5 days before the show, and the birds allowed to bathe each day afterwards. If they do not they may be slightly sprayed two or three days after washing, once each day, with filtered rain-water, in a pint of which a small teaspoonful of glycerine has been well stirred. Do not overdo the glycerine; drop in the water just about half a dozen drops, or even omit it altogether, and you may get the best result.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Ailing Linnet.

G. Clayton.—I certainly advise you to take the Linnet out of the hop cage and put it into a decent sized one wired at the front only. The compartment of the double breeder would do very well, but a wooden slide should be used if possible. It is no good thinking of breeding operations (or letting the hen Canary do so) until the Linnet is quite well and stout in song. Feed him up judiciously, letting him have a little cracked hemp frequently, likewise a little maw and a pinch of niger. Try a lengthy course of treatment as follows: Get one ounce of tincture of benzoin (friar's balsam) from a chemist, and stir four to six drops into two tablespoonsful of drinking water, changing it daily. I shall be glad to hear the result.

The Greater Wheatear.

Skiver.—There is no British bird known as the "Greater" Wheatear. It is quite true, however, that individuals are to be found amongst Wheatears that greatly excel in size their brothers and sisters. They excel so markedly as to constitute practically a parallel case with the British and Siberian Goldfinches. But I believe I am correct in saying that no scientific distinction (in the way of a distinguishing Latin name) is accorded these large-sized Wheatears. The latter is the form of Wheatear which breeds up in Greenland and other parts of the Far North. We get many of them down here during the period of migration, but they never seem to arrive until after their smaller brethren. No doubt it is these Falstaffs amongst Wheatears that you intend to indicate when you speak of the "Greater" Wheatear.

A Fractious Linnet.

Hilda.—The only way to "force" a bird to take a bath is to grab it by the scruff of the neck and plunge it into the water. Moral suasion, I am afraid, is utterly useless. Your Linnet appears to be a very naughty kind of Linnet—won't sing, won't bathe, won't do this, won't do the other. I should feel very much inclined to invest in a new one, and forget all about the "old love"—let him fly out of the window. If it really is a cock bird, then you ought quickly to get him into stout song by giving him in addition to the stock mixture a heaping teaspoonful of cracked hemp one day and ditto of my "tit-bit" mixture the next day, seeing that the latter contains a proportion of niger and maw seeds. Keep this system of feeding up for some time. Grow a few summer rape seedlings for him, too. He will probably take to the bath when some summer weather comes along.

A Redpoll and a Bullie.

B.E.P.—If your Redpoll is in field plumage and shows any trace of red in its breast feathers, then the latter is a sure indication that it is of the male sex. If your bird sings freely and regularly, that is a sure sex sign too. The fact that it feeds the hen Bullie is also a good sign, though it is true that two hens sometimes feed one another (two cocks very frequently do this). There is just as much likelihood of field-moulted Redpoll and hen Bullie breed-

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ing successfully as there is of two house-moulted specimens doing so, especially in a large outdoor cage such as yours. It is not at all unusual, however, to find these two species settling down so quickly to cage life; rather the contrary, for neither Redpoll nor Bullie usually make much fuss about it. From May onwards is the Hybrid breeders most hopeful time. Let them have plenty of early dandelion leaves (free from frost), and seeding heads, likewise groundsel, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. These are the things to ensure "breeding form."

We are Seven.

C. C. C.—Seven questions all at once, eh, what? 1. A cock Redpoll may agree well with a cock Bullfinch, or a cock Chaffinch, in a good-sized cage. They might quarrel (a) in the spring time, or (b) if they previously have been used to having a cage entirely to themselves. 2. The Bullie and Redpoll will sometimes eat mealworms (especially during the moulting period). The Chaffinch is always fond of one or two, however; the Bullie comes next. 3. The "best and quickest way to get a supply of mealworms" is to buy them from a dealer. Starting a mealworm box is a tedious business, even if undertaken at the most favourable period of the year (i.e., the summer), for quite six months need to elapse before it can be said to be "in working order"—fit to begin to be used. 4. Probably the hen Greenfinch is the best to try breeding with in a cage. Speaking for myself, however, I don't see much fun in breeding Greenfinches; I would sooner try Goldfinches, even with the more slender chance of success. 5. A cock Redpoll will mate easily with a suitable hen Canary. 6. The coloured plate given with the recent Christmas number surely ought to help you to tell easily whether the bird you mention is a Chaffinch or a Bullfinch. The latter has a big black cap and short swollen beak. 7. Note the reply to "B. E. P." this week.

Brevities.

Magpies and Shrubs (Joe).—I must confess that I cannot at the moment say whether Magpies have bred in an aviary. I cannot call to mind having read of it, but will try to find out definitely. I know that the Jay has done so, however. It would need a very large aviary, doubtless. Evergreens are the most likely things to withstand the beaks of Finches. It is a good plan to sow bird seeds (canary, charlock, summer rape, etc.), to provide them with greenfood.

Sexes of Goldfinches (no nom-de-plume).—A coloured plate of cock and hen Goldfinches was given with our last Birthday Issue; possibly you could buy a copy of it. The hen has the butt (shoulder) of the wing ash colour, or greyish black, whereas in the cock it is a jet black, sometimes with a greenish, metallic sheen. The cock, too, has a longer, stouter beak, and bigger blaze; the latter, in the hen, very seldom extends back past the centre of the eye (the under-blaze).

Seed Sample (Seedsman).—The sample you send is not German rape, but charlock, which is not infrequently substituted for it. It is very much cheaper. Charlock bears a great resemblance to German (or summer) rape, but has a shiny appearance, which is absent in the other; further, it has a very hot taste when chewed, and this at once distinguishes it from genuine summer rape, which possesses a pleasant, sweet, "nutty" flavour.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Treatment for Scarlet Tiger Finch

Hairdresser.—The Common Avadavat, or Tiger Finch, is not difficult to keep fit, providing it is kept free from draught, and its cage is sufficiently large to allow the bird to take exercise. The temperature of any ordinary sitting-room should be ample—a cold room would be hardly suitable for a newly purchased bird, which I take yours to be. I do not consider any pair of birds should be kept in a smaller cage than a Canary-breeding cage. Get a cocoa-nut shell nest and hang this up in the cage; supply them with a little hay and moss, and they will convert it into cosy sleeping quarters. I am afraid it is suffering from the effects of the voyage to this country; give it for one day either a little Dinneford's Magnesia, or a few grains of Epsom Salts in the drinking water, the former for preference; repeat the dose as may be required, to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, a little of such ripe fruit as they will take, and a little sponge cake, moistened with boiling milk, will be a help if they will take it; keep cage tray covered with gritty sand.

Macaw in Poor Plumage.

Hawkes.—I think, with the exercise of a little patience, this bird will come all right; it is evidently in rather low condition, and the deformed feathers evidently cause some little irritation. I would try persistently putting the tail the proper side of the perch. By all means continue to use the spray and some quassia solution in the water might make the feathers distasteful to the bird—that is in such parts as it uses its beak on. Continue to use the chemical food, boiled maize and flowers of sulphur, also an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia to keep the bowels moving freely. So long as you do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or animal food, all the items of diet you name are quite permissible. Give the Parrish's Food five or six times a week. Boiled maize can be given every other day if it cares for it; the rice and quaker oats may be given. Spray it daily except during very severe weather, then twice a week is ample. Give it as much ripe fruit as it will take—it will be very beneficial. I trust as the moult progresses, the bending of the feathers will cease. The price you name for a talking Amazon would certainly not be dear. It often happens that a change of domicile will cause a Parrot to cease talking for a time, but it will ultimately settle down and begin to talk again. Let it have plenty of company, so long as it is not scared, and it should soon respond to such treatment if it has ever talked.

Parrot with growth on Abdomen

Doonan.—As your vet. has seen it, I take it the growth cannot be removed, and all you can do is to keep the bird as fit as possible, and try to absorb the growth. So long as the skin is not broken paint the growth with Tincture of Iodine, use a camel-hair brush, and well cleanse it for each occasion. To keep up its strength give Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water, and continue this for some time. Supply boiled maize every other day, after boiling, drain away all moisture possible, and well dust over with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Give the bird such ripe fruit as it will eat, and in addition supply it with seed mixture, a few nuts and plain biscuits. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and supply grit either in the seed mixture or on cage tray. In case of any sudden weakness, give a little, very weak, brandy and water (chilled) as a stimulant. I can say what the outcome will be: if the growth is malignant it will ultimately kill the bird—if not, the growth should gradually disappear with the above treatment. Report progress in two or three weeks' time.

Brevities.

Green Parrot Ill (Southampton).—Stop the cod-liver oil and quinine. Give Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water (one teaspoonful to each ounce of water), till the bowels have operated freely, and then repeat as necessary to keep them so, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose for any lengthy period. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. If it will eat, give it a little boiled maize—this only keeps fresh one day—boil till soft, drain away all water, and dust with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Bathe the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, and put a little honey and borax in the mouth, with either a feather or camel-hair brush (which must be well cleansed for each occasion), two or three times daily. Diet: See other replies in this issue re Green Parrots.

What to Keep with Budgerigars (Darlington).—In such a cage it would be dangerous to keep any Finch-like birds, and there is not much choice of suitable Parrakeets. I consider it would be far better to keep to Budgerigars, as when they have young out of the nest, the compass of your cage will be fairly occupied. You might keep either a pair of Madagascar or Blue-winged Lovebirds with them, but both species are shy breeders in captivity. A pair of Cockatcels might also be kept in lieu of either of the above, but my advice is, confine yourself to green and yellow Budgerigars; the two varieties will give a pleasing change of colour.

Show Cage for Hanging Parrot ("Scrindit").—One of the ordinary box show cages, in which the front and half the top is wire, would be the most suitable, and I should prefer the water tin inside, but, of course, if the bird is already used to the water hole and tin outside that arrangement is the better. Colour is largely a matter of taste; in the present instance I think a neutral tint would be the best for the inside, for the outside I consider black cannot be surpassed. For general purpose a show cage enamelled pale sage green inside and black outside suits the majority of foreign birds as well as any.

Grey Parrot Out of Condition (J. Peel).—Keep the bowels moving freely with occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia, and also put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food (for directions see other replies in this issue). I should stop the boiled rice, and in addition to the seed mixture, supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts. Cuttlefish should always be in the cage, and grit either mingled with the seed mixture or scattered over sand tray.

Young Budgerigar Ill (Budgie).—Cage this bird up separately, and put Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water daily (one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water), till the bowels have operated freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. Follow this by putting it in a course of Parrish's chemical food; give it a crust of stale household bread or piece of plain biscuit. Unless it is pneumonia, in which case its condition is hopeless, it should gradually improve under the above treatment. A box-cage would be the most suitable, and it must be kept out of draught.

Blue-fronted Amazon Ill (W. H. Baker).—Stop giving table scraps, milk pudding, and slops of any kind. Give this bird Dinneford's magnesia, Parrish's chemical food, and boiled maize, exactly as advised to "Southampton" in this issue. Also keep the nostrils well cleansed with diluted glyco-thymoline. In addition to the boiled maize, supply seed mixture (canary, millet, dari, paddy rice, oats, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts), ripe fruit, few nuts, plain biscuit, with cuttlefish, water and grit. Report progress a fortnight hence.

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PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Ostriches for Breeding.

W.—Mr. C. Hagenbeck, the great animal dealer, thinks ostriches can probably be profitably kept in this part of Europe, and he is doing well so far with his at Stellingen, near Hamburgh; but then he has special facilities for covering expense by making a show of the place. They only need artificial heat when quite young. You would do well to get his book on "Beasts and Men" (English abridged edition, recently published), where he gives an account of his method with ostriches. You could, I have no doubt, get eggs from him, and certainly stock birds.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 525, Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, N., will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

S. T. Jones (Lynton).—Subject: Canary. Cause of death: The exciting cause of death was pneumonia; both lungs were engorged with blood, showing also a congestive condition. Pneumonia in these small cage birds is often very sudden in its onset, and the primary symptoms often overlooked, running its course in a very quick and fatal manner. There was nothing suggestive of infectivity either clinically or microscopically. It is a disease which is very prevalent at this season of the year, due to the adverse climatic conditions which prevail.

E. H. Stonelake (Bristol).—Subject Cock Canary. Cause of death: Death arose from "impaction of the gizzard," which I found to be several times its normal size, and its walls considerably thinned, due to the pressure brought to bear upon it. This condition varies from that of obstruction, inasmuch as it is brought about by atony or weakness of the walls of that organ, and is of a nervous origin. It is a pity you had not adopted some suitable remedial measures, such as a gentle laxative given in the drinking water, either sulphate of magnesia or sulphate of soda, 10 grains to an ounce of water, combined with two drops of tincture of nux vomica as a nerve stimulant, when I have no doubt your bird might have been saved. Your surmise as to inward trouble was, unfortunately, only too correct.

E.E.M. (Wimbledon).—Subject: Canary. Cause of death: There was no evidence of disease of an infectious character. The Canary died from congestion of the lungs, probably brought about by atmospheric influences, and the fact that you had only had it such a short period serves to show that it had not become accustomed to its new environments.

E. A. Stickland.—Subject: Hen Yorks Canary. Cause of death: This is a case of some interest, but owing to lack of information you have given me as to the history, and duration of illness, symptoms noticed, etc., has rendered its diagnosis somewhat difficult and prolonged. Unfortunately, post mortem changes had so rapidly set in that microscopical examination of the blood was rendered impossible by the presence of putrefactive bacteria. There was extravasation of blood in the brain, and on its surface, due to local bœmhorrages, and fatty degeneration of the liver, meaning a conversion of the true liver substance into fatty particles, which interferes with the function of that organ. It is suspiciously a bacterial, and probably infectious disease. Should you possess other birds, it would be a wise proceeding to use some means of disinfection.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Mouse Traps (R. J. Charlesworth and many others).—We really cannot illustrate any more mouse traps. We have already done so very fully, yet still they come. Their number and variety astound us!

A Letter (R. Nairn).—Accept our thanks for your kind wishes.

Thrushes and a Suggestion (Berman).—Please to hear our specialist's advice proved so beneficial to your thrushes. We will think over the suggestion you very kindly make, though we are afraid it is hardly possible for us to carry it out.

Show in N.W. District (C. C. C.).—Most of the London shows have been held, and we do not know of any open shows still to come in the N.W. district. There is the great Crystal Palace Show (note the advertisements) on Feb. 4 to 8 inclusive. There will be various small shows confined to members of the local societies, of course, from time to time.

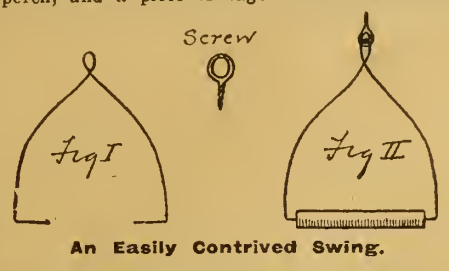
A Yarn (G. Whitten).—Thanks; we will try to find a corner for it.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 376.
A Simple Bird-swing.
Sent by Mr. W. Hornbrook, 74, Easton Road, Bristol.

Enclosed is a sketch of a simple, home-made bird-ring. To make it, get a piece of bamboo cane 4ins. long, about the width of a bird's perch, and a piece of cage wire about 12ins.

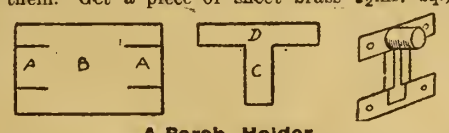


An Easily Contrived Swing.

long, and bend it to the shape of Fig. 1. Then drill one hole at each end and fix it as shown in Fig. 2. Before doing so, get a small screw and fix at top, as marked, so as to screw the ring to top of cage.—WALTER HORNBROOK.

No. 377.
A Perch and Redmite Trap.
Sent by Mr. W. Thompson, 11, Darland Terrace, Chatham.

I enclose an idea of a detachable perch and red-mite trap combined. They can be fixed to the ends of breeding cages so as not to cross one another, and allow the dropping to corrode on them; at the same time they allow a parting slide to be put in without disarranging them. Get a piece of sheet brass 1½ins. sq.,



A Perch Holder.

and with a hack saw, such as fitters use for cutting metal, make four cuts, ¼in. from each end and ½in. through. Then get another piece the same size, and cut it as shown in middle of illustration. Then lay C on B, and bend over A. Turn D at right angles to C, and bend round D to form a tube to slip the wood perch in. Solder up the seam, and drill a small hole in tube for the mites. If any reader cannot make it out, I will willingly send pattern on receipt of a stamped address.—W. THOMPSON.

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD East O.S. second open show on New Year's day proved a thorough success, and the society's officials were very pleased at the support they received from the Fancy. Over 16 per class is not a bad entry. The rose bowl which is offered for competition in the unflighted classes proved a big attraction. These two classes contained no less than 54 birds, of which 29 were yellows and 25 were buffs, and of these 43 were exhibited by their breeders (the winner of the bowl has to be the breeder of the bird). The winner turned up in Mr. Lister Briggs' buff bird, which was placed 2nd in its class, and this gentleman is to be heartily congratulated on his achievement.

THE show was officially opened at 3 o'clock by Mr. Lister Briggs, supported by Mr. Rushworth, Mr. Cruise, Mr. Hill (secretary), and others. Mr. Briggs in a few appropriate remarks declared the show open. Mr. Rushworth, Mr. Cruise, and Mr. Hill responded, the latter complimenting their member, Mr. Briggs, on his success in winning their "Challenge Rose Bowl"—a feat he had promised them he would accomplish.

THE Show season is now drawing to a close. The C.M.Y.C.C. completed their list of fixtures on Saturday last, and I hope next week to give the full results. In the premier competition Messrs. Ogden Bros. lead the way, Mr. H. H. Towers being second, Mr. A. Cooper third, and Mr. A. Jowett fourth. The running throughout has been very close, and there is not a very great difference in the scores at the finish. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

Correspondence.

Another Sad Disaster to a Fancier's Stock.

SIR,—It is with much regret I write to inform you that Mr. Hale, of Hindhead, Surrey, has lost the whole of his stock of Crests and Crest-breds, 35 in all. I visited him on Christmas Day, and saw all the birds dead. Mr. Hale's bird-room was out of doors, and, being in a very cold spot, he had it heated with hot water pipes. But the flue cracked and all the birds were suffocated with the fumes of the coke fire. He is only a working-man fancier, and intended sending six of his birds to the Palace this year, so it is a great loss to him; but he wants to join the Fancy again as soon as he can find the means to do so.

A. E. BICKNELL.

Prize Money at the Y.C.C. of Ireland Show.

SIR,—Your issue of January 1 contains a letter from Mr. O'Neill in which he complains of his cheque being returned. I am sorry to say such is a fact, but lest some of my friends might think I had misappropriated the funds of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, the following is an explanation of the occurrence. The expenditure in connection with the show amounted to £10, for which we hold no funds to meet; this was paid out of the entry fees, etc. When paying prize-money cheques were issued for the total prize-money. A week after cheques were issued I had occasion to pay a bill, and I sent over to the Bank to enquire how my account stood, and I got back the enclosed note (note enclosed for perusal), which shows I had £4 18s. 11d. still to account. Unfortunately some of the gentlemen who got cheques held these back for nearly a fortnight. In the meantime I had made use of the balance to credit. Altogether I paid out £5 out of my own cash. The chairman and secretary of the Y.C.C. of Ireland are aware of this.

R. F. DUIGENAN.

How to Make One's Own Birdlime.

SIR,—I have before now heard of people anxious to make their own bird-lime, and never having seen my way of making it recommended, I give it. It is very simple compared with the glowing account of some who spend as much as six or eight hours in sweet content waiting for pure linseed oil to thicken. Get a pound of rosin (lump preferred), melt it in a saucepan with a little linseed oil, let it simmer till it turns black (generally in about a quarter of an hour); when it has got cold, test it. If then it is too stiff, add enough raw linseed oil to bring it to the right consistency. Of course, before adding the new linseed oil to thin off with, the rosin must be melted down again. When it is boiling on the fire, keep a strict eye on it or you will get the chimney swept at the same time and place (as the police say), as it is very quick to boil over, and once any of it gets in the fire, it is all up with the bird-lime, at least.

A. B. CATCHER.

Help Wanted from Skylark Keepers.

SIR,—The Skylark is my favourite bird. I spent pounds upon it and I refused to give in, though I can't keep one over six months. The only one I had left has died suddenly to-day. I paid 7s. 6d. for him last August, changed his food last Friday, but I find him nothing but a handful of feathers (wasted to nothing), though with a box full of food. It is with every one the same. I have paid as much as 25s. in six months, and all have wasted away. But I will try another after readers' kind advice. This is my mode of feeding: A packet of soft food, meat meal, coarse oatmeal and crushed hemp mixed, and Canary seed. This mixture is sometimes given with potato, and greed food in season, chopped meat and gravy. This last bird has been in the kitchen since last September, with fire and gas, but hung low down; still, the room has been very warm, and this last few days he has been put out of doors. I have got a large stock of mealworms which he has been having, four and five a day, two days a week; yet the bird is nothing but feathers. Will some reader kindly give me the secret through your paper; or, if a reader should be near me, I will pay his fare if he is a Lark fancier, to see if my kitchen is suitable. Should the bird be out of doors altogether? Or is my feeding wrong, so as to cause some disease that makes them "go light." I have got one of Sandiford's crushing machines, and sometimes I crush up dog cakes and add to the mixture. At the same time, my Thrushes, Starlings and Blackbirds are as strong as can be. But my real fancy I can't get to thrive. Now, will any reader kindly help me for the new bird which will arrive this week? The cage has had a good cleaning. This cage is the largest bow front that is made, takes a turf twelve inches across, sand-tray is 12 by 12 inches, and it is 14 inches high.

S. KNIGHT.

Willesden.

Ought a Rule to be Strained Sometimes?

SIR,—Mr. Battison accuses me of politely informing him that it was too late for his birds to be received and that the rules of the Association must be carried out. I wish Mr. Battison would confine himself to the truth, as when he was summoned to a committee meeting of the West London Fanciers' Association he told them that I had not the courtesy to speak to him, which was also untrue, as I greeted him with the usual "Good morning" as I did the rest of the gentlemen present. No other words passed between Mr. Battison and myself. Five minutes later Mr. J. Dewhurst, junr., deputising as secretary, for his father (who was ill), came in. After a conversation with Mr. Battison, Mr. Dewhurst asked me what I thought about accepting the birds. My answer was, "You know the Rules of the Association. I shall have nothing to say in the matter." With that he informed Mr. Battison that he could not accept his birds; also the birds of other members, and these gentlemen have taken it as the secretary's duty in carrying out the rules. In fairness to myself I may say I am an amateur, and Mr. Battison a champion, so that our birds would not meet for competition only in the cup class, for which he had no entries, but the fact that I had the honour of winning the Norwich cup might have caused some pang of spite. I trust in future Mr. Battison will make sure that he complies with the rules of any society he may belong to or show under. While we are always pleased to retain old members and to enrol new members, we claim the right to ask them to comply with the rules. I might say that the committee have passed a vote of confidence in the secretary, Mr. Dewhurst, and think he did the right thing. I thank you in anticipation of my answer to Mr. Battison's letter coming before fanciers, letting them judge which is right, the man who carries out the rules or the man who tries to break them.

A. J. LACK.

See also Letter on page 634.

An Elderly Orange-breasted Waxbill.

SIR,—I should be interested to hear from any of your readers if the age record of my Orange-breasted Waxbill, who has just died, can be beaten. On October 20th, 1900, I bought a pair of these tiny birds from a travelling firm. I put them in a cage with a pair of Avadavats and provided them with two rush nests. On March 5th, 1905, the hen Orange-breast died. But the widower chummed up with the other pair, and all were happy. In a month or two I bought a very large French aviary cage for my room, and turned the little trio in among several Weavers, small foreign Finches, and an Indigo Bunting. All went well till January, 1906, when within a day or two of each other the Avadavats died of sheer old age. Then, and not till then, the other birds bullied little "Scrap," chasing and worrying him mercilessly. The second morning after the last Avadavat died, I found him lying on the cage floor, his face to the wall, having apparently made up his mind that life was not worth living. But as he still breathed, I hastily got a small cage ready, and determined that he should spend his few remaining days, or hours, in peace. I placed him in a semi-conscious condition into the cage, and hung him in a sunny window, only a few feet from the aviary. He revived, and lived in perfect health and happiness, coming out from each moult brighter in colour, until November 26th of this year, when I found him dead in his little nest, having been in my possession nine years and five weeks. And now for the recipe for this long life, which I give gratis to all readers of CAGE BIRDS. Promise your bird's skull to a collector of these gruesome specimens. I promised "Scrap's" skull to my brother when I thought every hour would be his last. But "Scrap" was much hurt at the idea, perked up at once, and said: "I think you are very horrid, but I'm not going to die, so there!" and lived for nearly four years longer! A niece of ours amused us much by calling the bird "Skully," and giving him this advice: "Don't you die for a long time, and when you feel you can't live another moment, throw yourself down from the perch with a bang, so that you break your skull, and *do* your uncle!" But, happily, "Scrap" did not take this wicked advice. I may mention that all my foreign birds live in a room, sunny, but unwarmed, with the window open day and night, with very few exceptions. The thermometer in winter often went below 40 degrees.

H. B. R.

How to Put on the Brake.

SIR,—For the last few days I have noticed something wrong with my brother's hen Canary, for it is building a nest, which is a strange thing for the time of the year, I think. He will be glad if anyone will tell him how to hold this hen back.

ANNIE HURST.

A Word for the Evenly-marked Norwich.

SIR,—Next to Crests, this birds stands highest in the estimation of fanciers. Well it may, for it is most difficult to breed. There is always dark underflue cropping up when it is least expected, and when it is not wanted, or else the reverse—a white feather springing up in the middle of a dark wing. A four-marked bird has two eye marks and two evenly marked dark wings. A six-marked bird should have in addition to the other markings a dark mark on each side of the tail. Most fanciers avoid breeding from a six-marked bird, as the six-markings are a sure indication that all the dark underflue has not been bred out. There is a great difference in breeding for Crests and breeding for eye-marks. For Crests you want to keep all the dark colour you can on the head; but when breeding for even-marked birds you want to get rid of every dark feather on the head, except those immediately surrounding the eyes. It requires even more care in selecting your first pair for breeding even-marked birds than it does for breeding Crests; a good selection the first year is equal to two years' start. Here you have an advantage over Crest-breeders, as you may always freely cross with a yellow bird, with a gain to the quality of feather.

JOHN BRADBURY.

Ought a Rule to be Strained Sometimes?

SIR,—I should hope no other exhibitor has (through utter neglect of his responsibilities) had the same experience as your correspondent, Mr. Battison. Had he been a novice, one would not have wondered at his disgust, but just imagine 23 years of exhibiting, and an up-to-dater, and has only just heard of rules being enforced! Why strain a point for one exhibitor? Perhaps he is an habitual laggard, or, on the other hand, a pot-hunter, seeing that his birds were entered at Watford and West London for following days. Is this taking an interest in the society of which, I take it, he has been a member for 23 years? Thank Goodness there is one society which enforces its rules irrespective of persons, and for this the fancier resigns "after such treatment, which makes good fanciers wonder with disgust." Yes, Mr. Battison, *good fanciers* do wonder with disgust at the selfishness of some fanciers. There are no doubt two sides to the question, and I hope to see replies from the officials of the society, as I consider their action a step in the right direction as to the duties of members of societies. No society can afford to lose members; however, the West London having lost one, I should be pleased to join that society, to make up for the loss, if you, sir, would forward my name to the secretary, Mr. Lack. VERITAS.

(We have sent our correspondent's address to Mr. J. Dewhurst, who is the secretary of the society.—EDITOR.

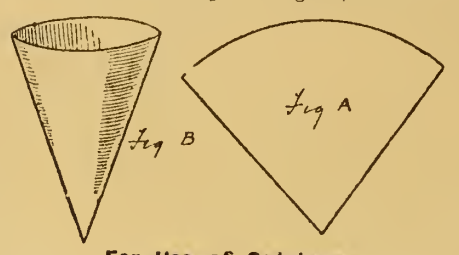
The Welsh C.B.C. Patronage and Swansea Show.

SIR,—In consequence of the resurrection of Mr. Jones, kindly allow me a short space in reply to his amusingly evasive gibberish contained in your previous issue. To a certain extent, Mr. J., I have already substantiated my assertions, by forwarding your "clearly-written rules and transient classification" to our worthy editor for his inspection and eventual verification, and undoubtedly cage-bird fanciers have long since deduced a right-minded conception concerning the point at issue. I entirely fail to determine your seemingly increasing anxiety regarding the identity of the society that your patronage was practically forced upon. Have you any qualms of conscience respecting it, Mr. J? Perhaps you have been extending your under-acting influences even further afield than Swansea and boycott-experimenting with some other society. However, for the present, I will refrain from gratifying your evident anxiety, not desiring to implicate anyone, also being confident that I am infinitely capable of contesting unaided, even such an evidently accomplished mathematician as yourself. I also beg to enlighten you, that, notwithstanding your misrepresentation that I am not representative of Swansea fanciers, and conscientiously assure you that the before-mentioned ridicule at the expense of the W.C.B.C. is openly participated in not only by Swansea fanciers, but is prevalent also among the ranks of your own world-renowned society. Consequently I easily venture to predict a regeneration of the W.C.B.C. ere long in underacting principles. In my first letter Mr. J., which your infantile brain was incapable of comprehending, I did not accuse the W.C.B.C. as a body, despite your inventions, but I mentioned its officials only. Therefore realising that you are representative of your society, and its instigator and prime mover, I consequently favour you personally with my attention. It was you, Mr. J., who despatched a wire to CAGE BIRDS practically on our show date, to herald that contemptible act, the withdrawal of your patronage, and also previous to our show advised your members of your intended boycotting attempt. If this is the manner the W.C.B.C. encourages and uplifts the Fancy, it is full time for it to be deposed, as its patronage is "Tanto buon che val niente." Regarding your personal complimentary epithets, Mr. J., and your expressions of "love," I simply smile at them, realising that they are just the natural outcome of one "Non Compos Mentis." Finally allow me to inform you that though you refuse to continue corresponding, I am fully satisfied, realising, as I have before-mentioned, that I have attained my ultimate desire in exposing to the Fancy the tactics of the W.C.B.C.

ALF. HITCHINGS,
Hon. Sec. Swansea C.B.S.

A Contrivance for the Feeding of Brace Birds.

SIR,—I enclose a sketch of an idea I have for feeding my brace birds when I am out bird-catching, and I find it very useful. All you have to do is to cut out a piece of tin as shown in Fig. A, with a pair of pliers, turn it into the shape of Fig. B, and then



For Use of Catchers.

solder up the side, and you have the thing complete. The point you push in the ground so that the birds can get at their food.

ROBT. SMITH.

Shows and Societies.

Are there Too Many in Certain Districts?

SIR,—Having carefully read Mr. de Maillet's letter on the above, I should like a few words on the subject respecting a complete reform, though I am afraid it will never come to pass. I have visited shows at various times for over twenty years, read of the alleged mixing-up of awards, and of trouble among exhibitors of birds wrongly carded, and of the dissatisfaction at times re judges, railway delays, secretaries' scoldings, and all such like criticism. Well, some one will say, what would you suggest to bring about a reform in the Fancy and these shows? I will endeavour to give an answer as briefly as I can. I think each town or city should have one club only (including the suburbs within its boundary), each member to pay the secretary-general 2d. per week personally, or two stamps by post, as a hard and fast rule, with no arrears whatever. For the show season no entry fees should be charged to any member in that city and its districts, entries from outside the boundary to be charged 6d. per bird. As regards shows, several should be held during the season for Yorkshires only of all descriptions, several for Norwich only, one or two for various birds, say grand variety exhibition Lizards, Lancashires, Borders, Foreign and British, etc. (excluding Yorkshires and Norwich). Now, as to prizes, the same to be paid out of the town or city's own private fund, and admission money. For each show only one first prize (value £3) should be allowed, one second prize (£2), one third prize (£1), and one fourth prize (15s.), all other noteworthy birds in that show to be marked "excellent merit," vhc. and hc. Thus the four winning birds could be taken from their first place to some small table, with their special gilted cards. What our judges will say to this idea it is hard to think. My opinion is that if it could be managed on some scale like this, and every member do his duty, it would do away with endless trouble and anxiety in many directions. As for the troubles in despatching birds, and the railway companies' faults, I think it would be wise not to meddle so much with transits, as at the conclusion of shows it is no light work to be laughed at, which secretaries and all who are officiating have to do. Any other voluntary monies offered by outsiders or friends should be added only to the amounts given by the head club on to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prize winners with their gilted cards only. In conclusion, I shall look out for some hard blows at my suggestion, and for various questions. Yet I don't think I should ever alter my opinion on the affair, but would certainly fall in with any similar idea or suggestion.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

A Problem for Breeders of Yorkshires.

SIR,—I have a few Yorkshires and would like to improve them; they are not good enough for show. Would a cross with a Belgian hen and a Green Cinnamon cock build them up? I am told that millet seed and groats are good things to bring up young birds on. Is this correct?

[We think our correspondent would be well advised to purchase Mr. Battye's book dealing with the Yorkshire Canary (post free, 1s. 1½), and study the method of pairing advocated therein.—Editor.]

Cage Bird Union: District No. 1

The Wallsend Sensation.

SIR,—In reply to "Novice's" epistle in your issue of last week, let me say at once that my communication of the week previous was addressed to the C.B.U., No. 1 district, and was not sent by me for "Novice" or any other individual to start a personal discussion over the matter. Also I wish to inform "Novice" that he does not know what he is talking about when he says I ought to give an apology to the C.B.U. I would like to know what for. As to his sneering remark that I have got off lightly, I ask him what chance has he had, or any other reader, to judge or offer a fair opinion on this matter when only a small part of the proceedings of the C.B.U. was published. As for having any grievance against the C.B.U., "Novice" is entirely wrong. The only grievance (as he calls it) is that I want my evidence and explanation put before your readers, as it explains all there is in it, and by reading the same, "Novice" and others will see that I don't need to offer any apology for getting off so "leniently" (as he seems to think). Neither "Novice" nor any other party could or did prove that the marks were put on the perches either to set the C.B.U. at defiance or to influence the judge in my favour. Could that have been proved, then I would not have got off as leniently as "Novice" infers, neither would I have received my prize money so readily from Wallsend Show. In answer to "Novice's" remarks anent the motions of the Border Fancy Club, let me tell him these will be discussed where they should be, at the B.F.C. annual meeting at Carlisle.

HENRY BENNET.

How to Catch Hawfinches.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS that one of your readers wishes to know how to catch Hawfinches. I have pleasure in stating what I have seen done with regard to catching birds that gather together in the way described. That is, get four pieces of wood about 2 inches wide and 3ft. long, or as long as is desired, according to the number of birds that gather together. Put the wood together in a square, nail a piece of netting on one side, and get a prop to hold it up in the air, with a piece of string attached long enough to pull when you are out of sight, but watching the birds. Sprinkle a few seeds to draw the birds' attention, and when you see as many as you require to catch picking up the seeds, pull out the prop and the birds may be caught underneath the net. I have seen birds caught in a similar manner.

F. PRATLEY.

SIR,—Having noticed a correspondent asking how to catch Hawfinches, there are only two ways that I know of that are successful, one is by the net trap and the other by bird lime. The chief thing is to find out what the birds are feeding on and bait the trap with the same. The traps should have a wire frame, as the wooden kind will most likely be disappointing in the result. The trap made with wire is oval, and the net is laced to frame all round, making it impossible for a bird to escape. The wooden frame traps have corded sides, and the birds escape under the cords. He can either cover the trap or not, as he thinks fit. He will find no difficulty in catching the birds by these means. But as they are very wary, he will find trap cages and clap nets of very little use. Another correspondent mentions some "sharped" Goldies. If he gets in touch with the owner of a threshing machine and gets some thistle heads and puts them down where the birds are, or somewhere not above a hundred yards or so away, they will very soon find it. Then put down the trap or traps, having saved a few special heads and dried them for the purpose, as when dried these heads open, showing the down, whereas those that have laid out of doors on the damp ground will be closed. Pin the heads on a cork, fastening the cork to baiting wire. There was such a party of Goldies near here some time ago, that I and a friend spent some days trying in vain to catch them. But as a last resort, I tried the above plan and caught twenty-seven birds. Your correspondent will find that for all birds of a wary nature the spring net trap comes in very useful, but they are not suitable for taking birds by the score, as it is seldom you get more than one bird in one trap at a time. But you will find that if you have half-a-dozen traps down on the bed they will all be occupied as they go off silently on the soft ground; and they do not frighten the others away. I trust the above hints will dispel the difficulties which beset our two friends.

A. BIRD CATCHER.

Am I a Novice?

A Yorkshireman Seeks Advice.

SIR,—In answer to "One who does not know," I beg to say that his winning a "first" in an open mixed show would not debar him from competing as a "novice" under the O.N.P.C. rules, as he would be eligible to compete as a "novice" until he had won three firsts in the "open." As to the question of a first won at a mixed show, according to our correspondent's letters, it seems to have been more of a "members'" show than an "open" show, and I would not care to voice my opinion on it, without further particulars.

OLIVER MITCHELL, Hon. Sec. Open Norwich P.C.

SIR,—On looking over my copy of CAGE BIRDS last week, I came across correspondence from an exhibitor who signs himself "One who does not know," asking if I will be kind enough to answer the question as to whether he is a novice or not, after having won a 1st prize at a mixed show in open classes. Well, to be candid and to the point, according to the rules of the Yorkshire Union (rule No. 37, 1st portion), he can no longer show as a novice. This rule distinctly states that "a novice is one who has not previously won a novice medal or a first prize in open classes at any show." Therefore, according to our rules, he has lost his status as a novice. But surely this is not going to debar him from being a fancier? The fact that he took a first prize ought to be a stimulus to him to go on and accomplish greater things. The man who often accomplishes the greatest things is the one who has set out with a lofty ideal, therefore, I think your correspondent made a big mistake in selling out his stock simply because he had won a first prize in open competition. I can assure him that many fanciers would sell out the stock that they have in order to purchase a bird that *could* win a 1st in open classes. As a Yorkshireman, go into the struggle with the grit and determination which is such a characteristic of the county of broad acres, and I feel sure that you will look back with a world of pleasure on the day when first you took a 1st prize in open classes at an open show.

H. HILL, Hon. Sec. Yorkshire Union.

The Fancy in Queensland (Australia).

SIR,—In looking over my CAGE BIRDS, I find you have a report of our last Brisbane Show. How you got the report from this far-away land beats me, though I have often spoken of your paper at our meetings. I want the members to see the style of birds that win at home, for I think we are behind the times. I have been a fancier for over fifty years, and I always like to keep in touch with the Fancy. Our Yorkshires are much too stout, and also have not the necessary length. It is also being asked what constitutes an even-marked bird? Well, I must say that they are all "blotch" marked, but the bird wins which is nearest to it. They have no Cinnamon-marked birds out here, and I myself, when I show, generally win with Cinnamons. I have not shown the last two years, but having bred a few good ones this season, I intend at our next show to do so. We are not well off out here for Plainheads; also all other sorts except Yorkshires and Crested stock. Most of our Yorkshires are deficient in head properties, very flat-headed, instead of a nice bullet head. I would like you to publish in CAGE BIRDS what length a Plainhead Norwich can be, so that I can show it to our members, and this will give us something to go upon. I came from Sussex, and when a boy have played the truant to go into the fields with the bird-catchers and their nets, and saw hundreds of birds caught on the South Downs over fifty years ago. I read all your paper with great interest.

J. TATE.

[The Standard adopted by the various Norwich Plainhead Clubs here, reads: Length, not to exceed 6½ins. The full Standards (with scales of points) of all the breeds are given in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. We are always glad to hear from readers in other lands, colonial fanciers particularly so.—EDITOR.]

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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THE BRITISH BIRD FANCY IN DANGER.

The Need for Immediate Action.

On page 604 of last week's issue were given particulars of a decision arrived at by Mr. Biron, the magistrate presiding at Old Street (London) Police Court, which threatens to very seriously affect the interests of all keepers of British birds. The case was one in which two dealers, Messrs. Preston and Flowers, were fined for "having in their possession Larks and Chaffinches recently taken," and this notwithstanding the fact that the said birds were legally taken, i.e., in the open season in an unprotected district. Mr. Biron interpreted the Act under which the prosecution was instituted by the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds to mean that no persons could legally have in their possession any wild (recently taken) British bird, if it was of a species protected by the bye-law in operation over the district in which he resided. To give an illustration: if Goldfinches are protected in Essex, no one living in that county must be in possession of a freshly-caught Goldfinch, even though the said bird was caught in a county wherein they are not protected. In other words, only persons living in unprotected districts can legally keep Goldfinches, or Linnets, or Larks, or other such species; in districts wherein they *are* protected, no persons—whether private individuals or dealers—must be in possession of them.

The serious nature of this decision will be apparent to all our readers; it is startling, to say the least of it, so far as they are concerned who delight in keeping British birds as pets. It can be made use of to practically kill the keeping of British birds in

ALMOST EVERY PART OF THE BRITISH ISLES WHERE KEEPERS OF SUCH BIRDS ARE MOST NUMEROUSLY FOUND,

while its effects upon the bird trade cannot be other than disastrous.

An Appeal to Our Readers.

But the questions naturally arise:

Are we to accept this magisterial dictum as a just interpretation of the law?

And are we to sit down quietly to this tyrannous action on the part of the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds?

We answer the first question ourselves by saying that we have obtained the opinion of high legal experts that this decision is NOT in accordance with their interpretation of the provisions of the Act, and, further, that if the case be taken to appeal, there is every likelihood of its being upset.

The second question we have to leave in the hands of our readers. The S.P.W.B. has taken action against two people who are but moderately blessed in the matter of means, and whose resources (the case has already cost them no small sum) are unequal to bearing the strain of the legal costs inseparable from the proper conduct of the appeal of which, we may say, they have seen to it that due notice has been given in the proper quarter. They now appeal to our readers for subscriptions to enable themselves to have the facts of their case adequately thrashed out before the High Courts; and they appeal in the confident anticipation that the verdict will be in their favour, and so remove the cloud under which the British bird Fancy now rests as a result of Mr. Biron's astounding decision. We intend to ask a well-known and highly-respected fancier to act as treasurer to this Defence Fund, and every penny subscribed will be utilised for no other purpose than to enable Messrs. Preston and Flowers to fight the W.B.P. Society in the interests of the whole British bird Fancy. Donations, however small (or large, of course) will be duly acknowledged in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. It is intended to instruct a well-known Barrister-at-Law to conduct the case. That the "sinews of war" will be readily forthcoming from the host of British bird fanciers in the British Isles we have not the slightest doubt. It only needs a trifle from each to enable the case to be carried to, we hope, a triumphant conclusion. The need of funds is urgent, however, so do not delay; send your contribution at once, addressed to the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and state clearly in your letter that it is intended as a donation towards the "Preston and Flowers Defence Fund."

I have had some good exchange offers in reply to my advertisement in "Cage Birds."—T. LOVELL (Long Buckby).

I always find a quick market for things I advertise in your splendid paper, "Cage Birds."—ROWNSLEY (Gt. Horton).

Kindly thank all applicants for my show cages and case advertised in "Cage Birds." There were too many for me to reply to all; which proves what a good advertising medium "Cage Birds" is.—C. NEVISON (Bedale).

Notes from Erin.

I DEEPLY regret having to announce that Dr. J. P. Lavery (V.P. of Dundalk C.B.S.) has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Lavery. All fanciers will sympathise with him in this sad bereavement.

SLIGO O.A. Annual Show was one of the finest exhibitions held in Ireland this year, and the South of Ireland fanciers were well represented. Mr. Keating (of Dundalk) won special for best Yorks. in show, and great credit is due to him, as this is his first season in champion classes. Mrs. Taylor (of Portrush) won 1st prize in the Open Cinnamon Classes. This is Mrs. Taylor's first season to exhibit, and her win has been very popular, and we wish her every success. Every credit for the show's huge success is due to Messrs. Tighe and Mulligan.

DURING the past week I have heard much murmuring and discussion regarding the treatment supporters of a recent Dublin show received. I am reluctant in mentioning names, but I consider it very unfair of any committee to receive and retain entrance fees from exhibitors, and not forward to the winners their prizes. The society referred to guaranteed to pay prize money within seven days from date of show, yet weeks passed, and at the end of this time cheques were duly received, but on some of these being presented for payment they were returned from the bank dishonoured. I know of at least half a dozen cheques so treated, and I know that the secretary and treasurer have been written to, but so far have treated the correspondence with silent contempt.

THIS seems to me a curious way of carrying on business, and surely will not help to make a society popular and future shows a success. Would it not have been better if the society referred to (finding that they were in financial difficulties), had written to the prize winners and asked them to relinquish their winnings? I am sure if the fanciers who supported the show had been approached and matters explained, the difficulty would have been overcome, as it is all our ambition to keep the club together. The question is: What steps are the committee going to take? Their action is looked forward to with much interest, and it is to be hoped that they will come to a speedy and satisfactory settlement in the interest of our club and the Fancy generally.

IN my last notes I referred to exhibits having been returned in the early hours of a Sunday morning from the Ulster O.A. Show. It was then thought that the committee were to blame for the delay, but I am pleased to be in a position to put this matter right. The railway company is again the culprit. The birds referred to were packed and delivered in good time for the 5.30 p.m. train, but the railway company would not forward them in consequence of the indemnity notes not having been forwarded, and as no such notes were forwarded by two or three of the Dundalk fanciers, the secretary (Mr. Stewart) could not rectify matters. Consequently the birds had to be taken to the booking office and booked to their owners carriage forward in the usual way, and by the time this was done the evening train was well on its journey. There was nothing for it but to let the cases be forwarded by next train. I am sure Mr. Stewart and his assistants were put to considerable trouble, and on behalf of the gentlemen mentioned above, I return them sincere thanks for their kindness.

I RECENTLY observed in the correspondence column a letter from an exhibitor at the recent Dundalk Show complaining of several drinkers having been withheld. I notice the writer states 24 drinkers were sent to show and only 12 returned. Yet, on a hasty perusal of the Dundalk catalogue, I can only find these fanciers with 12 entries. It is strange that they should have sent 2 drinkers for each cage. The hon. secretary and treasurer, Messrs. Gaskin and Keating, both well-known and respected fanciers, have informed me that they only received 12 drinkers, and 12 drinkers were returned.

I AM sure fanciers will understand how easy it is to get drinkers mislaid at a large show. However, this was not the cause of the Lurgan fanciers not getting their own drinkers returned from Dundalk. There was one exhibitor's cages objected to in consequence of having glass drinkers, and the superintendent of the show very wisely had all drinkers removed from all exhibits before the cages were placed on the judging table, and after the birds were judged and again staged in their respective places, the drinkers were immediately returned. This was the cause of strange drinkers having been on our cages. Would it not be advisable for us all to adhere to the rules and have both standard drinker and cage? I think it would be advisable if judges were instructed to disqualify any exhibit shown in a cage, or with a drinker, not authorised by our specialist clubs.

I HAVE heard much comment recently, especially amongst novices, owing to several societies not sending out prize cards. Secretaries should know that many of our novices would prefer a prize card to a money prize.

"CLOSED RING."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Auchterarder, Jan. 22, Aytoun Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. M'Lay and R. V. Raine. 25 open classes: Nor 8, Bord. 6, Crest 7 (1 Sell. and 1 10-mile radius), Brit. 10, Mule 2, Sell. 1, For 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 15 to J. Dow, jun.

Isle of Thanet, Jan. 26 and 27, in the Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 28 (open to Kent) classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks 3, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/9. Ent. close Jan. 12 to S. C. BONCEY, Elephant Hotel, Margate.

Tredegar, Jan. 20, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 18 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Sell. 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 12 to J. GRIFFITHS, 3, Glyn Terrace, Tredegar, Mon.

Lingfield, Jan. 19, Victoria Memorial Institute.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 7 open (to Surrey, Sussex, Kent, and Hampshire) classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Bord. 1 A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/- 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 10 to J. STONE, Talbot Road.

Northallerton, Jan. 22, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 16 open classes: Yorks 4, Nor. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 6, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Jan. 17 (first post) to WALKER AND HODGSON.

Larkhall (N.B.), Jan. 22, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. Jas. Smellie. 17 open classes: Brit. 7, Bord. 5, Common 1, For. 3, Mule 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 18 to J. M'EWAN, 59, M'Neill Street.

Larne, Jan. 20 and 21, M'Garel Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. 38 open (to Ireland only) classes: Scot. 2, Crest. 4, Nor. 9, Sell 3, Yorks 10, Mule 3, Pairs 1, Brit. 4, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 2/-. Ent. close Jan. 10, to W. GENDIS, Dunluce St.

Llanelly (G.C.A., E. and W.B.F.C.C.).—Jan. 18, Market Hall. Judges, Messrs. S. Hadwin, R. J. Howe, and G. Cole. 53 open classes: Greens 8, Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Bord. 7, Sell. 4, Mule 4, Brit. 14, Roller Sing. 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 13, to D. JOHN, 9, Pottery Place.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 8.—**Bathgate.**—R. Bald, North Bridge Street.
Jan. 8.—**Marske-by-Sea.**—Gunstead and Clegg, 55, Arthur Terrace. (Monday's post in time.)
Jan. 10.—**Provincial R.C.C.**—A. Percival, Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.
Jan. 10 (or 11th 1st post).—**Prescot.**—J. Platt, 137, Kemble Street.
Jan. 10.—**Lingfield.**—J. Stone, Talbot Road.
Jan. 12.—**Tredegar.**—J. Griffiths, 3, Glyn Terrace.
Jan. 12.—**Margate.**—S. C. Boncey, Elephant Hotel.
Jan 13.—**Spalding.**—Elviss and Mouncey, Station House.
Jan. 13.—**Llanelly.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 15.—**Auchterarder.**—J. Dow, junr.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 14.—**Larne.**—W. Geddis, Dunluce Street.

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The Young Naturalist.

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*A Lamented Pet.

My dada has a birdroom, where he keeps a lot of nice Canaries. Mama used to have a dear little pet Bully, which was allowed to run about as it pleased on the floor, and enjoy the tit-bits it could find. One day my little brother went into the room, and when he came out he forgot to shut the door. Our pussy was about, and seeing poor Bully, walked in and killed it. We were all so sorry to lose such a dear little pet in such a sad way.—Sent by Jessie Hitch (age 8), Thuscombe, Stroud.

*A Nest in a Sleeve.

In the month of June a mower hung up his coat under a shed near the barn, and two or three days elapsed before he had occasion to put it on again, when, thrusting his arm up the sleeve, he found it completely filled with some rubbish, as he called it, and on extracting the whole mass, found it to be the nest of a Wren completely finished, and lined with a large quantity of feathers.—Copied and sent by Bertie Haddon (age 10), 5, Oakley Street, Kettering, Northants.

**The Peasant's Mistake.

In one of the suburbs of Vienna dwelt a poor peasant, his wife, and children. Not far away dwelt a rich merchant, who owned a wonderful talking Parrot. One day the Parrot made its escape and alighted in the peasant's garden on a tree. The wife caught sight of it and ran into the house exclaiming, "Oh, John, there is a great monster hovering about our garden, with such a peculiar head and face." Upon hearing this the man ran with his gun, and shot at the Parrot and brought it down to the ground dead. The next day the wife cooked it, and it was much enjoyed by all. About a week after, the owner of the Parrot came and told the peasant the green bird was his Parrot. "Well then, why on earth didn't it say so?" replied the peasant.—Sent by May Walton (age 13½), 14, Abney Street, Highfields, Leicester.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held at Prince Albert Inn on Dec. 26th, when 20 birds sang. 1, 2, Wood; 3, Binns. Judges: Messrs. Allan and Nevins. Timekeeper: Mr. Towers. Contest on Jan. 2nd, when 13 birds sang. 1, Solomon, 2, 3, divided between N. Solomon and E. Wood. Judge: Mr. A. Smith. Timekeeper: Mr. A. Lorriman. W. DEAN, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at Skinners Arms, Burmantofts on Jan. 2, when 12 birds sang. 1, Thirsk; 2, Ward; 3, Simmonds. Judges, Messrs. Gallic and Pease.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., Jan. 1st. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Stead; 3, shared between Stead and Hardcastle. Judges: Messrs. Naylor and Whittaker. Also Jan. 2nd, when 20 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Bland. Judges: Messrs. Jennings, Naylor, and Johnson. WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Special contest to wind up the old year was arranged at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, on Dec. 27th, when some very nice quality singing was heard from 24 birds. 1, 2, Binns; 3, Brophy; 4, Lorriman. Judges: Messrs. P. Madden and A. Lorriman. Usual fortnightly Roller contest will be held Jan. 9th; commence 7.30; open to all.—J. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

We held a Linnet show at the Rock Inn, Glasshoughton, on Dec. 27th, when we had 18 entries. Judge: Mr. Tomlinson (Normanton). 1st prize, copper kettle, J. Caddy; 2, Kirk; 3, G. Hodgkinson. First members' sing will be held on Jan. 9th.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, where 19 birds competed, and some very good singing was heard 1, Wilson; 2, Coates; 3, Kirby; 4, Gurden; 5, Massheder. Judge: Mr. Berry. Timekeeper: Mr. J. Smith. — J. W. SMITH, Sec.

The 32nd Xmas Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, on Boxing Day, when upwards of 50 birds were entered. The judges' awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Wm. Empson gave a prize for every competitor. Principal winners: 1, 13, Oldroyd; 2, Wilson; 3, Kendra; 4, Laverick; 5, Limbert; 6, Perry; 7, Johnston; 8, Huntley; 9, 11, Harrison; 10, Andrews; 12, Hague; 14, Forth; and 34 minor prizes. Mr. J. W. Paver judged. Mr. J. Limbert, sen., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, on Jan. 1, when upwards of 20 birds were entered. Result: 1, Maugham; 2, Oldroyd; 3, 4, Limbert. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge, and Mr. J. Limbert, sen., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Annual Christmas Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North-st., when 22 birds competed. The judge's (Mr. Perry) awards gave entire satisfaction. Mr. J. Smith gave a prize for every competitor. Principal winners: 1, Smith; 2, 6, Bean; 3, Emmerson; 4, Weaver; 5, Gurden; 7, Wilson; 8, Massheder, 10, Cole. There were 12 minor prizes. A vote of thanks was accorded the donors of prizes. Mr. J. Smith, timekeeper. Usual weekly contest, held at Crown Inn, Jan. 1, when 21 birds competed. Result: 1, J. W. Smith; 2, Cole; 3, Lambert; 4, Gurden; 5, Weaver. Judge: Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper: Mr. J. Smith.

HINCKLEY.

Goldfinch contest held at "Marquis of Granby" on Dec. 27th, when 10 birds sang. Result: 1, 2, Spencer; 3, Garner. Judges: Messrs. Towers and Season. Timekeeper: Mr. W. Burditt.—BURDITT, Sec.

Grand Linnet contest, held at White Hart, when 16 birds sang, on Dec. 28th, when some good birds faced the judges. The result was a surprise for everyone. Mr. Garner's well-known bird (Cockwing) was beaten by Mr. Smith's. Result: 1, Smith; 2, Garner; 3, Carter. Also at 3 o'clock, same house, 10 birds sang. Result: 1, Garner; 2, Beadsmore; 3, Carter. Judges: Messrs. Towers and Leason. Timekeeper: Mr. W. Ward.—TOWERS, Sec.

ENGLISH & WELSH BORDER F.C.C.

Annual Meeting.

Annual general meeting held at Altrincham on December 16th, Mr. Swarbrick (Preston) in the chair. The members of the Cheshire district present asked to be transferred to the Northern Division; as this was not unanimous it was decided that the Cheshire members be allowed to nominate which division they wished to show in, the nominations to be sent to the secretary in writing before the show season, and remain in force throughout the season. Mr. Bayly asked why the motion *re* plain seed for show cages, carried at last general meeting, was not put on specials cards. The secretary explained that it was an oversight on his part. It was decided that in future nothing but seed be used in show cages, or points would not count for specials. Letters were read from Mr. Norman offering to draw a model more nearly life-size than the present one, Mr. Norman being of opinion that this would give breeders a truer idea of the Border. The secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Norman for his kind offer, and to ask him to draw a model that could be submitted to the Scotch Club, as nothing could be done in this matter unless both clubs were agreed. The further development of the matter was left in the hands of the secretary. The secretary then gave a financial statement, pointing out that the club was a long way from being good financially. Nearly all the members present gave donations, and it was decided to make a strong appeal to all members who had not already subscribed, and so get the society financially sound, all the members present recognising that the usefulness of the society depended largely on its financial position. Dr. Thomas (Liverpool) then presented Mr. Bayly with the Toronto medal won by him at the International contest. Mr. Bayly having suitably replied, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman and secretary, which brought a thoroughly businesslike meeting to a close.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

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THE SHOWS.

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SWANSEA.

Show held in Mackworth Hotel, on December 27th. The show was held out in the stock room, which suited the purposes splendidly. The weather was extremely dismal, and no doubt affected the numbers of sightseers at the show. Many well-known specimens were seen behind winning cards. The Borders and British contained the largest numbers. The hon. secretary, Mr. Alf. Hitchings, assisted by a willing and hard-working committee, soon had things in working order, and much credit is due to him for the manner in which the show was arranged. Mr. D. A. S. Lougden judged the whole of the classes, and gave great satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Vyse, very typical, good col. one, fine size; 2, Jeremy, grand col., neat body, good wings and tail. BUFF (4): 1, George, eye mkd., fine feather, nice size, correct type; 2, Mabbet, variegated, good quality feather, neat carriage; 3, Jeremy, typical specimen, fine proportions; 4, Stock. HEN (2): 1, Heal, good, shapely col., fine size, good head and chest properties; 2, George, buff, cobby one, nicely clothed. NOR., YOUNG (7): 1, Vyse, cl. yell., fine size and substance, neatly shaped, great wing and tail carriage; 2, 3, Stock, couple of sweet youngsters, true to type; 4, vhc, Heal; vhc, c, George. NON-FED. NOR. (5): 1, Vyse, neatly feathered one, good substance and carriage; 2, vhc, Heal, pretty couple, full of quality; 3, R. Mabbet, also characteristic of the true Nor., well clothed; 4, Balsh, neatly staged. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, A. E. Taylor, pair of good length and positioned birds, well staged. HEN (4): 1, Mock and Son, neat, tight feathered, good wing and tail carriage; 2, 4, R. Taylor, neat, lengthy ones, good position and carriage; 3, A. E. Taylor, very close up, in good form. NON-FED (5): 1, Mock and Son, well feathered one, fine position on perch; 2, W. R. Taylor, typical specimen, good wing and tail carriage; 3, East; 4, A. E. Taylor. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Steens, pretty pair, feathered in good style, neat little models; 2, hc, R. Mugford, lovely quality pair, neatly carried wings and tails, close up; 4, D. Williams, very neatly shown bird, excellent jaunty style; vhc, Sampson; hc, Evans. BUFF (13): 1, spl best Can., Steens, lovely shaped one, good mover, tight as a bottle, grand wings and tail; 2, Evans, neat model, well bruced wings, rare pipe tail; 3, D. Williams, very jaunty, good shower, neatly filled in; 4, R. Mugford, real topper, gay carriage, neat wings and tail; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Richards. UNEVEN VARIEG. (13): 1, 4, Richards, couple of high-class birds, well feathered, good carriage; 2, vhc, Hockings, neat and gay, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Evans, again correct in Border properties; c, D. Williams. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 3, c, Richards, well-known trio, leader excells in type and col., neatly moulded, 3rd also rare col. and quality; 2, 4, vhc, Hocking, very tight team, good condition and type; hc, P. Jenkins. BUFF (7): 1, 2, vhc, c, Hocking, a splendid lot from one stable, fine quality feather, lovely col. and type; 3, 4, Richards, also far above the average, neat carriage, beautifully clothed; hc, D. Williams. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Hitchings, two good, big Crests, plenty of size, well clothed. DK. GOLDIE MULE (5): 1, spl best Mule, 2, hc, G. Thomas, buff leading, finely-cut face, good breast, bars and cap; 3, 4, D. Lewis, neat couple, good size and stamp; vhc, W. J. Jenkins. DK. LINNET-MULE (1): 1, Ward, good size and col. A.O.V. MULE: 1, Mabbet. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, G. Thomas, in rare form, grand expansive face, good tans, bars and buttons, polished to perfection; 2, Heal, good face and body col., fine size, well buttoned, barred on wings; 3, Balsh, very neatly shown, good bright face; 4, Howard, very smart, large blaze, rich hue, slightly guttered at corners; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, Beed. LINNET, MOULTED (9): 1, Nicholas, nice nutty col., well laced on breast, shows good whites on wing bars; 2, 3, Bancroft, splendid couple, rarely mkd., good quality feather, very level in col.; 4, Balsh, very choice; vhc, Howard; hc, G. Thomas; c, Jeffries. FIELD-MOULTED (7): 1, 4, Bancroft, nicely col. and well mkd. on breast and back; 2, G. Thomas, extra large, carrying profusion of marking, nice level brown; 3, Howard, good class of Linnet, fine size, level col.; 4, Jeffries; hc, Prosser; c, Morgan. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 2, Price, lovely col. pair, 1st largest bird, good breast, cap, very distinct wing bars in each case; 3, R. Mabbet, very typical, cobby, good front and cap; 4, Cronin, proper Nor. type, good breast col., rare cap; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Hocking. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Bancroft, well-known Twite, good size and polish, well marked back and chest; 2, Donnell, Siskin, fine condition, well shaped; 3, Jenkins, Siskin, very prominent wing bars; 4, Cronin, smart non-fed Siskin, grand cap, bars, and distinct eye marks. LESSER REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Jeffries, no doubt the best seen in the Principality this season, rare size, quality and col.; 2, 3, hc, Prosser, mealy leading, good size, well laced, 3, Lesser of nice quality, well mkd.; 4, D. Williams; vhc, P. Jenkins; c, H. Jenkins. YELLOWHAMMER (1): 1, Prosser, good col., well mkd., plenty of size. BRAMBLE (4): 1, Howard, good, big, well col. one, neatly spangled, well cut frontal; 2, P. Jenkins, also well contrasted bird, good depth of col.; 3, Prosser, in good condition and col.; 4, Sampson. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Bancroft, good col., stout Chaffie, fine frontal, good hood and neck col.; 2, H. Jenkins, neatly feathered, good col.; 3, Vyse, fine front col.; 4, Morgan. GREENFINCH (7): 1, spl best British, Bancroft, in rare form, unbeaten up to the present, fine bold appearance; 2, Price, very level col., good bars on wings, in lovely condition; 3, Balsh, fine col. and finish; 4, H. Jenkins; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, Vyse; c, Donnell. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Price, well mkd. Reedbunting, good bib and cap, well defined whites; 2, H. Jenkins. HEN BRIT. (6): 1, Bancroft, hen Cornbunting, very well mkd., rare col. and size; 2, Hocking, hen Bullie, good cap and bars, fine size; 3, Prosser, Greenie of nice col.; 4, Sampson; vhc, W. Price. SOFTBILL (3): 1, D. Williams, Field fare, in decent trim, well mkd. and col.; 2, H. Jenkins, Oxeye Tit, very amusing, in good trim; 3, Edwards, very nice Greater Whitethroat. FOR. (3): 1, Prosser, pair of Javas (grey), in usual tight plumage; 2, Watkins, very nice Combasson, well staged; 3, Hocking, pair of Cockatiels. SELL. (15s.) (4): 1, Evans; 2, Vyse; 3, Richards; 4, Messer. (10s.) (6): 1, Heal; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Hitchings.

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LIVERPOOL (Amalgamated.)

This show was held at Bootle on January 1st. The St. Leonard's Hall is well adapted for a show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The entry was not so good as in other years, but as this has been the case all round in this neighbourhood this year, it is not to be wondered at. That indefatigable secretary, Mr. Hunt, had everything well in hand in good time, and the judging was over and cards up before one o'clock. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged the Yorkshires and Borders, and Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) the remainder, and their awards were generally well received.

Mr. S. Hadwin's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Fox, good length and col., well filled; 2, Scrimshaw, very smart; 3, Corbett, not quite so neatly drawn. BUFF (3): 1, Fox, good length and colour, well drawn; 2, Spargoe, good length, a wee bit loose in feather; 3, Harding, similar. TICK YELL. (6): 1, Latham, cap and wing mkd., good col., well drawn; 2, Plunkett, good col., sweet shape, fails only in wings; 3, Spargoe, good style and quality, nice col.; vhc, Seddon; hc, Harding; c, Hamilton. BUFF (5): 1, Fox, thick, tkd., good col., reach and style; 2, Bartou, well drawn, not quite so good in feather; 3, Holden, similar; vhc, Chorley; hc, Young. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Fox, cap marked, good col., long, and raky, good flights; 2, Barton, grand col. and style, fails only in length; 3, Holden, good length, nice col. and wing; hc, Chorley; c, Young. BUFF (5): 1, Holden, well drawn, nice pipe tail; 2, Fox, good col. and length; 3, Young, not quite so well drawn; vhc, Chorley; hc, Griffiths. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Hamilton, sweet shape and quality; 2, Plunkett, not so neat perhaps, but good otherwise; 3, Chorley, fine quality and position; vhc, Fox; hc, Corbett; c, Worton. BUFF (7): 1, Fox, good length and quality; 2, 3, Robinson, 2nd long and reachy; 3rd, very similar, not quite so neat; vhc, Holden; hc, Ireland; c, Hamilton. CINN. TICK YELL. (2): 1, Harding, well drawn, very fine position; 2, Corbett, heavy, good col. and position. BUFF (5): 1, Hamilton, lovely col. and position; 2, Morton, smart position; 3, Plunkett, wee shade heavy, well drawn; Nos. 1 and 3, wrong class. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (3): 1, Morton, good quality, position, and style; 2, Christopher, smaller perhaps, neat shape and quality; 3, Young, not quite so neat in shape and feather, good one. SELF YELL. GREEN (7): 1, Robinson, grand col., quality, style and position; 2, Latham, good col., leg, and position; 3, Hamilton, good col., fails only in feather; vhc, Knowles; hc, Hughes; c, Dickinson. BUFF (8): 1, Robinson, good col., length and position; 2, Dickinson, nice length, leg, and position, fails only col. in face; 3, Hughes, good col. and style; vhc, Robinson; hc, Ireland; c, Knowles. FOUL YELL.: 1, Robinson, good col. and length; 2, Metcalfe. BUFF (3): 1, J. Abbott, grand col., length and position; 2, Metcalfe, fails only in style; 3, Fox, similar. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Abbott, good length and col.; 2, 3, Cauderland, both very smart, not quite so well filled; vhc, Spargoe; hc, Robinson; c, Holden. BUFF (6): 1, Metcalfe, smart, good quality and col.; 2, Robinson, larger, good col. and style; 3, Abbott, nicely drawn; vhc, Latham; hc, Fox; c, Spargoe. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Dickinson, smart, good quality and col.; 2, Plunkett, nice one; 3, Spargoe, nicely drawn, fails only in wings; vhc, Robinson; hc, Cauderland; c, Holden; No. 7, wrong class. BUFF (5): 1, Abbott, good col. and shape, well drawn; 2, Young, very similar; 3, Dickinson, best of col.; vhc, Fox; hc, Hughes. BORD.: Cancelled. NAT. COL. YORKS. (10): 1, Plunkett, Buff, grand quality, col., and shape; 2, Holden, Buff, variegated, well drawn; 3, Rumsby, Yell., good style and position; vhc, Rumsby; hc, Scrimshaw; c, Edwards. HEN (5): 1, Young, Yell., sweet shape, quality and style; 2, Buff, good quality and shape; 3, Latham, good legs; vhc, Edwards; hc, Rumsby. NOVICES, YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, J. Lloyd, grand length and col., good leg, well drawn; 2, Holden, nice style. BUFF (2): 1, Holden, grand quality, col., and style; 2, Holden. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. YELL. GREEN (3): 1, Lloyd, nice style, quality and col.; 2, Holden, not quite so neatly drawn; 3, Atherton, foul, good position. BUFF (3): 1, Holden, good length and quality; 2, Atherton, nice one; 3, Martindale, neat shape. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Atherton, trio of very nice birds.

Mr. J. W. Bancroft's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Mercer, massive, good col.; 2, Harding, good col. and quality; 3, Williamson, similar; vhc, Williamson. BUFF: Cancelled. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Mercer, good col., fine substance; 2, Scrimshaw, very similar; 3, Barton, very pale; vhc, Chorley. BUFF (3): 1, Williamson, good col. and substance; 2, Barton, good one; 3, Horne, better col., fails only in substance. UNFLIG. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (3): 1, Cave, grand chest, col., and head, rare quality, a gem; 2, Williamson, more substance, not quite so shapely; 3, Barton, similar. CREST AND C.B.: Cancelled. NOR. GREEN SELF.: Cancelled. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Brown, good col. and substance; 2, McMillan, nice substance, good col. BUFF (2): 1, McMillan, grand substance and col.; wrong class, Young. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, 2, McMillan, 1st small and neat; 2nd, larger, not quite so neat. NAT. COL. NOR.: Cancelled. HEN (3): 1, Williamson, nice quality and shape; 2, Mercer; 3, Chorley. A.O.V.: Cancelled. SELL. PAIRS (5): 1, Williamson; 2, hc, Knowles; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Fox. (15/-) (3): 1, hc, Williamson; 2, Knowles; 3, Herding; vhc, Plunkett. HEN (12/6) (2): 1, Knowles; 2, Williamson. MULES (10): 1, 2, Horne, 1st Greenfinch-Can., good size and col., well staged; 2nd, light Buff Goldie; 3, Coffey, Siskin-Can., Yell., grand feather, col., and condition; vhc, c, Coffey; hc, Lloyd. GOLDIES (5): 1, Bond and Son, grand blaze and condition; 2, vhc, Horne, nice condition, fails blaze; 3, Coffey, not far behind; hc, Bryant; c, Lloyd. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Coffey, grand cap, col., and condition; 2, Horne, better substance; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, James. LINNET (House-moulted) (7): 1, 2, Coffey, good condition and markings, not much to choose between; 3, Young, larger, good condition; vhc, Bond and Sons; hc, Brown; c, Horne. GREENFINCH (5): 1, hc, Bond and Sons, Buff, grand col. and substance, rare condition; 2, Scrimshaw, Yell., good feather and condition; 3, vhc, Horne. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Coffey, Bramble, grand lacings and condition; 2, Coffey, Chaffinch, good size, shape and bloom; 3, vhc, Horne, Brambles, very smart. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Bond and Sons, 1st Redpoll, rare condition and quality; 2nd, Twite, well staged; 3, Coffey, hen Siskin; vhc, Grey; hc, Chistopher; c, Horne. LINNET (fresh-caught) (3): 1, Jones, good size and col.; 2, Lloyd, neat, good col.; 3, Horne, similar. A.O.S.: Cancelled. NOVICES, NOR.: Cancelled. NOR. GREEN (2): 1, Brown; 2, Brown.

PAISLEY.

The fifty-sixth annual two-days' show and competition of the Paisley O.A. was held in the Drill Hall, on January 1st and 3rd. The hall is admirably adapted for show purposes. Competition was open to the United Kingdom, and being a popular event, some of the foremost fanciers and breeders were represented. There were 186 classes in all, and although the number of exhibits was not up to that of former years, the quality throughout was, if anything, above the usual standard, the judges having a difficult task in placing their awards. The cage birds were ranged along the sides of the hall and across the top end, where there was abundance of light, and plenty of room for both visitors and exhibits. The hall was crowded on both days, and quite a host of ladies graced the show with their presence. The arrangements, as usual, were most complete, and were admirably carried out by Messrs. R. W. Robin (President), J. Taylor (Vice-President), John E. Pottie (Treasurer), James Laidler (General Secretary), and A. M. Baird (Cage Bird Secretary). The sales, though not a record, were quite satisfactory. The entries all over showed a decrease from last year's owing to the Sunday coming in between the dates. Exhibitors appeared afraid to run any risks. The same experience was felt at the Edinburgh National, and also at Dunfermline. Secretary Baird and his able band of workers had everything in spanking line order, and left nothing undone. In the Scotch Fancy section, although these showed a reduction in numbers upon last year's, they were a good lot and, as usual, a section of much interest. The judges for this section were Messrs. R. Menzies (Edinburgh), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), A. Somerville (Neilston), G. Fulton (Partick), A. Livingstone (Paisley), and J. Kelly (Paisley). The Norwich and Cinnamons came under the eye of Mr. A. Maleolmson (Glasgow): the Borders and Yorkshires were ably handled by Mr. J. Smillie (Riccarton); and the Mules, British and Foreign bird classes were judged by Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton). The Crests and Norwich were a good lot, but showed a decrease on last year's entry. The Borders were a fine lot, some very smart birds being staged. The Mules and Hybrids were a good lot, too, and the British were also a fine average lot, about the same number as last year. In the Scotch Fancy section Mr. J. Fulton won the handsome cup presented by Mr. Thomas Love (Paisley) for best young bird bred and owned by a member residing in the Burgh of Paisley, with a buff green hen, a nice typical bird—a most popular win. This being Mr. Fulton's third year as a breeder, he has every reason to feel proud of his early signal success. Mr. Fulton also owned the runner-up for this cup. Another popular win in its section was the Crichton cup, won by the well-known breeder, Mr. Wm. Montgomery, with a grand Scotch Fancy buff hen, of great style and hard to beat, Mr. W. McClure's yellow pied cock bird being the runner-up. We heard no grumbling concerning the judges' awards.

The Critique.

SCOTS FCY. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Paton, grand reach and drive, hard up, pronounced droop, rare long side, fine wings, neat circle and pose, winner of four 1sts and a second this season, wins; 2, McClure, nice reach and shoulder, sweet head, very free, not quite the depth through or length of side of winner; 3, Archibald, nice reach and drive, good shoulder, round back, tail well in; 4, Smith, neat head, good top end, nice shoulder, wings and tail; 5, Thomson; 6, Kennedy; 7, O'Donnell; spl, 8, Webster; 9,, A. M. Baird. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Montgomery, grand substance, fine head and neck, good shoulder, well filled in, grand back, wings and tail, decided drive; 2, R. Nairn, grand pose and drive, well set up, barely so deep through as winner, nice condition, good bird; 3, Kirk, neat head, good neck, fine shoulder and wings, tail well in, spleudid drive; 4, Clark, nice top end, good depth through, grand drive and size; 5, Bennett; 6, spl., Beckett. YELL. PIED CK. (8): 1, W. McClure, runner-up for Crichton cup, grand size, rare depth through, good style, neat long wing, tail well under, grand mover; 2 Blue, splendid top end, rare length, lovely action, very fine shoulders, rare substance; 3, Ward, plenty of shoulder, grand head and neck, good drive, full of style; 4, Nairn, smart shape, rare substance, splendid worker; 5, Webster; 6, O'Donnell; 7, Thomson. BUFF (6): 1, Powell,, good reach and wings, nice droop, hard up, rare style; 2, Nairn, grand depth and length, neat head and reach, soleudid drive, good bird, presses; 3, spl, J. Fulton, barely so hard up perhaps as winners, nice reach and drive, good shoulders, grand length of wing, runner-up for "Love" cup; 4, Clark, grand size, rare depth through, fine top end; 5, Ward; 6, McClure. FOUL CK. (7): 1, McClure, buff, and old champion, still looking well, well-known winner, in fine condition; 2, J. Fulton, nice size and length of side, tail well to spar, grand mover; 3, Stewart, neat head, good drive and substance, smart style; 4, Struthers, barely so much substance perhaps, but fine size, good drive and condition; 5, 6, A. Baird. GREEN CK. (8): 1, 8, O'Donnell, grand size, yell., neat head, nice neck and shoulder, good length, wing, and tail, well in, wins; 2, Higgins, yell. nice free mover, good top end, grand back and wings, tail well in, not quite so deep through as 1st; 3, spl, Thomson, good size, and shoulder, wee shade stiff, in nice condition; 4, spl, Edgar, neat head good substance and size; 5 Kennedy; 6, Cobb; 7, J. Smith. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Nairn, typical bird, yell., fine head and reach, nice shoulder and depth through, good back, length of wing and tail; 2, Clark, nice size, plenty of substance, rare free action, good head and neck, works well; 3, McClure, grand style, neat head, good reach; 4, Simpson, nice head and neck, good back, well set up, fails in droop only a shade; 5, J. Fulton; 6, Cobb; 7, spl., Smith; 8, A. Baird; 9, spl., Kirk. BUFF (8): 1, spl., 2, spl., Montgomerie, cup winner, most typical bird, fine head, good lengthy neck, nice droop, rare shoulder and depth, lovely circle, wins, 2nd very free action, good head and neck, works well; 3, Frew, nice pose, neat head, good reach, could do with a trifle more thickness through; 4, Douglas, neat head and neck, drives well; 5, spl, A. Baird; 6, Forsyth; 7, Smith; 8, Nairn. YELL. PIED: 1, McClure, nice size and reach, fine length of wing, grand shape, wins; 2, Kennedy, jun., barely so lengthy perhaps, nice free mover, head neat and good droop, shoulder and back; 3, A. Kennedy, plenty of style, fine circle and drive; 4, Reid, rare head and neck, drives well, good substance, nice condition; 5, Nairn; 6, Burnside; 7, Bennett; 8, Edgar; 9, Simpson. BUFF (7): 1, McClure, nice for size and top end, good thickness through, capital droop, rare mover; 2, 4, D. Reid, 2nd very typical in all points, fails only in substance a shade to 1st, 4th good top end, nice shape and drive; 3, McArthur, fine size, nicely staged; 5 Smith; 6, Nairn; 7, Hampson. FOUL (4): 1, Ferguson, yell., nice size and substance, neat head, decided drive good back and wing, grand mover; 2, Clark, buff, nice size and depth through, free action, splendid droop, nice length of side, tail well in, presses; 3, Burnside, nice size, grand mover, barely so thick through probably; 4, Bennett, nice size and reach, good depth through. GREEN: 1, two spls, J. Fulton, buff green hen of grand type, rare neck grand wing and tail, nice cirele, Love's cup winner; 2 J. Kennedy, sen., nice size and substance, good top end and reach, fails a wee shade in depth to winner; 3, Higgans, good worker, nice bird; 4, Frew, yell., all right for size, style; 5, Nairn. PAIRS, CL., ETC. (8): 1, McClure, nicely matched pair all right for size and style, good substance; 2, Malcolm, grand size and nice depth through, good pair; 3, Stewart, really fine pair of promise; 4, J. Kennedy, sen., another nicely matched pair, in rare condition; 5, spl, McNair; 6, Ward; 7, spl, A. M. Baird. BELG. CK. (6): 1, 6, McClure, first cross, nice size and depth, fine quality, grand position; 2, Stewart, nice for shape, barely the substance of winner, perhaps; 3, Fairley, nice typical bird, good size and style, presses hard ou 2nd; 4, Beckett, good type, fine quality; 5, Reid. HEN (5): 1, Ward, buff, plenty of size and style, neat wings and tail, lovely pose; 2, O'Donnell, good shoulder and wing, nice one; 3, 5, Fairley, grand length and pose, good shoulder, neat head and wing, fine bird; 4, Frew, good shape and style, nice size for a buff. SCOTS FCY. SELL. CK. (21/-) (21): 1, Higgins; 2, Hamilton; 3, Powell; 4, J. Fulton; 5, Clarke; 6, Murdoch; 7, Park; 8, spl, Douglas. HEN (14): 1, Forsyth; 2, Palmer; 3, spl., Hainey; 4, A. Paton; 5, Ritchie; 6, Livingstone; 7, Reid; 8, Neill. CK. (10/6) (24): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Forsyth; 4, 8, Bennett; 5, Livingstone; 6, Park; 7, Hair; 9, Kennedy. HEN (12): 1, McDowall; 2, Park; 3, Hannay; 4, Greenshields; 5, McLean; 6, Forsyth; 7, Hainey; 8, Hampson.

[The remainder of our report unfortunately appears to have miscarried in the post, and all efforts to trace it have failed. We shall give same next week.—EDITOR.]

PLYMOUTH.

The Cage Bird Show, held in connection with the Western F.A. took place on January 5th, at the Market Place, Plymouth. The wants for this section were well cared for in a corner of the exhibition room, the birds being well screened from draught, this being an improvement on former years. There has always been a prejudice amongst fanciers against showing at former exhibitions, on account of the somewhat exposed situation of the staging for cage birds, but this year nothing could have been better than the arrangements which were made, and great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. W. E. Chapple, and to Mr. R. B. Tope, who fixed up the show. The cage bird members of the society are but few, and the result was, in the matter of entries, somewhat disappointing, but the care evinced for the comfort of the birds should certainly ensure a much bigger entry on another occasion. Mr. W. E. Chapple was a very courteous secretary, and was well backed up by a small committee, of Messrs. Watson, Brock, and Wills. Mr. T. Pope (Plymouth), made the awards.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Boundy, both well-known winners at Western shows, former takes special for best Yorkshire; 3, vhc, hc, Woodby, fails in wing carriage only to winner; c, Steer. BUFF (4): 1, Guppy, nice reach and col.; 2, Woodley, very close up, stylish exhibit; 3, Steer, in rather poor condition, otherwise a good one; vhc, Large. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Spillman, eye tkd., well-known winner, wins easily here; 2, Lee, good shape, a wee trifle flat in col.; 3, Spillman; vhc, Jess; hc, Tottle. BUFF (4): 1, Spillman, eye mkd., one of the best buffs shown in the West of England for a very long time, takes special for best bird in show, also special for best Nor.; 2, Rowden, cap mkd., non-flig., frequent winner, in excellent condition; 3, Border, neck mkd., close up to second; vhc, Harvey. HEN (5): 1, Spillman, cl. buff, grand shape; 2, Tottle, frequent winner, grand substance, fails only in col. to winner; 3, Harvey, buff; vhc, Spillman; hc, Jess. CREST (3): 1, Davey, wing mkd., beautiful shape and large crest; 2, Haskell, variegated, good shape crest, fails just slightly in frontal; 3, Davey, cl. body, dark. C.B. (7): 1, Davey, green, massive skull, good Nor. type; 2, 3, Ryder, former green, excels in lashing, 3rd variegated, good length of feather; vhc, Davey; hc, Haskell; c, Bickle. PAIRS (5): 1, Davey, magnificent light C.B. cock and green Crested hen, splendid pair; 2, Ryder, green Crest cock, and green C.B. hen, running winner very close; 3, Mrs. Southcombe, bonny pair Nor.; vhc, Harvey. CAN. HYB. (7): 1, Hodge, six-pointed light Goldie, in splendid trim; 2, Mrs. Browning, another light Goldie, a trifle heavier in markings; 3, Rowe, splashed on head, also light Goldie; vhc, e, Brenton; hc, Scribbens. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, 3, Liddicoat, winner having an immense blaze and in tip-top condition, 3rd smaller bird, again in very nice bloom; 2, Mumford, fails to winner in condition only, good one; vhc, Large, a fine bird, unsteady; hc, Mrs. Southcombe; e, Scribbens. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Williams, good body col. and breast markings; 2, Lee, a trifle smaller and paler in col.; 3, Pridham, moulting on head, or would have been higher; vhc, Mrs. Browning. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (7): 1, Wills, Yellow Bunting, well known, in grand fettle, this being his twenty-first prize in two years; 2, Welber, Hawfinch, feather like wax, very good specimen indeed; 3, Large, Chaffinch, good size and col., unlucky to meet two such birds as winners; vhc, Mrs. Southcombe; hc, Wills. SELL. 10/- (7): 1, Parish; 2, Rowden; 3, Border; vhc, Parish; hc, Tottle; c, Ryder. MEMBERS - NOR.: 1, Harvey. CREST: 1, 3, Brock; 2, vhc, Cripple. C.B.: 1, 3, Chapple; 2, Brock. NOR. (NON-FED): 1, Harvey. LIGHT MULE: 1, Wills. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Wills; vhc, Watson. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, 2, 3, Wills. INSECTIV.: 1, Wills.

BARNSLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' annual show was held on New Year's Day in the large club room at the Clarence Hotel, and this being a Cup show, competition was exceedingly keen. Mr. A. Green kindly presented cup and medal to be won outright for most points, and Mr. F. Taylor was the lucky winner with his noted team of Norwich, which need no comment, many of them winning at open shows. Also Messrs. Williams, J. Simmons, and A. Green staged some splendid Yorkshires. Mr. Williams, who is only a novice, with luck should do well next season. The room was nicely decorated, and gave everything a tasteful appearance. Mr. W. Robson judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. The society is progressing by leaps and bounds. The society held an open show this season, and the society is still in a flourishing condition.

CL., ETC., YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Green; vhc, hc, e, Simmons. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Simmons; vhc, Williams. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Simmons; 3, c, Green. CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. Taylor; c, Simmons. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, e, J. Taylor, cup and medal. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 3, vhc, c, J. Taylor; 2, hc, Green. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Taylor, Bullfinch. LINNET: 1, J. Simmons. SOFTBILL: 1, J. Taylor, Thrush. C. SIMS, Sec.

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BURRY PORT.

Show held January 4th, in a very roomy and well lighted hall. It was very well arranged, and everyone present could get a splendid view of the exhibits. Mr. E. J. Maunder, the capable hon. sec., and Messrs. Davies and Ray, were very much in evidence, the success of the venture being due to their untiring efforts. In most classes the quality was far above the average. In the Yorkshires some splendid specimens were seen. The Border class was also very keen, and so was the Norwich, and the British were extra, T. W. Richards staging a fine team of Goldies. Mr. D. A. S. Longden placed the cards, and gave the highest possible satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR. (4): 1, Kirby, good col. yell., fine headed, good, typical bird; 2, Pudner, fine, large, well-shaped buff, well frosted, very close up; 3, D. R. Jones, also very good, full of Nor. character; vhc, G. Edwards. NOR. A.O.V. (7): 1, G. Edwards, eye and wing mkd., fine quality feather, rare type and size, wins well; 2, Kirby, tkd., of fine proportions, rare shape, and quality; 3, Harvey, good specimen, very shapely; vhc, D. R. Jones; hc, E. H. Williams. YORKS. CL. (11): 1, 3, spl. A. E. Taylor, couple of gems, both well-known, fine length and carriage, good position; 2, E. H. Williams, very erect, well braced wings, in good feather; vhc, Morgans and Wilcox, splendidly moulded buff; hc, c, T. Williams. HEN (5): 1, Spurrey, neat shape and position, best of wings and tail, feathered like a Java; 2, 3, A. E. Taylor, splendid length and shape, well-filled at neck and shoulders; 4, Mock and Son; vhc, T. Williams. YORKS. A.O.V. (6): 1, Morgan and Wilcox, variegated buff, fine long-sided one, good position, fine wings and tail; 2, W. Hughes, well conditioned specimen, long and typical; 3, Mock and Son, very choice, correct length and type; 4, vhc, A. E. Taylor; hc, J. Thomas. BORD. (8): 1, J. Richards, well-known yell.-green, good grassy col., very level throughout; 2, 4, H. Steins, a couple of rare good ones, good type and quality; 3, Jenkins and Jones, very smart Border, feather like glass; vhc, c, H. G. F. Royle. GOLDFINCH (12), a splendid class, 6 leading birds fit to win in any reasonable competition: 1, 2, 3, T. W. Richards, with his crack team, the winner looking in great form, cl. whites, best of hars and buttons, 2nd jonque, scores heavily in face and tans, 3rd another clinking waggon-horse type, big, bright scarlet face, well-cut, good in back and tan colour; 4, Ray, well known, finely polished face, of good dimensions; vhc, Gomer Thomas, well known; hc, G. Edwards; c, Kirby. BULLFINCH (7): 1, S, Price, fine front, coloured Bullie, good cap and bars, plenty of polish; 2, 3, S. Jones, pair of good, cobby birds, fine caps and breast col.; 4, Gregory, very well col., compact; vhc, W. Edwards; hc, Phillips; c, Hughes. LINNET (7): 1, Bancroft, in lovely feather, well peucilled, good back, level breast col., ideal specimen; 2, Nicholas, good shape and col., nicely laced; 3, S. Joues, very good show specimen, fine size; 4, W. Jones; vhc, Russell and Williams. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, 3, Bancroft, leader well-known Greenfinch, looking spick and span, fine size, level col., 3rd Chaffinch, good, deep col. and polish; 2, D. Ray, Hawfinch, well mkd., good quality feather, fine hood, bars and bib; 4, S. Price, good cock Reed Bunting; hc, R. J. Evans. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 4, C. Price, well-known Thrush, in fine condition, beautifully mooned, wins; 3, Blackie, good size, dense col.; 2, Morgan and Cole, another nicely mkd. Tbrush, in good col. and feather; 3, Jenkins and Johns, Robin, fine size. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, G. Edwards, dk. yell. Goldie-Can., fine size and col., good blaze and body; 2, 3, vhc, G. Thomas, leader dk. buff Goldie, good square blaze, rich col., 3rd yell. of rich tone, 3rd Greenfinch, dk., fine size. 10/6 SELL. (9): 1, E. M. Evans; 2, vhc, P. Jenkins and Son; 3, D. R. Jones; 4, G. E. Edwards; c, Russell and Williams. LOCAL CLASS (5): 1, 2, vhc, D. Ray, leader clinking Greypate, fine expanse of face, 2nd Goldie, neat face and hars, 4th Bullie, of cobby shape, good col.; 3, R. J. Evans, neatly staged Goldie.

KILMARNOCK.

Kilmarnock O.S. held their 58th annual show on January 1st and 3rd. Despite the heavy rain there was a fair turnout of visitors. The entries in cage bird section were similar to those of the last few shows held. All the Scotch Fancy classes had unfortunately to be cancelled for the second year in succession, and if breeders of this variety do not turn out at the shows a little better in the future, they will find that most shows will cut these classes out altogether. The Crest section was poor, too, only one bird being shown. The Norwich, though few, were very good, and the Borders were out in fine numbers, as also were the British. The show was most admirably managed by Mr. John Blane, the secretary, who was ably assisted by a grand committee. The judges were Messrs. R. Price, J. Calderwood, T. Findlay, and A. A. Manchan, whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

C.B. (1): 1, Edwards, fine big head, wide frontal, plenty of feather, good body substance. NOR. CK., CL., ETC. (5): 1, Brown, nice rounded head, short neck, good body substance, lovely feather; 2, Ferguson, good head, grand round body and wing carriage; 3, 5, McFarlane, leader good body substance, lovely feather; 4, Latta. HEN (4): 1, Ferguson, grand head, deep chest, well-filled back, good wing carriage, in lovely order; 2, 3, McFarlane, both similar stamp, grand size, well-filled hacks, very fine feather; 4, Latta. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Brown, good head, deep chest, nice round hack, fine pair of wiugs, in grand order; 2, 3, M'Farlane, leader in the pink of condition, grand head, good body substance, lovely feather, 3rd fails just a little in size. HEN (3): 1, Ferguson, fine size and shape, teeming with quality, splendid col.; 2, 3, M'Farlane, must have pressed, grand body substance, in pink of condition. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, 3, M'Farlane, grand head, deep chest, fine wing carriage, good body substance; 2, M'Comb, good head, fine shape, in grand order; 4, Brown. HEN (4): 1, Ferguson, grand size and quality, lovely head, in very good order, wins; 2, 3, M'Farlane, lovely feather and condition, fine size; 4, Adam. SELL. NOR. (12/6) (2): 1, M'Comb; 2, Brown. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Mossie, Ayr winner, looking as well as ever, lovely head and neck, good wing carriage, teeming with quality; 2, Smillie, neat head, good feather, in nice order; 3, Montgomerie, neat head, nice-shaped body, good wing carriage; 4, Young, many preferred for 2nd, lovely head and neck, best of wing carriage; 5, 6, Willison; 7, Wood. HEN (7): 1, Kirkhope, sweet little lady, lovely style, very typical, very close feather; 2, Willison, lovely head, well-filled back, beautiful wing carriage, in pink of condition, pressing hard; 3, Mossie, another nice one, splendid wing carriage, fine close feather; 4, Willison; 5, Wood; 6, Dunsmore; 7, Fullarton. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Smillie, nice head and neck, well-filled back, good feather; 2, Montgomerie, lovely type, well-filled back, wings perfection, fine close feather, looking at his best; 3, Willison, gay little chap, nice round head, well-tapered body, feather like wax; 4, Jamieson, well placed. HEN (4): 1, Mossie, beauty and no mistake, teeming with type and quality, we could not find a fault with her, an easy win; 2, Smillie, neat head, nice type, in good order; 3, Montgomerie, well-filled back, neat wings, very typical, nice close feather; 4, Nell. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Smillie, Green cock, fine head and neck, grand body col., good markings; 2, Kirkhope, nearly even-mkd., in the pink of condition, neatest of heads, beautiful wing carriage, fine tapered body, not a fault to find with it; 3, Willison, well-known winner in new hands, looking as well as ever, must have pressed winner hard. HEN (2): 1, Muir, even-mark, in lovely condition, fine style, grand shape, wins; 2, Willison, neat head, good body, a little thick at neck, fine wing carriage. SELL. BORD. (8): 1, Mossie; 2, Jamieson; 3, Moir; 4, Neil; 5, Dunsmore; 6, Willison; 7, Montgomerie. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, 2, Edwards, looks like Vale of Leven winner, 1st even mkd. Goldie Mule, grand size, fine condition, latter variegated, very fine size and col., Goldie Mule. DARK (6): 1, 2, Edwards, Linnet Mule, grand size and col., good body markings, latter Greenie Mule, fine col., good barred wings; 3, McQuiston, many preferred, Goldie Mule, clinker for size and col., very steady; 4, Henry; 5, Morrison; 6, McGee. HYB. (1): 1, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, good col., very steady. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Edwards, good size, blaze, fine body size, nice feather; 2, Fleming, many preferred, grand square blaze, rich tannings, grand size, well-barred wings, hard lines; 3, Bell, beauty for blaze and col., very rich tannings, fails size only; 4, Young; 5, Guthrie; 6, Brown; 7, Fisher. GOLDIE, FOR. (5): 1, Edwards, grand square blaze, rich body tanuings, well barred wings, wins; 2, Guthrie, good body markings, grand body, size, fails only in blaze to winuer; 3, Morton, lovely blaze, well back over eye, good body, nice condition; 4, Guthrie. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (5): 1, Edwards, hen, beautiful cap and bib, grand size, well barred wings, in pink of condition; 2, 3, Guthrie, leader lovely cap and bib, grand body substance, latter fails a trifle in size, but all there otherwise; 4, Dale. LINNET (4): 1, 2, McQuiston, well-known winners, looking as well as ever, well placed; 3, Henry, also good one, beautiful body markings, fine size; 4, Cassidy. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Edwards, grand size, rich feather, good col., well-barred wings; 2, McQuiston, lovely size and quality, feather like boxwood, pressing hard; 3, Morrison, another nice one, not much behind rest; 4, H. Heury; 5, J. Henry; 6, McGavin. REDPOLL (3): 1, Lawson, Lesser, lovely bib, well mkd. body, good size, very steady; 2, McQuiston, nice bib, good col., fine size; 3, Ireland, fails only col. to winners, good one. BRIT., SMALL (3): 1, Morton, Yellowhammer, grand size and col., beautiful markings, in tip-top order; 2, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, well-known winner, looking very fit; 3, McClung, Bramble, grand size and markings. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, grand size, beautiful pencillings, easy win; 2, Miller, Starling, in lovely order. FOR. (1): 1, McGee, Amazon Parrot. SELL.: 1, Johnston; 2, McClung; 3, Guthrie; 4, McQuiston; 5, Fisher; 6, Cassidy; 7, Johnston.

KINGSWOOD (Bristol).

First open show held in the Drill Hall, St. Georgc's, on Dec. 29. The cage birds numbered nearly 100, and were staged at the far end of the hall. The challenge cup for most points in the Canary classes was won by Mr. L. Dykes, whilst that for British birds was won by Miss Brierley. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. Mr. A. E. Bole, the secretary, is to be complimented on his very able management.

YORKS. ADULT (15): 1, 2, Dykes, good type and col., grand length and position; 3, r, Morgan, fine type and quality, not quite such good length as winner; 4, Garland, nice type, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Potter. UNFLIG. (11): 1, vhc, c, Morgan, nice quality, fine type and position; 2, 3, r, Dykes, grand length, typical good wing carriage and tail; 4, Garland. MULE (6): 2, Pinnell, Bullfinch Mule, good quality and type; 3, Locke, Goldie Mule, fine size and quality, close up; 4, Miss Brierley; r, Harding; vhc, Batter. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Norman, nice cap and breast col., good type and condition; 3, Hussey, nice cap, fine breast col., well shown; 4, Harris; r, Southcombe; vhc, hc, Brierley. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, c, Coggins, lovely Finch, clean-cut blaze, good size; 2, Brierley, again clean-cut blaze, nice huttons, close up; 3, Harris, good one, beaten in blaze only; 4, Stephenson; hc, Southcombe; c, Hussey. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, 4, r, Brierley, Linnet, grand nutty brown, good size and substance; 2, Harris, nice, well-shown hird, good col. and type; 3, Hussey, Linnet, well shown, lovely nutty col. and type; c, Morris, Pace. BRIT. A.O.S. (6): 2, Pace, Bramblefinch, nice col. and size, splendid spangle; 3, Gibbons, Yellowhammer, good substance, close; 4, Brierley; r, Palmer. SELL. (10/-) (7): 2, Quarman; 3, Stephenson; 4, Garland; r, Osborne; vhc, Southworth.

SHETTLESTON, (N.B.)

Second annual show of the Shettleston and Dist. C.B.S. was held in Hill Street Hall on December 18th. The entries were a little short, as compared with last year, but this was more than balanced hy the exceptional quality of tbe exhihits, and it is to be hoped that fanciers in this district will join the society, and so give it the support it deserves. The officials, including President Berry, and the genial secretary, Mr. Devlyn, left nothing to bc desired for the comfort of the exhihits, and the visitors; one and all worked well. The Yorkshires and Border Fancy sections were strong, and grand in quality, and the British birds made a fine show. Mr. A. Muir (Glasgow) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YOUNG BIRD SECTION.—CREST: 1, Duncan. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Duncan. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Gartshore; 3, 5, 6, Lambert; 4, Semple. HEN: 1, 3, Gartshore; 2, Semple; 4, Hendrie. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, spl, Summers; 2, Berry; 3, 4, Rennie; 5, Stewart. HEN: 1, spl, Berry; 2, Summers; 3, 4, Rennie; 5, Page; 6, Devlyn. SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Rennie; 3, Marr. YORKS.: 1, 2, Stewart. NOVICE.—NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Lambert; 4, Page. NOVICE, BORD.: 1, Devlyn. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Gartshcre. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Devlyn. OLD BIRD SECTION.—CEEST: 1, 3, 4, 5, Duncan; 2, Hendrie. C.B.: 1, Hendrie; 2, 3, 4, Duncan. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Gartshore; 3, Semple; 4, Berry. BUFF: 1, Gartshore; 2, Berry; 3, Devlyn. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Lamhert; 3, Semple; 5, Devlyn. BUFF: 1, Berry; 2, Gartshore; 3, Semple. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Summers; 2, Stewart. BUFF, 1, 3, 4, 5, Devlyu; 2, Berry. YELL. HEN: 1, Summers; 2, Berry; 3, Devlyn; 4, Duncan. BUFF: 1, Mackay. SCOT. FCY.: 1, 4, 5, spl, Devlyn; 2, Rennie; 3, Summers. YORKS.: 1, 4, 5, spl, Page; 2, 3, 6, Marr. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, spl, Hendrie. A.O.V.: 1, Marr; 2, Rennie; 3, Stewart; 4, Berry. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Hendrie; 2, Lambert; 3, 5, Devlyn; 4, Lamhert. BULLFINCH: 1, Lambert; 2, Mackay; 3, Berry. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Berry; 2, Rennie; 3, Stewart; 4, Mackay; 5, 6, Devlyn. LINNET: 1, Berry; 2, Stewart; 3, Devlyn. LESSER REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Mackay; 3, 6, Berry; 5, Devlyn. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, spl, Devlyn; 2, Berry; 3, Mackay. A.O.S. HEN: 1, 2, Mackay; 3, Berry; 4, Devlyn. GIFT: 1, Mackay; 2, Rennie; 3, Devlyn; 4, Gartshore; 5, Marr; 6, Lambert; 7, Hendrie.

WISHAW, N.B.

This old established Association took its initial step in the cage bird direction on New Year's Day, and its show was held in the Factory Buildings in close proximity to the station, which is on the main line between Glasgow and Carlisle, and therefore easily got at. The Factory is a suitable place for a large show such as is held here. There is plenty of light, and the building was comfortably heated by hot water pipes. The weather looked dull in the morning, which did affect (no doubt) the judges in the execution of their work, which was by no means light. However, by mid-day the clouds cleared off and things looked brighter. Fanciers visiting this show could not but be deeply impressed by the remy and obliging nature of the organisers, the President, Mr. McLauchlan, the vice-president, Mr. McFarlane, the treasurer, Mr. Nimmo, and last, but not least, the ever-obliging secretary, Mr. W. H. Livingstone, with his assistant, Mr. Jas. Watson, and a strong committee, consisting of Messrs. Graham, Sorbie, Irving, Brownlie, Nimmo, Gibb, Mitchell, Watson, J. Nimmo, Cole, Walker, and Small, who all worked in a manner worthy of the utmost praise and support of fanciers. The classification was very good for a first attempt, and considering the amount of support given, it would be worth the while of the committee to consider a larger one for next year, as in many cases, especially in the Norwich, Border, and British bird section, two sets of winners could have been found. This, along with the dull morning, must have given Mr. McLay (Kirkintillock) some trouble to find the winners. The Scots Fancies were judged by Mr. Nisbet (Galston). Although the quality was there, it seemed as if breeders of Scotch Fancies were afraid to turn them out. With the classification given them here, and a capable staff to look after them, the society surely merits better support in the future. The adjudicating started shortly after 10 a.m., and was got through in nice time, and, judging from the small amount of grumbling heard, the awards of the judges seemed to meet with general approval.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. CL., ETC.: 1, vhc, Allardice, 1, splendid piebald, fine reach and grand top-end, outstanding bird; vhc, good green, nice drive, inclined to be slow to work, perhaps owing to the dull morning; 2, Higgins, another nice one, but not quite so stylish or so steady; 3, Higgins, similar to second in type, hut a wee shade smaller; 4, Dunlop, another good cl. yell., tight in feather and thick throughout; hc, Hunter; c, Reid; good class all through. BUFF: 1, Hunter, good bird, nice top-end, rare style, wins easy; 2, Higgins, good bird of nice style, not quite the size of winner; 3, Allardice, similar to second. YELL. HEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Allardice, grand piebald, nice and thick throughout, takes perch well, able to win in best compauy; 3, cl., nice and tight in feather, smaller a trifle; 2, Higgins, cl. yell., good reach and size, a wee bit rough in feather, still a good hen; 4, Hunter, another cl. similar to 3rd. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, sp for best Scots Fancy, Allardice, exceptionally good foul hen, rare size, fine reach and style, thick throughout, well got up, really nice one; 2, another sweet hen, built on somewhat smaller lines than winner, but well placed; 4, good pied, tight in feather, pressed hard for 3rd place, but was slower to work, near tbing; 3, Higgins, smallish pied, of good style, grand worker, slightly rough in feather; vhc, Hunter; bc, Dunlop; c, Reid. NOR. YELL. CK. CL., ETC.: 1, Watson, good large hird, rare head, nice type, wins; 2, Lamb, another sweetly mkd. hird, good substance, short set and typical; 3, Owens, another variegated, a trifle smaller, but still a good one and staged nicely; 4, vhc, Campbell, fails a wee bit in head and type to leaders, good one; vhc, nice varieg; No. 3, w.c. BUFF: 1, Thomson, nice varieg., fine size, good head properties, long behind; 2, Watson, cl., large, nice col., ought, in the opinion of some, to have given way to 3, Laidlaw, nice nat. col., good all-round bird; 4, Lamb, another nice one, fine col. and pose, short set, good 3rd; vhc, McFadyen; bc, Chambers; c, Gemmell. YELL. HEN: 1, Owens, grand sized, good col., fine type; 2, Williamson, rare typical hen, short on leg and thick set, beaten only in col., we liked much; 3, McFadyen, unsteady, fine col.; 4, Chambers, similar size, good quality; vhc, Campbell; hc, Arnott; c, King. BUFF: 1, Gemmell, large hen, of nice quality, wins; 2, Williamson, another good one, shorter than winner, grand substance for a hen; 3, Watson, similar in type to 1st, feather inclined to frill at breast a trifle, nice one; 4, Arnott, nat. col. variegd., good size, but a trifle too loose in feather; vbe, Lamb, nice thick ben of good quality; hc, Morrison. CREST: 1, sp for best Nor., 2, Nimmo, good griz., leads, well staged; 2, nice wings, mkd. dark erest, top piece inclined to lift just a little, hut nice wing feather, must have pressed hard for premier position; 3, Rennicks, another good griz., fine size, well staged, well placed; 4, Roy, another dark crest, varieg., nice one; vhc (name missed), good green. C.-B.: 1 (name missed), slashing varieg. ck., plenty of feather and size, nice skull and lash, easy winner; 2, Nimmo, another variegd., closer in feather than leader, nice head, good one; 3, Watson, green, of nice quality feather, fine head properties, good stock bird; 4, R. H. Livingstone, another varieg. of fine size, heaten only in head properties, still a good one; vhc, Cringles; hc, Rennicks; c, Stirling; good class all through. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, sp for best bird, 3, Walker, neck-mkd., fine, jaunty little fellow, leads, perfect beauty, tight as wax; 3, nice cl., smaller than leaders perhaps, hut a sweet one; 2, 4, Haddon, grand grassy green, well placed, nice one; 4, also good one, worth its place; vhc, Small; hc, Goldie aud Withers; c, Allardice; a grand class. BUFF: 1, Haddon, slightly mkd., tight as a fiddle-string, good one; 2, Walker, grand cl., must have pressed the winuer hard, very good 2nd; 3, Shearer, very nice eyes and wing mkd. hird, grand type and quality, deserved its place; 4, Shields, nice cl., inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Patterson; bc, Inglis; c, Allardice; all good birds, many good ones left out. YELL. HEN: 1, Richmond, nice green, fine col. and type, grand wings and tail; 2, Shields, some thought lucky to heat some of those behind it; 3, Allardice, nice eyes and wing-mkd. yell. of superior type; 4, Patterson, fine, jaunty little tkd., tight as wax; vhc, Walker, even mkd., of nice type; hc, Anderson; c, Lawrie. BUFF: 1, Shields, grand, tight-feathered little gem of rare type and quality, wins; 2, Walker, another sweet little hen, tight as a fiddle-string, a topper; 3, Taylor, yet another good one, slightly tkd., feather like wax, well placed; 4, Cargill, another nice buff of fine quality and feather; vhc, Small; hc, Gentleman; c, Richmond; all good birds, another set of winners could have been found in this class. SELL. CK. (10), HEN (8): 1, Haddon; 2, Walker; 3, 4, Lawrie; vhc, Shields; hc, Allardice; c, Small. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spbest Brit., Conkie, grand Goldie, fine square-cut blaze, rich tans, good whites and huttons, tight as a drum; 2, Hillier Bros., another nice one, scarcely so good in blaze, hut a nice ouc; 3, Clark, fine one, in grand order, must have pressed for 2nd position; 4, Adam, another nice one, larger than 3rd, but not quite so distinct in mkgs.: vhc, Hamilton; hc, McLuggage, nice birds, hut not yet in full col.; c, Williamson, overlooked surely, grand Goldie, fine blaze, tans and whites. BULLFINCH: 1, Clark, very nice Bullie, fine size, large clean cut, dark cap and mkgs., good one, well placed; 2, Brannigan, wee bit smaller, not quite in such nice condition; 3, Williamson, larger, similar to winner, would have made a creditable 2nd, too; 4, Nisbet, fine one, but wild; vhc, Conkie, another good one; hc, Bullock; c, Arnott. LINNET: 1, Morton, topper, steady as a rock, easy win, a credit to its owner; 2, Gentleman, another nice Linnet; 3, c, Williamson, 3, very similar bird to second; 4, Conkie, good Linnet, steady as a rock; vhc, Brannigan, another very nice one; hc, Arnott. GREENFINCH: 1, Hillier Bros., nice sized, well staged Greenie of fine col., wins; 2, Morton, larger, but not quite the col. of winner; 3, Shankey, another very nice Greenie of fine size; 4, Small, also good; vhc, Conkie, clinking yell., in spanking order, many present thought an easy winner; hc, Allan; c, Arnott, a good class. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Morton, fine Twite leads, good size, nice mkgs., seemed just a trifle soft when we were taking notes; 2, Shields, nice, steady Siskin, fine col. and mkgs.; 3, vhc, Dick, very good 'Poll, well up in size and mkgs., well defined bib; 4, Conkie, another grand Twite, well deserves its position here; hc, Hillier Bros.; c, Kean. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Brannigan, dark yell. Greenie Mule, wins, fine size and col., in rare bloom; 2, Conkie, varieg. Mule, fine size, good one, unsteady when we were taking notes; 3, Chambers, nice dark Goldie Mule, fine size, grand col., shows parentage well; 4, McLuggage, Goldie-Bullie Hyb., not one of the largest, but very good in col. and mkgs., and deserved its place; vhc, Lawson, another dark Linnet; hc, Allan; c, Gentleman; many good birds were left out of the tickets here. A.O.S.: 1, 4, Shankey, Hawfinch, of rare size and substance, wins, rich in col., distinct in mkgs., fine bib, steady as a rock; 2, Conkie, splendid example of the Bearded Tit, wins its position well, good one; 3, Gamble, Starling of fine size and spangling, in very fine order; 4, nice Yellowhammer; vhc, Arnott, grand Misselthrush, well mkd., very unlucky to meet such good birds; hc, Dunlop; c, Lockhart. FOR.: 1, Arnott, fine Goldie, nice face and mkgs., rich tans, good whites; 2, Watson, nice green Budgerigars in tip-top order; 3, Clark, beautiful pair of Zebra Finches, steady, and well staged; 4, Owens, another good all-round Goldie; vhc, Aitken, lovely little exhibit, a credit to its owner.

LEEDS C.B.S.

What can be considered the most successful members' show in the history of the elnb was held on Boxing Day at St. George's Schools. This was the final show of a series of five at which members have competed with six highest birds for a long list of specials, at the head of which the three-guinea cup, kindly presented by Mr. W. Turton, who will be remembered as an enthusiastic and successful exhibitor of British and Hybrids. It is no doubt due to the competition for this valuable special that we bave had such a good entry at these shows, having had no less than 1,011 entrics at the five shows. The entries on Boxing Day numbered 225 in 34 classes, and the judge, Mr. F. King (Leeds) had a tough job separating tbe winners, hut he got tbrough in good time, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. The Turton Cup was won by Messrs. Chew and Stokoe, with 191 points, and the other specials as follows: Mr. D. Duncan, Jun., 165; Mr. F. Farrar 146, Mr. J. Owen 135, Mr. Buckley 133, Mr. H. J. Mennard 122, Mr. W. Johnson 111, Mr. D. McMillan, jun., 109, Mr. W. Tose 106, Mr. Leo Smith 105, Mr. Guest 100, Mr. C. E. Hall 99, Mr. Seth Fowler 97, Chambers 90, Mr. G. Stead 86, Mr. W. Harland 78, Mr. A. Triffitt 63, and Mr. J. W. Medley 58. The Leeds Cup was won by Mr. G. Stead with 39 points, the runner-up being Mr. H. J. Mennard 38 points, and tbe Presidcut's Cup was won hy Mr. F. Farrar, with 59 points. Mr. C. E. Hall won Sandiford's special, and the "Kirkstall carvers" went to Messrs. Chew and Stokoe. Mr. McMillan's specials for most points in Novice Norwich were won by Mr. W. Tose and Mr. W. A. Wilson. The attendance was very good considering the bad weather.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; 3, 4, Hall; vhc, Farrar. HEN (9): 1, hc, Farrar; 2, vhc, c, Chew and Stokoe; 3, McDade; 4, Johnsou. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Farrar; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 4, Ireland. HEN (6): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrar; 3, Hall. YELL. 1909 (9): 1, Farrar, 2, 4, Hall; 3, McDade; vhc, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 2, McDade; vhc, Hall. NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Mennard; 2, Guest; 4, Hall; vhc, Johnson; bc, Chambers; c, Woof. HEN (7): 1, 2, Chambers; 3, 4, Triffitt; vhc, Johnson; hc, c Wilson. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 3, Mennard; 2, Stead; 4, c, Wilson; vhc, Johnson; hc, Triffitt. HEN (4): 1, Woof; 2, Chambers; 3, 4, Guest. YELL. 1909 (8): 1, Hall; 2, Mannard; 3, 4, Johnson; vbe, Guest; hc, Stead; c, Chambers. BUFF (8): 1, Stead; 2, 3, Hall; 4, Mennard; vhc, Johnson; he, Guest: c, Chambers. GREEN (5): 1, Bennett; 2, vhc, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Guest; 4, Greaves. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, J. W. Medley. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Leo Smith. LINNET (6): 1, 2, vhc, J. Owen; 3, J. R. Owen; 4, Duncan; hc, Smith. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 2, Duncan; 3, hc, J. Owen; 4, Whiteley; vhc, J. R. Owen; c, Bennett. BULLFINCH (3): 1, 3, Duncan; 2, Dews. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Duncan; 3, 4, vhc, J. Owen. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, 3, Duncan; 4, vhc, hc, c, J. Owen. MULE (3): 1, Duncan; 2, Dews; 3, Woof. NOR. PAIR (13): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Stead; 4, Woof; vhc, Johnson; hc, Harland; c, Triffitt. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Buckley; 2, Fowler; 3, W. H. Morton; 4, Bennett. HEN (6): 1, 2, Fowler; 3, Buckley; 4, E. Morton; vhc, W. H. Norton; hc, Greaves. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Buckley; 2, W. H. Norton; 3, hc, Fowler; 4, Bennett; c, E. Norton. HEN (8): 1, 3, Fowler; 2, W. H. Norton; 4, Buckley; vhc, E. Norton; hc, Harland; C. Dews. YELL. 1909 (8): 1, bc, Buckley; 2, 3, Fowler; 4, W. H. Norton; vhc, Whiteley; c, E. Norton. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Fowler; 2, c, Harland; 3, Greaves; 4, Dews; vhc, Buckley. NOR. YELL. CK.: (7): 1, vhc, hc, McMillan; 2, W. A. Wilson; 3, Tose; 4, Telford; c, Henaghan. HEN (7): 1, Tose; 2, 3, McMillan; 4, hc, W. A. Wilson; vhc, Henaghan; c, Telford. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 4, Telford; 2, Tose; 3, Medley. HEN (6): 1, 4, vhc, McMillan; 2, Medley; 3, Tose; hc, W. A. Wilson. YELL. 1909 (4): 1, 3, 4, Tose; 2, McMillan. BUFF (10): 1, W. A. Wilson; 2, McMillan; 3, hc, Tose; 4, vhc, c, Harland.—J CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

SANDY LANE AND Dist. C.B.A.

Fourth members' show held on December 28th. There was a very fair turn-up of members. The novice classes were well patronised. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) judged, and seemed to give great satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Edmondson and Son. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Edmondson and Son; 3, Wilson. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Edmondson and Son. CLASS 5: 1, 3, Edmondson and Son; 2, Wilson. CLASS 8: 1, Edmondson and Son. CLASS 9: 1, Edmondson and Son. NOVICE.—CLASS 1: 1, Holdsworth; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Moore. CLASS 2: 1, Kilner; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Moore. CLASS 3: 1, Hainsworth; 2, Whitwham; 3, Moore. CLASS 4: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Edmondson. CLASS 5: 1, Whitwham; 2, Smith; 3, Kilner. CLASS 6: 1, Edmondson. CLASS 9: 1, Edmoudson.—BENJ. BUCKLE, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE.

The annual show of the Dunfermline and W. of Fife O.A. was held on New Year's Day, and Jan. 3rd, and taking into consideration the numerous fixtures being held nt the same time they received their usual complement of entries in return for the splendid schedule issued. Scotch Fancies were a shade down in numbers, but better quality has seldom been on view. The Norwich Plainheads, and Crests were fine classes; we have seen larger numbers, but the quality on this occasion was very good. We were sorry to note the winning crest bred in the 15s. selling class dead, but the committee are in no wise responsible, as their care of the exhibits was untiring. We have never seen birds with more food in their cages, and all were well watered. The Borders were strong classes, and some good ones were on view, but the feature was the British birds, a record, we should think, for this well-known Fifeshire fixture. All the classes were good, and some gems were on view, many well-known winners being forward here. Taken all over, the show was up to those of former years, and the birds were very comfortably staged, free from draughts. The judges were: Messrs. Smith and Merrilees, for the Scotch Fancies; Mr. Lambie, for the Norwich and Borders; and Mr. Pettigrew for the British and Foreign birds; and taken on the whole their awards were well received. The committee ably assisted their well-known secretary (Mr. Templeman), who had everything in apple pie order. Mr. Burt, the president, was in close attendance, and having come through all the grades of show management, he is specially adapted for the position he fills so admirably.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK, CL., ETC.: Cancelled. HEN (4): 1, Curtis, erect, fine head, long neck, solid top, nice drive, good body; 2, Black, was out of condition at judging time, rare quality, erect, grand body, fine head, neck and top end, wee bit slow; 3, Cook, smart, typical hen, fine size; 4, Inglis, good quality. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Curtis, erect, determined drive, heavy shoulder, good body and wing, nice carriage; 2, Cook, neat and smart, quick in action, good second; 3, Black, fine stamp and style, well up and well placed; 4, Blair, small perhaps, but typical, close and smooth in feather. HEN (6): 1, 2, Black, 1, champion, erect, extra well set on perch, decided droop, very neat head, long neck, massive top; 2, good type, close in feather, very nice carriage, well up to first; 3, Wilson and Campbell, nice medium size, good quality, quick in movement; 4, Cook, good quality, medium size; 5, Blair, fine stamp all through. YELL. CK. PIED, ETC. (5): 1, Black, large, erect, solid top, good drive and body, steady; 2, Cook, very close-feathered bird, good quality, well worth position; 3, Bullions, neat and typical, good action and drive, nice one; 4, Wilson and Campbell, good quality, grand type; 5, Coxhill, tight in feather, very neat and smart. HEN (5): 1, sp, Hogg, good size, erect, fine head, neck and drive, rare shoulders and body, wins with ease; 2, Black, erect, sweet head and neck, solid back, good body and action; 3, Gibson, smooth in feather, fine quality, quick, but steady; 4, Cook, neat and typical, good fourth. BUFF CK. (6, but three unfortunately too late in arriving to be judged): 1, Hogg, beauty, excellent plumage, erect, decided drive, fine head and neck, massive top and body, wins easily; 2, Black, well-set on perch, neat head, fine drive, solid top and body; 3, Clelland, good type, fine carriage. HEN (5): 1, Black, well-known champion of 1909, looking as well as ever, improves with hard work; 2, Hogg, long, reachy hen, close in feather, fine head and neck, solid round back, fine carriage; 3, Bullions, solid, well-built hen, splendid top and reach, shaggy in frontal feathers perhaps, but a good one; 4, Scott, fine quality exhibit. SELL. CK. (6): 1, Gibson; 2, 3, Wilson and Campbell; 4, Kilgour; 5, Gillies. HEN: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, Gillies, good Scotch Fancy, erect, neat head, long neck, solid top and body, won easily; 2, Wilson and Campbell, Belgian type, close in feather, very fine.

NOR. CK. (5): 1, Davie, well up in size, good feather, fine front and wing carriage, nicely staged; 2, Logan, also good one, not quite so fine in head, but splendid shape and finish, rare type; 3, Pratt, slightly longer looking, but very nice wing carriage, fine feather; 4, Bishop, full fronted, well drawn, again rare bloom; vhc, McGregor. HEN (5): 1, Hyslop, shapely, well rounded, nice taper and carriage, full of life; 2, Campbell, grand head and carriage, lovely feather; 3, spl, Robb, well forward in condition, good front and taper; 4, Philip, sweet all-round; vhc, Bishop, grand front and eye, well rounded, nice feather and finish. CREST CK. (6): 1, Low, well laid on, nicely ceatred, good length at frontal, well packed at sides, very sweet exhibit, in fine bloom; 2, Howie, lengthy feather, wee shade thin on side, good frontal and back, fine body and size; 3, spl, Clelland, neatly got up, well burnished; 4, Allan, good size, a trifle horny in centre, neat size and length; vhc, Shillinglaw; hc, Allan. HEN (6): 1, Beaton, good size for a lady, well finished, nicely polished up, and strong; 2, vhc, Cram, taking bird, lengthy feather; 3, Buchanan, beaten in centre only, lengthy, grand quality; 4, Bowman, fine back; hc, Low. C.-B. (9): 1, spl, 3, Buchanan, Bullie-headed one, grand back skull, good entrance and lash, fine body and size; 3 lengthy lash and shape, wee shade narrower, good one; 2, Shillinglaw, must have pressed, rare broad entrance, well forward in length of feather, hot one all over; 4, Cram, nice length of feather, back and side; vhc, Low; hc, Veitch; c, Bowman. HEN (5): 1, Howie, taking one, fine lash, well defined entrance, good size and quality; 2, 4, Allan, two grand all-round birds, winner best in entrance; 3, Angus, lengthy feather, wee bit narrow in head perhaps, good one; vhc, Finnick. CL., ETC., CREST (4): 1, Shillinglaw, easy win, grand top piece, finely centred, good frontal and side, well put down; 2, Cram, good one, rare feather and bloom; 3, Buchanan, beaten in centre only, well up in front, good 3rd; 4, Veitch, nice all-round. CREST, SELL. (20s.) (12): 1, Davie; 2, Harrower; 3, Veitch; 4, c, Finnick; vhc, Allan; hc, McDougall. C.B. (15s.) (11): 1, McDougall; 2, Low; 3, Morris; 4, Finnick; vhc, Allan; he, Bowman; c, Beaton. NOR., SELL. (15s.) (10): 1, Pratt; 2, Philip; 3, Gillow; 4, Logan; vhc, no name; hc, Irvine; c, Barclay. BORD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Peel, nice style, well rounded in front, good head properties, fine balanced wings and taper; 2, Spence, just a wee shade stronger across, but well drawn, good feather; 3, Bennet, nice bloom, well tapered, not quite so showy as winners perhaps; 4, Forrest, good quality, beaten in bead and front only; vhc, Pringle; he, Duff; c, Kay. HEN (9): 1, Spence, neat one all over, well rounded, very stylish, fine free pose and carriage; 2, Bennet, nice position, good feather; 3, Bremner, stronger a wee shade, but nicely burnished up, good wing carriage; 4, Stirling; vhc, Duff; hc, Hutchison; c, Williamson. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Bennet, nice one all over, fine head and wing carriage, well rounded; 2, Hyslop, well positioned, well drawn; 3, Duff, good all-round, fails only in finish to winners; 4, Clelland, stylish, neat head and wing, well placed; vhc, Baird; hc, Duncan; c, Peel. HEN (15): 1, Duff, grand weight, fine front, lovely pose and wing carriage, in fine bloom; 2, Hutchison, feather like boxwood, very nicely put down and well placed; 3, Bennet, good trim, just lacks the position and taper of winners, nice wings, good head; 4, Kilpatrick, well up in condition, well drawn; vhc, Williamson; hc, c, Burt. BORD., SELL. (18): 1, Baird; 2, Spence; 3, Peel; 4, Blair; vhc, hc, no name; c, Kilpatrick. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Lindsay, variog. yell. Goldfinch, nice size, unfortunately staved on one wing; 2, vhc, Johnstone, 2nd tip top Linnet-Bullie, fine col., good cap and markings, in lovely order, vhc grand Jonque Goldie, lightly variog., in tip top bloom; 3, 4, Jamieson, 3rd nice buff variog. Goldie, in very nice order, wee shade on the small side; 4, Siskin-Redpoll Hybrid, sweet exhibit, well staged; hc, Livingstone and Sharpe; c, Rankine. DARK (19): 1, Marlin, romping Jonque-Goldie, warm in col., very nice feather, rare size, wins; 2, Taylor, well mkd. Linnet, lovely col., grand shape, nice front, slightly soiled in plumage, well placed; 3, Davidson, good, large, nat. col. Siskin, in fine trim, good markings; 4, Richardson, Linnet, large, raking one, plenty of length and good feather; vhc, Angus; he, Arnott; c, Jamieson. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (16): 1, spl, Anderson, well-known winner of last year, now coming into bloom, grand size, fine square cut blaze, nice buttons and bars, good trimmings, rare shape and quality, well placed; 2, Jamieson, dense blazed one, lovely face, grand Nor. shape, in extra good trim; 3, Wilson and Campbell, good faced bird, well staged, nice buttons and bars, grand shape and quality; 4, Mrs. Lindsay, plenty of size, good shape and feather; vhc, Arnott; he, McLaren; c, Angus. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (19): 1, hc, Cullen, leader in fine order, neat cap, good breast col., fine bars; 2, Anderson, romping bird, grand cap, neat bib, well up in col., inclined to be rough at thighs a little, should make a hot one; 3, Wilson, rather open on breast unfortunately, but solid in col., grand cap, tight in feather; 4, Donaldson, same shape and make as winner; vhc, McLean; c, Lister. LINNET (14): 1, Hyslop, good one, grandly pencilled, fine breast, rare tone throughout, sweet shape, lovely sheen on feather, hot one, well placed; 2, Campbell Bros., good size, well mkd., shade soft when we were taking notes; 3, Brotherston, well-pencilled, full of life, good flights and front; 4, Marlin, sweet col. but fails in size and lacing only; vhc, Arnott; hc, Muir; c, Rolland. GREENFINCH (14): 1, sp, Marlin, leader plenty of size, rare col., strongly made, full of condition, sweet one all over, wins easily; 2, Davidson, shade smaller but good col. and quality of feather; 3, Arnott, similar to 2nd, again good in col., neat shape; 4, Anderson, large one, grand order, fine flights and ground col.; vhc, Hogg; he, Martin; c, McLean. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Arnott, nice Twite, fine pencilling, good col. and flights, well up in size, in rare order; 2, Mitchelson, must have pressed, one of the best fed Siskins out this season, rare cap, grand solid col., well up in size; 3, Malcolm, Mealy 'Poll, smart col. and shape, grandly feathered; 4, Marlin, Twite, beaten in lacing and col. only, large as winner; vhc, Rankine; he, Jordan; c, Scott and Houston. BRIT., SMALL (11): 1, McDiarmid, good large pied Wagtail, in full bloom, fine crescent and col., well staged; 2, Marlin, Yellowhammer, fine size, good head and markings, grand col. and condition; 3, McLay, Cole Tit, grand size, steady, in full col., sweet exhibit, well put down; 4, Lister, good all-round Bramble, well up in size and col.; vhc, Arnott; hc, Kilpatrick; c, McLay. LARGE (4): 1, Hutchison, good bouncing Missel Thrush, in really grand order, fine size, well laced, beautifully staged; 2, Bowman, fine Hawfinch, in perfect condition, good bib and col., wee shade on the small side; 3, Lister; 4, Richardson, both Missel Thrushes. FOR. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Rankine, fine size, grand square cut blaze, lovely col. throughout, well buttoned, in tip-top bloom; 2, McGorum, another good one, fine body tanning, scarcely so dease in face perhaps, grand cheeks, in fine bloom; 3, Wright, fine size, well up in col.; 4, Simpson, nice shape, good quality feather; vhc, Hogg; hc, Arnott; c, Clelland. A.O.S. (10): 1, McDiarmid, clinking Macaw, in full bloom, grandly staged; 2, Arnott, nice Diamond Sparrow, in full plumage, well laced, fine size; 3, Keit, Amazon Parrot, in lovely bloom, fine size and col.; 4, Peggle, pair of Yellow Budgerigars, in really good feather; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Gordon; c, Hutton. COMMON CAN. (21): 1, Murray; 2, Liddle; 3, Ewenson; 4, Boyle; vhc, Arnott; hc, Ewenson; c, Rennie. TURTLE DOVE (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Philip, 4 grand exhibits, well put down.

A Pleasure in Store.

NEXT WEEK'S

SUPERB BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

The Scottish National Show.

Just as we go to press we receive from Mr. J. Winter, the secretary, the following additional particulars:—Gate money £45, tickets sold £5, total £50; sales money £50, catalogues sold £22. Dewar Shield, for best in hall, won by R. Armstrong (Tynedock), with dark crest, "King of Kings." Gibson Challenge Cup, most points in Borders, H. Bennet (Kelso). Toronto Medal, best team of three Borders, A. Gilchrist (Coldstream); B.F.C.C. Medal, P. McKenzie (Kelso), and B.F.C.C. novice, R. H. Mugford (Swansea). Aitken Cup, for best Norwich, Dr. R. Herd (Morecambe), with his buff variegated cock. S.P.C. Medal, best cock, G. Mitchell (Brechin); ditto hen, A. G. Cameron (Kelso). Foreign Bird Club Medal, Miss Peddie Waddell, with pair of Bourkes Parrakeets; the Foreign Trophy was also won by Miss Peddie Waddell. Sandiford Cup, J. Smeaton (Prestonpans); Ramsden's Goblet, L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh); Ramsden's Match-box, for Mules, Duncan and Logan (Coldstream); ditto, British, S. L. Cocks (Peterborough); Ramsden's Medal, J. Winter (Edinburgh); Patterson Cup, best young Scotch Fancy, R. Menzies (Edinburgh); Bennet Cup, best young Border, T. Miller (Portobello). Your report is correct re the Howie disqualification, as I hold Mr. Howie's signature to a paper admitting that his birds were artificially coloured, but he said he did not do it, neither did he know who had coloured them. All his birds were disqualified.

Owing to the severe pressure put upon our columns by the reports of the many New Year, etc., shows, we have been compelled to hold over some news items and gossip which reached us, concerning the great Scottish National fixture, until next week.—EDITOR.

Great Gathering of the Clans at Edinburgh.

The Scottish National C.B.S. holds a magnificent New Year Exhibition in the Edinburgh Corn Exchange.

The eighth annual exhibition of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society was held on Dec. 31st, 1909, and Jan. 1st, 1910, in the Corn Exchange, Grass Market, Edinburgh, and will rank as one of the most successful ever promoted. The Scottish National has the enviable reputation of being one of the finest shows in the kingdom, and this present fixture certainly left nothing to be desired, for the display of exhibition birds was really wonderful.

Perfection Approached.

We have never yet seen a hall more admirably adapted to the holding of a cage bird show than is the Corn Exchange, exceptionally spacious, lofty, and quite free from any possibility of draughts, besides being easy of access to everyone. The staging is erected on the principle of providing the exhibits with the maximum of comfort and visitors with the minimum of discomfort. Every section is kept distinct by itself, so that visitors have no difficulty in getting from one section to another without the necessity of travelling the whole length of the hall. This said staging is all erected under the personal supervision of that keen fancier, Mr. David Kinlayside, and this alone is ample guarantee that everything possible is done to ensure the well-being of the birds. Visitors and exhibitors alike unite in voicing their appreciation of the manner in which this work is performed.

Of the management of the show one cannot possibly speak too highly, for, as is usual here, everything was practically perfect, all the details being carried out with most methodical precision under the careful supervision of the genial secretary, Mr. James Winter. The abilities of this gentleman cannot well be over-estimated. He is without a doubt one of the most efficient secretaries we have ever met, and during the whole time of our visit we found him ever courteous and obliging, always ready to attend to anyone who required his services. We especially noticed that he treated everyone alike, all fanciers, whatever their position in the Fancy, high or humble, receiving the same prompt attention, and to this fact, no doubt, Mr. Winter owes his great popularity and much of his success. The assistant secretary, Mr. R. T. Jack, also deserves a special word of praise, he, too, being most attentive and courteous, while the manner in which he helped Mr. Winter in the discharge of his duties makes him an assistant greatly to be desired.

And what a grand body of fanciers they had behind them! From the President downwards everyone seemed to have his whole heart in the success of the show. And the services of the genial president, Mr. A. C. Dandie, and vice-presidents, Mr. J. F. Dewar, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, and Mr. R. Craig, were continually in demand, and always freely given. They, in turn, were ably backed up (and, in our opinion, this is the secret of success), by a very hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. T. Tod, W. Holton, S. Buglass, W. F. Arrighi, D. Kinlayside, J. Smeaton, W. R. Dunn, W. R. Finnie, W. Carson, J. W. Buist, W. M. Millar, R. McKay, J. Hutchison, R. L. Spence, J. Gourlay, W. B. Smart, A. Rodger, D. Morris, T. Nisbet, T. May, and J. Easter. All are earnest fanciers of the right stamp.

Three Unfortunate Incidents.

Entries showed a slight decrease, though totalling about 1,800, but this was amply compensated for by the magnificence of the exhibits staged, every section containing birds from the best strains in the kingdom. Norwich Plainheads came up well, and were quite one of the features of the show, 316 in 19 classes, an average of nearly 17 per class.

We regret to have to record two very unfortunate incidents in connection with this section, the first being the death of Dr. R. Herd's (Morecambe) variegated buff cock. This bird won the cup for best bird in the section, besides other specials, and its passing away will be a great loss to Dr. Herd, and we feel sure that all fanciers will sympathise with him in being so unfortunate as to lose such a grand specimen. The other incident was the disqualification of the birds of Mr. James Howie (Dundee), for alleged staining. During the Saturday morning some of the Norwich fanciers present noticed that the flights and tails of the said birds were not as, in their opinion, they should have been, and a protest was lodged, with the result that the birds were tested, and alleged staining matter removed. Mr. Howie, we understand, admitted the offence, and, we believe, signed a paper to that effect. The special winners in the Norwich section were:—Cup, best bird, Dr. Herd; best unflighted, G. Mitchell; Scottish P.H. Club medal for best cock, G. Mitchell; ditto for best hen, A. G. Cameron. The Norwich Greens came up splendidly, 64 in four classes, an average of 16 per class, the special for best going to Mr. John Walker's yellow cock.

Crests were only fair in numbers, although the quality was all that could be desired. In this section was found the winner of the Scottish National Shield for best bird in the show, Mr. Robert Armstrong's well-known dark crest, "King of Kings," securing the honour for the second year in succession. This bird was a great centre of attraction to the visitors, especially those who had heard of it but had not seen it. There were some occasions, in fact, when it was quite impossible to get near the Crest section at all. The Crest section, too, we regret to say, provided a case of disqualification, the judge, Mr. Taylor, throwing out a Crested bird belonging to Mr. J. McLay for having an alleged stained crest. Lizards came up poorly, 29 in four classes, just over 7 per class, although they contained some really grand specimens, notably, Mr. John Rukin's broken cap Silver, this bird securing the special for best in the section. Cinnamons had only two classes, and totalled 13, yet the quality was of the very highest, the special for best bird going to Mr. W. Dormer with a yellow cock. The special for most entries in the show went to Mr. L. J. Arrighi.

Borders were a grand collection, many noted winners contesting the premier honours. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged Yell. hens, Buff cks., uneven Yell. cks., uneven Buff hens, even-mkd. Buffs, Yell.-Green hens, Buff Green cks., Yell. Cinn. cks., and foul Yell. ck. or hen, and carefully weighed up their respective points in a manner which left very little to be desired. In this section the winner of the B.F.C. Club medal was found, the foul Yell. cock grandly put down by that well-known exhibitor, Mr. P. McKenzie. Another well-known exhibitor, Mr. Gilchrist, secured the Toronto medal with three nominated birds. The competition in all the classes was keen, but the best in this section was undoubtedly that for foul Yellows, which contained some gems.

Mules made a splendid collection, almost every known cross being on view. The Clear Siskin Mule, shown by Dr. Galloway, was again runner-up for the challenge shield. The variegated class was a hot one, some toppers being out. The darks were a show in themselves, some extra good specimens heading their respective classes. The Hybrids were a study, what with the Bullfinch crosses and the other Hybrids between the British birds. Such a grand lot of Mules and Hybrids has seldom been seen in Edinburgh, in fact, and the task allotted to Mr. Dixon was no light one. He managed, however, to spot the winners in the various classes to the satisfaction of the majority of the exhibitors. After finishing the open classes, he had no less than 33 to judge in the selling class, the quality being so good here that some of the winners realised three times the catalogue price! In Class 83, No. 4, Webster, said to be a "clear Linnet-Canary Mule" (1st at Glasgow and West of Scotland, and 2nd L.C.B.A. Shows) was passed for, we heard, being a Canary, although in the catalogue it was credited with "he." The opinions expressed in regard to this exhibit were of a very varied character.

The British birds were an outstanding feature of the show—an array of gems. The prizes in all the classes were keenly fought for, and although we heard a few comments here and there in regard to the judging, there was very little to be found worthy of serious criticism. The "sensation" of the section was the 2nd prize winner in the Any Variety Bunting class, catalogued as an Ortolan, but pronounced by the majority of British bird experts to be a Rustic Bunting. It was undoubtedly the centre of attraction. The Softbills made a grand array, and the Foreigners were truly gorgeous. It only wanted a Bird-of-Paradise to crown the display. Every clime had its representatives, and the judge was undoubtedly hard taxed to award the various prizes. We were pleased to note the great strides this branch of the Fancy has made in Scotland. One cannot overlook congratulating the ever-obliging steward, Miss Peddie Waddell, who so carefully attended to the wants of the various delicate species.

We understand that the attendance on the first day was not quite all that could be desired, compared with former years, but we are pleased to be able to say that there was a magnificent attendance of the public during the second day, practically a record, and this despite the miserably wet weather. CAGE BIRDS stall, near the doorway, had set out a grand array of everything calculated to interest the fancier, and it proved a source of great attraction to the visitors and exhibitors.

The judges were Messrs. W. Booth and A. Watson, Norwich Plainheads; Crests, T. Taylor; Belgians, J. Elder; Scots, R. Wright and J. Elder; Liz., Yorks, and Greens, J. Robson; Borders, J. Patterson and J. W. Bruce; Mules, J. Dixon; British, J. Goodfellow, J. Dixon, and C. T. Maxwell; Foreign, J. Goodfellow and C. T. Maxwell. They had a heavy task, and came through it with every credit, for we heard very little adverse criticism.

Mr. W. Booth's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Trengove, rare size, grand col., deep full chest, nice wings, just a trifle too slack behind for the liking of some connoisseurs present; 2, 3, Sandiford, 2nd not quite so deep in chest as winner, grand size and col., good quality, nice full chest, again a wee trifle heavy behind, 3rd chubby, good head and neck, nice col. and quality, good wings and tail; 4, J. Wilcock, grand shape, good size, rare quality, not quite so level in col. perhaps, good wings, correct head and neck; 5, A. G. Cameron, best hird in class for shape, short and thick, grand front, clean head; vhc, Howie, afterwards disqualified; hc, Lingard; c, Flemons. BUFF (17): 1, Taylor and Son, grand size, beautiful shape, hot col., good thick head and neck, fine front, nice wing carriage; 2, T. Seed, good size, beautiful shape, rare head and neck, better quality if anything than winner, grand wings and tail, beautifully cut away; 3, Smeaton, lovely shape, short and stout, nice size, good wings, pipe tail, fine head and neck, not quite so hot in col. perhaps; 4, Marsh, great size, grand chest and thick head and neck, paler in col.; 5, Sandiford, good size, hot col., grand quality, nice shape, fine pipe tail, hardly so full in neck perhaps, might, some thought, have been higher up; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Tristem and Taylor; c, Aitchison. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Smeaton, good size, grand shape, fine front, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality, beautifully cut away, might be just a trifle better in wing carriage; 2, Latta, a wee trifle longer than winner, good size, rich col., nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 3, Davidson, good size, correct shape, grand quality and col., fine wings; 4, Grey, grand col., rich quality, nice full front, rare wings and tail, beautifully cut away behind, a wee bit weak in head and neck; 5, Thomson, cinn. mkd., grand quality, good front, nice head and neck; vhc, Cameron; hc, Paterson. BUFF (14): 1, Cook, grand type, good col., nice size, thick head and neck, short in flights and tail; 2, Howie, grand shape, deep chest, rare wings and tail carriage, fine head and neck, one of the birds afterwards disqualified for alleged staining; 3, A. Grey, grand type, beautiful front, neat head and neck, fine wing carriage, rather paler in col. than winner; 4, Lingard, good size, grand quality, fine head and neck, not quite so deep in chest perhaps; 5, Dickson, nice shape, good quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Waring; c, Blackie. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (23): 1, spl, best young bird, Mitchell, grand shape, red hot col., excellent quality, rare front, neat head and neck, best of wing carriage, beautifully cut away behind; 2, Clubb, a wee trifle longer, hot col., grand front, beautifully cut away, good wings and tail; 3, spl, Cook, again grand col., rare quality, good deep chest, fine wings and tail; 4, A. Grey, very typical, neat head, good wing carriage, not quite so full in chest, or so hot in col. as leaders; 5, Dunn, good col. and quality, nice shape; vhc, Tristem and Taylor; hc, Taylor and Son; c, Dormer. BUFF HEN (21): 1, A. G. Cameron, medium size, magnificent shape, short and thick, all front, grand col., rich quality, lovely wings and tail, clean cut away, a wee bit pinched in hend perhaps, but a grand hen; 2, Smeaton, another gem for shape, real Nor. type, grand chest, short behind, a little fuller than winner in hend, but not quite so rich in colour, two real toppers; 3, Trengove, another grand hen for shape, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, lovely col. and quality, scarcely so tight in feather perhaps; 4, Craig, grand quality, nice shape, neat head and neck, good size, crosses wings a little at times; 5, Miller, a little longer in barrel, good chest, nice head and neck; vhc, Dobinson; hc, March; c, Aitchison. NON FED CK.

(11): 1, Allchilson, yell. cl., magnificent shape, beautiful col., grand quality, deep, broad, full chest, grandly cut away underneath, rare head and neck, best of wing carriage, real gem of a Nor.; 2, McKee, buff, not quite so shapely as winner, grand col., rich quality, neat head and neck, just a little too long for some, and in their opinion should have given way to 3, Lawrie, yell., grand front, nice col., neat head and neck, fine wings and tail, beautifully cut away, 4, Deegan, very shapely buff, good col., neat head and neck, nice carriage, barely as much substance; 5, Winter, good size and shape, nice col., a trifle longer in flights, neat head and neck; vhc, Coventry; he, Jeans; c, Howie. PAIRS (21): 1, Seed, tkd. buff cock, great size, hot col., good quality, and variegated yell. hen, grand front, nice col., good clock pair; 2, Taylor and Son, yell. cock, grand substance and col., nice shape, and buff hen, of good quality, beaten just a little in chest; 3, A. Grey, cl. yell. cock, grand size and col., crosses wings a little at times, and very shapely buff hen of grand quality; 4, Trengove, variegated buff cock, nice size and col., and tkd. yell. hen, not quite so well across perch as those above them; 5, Francis, good variegated yell. cock, plenty of substance, nice col., cl. buff hen, of good type, just a little too much feather at thighs perhaps; vhc, Clubb; he, Wilkinson; c, Dr. Herd. LIMIT, CK. 130/-) (24): 1, Godley, variegated buff, grand shape, good col. and quality; 2, Dorner, tkd. yell., red hot col., nice shape; 3, Calderwood, tkd. buff, very typical; 4, Leeming Bros.; 5, Hughes; vhc, Finnie; he, Malcolm; c, Wilkinson. HEN (50/-) (12): 1, Axe, yell., good shape, grand col. and quality, fine front, clean cut; 2, Hirst, buff, short and cobby, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 3, Sandison, great size, good col., thick head and neck; 4, Ferguson; 5, Winter; vhc, Milne; he, Hughes; c, Dent.

Mr. A. Watson's Classes.

NOR. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Howie, nice one, good wings and tail, clean cut away (afterwards disqualified); 2, Cleminson and Taylor, grand size, beautiful shape, good front, neat head and neck, lovely col. and quality; 3, Smeaton, barely the substance of winners, but very typical, good chest, correct head and neck, well cut away behind; 4, McAnally, good head and neck, well carried wings and tail, beaten in depth of chest only; 5, Davidson, nice shape, good head and neck, full chest, clean cut away, crosses wings just a little; vhc, Leeming Bros.; he, Coventry; c, Caldwell. BUFF (15): 1, Dr. Herd, wins cup for best Nor., unfortunately died after judging; 2, Cameron, very typical in shape, good front, short behind, rare quality, neat head and neck, grand wing carriage, beautifully cut away behind; 3, Howie, hotter in col. (afterwards disqualified); 4, A. Grey, good size, nice quality, neat head and neck, scarcely so deep in chest perhaps; 5, Axe, grand front, rare head and neck, well carried wings, beautifully cut away, similar to 4th in chest; vhc, McAnally; he, Clubb; c, Smeaton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, A. Grey, grand size, rare quality, good head and neck, fine wings, rather too heavy behind for some; 2, Wilcock, nice size, grand col., rich quality, neat head and neck, plenty long enough; 3, Christian, good size, red hot col., nice head and neck, crosses wings at times; 4, Sandison, nice shape, grand front, rare head and neck, drops tail just a little, scarcely so hot in col. perhaps; 5, Seed, rare size and col., thick head and neck, nice shape, falls only in wing carriage; vhc, Bishop; he, Waring; c, Clews. BUFF (18): 1, Smeaton, correct type, grand size, full head and neck, short cobby body, pale in col.; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, wee trifle longer in body, better quality perhaps than winner, grand wings and tail, correct head and neck; 3, Mitchell, very fine size, good head and neck, full front, nice wings and tail, scarcely so tight in feather perhaps; 4, Craig, good type, neat head and neck, grand quality, nice col., beautifully carried wings and tail, short feather, we liked very much; 5, Clubb, scarcely the substance of leaders, neat head and neck, rather slack at thighs; vhc, he, Grey; c, Wilkinson. EVENLIG. BUFF CK. (30): 1, Smeaton, grand size, rich col., rare shape, full head and neck, good front, clean cut away behind, correct wings and tail, real good one, takes Sandiford's cup for hottest bird; 2, Seed, grand size, good col. and quality, rare front, full head and neck, grand wing carriage, not quite so clean behind; 3, Marsh, grand shape, nice head and neck, full front, bit cleaner behind than 2nd, good col and quality, hardly so deep in chest perhaps; 4, Scaife, red hot col., grand size, thick neck, nice wing carriage; 5, Clubb, nice shape, grand col., rich quality, just a shade weaker in head; vhc, Howie; he, Gowans; c, Muir. YELL. HEN (14): 1, he, Cameron, rare size, grand col. and quality, good deep full chest, rare wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Cook, grand shape, nice size, hot col., fine head, excellent wing carriage, short close feather, well cut away behind; 3, Simpson, good size, nice quality, full front, fine wings and tail, scarcely so hot in colour perhaps; 4, Howie, longer than leaders, nice front, clean head, good wings and tail; 5, Buglass, not quite the size of winners, but very shapely, grand quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Lingard; c, Wilson. NON-FED HEN (10): 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor, leader "Queen," grand size yell., beautiful shape, lovely col., rich quality, rare front, good head and neck, well cut away behind, 2nd "Lady," Buff, short and cobby, nice quality, good head and neck, rather pale in col., and might have less feather behind, some however, preferred; 3, Smeaton, not quite so massive, but very typical, nice col. and quality, neat head and neck, good carriage, cleanly cut; 4, Winter, variegated buff, wee trifle longer, good col. and quality, correct wings and tail; 5, Milne, yell., nice shape, good col., well carried wings, clean cut away, just a trifle weak in head and neck; vhc, Barr, c, Frazer. LIMIT, CK. (15/-) (29): 1, McLay, yell., grand size, red hot col., rare front, good head and neck; 2, Paterson, variegated buff, very typical, nice col.; 3, 4, 5, Finnie, variegated buff lerding, grand col. and quality; vhc, Dr. Herd; he, Wood; c, Cleminson and Taylor. HEN (15/-) (10): 1, Godley, tkd. yell., rare type, good front, nice col. and quality; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, variegated yell., great size, good front; 3, Fowell, variegated buff, nice size; 4, Mitchell; 5, Hirst; vhc, Winter; he, Caldwell; c, Milne.

Mr. T. Taylor's Classes.

CRESTED CK. (7): 1, 5, Dewar Challenge Shield, best bird in show, Armstrong, leading with his well-known D.C. King of Kings, looking in grand condition, needs no further comment; 5, nearly green, nice shape, fine droop, neat centre; 2, 3, Currah, 2nd Variegated D.C., grand drooping crest, beautiful shape, splendid radiation, fine centre, not quite so large as winner perhaps; 3rd Variegated D.C., nice size, good formation, splendid droop, neat centre; 4, A. Howie, D.C., of good shape, nice droop, fine centre, beaten only in size; vhc, Paul; he, Mackie. HEN (8): 1, Dobson and Son, Variegated D.C., grand size and shape, beautiful droop, radiating from a grand centre, well known winner; 2, Gourlay, foul tail green, good size, nice formation and droop, hardly the quality of winner probably, and rather open in centre; 3, vhc, Armstrong, tkd. on wing, D.C. of good size, grand shape, nice droop scarcely so neat in centre; 4, Mackie, fine size and shape, very neat centre, good droop, hardly so good in back crest, 5, Paul, Variegated D.C., good size and shape, he, Green. C.B. CK. (9): 1, Macdonald, Green, grand skull, great size, rare width and rise, grandly lashed, plenty of really blue feather; 2, Jim Taylor, wing mkd., another grand one, massive skull, rare width, grand rise and entrance, beaten a wee trifle in length of feather; 3, Longstaff, Variegated, good broad skull, nice rise and entrance, well lashed, scarcely the same flow of feather behind; 4, Mills, Green, massive skull, rare width and rise, nice quality, hardly the density of winner; 5, Gourlay, tkd., good size, grand quality, pinched just a little in front; vhc, McNaughton; he, McLay; c, Henderson. HEN (11): 1, Bewick, well known Duchess, wonderful size, great expansive skull, very heavily clothed with long leafy feather, rare rise and width, grandly lashed; 2, Cairns, cl., very massive, grand skull, rare entrance, excellent rise, beautiful lash, scarcely so densely clothed as winner perhaps; 3, Armstrong, wing mkd., another grand one, great size, rare skull, fine lash; 4, Jim Taylor, Variegated, grand size, rare width and rise, plenty of feather, not far behind; 5, Almond, Variegated, nice size, good quality, pinched a wee bit in front of skull; vhc, McNaughton; he, Robertson; c, Adamson. CREST (1909) (11): 1, Dobson and Son, Variegated D.C., grand size beautiful droop, radiating from a very neat centre, grand shape, densely feathered; 2, Green, scarcely so massive as winner probably, but good shape, nicely drooping from a neat centre, beautiful quality; 3, Currah, Variegated D.C., good size, fine droop, neat radiation a wee bit open in centre; 4, Bewick, foul tail green, crest of good size, grand droop, split on one side just a little; 5, Paul, foul Green, smaller crest, of good shape and droop, nice quality; vhc, Mackie; he, McLay; c, Robertson. C.B. CK. (1909) (11): 1, Dobson and Son, Variegated, great size, rare width of skull, wonderful flow of grand quality feather, good rise, splendidly lashed, well known winner; 2, Widdowfield, foul tail Green, nice size, grand skull, good rise, beautifully lashed, an abundance of long leafy feather, close up; 3, Almond, foul tail Green, good size, nice width of skull, grand lash, scarcely so high in front perhaps; 4, Sharp, Variegated, good skull, nice width and rise; 5, Johnston, Variegated, well clothed, nice skull, beaten just a little in front; vhc, he, Robertson; c, Spence. HEN (1909) (6): 1, 2, Currah, Variegated D.C., grand size, rare skull, plenty of grand quality feather, rare rise and width; 2, good size, rare width, beautifully lashed, hardly so high in front perhaps; 3, McLay, foul Green, nice size, good skull, well lashed; 4, McNaughton, cl., not quite so massive in skull, but nice rise; 5, Whitton, lightly variegated, good size, nice quality, pinched just a little in front; vhc, Brotherton. LIMIT, CREST, £3/3 (11): 1, Dewar, Grizzle Crest, good size and formation, fine droop; 2, Dobson and Son, Variegated, grand size, splendid droop; 3, Paul, we could not find; 4, Henderson; 5, Bewick; vhc, Whitten; he, McNaughton; c, Cairns. C.B., £2/2 (8): 1, Mills, we could not find; 2, Mackie, massive skull, good rise and width; 3, Dobson and Son, good size, nice rise; 4, Arnott; 5, Bruce; vhc, Axe; he, Gourlay. CREST OR C.B. (20/-) (16): 1, Almond, Variegated C.B., grand skull, well lashed; 2, Dobson and Son, Variegated D.C., neat shape, fine size, nice droop; 3, Jim Taylor, cl. C.B., good size; 4, Mackie; 5, Cairns; vhc, Adamson; he, Bewick; c, Liddle.

Messrs. Wright and Elder's Classes.

SCT. FCY. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Muirhead, grand size, prominent shoulders, nice head, held well down, long free neck, graceful movement, well turned back and wing, wee shade more feather on back than many like to see; 2, King, another grand one, hard up, decided drive, square, massive shoulder, rare depth of chest, well made down, old warrior; 3, Thornton, similar in size shoulder and substance, great length of reach, hard up on legs, we have seen him in better condition; 4, Gordon, another well-known winner, splendid drive, head always in the right direction; 5, Keill, nice size, fails in head carriage only; vhc, Lugton; he, Crosbie; c, Hope. BUFF (13): 1, Craig, another well-known winner of many a battle, wears well, splendid drive, long free neck, massive shoulder, well filled, nicely cleaned out in front, rare depth, takes true position; 2, Menzies, large, good length of rib, square, prominent shoulder, held well up, head in the right position, free in movement, well placed; 3, Pringle, wee shade smaller, but all there for position, shoulder well filled, well turned back; 4, King, larger, grand position, massive shoulder, nice depth throughout, fails a wee bit in reach; 5, Muirhead, shade smaller, nice head, graceful, long neck and shoulder; vhc, Muirhead, again a very nice bird; he, Bowman; c, Lawson. PIED ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Hope, has size, hard up, decided drive, great massive shoulder, well filled, nice thickness, well made down, good one; 2, Paterson, more of a cross type, large massive shoulder, great length of reach, head held well down, very graceful in action; 3, Rodger, green, lovely head, graceful neck, well filled, prominent shoulder, nice depth and wing; 4, vhc, Hutchison, takes nice position, very ready to respond, good size and substance; vhc, grizzle-headed green, fine size, well filled back; he, Bowman; c, Whitefield. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Pringle, charmer in manners, well trained, ready to respond any time, fine size, good substance, shoulder well filled, excels in length of reach; 2, Veitch, green, well known, fine size, good length, prominent shoulder, decided drive, action and style; 3, Smart, another well-known winner, nice size, massive shoulder, legs well set, fine, graceful action; 4, Allan, large green, splendid size, massive shoulder, grand length of reach, handles well; 5, Thornton, good size, hard up, decided drive; vhc, Burgess; he, Howden; c, Chalmers. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Thornton, one of his charmers turned out to win, splendid size, prominent shoulder, decided drive, long reach, splendid head, graceful action and wing carriage, a treat; 2, Gordon, another good one, hard up, decided drive, long reachy neck, shoulder well filled, well cleaned out in front; 3, Ramsay, takes charming position, graceful in action, well filled, prominent shoulder, head well down; 4, Muirhead, close up, splendid position, and rare racy carriage, head always in right direction; 5, sp, Veitch, ticked on head, good substance and shoulder; vhc, King; he, Craig; c, Crosbie. BUFF (16): 1, Allan, grand size, lovely head, carried well down, long graceful neck, prominent shoulder, well filled and well made, nice depth; 2, Burgess, well done Dan, good size and position, style and action, all there, A1; 3, Craig, fine size, good position, well set on legs, long reach, prominent shoulder, nice substance; 4, Menzies, another good one, little between them, splendid position; 5, sp, Thornton, tick on head, nice graceful action, carried her head well down; vhc, Henry; he, Muirhead; c, Paterson. PIED, ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Ramsay, another well-known winning green, splendid size, nervy in action, graceful head, long neck, prominent shoulder, action A1; 2, Dodds, good size, prominent shoulder, decided drive and length of neck, also free below; 3, Allan, another good one, must have pressed, grand position, true shape, beautiful nervy action; 4, King, green, nice size, good top, great depth throughout, long in reach; 5, Chalmers, grand size, fine length of reach, prominent shoulder, nice wing; vhc, Yule; he, Muirhead; c, Bowman. BUFF (10): Here the cup and special winner was found in a beautiful Pied hen owned by Mr. Menzies; she is a treat, lad. "Lang may your lum reek." Grand size, hard up on leg, great massive square shoulder, well filled, long and graceful, takes true position; 2, Allan, another beauty, a treat to handle, little between them, splendid modelled head, long reachy neck, prominent shoulder and drive, fine substance; 3, Lawson, good size, fine shoulder, drive and action, well made down; 4, Smart, grand size, hard up, prominent shoulder, decided drive and action; 5, Menzies, green, plenty of length of rib, good size and substance; vhc, sp, Gordon; he, Podger; c, Crosbie. SELF. CK., 20s. (22): 1, Craig, large buff cock, fine size, good substance; 2, Pringle, yell., nice size and position; 3, North, buff; 4, Dick; 5, Menzies; vhc, Johnstone; he, Hope; c, Hendry. HEN., 20s. (16): 1, Binning, yell. pied, fine stamp all over; 2, 5, Muirhead, buff pied, nice length of neck; 3, Whitelaw, buff, similar; 4, McCrae; vhc, Lawson; he, McAdam; c, Ramsay.

Mr. Elder's (the judge's) awards in the Belgian section all over were well received; he left nothing to grumble about, the quality all over being much similar to last year's. This section was always crowded by the Scotch Fancy men, who dearly like to see a good one. BELG. CK. (8): 1, sp, Fairley, grizzle marked buff, great massive shoulder (which might carry all the sins of the House of Lords), determined drive, legs well placed, great depth, nice wing; 2, Carson, well-known yell., another monster, massive square shoulder, long reachy neck, always ready to respond, head held well down; 3, Greig, yell., similar in shape and action, wee shade smaller, fine shoulder and action, handles well; 4, McAdam, larger, takes nice position, good shoulder drive and substance; 5, Walmsley, wee shade slimmer in front, but nice length of reach, active and always ready; vhc, Thornton; he, McNiven. HEN (5): 1, Kent, grizzle marked buff, splendid shoulder and length of reach, nice head, carried well down, and well modelled rib; 2, Fairley, nice size, good length of side, splendid depression of head, never slow to respond, nice shoulder, well carried; 3, Greig, good square shoulder, handles well, nice position, style and substance; 4, Thornton, larger, hard up on legs, fine shoulder and drive, wee shade slower; vhc, Fairley. YOUNG BELG. (12): 1, 3, 5, Fairley, grand team, leader buff, grand depth of rib, nice substance, prominent shoulder, long reachy neck, head carried well down, free in movement of head; 3, just a shade smaller, good shoulder drive and length; 5, ticked above beak, nice size, fine shoulder, free in neck; 2, 4, vhc, he, c, Greig, 2, yell., large one, we liked, splendid shoulder, length of drive a treat, head carried well down; 4, nice size, good shoulder, held well up, good length of reach.

Mr. J. Patterson's Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Craig, leading with his noted winner, held his place well, great depth of solid yellow, splendid head and neck, back well filled, grandly drawn below, graceful position and wing carriage; 2, Arnott, another good one, down a shade in colour, splendid shaped head, beautiful back, nice checks, wings carried well over, splendid type and quality; 3, 5, Bennet; 3, another marvel for col., graceful style, true shape, splendid feather of smooth quality, a few feathers out of his head or he might have won; 5, splendid shape, style, and position, grand quality, shade paler in colour; 4, Smart, another good one, true to type, splendid head, beautiful position, grand wing and tail carriage; vhc, Currah, nice col., fine quality and shape; he, Poole; c, Brown. BUFF HEN (22): 1, sp, best cl., 5, Bennet, leader one of his marvels, true to shape, splendid head, free in neck, well rounded back, wing carriage a treat, lovely quality of feather; 5, nice one, similar in shape, style and position, had just been taking her morning's bath when we saw her first, not good manners for a young lady; 2, B.F.C.C. novice medal, Mugford, another gem of the first water, each feather in perfect bloom, as fresh as a daisy, and quite as lovely, too; 3, sp, Smart, another graceful lassie, splendid shaped head, well modelled back, wings and front, splendid feather; 4, c, Voy, nice one all over, tight as a drum in feather, stylish swagger of head, taking back and front not quite so good in wing carriage, perhaps; vhc, Cormack, splendid hen, graceful movement, nice quality, fails in inside flights only; he, Gilchrist, well-known winner. BOARDLY MKD. YELL. (5): A somewhat poor class, were the charmers all elsewhere? 1, Meekley, splendid eye markings, true shape, grandly balanced, wings fine col. and quality, nice type, shade slim in front or she would be a demon; 2, Connachie, fails only in neck and head, grand markings, both eyes and wings, nicely balanced; 3, Currah, well-known "Queenie," we have seen her looking much better, ideal markings, good type; 4, McWatt, wee shade heavy on one eye, good type and quality; 5, Millar, small eye markings, fine wings, fair type. UNEVEN YELL. HEN (18): 1, Arnott, mkd. eyes, wings and cheek mkd, well balanced, splendid type, colour and quality, wings well laid on; 2, Robertson, five-pointed, grand eye marks of true shape, likewise wings and on feather in tail, nice col. and quality, shade open in front; 3, McKenzie, mkd. on eyes, tail and thighs, nice shape, jaunty in head carriage, well laid wings; 4, Gilchrist, mkd. slightly one eye, both wings, grand type, well rounded back and front, nice taper; 5, sp, Arnott and Jamieson, heavy mkd. eyes and wings, nice type and style; vhc, spl, Alexander, another nice mkd., good type and quality; he, Poole; c, Rowell. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Tait, well known three-pointed, mkd. eyes and one wing, true type, jaunty in carriage, fine front, grand wing carriage; 2, Denholm, another grand three-pointed, might be his brother, they are so alike in markings, just a shade flatter on head; 3, spl, Alexander, fine mkd. eyes and one wing, grand col., type and style, inclined to cross wings a wee bit; 4, Boag, nice markings, splendid type and takes a nice position, scarcely so fine in feather, probably; 5, Whitefield, grand mkd., good shaped head, fine front, nice col. and quality; vhc, Watt and Storrie, three-pointed Buff, splendid shape, col., and quality; he, Presser; c, Bennet. FOUL BUFF (9): 1, 2, Bennet, leader grand head mkd., shown in rare trim, fine head, beautifully well filled back, wing carriage a treat, 3rd ticked on neck, very similar in shape, col., and quality, a shade careless in wing carriage; 2, Poole, wing tkd., grand col., quality and condition, nice wing carriage; 4, Smart, tkd. at vent, fine type, quality and condition; 5, McCredie, tkd. on head, grand feather and condition; vhc, Windram, nice type and shape; he, Tait; c, Watson. YELL. GREEN CK. (15): 1, spl best Green, Murray, grand type, nice jaunty carriage, splendid solid grass shade, fine pencilling on back and thighs; 2, Thomson, another good one, splendid type, grand pencilling, and nice shade of colour; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, similar in shape, colour, pencilling, style and under markings, little between the three, hard to separate; 4, he, spl, Bennet, the latter bird had a slight faint while being judged, 4th nice shape, grand head, nice back pencilling; 5, spl, Kerr, wee shade darker in col., nice pencilling and type; vhc, spl, Wood, fine col. and pencilling; c, Green. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Murray, grand shaped head, nice neck, front and back, grand pencilling above and below, stylish in action; 2, Thomson, similar in shape and markings, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, grand type, in nice order, good type markings and quality; 4, Johnstone, another good hen, with graceful head, grand back, nice pencilling, 5, Green, fine col., pencilling and undercol., wee shade flatter on back, perhaps; vhc, Buglass, grand type, splendid markings; he, c, Bennet. CINN. HEN (16): 1, Arnott and Jamieson, grand graceful yell., true to type, fine col., condition and quality of feather; 2, Hodge, well known Buff, grand col. and quality, fine pencilling, well arranged below; 3, c, Middleton, yell., grand type, good head, back, and wing carriage, nice markings, 5th yell., very similar in shape, position and col.; 4, Hamilton, Buff, again good type, fine quality, nice undercolour; vhc, Watson; he, Forrest; c, Buglass. SELF CK., 20s. (19): 1, McKenzie, grand Buff cock, good type and quality; 2, Smart, yell., splendid col and quality; 3, Bennet, rich col Buff; 4, Stewart; c, Denholm; vhc, Wilson; he, Tait; c, Brown.

Mr. J. W. Bruce's Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL. HEN (24): 1, Hamilton, well-known Scotch winner, very sweetly put down, fine size, grand head, lovely position; good col., we heard this was its 12th 1st this season; 2, Gilchrist, Gateshead and Wallsend medal winner, sweetly made, wee shade stronger in front, but grand type and well drawn; 3, McCredie, a trifle stronger in build, but splendidly rounded, well drawn, staged in really grand bloom; 4, Lawson, good shapely bird, nicely drawn, in fine order; 5, Walker, very shapely; fine short feather, inclined to be a shade plain in front; vhc, Windram; he, Crichton; c, McKenzie. BUFF CK. (21): 1, Gilchrist, grand tone of col., beautifully feathered, sweet shape, lovely position, very sweetly drawn, fine head and front, well-balanced wings; 2, McKenzie, bit smaller than winner, but finely rounded, good front, well drawn, again in lovely bloom; 3, Bennet, similar to 2nd, fine shape and body, well moulded, frayed in wing flights; 4, Currah, another of same mould, good front and taper, nicely drawn; 5, Craig, beauty for feather and quality, lovely col., grand carriage, wee shade heavy or would have gone up; vhc, Dodds; he, Easton; c, Walker. EVEN MKD. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Gilchrist, gem for mkgs., grand eyes, finely balanced, lovely wings, tip-top quality of feather; 2, Shearer, nicely balanced in mkgs., good quality feather, eyes inclined to be heavy at back; 3, McKenzie, well-known winner, rather stout in build, but good balanced mkgs., all round in fine order; 4, Arnott and Jamieson, nice shape, grand mould, splendid head and taper, very nicely balanced mkgs.; 5, Aitchison, good stamp, fine quality feather; vhc, Crichton; he, Aitchison; c, Webster. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Gilchrist, in lovely bloom, grand positioned bird, teeming with quality, very finely staged, excellent wing carriage, neat head; 2, Alexander, another sweet one, trifle stronger in front, but finely drawn, good head and wing carriage, lovely colour and quality, well placed; 3, Brown, good shape, grand quality feather, wee shade heavy in head, but fine body and finish; 4, Walker, grand style, fine level wing carriage, sweetly moulded; 5, Robertson, close up, good stamp, fine quality feather in grand bloom; vhc, Cormack; he, Meekley, grand bird, unfortunately lame when we were taking notes; c, Shearer. UNEVEN MED., ETC., BUFF HEN (19): 1, Nelson, beauty and no mistake, perfect style and shape, lovely head and wing carriage, grand front, sweet and stylish, very well put down; 2, Arnott and Jamieson, another good one, tight as wax, fine wing carriage, neat front, well drawn, beaten only in head and style; 3, Brown, close up, grand quality feather, sweet shape, well placed; 4, Gilchrist, fine-headed bird, well drawn, fails only in position and taper to winner; 5, Walker, heavily mkd., but good stamp, very nicely drawn, well staged; vhc, Bennet; he, Robertson; c, Smart. TKD. YELL. (18): 1, B.F.C. medal, McKenzie, grand one, fine quality throughout, nicely rounded, good head, sweet position and taper, feathered like a Java, beautifully staged, real hot one all round; 2, Bennet, nice shapely bird, fine front, good head and wing carriage, well drawn, fails only in feather and finish to winner; 3, Walker, good one, close up, staged to perfection, wee shade thin in front, but grand wing carriage and taper; 5, T. Walker, shade longer than winner, but very grand style, fine wings and head; 4, Arnott, good one, nice weight, finely rounded, neat head, etc., well put down; vhc, Brown; he, Gilchrist; c, Miller. GREEN YELL. HEN (17): 1, Johnston, gem and no mistake, Gateshead winner in full bloom, fine depth of col. throughout, good lacing; 2, Nelson, wee shade slimmer, got up, but pure depth of col., nicely laced, in good feather; 3, Thomson, rather heavy in build perhaps, and not quite so well drawn as winners, but solid col. throughout and very well put down; 4, Beglass, sweet, all-round one, scarcely so well burnished up as winners perhaps, but a really fine stamp; 5, Arnott and Jamieson, good flanks and depth of col. throughout; vhc, Gentleman; he, Wood; c, Forrest; a grand class. GREEN BUFF CK. (13): 1, Thomson, old champion, looking as well as ever, nicely laced and pure in col. and mkgs., fine size and quality of feather, well put down; 2, 3, Arnott and Jamieson, 2, another old stager in full bloom, good mkgs., fine type, not quite so pure on flanks perhaps as winner, 3, finely got up, nice size good col., in very fine order; 4, Johnston, again all there for type, sweet shape, nicely laced, good quality and style; 5, vhc, Bennet, rather light in ground col., but very nice type and quality of feather; he, McAdam; c, Pearson. CINN. CK., SELF, ETC. (12): 1, Gilchrist, good one, fine depth of col., grand mkgs., wonderful shape and style, in lovely bloom, well staged; 2, 3, 5, Hamilton, grand trio and a credit to any owner; 2nd, finely laced, good, deep, pure ground col., excelling in pencilling, 3, grandly laced, lovely type, all staged to perfection; 4, Arnott and Jamieson, buff, very nice tone of col., good depth throughout, staged in the usual A1 order; vhc, he, Buglass; c, Roberts.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bailey, real beauty, very free and graceful, finely shaped shoulders, well placed on legs; 2, 6, Binns, well up in length, sweet head and shoulders, well placed, finely drawn front; 3, Shackleton, teeming with rich col., very level, slightly stronger build, nice proportioned; 4, Wilcock, extra hot col., nicely drawn body, just failing in gloss of feather to winners; 5, Richmond, another well drawn one, fine position, hot level col.; 7, Hirst; 8, Hartley. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Thornton and Bower, winner excelling in col., light as a Java, sweetly rounded and well tapered; 3, also of grand style and feather, just failing in colour a wee trifle; 2, Howarth and Marsden, very hot col., nicely set up on legs, best of wing carriage; 4, Bailey, pressing winners very closely, A1 carriage, steady and shows well, finely drawn front; 5, Richmond, wee shade slimmer in body, very neatly made, grand close feather; 6, Hartley; 7, Hirst; 8, M'Donegal. TICK. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3 spls best bred, Richmond, clean, even, and well defined markings, neat head and neck, well-filled back and wings, neat close tail; 2, 8, Shackleton, another grand one for style and general contour, rich deep col., grandly carried wings; 3, spl, Thornton and Bower, three-pointed, sweetly moulded body and front, wing and tail carriage grand, well up in colour; 4, Hartley, wings and head mark very fine, reachy one, of nice silky feather, sound col.; 5, Bailey, slim and graceful body, neat head, finely tapered throughout; 6, Wilcock; 7, Hirst. BUFF (7): 1, Richmond, clean

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mark, bold and erect carriage, full of nerve, finely rounded body, neatly carried wings; 2, Shackleton, tick on back of skull, lovely frosted feather, close and well fitting; 3, Bailey, wing tick best of position, very steady, level colour; 4, 6, Binns, erect and stylish carriage, well packed wings, neat tail, pale but level colour; 5, sp, Thornton and Bower, cinn. variegd., finely drawn body, neat front, well carried wings; 7, Wilcock. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 4, sp, Shackleton, winner variegd. of outstanding quality, sweetly drawn body, head well carried, lovely feather; 2, Richmond, grand position, nicely tapered, paler col.; 3, Wileock, cinn. neck and wings, very graceful and jnunty, hot level col., well up in bloom; 4, also grand in carriage, finely carried wings, close neat tail, very nice bird, well shown. BUFF (10): 1, 5, Shackleton, clear and style of the best, well laid on wings, close narrow tail, well filled in, wee bit unsteady; 6, fuller head, nicely rounded body, hardly so deep in colour, perhaps; 2, Richmond, clear and well rounded body, head nicely carried, finely drawn front, rich, hot col.; 3, Binns, clear, sweet head, well carried, nicely shaped shoulders, tail neatly carried; 4, 8, Proctor, cinn. head tick, slim and graceful make, well up in bloom; 6, Hirst; 7, McDougal. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. CK. (21): 1, Robinson, a beauty, brilliant grassy shade, well defined pencilling, coming nicely down sides, grandly tapered body; 2, sp, 7, Clayton, wee bit stronger in body, heavily pencilled, grand quality of feather; 3, sp, 5, sp, Rowlands, former foul wing, finely drawn body, nicely carried wings, bright and sound col.; 5, sp, rather heavier in body pencillings, good under col.; 4, 8, Atherton, former of grand sound col., very even pencillings, fine shapely body; 6, Pilling. BUFF (14): 1, Robinson, again at the head with a beauty, deep sound col., pencillings well carried underneath, A1 quality feather; 2, 4, 7, 8, Rowlands, foul tail, one of the most typical in body, grandly pencilled body and thighs, just fails slightly in depth of col.; 4, good position, nice tone of col., deeply pencilled; 3, 5, Clayton, grand quality feather, bright and level col.; 5, slightly heavier in pencillings, perhaps; 6, Handley. SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Clayton, winner of marvellous soundness of body col., nicely pencilled, sweet and well drawn body; 3, also of grand type, wee shade duller in green; 4, well set up body, sound under colour; 2, 7, Rowlands, good type and feather, well carried head and wings, pencillings well shown on sides; 5, Abbott, foul tick on head, extra rich in body colour, fine silky feather; 6, Robinson; 8, Gore. BUFF (10): 1, Clayton, well packed body, neat wings and tail, heavy and well-balanced pencilling; 2, 5, Robinson, former very rich deep colour, pencilling well brought out; 5, also best of pencilling, just failing a trifle in density of body col.; 3, 4, Rowland, bit stronger in build, close packed feather, good style and substance; 4, slim and graceful shape, fine quality feather; 6, Handley; 7, Gore; 8, Atherton.

NOR. GREENS.—YELL. CK., SELF, ETC. (17): 1, spl, best Green, vhc, c, Walker, rare size, nice shape, grand level tone of col., very rich, graudly polished; 2, 3, 5, hc, Deacon, leading with a larger bird than 1st, good shape, nice quality and col., hardly so deep in breast col. as winner; 5, foul, nice shape, good chest, a little paler in col.; 3, grand size, good col. and quality, beaten in shape only; 4, Dr. Martin, not quite the substance of winners, but nice shape. BUFF (18): 1, c, Hawkes, Self, rare size, grand shape, very rich col., very level throughout, fine quality, nice wing and tail; 2, Harrison, foul, not quite the substance of winner, very nice shape, rich level col., good head and neck, not far behind; 3, 5, vhc, Deacon; 3, foul, very massive, grand shape, rich col., hardly the finish of leaders; 5, foul, good size and shape, not quite so level in col.; 4, hc, Walker, self, grand shape, good size, rich quality, nice col. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, Harrison, foul, leading, grand size and shape, rich level tone of col., lovely quality, good one; 2, self, nice size, correct shape, good col. and quality, scarcely so neat in head perhaps; 3, 4, Deacon, 3rd self, niee size, good quality, fine back col., scarcely so level breast perhaps; 4th self, not quite so rich in under colour, nice shape; 5, Trengove, foul, good size and shape, not quite so rich in col.; vhc, Pilling; hc, Walker; c, Barker and Abbot. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Harrison, foul leading, grand size, good type, rich tone of col., very level, grand wings and tail; 3, rich quality, nice size, good shape, beaten in depth of col. only; 2, Barker and Abbott, rich quality, good shape, nice col., hardly so massive as winner perhaps; 4, Deacon, self, niee size and shape, barely so deep in chest, and rather paler in undercolour; 5, foul, Hales, very niee col., good one; vhc, hc, Martin; c, Walker. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, spl, best Cinn., 2, 4, Dormer, leader magnificent col., grand shape, good size, beautifully polished; 2nd another grand one, very similar to leader, not much to choose between; 4th, grand col. and quality, hardly the same substance, but nice one; 3, vhc, Hill, grand size, good shape, not quite so rich or pure in col., 5, Gourlay, rich col. and quality, niee size; hc Henderson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, Dormer, leader grand size and shape, rich level tone of col., good quality; 2nd good size and shape, rare col., not quite so weil finished; 4th good colour and quality beaten only in substance; 3, Gourlay, great size, good quality; 5, Thompson, rare size, good col., not quite so level in tone; vhc, Henderson. LIZ. GOLD CL. CAP (7): 1, J. Dewsnap, grand Spangle, nicely rowed, good ground col., neat shape cap, fine bird; 2, 3, 5, Rukin, leader grand col., beautifully laced, plenty of good back work, scarcely so even down centre as winner, nice cap; 3rd good col., very similar in spangle to 2nd, not quite so well laced perhaps; 5th rather smaller, nice col., plenty of work, hardly so neat in formation; 4, vhc, Barnes, nice cap, good spangle, not quite so much work on sides; hc, Newbeggin. SILVER (5): 1, 2, 5, Dewsnap, 1st grand col., nice size, well rowed back, nicely laced, neat cap, good bird; 2nd fine size, neat back work, very good formation, not quite so rich in col. perhaps; 5th good col., nice even back, fine lacing; 3, Barnes, very nice size, grand back, good bold spangle, too white in face for the liking of some; 4, Rukin, smaller, grand back, beautiful distinct spangle, nice even formation, well laced, a wee bit paler in col. GOLD, BROKEN (9): 1, 4, 5, J. Dewsnap, leader grand ground col., bold distinct spangle, good formation, well laced; 4th good spangle and col., a trifle weak in head; 5th good col., nice back work, nicely laced; 2, vhc, Hyslop, good col., fine even back, distinct work, a wee bit smaller than winner; 3, hc, c, Rukin, nice size and col., not quite so bold in spangle, good lacing. SILVER (8): 1, spl, best Liz., Rukin, topper for backwork, bold, clear, and distinct, and of grand formation, well laced, good size, splendid col., nice one; 2, 3, vhc, Dewsnap, 2nd very nice size, plenty of work, not quite so distinct in spangle as winner; 3rd very similar to second, nice size and col.; 4, Barnes, rich col., good spangle, clear and distinct, nicely rowed; 5, Risehorough, good size, nice col., heaten only in formation of backwork; hc, c, Hyslop. LIMIT, 15 -, A.V. CAN: 1, Godley, Yell. Cinn.; 2, Binns, Buff Yorkie. 3, vhc, Proctor, Buff Cinn.; 4, Buist; 5, Hay; hc, Brunskill. JUVENILE BRIT. (82) (this class contained some really good birds that were a credit to their owners): 1, J. Dandie, Blackbird, fine size, grand dense col., beautiful beak and eyes, ceres; 2, J. Leitch, Hawfinch, nice size, grand col., good wings, very steady; 3, R. Sykes, Starling, nice size, grandly spangled, splendid condition; 4, J. Messer, Goldie, good size, rich col., blaze, fine col., nice wings; 5, Nellie Powell, Twite, nice size, rich col.; vhc, G. Craig; hc, W. Brown; c, A. Fraser.

Mr. T. Arnott's Classes.

EXTRA STOCK CLASS (10): 1, Windram, nice pair Borders, very typical and full of col.; 2, Barrie, pair Scots Fancy, plenty of nerve, good action; 3, A. Thompson, Buff Nor., nice type and col.; 4, Goodfellow, Brit.; 5, hc, Thompson, Wm. cinn. mkd. Nor. hen; vhc, Martin; c, Charlton. GIFT (8): 1, 4, Dewar, Green Budgerigars, 4th Bullfinch; 2, vhc, hc, Winter, Yell. Nor.; 3, Nisbet, Greenie Can. Mule; 5, Millar; Hyde's two species were won by Messrs. G. Brown and R. Craig.

Mr. J. Dixon's Classes.

CL., ETC., CAN. MULE (3 and 5-pointed) (6): 1, 4, Dr. Galloway, leader, Yell. Siskin, fine size, grand col. and quality of feather, inclined to be unsteady, but a real gem, well staged; 4, cl. buff Greenfinch, plenty of size, good flights and shape, a trifle rough-looking in feather, well placed; 2, Douglas, bouncing cl. bull. Linnet, in grand order, very nice one showing cross distinctly; 3, Arrighi, gem of a ticked Goldie, never seen in better bloom, like a bit of wax, grand size, nice flush, good wings, staged to perfection; 5, Goodall, slashing buff Goldie, grand shape and size, but outclassed in this competition; hc, Webster. VARIEG. (16): 1, Duncan and Logan, Jonque, lightly mkd. Goldfinch, grand col., fine shape and quality of feather, staged in masterly fashion, real hot one; 2, hc, c, Dr. Galloway, slashing buff Twite, well known winner, great size, very nicely mkd., in fine form; 3, Wood, good all-round Greenfinch, nice size and col., A1 quality; 4, Arrighi, large slashing buff Goldie, good face, neatly mkd., in tip-top form, well placed; 5, Howe, another buff Goldie, good exhibit, fails just a shade in flush and size; vhc, Douglas; a grand class. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. DARK (15): 1, Duncan and Logan, to the front again with a gem of the first water, grand size, dense expansive blaze of a deep hue, lovely bars, fine shape and quality of feather, staged to win, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Arrighi, both well-known exhibits, close up, 2, buff, grand one, dense expansive blaze, tip-top quality of feather, staged A1, 3, also good, wee shade smaller, but grand flush, fine quality, two hot ones; 4, 5, Gill, two sweet yells., fine col., grand flush faces, failing in size only to winners, pair of good ones, hard lines to meet such gems; vhc, Bald; hc, McNairn Bros.; c, Bogie. LINNET AND CAN. DARK. (12): 1, Brown, slashing Jonque, great size, lovely tone of col., finely spangled, full of life, in grand bloom; 2, Coffey, another gem, close up, scarcely so deep in col. perhaps, and lacking the sheen of feather of winner, but very good in markings, fine shape and finish; 3, Dick, still they come, another slasher, wee shade light below, but fine back and mkgs., A1 bloom; 4, Maddison, grand col. and sheen, well mkd.; 5, Arrighi, good romping buff, scarcely so showy as winners, perhaps, but a good all-round exhibit; vhc, Pratt's; hc, Stewart and Milne; c, Jamieson. GREENFINCH AND CAN. DARK (8): 1, Somerfield, large, grand-shaped Jonque, rare make, good depth of col., and splendid finish, fine level tone throughout; 2, Shellam, romping buff, plenty of size, good col., inclined to be a trifle rough in feather; 3, Coffey, good Jonque, fine col., well up in size, just lacks the finish of winners; 4, Pringle, buff, plenty of size, another moult and should make a really good one; 5, Carson, fine yell., lovely tone and shape; vhc, Douglas; hc, Marsh. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (except Can. Bullie) (16): 1, Frazer, noted buff Siskin, well-known Scotch exhibit, one of the best of its cross living, staged in grand order, gem for col. and feather, popular win; 2, McDougal, slashing Twite, rather pale in col. perhaps, but a topper for mkgs., and well put down; 3, Somerfield, hot fed yell. Siskin, nice size, good cap and mkgs., beaten only in shape and depth of body col.; 4, Johnstone, nat. col. yell., good size, well mkd., should make up a hot one; 5, Finnle, fine buff Siskin, well up in size, etc.; vhc, Goodall; hc, M'Millan; c, Shellam. BULLFINCH HYB. (10): 1, Sneddon, good Goldie-Bullie, fine size, nice flush face, grand col., well staged, in real tip-top bloom; 2, c, Douglas, Can.-Bullie, nice size and col., very neatly mkd., in really fine bloom; 3, Wake and Carr, sweet Linnet-Bullie, good breast col., well up in size, staged in lovely order; 4, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, good size and quality of feather, fine shade of col.; 5, Dewar, Goldfinch-Bullie, good col., etc., beaten in size only by winners; vhc (no name); hc, Wilson; c, Douglas. A.O.V. HYB. (between two British birds) (10): 1, Ovenstone, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, not the largest in class, but a sweet one for quality of feather, nice flush face, distinct mkgs., in A1 trim; 2, Barclay, Redpoll-Greenfinch, a gem for quality, nice size, in lovely order, good one; 3, Arrighi, romping Goldfinch-Greenie, large blaze, good flights, unsteady a trifle; 4, Walsh, Redpoll-Goldie, nice one, good size and col., sweet flush face, in fine bloom; 5, Williams, another Goldie-Greenie, good all-round bird; vhc, Ward; hc, Coffey, c, Hovelsroud. A.V. MULE OR HYB. SELL. (10/6) (33): 1, Dale, Goldic-Bullie; 2, Jamieson, light varieg. Goldie-Can.; 3, Brnce, varieg. Linnet; 4, Bankier; 5, Sharp; vhc, Dewar; hc, Brunskill; c, Watt.

NON-FED SISKIN (19): 1, Ferreir Bros., sweet size, neat cap and bib, ratber inclined to be a bit slim, in niee order, fine quality of feather; 2, McGavin, hetter col., very good in cap, niee shape, fine wing bars, sweet all over, some preferred for first honours; 3, McDonald, good all round, well up in size, grand quality feather, well laced on side, nicely staged; 4, McGillivray Bros., just about as good as any, and must have pressed, sweet tone of col., fine cap, very neat in bib, well up in size, neatly laced, well-known winner; 5, Brown, shapely, but a wee shade duller in feather, neatly laced on side, good depth of front; No. 17, Turner, real good one, large yellow, dense in col., well laced, lacks bib, but we thought, however, must have been overlooked; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Muir; c (no name). MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (14): 1, Law, a good all-round Twite, fine size, well laced, good flights, plenty of col., shown in tip-top bloom, wins; 2, Bell and Dewar, grand conditioned Mealy Redpoll, well laced, fine tone of col., neat bib, good mkgs., in lovely bloom, staged to win; 3, Turner, sweet Twite, a wee shade smaller than winner, but good col. and mkgs.; 4, Erskine, monster of a Mealy, but just lacks the sweet taper and shape of winner, larger bib and more prouounced in lacing, good quality feather; 5, Henderson, Twite, smaller than winner, but very well up in col., good feather; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Leech and Leckie; c, Johnston. LESSER REDPOLL (20): 1, McGorum, large one, fine shape, good depth of col., neat bib, well laced on flanks, steady, in grand bloom; 2, Longden, close up on winner, not quite so good in col. perhaps, but splendidly mkd., very neat in big and in grand trim; 3, Pickles, nice tone of col., good cap, slightly broken in bib, but again in very fine feather; 4, Moffat, wee shade dark in col., and lacing inclined to run a trifle, good shape, well up in size; 5, Roddic, demou for col., very hot, shade smaller than winner, but very neat; vhc, Williams, good one, must have pressed hard; hc, Belcher; c, Hoyle. YELLOW BUNTING (15): 1, Axe, real hot one, great size, very nice tone of col., good V mkgs., fine eyes, rare shape, steady, in full bloom, well put down; 2, Watson, hot col., very nice in head markings, a wee shade weak in eyes, good bold front, tip-top quality; 3, Bruce, warm-col. one, slim in front perhaps, but well mkd. on V and eyes, fails a wee sbade on head, good order; 4, Heslop, also a hot one, fine head, a shade heavier in body than 3rd, but not so tight in feather, good head; 5, Johnston Bros., niee head, good mkgs., fails in size and col., a trifle, but in very nice order, well placed; vhc, Forster; hc, Kerr; c, Steel. BUNTINGS A.O.V. (15): 1, Bruce, Corn-Bunting, in very fine feather, good shade of col., well up in size and mkgs., inclined to be a wee shade thin in front, well staged; 2, vhc, Kirkwood, the sensation of the show, said to be a Rustic Bunting, a lovely bird and no mistake, head and back a browny red, carried to front of chest, under-colour of a yellowish hue, splendid feather, steady as a rock; 3, Raine, splendid Black-headed Bunting, very nice feather, good size and col.; 4, Henderson, tip-top Snow Bunting, large and well mkd., in very fine order; 5, Coffey, grand Reed Bunting, nice head and throat, well laced, in good order, steady; vhc, Watson; hc, Kirkwood, jun.; c, Taylor; No. 1, Beatty, fine Corn Bunting for size and quality, well laced.

Mr. J. Goodfellow's Classes.

GOLDFINCH BRIT. (16): 1, Kilner, nice size, good front, deep expausive blaze, well buttoned, grand bars, lovely uut brown tone of col. throughout, sweet exhibit; 2, Porteous, scarcely so large as winner in body formation, but well-cut blaze, grand cheeks and bars, very neat in buttons, fine tone of col.; 3, McMinn Bros., nicely made, not quite so dense in face, nor so well burnished up, fine wings, good shape, well placed, named the "Pride of Galloway," but if the old warrior, he seems going off in bloom; 4, Hoyle, very shapely, nice Nor. type, good bold front, a shade pale in body col.; 5, Taylor, sweet one, good large face, well cut on cheeks, nicely burnished up; vhc, Henderson; hc, Turner; c, Dickson. BULLFINCH CK. (25): 1, Thomson, undoubtedly the best Brit. Bullie in Scotland at the present time, deep crimson breast col., well carried down, good flights, bars and back, beautiful slaty blue, conditioned like a Java Sparrow, very good in shape; 2, Longden, good one, fine shape, nice depth of col., well up in cap, fails at thighs to winner a little; 3, c, Dewar, good depth of col., very broad in cap for size, nice quality throughout, steady for a Blackleg; 4, Cullen, another good all-round Finch, well proportioned, lovely breast col., in tip-top order; 5, Woods, grand bird, plenty of size, rare cap and breast col.; vhc, Belcher; hc, Hovelsround. LINNET (19): 1, 2, McArdle and Stewart, winner not by any means the largest in class, but a demon for quality and col., lovely pencilling, grand tone throughout, shining like a piece of satin; 2, large and clear in mkgs., but lacking depth of col., pair of hard nuts to crack; 3, Erskine, another well-known face, full of fine breast work, rare size, grand flights; 4, Arrighi, close up, plenty of size, well pencilled, fine shape, good all round; 5, Longden, sweet in build and col., slightly broken in lacing, good stamp; vhc, Palmer; hc, Brown; c, Boyd; unnoticed No. 15, Brown, gem for lacing, a little heavy in pencilling probably, but well filled in front and A1 bloom. LINNET (not housemoulted) (28): 1, Davidson, very steady, plenty of size, good front, very nice tone of col., staged in excellent bloom; 2, Stewart, gem for breast mkgs., grand flights, plenty of size, very steady, not quite so tight in condition as winner; 3, Allen, shade lighter in colour, but fine front and lovely order, rare shape, splendid style, should make a good one; 4, Prosser, sweet tone of col., shade inclined to break in centre, neat size, grand finish of feather; 5, Bald, another from the old brigade, close up, but slightly failing in size and shape, all there for mkgs.; vhc, Bibby; hc, Brown; c, Cullen. BRAMBLEFINCH (16): 1, Beaty, plenty of size, very steady and shapely, but a shade light in breast col., good all-round col., very fine quality throughout, nicely put down; 2, Arrighi, close up, shade thinner in body perhaps, but sweet breast col. and very nicely laced on head and back; 3, Coffey, bouncing bird, good, full breast, well cut and carried down, fine depth of col., dense head and back lacing, neat; 4, Longden, another hot one, plenty of size, hold in appearance, just lacks the bloom and finish of winner; 5, Ward, in rare trim, dense col. throughout, inclined to be a wee shade dark on head, lovely breast and front; vhc, Alston; hc, no name; c, Hawkes. CHAFFINCH (18): 1, Reid, gem for quality of feather, in full bloom, fine depth of col. throughout, very niee flights and bars, sweet head and breast col., steady, well staged; 2, Ward, close up, shade slimmer in front and scarcely so steady perhaps, but all there for feather and col.; 3, McCartney, nice tone of col. and steady, well up in size, good breast, sweet all over, fine col.; 4, Colhron, shade flatter looking in feather perhaps, but good depth throughout; 5, Stewart, shade smaller, but extra well burnished up, good markings; vhc, Henderson; hc, Brown; c, Gentleman. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Bald, rattling Jonque, fed to perfection, rare shape, plenty of size, grand wing flights, bold and noble in appearanec, steady, feathered to perfection; 2, 4, Pickles, two hot ones, leader, largest and in best of order, fine depth of col., rare style; 4, wee shade slim in front, but good in col. and quality of feather; 3, McWatt, well-known Northern winner, immense size, dense col., good finish; 5, Howe, plenty of col., good flights; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Cullen; c, Dewar. NON-FED GREENFINCH (23): 1, Howe, bouncer for size, real gem for col., grand flights, noble head, could be a trifle better tapered off in front perhaps; 2, 4, Bald, sweet ones, plenty of size, rare depth of col.; 2, lovely shape, bold head, grandly finished off; 4, wee shade smaller, both in rare trim; 3, Hesketh, one of the best yellows seen out this year, marvel for col., well up in size, but inclined to be wild yet; 5, White, close up, plenty of col. and size, well forward in condition; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Brown; c, McLean; a grand class all over. SISKIN (13): 1, 2, 5, Bishop, I, in rattling bloom, tight as wax, very solid and level in col., splendid cap, neat bib, beautifully laced on side, well staged; 2, well up in size, plenty of good col., rather broken on breast in col., but very good cap; 5, in rare trim, fine depth of col., A1 shape, fails in size a wee bit; 3, Smith, when taking notes we could not find; 4, Cameron, clinker for size, a trifle broken in col. on body, good cap, the largest bib of any Siskin in show, in very fine bloom, worth its place; vhc, McGavin; hc, Brown; c, McDougall. FOR. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, McLennan, real beauty, romper for size, great bird all over, nice flush, expausive square cut blaze, good bars and buttons; 2, Howie, wee shade smaller, but taken all over must have pressed hard, tight as a Java in feather, good deep col. throughout, fine blaze, scarcely so well carried down as in winners, perhaps, rare bars and buttons, pure in whites; 3, Foster, close up, good deep col., well put down; 4, hc, Arrighi, nice Finch, good col. and face, a trifle smaller than winner; 5, vhc, Dunn, similar to 4th; c, Brunskill. FOR. BULLFINCH, CK. (4): 1, Turner, fine size, deep col. and cap, fine back and bars, in rare order; 2, Fulton, good shapely Finch, plenty of size, etc., rather soft looking when we were taking notes; 3, 4, Arrighi, good all-round Finches, wee shade smaller than winners, good col. and condition. DITTO HEN (5): 1, Turner, sweet all-round one, plenty of size, good breast col., in fine order and condition; 2, 3, McMillan, hard to separate, plenty of size, good col., heaten just a little in quality of feather only; 4, Porteous, neat one, in rare bloom and col.; 5, Johnstone, taking Finch, good bold bird, fails only in body col., good class. SELL., BRIT. (10s. 6d.) (18): 1, vhc, Nicholson, Nuthatch; 2, Forster, Grey Wagtail; 8, Hoyle, Blackcap; 4, Dewar, Bullfinch; 5, Brown, Goldfinch; vhc, Alston; c, no name.

Mr. C. T. Maxwell's Classes.

SMALL SOFTBILL BRIT. (18): 1, 3, Cocks, leader, Tree Creeper, nice size, well laced, good one, in full bloom; 3, Grasshopper Warbler, a trifle sombre in appearance, but in lovely order, and rare and and interesting; 2, Gilmour, charming Wryneck, fine size, lovely tone of col., grandly laced, staged to perfection; 4, Henderson, Fire Crested Wren, uncommon exhibit, in very nice order, wonderfully steady; 5, Beatty, Black Redstart, in full bloom, nice size, grand quality of feather, well put down; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Taylor; c, Russell; a grand class, many real good ones being cardless. LARKS, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Paton, two Skylarks, leader in very good trim, grand size, splendidly mkd., full front, A1 shape and col., 4, wee shade flat in col., but sweetly made, both good back lacing; 2, Kirkwood, nice Shorelark, good depth of col., pure in mkgs., fine size, steady, and well finished; 3, Howe, grand Pipit, well up in size, in lovely order, staged to perfection; 5, Watson, also a Shorelark, not quite so good in col. as winner, nice size and quality of feather; vhc, Caldwell; hc, McKay; c, Hoyle. BRIT. LARGE (12): 1, Henderson, best British bird in show, real gem of a Waxwing, grand size, lovely col., rare deep, large wax tips, fine crest, extra good body col., fine hue and condition, staged to perfection, wins; 2, Beard, large good-conditioned Fieldfare, very steady, but a little too dark in col., has it been spoilt by col.-feeding? a good one; 3, Howe, dense col. Blackbird, rare sheen, deep crocus bill and eye cere, steady, well shown, worth its place; 4, Crockett, noted winning Waxwing, fails in col. and condition only to winner, fine size and mkgs.; 5, Woodhouse, Great Grey Shrike, in nice order; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Wards. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Beaty, noted Hawfinch "Midland Chief," real good one, grand bib, rare bold head, plenty of size, splendid ground col., well staged: wins; 2, Jones, another hot one, wee shade deeper if anything in col., but not quite so well carried or cut on bib, fine head markings; 3, Johnston Bros., another Hawfinch, good in markings, a trifle smaller in body; 4, Gray, sweet exhibit, but outclassed in this company; 5, Simpson, well-known Scotch Fcy. "Lochahar Chief," as good as any in col. and markings, fails in size only; vhc, Arrighi. HEN BULLFINCH (except Russians) (24): 1, Watson, nice dense col. one, fine front, good wing bars, wee shade narrow in cap and bib, but deep russet brown shade, and in really grand order; 2, Clarke, similar to winner, a shade smaller in body, nice bars, in good order; 3, Belcher, grand size, fine bold cap, not quite so good in col., a shade loose at thighs; 4, Leach and Leckie, real stormer, and if it had taken premier honour no one would have grumbled, rare broad, expansive cap; 5, Millar, good one for col., well staged; vhc, Howe; hc, Dewar; c, Forster; No. 7, Storrie, clinker, well-known winner, passed, we heard for being too large for a Britisher HEN (seed eater) (14): 1, Beaty, good Hawfinch, fine size, grand col., etc.; 2, Axe, nice shapely Corn Bunting, in full bloom, well laced and spangled; 3, Allan, bouncing Greenfinch, very good one, rare size and col., and well put down; 4, Taylor, hen Bramble, fine shape, well spangled, in tip-top bloom, well placed; 5, Howe, sweet, well mkd., and good col. Yellowhammer, in first-rate trim; vhc, he, Prosser; c, Millar. HEN, SOFTBILL (4): 1, Cocks, sweet, good col. and nicely staged Treecreeper; 2, Laidlaw, fine, good, large, well-col. Grey Wagtail, showing signs of age; 3, Bruce, well-known Song Thrush, looking very fit, marvel for standing the show work; 4, no name, nice Blackcap, well up in size, good col.; 5, no name, sweet Bearded Tit, well staged, plenty of size; vhc, Brown. PIED ALBINO, ETC., BRIT. (not being a Hybrid) (12): 1, Dr. Galloway, very rare el., pink eyed Yellowhammer, good col. and size, but acting as if he was a bit "gone in the mind"; 2, Johnston, one of the best lightly-pied (white) Sparrows seen on the show bench; grand size, in rare order; 3, Wilson, pied Goldfinch, smart exhibit, dense blaze, pure in col., fine size, again in rare order; 4, Jardine, varieg., almost white Skylark, in lovely bloom, steady, well up in size, well staged; 5, Ross and Main, Cinn. Chafinch, neat one, fine quality feather, in lovely order; vhc, Hakes; he, Porteous; c, Beveridge; real interesting class, many birds having to be content with cards. PARRAKEETS, LORRIKEETS, ETC. (16): 1, 4, 5, hc, Miss Peddie Waddell, leader pair of Bourke's Parrakeets, in really grand order, 4th pair of Rock Peplar Parrakeets,, very interesting, nice birds, in rare bloom, 5th Pennant Parrakects, commoner species than winners, but good specimens; 2, Alston, pair of lovely Many-coloured Parrakeets, in fine bloom, these to the ordinary visitor came in for a large amount of admiration; 3, Riddell, fine Crimson Wing, grand col., rare size and condition; vhc, Sellars; c, Nicholson and Son. PARROTS, COCKATOOS, ETC. (3): 1, Beaty, noted Hawk-headed Parrot, often described, looking in A1 order; 2, Arrighi, sweet col. Senegal Parrot, in full bloom; 3, Miss P. Waddell, large, nice condition Amazon, in full bloom. AVADAVATS, ETC. (19): 1, Carrick, pair of sweet Parson Finches, fine col., well staged; 2, Meadows, pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills, in full bloom, staged to represent their native wilds, a credit to owner, greatly admired: 3, Howie, Diamonds, grandly laced, in full bloom; 4, Arrighi, tip-top pair of White Javas, in rare order, fine size, very pure in col.; 5, Pickles, Green Avadavats, in splendid order, finely mkd., grand col.; vhc, c, Currie; hc, Miss Waddell. SEED-EATING FINCH-LIKE (18): 1, vhc, Howe, very interesting exhibit in the shape of a Melba Finch, grand col., staged to perfection; 2, Sellars, good Parrot Finch, in niee order and size; 3, Brotherston, sweet Green Cardinal, well up in size, in grand trim; 4, Arrighi, Cape Sparrow, uncommon exhibit, has a head like his British brother; 5, Carrick, pair of Bichenos, not a gaudy exhibit, but very sweetly mkd.; he, Pickles; c, Miss Morgan. TANAGERS, ETC. (5): 1, Pickles, undoubtedly the finest and most striking exhibit in show, a Black-throated Tanager, splendid col., in beautiful condition, rare one, and no mistake; 2, Henderson, good Festive Tanager, lovely col., fine size; 3, Mason, Bluish Tanager, not in quite such good feather as winners, but a fine, rare exhibit; 4, Waddell, Archbishop Tanager, in fine feather; 5, Beaty, Tricolour, also good one, a class of striking exhibits, containing all the colours of the rainbow. A.O.S., FOR. (5): 1, 2, Miss Waddell, Mynah, in very good feather, not a large one, but fine markings, 2nd Black-throated Thrush, an uncommon exhibit, looking very fit; 3, Arrighi, Baltimore Oriole, interesting and finely-col. exhibit; 4, Storrar, uncommon exhibit of the Mynah tribe, staged in very fine order, good one, a trifle smaller, and different colour than winner.

GUISBOROUGH.

Guisborough and Dist. Priory C.B.S. held their 2nd annual show on January 1st. The Chaloner Hall, in which the exhibits were staged (kindly lent by Colonel Chaloner), was of capital light (electric by night), roomy, well ventilated, and nicely warmed. Mrs. Chaloner (wife of Colonel Chaloner) acts as president, and Miss Chaloner is vice-president, both of whom, we were told, are greatly interested in the welfare of this society, and assist liberally. The chairman, Mr. J. Cook, and vice chair, Mr. F. Jones, are a couple of genuine officials, who rendered much help. The committee consists of a band of willing fanciers. Every praise is due to the following: Messrs. Atkinson, E. Blackburn, F. Dauncey, Graham, H. Hood, G. Jobling, C. Jackson, A. W. Knaggs, J. Meaburn, W. Starling, J. Taylor, J. T. Wilson, G. Wear, R. White, A. R. Winter, and J. Weeson. Mr. R. Mays, the hon. secretary, although only a "novice at the game," tries hard, and gets through his work in a praiseworthy style. The staging of exhibits was neatly arranged, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Special winners: Colonel Chaloner, Cup for best Canary Mule or Hybrid, Mr. J. Maddison; best Yorkie, Messrs. Shaw Bros.; 2nd best, H. Hood; best Nor., W. Crosling; 2nd, same owner: best Crest or C.B., W. Radley; best Mule, J. Maddison; best Brit. (2), W. Howe and Messrs. Nicholson and Son; best hen, W. Richmond; Sandiford's medal, Mr. R. Mays; best Softbill, W. Howe. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

The Canary Section.

YORKS, YELL. (11): 1, 3, Richmond, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely feather, straight as a rush, lengthy and leggy in the pink; 3, grizzled neck, capital quality, grand position, wee bit short, all there otherwise; 2, Shaw Bros., mkd. wing, A1 col. and quality, good length, nice one; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Rand; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, cap marked, magnificent feather, capital length and position, well up on leg; 2, smooth as glass, good col., nice length; 3, Cook, well feathered, nice back and wings, neat expression of head; vhc, Stevens; hc, Richmond; c, Hodgson. HEN (15): 1, spl, Richmond, yell. cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, slashing col. and quality, stands like a rush, fine back and wings, clever legs; 2, Cuthbertson, yell., marked wing, unbeatable for quality, rare length, grand back flights and tail, very close up; 3, Hodgson, cl. yell., superior feather, nice col., length, and position; vhc, Cook; hc, Hood; c, Shaw Bros. UNFLIG. (17): 1, spl, Shaw Bros., buff, marked wings and eyes, feather like polished marble, straight as a pencil, perfect back, flights and tail; 2, spl, Hood, yell., varieg., capital col. and quality, nice position and length, very promising; 3, Richmond, buff, marked wing, smooth as glass, slim and upstanding, not quite the length; vhc, Barker; hc, Cook; c, Watmough. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Freeman, very hot col., grand substance and shape, jaunty carriage, clean cut away; 2, 3, Rev. B. Wilton, both cl., former good size and shape, hardly so nice in colour perhaps; 3, smaller in build, neat shape, moves nicely. BUFF (3): 1, Freeman, bouncing cl., lovely col., good type, nice carriage; 2, Wilton, marked head, rather tighter in feather, good substance, not quite so deep fronted; No. 2, Nattrass, abs. HEN (2): 1, spl, Crosling, very smart cl., grandly clothed, A1 shape, clean under; 2, Freeman, cl., good substance, nice feather. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, Crosling, cl. yell., capital colour and quality, very shapely, well up in size, bonny specimen; 2, Freeman, cl. yell., good size and feather, jaunty carriage, beaten a wee bit in shape, yet close up; 3, vhc, hc, cl. buff, shade patchy in col., but of silky feather and of good size and shape, worth its place; c, Wilton. CREST (7): 1, Yeates, buff, marked wings, D.C., fine substance and feather, crest thickly packed and of nice radiation, neat centre; 2, Taylor, buff, almost green pied tail, well up in size, crest of grand shape, but not quite so dense, capital droop and centre; 3, H. Radley, buff, almost green, pied wings and tail, wonderful substance of body, abundance of feather, crest of nice frontal, split a shade at sides, good centre; vhc, W. Radley; hc, Fletcher; c, Gibson. C.B. (9): 1, spl, W. Radley, buff, almost green, slashing substance, marvellous width of skull, grand head feather, lashed to perfection, runner up for cup; 2, H. Radley, cl. buff, rare quality and substance heaps of feather, grand skull and lash, little doubtful as to good eyesight; 3, Yeates, varieg. buff, shapely, and of good feather, very neat; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gibson; c, Sokell and Binks.

The Other Sections.

LIGHT MULE (3): 1, spl, cup, Maddison, lightly ticked buff Goldie-Can., magnificent quality and col., fine shape and size, in perfect trim, topper; 2, Maurice and Wilson, Goldie-Bullie, good shape and substance, nice face and quality; 3, Gibson, lightly varieg. buff Goldie-Can., shapely, good feather, in the "pink." DARK (11): 1, Howe, Greenie-Can., rattling size, beautiful shape and col., not a feather misplaced, real beauty, well staged; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, Linnet-Can. and Greenie-Can., both of rich col. and quality; 3, beaten by 1st in substance, and substance only; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Maddison; c, Sokell and Binks. SELL. 30/- (5): 1, Mays; 2, Cook; 3, Gibson; vhc, Watmough; hc, Stevens. 15/- (6): 1, Flecher; 2, Brown and Co.; 3, Stevens; vhc, Taylor; hc, Watmough; c, Cook. 10/- (8): 1, Fletcher; 2, Taylor; 3, Jackson; vhc, Elwell; hc, Stevens; c, Gibson. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Stamp, bracc of beauties, former wonderful colour, shape, and size, beautifully pencilled, cl., and distinct, gem; 2, very shapely, nice size, good quality, not quite so good in col. or markings, yet a charmer; 3, Robinson, good quality and shape, nice size, beaten in col., and pencilling only; vhc, Milburn; hc, Parvass; c, Cook; No. 4, Hogarth, has been a beauty, but gone blind, hard lines. GOLDIE (14): 1, spl, Howe, slashing shape and size, lovely colour, magnificently cut blaze of great size, rich bars, and beautifully buttoned, topper; 2, Milburn, another very meritorious Finch, little bit down to-day, appears overshown, deserves a rest, when in the pink of condition no doubt a real gem; 3, Maddison, yet another right sort, not quite so bold in blaze, but capable of beating good ones; vhc, hc, Nicholson and Sons; c, Hill. BULLIE (20), rare class: 1, Stamp, model for shape, fine size, grand cap, neat breast col., shows for all it is worth, smooth as a Java; 2, Calam, wee shade larger, and little better in breast colour, not quite so good in feather, fine cap; 3, Lowe, fine quality and col., very shapely, beaten in substance just slightly; vhc, Robinson: hc, Howe; c, Elwell. GREENIE (7): 1, spl, Nicholson and Son, wonderful size, rattling tone of col., fine shape, smooth as wax, best we have seen this season, topper; 2, Brown and Co., rare size and shape, not so good in colour quite, but grand specimen; 3, Raine and Edwards, good shape and colour, worth its place; vhc, Blackett; hc, Milburn; c, Henderson. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Stamp, Redpoll, rich col., fine shape and size, neatly marked, charmer; 2, H. Wilson, Siskin, nice size and colour, well marked, neat cap, close up; 3, Danby, Redpoll, good feather and col., shapely, nice cap and marks; vhc, Todd and Sons; c, Jackson. HAWFINCH (5): 1, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, lovely colour, grand substance and shape, splendidly marked, good bib, gem; 2, H. Bull, well feathered, A1 colour, very shapely, hardly the size; 3, Forster, good substance and shape, nice quality. A.O.S. (10): 1, Stamp, Yell. Bunting, lovely shape, size, and col., capital head marks, in the "pink"; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Reed Bunting, good in size and colour, well put down; 3, Todd and Son, Yell. Bunting, capital size, shape, and colour, hardly so distinct in head character as winner perhaps; vhc, Blackett; hc, Wilson; c, Bell. SOFTBILL (8): 1, spl, Howe, Grey Shrike in good condition, shown in very nice style; 2, Wilkinson and Danby, Redstart, looking immense, slushing col. and quality; 3, c, Elwell, Redwing in absolutely perfect trim; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Bell. FOR. (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son, superb Tunnager and glossy Starling respectively, both in grand bloom, put down for all they were worth; vhc, Gouldian Finch, but down; 3, Reeks, Stanley Parrakeet, in nice order. GIFT (7): 1, Cook; 2, Barwick and Wood; 3, Knaggs; vhc, Clarkson; hc, Mays; c, Elwell.

BOLTON ROLLER.

The Bolton and Dist. Roller C.S. held their annual open contest under the patronage of the B.R.C.C. at the Joiners Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Entries came up well, numbering 130 in the open classes, and the competition was very keen, not many points dividing the winners. The judges were Messrs. T. W. Walton (Leeds) and A. Foulds (Manchester), and their awards gave every satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. W. Massey, assisted by the committee, had all the arrangements well in hand.

The Tours.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (20): 1, B.R.C.C. silver medal, Pattison, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, Schockel 3, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 19 pts.; 2, B.R.C.C. bronze medal, Massey and Ridings, holl. roll 5, bass roll 2, Schockel 3, flute note 3, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 2, deduct sharp flute note 1, total 16; 3, silver medal, Massey and Ridings, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, Schockel 2, flute notes 2, D.B.W.T. 1, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 2, deduct sharp flute note 1, total 16; 4, spl, Pattison, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 2, Schockel 3, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 1, gen. effect 1, deduct hard aufzug 1, sharp flute note 1, sharp bell tour 1, total 16; vhc, spl, Percival, total 15; hc, Foulkes, total 13; c, Massey and Riding, total 13; No. 5 did not sing. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (22): 1, B.R.C.C. silver medal, Smith, holl, roll 3, holl, bell 3, bass roll 5, Schockel 1, flute note 4, water bubble tour 1, gen. eff. 3, total 20; 2, B.R.C.C bronze medal, Pattison, holl. roll 3, holl bell 3, bass roll 3, flute note 2, water bubble tour 3, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 3, deduct sharp bell tour 1, total 17; 3, silver medal, Harper, holl, roll 5, bass roll 2, schockel 2, flute notes 3, gen. eff. 2, total 14; 4, spl, Harper, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 4, flute note 2, water glucke 2, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 1, deduct for hard aufzug 2, sharp bell tour 1, total 13; vhc, spl, Pattison, total 12; hc, Rhodes, total 11; c, Austin, total 9; Nos. 18, 19, 21, and 22 did not sing. CHAMP. CLASS ANY AGE (19): 1, B.R.C.C. silver medal, Gostling, holl. roll 6, holl bell 3, bass roll 2, schockel 2, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, water tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 25; 2, silver medal, Wareing, holl. roll 7, holl bell 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 23; 3, spl, Hanbury, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schockel 2, flute note 3, water roll 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, ded. sharp flute note 1, total 22; 4, Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute note 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, deduct sharp flute note 1, total 21; vhc, Kremner, total 20; hc, Kremner, total 20; c, Collins, total 20; No. 17 did not sing. OPEN NOVICE ANY AGE (25): 1, medal, Simpson, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 23; 2, spl., Hanbury, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, schockel 3, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, deduct sharp flute note 1, total 22; 3, Schluter, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 21; 4, Williams, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, schockel 4, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, deduct sharp flute note 1, bad nasal tone 1, total 21; vhc, Williams, total 20; hc, Tomlinson, total 19; hc, Smalley, total 19; c, Turner, total 18; c Webster, total 18. SELL. CLASS, £2 (27): 1, spl, Healing, holl. roll 5, bass roll 3, flute note 3, water glucke 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 2, deduct hard aufzug 1, total 16; 2, spl, Kremner, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, flute notes 3, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 2, deduct sharp bell tour 1, total 15; 3, spl, Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 1, total 13; 4, spl, Foulkes; vhc, Schluter, Willows, Kremner; hc, Gostling; c, Willows, Lord. MEMBERS' NOVICE, ANY AGE (9): 1, Meadows, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, schockel 3, flute note 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 21; 2, spl, Meadows, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 1, schockel 4, flute note 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 3, total 19; 3, spl, Corrigan, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, schockel 3, flute note 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 18; 4, Corrigan, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, schockel 4, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 17; vhc, Meadows, total 16; hc, Shipperbottom, total 15; c, Hulock, total 10; Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, and 16 did not sing.

BARNSTAPLE.

Barnstaple and Dis. F.A. held their 30th enlarged show at the Fanciers' Hall, Braunton-road, on Boxing Day. The place was an ideal one for the purpose. There was a good number of specials, and the quality was exceptionally good. Mr. E. Collins won the silver cup outright with his noted Linnet-Bullie hybrid, which was in grand condition. Mr. G. Dix judged.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lane, 1st Green Crest, nice size, neat crest, of nice quality; 2nd and 3rd Crest-breds, very good birds. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Capp, nice Yellow, beautiful feather, fine type, wee shade long; 2, 3, West, two very nice birds, 2nd had part of tail out. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, West, three very good birds, nice heads, necks and bodies. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, best Nor. in show, Turner, 1st bouncing Buff cock of grand Bullfinch type, real good one, fine head, neck and body, wins; 2nd, Buff hen; 3, Lemon, another nice bird; 4, West. SCOT. FCY.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Dart, 1st Yell., splendid top and reach, long-sided bird, nice stand; 2nd, Buff Green cock, another good bird; 3rd, Buff, good one. NOVICE CLASS: 1, spl, Lemon, Green Crest-bred, very good stock bird; 2, Capp; 3, 4, Jones; r, Newcombe. MULE: 1, 2, cup, Collins, 1st his noted Linnet-Bullie, real good one, staged to perfection, wins cup now for the third time; 2nd, Goldfinch-Redpoll, nice exhibit; 3, Halls, Jonque Goldfinch-Canary, beautiful exhibit. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Halls, veritable giant, good square head, nice blaze; 2, 3, 4, Collins, 2nd beauty, if anything better in colour, lacks size only to winner; 3rd and 4th, two extra good Finches. PAIRS A.V.: 1, spl, Dart, Belg.; 2, 3, Turner, very good Nor.; 4, Lemon; r, West. SELL.: 1, 2, Turner; 3, West. GIFT: 1, 2, Turner.

FORFAR.

The thirty-ninth annual show of the Forfar C.B., Etc., Association was held on January 1st and 3rd in the Reid Hall, an ideal place for such a show, the hall being nicely heated, and free from draughts. The entry was not what it might have been, considering the classification. The number of shows held at this time of the year probably accounts for this. As it was, the entry was about the same as last year's, whilst the quality of the birds staged was of a very high order. The judges in many of the classes must have had a difficult job. The show is run by a most excellent body of fanciers, and everything was done to make the venture attractive and successful. Mr. E. Grant, the esteemed president, who is a keen and practical fancier, was hard at work, his kindly word inspiring all who came in contact with him; and his efforts were ably seconded by the committee, which consists of true fanciers, viz., Messrs. W. Coutts, jun., J. Bowman, A. B. Reid, and W. Warden, vice-presidents; Messrs. J. Cable, J. Stirling, A. Low, J. Low, J. Duncan, D. Cable, G. Cable, D. Kennedy, D. Falconer, G. Blyth, and W. Grewer, committee. Mr. J. M. Findlay makes a very capable and courteous hon. secretary, and deserves great credit for the manner in which things were carried out. Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin) placed the awards in the Norwich section, Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank) in the Border Fancy section, and Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate) in the Mule, British and Foreign bird sections, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, Mitchell, grand quality, rare size, rich col; 2, Grewer, real Nor. type, good head, neck, and chest, nicely cut away behind; 3, Kerr, fine col., good feather and type; 4, Howie, close up, fine substance all through; 5, Taylor; 6, Grewer; 7, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, Cable, of undoubted quality, nice wing carriage, good head and front, fine fronted; 2, 5, Grewer, soft rich feather, good head; 3, spl, Mitchell, nice body, good feather, fine stamp; 4, Howie, another nice one, head marked; 6, Aitkenhead. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 6, Mitchell, smart one, splendid quality, substance, and shape; 2, Boath, good size and type; 3, Grewer, typical, very good in carriage, nice quality body feather; 4, Kerr, fine size and substance; 5, Skinner. BUFF (3): 1, Cable, finely made, good head and wing carriage; 2, Grewer, another good one, not quite so close in feather; 3, Howie, smaller, but of the right stamp. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Kydd, lovely head and neck, good body substance, splendid col.; 2, Harris, fine head, nice chest and back, good wing carriage; 3, McKenzie, another nice one, well set up; 4, Grewer, smaller perhaps, but fine stamp; 5, Cable; 6, Mitchell. BUFF (6): 1, Kydd, lovely head, good chest and body, finely feathered; 2, Howie, pressing, good head and wings, well filled back; 3, Jaffrey, smaller, but very good stamp; 4, Pirie, another nice one; 5, Cable; 6, Steven. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Grewer, eye and wing mkd., excellent shape and col., grand quality, wins in a good class; 2, Harris, all there for substance and quality; 3, spl, Howie, smaller, but rare type, well staged; 4, Cable, nice exhibit; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Kennedy; 7, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, Grewer, model for shape, beautiful col. and quality, a gem; 2, Kerr, rare shape, good head and body; 3, Harris, fine shape and quality, tail mkd.; 4, Kydd, good col. and type; 5, Bowman; 6, Myles; 7, Jaffrey. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, 4, Bowman, 1st rare lump of a green, well-known; 4th, cl., good bird, well shown; 2, Harris, same stamp as 1st, not quite so close in feather perhaps; 3, Grewer, cl., fine showy one, in grand feather; 5, Mitchell; 6, Pirie. HEN (6): 1, spl, 3, Steven, 1st good hen, fine head, wing and tail; 3rd, nice exhibit, cl.; 2, Boath, plenty of substance and good quality; 4, Kerr, grand type and quality; 5, Howie; 6, Grewer. SELL. CK. (15/-) (9): Some good ones here at the money: 1, Taylor; 2, Grewer; 3, Aitkenhead; 4, Pirie; 5, Boath; 6, Nicoll. HEN (4): 1, spl, Steven; 2, Grewer; 3, Pirie; 4, Skinner. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, Craig, fine, smartly made one in rare feather; 2, Campbell, free mover, lovely shape, well placed; 3, Peters, splendid type, nice head and feather; 4, Anderson, another gem of good quality; 5, Stirling. BUFF (6): Findlay, splendid position and style, good one in every respect, lovely head and wings; 2, Craig, another sweet one, grand wing and tail carriage, beautiful col.; 3, spl, Aitkenhead, perfect head, grand type, free mover; 4, Peters, sweet head, good carriage and quality; 5, Christison; 6, Lyall. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Craig, perfect model, very smart exhibit, grand quality throughout; 2, Kennedy, good head, neck, and position nice one; 3, spl, Peters, perfect carriage, lovely col., very nicely drawn. BUFF (9): 1, Craig, gem in every respect, good position and feather, free mover, fine quality; 2, Christison, lovely type and feather, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Peters, another gem, well placed; 4, Auld, sweet one, very neat head; 5, Rae; 6, Kennedy. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Findlay, head and wing mkd., splendid type, nicely shown; 2, Aitkenhead, lovely quality, close; 3, Kennedy, sweet exhibit, shown to perfection; 4, Guthrie, another good one, very neat head. BUFF (4): 1, Craig, grand shape and style, good size and colour, nice head and carriage; 2, Auld, grand type, col., and carriage, sweet head, free mover; 3, Campbell, eye and wing mkd., very sweet head, carries wings and tail perfectly; 4, Kennedy, grand head, neck and carriage. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Black, good quality and size, feather like wax; 2, Stirling, splendid shape and condition, good quality; 3, 4, Crabb, two perfect gems, superb condition, good quality and size; 5, Tolmie; 6, Aitkenhead. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Stevenson, rare made one of the right stamp, shown in the pink of condition in right place; 2, Anderson, another good one of the right type, not quite so close in feather; 3, 4, Crabb, two little gems; 4, inclined to hang wing; 5, Auld. SELL., CK. (7/6) (12): 1, Craig; 2, Rea; 3, Stirling; 4, Gerrard; 5, Campbell; 6, Lyall; 7, Taylor. HEN (5/-) (13): 1, spl, Christison; 2, Rea; 3, Findlay; 4, Stirling; 5, Lyall; 6, Kennedy; 7, Craig. DARK CAN. MULE (9): 1, Dalling, champion size, grand col., teeming with quality, as steady as a rock; 2, Fyfe, Greenie, good one, in very fine feather, not quite so steady; 3, 6, Nicoll, Goldie, grand size and col., good style; 4, Grewer, another of the same stamp, well shown; 5, Fyfe; 7, Parker. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Nicoll, grand size and col., shown in the pink of condition, wins; 2, 5, Robb, two good exhibits, well staged; 3, Scott, fine showy bird; 4, Harris, in grand condition. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Roy, fine Finch, good body and tannings, square cut face; 2, 5, Sharp, another good one, not quite so large, nice all over; 3, Warden, smaller blaze, nice body, grand feather; 4, Edwards, in lovely condition, fine size; 6, Chaplin; 7, Jaffrey. BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (10): 1, Roy, rattling fine shape and col., neat cut cap, a beauty; 2, Nicoll, very shapely, good size, not quite so rich in col, of breast, excellent cap, in fine order; 3, Dalling, capital shape and size, good cap, not far behind; 4, Hovelsroud, nice shape and feather; 5, Mitchell; 6, Dickie and Smith. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Scott, fine substance and shape, magnificent colour, beautiful pencilling, cl. and distinct, steady as a top; 2, Cargill, another good specimen, close on heels of winner; 3, Dickie and Smith, lovely col. and shape, A1 markings; 4, Barrie, another nice one, wants steadying; 5, Black; 6, Smith; 7, Heenan. SISKIN, ETC. (6) (only saw 4 here): 1, Dalling, Siskin, little gem, good shape and colour, nicely put down; 2, Black, another of the same species, good bib, nicely laced cap; 3, Grant, grand one, wants steadying; 4, Robertson Bros., in right place. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Dalling, very rich and even in col., lovely quality, bold head, nice wings and tail; 2, McLean, nice col. and shape, good wings, not quite so large; 3, Colville and Son, good shape and wings, in right place; 4, Taylor, another good one; 5, Edwards; 6, Nicoll; 7, Fyfe. A.O.S., BRIT. (4): 1, Ormond, Yellowhammer, well marked, richly coloured, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Chaplin, Snow Bunting, another good exhibit, in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Grant, 3rd Chaffinch, in lovely feather and condition; 4th Blackbird, in fine feather. FOR. (6): 1, spl, 3, Grant; 1st Blue Tanager, in rare condition, much admired; 3, Parrot; 2, another Parrot, in fine feather; 4, Colville and Son, Budgerigar, well known winner; 5, Dolg; 6, Nicoll.

OVER, WINSFORD.

The Over, etc., F.A. held their eleventh annual show in the large Assembly Room of the Black Bear Hotel on Dec. 27, and the cage bird section was a great success, the entries averaging about 15 per class, which is a record for this show. Quality was evident throughout. Goldfinches led the way with a fine entry of 22, and not a poor one in the lot. The second was a local bird, and had the distinction of winning special honours for best members' cage bird and best members' bird in the urban district. Bullfinches were also good, and the winner was said to have now won for three or four years at this show. Linnets were very fine, and the A.O.S. British contained an entry of 20. Yorkshires and Norwich kept up their good name here for quality, and the Hybrids were good and well led by a pretty clear Goldfinch-Canary. A fine list of specials helped to make competition more keen and attractive. The officials are a fine set of fellows, and got through their work in a real business-like way, and the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Brereton, and hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Wigley lent special services. The light was good and judging was got through, cards were up, and the public were admitted in good time. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22): Rare class; 1, Tams and Son, really fine all-round Finch, one of the right stamp, blaze, tan, moons, bars, gloss, and condition all there; 2, Weedall Bros., another gem, runs hard for 1st, grand blaze and moons; 3, Bennett, larger bird, grand big blaze, just beaten in tightness to-day; r, Jones, very neat; vhc, Such and Noden; hc, Taylor and Robinson; c, Gillet. BULLFINCH (14): Good level lot; 1, hc, Wigley, leader fine bold bird, well moulted, good condition; 2, Taylor and Robinson, fine cap, wings and tail, good back and breast col; 3, E. Perry, much like 2nd, nice col., good shape, fine feather, etc.; r, Cooper, also good in col. and shape; vhc, Taylor and Robinson; hc, Weedall Bros.; c, Davies. LINNET (21): 1, 2, Tams and Son, 1st real fine rich bird, good shape, nice markings and condition, 2nd grand markings, col. and condition, shade smaller only; 3, Joynson, large, nice markings, etc., good one; r, Jones, very neat, good quality and markings, nice size and shape; vhc, Hemmings and Siddall; hc, Weedall Bros. A.O.S. BRIT. (20): Very fine class, good species had to be cardless, too many species for the number of cards; 1, Knowles, fine Nightingale, in good condition, well shown; 2, Hemmings and Siddall, very fine, well spotted Thrush, well shown and steady; 3, Davies, tight feathered Hawfinch, very good, glossy condition; r, Taylor and Robinson, very neat Redwing; vhc, Tams and Son, good, well-fed Yellow Bunting; hc, Weedall Bros., very pretty Snow Bunting, well shown; c, Jones, well spangled Bramblefinch, in fine condition. YORKS CK. (10): 1, Weedall Bros., grand yell. cl., length, slim, well up on leg, clean through, tight, very stylish; 2, C. Perry, cl. buff, grand style, clean, round, A1 position and condition; 3, Williams, yell., tkd. on left wing, very stylish, fine shape and position; r, E. Perry, good buff; vhc, Hemmings and Siddall; hc, Windsor. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Weedall Bros., capital cl. yell., grand, slim, typical bird, A1 stand and finish 2, 3, Perry, good pair, former grand typical buff, fine feather, neat head, 3rd yell., tkd. wing, gem for quality; r, Tomkinson; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Weedall Bros. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Gillet, real beauty, long, very clean through, round and tight, upstanding, straight as a rush; 2, vhc, Hemmings and Siddall, grand buff, A1 style, well up on leg, neat wings and tail; 3, c, Perry, yell., tkd. eyes, rare good quality, full of breed and nerve; r, Hopley; hc, Weedall Bros. NOR. CK. (17): 1, 2, Crimes, grand cl. yell., very cobby, tkd. buff, both rare rare quality, well fed, in grand condition; 3, r, Williams, 3rd yell., tkd. nape, of good col., shape and quality, just a bit less substance than 1st; vhc, Jones, foul tail green, good col.; hc, Hemmings and Siddall; c, Astles and Howard. HEN (16): 1, 2, Williams, very fine, typical yell. leading, smart shaped buff, 2nd grand quality feather, rare condition; 3, E. Jones, good yell. green, nice shape, capital feather and condition; r, J. Perry, bonny bouncing buff; vhc, c, Spilsbury; hc, Heaton. HYB. (11): 1, Tams and Son, small Goldie-Can., nice col. and feather, buff; 2, Crimes, small, neat feathered Goldie-Bullie, in fine feather and condition, singing heartily; 3, r, c, Taylor and Robinson, yell. Goldie-Can., buff Green-Can., and a 4-pt. buff Goldie-Can., latter broken tail feathers, or might have scored higher; vhc, Weedall Bros., yell. Goldie-Can., nice shape and feather; hc, Lunt, neat Linnet-Can. SELL. (10/-) (19): 1, Walker; 2, Maddock; 3, Weedall Bros.

MARAZION.

Marazion and Western Dist. B.F.A. held their annual show in St. Thomas's Hall on Dec. 27. There was a good entry, and the 115 birds were of very good quality for such an exhibition. The judge was Mr. J. W. Medlin (Falmouth).

NOR. CL. YELL: 1, 2, White; 3, Phillips. BUFF: 1, White; 2, King; 3, Mitchell. TICKED, ETC.: 1, White; 2, Curnow; 3, Rowe and Richards. NON-FLIG.: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, White. YORK. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Oatey; 2, Mitchell. TICKED, ETC.: 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, 3, Mitchell. NON-FLIG.: 1, 2, Oatey; 3, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, Kelynack; 2, 3, Rowe and Richards. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, White; 2, Mitchell; 3, James. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell. PAIR OF NOR. 1, 3, White; 2, Phillips. PAIR OF YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell. CAN., MULE: 1, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Rowe and Richards; 2, Allen. BULLFINCH: 1, Miss Alcock; 2, 3, Rowe and Richards. BRIT., SMALL: 1, 3, Rowe and Richards; 2, Allen. PAIR (MATCHED FOR MULING): 1, 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, White. FOR.: 1, Miss Edmonds; 2, Richards; 3, White. SELL.: 1, Miss Alcock; 3, Rowe and Richards. CAN.-Mitchell; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Phillips. CAN. (Marazion, excluding fanciers); 2, Miss Marks; 3, Phillips.

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MISCELLANEOUS—continued

BICYCLE frame, two cushion, two pneumatic wheels, free wheel, pedals; exchange birds, anything useful: Lawrence, 143, Comlsdon-rd., Upper Caterham.

SMALL fox-terrier bitch, 10 months, good house or yard dog, clean healthy, fond children; sell 10/6, offers: Mrs. Littler, 62, Dean-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

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